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(57) Abstract The invention is an improved method of generating fine medicament powders suitable for inhalation. A fluid energy mill is used with conventional milling fluids such as air or nitrogen. The milling fluid is treated to have a controlled relative humidity of between 30 % and 70 %. This produces a fine medicament powder with a median particle size below 10 micrometer but with little or no amorphous content generated during milling. Scale formation in the mill chamber is also greatly reduced.  *162162*  *G00002*		