

Method for manufacture of escitalopram**Abstract**

5 This patent discloses a method for resolution of 4-[4-(dimethylamino)-1-(4'-fluorophenyl)-1-hydroxybutyl]-3-(hydroxymethyl)-benzonitrile as a racemic or non-racemic enantiomer mixture into its isolated enantiomers, said method comprising the step of fractionally crystallising 4-[4-(dimethylamino)-1-(4'-fluoro-
10 or (-)-(R,R)-enantiomer of *O,O'*-di-*p*-toluoyl-tartaric acid in a solvent system comprising 1-propanol, ethanol or acetonitrile.

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