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(54) Title: COMBINATION THERAPY FOR DEPRESSION, PREVENTION OF SUICIDE, AND VARIOUS MEDICAL AND PSYCHIATRIC CONDITIONS

(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a new method of treatment for persons meeting diagnoses for major depressive disorder, or other unipolar (non-bipolar, nonpsychotic and non-treatment resistant) depression. The method comprises administering a combination of two categories of drugs, antipsychotics or dopamine system stabilizers, in combination with a newer antidepressant such as a selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor, as initial treatment or as soon as possible. The method targets the prevention of suicide, and provides other benefits including preventing disease progression development of tolerance toward the antidepressants. Another aspect of the invention relates to using the method for alleviating cognitive distortion and related functional impairment or health risks, and/or using the method for smoking cessation or nicotine withdrawal.



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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	US 6,228,875 B1 (TSAI et al.) 08 May 2001 (08.05.2001), column 1, line 51 to column 2, line 14; column 2, line 46 to column 4, line 4.	1-13, 16-43, and 49-50
X	US 6,100,256 A (BAKER et al.) 08 August 2000 (08.08.2000), column 1, line 54 to column 2, line 42 and column 5, line 25 to column 6, line 6.	1-13, 16-43, and 49-50

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