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(57) Abstract D-mannitol having a specific surface area of not less than about 1 m ² /g is disclosed. The D-mannitol shows improved compressibility and is useful as an excipient.		