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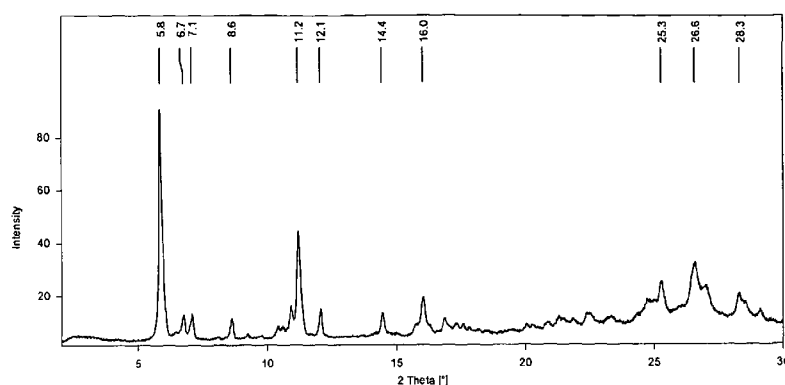
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Figure 1



(57) Abstract: Three dihydrate forms B, C and D and a monohydrate form E of methylthionium chloride (methylene blue) are described. Forms B, C, D and E can be prepared under controlled humidity and temperature from methylthionium chloride with higher water content or conversion of a hydrate. The hydrates can be incorporated in pharmaceutical compositions.