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(54) **Title**: FREEZE-DRIED FORMULATIONS OF FGF-18

(57) **Abstract**: The invention relates to the field of pharmaceutical formulations. More particularly it is directed to freeze-dried formulations of Fibroblast Growth Factor 18 (FGF-18) compound and to methods of producing such formulations. The freeze-dried formulations according to the invention are stable upon storage for an appropriate period of time. They can be used, after reconstitution, for the treatment of cartilage disorders such as osteoarthritis or cartilage injury.