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(54) Title: METHOD FOR TREATING CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE

(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to methods for administration of natriuretic peptide that are especially useful for treatment of a CHF patient who is relatively compensated, or to a CHF patient in an outpatient setting, and especially as an adjunct to oral therapy. The methods are characterized by administration of a composition that provides a dose of natriuretic peptide that is lower than that dose typically administered to a CHF patient who is in need of acute treatment. The methods of the invention are also useful for the treatment of chronic CHF patients, especially subacute chronic CHF patients.

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	CLERICO et al. Turnover Studies on Cardiac Natriuretic Peptides: Methodological, Pathophysiological and Therapeutical Considerations. Current Drug Metabolism. July 2000, vol. 1, No. 1, pages 85-105, see entire document.	1-22, 26, 39-39
X	CHO et al. Natriuretic Peptides and Their Therapeutic Potential. Heart Disease. November-December 1999, Vol. 5, pages 305-328, see entire document.	1-22, 26, 29-39

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