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(54) **Title:** GABA CONJUGATES AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF

(57) **Abstract:** In one aspect, the present invention provides a composition of a covalent conjugate of a GABA analog with a drug. In another aspect, the present invention provides methods for treating pain and neurological disorders using the conjugates of GABA analogs.

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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