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tion contains a combination of solubility-enhancing agents, one of which is a cyclodextrin such as beta-cyclodextrin and the second
is a compound other than a cyclodextrin. Methods of manufacture and therapeutic use of the solution are disclosed.



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