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(57) Abstract

The present invention provides a method for changing addiction-related behavior of a mammal suffering from addiction to abused drugs, such as cocaine, nicotine, methamphetamine, ethanol, morphine, heroin and combinations thereof. The method includes administering to the mammal an effective amount of a compound increasing central nervous system GABA levels, wherein the effective amount is sufficient to diminish, inhibit or eliminate behavior associated with craving or use of abused drugs. Said compound may be gamma vinyl GABA (GVG), a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, or an enantiomer or a racemic mixture thereof, or may be gabapentin, valproic acid, progabide, gamma-hydroxybutyric acid, fengabine, cetyl GABA, topiramate, tiagabine, acamprosate, pharmaceutically acceptable saltsthereof, enantiomers or racemic mixtures thereof.

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BOX I	Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)
This Inte	ernational Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:
1.	Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
2. X	Claims Nos.:  — because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:  See FURTHER INFORMATION SHEET PCT/ISA/210
3.	Claims Nos.: because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a),
Box II	Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)
This Int	ernational Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:
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1.	As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2.	As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee
3. X	As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:  1-43, 50-54, 61-66, 68-71, 73-75, 77-79
4.	No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:
Remar	The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.     X   No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims: 1-8,14-43,50-54,61-66, 68-79 (all partially) and 67 completely

Use of GVG in the manufacture of a medicament useful for changing addiction-related behavior associated with craving or use of cocaine alone or in combination with other drugs of abuse.

2. Claims: 1-8,14-43,50-54,61-66,68-71,73-75, 77-79 (all partially)

Use of GVG in the manufacture of a medicament useful for changing addiction-related behavior associated with craving or use of morphine alone or in combination with other drugs of abuse, except cocaine.

3. Claims: 1-43,50-54,61-66,68-71,73-75,77-79 (all partially)

Use of GVG in the manufacture of a medicament useful for changing addiction-related behavior associated with craving or use of nicotine alone or in combination with other drugs of abuse, except cocaine.

4. Claims: 1,2,4-8,14-43,50-54,61-66,68-71,73-75, 77-79 (all partially)

Use of GVG in the manufacture of a medicament useful for changing addiction-related behavior associated with craving or use of methamphetamine alone or in combination with other drugs of abuse, except cocaine.

5. Claims: 1,2,4-8,14-43,50-54,61-66,68-71,73-75, 77-79 (all partially)

Use of GVG in the manufacture of a medicament useful for changing addiction-related behavior associated with craving or use of alcohol alone or in combination with other drugs of abuse, except cocaine.

6. Claims: 1,2,4-8,14-43,50-54,61-66,68-71,73-75, 77-79 (all partially)

## FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Use of GVG in the manufacture of a medicament useful for changing addiction-related behavior associated with craving or use of heroin alone.

7. Claims: 38-43,50-54, 63-79 (all partially) and 44 and 50 (both completely)

Use of gabapentine in the manufacture of a medicament useful for changing addiction-related behavior associated with craving or use of (combinations of) drugs of abuse.

8. Claims: 38-43,50-54, 63-79 (all partially) and 45 and 56 (both completely)

Use of valproic acid in the manufacture of a medicament useful for changing addiction-related behavior associated with craving or use of (combinations of) drugs of abuse.

9. Claims: 38-43,50-54, 63-79 (all partially) and 46 and 57 (both completely)

Use of topiramate in the manufacture of a medicament useful for changing addiction-related behavior associated with craving or use of (combinations of) drugs of abuse.

10. Claims: 38-43,50-54, 63-79 (all partially) and 47 and 58 (both completely)

Use of progabide in the manufacture of a medicament useful for changing addiction-related behavior associated with craving or use of (combinations of) drugs of abuse.

11. Claims: 38-43, 50-54, 63-79 (all partially) and 48 and 59 (both completely)

Use of fengabine in the manufacture of a medicament useful for changing addiction-related behavior associated with craving or use of (combinations of) drugs of abuse.

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12. Claims: 38-43, 50-54, 63-79 (all partially) and 49 and 60 (both completely)

Use of gamma hydroxybutyric acid in the manufacture of a medicament useful for changing addiction-related behavior associated with craving or use of (combinations of) drugs of abuse.

13. Claims: 38-43,50-54,63-79 (all partially)

Use of cetyl GABA in the manufacture of a medicament useful for changing addiction-related behavior associated with craving or use of (combinations of) drugs of abuse.

14. Claims: 38-43, 50-54, 63-79 (all partially)

Use of thiagabine in the manufacture of a medicament useful for changing addiction-related behavior associated with craving or use of (combinations of) drugs of abuse.

15. Claims: 38-43,50-54,63-79 (all partially)

Use of acamprosate in the manufacture of a medicament useful for changing addiction-related behavior associated with craving or use of (combinations of) drugs of abuse.

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#### FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Continuation of Box I.2

Present claims

1,2,4-8,14-16,18-28,30-38,40-41,50,52-53,63-65,68-70,73-74,77-79 relate to compounds and compositions defined by reference to a (un)desirable characteristics or properties, namely: 1) "drug of abuse" (among which different or broad pharmacological and chemical types of drugs: see for example claims 16-17) or 2) "compositions increasing central nervous system GABA levels" (claim 38).

The claims cover all compounds/compositions having the one or the other characteristic or property, whereas the application provides support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT for only a very limited number of such compounds/compositions.

In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible.

Independent of the above reasoning, the claims also lack clarity (Article 6 PCT). An attempt is made to define the compounds by reference to a result to be achieved. Again, this lack of clarity in the present case is such as to render a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope impossible. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be clear, supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to the compounds/compositions as defined in claim 17 concerning "drug of abuse" and as defined in claim 39 concerning "compositions increasing central nervous system GABA levels".

Please note that due to the lack of unity of invention, only GVG for use in treating cocaine addiction has been searched as the first subject.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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