The present invention relates to a new process for preparing an oral pharmaceutical composition comprising fenofibrate alone or in combination with at least one other antilipidemic agent in a single dosage form that can be conveniently administered once or twice in a day.
**INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT**

**A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER**

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**B. FIELDS SEARCHED**

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Although claim 15 is directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the composition.

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Claims Nos.: -

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