ANTI ATHEROSCLEROTIC AGENTS

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method for the treatment of atherosclerosis by administering to a patient in need of anti-atherosclerotic treatment, an effective amount of 17 alpha-dihydroequilin, a C_2 - C_6 alkanoyloxy ester thereof or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of it's sulfate or phosphate ester, in the absence of naturally occurring estrogenic sreroids. A pharmaceutical composition containing 17 alpha-dihydroequilin, a C_2 - C_6 alkanoyloxy ester thereof or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of it's sulfate or phosphate ester, in the absence of naturally occurring estrogenic sreroids, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier therefor.