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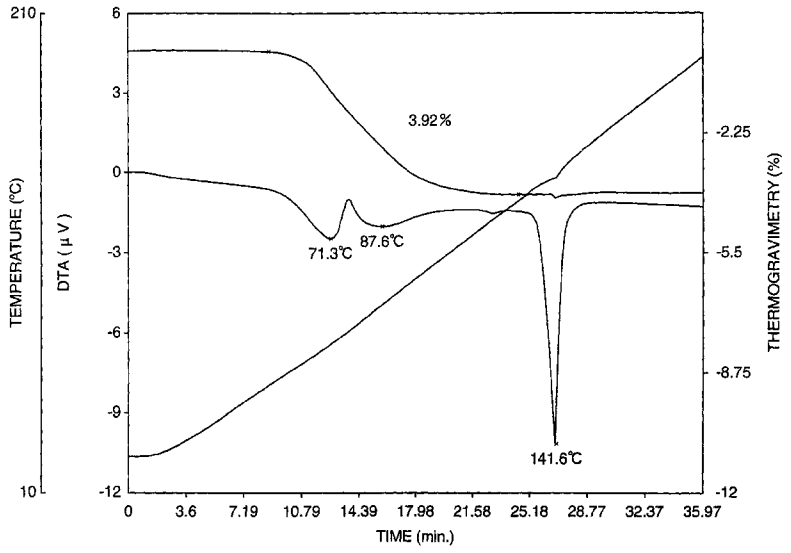
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(54) Title: CARBOSTYRIL DERIVATIVES AND MOOD STABILIZERS FOR TREATING MOOD DISORDERS



(57) Abstract: The pharmaceutical composition of the present invention comprises a carbostyril derivative which is a dopamine-serotonin system stabilizer and a mood stabilizer in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. The carbostyril derivative may be aripiprazole or a metabolite thereof. The mood stabilizer may include but is not limited to lithium, valproic acid, divalproex sodium, carbamazapine, oxcarbamazapine, zonisamide, lamotragine, topiramate, gabapentin, levetiracetam or clonazepam. These compositions are used to treat patients with mood disorders, particularly bipolar disorder with or without psychotic features, mania or mixed episodes. Methods are provided for separate administration of a carbostyril derivative and a mood stabilizer to a patient with a mood disorder.

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