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Abstract: Dutasteride having low concentrations of impurities, such as dihydrodutasteride and desmethyl-dutasteride, and processes for purifying dutasteride.
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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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