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(57) Abstract

The present invention is concerned with pellets comprising a 250–1180μm (16–60 mesh) sugar sphere, a coating film of a water-soluble polymer and a sparingly soluble lipid lowering agent, and a seal coating layer; pharmaceutical dosage forms comprising said pellets and a method of preparing said pellets.