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(54) Title: A METHOD FOR CRYSTALLIZING A β -LACTAM ANTIBIOTIC (57) Abstract The invention relates to a method for crystallizing a β -lactam, wherein the β -lactam is crystallized from a nitric acid solution.		