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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to the crystalline base of the well known antidepressant drug citalopram,1-[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]-1-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,3-dihydro-5-isobenzofurancarbonitrile, formulations of said base, a process for the preparation of purified salts of citalopram, such as the hydrobromide, using the base, the salts obtained by said process and formulations containing such salts.