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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method for the treatment of atherosclerosis by administering to a patient in need of anti-atherosclerotic treatment, an effective amount of 17 alpha-dihydroequilin, a C_2 - C_6 alkanoyloxy ester thereof or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of it's sulfate or phosphate ester, in the absence of naturally occurring estrogenic sreroids. A pharmaceutical composition containing 17 alpha-dihydroequilin, a C_2 - C_6 alkanoyloxy ester thereof or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of it's sulfate or phosphate ester, in the absence of naturally occurring estrogenic sreroids, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier therefor.

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