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disintegrated thereby substantially releasing the pharmaceutically active ingredient capable of intraoral administration, wherein the first releasing portion disintegrates or dissolves within 10 minutes permitting rapid release and uptake of the pharmaceutically active ingredient with in the oral region; and (iii) following step (ii) sucking or swallowing whole or chewing and swallowing the second releasing portion of the pharmaceutical composition.

20. The pharmaceutical composition defined in claim 1 wherein the pharmaceutically active ingredient capable of

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intraoral administration has a first pass metabolism which is avoided by intraoral administration.

21. The pharmaceutical composition defined in claim 1 wherein the pharmaceutically active ingredient capable of intraoral administration has a rapid onset of desired therapeutic effect through intraoral absorption.

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