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(54) **Title:** FORMULATIONS OF FLIBANSERIN AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME

(57) **Abstract:** The present invention provides pharmaceutical release systems comprising an therapeutically effective amount of flibanserin and at least one pharmaceutically acceptable excipient, characterized in that said pharmaceutical release systems exhibit a pharmacokinetic profile that is characterized by an average maximum flibanserin plasma concentration C_{\max} lower than 300 ng/mL, preferably lower than 200 ng/mL after administration of a single dose to healthy volunteers in fasted state or directly after a meal.

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1. claims: 1,2 partially; 3-13 fully; 23 partially

pharmaceutical release system comprising flibanserin, pH-dependent polymer(s), pH-independent polymer(s), pharmaceutically acceptable acid(s)

2. claims: 1,2 partially; 14-22 fully; 23 partially

pharmaceutical release system comprising a core with pH modifier(s), first layer with water-insoluble polymer(s), second layer with flibanserin, third layer with polymer(s) having anionic or no ionic groups

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