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**ABSTRACT****A METHOD OF TREATMENT AND PROPHYLAXIS**

The present invention relates generally to the treatment or prophylaxis of penile dysfunction. More particularly, the present invention contemplates the treatment or prophylaxis of persistent penile erection resulting from, for example, physiological dysfunction, trauma, surgical intervention or chemical induction. The method of the present invention is practice by the administration of an agent capable of inducing, promoting or otherwise facilitating contraction of the cavernosum. Accordingly, another aspect of the present invention provides a composition comprising a cavernosum contraction -inducing, -promoting or -facilitating agent. In one embodiment, the agents of the present invention are prostaglandins or functional derivatives, homologues, analogues, agonists, mimetics or metabolites thereof. This provides a means for diagnosing the physiological basis behind penile dysfunction.

(Figure 2 is to be published)



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