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(54) **Title:** PROCESS FOR PREPARING TIOTROPIUM BROMIDE

(57) **Abstract:** The present invention relates to a novel process for the preparation of tiotropium bromide there is provided a process for preparing tiotropium bromide comprising (i) reacting scopine oxalate with diethylamine in an inert solvent to form scopine; (ii) reacting scopine and methyl di-(2-dithienyl)glycolate (MDTG) in the presence of an inorganic base, and in an inert solvent to form N-demethyltiotropium; (iii) reacting N-demethyltiotropium with bromomethane in an inert solvent to form tiotropium bromide; (iv) crystallizing tiotropium bromide in a mixture of methanol and acetone, and optionally thereafter, (v) micronizing the tiotropium bromide so formed.

