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FORMULATIONS AND METHODS FOR THE PREVENTION OF OPIOID OVERDOSE

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION(S)

[0001] This application claims the benefit of priority of United States Provisional Application No. 62/672,950, filed on May 17, 2018, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference as if written herein in its entirety.

BACKGROUND OF THE DISCLOSURE

FIELD OF THE DISCLOSURE

[0002] Disclosed herein are methods, formulations, and devices for the preventative treatment of incidental opioid overdose comprising the intranasal (IN) administration of a formulation containing the opioid antagonist nalmefene as a prophylactic measure.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

[0003] Over the past 20 years, there has been an alarming rise in the misuse and abuse of prescription opioids in the United States. Among the most prominent manifestations of what is often referred to as the ‘opioid epidemic’ are a rising number of overdose deaths (estimated at more than 33,000 in 2015) and hospital visits (estimated at more than 1.25 million) linked to opioid misuse. There has been a dramatic shift in the complexion of the opioid epidemic during the past 3-5 years: an increased availability of illicit, high potency opioids exemplified by fentanyl. Thus, between 2015 and 2016, the number of opioid overdose deaths in the United States rose to over 50,000; fatalities attributed to fentanyl and fentanyl analogs (collectively termed “synthetic opioids”) are largely responsible for this dramatic spike, and now surpass both prescription opioids and heroin as the leading cause of overdose deaths.

[0004] There are multiple factors contributing to the dangers posed by fentanyl and related synthetic opioids. Thus, unlike both naturally occurring (e.g. morphine) and semi-synthetic opiates (e.g. heroin, oxycodone), these synthetics are piperidine derivatives. The chemistry of synthetics like fentanyl is simple compared to morphinans: fentanyl contains no centers of asymmetry, and its structure is highly conducive to derivatization. Synthetics are relatively inexpensive to produce (the cost of a kg of illicit fentanyl is roughly \$3,500 compared to \$65,000 for heroin [Frank, R and Pollack, H. 2017. *NEJM* 376:605-607]) and fentanyl is ~50-fold more potent than heroin [Volkow, ND and Collins, F. 2017. *NEJM* 377:391-394]. Multiple fentanyl derivatives (4-fluoroisobutyrylfentanyl, acrylfentanyl, acetylfentanyl, and 3-methylfentanyl), including the veterinary anesthetic, carfentanil (~100 times more potent than fentanyl [Volkow, ND and Collins, F. 2017. *NEJM* 377:391-394]), have been identified by the

DEA in drug seizures. The potency of these illicit synthetics facilitates transport: for example, 1 kg fentanyl is equivalent to 50 kg of heroin. The lethal dose of fentanyl is ~ 2 mg, suggesting a lethal dose of carfentanil is ~20 µg, which is no more than a few specks of compound.

[0005] Fentanyl and its derivatives are absorbed through the skin, mucous membranes, and lungs. The danger posed by these synthetics is so great that guidelines have been issued to prevent occupational exposure to emergency responders and there are multiple reports of incidental contact with fentanyl by law enforcement officials resulting in hospitalization. Moreover, there is evidence that synthetics can be weaponized. In 2002, Russian security forces aerosolized a fentanyl derivative (likely a mixture of carfentanil and remifentanyl) to immobilize Chechen terrorists who held hostages in a Moscow theater. The aerosolized gas resulted in the deaths of about 120 hostages. Multiple countries have assessed carfentanil and related synthetics for offensive and defensive applications, and there is a concern that terrorist groups, like ISIS, can readily obtain kg quantities of these molecules.

[0006] Not only are the high potencies of synthetics problematic, but the long half-lives of fentanyl and several fentanyl derivatives (e.g. fentanyl, 8-10 h; carfentanil, 7.7 h) further complicates medical management of overdose. Thus, the relatively short half-life (1-2 h) of naloxone (currently the only opioid antagonist approved to treat overdose) may require multiple doses over time in order to prevent relapse if the victim has been exposed to a long-acting opioid such as fentanyl.

[0007] There is a need for an opioid antagonist available in a form that can be administered quickly and easily as a prophylactic measure by first responders, law enforcement (e.g., police, customs, and border patrol agents) and military personnel if contact with opioids, especially high potency synthetics, is either anticipated or suspected. An individual could self-administer such an agent as a preventive treatment to block or diminish the effects of incidental exposure to opioids, especially synthetic opioids, that could otherwise be fatal or lead to serious injury (e.g., hypoxic organ damage), requiring aggressive medical intervention.

[0008] A needleless route, such as via IN dosing, is preferred because it facilitates self-administration, eliminating the need for medical personnel to administer an injection or special training to self-administer an injection. Some individuals may also have a reluctance to self-inject (even with automated devices “autoinjectors”), and this could lead to a delay or avoidance of dosing.

[0009] Opioid antagonists such as nalmefene and naloxone interact at (bind to) the same brain receptors as opioids. Opioid antagonists bind to these receptors with high affinity, and compete with opioids (e.g., oxycodone, morphine, and heroin) by mass action for these receptor

sites. By binding to these receptors in place of opioids, opioid antagonists like naloxone and nalmefene can reverse the pharmacological actions of opioids, including symptoms associated with overdose such as respiratory depression and somnolence.

[0010] Nalmefene—a 6-methylene analog of naltrexone—was approved by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the reversal of the effect of opioids, including respiratory depression, sedation, and hypotension. It has a reported half-life of between 8 hours and 10.8 hours after an intravenous (IV) dose. This long duration of action is well-suited for administration as a prophylactic measure to prevent opioid overdose from incidental exposure and minimize the potential for re-dosing.

[0011] In individuals who are not opioid dependent (and therefore not at risk of a precipitated withdrawal such as could be produced in individuals who are physically dependent on opioids), very high intravenous doses of nalmefene (up to 24 mg) are safe and well tolerated [Dixon, R, Howes, J, Gentile, J. 1986. *Clin. Pharmacol. Ther.* 39:49-53]. Further, nalmefene tablets (20 mg) have been approved in the European Union for treatment of alcohol use disorders, and it has been chronically administered to thousands of individuals. This underscores the potential safety profile of a nalmefene product administered as a prophylactic measure by individuals who are not opioid dependent on an as-needed basis when incidental contact with opioids is anticipated or expected.

[0012] Thus, there remains a need for durable, easy-to-use, device with storage-stable formulations that would enable untrained individuals to quickly self-administer a therapeutically effective amount of an opioid antagonist as a prophylactic measure when incidental exposure to opioids is either anticipated or suspected. This opioid antagonist should have a rapid onset to enable prophylactic use within minutes of an anticipated or suspected exposure. A long-lasting opioid antagonist would reduce the need for either a second dose of opioid antagonist or alternative medical intervention such as hospitalization. Described herein are formulations and methods to meet these needs. Provided herein are methods, pharmaceutical formulations, and devices for the preventative treatment (prophylaxis) of incidental opioid overdose comprising the intranasal administration of a formulation containing nalmefene as a prophylactic measure.

SUMMARY OF THE DISCLOSURE

[0013] Accordingly, provided herein are methods of preventing incidental opioid overdose or a symptom thereof. In certain embodiments, the method comprises nasally administering to a subject in need thereof a prophylactically effective amount of nalmefene or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein the prophylactically effective amount is

equivalent to about 3 mg to about 24 mg of nalmefene and/or a salt and/or solvate thereof, e.g., nalmefene hydrochloride.

[0014] Also provided are devices adapted for nasal delivery of a pharmaceutical formulation to a subject, comprising one or more doses of a prophylactically effective amount of nalmefene or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein the device is pre-primed, and wherein the prophylactically effective amount per dose is equivalent to about 3 mg to about 24 mg of nalmefene and/or a salt and/or solvate thereof, e.g., nalmefene hydrochloride.

[0015] In some embodiments, the IN formulation is administered prior to incidental exposure to an opioid agonist. The IN formulation can be administered anywhere from 1 minute to 6 hours before exposure to an opioid agonist. In some embodiments, the IN formulation is administered between about 1 minute and about 5 minutes prior to incidental exposure to an opioid agonist. In some embodiments, the IN formulation is administered between about 2.5 minute and about 10 minutes prior to incidental exposure to an opioid agonist. In some embodiments, the IN formulation is administered between about 10 minutes and about 20 minutes prior to incidental exposure to an opioid agonist. In some embodiments, the IN formulation is administered between about 20 minutes and about 40 minutes prior to incidental exposure to an opioid agonist. In some embodiments, the IN formulation is administered between about 40 minutes and about 60 minutes prior to incidental exposure to an opioid agonist. In some embodiments, the IN formulation is administered between about 60 minutes and about 90 minutes prior to incidental exposure to an opioid agonist. In some embodiments, the IN formulation is administered between about 90 minutes and about 120 minutes prior to incidental exposure to an opioid agonist. In some embodiments, the IN formulation can be administered between about 120 minutes and 360 minutes prior to incidental exposure to an opioid agonist. In some embodiments, the IN formulation is administered contemporaneously with incidental exposure to an opioid agonist. In some embodiments, the IN formulation is administered following incidental exposure to an opioid agonist.

[0016] In some embodiments, the IN formulation is administered prior to incidental exposure to an opioid agonist during a drug raid.

[0017] In some embodiments, the IN formulation comprises an aqueous solution. In some embodiments, the IN formulation comprises a per dose is equivalent to about 3 mg to about 24 mg of nalmefene and/or a salt and/or solvate thereof, e.g., nalmefene hydrochloride. In some embodiments, about 0.050 to 0.250 mL of said formulation is delivered to the subject. In some embodiments, the formulation comprises about 120 mg/mL nalmefene or a salt thereof.

[0018] In some embodiments, the IN formulation is administered as a single administration to one nostril. In some embodiments, the IN formulation is administered as two administrations, one to each nostril. In some embodiments, the IN formulation is administered as four administrations, two to each nostril.

[0019] In some embodiments, the pharmaceutical formulation comprising a therapeutically effective amount of nalmefene is administered in conjunction with an excipient. In some embodiments, the excipient is an absorption enhancer. In some embodiments, the absorption enhancer is an alkylsaccharide, such as dodecyl maltoside. In some embodiments, the absorption enhancer is an alkylglycoside.

[0020] In some embodiments, the pharmaceutical formulation additionally comprises one or more excipients selected from sodium chloride, benzalkonium chloride, edetate disodium, and an acid. In some embodiments, the acid is sufficient to achieve a pH of about 3.5 to about 5.5.

[0021] In some embodiments, the therapeutically effective amount comprises about 3 mg to about 24 mg of nalmefene and/or a salt and/or solvate thereof. In some embodiments, the therapeutically effective amount comprises about 3 mg to about 24 mg, about 3 mg to about 20 mg, about 3 mg to about 15 mg, about 3 mg to about 10 mg, about 3 mg to about 5 mg, about 5 mg to about 24 mg, about 10 mg to about 24 mg, about 15 mg to about 24 mg, about 20 mg to about 24 mg of nalmefene and/or a salt and/or solvate thereof. In some embodiments, the therapeutically effective amount comprises about 2, about 2.5, about 3, about 3.5, about 4, about 4.5, about 5, about 5.5, about 6, about 6.5, about 7, about 7.5, about 8, about 8.5, about 9, about 9.5, about 10, about 10.5, about 11, about 11.5, about 12, about 15, about 17, about 20, about 22 about 24 or about 26 mg of nalmefene and/or a salt and/or solvate thereof.

[0022] In some embodiments, the therapeutically effective amount of nalmefene and/or a salt and/or solvate thereof is administered in doses of 3 mg to about 24 mg prior to, contemporaneously, or after incidental exposure to an opioid agonist.

[0023] Disclosed herein is a method of achieving a plasma concentration of nalmefene therapeutically effective to treat incidental exposure to an opioid agonist in a subject in need thereof. The method comprises the intranasal administration of a pharmaceutical formulation comprising between about 3 mg and about 24 mg of nalmefene and/or a salt and/or solvate thereof.

[0024] Also disclosed herein is an intranasal pharmaceutical formulation comprising nalmefene that achieves a C_{max} of at least 3 ng/ml within 20 minutes.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0025] Provided herein are methods and pharmaceutical formulations for the preventative treatment (prophylaxis) of incidental opioid overdose comprising the intranasal administration of a formulation containing the opioid antagonist nalmefene as a prophylactic measure.

[0026] Also disclosed herein are methods and pharmaceutical formulations for the prevention of opioid overdose and symptoms thereof, comprising administering an intranasal formulation of nalmefene alone or in combination with an absorption enhancer.

[0027] Provided are devices adapted for nasal delivery of a pharmaceutical formulation to a subject, comprising a therapeutically effective amount of the opioid antagonist nalmefene and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein the device is pre-primed, and wherein the therapeutically effective amount, is equivalent to about 3 mg to about 24 mg of nalmefene and/or a salt and/or solvate thereof, e.g., nalmefene hydrochloride.

[0028] Also provided are methods of treating incidental exposure to an opioid agonist, comprising nasally administering, to a subject in need thereof, a therapeutically effective amount of the opioid antagonist nalmefene and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein the therapeutically effective amount is equivalent to about 3 mg to about 24 mg of nalmefene and/or a salt and/or solvate thereof, e.g., nalmefene hydrochloride.

Enumerated Embodiments

[0029] For example, provided herein are the following embodiments. These embodiments may be further limited or described by limitations and definitions disclosed herein.

[0030] **Embodiment 1** provides a method for the prevention (prophylaxis) of opioid overdose or a symptom thereof caused by incidental exposure of a subject to an opioid agonist, comprising nasally administering to a subject in need thereof a pharmaceutical formulation comprising a therapeutically effective amount of nalmefene hydrochloride, a hydrate thereof, or another pharmaceutically acceptable salt of nalmefene.

[0031] **Embodiment 2** provides the method of Embodiment 1, wherein the formulation comprises an isotonicity agent.

[0032] **Embodiment 3** provides a method for the prevention (prophylaxis) of opioid overdose or a symptom thereof caused by incidental exposure of a subject to an opioid agonist, comprising nasally administering to a subject in need thereof a pharmaceutical formulation comprising:

about 3.3 to about 26.6 mg nalmefene hydrochloride, a hydrate thereof, or another pharmaceutically acceptable salt;

of about 0.1 to about 6.0 mg of an isotonicity agent; and

optionally, an absorption enhancer.

[0033] **Embodiment 4** provides a method for the prophylaxis of opioid overdose or a symptom thereof caused by incidental exposure of a subject to opioid agonist, comprising nasally administering to a subject in need thereof, via a device adapted for nasal delivery of a pharmaceutical formulation to a subject by actuation of said device into at least one nostril of said subject, a nasal spray pharmaceutical formulation comprising:

from about 3.3 to about 26.6 mg nalmefene hydrochloride or a hydrate thereof;

from about 0.1 mg to about 6.0 mg of an isotonicity agent; and

optionally, an absorption enhancer.

[0034] Also provided herein are the following embodiments.

[0035] **Embodiment 5:** the method of any of Embodiments 1-4 wherein the pharmaceutical formulation comprises an aqueous solution of about 50 to about 250 μ L.

[0036] **Embodiment 6:** the method of any of Embodiments 1-5 wherein the pharmaceutical formulation comprises about 3.3 to about 16.6 mg nalmefene hydrochloride or a hydrate thereof and about 0.1 to about 6.0 mg of an isotonicity agent.

[0037] **Embodiment 7:** the method of any one of Embodiments 1-6 wherein the pharmaceutical formulation comprises an absorption enhancer.

[0038] **Embodiment 8:** the method of Embodiment 7 wherein the absorption enhancer is benzalkonium chloride.

[0039] **Embodiment 9:** the method of Embodiment 8 comprising about 0.005% to about 0.015% (v/w) benzalkonium chloride.

[0040] **Embodiment 10:** the method of Embodiment 7, wherein said absorption enhancer is an alkylsaccharide.

[0041] **Embodiment 11:** the method of Embodiment 10, wherein said absorption enhancer is dodecyl maltoside or tetradecyl maltoside.

[0042] **Embodiment 12:** the method of Embodiment 11, wherein said absorption enhancer is Intravail® (dodecyl maltoside).

[0043] **Embodiment 13:** the method of Embodiment 12, comprising about 0.05% to about 2.5% Intravail® (dodecyl maltoside).

[0044] **Embodiment 14:** the method of Embodiment 13 comprising about 0.1% to about 0.5% Intravail® (dodecyl maltoside).

[0045] **Embodiment 15:** the method of any one of Embodiments 1-14 wherein the pharmaceutical formulation further comprises about 0.1 to about 0.5 mg of a stabilizing agent.

[0046] **Embodiment 16:** the method of Embodiment 15 wherein the stabilizing agent is disodium edetate.

[0047] **Embodiment 17:** the method of any one of Embodiments 1-16 wherein the pharmaceutical formulation further comprises an amount of an acid or base sufficient to achieve a pH of between about 3.5 and about 5.5.

[0048] **Embodiment 18:** the method of Embodiment 17 wherein the pharmaceutical formulation further comprises an amount of an acid or base sufficient to achieve a pH of between about 3.5 and about 4.5.

[0049] **Embodiment 19:** the method of Embodiment 18 wherein the acid is hydrochloric acid and the base is sodium hydroxide.

[0050] **Embodiment 20:** the method of any one of Embodiments 1-19 wherein the isotonicity agent is NaCl.

[0051] **Embodiment 21:** the method of any one of Embodiments 1-7 and 16-20 wherein the pharmaceutical formulation does not contain an absorption enhancer.

[0052] **Embodiment 22:** the method of any of Embodiments 1-20, wherein the pharmaceutical formulation comprises in an aqueous solution of about 50 to about 250 μ L, about 3.3 mg nalmefene hydrochloride or a hydrate thereof, and about 0.1 to about 6.0 mg of an isotonicity agent.

[0053] **Embodiment 23:** the method of Embodiment 22 wherein the pharmaceutical formulation further comprises:

a stabilizing agent; and

an amount of an acid or base sufficient to achieve a pH of about 3.5 to about 5.5.

[0054] **Embodiment 24:** the method of Embodiment 23 wherein the isotonicity agent is NaCl, the absorption enhancer is benzalkonium chloride, the stabilizing agent is disodium edetate, and the acid is hydrochloric acid and the base is sodium hydroxide.

[0055] **Embodiment 25:** the method of any of Embodiments 1-24 wherein the pharmaceutical formulation comprises two absorption enhancers, and wherein the isotonicity agent is NaCl.

[0056] **Embodiment 26:** the method of Embodiment 25 wherein:

the absorption enhancers are benzalkonium chloride and Intravail® (dodecyl maltoside);

the stabilizing agent is disodium edetate; and

the acid is hydrochloric acid and/or the base is sodium hydroxide.

[0057] **Embodiment 27:** the method of Embodiment 26, comprising:

about 0.05% to about 2.5% Intravail® (dodecyl maltoside); and
about 0.005% to about 0.015% (v/w) benzalkonium chloride..

[0058] **Embodiment 28:** the method of Embodiment 27 comprising:

about 0.1% to about 0.5% Intravail® (dodecyl maltoside); and
comprising about 0.005% to about 0.015% (v/w) benzalkonium chloride..

[0059] **Embodiment 29:** the method of any one of Embodiments 1-3 and 5-2 wherein the pharmaceutical formulation is delivered via a device adapted for nasal delivery of a pharmaceutical formulation to a subject by actuation of said device into at least one nostril of said subject.

[0060] **Embodiment 30:** the method of Embodiment 29 wherein said device is actuatable with one hand.

[0061] **Embodiment 31:** the method of Embodiment 30 wherein the device can contain no more than about 280 μ L of the formulation.

[0062] **Embodiment 32:** the method of Embodiment 30 wherein the device can contain no more than about 140 μ L of the formulation.

[0063] **Embodiment 33:** the method of Embodiment 31 wherein about 100 μ L of formulation is delivered to the subject in one actuation.

[0064] **Embodiment 34:** the method of Embodiment 31, wherein the 90% confidence interval for dose delivered per actuation is \pm about 2%.

[0065] **Embodiment 35:** the method of Embodiment 34, wherein the 95% confidence interval for dose delivered per actuation is \pm about 2.5%.

[0066] **Embodiment 36:** the method of any one of Embodiments 4-35, wherein the delivery time is less than about 10 seconds.

[0067] **Embodiment 37:** the method of Embodiment 36, wherein the delivery time is less than about 5 seconds.

[0068] **Embodiment 38:** the method of any one of Embodiments 1-37, wherein upon nasal delivery of said pharmaceutical formulation to said subject, less than about 20% of said pharmaceutical formulation leaves the nasal cavity via drainage into the nasopharynx or externally.

[0069] **Embodiment 39:** the method of Embodiment 38, wherein upon nasal delivery of said pharmaceutical formulation to said subject, less than about 10% of said pharmaceutical formulation leaves the nasal cavity via drainage into the nasopharynx or externally.

[0070] **Embodiment 40:** the method of any Embodiment 39, wherein upon nasal delivery of said pharmaceutical formulation to said subject, less than about 5% of said pharmaceutical formulation leaves the nasal cavity via drainage into the nasopharynx or externally.

[0071] **Embodiment 41:** the method of any one of Embodiments 1-40, wherein the plasma concentration versus time curve of said nalmeferene hydrochloride in said subject has a T_{max} of between about 10 and about 30 minutes when the formulation comprises an absorption enhancer.

[0072] **Embodiment 42:** the method of any one of Embodiments 1-40, wherein the plasma concentration versus time curve of said nalmeferene hydrochloride in said subject has a T_{max} of between about 1 and about 3 hours when the formulation does not comprise an absorption enhance.

[0073] **Embodiment 43:** the method of any of Embodiments 1-42 wherein the incidental exposure to opioid agonist is selected from:

incidental inhalation via exposure by aerosolized opioid agonist; and

incidental transdermal or transmucosal exposure by either an aerosolized or powdered form of an opioid agonist.

[0074] **Embodiment 44:** the method of any of Embodiments 1-43 wherein the subject is a member of military, law enforcement, professional security personnel, or personnel providing emergency medical services.

[0075] **Embodiment 45:** the method of any of Embodiments 1-44 wherein the subject is involved in the investigation or clean-up of an opioid agonist production or distribution site.

[0076] **Embodiment 46:** the method of any of Embodiments 1-43 and 45, wherein said subject is a member of law enforcement.

[0077] **Embodiment 47:** the method of any of Embodiments 1-46 wherein the pharmaceutical formulation will prevent a symptom of opioid overdose selected from the group consisting of: respiratory depression, central nervous system depression, cardiovascular depression, altered level consciousness, miotic pupils, hypoxemia, acute lung injury, aspiration pneumonia, sedation, hypotension, unresponsiveness to stimulus, unconsciousness, stopped breathing; erratic or stopped pulse, choking or gurgling sounds, blue or purple fingernails or lips, slack or limp muscle tone, contracted pupils, and vomiting.

[0078] **Embodiment 48:** the method of any of Embodiments 1-47 wherein the opioid overdose or a symptom thereof occurs during a drug raid.

[0079] **Embodiment 49:** the method of any of Embodiments 1-48 wherein the nasal formulation is administered prior to incidental exposure to an opioid agonist.

[0080] **Embodiment 50:** the method of Embodiment 49 wherein the formulation is administered from about 10 min to about 2 hours prior to incidental exposure to opioid.

[0081] **Embodiment 51:** the method of any of Embodiments 1-48 wherein the nasal formulation is administered concurrent with incidental exposure to an opioid agonist.

[0082] **Embodiment 52:** the method of any of Embodiments 1-48 wherein the nasal formulation is administered promptly after incidental exposure to an opioid agonist.

[0083] **Embodiment 53:** the method of any of Embodiments 1-52 wherein said subject is free from opioid overdose or a symptom thereof for at least about 4 hours following administration of the said therapeutically effective amount of nalmefene hydrochloride or a hydrate thereof.

[0084] **Embodiment 54:** the method of any of Embodiments 1-52 wherein said subject is free from opioid overdose or a symptom thereof for at least about 8 hours following administration of the said therapeutically effective amount of nalmefene hydrochloride or a hydrate thereof.

[0085] **Embodiment 55:** The method of any of Embodiments 1-54 wherein the pharmaceutical formulation is an aqueous solution of about 100 μ L comprising:

about 3.3 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride;

about 0.74 mg NaCl;

about 0.01 mg benzalkonium chloride;

about 0.2 mg disodium edetate; and

an amount of hydrochloric acid or sodium hydroxide sufficient to achieve a pH of 3.5-5.5.

[0086] **Embodiment 56:** The method of any of Embodiments 1-54 wherein the isotonicity agent is NaCl, wherein the absorption enhancer is Intravail[®] (dodecyl maltoside), wherein the stabilizing agent is disodium edetate, and wherein the acid is hydrochloric acid or the base is sodium hydroxide.

[0087] **Embodiment 56:** The method of any of Embodiments 1-54 wherein the pharmaceutical formulation is an aqueous solution of about 100 μ L comprising:

about 3.3 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride;

about 0.74 mg NaCl;

about 0.25 mg Intravail[®] (dodecyl maltoside);

about 0.2 mg disodium edetate; and

an amount of hydrochloric acid or sodium hydroxide sufficient to achieve a pH of 3.5-5.5.

[0088] Embodiment 56: The method of any of Embodiments 1-54 wherein the pharmaceutical formulation comprises two absorption enhancers, and wherein the isotonicity agent is NaCl, wherein the absorption enhancers are benzalkonium chloride and Intravail® (dodecyl maltoside), wherein the stabilizing agent is disodium edetate, and wherein the acid is hydrochloric acid or the base is sodium hydroxide.

[0089] Embodiment 56: The method of any of Embodiments 1-54 wherein the pharmaceutical formulation is an aqueous solution wherein the aqueous solution of about 100 μ L comprises:

about 3 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride;

about 0.74 mg NaCl;

about 0.01 mg benzalkonium chloride;

about 0.25 mg Intravail® (dodecyl maltoside);

about 0.2 mg disodium edetate; and

an amount of hydrochloric acid or sodium hydroxide sufficient to achieve a pH of 3.5-5.5.

[0090] Further embodiments are provided below, and where not mutually exclusive, may be combined with the embodiments above.

Definitions

[0091] As use herein, the following terms have their meanings indicated.

[0092] Opioid receptors are G protein-coupled receptors (GPCRs) that are activated both by endogenous opioid peptides, by clinically important alkaloid analgesic drugs such as morphine, and by synthetic analgesics such as methadone and fentanyl. There are three principal types of opioid receptors: the δ -opioid receptor, the κ -opioid receptor, and the μ -opioid receptor. Opioids depress respiration, which is controlled principally through medullary respiratory centers with peripheral input from chemoreceptors and other sources. Opioids produce inhibition at the chemoreceptors via mu opioid receptors and in the medulla via mu and possibly delta receptors. While there are many neurotransmitters mediating the control of respiration, glutamate and γ -aminobutyric acid (GABA) are the major excitatory and inhibitory neurotransmitters, respectively. This explains the potential for interaction of opioids with benzodiazepines and alcohol: both benzodiazepines and alcohol facilitate the inhibitory effect of GABA at GABA_A receptors, while alcohol also decreases the excitatory effect of glutamate at NMDA receptors. Oxycodone and other opioid analgesics (such as hydrocodone and fentanyl) as well as heroin and methadone are all implicated in fatal overdose.

[0093] When ranges of values are disclosed, and the notation “from n_1 ... to n_2 ” or “between n_1 ... and n_2 ” is used, where n_1 and n_2 are the numbers, then unless otherwise specified, this notation is intended to include the numbers themselves and the range between them. This range may be integral or continuous between and including the end values. By way of example, the range “from 2 to 6 carbons” is intended to include two, three, four, five, and six carbons, since carbons come in integer units. Compare, by way of example, the range “from 1 to 3 μM (micromolar),” which is intended to include 1 μM , 3 μM , and everything in between to any number of significant figures (*e.g.*, 1.255 μM , 2.1 μM , 2.9999 μM , etc.).

[0094] The term “about,” as used herein, is intended to qualify the numerical values which it modifies, denoting such a value as variable within a range. When no range, such as a margin of error or a standard deviation to a mean value given in a chart or table of data, is recited, the term “about” should be understood to mean the greater of the range which would encompass the recited value and the range which would be included by rounding up or down to that figure as well, considering significant figures, and the range which would encompass the recited value plus or minus 20%.

[0095] The term “absorption enhancer,” as used herein, refers to a functional excipient included in formulations to improve the absorption of a pharmacologically active drug. This term usually refers to an agent whose function is to increase absorption by enhancing nasal mucous-membrane permeation, rather than increasing solubility. As such, such agents are sometimes called permeation enhancers. In particular, absorption enhancers described herein may improve paracellular transport (*i.e.*, passage through intercellular spaces and tight junctions), transcellular transport (*i.e.*, passive diffusion or active transport across cellular membranes), or transcytosis (*i.e.*, cellular vesicular uptake).

[0096] Examples of absorption enhancers include aprotinin, benzalkonium chloride, benzyl alcohol, capric acid, ceramides, cetylpyridinium chloride, chitosan, cyclodextrins, deoxycholic acid, decanoyl carnitine, dodecyl maltoside, EDTA, glycocholic acid, glycodeoxycholic acid, glycofurol, glycosylated sphingosines, glycyrrhetic acids, 2-hydroxypropyl- β -cyclodextrin, laureth-9, lauric acid, lauroyl carnitine, sodium lauryl sulfate, lysophosphatidylcholine, menthol, poloxamer 407 or F68, poly-L-arginine, polyoxyethylene-9-lauryl ether, polysorbate 80, propylene glycol, quillaia saponin, salicylic acid, sodium salt, β -sitosterol β -D-glucoside, sucrose cocoate, taurocholic acid, taurodeoxycholic acid, taurodihydrofusidic acid, and alkylsaccharides, including but not limited to dodecyl maltoside, dodecyl- β -D-maltoside, tetradecyl maltoside, tetradecyl- β -D-maltoside and sucrose dodecanoate. Alkylsaccharides (*e.g.*, nonionic alkylsaccharide surfactants such as

alkylglycosides and sucrose esters of fatty acids that consist of an aliphatic hydrocarbon chain coupled to a sugar moiety by a glycosidic or ester bond, respectively), cyclodextrins (cyclic oligosaccharides composed of six or more monosaccharide units with a central cavity, which form inclusion complexes with hydrophobic molecules and they have primarily been used to increase drug solubility and dissolution and to enhance low molecular weight drug absorption), chitosans (linear cationic polysaccharides produced from the deacetylation of chitin), and bile salts and their derivatives (such as sodium glycocholate, sodium taurocholate, and sodium taurodihydrofusidate) tend to be amongst the best-tolerated absorption enhancers. *See, e.g., Aungst, AAPS Journal* 14(1):10-8, 2011; and *Maggio, J. Excipients and Food Chem.* 5(2):100-12, 2014.

[0097] As used herein, the term “alkylsaccharide” refers to an absorption enhancer. As used herein, an alkylsaccharide refers to any sugar joined by a linkage to any hydrophobic alkyl, as is known in the art. Alkylsaccharides can include, but are not limited to: alkylsaccharides, such as octyl-, nonyl-, decyl-, undecyl-, dodecyl-, tridecyl-, tetradecyl-, pentadecyl-, hexadecyl-, heptadecyl-, and octadecyl- α - or β -D-maltoside, -glucoside or -sucroside; alkyl thiomaltosides, such as heptyl, octyl, dodecyl-, tridecyl-, and tetradecyl- β -D-thiomaltoside; alkyl thioglucosides, such as heptyl- or octyl 1-thio α - or β -D-glucopyranoside; alkyl thiosucroses; alkyl maltotriosides; long chain aliphatic carbonic acid amides of sucrose β -amino-alkyl ethers; derivatives of palatinose and isomaltamine linked by amide linkage to an alkyl chain; derivatives of isomaltamine linked by urea to an alkyl chain; long chain aliphatic carbonic acid ureides of sucrose β -amino-alkyl ethers; and long chain aliphatic carbonic acid amides of sucrose β -amino-alkyl ethers. The hydrophobic alkyl can be chosen of any desired size, depending on the hydrophobicity desired and the hydrophilicity of the saccharide moiety. For example, one preferred range of alkyl chains is from about 9 to about 24 carbon atoms. An even more preferred range is from about 9 to about 16 or about 14 carbon atoms. Similarly, some preferred saccharides include maltose, sucrose, and glucose linked by glycosidic linkage to an alkyl chain of 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, or 24 carbon atoms, *e.g.*, nonyl-, decyl-, dodecyl- and tetradecyl sucroside, glucoside, and maltoside, etc.

[0098] As use herein, a “saccharide” is inclusive of monosaccharides, oligosaccharides or polysaccharides in straight chain or ring forms, or a combination thereof to form a saccharide chain. Oligosaccharides are saccharides having two or more monosaccharide residues. The saccharide can be chosen, for example, from any currently commercially available saccharide species or can be synthesized. Some examples of the many possible saccharides to use include

glucose, maltose, maltotriose, maltotetraose, sucrose and trehalose. Preferable saccharides include maltose, sucrose and glucose.

[0099] The term “active ingredient” or “pharmaceutically active compound” is defined in the context of a “pharmaceutical formulation” and is intended to mean a component of a pharmaceutical formulation that provides the primary pharmacological effect, as opposed to an “inactive ingredient” which would generally be recognized as providing no pharmaceutical benefit.

[0100] The term “actuation,” as used herein, refers to operation of the device such that the pharmaceutical formulation is delivered therefrom.

[0101] The term “agonist,” as used herein, refers to a moiety that interacts with, and activates, a receptor and thereby initiates a physiological or pharmacological response characteristic of that receptor. The term “antagonist,” as used herein, refers to a moiety that competitively binds to a receptor at the same site as an agonist (for example, the endogenous ligand), but which does not activate the intracellular response initiated by the active form of the receptor and can thereby inhibit the intracellular responses by an agonist or partial agonist. An antagonist does not diminish the baseline intracellular response in the absence of an agonist or partial agonist. The term “inverse agonist” refers to a moiety that binds to the endogenous form of the receptor or to the constitutively activated form of the receptor and which inhibits the baseline intracellular response initiated by the active form of the receptor below the normal base level of activity which is observed in the absence of an agonist or partial agonist.

[0102] The term “antimicrobial preservative,” as used herein, refers to a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient with antimicrobial properties which is added to a pharmaceutical composition to maintain microbiological stability.

[0103] The term “AUC,” as used herein, refers to the area under the drug plasma concentration-time curve. The term “AUC_{0-t},” as used herein, refers to the area under the drug plasma concentration-time curve from $t = 0$ to the last measurable concentration. The term “AUC_{0-∞},” as used herein, refers to the area under the drug plasma concentration-time curve extrapolated to ∞ . The term “AUC_{0-t/D},” as used herein, refers to the AUC_{0-t} normalized to 0.4 mg IN nalmefene. The term “AUC_{0-∞/D},” as used herein, refers to the AUC_{0-∞} normalized to 1.5 mg IM nalmefene.

[0104] The term “bioavailability (F),” as used herein, refers to the fraction of a dose of drug that is absorbed from its site of administration and reaches, in an unchanged form, the systemic circulation. The term “absolute bioavailability” is used when the fraction of absorbed drug is related to its IV bioavailability. It may be calculated using the following formula:

$$F = \frac{AUC_{\text{extravascular}}}{AUC_{\text{intravenous}}} \times \frac{Dose_{\text{intravenous}}}{Dose_{\text{extravascular}}}$$

The term “relative bioavailability (F_{rel})” is used to compare two different extravascular routes of drug administration and it may be calculated using the following formula:

$$F_{\text{rel}} = \frac{AUC_{\text{extravascular1}}}{AUC_{\text{extravascular2}}} \times \frac{Dose_{\text{extravascular2}}}{Dose_{\text{extravascular1}}}$$

[0105] The term “clearance (CL),” as used herein, refers to the rate at which a drug is eliminated divided by its plasma concentration, giving a volume of plasma from which drug is completely removed per unit of time. CL is equal to the elimination rate constant (λ) multiplied by the volume of distribution (V_d), wherein “ V_d ” is the fluid volume that would be required to contain the amount of drug present in the body at the same concentration as in the plasma. The term “apparent clearance (CL/F),” as used herein, refers to clearance that does not take into account the bioavailability of the drug. It is the ratio of the dose over the AUC.

[0106] The term “ C_{max} ,” as used herein, refers to the maximum observed plasma concentration. The term “ $C_{\text{max/D}}$,” as used herein, refers to C_{max} normalized to 1.5 mg IM nalmeferene.

[0107] The term “coefficient of variation (CV),” as used herein, refers to the ratio of the sample standard deviation to the sample mean. It is often expressed as a percentage.

[0108] The term “confidence interval,” as used herein, refers to a range of values which will include the true average value of a parameter a specified percentage of the time.

[0109] The term “device,” as used herein, refers to an apparatus capable of delivering a drug to subject in need thereof.

[0110] The term “delivery time,” as used herein, refers to the amount of time that elapses between a determination made by a healthcare professional, first responder, law enforcement (e.g., police, customs, and border patrol agents), military personnel, or an untrained individual, that an individual is in need of nasal delivery of an opioid antagonist and completion of the delivery.

[0111] The term “disease,” as used herein, is intended to be generally synonymous, and is used interchangeably with, the terms “disorder,” “syndrome,” and “condition” (as in medical condition), in that all reflect an abnormal condition of the human or animal body or of one of its parts that impairs normal functioning, is typically manifested by distinguishing signs and symptoms, and causes the human or animal to have a reduced duration or quality of life.

[0112] The term “drug raid,” as used herein, refers to the entry into and investigation of a facility or other site in which opioids are manufactured, stored, and/or distributed. It typically

connotes such a facility/site which is, or is believed to be, in violation of the laws regulating controlled substances.

[0113] The term “elimination rate constant (λ),” as used herein, refers to the fractional rate of drug removal from the body. This rate is constant in first-order kinetics and is independent of drug concentration in the body. λ is the slope of the plasma concentration-time line (on a logarithmic y scale). The term “ λ_z ,” as used herein, refers to the terminal phase elimination rate constant, wherein the “terminal phase” of the drug plasma concentration-time curve is a straight line when plotted on a semi-logarithmic graph. The terminal phase is often called the “elimination phase” because the primary mechanism for decreasing drug concentration during the terminal phase is drug elimination from the body. The distinguishing characteristic of the terminal elimination phase is that the relative proportion of drug in the plasma and peripheral volumes of distribution remains constant. During this “terminal phase” drug returns from the rapid and slow distribution volumes to the plasma, and is permanently removed from the plasma by metabolism or renal excretion.

[0114] The term “equivalent,” as used herein, refers to a weight of an opioid antagonist selected from nalmefene and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof that is equimolar to a specified weight of nalmefene hydrochloride.

[0115] The term “excipient,” as used herein, refers to a natural or synthetic substance formulated alongside the active ingredient of a medication, included for long-term stabilization, bulking up solid formulations, or to confer a therapeutic enhancement on the active ingredient in the final dosage form, such as facilitating drug absorption, reducing viscosity, or enhancing solubility.

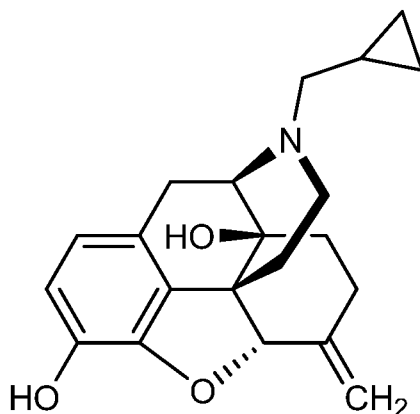
[0116] The term “filled,” as used herein, refers to an association between a device and a pharmaceutical composition, for example, when a pharmaceutical formulation described herein comprising a therapeutically effective amount of an opioid antagonist is present within a reservoir that forms a part of a device described herein.

[0117] The term “hydrate,” as used herein, refers to an opioid antagonist described herein or a salt thereof that further includes a stoichiometric or non-stoichiometric amount of water bound by non-covalent intermolecular forces.

[0118] The term “in need of treatment” and the term “in need thereof” when referring to treatment are used interchangeably and refer to a judgment made by a caregiver (*e.g.* physician, nurse, nurse practitioner, medic, or other professional assessing a potential medical hazard and planning for), that a subject will benefit from treatment. An individual “who is at risk for incidental opioid overdose”, includes an individual who accidentally ingests opioids.

[0119] As used herein, two embodiments are “mutually exclusive” when one is defined to be something which is different than the other. For example, an embodiment wherein the amount of nalmefene hydrochloride is specified to be 5 mg is mutually exclusive with an embodiment wherein the amount of nalmefene hydrochloride is specified to be 3 mg. However, an embodiment wherein the amount of nalmefene hydrochloride is specified to be 4 mg is not mutually exclusive with an embodiment in which less than about 10% of the pharmaceutical formulation leaves the nasal cavity via drainage into the nasopharynx or externally.

[0120] The term “nalmefene,” as used herein, refers to 17-cyclopropylmethyl-4,5 α -epoxy-6-methylenemorphinan-3,14-diol, a compound of the following structure:



[0121] Nalmefene hydrochloride (CAS Reg. No. 58895-64-0) has been marketed under the trade names Nalmetrene®, Cervene®, Revex®, Arthrene®, and Incystene®.

[0122] The term “nostril,” as used herein, is synonymous with “naris.”

[0123] The term “opioid overdose,” as used herein, refers to an acute medical condition caused by incidental exposure to an opioid agonist in a subject. Symptoms of opioid overdose include including respiratory depression (including postoperative opioid respiratory depression, acute lung injury, and aspiration pneumonia), central nervous system depression (which may include sedation, altered level consciousness, miotic (constricted) pupils), and cardiovascular depression (which may include hypoxemia and hypotension). Visible signs of opioid overdose or suspected opioid overdose include: unresponsiveness and/or loss of consciousness (won't respond to stimuli such as shouting, shaking, or rubbing knuckles on sternum); slow, erratic, or stopped breathing; slow, erratic, or stopped pulse; deep snoring or choking/gurgling sounds; blue or purple fingernails or lips; pale and/or clammy face; slack or limp muscle tone; contracted pupils; and vomiting.

[0124] The term “pharmaceutical formulation, or equivalently, “pharmaceutical composition,” as used herein, refers to a formulation comprising at least one active ingredient; including but not limited to nalmefene and/or salts, solvates and/or hydrates thereof, together with at least one pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient, whereby the formulation is amenable to use for a specified, efficacious outcome in a subject (for example, without limitation, a human).

[0125] The term “pharmaceutically acceptable,” as used herein, refers to a component of a pharmaceutical formulation that is compatible with the other ingredients of the formulation and not overly deleterious to the recipient thereof.

[0126] The term “pre-primed,” as used herein, refers to a device, such as a nasal spray which can deliver a pharmaceutical formulation to a subject in need thereof with the first actuation of the spray pump, *i.e.*, without the need to prime the pump prior to dosing, such as by actuating the pump one or more times until a spray appears.

[0127] As used herein, the term “protective packaging” refers to overwrap.

[0128] The term “receptor binding or occupancy” refers to a characterization of the kinetics between a radioactive drug and receptors or other binding sites throughout the body, and characterization of the radioactive drug binding affinity to these receptors.

[0129] The term “providing” in the context of providing a co-packaged drug product as disclosed herein to an individual includes co-packaging the drug product, prescribing the co-packaged drug product, and dispensing the co-packaged drug product. The providing may be done either directly to an individual (for example, to an individual for whom an opioid agonist prescription is appropriate, or who is otherwise at risk of opioid overdose) or to a second individual.

[0130] The term “solvate,” as used herein, refers to an opioid antagonist described herein or a salt, thereof, that further includes a stoichiometric or non-stoichiometric amount of a solvent bound by non-covalent intermolecular forces. Preferred solvents are volatile, non-toxic, and/or acceptable for administration to humans in trace amounts.

[0131] The term “sterile filling,” as used herein, refers methods of manufacturing the devices and pharmaceutical formulations described herein, such that the use of preservatives is not required. Sterile drug products may be produced using aseptic processing or terminal sterilization. Terminal sterilization usually involves filling and sealing product containers under high-quality environmental conditions. In an aseptic process, the drug product, container, and closure are first subjected to sterilization methods separately, as appropriate, and then brought together.

[0132] The term “storage-stable,” as used herein, refers to a pharmaceutical formulation in which at least about 90% to 99.5% of the active ingredient remains in an undegraded state after storage of the pharmaceutical formulation at specified temperature and humidity for a specified time, for example, for 12 months at 25°C and 60% relative humidity.

[0133] The term “subject” as used herein refers to any living individual (preferably human) likely to benefit from treatment with a therapeutically effective amount of nalmefene. In some embodiments, the subject is exposed incidentally to an opioid agonist, such as fentanyl. In additional embodiments, the subject may include, but is not limited to, members of the military, law enforcement, professional security personnel, or personnel providing emergency medical services.

[0134] The term “substantially free of antimicrobial preservatives” is understood by one of ordinary skill in the art to describe a pharmaceutical formulation that comprises less than 1% w/w antimicrobial preservatives.

[0135] The term “supine,” as used herein, refers to a subject who is lying face up.

[0136] “Prophylaxis” as used herein is synonymous with “prevention,” and is to be considered in its broadest context and refers to any medical or public health procedure employed to prevent a disease or condition, such as opioid overdose or a symptom thereof from occurring. It does not necessarily mean that the subject will not eventually contract a disease or condition. Accordingly, prophylaxis may include the mitigation or amelioration of the symptoms of a disease or condition or preventing or reducing the risk of developing a disease or condition or symptoms thereof. The term “prophylaxis” may include reducing the severity of the onset of a disease or condition.

[0137] “Therapeutically effective amount” or “therapeutically effective dose,” as used herein means an amount effective to prevent opioid overdose or symptoms thereof caused by incidental exposure of an opioid agonist in a subject. Such an amount or dose may therefore also be referred to as a “prophylactically effective” amount or dose. Opioid overdose may be moderate, severe, or even fatal. In certain embodiments, a treatment or pharmaceutical formulation will be therapeutically effective to prevent even moderate opioid overdose, wherein a subject is temporarily physically or mentally impaired by an opioid agonist but is in no danger of impairment or harm beyond the agonist’s excretion from the subject. In certain embodiments, a treatment or formulation will be therapeutically effective to prevent severe overdose, wherein a subject is in danger of lasting or even permanent harm. In certain embodiments, a treatment or formulation will be therapeutically effective to prevent fatal overdose.

[0138] “Exposure” as used herein refers to an actual or anticipated contact between the subject and an opioid agonist. Actual exposure refers to exposure that in fact occurs whether known or unknown. Anticipated exposure refers to any level of expected possibility of being exposed to an opioid.

[0139] “Incidental exposure to opioid agonist by a subject” as used herein means that the exposure to opioid agonist is not voluntary and/or intended to self-intoxicate, but occurs as part of the subject’s activities in proximity to, or potential proximity to, the opioid agonist. For example, workers acting in capacity as law enforcement, inspectors, public health field agents, may face the risk of incidental exposure during activities such as cleaning or performing inspections or investigations for and/or handling opioid agonists or materials that are associated with opioid agonists, such as laboratory equipment, containers, needles, pipes or other objects. Additionally, military, law enforcement, or security personnel may face incidental exposure to opioid agonist when a third party deliberately delivers an opioid agonist to incapacitate said personnel, for example as a gas. Accordingly, incidental exposure to opioid agonist includes, for example, exposure by inhalation to aerosolized opioid agonist and incidental transdermal exposure to opioid agonist.

[0140] “Aerosolized opioid agonist” as used herein means that the opioid agonist is delivered through the air to a subject as, e.g., a gas, mist, or fine powder. It does not include opioid agonist in powder form that is voluntarily inhaled (e.g., snorted) by a subject. An example of an aerosolized opioid agonist is fentanyl (or a derivative thereof) administered through the ventilation system of a building to anaesthetize, incapacitate, or kill the occupants.

[0141] The term “ $t_{1/2}$ ” or “half-life,” as used herein, refers to the amount of time required for half of a drug (for example, an opioid or an opioid antagonist) to be eliminated from the body or the time required for a drug concentration to decline by half.

[0142] The term “tonicity agent,” as used herein, refers to a compound which modifies the osmolality of a formulation, for example, to render it isotonic. Tonicity agents include, dextrose, lactose, sodium chloride, calcium chloride, magnesium chloride, sorbitol, sucrose, mannitol, trehalose, raffinose, polyethylene glycol, hydroxyethyl starch, glycine and the like.

[0143] The term “tomography,” as used herein, refers to a process of imaging by sections. The images may be looked at individually, as a series of two-dimensional slices or together, as a computer-generated three-dimensional representation.

[0144] The term “ T_{max} ,” as used herein, refers to the time from administration of the pharmaceutical formulations described herein to maximum drug plasma concentration.

[0145] The term “untrained individual” refers to an individual administering to subject an opioid antagonist using a device described herein, wherein the individual is not a healthcare professional and has received no training in the use of the device.

Opioid Antagonists

[0146] Provided are drug products adapted for nasal delivery of an opioid receptor antagonist. Opioid receptor antagonists are a well-recognized class of chemical agents. They have been described in detail in the scientific and patent literature. Opioid antagonists, such as nalmefene, are agents which specifically reverse the effects of opioid agonists but have no opioid agonist activity.

[0147] Nalmefene is commercially available as a hydrochloride salt and is a 6-methylene analog of naltrexone. Nalmefene hydrochloride (17-(cyclopropylmethyl)-4,5(-epoxy-6-methylenemorphinan-3,14-diol) is approved for opioid overdose reversal, and as disclosed herein, can be used to prevent incidental exposure to an opioid agonist and can be administered quickly and easily as a prophylactic measure by first responders, law enforcement (e.g., police, customs, and border patrol agents) and military personnel if contact with opioids, especially high potency synthetics, is either anticipated or suspected.

[0148] Provided are pharmaceutical formulations, devices adapted for nasal delivery of a pharmaceutical formulation to a subject, kits comprising the foregoing, and methods of using the same in the prevention (prophylaxis) of opioid overdose, or symptoms thereof, each comprising a therapeutically effective amount of an opioid antagonist selected from nalmefene and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein the device is pre-primed, and wherein the therapeutically effective amount, is equivalent to about 3 mg to about 24 mg of nalmefene and/or a salt and/or solvate thereof.

[0149] In some embodiments, the therapeutically effective amount is equivalent to about 3.3 mg to about 26.6 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride. In some embodiments, the therapeutically effective amount is equivalent to about 3.3 mg to about 22.1 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride. In some embodiments, the therapeutically effective amount is equivalent to about 3.3 mg to about 16.6 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride. In some embodiments, the therapeutically effective amount is equivalent to about 3.3 mg to about 11.1 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride. In some embodiments, the therapeutically effective amount is equivalent to about 3.3 mg to about 5.5 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride. In some embodiments, the therapeutically effective amount is equivalent to about 5.5 mg to about 26.6 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride. In some embodiments, the therapeutically effective amount is equivalent to

about 11.1 mg to about 26.6 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride. In some embodiments, the therapeutically effective amount is equivalent to about 16.6 mg to about 26.6 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride. In some embodiments, the therapeutically effective amount is equivalent to about 3.3 mg to about 5.5 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride. In some embodiments, the therapeutically effective amount is equivalent to about 3.3 mg to about 4.4 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride. In some embodiments, the therapeutically effective amount is equivalent to about 3.3 mg to about 11.1 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride. In some embodiments, the therapeutically effective amount is equivalent to about 3.3 mg to about 16.6 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride. In some embodiments, the therapeutically effective amount is equivalent to about 3.9 mg to about 22.1 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride. In some embodiments, the therapeutically effective amount is equivalent to about 4.4 mg to about 26.6 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride. In some embodiments, the therapeutically effective amount is equivalent to about 11.1 mg to about 26.6 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride. In some embodiments, the therapeutically effective amount is equivalent to about 16.6 mg to about 26.6 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride. In some embodiments, the therapeutically effective amount is equivalent to about 3.3 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride. In some embodiments, the therapeutically effective amount is equivalent to about 3.9 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride. In some embodiments, the therapeutically effective amount is equivalent to about 4.4 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride. In some embodiments, the therapeutically effective amount is equivalent to about 5.0 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride. In some embodiments, the therapeutically effective amount is equivalent to about 5.5 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride. In some embodiments, the therapeutically effective amount is equivalent to about 11.1 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride. In some embodiments, the therapeutically effective amount is equivalent to about 16.6 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride. In some embodiments, the therapeutically effective amount is equivalent to about 22.1 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride. In some embodiments, the therapeutically effective amount is equivalent to about 26.6 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride. In some embodiments, the therapeutically effective amount is equivalent to about 3.2, about 3.3, about 3.4, about 3.5, about 3.6, about 3.7, about 3.8, about 3.9, about 4.0, about 4.2, about 4.4, about 4.6, about 4.8, about 5.0, about 5.2, about 5.4, or about 5.6 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride. In some embodiments, the therapeutically effective amount is equivalent to less than 11.1 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride. In some embodiments, the therapeutically effective amount is equivalent to less than 5.5 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride.

[0150] In some embodiments, nalmefene is the only pharmaceutically active compound in pharmaceutical formulation. In some embodiments, nalmefene is nalmefene hydrochloride. In some embodiments, nalmefene is anhydrous nalmefene hydrochloride.

[0151] Provided herein are methods of treatment employing nasal delivery of a pharmaceutical formulation to a subject, comprising a therapeutically effective amount of nalmefene and/or a salt and/or solvate thereof. In some embodiments, the therapeutically effective amount is equivalent to about 3 to about 24 mg of nalmefene and/or a salt and/or solvate thereof. In some embodiments, the therapeutically effective amount is equivalent to about 3, about 3.5, about 4, about 4.5, about 5, about 5.5, about 6, about 6.5, about 7, about 7.5, about 8, about 8.5, about 9, about 9.5, about 10, about 10.5, about 11, about 11.5, about 12, about 15, about 17, about 20, about 22, or about 24 mg of nalmefene and/or a salt and/or solvate thereof. In some embodiments, the therapeutically effective amount is equivalent to about 3 mg of nalmefene and/or a salt and/or solvate thereof. In some embodiments, the nalmefene is nalmefene hydrochloride. In some embodiments, the nalmefene is anhydrous nalmefene hydrochloride. In some embodiments, the nalmefene is nalmefene hydrochloride dihydrate.

[0152] Accordingly, provided herein are pharmaceutical formulations for intranasal administration comprising nalmefene. In certain embodiments, the formulation is an aqueous solution. In certain embodiments, the formulation comprises, per dose, between about 50 and about 250 μL of the aqueous solution. In certain embodiments, the formulation comprises, per dose, between about 50 and about 200 μL of the aqueous solution. In certain embodiments, the formulation comprises, per dose, not more than about 140 μL . In certain embodiments, the formulation comprises, per dose, not more than about 100 μL . The formulation may comprise, per dose, about 25 μL , about 50 μL , about 75 μL , about 100 μL , about 125 μL , about 150 μL , about 175 μL , or about 200 μL of the aqueous solution.

[0153] In certain embodiments, the formulation comprises between about 1% (w/v) and about 16% (w/v) of nalmefene. In certain embodiments, the formulation comprises between about 3% (w/v) and about 12% (w/v) of nalmefene. In certain embodiments, the formulation comprises between about 2% (w/v) and about 10% (w/v) of nalmefene. In certain embodiments, the formulation comprises between about 2% (w/v) and about 8% (w/v) of nalmefene. In certain embodiments, the formulation comprises between about 2% (w/v) and about 4% (w/v) of nalmefene. In certain embodiments, the formulation comprises about 1% (w/v), about 2% (w/v), about 3% (w/v), about 4% (w/v), about 5% (w/v), about 6% (w/v), about 7% (w/v), or about 8% (w/v) of nalmefene. In certain embodiments, the formulation

comprises about 9% (w/v), about 10% (w/v), about 11% (w/v), about 12% (w/v), or about 13% (w/v) of nalmefene. In certain embodiments, the formulation comprises about 2% (w/v) of nalmefene. In certain embodiments, the formulation comprises about 3% (w/v) of nalmefene. In certain embodiments, the formulation comprises about 4% (w/v) of nalmefene. In certain embodiments, the formulation comprises about 11% (w/v) of nalmefene. In certain embodiments, the formulation comprises about 12% (w/v) of nalmefene. In certain embodiments, the formulation comprises about 13% (w/v) of nalmefene.

[0154] In certain embodiments, the formulation comprises between about 3 mg and about 24 mg of nalmefene and/or a salt and/or solvate thereof. In certain embodiments, the formulation comprises between about 3 mg and about 20 mg of nalmefene and/or a salt and/or solvate thereof. In certain embodiments, the formulation comprises between about 3 mg and about 15 mg of nalmefene and/or a salt and/or solvate thereof. In certain embodiments, the formulation comprises between about 3 mg and about 10 mg of nalmefene and/or a salt and/or solvate thereof. In certain embodiments, the formulation comprises between about 3 mg and about 5 mg of nalmefene and/or a salt and/or solvate thereof. In certain embodiments, the formulation comprises about 3, about 3.5, about 4, about 4.5, about 5, about 5.5, about 6, about 6.5, about 7, about 7.5, about 8, about 8.5, about 9, about 9.5, about 10, about 10.5, about 11, about 11.5, about 12, about 15, about 17, about 20, about 22, or about 24 mg of nalmefene and/or a salt and/or solvate thereof. In certain embodiments, the formulation comprises about 3 mg of nalmefene and/or a salt and/or solvate thereof. In certain embodiments, the formulation comprises about 24 mg of nalmefene and/or a salt and/or solvate thereof.

[0155] In certain embodiments, provided herein are pharmaceutical formulations for intranasal administration comprising, in an aqueous solution of not more than about 250 μ L: between about 3 mg and about 24 mg of nalmefene and/or a salt and/or solvate thereof; and between about 0.05 mg and about 2 mg of an isotonicity agent.

[0156] In certain embodiments, provided herein are pharmaceutical formulations for intranasal administration comprising, in an aqueous solution of not more than about 250 μ L: between about 3% (w/v) and about 12% (w/v) of nalmefene; and between about 0.2% (w/v) and about 1.2% (w/v) of an isotonicity agent.

[0157] In certain embodiments, the pharmaceutical formulation comprises: between about 3 mg and about 24 mg nalmefene and/or an equivalent amount of a salt and/or solvate thereof, e.g., nalmefene hydrochloride; and between about 0.05 mg and about 2 mg of an isotonicity agent.

[0158] In certain embodiments, the isotonicity agent is sodium chloride.

[0159] In certain embodiments, the pharmaceutical formulation comprises: between about 3 mg or about 24 mg nalmefene hydrochloride; and about 0.1 mg to about 6.0 mg sodium chloride.

[0160] In certain embodiments, the pharmaceutical formulation comprises: about 3 mg or about 24 mg nalmefene hydrochloride; and about 0.1 mg to about 6.0 mg sodium chloride.

[0161] In certain embodiments, the pharmaceutical formulation additionally comprises an absorption enhancer. In certain embodiments, the pharmaceutical formulation comprises between about 0.005% to about 3.0% of the absorption enhancer. In certain embodiments, the pharmaceutical formulation comprises between about 0.05% to about 3.0% of the absorption enhancer. In certain embodiments, the pharmaceutical formulation comprises between about 0.1% to about 0.5% of the absorption enhancer. In certain embodiments, the pharmaceutical formulation comprises about 0.25% of the absorption enhancer. In certain embodiments, the pharmaceutical formulation comprises about 0.18% of the absorption enhancer. In certain embodiments, the absorption enhancer is an alkylsaccharide. In certain embodiments, the alkylsaccharide is chosen from dodecyl maltoside, tetradecyl maltoside (TDM) and sucrose dodecanoate.

[0162] In certain embodiments, the alkylsaccharide is Intravail® (dodecyl maltoside). Intravail® is the alkyl saccharide 1-O-n-dodecyl-β-D-maltopyranoside (alternately referred to as lauryl-β-D-maltopyranoside, dodecyl maltopyranoside, and DDM; C₂₄H₄₆O₁₁). Alkylsaccharides are used in commercial food and personal care products and have been designated Generally Recognized as Safe (GRAS) substances for food applications. They are non-irritating enhancers of transmucosal absorption that are odorless, tasteless, non-toxic, non-mutagenic, and non-sensitizing in the Draize test up to a 25% concentration. Alkylsaccharides increase absorption by increasing paracellular permeability, as indicated by a decrease in transepithelial electrical resistance; they may also increase . . . The effect is short-lived. Other alkylsaccharides include tetradecyl maltoside (TDM) and sucrose dodecanoate.

[0163] In certain embodiments, the pharmaceutical formulation comprises between about 0.005% to about 0.05% (w/v) of the absorption enhancer. In certain embodiments, the pharmaceutical formulation comprises between about 0.005% to about 0.015% (w/v) of the absorption enhancer. In certain embodiments, the pharmaceutical formulation comprises about 0.01% (w/v) of the absorption enhancer. In certain embodiments, the absorption enhancer is benzalkonium chloride.

[0164] In certain embodiments, an intranasal formulation comprises between about 0.05% and about 2.5% (w/v) Intravail®. In certain embodiments, an intranasal formulation comprises

between about 0.1% and about 0.5% (w/v) Intravail®. In certain embodiments, an intranasal formulation comprises between about 0.15% and about 0.35% (w/v) Intravail®. In certain embodiments, an intranasal formulation comprises between about 0.15% and about 0.2% (w/v) Intravail®. In certain embodiments, an intranasal formulation comprises about 0.18% (w/v) Intravail®. In certain embodiments, an intranasal formulation comprises about 0.2% to about 0.3% (w/v) Intravail®. In certain embodiments, an intranasal formulation comprises about 0.25% (w/v) Intravail®.

[0165] In certain embodiments, the pharmaceutical formulation additionally comprises an isotonicity agent. The intranasal formulation may comprise between about 0.2% (w/v) and about 1.2% (w/v) isotonicity agent, such as about 0.2% (w/v), about 0.3% (w/v), about 0.4% (w/v), about 0.5% (w/v), about 0.6% (w/v), about 0.7% (w/v), about 0.8% (w/v), about 0.9% (w/v), about 1.0% (w/v), about 1.1% (w/v), or about 1.2% (w/v). The intranasal formulation may comprise more than about 0.1% (w/v) isotonicity agent. The intranasal formulation may comprise less than about 1.2% (w/v) isotonicity agent.

[0166] In certain embodiments, provided herein are pharmaceutical formulations for intranasal administration comprising, in an aqueous solution of not more than about 250 µL: between about 3 mg and about 24 mg of nalmefene; about 0.05 mg to about 2.0 mg of an absorption enhancer; and between about 0.1 mg and about 6.0 mg of an isotonicity agent.

[0167] In certain embodiments, the pharmaceutical formulation additionally comprises a compound which is a preservative and/or surfactant.

[0168] In certain embodiments, the preservative and/or surfactant is chosen from benzalkonium chloride, methylparaben, sodium benzoate, benzoic acid, phenyl ethyl alcohol, and the like, and mixtures thereof; surfactants such as Polysorbate 80 NF, polyoxyethylene 20 sorbitan monolaurate, polyoxyethylene (4) sorbitan monolaurate, polyoxyethylene 20 sorbitan monopalmitate, polyoxyethylene 20 sorbitan monostearate, polyoxyethylene (4) sorbitan monostearate, polyoxyethylene 20 sorbitan tristearate, polyoxyethylene (5) sorbitan monooleate, polyoxyethylene 20 sorbitan trioleate, polyoxyethylene 20 sorbitan monoisostearate, sorbitan monooleate, sorbitan monolaurate, sorbitan monopalmitate, sorbitan monostearate, sorbitan trilaurate, sorbitan trioleate, sorbitan tristearate, and the like, and mixtures thereof.

[0169] In certain embodiments, the pharmaceutical formulation additionally comprises a stabilizing agent.

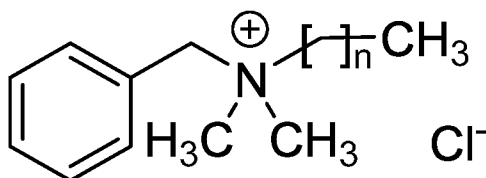
[0170] In certain embodiments, the stabilizing agent is disodium edetate (EDTA).

[0171] In some embodiments the acid or base, is sufficient to achieve a pH of about 3.5-4.0. In some embodiments the acid or base, is sufficient to achieve a pH of about 3.5-4.5. In some embodiments the acid or base, is sufficient to achieve a pH of about 4.0-4.5. In some embodiments the acid or base, is sufficient to achieve a pH of about 3, about 3.5, about 4, about 4.5, about 5, about 5.5, about 6, or about 7.

[0172] In some embodiments, the preservative, absorption enhancer and/or a cationic surfactant is selected from benzalkonium chloride, cyclodextrins, an alkylsaccharide (*e.g.*, a nonionic alkylsaccharide surfactant such as an alkylglycoside and a sucrose ester of fatty acids that consists of an aliphatic hydrocarbon chain coupled to a sugar moiety by a glycosidic or ester bond, respectively), fusidic acid derivatives, phosphatidylcholines, microspheres and liposomes, and bile salts. In a particular embodiment, the preservative, absorption enhancer and/or a cationic surfactant is benzalkonium chloride.

[0173] In some embodiments, the pharmaceutical formulation further comprises one or more excipients selected from water, NaCl, benzalkonium chloride, sodium edetate, disodium edetate, and hydrochloric acid. In some embodiments, the pharmaceutical formulation further comprises water, NaCl, benzalkonium chloride, disodium edetate, and hydrochloric acid.

[0174] In some embodiments, the pharmaceutical formulation comprises benzalkonium chloride. The benzalkonium chloride can function as a preservative (even in low amounts), an absorption enhancer, and/or a cationic surfactant (typically at a higher amount for these latter two). Benzalkonium chloride is represented by the following structure:



in which n is an integer, and a mixture of more than one thereof can be used. In some embodiments, n is 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, or 18, and in some embodiments, n is 10, 12, or 14. In some embodiments, the pharmaceutical formulation comprises about 0.005% to about 1% benzalkonium chloride.

[0175] In its capacity as a surfactant, benzalkonium chloride can affect the surface tension of droplets from a delivered nasal spray plume, producing spherical or substantially spherical particles having a narrow droplet size distribution (DSD), as well as the viscosity of a liquid formulation.

[0176] In some embodiments, the absorption enhancer is benzalkonium chloride. The pharmaceutical formulation may comprise about 0.01% to about 1% benzalkonium chloride.

In some embodiments, the pharmaceutical formulation comprises about 0.005% to about 0.015% benzalkonium chloride. In some embodiments, the pharmaceutical formulation comprises about 0.01% benzalkonium chloride.

[0177] In some embodiments, the absorption enhancer is an alkylsaccharide, for example, a nonionic alkylsaccharide surfactant such as an alkylglycoside and a sucrose ester of fatty acids that consists of an aliphatic hydrocarbon chain coupled to a sugar moiety by a glycosidic or ester bond, respectively. In some embodiments, the absorption enhancer is an alkylmaltoside (*e.g.*, a tetradecyl maltoside (TDM), a dodecyl maltoside, etc.). In some embodiments, the absorption enhancer is sucrose dodecanoate. Alkylsaccharides are used in commercial food and personal care products and have been designated Generally Recognized as Safe (GRAS) substances for food applications. They are non-irritating enhancers of transmucosal absorption that are odorless, tasteless, non-toxic, non-mutagenic, and non-sensitizing in the Draize test up to a 25% concentration. Without being bound to any theory, it is believed that alkylsaccharides increase absorption by increasing paracellular permeability, as indicated by a decrease in transepithelial electrical resistance; they may also increase transcytosis. The effect may be short-lived.

[0178] In some embodiments, the absorption enhancer is Intravail[®], the alkylsaccharide 1-O-n-dodecyl- β -D-maltopyranoside (alternately referred to as lauryl- β -D-maltopyranoside, dodecyl maltopyranoside, dodecyl maltoside, and DDM; C₂₄H₄₆O₁₁). In certain embodiments, an intranasal formulation comprises about 0.01% to about 2.5% Intravail[®]. In certain embodiments, an intranasal formulation comprises about 0.1% to about 0.5% Intravail[®]. In certain embodiments, an intranasal formulation comprises about 0.15% to about 0.35% Intravail[®]. In certain embodiments, an intranasal formulation comprises about 0.15% to about 0.2% Intravail[®]. In certain embodiments, an intranasal formulation comprises about 0.18% Intravail[®]. In certain embodiments, an intranasal formulation comprises about 0.2% to about 0.3% Intravail[®]. In certain embodiments, an intranasal formulation comprises about 0.25% Intravail[®].

[0179] Also provided herein is a method for the prevention (prophylaxis) of opioid overdose or a symptom thereof caused by incidental exposure of a subject to an opioid agonist, comprising nasally administering to a subject, in need thereof, a pharmaceutical formulation comprising:

about 3 to about 24 mg nalmefene and/or an equivalent amount of a salt and/or solvate thereof, *e.g.*, nalmefene hydrochloride;

between about 0.1 to about 6.0 mg of an isotonicity agent;

optionally, one or more absorption enhancers, which include benzalkonium chloride;

a stabilizing agent; and

an amount of acid or base sufficient to achieve a pH of 3.5-5.5.

[0180] In certain embodiments, the absorption enhancer is selected from the group consisting of benzalkonium chloride, chitosan, cyclodextrins, deoxycholic acid, dodecyl maltoside, glycocholic acid, laureth-9, taurocholic acid, and taurodihydrofusidic acid. In certain embodiments, the absorption enhancer is Intravail®. In certain embodiments, the stabilizing agent is disodium edetate; and edetate disodium. In certain embodiments, the acid is hydrochloric acid.

[0181] In certain embodiments, the pharmaceutical formulation comprises: about 3 mg or about 24 mg nalmefene and/or an equivalent amount of a salt and/or solvate thereof, e.g., nalmefene hydrochloride; about 0.1 mg to about 6.0 mg of sodium chloride; about 0.005% to about 0.015% (w/v) of benzalkonium chloride; about 0.005% to about 2.5% 9 (w/v) of Intravail® (dodecyl maltoside); about 0.1 to about 0.5 mg disodium edetate; and an amount of hydrochloric acid sufficient to achieve a pH of 3.5-5.5.

[0182] In certain embodiments, the therapeutically effective amount comprises about 3 to about 24 mg of nalmefene and/or a salt and/or solvate thereof. In certain embodiments, the pharmaceutical formulation comprises an amount equivalent to about about 3, about 3.5, about 4, about 4.5, about 5, about 5.5, about 6, about 6.5, about 7, about 7.5, about 8, about 8.5, about 9, about 9.5, about 10, about 10.5, about 11, about 11.5, about 12, about 15, about 17, about 20, about 22, or about 24 mg of nalmefene and/or an equivalent amount of a salt and/or solvate thereof, e.g., nalmefene hydrochloride. In certain embodiments, the pharmaceutical formulation comprises an amount equivalent to about 3 mg to about 5 mg of nalmefene and/or a salt and/or solvate thereof.

Nasal Drug Delivery Devices and Kits

[0183] Also provided are nasal drug delivery devices comprising a pharmaceutical formulation described herein. herein are pharmaceutical formulations in a device adapted for nasal delivery to a subject for prevention (prophylaxis) of opioid overdose or a symptom thereof, caused by incidental exposure of a subject to an opioid agonist. In some embodiments, the device is pre-primed. In some embodiments, the device can be primed before use. In some embodiments, the device can be actuated with one hand.

[0184] Nasal delivery is considered an attractive, safe, and easy-to-administer route for needle-free, systemic drug delivery, especially when rapid absorption and effect are desired.

In addition, nasal delivery may help address issues related to poor bioavailability, slow absorption, drug degradation, and adverse events (AEs) in the gastrointestinal tract and avoids the first-pass metabolism in the liver.

[0185] Liquid nasal formulations are mainly aqueous solutions, but suspensions and emulsions can also be delivered. In traditional spray pump systems, antimicrobial preservatives are typically required to maintain microbiological stability in liquid formulations.

[0186] Metered spray pumps have dominated the nasal drug delivery market since they were introduced. The pumps typically deliver 100 μL (25-200 μL) per spray, and they offer high reproducibility of the emitted dose and plume geometry in *in vitro* tests.

[0187] Metered spray pumps have dominated the nasal drug delivery market since they were introduced. The pumps typically deliver 100 μL (or other volumes in the range of 25-200 μL , and higher) per spray, and they offer high reproducibility of the emitted dose and plume geometry in *in vitro* tests.

[0188] Examples of standard metered spray pumps include those offered by Aptar Pharma, Inc., such as the multi-dose “classic technology platform” nasal spray devices. Such devices comprise a reservoir which holds multiple doses of the nasal spray formulation (*e.g.*, 50, 100, 150, 200, 60, or 120 doses), a closure (*e.g.*, screw, crimp, or snap-on), and an actuator which delivers anywhere from 45 to 1000 μL (*e.g.* 50, 100, 140, 150, or 200 μL) of fluid per actuation to comprise a single dose. The actuator may be configured to count doses, deliver gel formulations, deliver in an upside-down configuration, etc.

[0189] In traditional spray pump systems, antimicrobial preservatives are typically required to maintain microbiological stability in liquid formulations. However, preservative-free systems are also available, *e.g.* the Advanced Preservative Free (APF) system from Aptar, which is vented, contains a filter membrane for air flow which prevents contamination, has a metal-free fluid path for oxidizing formulations, and can be used in any orientation. Additional nasal spray devices from Aptar and others are optimized with dispenser tips that prevent clogging (useful for high-viscosity and high-volatile formulations), actuators that do not need re-priming after long periods of disuse, etc.

[0190] The particle size and plume geometry can vary within certain limits and depend on the properties of the pump, the formulation, the orifice of the actuator, and the force applied. The droplet size distribution of a nasal spray is a critical parameter, since it significantly influences the *in vivo* deposition of the drug in the nasal cavity. The droplet size is influenced by the actuation parameters of the device and the formulation. The prevalent median droplet size should be between about 30 and about 100 μm . If the droplets are too large (> about 120

μm), deposition takes place mainly in the anterior parts of the nose, and if the droplets are too small ($<$ about $10 \mu\text{m}$), they can possibly be inhaled and reach the lungs, which should be avoided because of safety reasons. In its capacity as a surfactant, benzalkonium chloride can affect the surface tension of droplets from a delivered nasal spray plume, producing spherical or substantially spherical particles having a narrow droplet size distribution (DSD), as well as the viscosity of a liquid formulation.

[0191] Plume geometry, droplet size and DSD of the delivered plume subsequent to spraying may be measured under specified experimental and instrumental conditions by appropriate and validated and/or calibrated analytical procedures known in the art. These include photography, laser diffraction, and impaction systems (cascade impaction, NGI). Plume geometry, droplet size and DSD can affect pharmacokinetic outcomes such as C_{max} , T_{max} , and linear dose proportionality.

[0192] Droplet size distribution can be controlled in terms of ranges for the D_{10} , D_{50} , D_{90} , span $[(D_{90}-D_{10})/D_{50}]$, and percentage of droplets less than $10 \mu\text{m}$. In certain embodiments, the formulation will have a narrow DSD. In certain embodiments, the formulation will have a $D(v, 50)$ of $30-70 \mu\text{m}$ and a $D(v, 90) < 100 \mu\text{m}$.

[0193] In certain embodiments, the percent of droplets less than $10 \mu\text{m}$ will be less than 10%. In certain embodiments, the percent of droplets less than $10 \mu\text{m}$ will be less than 5%. In certain embodiments, the percent of droplets less than $10 \mu\text{m}$ will be less than 2%. In certain embodiments, the percent of droplets less than $10 \mu\text{m}$ will be less than 1%.

[0194] In certain embodiments, the formulation when dispensed by actuation from the device will produce a uniform circular plume with an ovality ratio close to 1. Ovality ratio is calculated as the quotient of the maximum diameter (D_{max}) and the minimum diameter (D_{min}) of a spray pattern taken orthogonal to the direction of spray flow (*e.g.*, from the “top”). In certain embodiments, the ovality ratio is less than ± 2.0 . In certain embodiments, the ovality ratio is less than ± 1.5 . In certain embodiments, the ovality ratio is less than ± 1.3 . In certain embodiments, the ovality ratio is less than ± 1.2 . In certain embodiments, the ovality ratio is less than ± 1.1 . In certain embodiments, the ovality ratio is about ± 1.0 .

[0195] The details and mechanical principles of particle generation for different types of nasal aerosol devices has been described. *See*, Vidgren and Kublik, *Adv. Drug Deliv. Rev.* 29:157-77, 1998. Traditional spray pumps replace the emitted liquid with air, and preservatives are therefore required to prevent contamination. However, driven by the studies suggesting possible negative effects of preservatives, pump manufacturers have developed different spray systems that avoid the need for preservatives. These systems use a collapsible bag, a movable

piston, or a compressed gas to compensate for the emitted liquid volume (www.aptar.com and www.rexam.com). The solutions with a collapsible bag and a movable piston compensating for the emitted liquid volume offer the additional advantage that they can be emitted upside down, without the risk of sucking air into the dip tube and compromising the subsequent spray. This may be useful for some products where the subjects are bedridden and where a head-down application is recommended. Another method used for avoiding preservatives is that the air that replaces the emitted liquid is filtered through an aseptic air filter. In addition, some systems have a ball valve at the tip to prevent contamination of the liquid inside the applicator tip (www.aptar.com). More recently, pumps have been designed with side-actuation and introduced for delivery of fluticasone furoate for the indication of seasonal and perennial allergic rhinitis. The pump was designed with a shorter tip to avoid contact with the sensitive mucosal surfaces. New designs to reduce the need for priming and re-priming, and pumps incorporating pressure point features to improve the dose reproducibility and dose counters and lock-out mechanisms for enhanced dose control and safety are available (www.rexam.com and www.aptar.com).

[0196] Traditional, simple metered-dose spray pumps require priming and some degree of overfill to maintain dose conformity for the labeled number of doses. They are well suited for drugs to be administered daily over a prolonged duration, but due to the priming procedure and limited control of dosing, unless a specialty device is selected, they are less suited for drugs with a narrow therapeutic window, particularly if they are not used often. For expensive drugs and vaccines intended for single administration or sporadic use and where tight control of the dose and formulation is of importance, single-dose or bi-dose spray devices are preferred (www.aptar.com). A pre-filled device based on the same principle for one or two doses (Accuspray™, Becton Dickinson Technologies, Research Triangle Park, NC, USA; www.bdpharma.com) is used to deliver the influenza vaccine FluMist™ (www.flumist.com), approved for both adults and children in the US market. A similar device for two doses was marketed by a Swiss company for delivery of another influenza vaccine a decade ago.

[0197] Pre-primed single- and bi-dose devices are also available, and consist of a reservoir, a piston, and a swirl chamber (*see, e.g.*, the UDS UnitDose™ and BDS BiDose™ devices from Aptar, formerly Pfeiffer). The spray is formed when the liquid is forced out through the swirl chamber. These devices are held between the second and the third fingers with the thumb on the actuator. A pressure point mechanism incorporated in some devices secures reproducibility of the actuation force and emitted plume characteristics. Currently, marketed nasal migraine drugs like Imitrex® (www.gsk.com) and Zomig® (www.az.com; Pfeiffer/Aptar single-dose

device), the marketed influenza vaccine Flu-Mist (www.flumist.com; Becton Dickinson single-dose spray device), and the intranasal formulation of naloxone for opioid overdose rescue, Narcan Nasal[®] (narcan.com; Adapt Pharma) are delivered with this type of device.

[0198] In certain embodiments, the 90% confidence interval for dose delivered per actuation is \pm about 2%. In certain embodiments, the 95% confidence interval for dose delivered per actuation is \pm about 2.5%.

[0199] Current container closure system designs for inhalation spray drug products include both pre-metered and device-metered presentations using mechanical or power assistance and/or energy from subject inspiration for production of the spray plume. Pre-metered presentations contain previously measured doses or a dose fraction in some type of units (*e.g.*, single or multiple blisters or other cavities) that are subsequently inserted into the device during manufacture or by the subject before use. Typical device-metered units have a reservoir containing formulation sufficient for multiple doses that are delivered as metered sprays by the device itself when activated by the subject.

[0200] A new nasal drug delivery method, which can be adapted to any type of dispersion technology for both liquids and powders, is breath-powered Bi-Directional[™] technology. This concept exploits natural functional aspects of the upper airways to offer a delivery method that may overcome many of the inherent limitations of traditional nasal devices. Breath-powered Bi-Directional[™] devices consist of a mouthpiece and a sealing nosepiece with an optimized frusto-conical shape and comfortable surface that mechanically expands the first part of the nasal valve. The user slides a sealing nosepiece into one nostril until it forms a seal with the flexible soft tissue of the nostril opening, at which point, it mechanically expands the narrow slit-shaped part of the nasal triangular valve. The user then exhales through an attached mouthpiece. When exhaling into the mouthpiece against the resistance of the device, the soft palate (or velum) is automatically elevated by the positive oropharyngeal pressure, isolating the nasal cavity from the rest of the respiratory system. This mechanism enables release of liquid or powder particles into an air stream that enters one nostril, passes entirely around the nasal septum, and exits through the opposite nostril.

[0201] With sterile filling, the use of preservatives is not required in pre-primed devices, but overfill is required resulting in a waste fraction similar to the metered-dose, multi-dose sprays. To emit 100 μ L, a volume of 125 μ L is filled in the device (Pfeiffer/Aptar single-dose device) used for the intranasal migraine medications Imitrex[™] (sumatriptan) and Zomig[™] (zolmitriptan) and about half of that for a bi-dose design. Sterile drug products may be produced using aseptic processing or terminal sterilization. Terminal sterilization usually involves filling

and sealing product containers under high-quality environmental conditions. Products are filled and sealed in this type of environment to minimize the microbial and particulate content of the in-process product and to help ensure that the subsequent sterilization process is successful. In most cases, the product, container, and closure have low bioburden, but they are not sterile. The product in its final container is then subjected to a sterilization process such as heat or irradiation. In an aseptic process, the drug product, container, and closure are first subjected to sterilization methods separately, as appropriate, and then brought together. Because there is no process to sterilize the product in its final container, it is critical that containers be filled and sealed in an extremely high-quality environment. Aseptic processing involves more variables than terminal sterilization. Before aseptic assembly into a final product, the individual parts of the final product are generally subjected to various sterilization processes. For example, glass containers are subjected to dry heat; rubber closures are subjected to moist heat; and liquid dosage forms are subjected to filtration. Each of these manufacturing processes requires validation and control.

[0202] Devices recited herein may employ any of the pharmaceutical formulations, and are useful in all the methods disclosed herein.

[0203] Accordingly, provided herein are devices adapted for nasal delivery of a pharmaceutical formulation to a subject, comprising a reservoir with a therapeutically effective amount of an opioid antagonist selected from nalmefene and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein the device is pre-primed. In some embodiments, nalmefene is nalmefene hydrochloride. In some embodiments, nalmefene is anhydrous nalmefene hydrochloride. In some embodiments, the therapeutically effective amount is equivalent to any of the amounts of nalmefene hydrochloride provided above, for example, about 3.3 mg to about 26.6 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride.

[0204] In some embodiments, the relative bioavailability (comparing the dose-adjusted $AUC_{0-\infty}$ after IN administration to that of the IM formulation) of nalmefene in a formulation as disclosed herein, will be about 40% to about 80%. In some embodiments, the relative bioavailability will be about 45% to about 75%. In some embodiments, the relative bioavailability will be about 50% to about 70%. In some embodiments, the relative bioavailability will be about 5% to about 65%. In some embodiments, the relative bioavailability will be about 60%.

[0205] In some embodiments, the pharmaceutical formulation comprises about 3 to about 24 mg nalmefene and/or an equivalent amount of a salt and/or solvate thereof, e.g., nalmefene hydrochloride, formulated for intranasal administration, and produces a plasma concentration

versus time curve having an area under the curve (AUC) that is greater than or equal to the AUC for 1.5 mg IM nalmefene.

[0206] In some embodiments, the subject is an opioid overdose subject caused by incidental exposure of the subject to an opioid agonist.

[0207] In some embodiments, the subject is in a lying, supine, or recovery position. In some embodiments, the subject is in a lying position. In some embodiments, the subject is in a supine position. In some embodiments, the subject is in a recovery position.

[0208] In some embodiments, the therapeutically effective amount of an opioid antagonist, e.g., nalmefene, is delivered by an untrained individual, which in some cases, may be the subject anticipating incidental exposure to an opioid agonist.

[0209] In some embodiments, the therapeutically effective amount is equivalent to about 3.3 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride. In some embodiments, the therapeutically effective amount is equivalent to about 3.9 mg, about 4.5 mg, about 5.0 mg, about 5.5 mg, about 6.1 mg, or about 6.6 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride. In some embodiments, the therapeutically effective amount is equivalent to about 11.1 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride. In some embodiments, the therapeutically effective amount is equivalent to about 22.1 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride. In some embodiments, the therapeutically effective amount is equivalent to about 26.6 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride.

[0210] In some embodiments, nalmefene is the only pharmaceutically active compound in the pharmaceutical formulation.

[0211] In some embodiments, the pharmaceutical formulation comprises a solution of nalmefene hydrochloride, or a hydrate thereof.

[0212] In some embodiments, the volume of the pharmaceutical formulation in the reservoir is not more than about 250 μ L.

[0213] In some embodiments, about 100 μ L of the pharmaceutical formulation in the reservoir is delivered to the subject in one actuation.

[0214] In some embodiments, the pharmaceutical formulation further comprises one or more excipients selected from water and NaCl.

[0215] In some embodiments, the pharmaceutical formulation is substantially free of antimicrobial preservatives.

[0216] In some embodiments, the pharmaceutical formulation further comprises a compound which acts as a preservative, absorption enhancer and/or a cationic surfactant; an isotonicity agent; a stabilizing agent; and an amount of acid or base or base sufficient to achieve a pH of about 3.5 to about 5.5. The use of absorption enhancers, such as alkylsaccharides,

cyclodextrins, and chitosans may increase the rate at which nalmefene is absorbed. In general, absorption enhancers provide improved pharmacokinetic outcomes such as increased C_{max} , reduced T_{max} , and linear dose proportionality compared to both intramuscular formulations and intranasal formulations that do not contain an absorption enhancer. Without being bound to any theory, such absorption enhancers typically operate by affecting two primary mechanisms for nasal absorption: paracellular transport via opening of tight junctions between cells, and transcellular transport or transcytosis through cells via vesicle carriers.

[0217] For example, alkylsaccharides are used in commercial food and personal care products and have been designated Generally Recognized as Safe (GRAS) substances for food applications. They are non-irritating enhancers of transmucosal absorption that are odorless, tasteless, non-toxic, non-mutagenic, and non-sensitizing in the Draize test up to a 25% concentration. Alkylsaccharides increase absorption by increasing paracellular permeability, as indicated by a decrease in transepithelial electrical resistance; they may also increase transcytosis. The effect is short-lived.

[0218] Examples of absorption enhancers include aprotinin, benzalkonium chloride, benzyl alcohol, capric acid, ceramides, cetylpyridinium chloride, chitosan, cyclodextrins, deoxycholic acid, decanoyl carnitine, EDTA, glycocholic acid, glycodeoxycholic acid, glycofurol, glycosylated sphingosines, glycyrrhetic acids, 2-hydroxypropyl- β -cyclodextrin, laureth-9, lauric acid, lauroyl carnitine, lauryl sulfate, lysophosphatidylcholine, menthol, poloxamer 407, poloxamer F68, poly-L-arginine, polyoxyethylene-9-lauryl ether, polysorbate 80, propylene glycol, quillaia saponin, salicylic acid, β -sitosterol- β -D-glucoside, sucrose cocoate, taurocholic acid, taurodeoxycholic acid, taurodihydrofusidic acid, and alkylsaccharides, such as dodecyl maltoside, tetradecyl maltoside and sucrose dodecanoate.

[0219] Nalmefene may optionally exist as pharmaceutically acceptable salts including pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts prepared from pharmaceutically acceptable non-toxic acids including inorganic and organic acids. Representative acids include, but are not limited to, acetic, benzenesulfonic, benzoic, camphorsulfonic, citric, ethenesulfonic, dichloroacetic, formic, fumaric, gluconic, glutamic, hippuric, hydrobromic, hydrochloric, isethionic, lactic, maleic, malic, mandelic, methanesulfonic, mucic, nitric, oxalic, pamoic, pantothenic, phosphoric, succinic, sulfuric, tartaric, oxalic, p-toluenesulfonic and the like. The acid addition salts may be obtained as the direct products of compound synthesis. In the alternative, the free base may be dissolved in a suitable solvent containing the appropriate acid and the salt isolated by evaporating the solvent or otherwise separating the salt and solvent.

Nalmefene and its salts may form solvates with standard low molecular weight solvents using methods known to the skilled artisan.

[0220] Accordingly, provided herein is a drug product comprising a therapeutically effective amount of nalmefene hydrochloride, or a hydrate thereof, wherein the nalmefene hydrochloride, or hydrate thereof, is contained in a single-use, pre-primed device adapted for nasal delivery of a pharmaceutical formulation to a subject by one actuation of the device into one nostril of the subject, and wherein the single-use, pre-primed device comprises a reservoir containing a pharmaceutical formulation which is an aqueous solution of about 100 μ L comprising:

nalmefene hydrochloride or a hydrate thereof;

benzalkonium chloride in an amount effective to function as an absorption enhancer and/or a cationic surfactant;

an isotonicity agent;

a stabilizing agent; and

an amount of acid or base sufficient to achieve a pH of 3.5-5.5.

[0221] In some embodiments, the single-use, pre-primed device adapted for nasal delivery of a pharmaceutical formulation to a subject comprises any of the amounts of nalmefene hydrochloride provided above, for example, between about 3 mg and about 24 mg of the nalmefene hydrochloride or a hydrate thereof.

[0222] In some embodiments, the device comprises the equivalent of about 3.3 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride. In some embodiments, the therapeutically effective amount is equivalent to about 3.9 mg, about 4.5 mg, about 5.0 mg, about 5.5 mg, about 6.1 mg, or about 6.6 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride. In some embodiments, the therapeutically effective amount is equivalent to about 11.1 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride. In some embodiments, the therapeutically effective amount is equivalent to about 22.1 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride. In some embodiments, the therapeutically effective amount is equivalent to about 26.6 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride.

[0223] In some embodiments, the aqueous solution comprises:

between about 3 mg and about 24 mg of nalmefene and/or an equivalent amount of salt and/or solvate thereof, e.g., nalmefene hydrochloride;

between about 0.005% and about 0.015% benzalkonium chloride;

between about 0.2 mg and about 2.0 mg of an isotonicity agent;

a stabilizing agent; and

an amount of acid or base sufficient to achieve a pH of 3.5-5.5.

[0224] In some embodiments,
the isotonicity agent is NaCl;
the stabilizing agent is disodium edetate; and
the acid is hydrochloric acid.

[0225] Also provided herein is a drug product comprising a therapeutically effective amount of nalmefene hydrochloride or a hydrate thereof, wherein the nalmefene hydrochloride or hydrate thereof is contained in a pre-primed, bi-dose device adapted for nasal delivery of a pharmaceutical formulation to a subject, wherein a first volume of the pharmaceutical formulation is present in a first reservoir, and a second volume of the pharmaceutical formulation is present in a second reservoir, and wherein the therapeutically effective amount of nalmefene hydrochloride is delivered essentially by a first actuation of the drug delivery device from the first reservoir into a nostril of the subject and a second actuation of the drug delivery device from the second reservoir into a nostril of the subject; each reservoir comprising a pharmaceutical formulation which is an aqueous solution of about 100 μ L comprising:

- nalmefene hydrochloride or a hydrate thereof;
- an isotonicity agent;
- benzalkonium chloride in an amount effective to function as an absorption enhancer and/or a cationic surfactant;
- a stabilizing agent; and
- an amount of acid or base sufficient to achieve a pH of 3.5-5.5.

[0226] In some embodiments, each reservoir of the pre-primed, bi-dose device adapted for nasal delivery of a pharmaceutical formulation to a subject comprises any of the amounts of nalmefene hydrochloride provided above, for example, between about 3.3 mg and about 11.1 mg of the nalmefene hydrochloride or a hydrate thereof.

[0227] In some embodiments, the single-use, pre-primed device adapted for nasal delivery of a pharmaceutical formulation to a subject comprises the equivalent of about 3.3 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride. In some embodiments, the device comprises the equivalent of about 4.4 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride. In some embodiments, the device comprises the equivalent of about 5.5 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride. In some embodiments, the device comprises the equivalent of about 6.6 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride. In some embodiments, the device comprises the equivalent of about 11.1 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride. In some embodiments, the device comprises the equivalent of about 22.1 mg of nalmefene

hydrochloride. In some embodiments, the device comprises the equivalent of about 26.5 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride.

[0228] In some embodiments, the device is filled with the pharmaceutical formulation using sterile filling.

[0229] In some embodiments, the pharmaceutical formulation is storage-stable for about twelve months at about 25°C and about 60% relative humidity.

[0230] In some embodiments, the device is a single-dose device, wherein the pharmaceutical formulation is present in one reservoir, and wherein the therapeutically effective amount of nalmefene is delivered essentially by one actuation of the device into one nostril of the subject.

[0231] In some embodiments, about 100 µL of the pharmaceutical formulation is delivered by the actuation.

[0232] In some embodiments, the device is actuatable with one hand.

[0233] In some embodiments, the delivery time is less than about 30 seconds. In some embodiments, the delivery time is less than about 25 seconds. In some embodiments, the delivery time is less than about 20 seconds. In some embodiments, the delivery time is less than about 15 seconds. In some embodiments, the delivery time is less than about 10 seconds. In some embodiments, the delivery time is less than about 5 seconds. In some embodiments, the delivery time is less than about 3 seconds.

[0234] In some embodiments, the 90% confidence interval for dose delivered per actuation is \pm about 2%. In some embodiments, the 95% confidence interval for dose delivered per actuation is \pm about 2.5%.

[0235] In some embodiments, upon nasal delivery of the pharmaceutical formulation to the subject, less than about 20% of the pharmaceutical formulation leaves the nasal cavity via drainage into the nasopharynx or externally. In some embodiments, upon nasal delivery of the pharmaceutical formulation to the subject, less than about 15% of the pharmaceutical formulation leaves the nasal cavity via drainage into the nasopharynx or externally. In some embodiments, upon nasal delivery of the pharmaceutical formulation to the subject, less than about 10% of the pharmaceutical formulation leaves the nasal cavity via drainage into the nasopharynx or externally. In some embodiments, upon nasal delivery of the pharmaceutical formulation to the subject, less than about 5% of the pharmaceutical formulation leaves the nasal cavity via drainage into the nasopharynx or externally.

[0236] In some embodiments, the plasma concentration versus time curve of nalmefene in the subject has a T_{max} of less than 30 minutes. In some embodiments, the plasma concentration

versus time curve of nalmeferene in the subject has a T_{max} of less than 25 minutes. In some embodiments, the plasma concentration versus time curve of nalmeferene in the subject has a T_{max} of less than 20 minutes. In some embodiments, the plasma concentration versus time curve of nalmeferene in the subject has a T_{max} of less than 15 minutes. In some embodiments, the plasma concentration versus time curve of nalmeferene in the subject has a T_{max} of less than 10 minutes. In some embodiments, the plasma concentration versus time curve of nalmeferene in the subject has a T_{max} of less than 5 minutes. In some embodiments, the plasma concentration versus time curve of nalmeferene in the subject has a T_{max} of about 25 minutes. In some embodiments, the plasma concentration versus time curve of nalmeferene in the subject has a T_{max} of about 20 minutes. In some embodiments, the plasma concentration versus time curve of nalmeferene in the subject has a T_{max} of about 15 minutes. In some embodiments, the plasma concentration versus time curve of nalmeferene in the subject has a T_{max} of about 10 minutes. In some embodiments, the plasma concentration versus time curve of nalmeferene in the subject has a T_{max} of about 5 minutes.

[0237] In some embodiments, delivery of the therapeutically effective amount of nalmeferene to the subject, provides occupancy at T_{max} of nalmeferene at opioid receptors in the respiratory control center of the subject of greater than about 90%. In some embodiments, delivery of the therapeutically effective amount of nalmeferene to the subject, provides occupancy at T_{max} of nalmeferene at the opioid receptors in the respiratory control center of the subject of greater than about 95%. In some embodiments, delivery of the therapeutically effective amount of nalmeferene to the subject, provides occupancy at T_{max} of nalmeferene at the opioid receptors in the respiratory control center of the subject of greater than about 99%.

[0238] In some embodiments, the subject is free from respiratory depression for at least about 1 hour following treatment comprising delivery of the therapeutically effective amount of nalmeferene. In some embodiments, the subject is free from respiratory depression for at least about 2 hours following treatment comprising delivery of the therapeutically effective amount of nalmeferene. In some embodiments, the subject is free from respiratory depression for at least about 3 hours following treatment comprising delivery of the therapeutically effective amount of nalmeferene. In some embodiments, the subject is free from respiratory depression for at least about 4 hours following treatment comprising delivery of the therapeutically effective amount of nalmeferene. In some embodiments, the subject is free from respiratory depression for at least about 6 hours following treatment comprising delivery of the therapeutically effective amount of nalmeferene. In some embodiments, the subject is free from respiratory depression for at least about 7 hours following treatment comprising delivery of the therapeutically effective amount

of nalmefene. In some embodiments, the subject is free from respiratory depression for at least about 8 hours following treatment comprising delivery of the therapeutically effective amount of nalmefene. In some embodiments, the subject is free from respiratory depression for at least about 10 hours following treatment comprising delivery of the therapeutically effective amount of nalmefene. In some embodiments, the subject is free from respiratory depression for at least about 12 hours following treatment comprising delivery of the therapeutically effective amount of nalmefene. In some embodiments, the subject is free from respiratory depression for at least about 14 hours following treatment comprising delivery of the therapeutically effective amount of nalmefene. In some embodiments, the subject is free from respiratory depression for at least about 16 hours following treatment comprising delivery of the therapeutically effective amount of nalmefene. In some embodiments, the subject is free from respiratory depression for at least about 1 hour to at least about 15 hours following treatment comprising delivery of the therapeutically effective amount of nalmefene. In some embodiments, the subject is free from respiratory depression for at least about 3 hours to at least about 15 hours following treatment comprising delivery of the therapeutically effective amount of nalmefene. In some embodiments, the subject is free from respiratory depression for at least about 3 hours to at least about 12 hours following treatment comprising delivery of the therapeutically effective amount of nalmefene. In some embodiments, the subject is free from respiratory depression for at least about 3 hours to at least about 10 hours following treatment comprising delivery of the therapeutically effective amount of nalmefene. In some embodiments, the subject is free from respiratory depression for at least about 3 hours to at least about 8 hours following treatment comprising delivery of the therapeutically effective amount of nalmefene.

[0239] In some embodiments, the device comprises about 3.3 mg, about 4.4 mg, about 5.5 mg, about 6.6 mg, about 7.7 mg, about 8.8 mg, about 10.0 mg, about 11.1 mg, about 12.2 mg, about 13.3 mg, about 14.4 mg, about 15.5 mg, about 16.6 mg, about 17.7 mg, about 18.8 mg, about 20.0 mg, about 21.0 mg, about 22.1 mg, about 23.2 mg, about 24.3 mg, about 25.4 mg, or about 26.5 mg nalmefene hydrochloride.

[0240] In some embodiments, upon nasal delivery of the pharmaceutical formulation to the subject, less than about 20%, less than about 15%, less than about 10%, or less than about 5%, of the pharmaceutical formulation leaves the nasal cavity via drainage into the nasopharynx or externally, as provided above.

[0241] In some embodiments, the plasma concentration versus time curve of nalmefene in the subject has a T_{max} of less than 30 minutes, as provided above. In some embodiments, the plasma concentration versus time curve of nalmefene in the subject has a T_{max} of about 30

minutes. In some embodiments, the plasma concentration versus time curve of nalmefene in the subject has a T_{max} of about 25 minutes. In some embodiments, the plasma concentration versus time curve of nalmefene in the subject has a T_{max} of about 20 minutes. In some embodiments, the plasma concentration versus time curve of nalmefene in the subject has a T_{max} of about 15 minutes. In some embodiments, the plasma concentration versus time curve of nalmefene in the subject has a T_{max} of about 10 minutes. In some embodiments, the plasma concentration versus time curve of nalmefene in the subject has a T_{max} of about 5 minutes.

[0242] In some embodiments, the device is actuatable with one hand.

[0243] In some embodiments, the delivery time is less than about 30 seconds. In some embodiments, the delivery time is less than about 25 seconds. In some embodiments, the delivery time is less than about 20 seconds. In some embodiments, the delivery time is less than about 15 seconds.

[0244] In some embodiments, the 90% confidence interval for dose delivered per actuation is \pm about 2%. In some embodiments, the 95% confidence interval for dose delivered per actuation is \pm about 2.5%.

[0245] In some embodiments, upon nasal delivery of the pharmaceutical formulation to the subject, less than about 20%, less than about 15%, less than about 10%, or less than about 5%, of the pharmaceutical formulation leaves the nasal cavity via drainage into the nasopharynx or externally, as provided above.

[0246] In some embodiments, the subject is free from respiratory depression for at least about 1 hour to at least about 8 hours following treatment comprising delivery of the therapeutically effective amount of nalmefene, as provided above. In some embodiments, the subject is free from respiratory depression for at least about 3 hours to at least about 8 hours following treatment comprising delivery of the therapeutically effective amount of nalmefene.

[0247] In some embodiments, said device is filled with said pharmaceutical formulation using sterile filling.

[0248] In some embodiments, said pharmaceutical formulation is storage-stable for about twelve months at about 25°C and about 60% relative humidity.

[0249] In some embodiments, said opioid antagonist, e.g., nalmefene, is the only pharmaceutically active compound in said pharmaceutical formulation.

[0250] Also provided are devices as recited in any of the preceding embodiments for use in the prevention of an opioid overdose symptom selected from: respiratory depression, postoperative opioid respiratory depression, altered level consciousness, miotic pupils,

cardiovascular depression, hypoxemia, acute lung injury, aspiration pneumonia, sedation, and hypotension.

[0251] Also provided are devices as recited in any of the preceding embodiments for use in the prevention of respiratory depression induced by opioids.

[0252] In some embodiments, said therapeutically effective amount of an opioid antagonist, e.g., nalmefene, is delivered by an untrained individual.

[0253] In some embodiments, said device is a bi-dose device, wherein a first volume of said pharmaceutical formulation is present in a first reservoir and a second volume of said pharmaceutical formulation is present in a second reservoir, and wherein said therapeutically effective amount is delivered essentially by a first actuation of said device into a first nostril of said subject and a second actuation of said device into a second nostril of said subject.

[0254] In some embodiments, said first volume and said second volume combined is equal to not more than about 380 μ L.

[0255] In some embodiments, about 100 μ L of said first volume of said pharmaceutical formulation is delivered by said first actuation.

[0256] In some embodiments, about 100 μ L of said second volume of said pharmaceutical formulation is delivered by said second actuation.

[0257] In some embodiments, said bi-dose device is actuatable with one hand.

[0258] In some embodiments, the delivery time is less than about 30 seconds. In some embodiments, the delivery time is less than about 25 seconds. In some embodiments, the delivery time is less than about 20 seconds. In some embodiments, the delivery time is less than about 15 seconds. In some embodiments, the delivery time is less than about 10 seconds. In some embodiments, the delivery time is less than about 5 seconds. In some embodiments, the delivery time is less than about 3 seconds.

[0259] In some embodiments, the 90% confidence interval for dose delivered per actuation is \pm about 2%. In some embodiments, the 95% confidence interval for dose delivered per actuation is \pm about 2.5%.

[0260] In some embodiments, upon nasal delivery of the pharmaceutical formulation to the subject, less than about 20%, less than about 15%, less than about 10%, or less than about 5%, of the pharmaceutical formulation leaves the nasal cavity via drainage into the nasopharynx or externally. In some embodiments, the plasma concentration versus time curve of nalmefene in the subject has a T_{max} of less than 30 minutes, as provided above. In some embodiments, the plasma concentration versus time curve of nalmefene in the subject has a T_{max} of about 30 minutes. In some embodiments, the plasma concentration versus time curve of nalmefene in

the subject has a T_{max} of about 25 minutes. In some embodiments, the plasma concentration versus time curve of nalmefene in the subject has a T_{max} of about 20 minutes. In some embodiments, the plasma concentration versus time curve of nalmefene in the subject has a T_{max} of about 15 minutes. In some embodiments, the plasma concentration versus time curve of nalmefene in the subject has a T_{max} of about 10 minutes. In some embodiments, the plasma concentration versus time curve of nalmefene in the subject has a T_{max} of about 5 minutes.

[0261] In some embodiments, delivery of the therapeutically effective amount to the subject, provides occupancy at T_{max} of nalmefene at the opioid receptors in the respiratory control center of the subject of greater than about 90%, greater than about 95% or greater than about 99%, as provided above.

[0262] In some embodiments, the subject is free from respiratory depression for at least about 1 hour to at least about 8 hours following treatment comprising delivery of the therapeutically effective amount of nalmefene, as provided above. In some embodiments, the subject is free from respiratory depression for at least about 3 hours to at least about 8 hours following treatment comprising delivery of the therapeutically effective amount of nalmefene.

Pharmaceutical Formulations

[0263] Also provided are pharmaceutical formulations comprising one or more opioid antagonist. In some embodiments, the pharmaceutical formulations comprise an opioid antagonist and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. The carrier(s) must be “acceptable” in the sense of being compatible with the other ingredients of the formulation and not overly deleterious to the recipient thereof. Some embodiments of the present disclosure include a method of producing a pharmaceutical formulation comprising admixing at least one opioid antagonist and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. Pharmaceutical formulations are applied directly to the nasal cavity using the devices described herein. In the case of a spray, this may be achieved for example by means of a metering atomizing spray pump.

[0264] Liquid preparations include solutions, suspensions and emulsions, for example, water or water-propylene glycol solutions. Additional ingredients in liquid preparations may include: antimicrobial preservatives, such as benzalkonium chloride (which may also act as a cationic surfactant and/or a absorption enhancer), methylparaben, sodium benzoate, benzoic acid, phenyl ethyl alcohol, and the like, and mixtures thereof; surfactants such as Polysorbate 80 NF, polyoxyethylene 20 sorbitan monolaurate, polyoxyethylene (4) sorbitan monolaurate, polyoxyethylene 20 sorbitan monopalmitate, polyoxyethylene 20 sorbitan monostearate, polyoxyethylene (4) sorbitan monostearate, polyoxyethylene 20 sorbitan tristearate, polyoxyethylene (5) sorbitan monooleate, polyoxyethylene 20 sorbitan trioleate,

polyoxyethylene 20 sorbitan monoisostearate, sorbitan monooleate, sorbitan monolaurate, sorbitan monopalmitate, sorbitan monostearate, sorbitan trilaurate, sorbitan trioleate, sorbitan tristearate, and the like, and mixtures thereof; a tonicity agent such as: dextrose, lactose, sodium chloride, calcium chloride, magnesium chloride, sorbitol, sucrose, mannitol, trehalose, raffinose, polyethylene glycol, hydroxyethyl starch, glycine, and the like, and mixtures thereof; and a suspending agent such as microcrystalline cellulose, carboxymethylcellulose sodium NF, polyacrylic acid, magnesium aluminum silicate, xanthan gum, and the like, and mixtures thereof.

[0265] Nalmefene can be formulated into pharmaceutical formulations using techniques well known to those in the art.

[0266] In some embodiments, nalmefene is the only pharmaceutically active compound in said pharmaceutical formulation.

[0267] In some embodiments, nalmefene is nalmefene hydrochloride, or a hydrate thereof.

[0268] In some embodiments, nalmefene is nalmefene hydrochloride.

[0269] The pharmaceutical formulation may comprise any of the amounts of nalmefene hydrochloride as provided above, for example, equivalent to about 3 mg to about 24 mg nalmefene. In some embodiments, the device comprises about 3.3 mg, about 4.4 mg, about 5.5 mg, about 6.6 mg, about 7.7 mg, about 8.8 mg, about 10.0 mg, about 11.1 mg, about 12.2 mg, about 13.3 mg, about 14.4 mg, about 15.5 mg, about 16.6 mg, about 17.7 mg, about 18.8 mg, about 20.0 mg, about 21.0 mg, about 22.1 mg, about 23.2 mg, about 24.3 mg, about 25.4 mg, or about 26.5 mg nalmefene hydrochloride.

[0270] In some embodiments, the pharmaceutical formulation is in an aqueous solution of about 100 μ L.

[0271] In some embodiments, upon nasal delivery of the pharmaceutical formulation to the subject, less than about 20%, less than about 15%, less than about 10%, or less than about 5%, of the pharmaceutical formulation leaves the nasal cavity via drainage into the nasopharynx or externally, as provided above.

[0272] In some embodiments, the plasma concentration versus time curve of nalmefene in the subject has a T_{max} of less than 30 minutes, as provided above. In some embodiments, the plasma concentration versus time curve of nalmefene in the subject has a T_{max} of about 30 minutes. In some embodiments, the plasma concentration versus time curve of nalmefene in the subject has a T_{max} of about 25 minutes. In some embodiments, the plasma concentration versus time curve of nalmefene in the subject has a T_{max} of about 20 minutes. In some embodiments, the plasma concentration versus time curve of nalmefene in the subject has a

T_{\max} of about 15 minutes. In some embodiments, the plasma concentration versus time curve of nalmefene in the subject has a T_{\max} of about 10 minutes. In some embodiments, the plasma concentration versus time curve of nalmefene in the subject has a T_{\max} of about 5 minutes.

[0273] In some embodiments, said device is actuatable with one hand.

[0274] In some embodiments, the delivery time is less than about 30 seconds. In some embodiments, the delivery time is less than about 25 seconds. In some embodiments, the delivery time is less than about 20 seconds. In some embodiments, the delivery time is less than about 15 seconds. In some embodiments, the delivery time is less than about 10 seconds. In some embodiments, the delivery time is less than about 5 seconds. In some embodiments, the delivery time is less than about 3 seconds.

[0275] In some embodiments, the 90% confidence interval for dose delivered per actuation is \pm about 2%. In some embodiments, the 95% confidence interval for dose delivered per actuation is \pm about 2.5%.

[0276] In some embodiments, upon nasal delivery of the pharmaceutical formulation to the subject, less than about 20%, less than about 15%, less than about 10%, or less than about 5%, of the pharmaceutical formulation leaves the nasal cavity via drainage into the nasopharynx or externally, as provided above.

[0277] In some embodiments, the plasma concentration versus time curve of nalmefene in the subject has a T_{\max} of less than 30 minutes, as provided above. In some embodiments, the plasma concentration versus time curve of nalmefene in the subject has a T_{\max} of about 30 minutes. In some embodiments, the plasma concentration versus time curve of nalmefene in the subject has a T_{\max} of about 25 minutes. In some embodiments, the plasma concentration versus time curve of nalmefene in the subject has a T_{\max} of about 20 minutes. In some embodiments, the plasma concentration versus time curve of nalmefene in the subject has a T_{\max} of about 15 minutes. In some embodiments, the plasma concentration versus time curve of nalmefene in the subject has a T_{\max} of about 10 minutes. In some embodiments, the plasma concentration versus time curve of nalmefene in the subject has a T_{\max} of about 5 minutes.

[0278] In some embodiments, delivery of the therapeutically effective amount to the subject, provides occupancy at T_{\max} of nalmefene at the opioid receptors in the respiratory control center of the subject of greater than about 90%, greater than about 95% or greater than about 99%, as provided above.

[0279] In some embodiments, the subject is free from respiratory depression for at least about 1 hour to at least about 8 hours following treatment comprising delivery of the therapeutically effective amount of nalmefene, as provided above. In some embodiments, the

subject is free from respiratory depression for at least about 3 hours to at least about 8 hours following treatment comprising delivery of the therapeutically effective amount of nalmefene.

[0280] Provided are devices adapted for nasal delivery of a pharmaceutical formulation to a subject, comprising a therapeutically effective amount of an opioid antagonist selected from nalmefene and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein the device is pre-primed, and wherein the therapeutically effective amount, is equivalent to about 3 mg to about 24 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride, as provided above. In some embodiments, the device comprises about 3.3 mg, about 4.4 mg, about 5.5 mg, about 6.6 mg, about 7.7 mg, about 8.8 mg, about 10.0 mg, about 11.1 mg, about 12.2 mg, about 13.3 mg, about 14.4 mg, about 15.5 mg, about 16.6 mg, about 17.7 mg, about 18.8 mg, about 20.0 mg, about 21.0 mg, about 22.1 mg, about 23.2 mg, about 24.3 mg, about 25.4 mg, or about 26.5 mg nalmefene hydrochloride.

[0281] In some embodiments, the pharmaceutical formulation comprises a solution prepared from nalmefene hydrochloride. In some embodiments, the pharmaceutical formulation further comprises one or more excipients selected from water and NaCl. In some embodiments, the pharmaceutical formulation is substantially free of antimicrobial preservatives. In some embodiments, the device is substantially free of benzalkonium chloride, methylparaben, sodium benzoate, benzoic acid, phenyl ethyl alcohol. In some embodiments, the device is filled with the pharmaceutical formulation in a sterile environment. In some embodiments, the pharmaceutical formulation is storage-stable for about twelve months at about 25 °C. In some embodiments, the pharmaceutical formulation comprises less than 0.1% w/w antimicrobial preservatives. In some embodiments, the pharmaceutical formulation comprises 0.01% w/w or less antimicrobial preservatives. In some embodiments, the pharmaceutical formulation comprises 0.01% w/w - 0.001% w/w antimicrobial preservatives. In some embodiments, the pharmaceutical formulation comprises less than 0.001% w/w antimicrobial preservatives.\

[0282] Also provided are embodiments wherein any embodiment above may be combined with any one or more of these embodiments, provided the combination is not mutually exclusive.

Indications

[0283] Also provided are devices for use in preventing (prophylaxis) an opioid overdose or symptoms thereof, caused by incidental exposure of a subject to an opioid agonist and methods of using the devices.

[0284] Accordingly, also provided herein are methods for preventing (prophylaxis) an opioid overdose or symptoms thereof, caused by incidental exposure of a subject to an opioid

agonist, comprising nasally administering to a subject in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of an opioid antagonist selected from nalmefene and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein said therapeutically effective amount is about 3 mg to about 24 mg of nalmefene and/or an equivalent amount of a salt and/or solvate thereof, e.g., nalmefene hydrochloride. In some embodiments, the therapeutically effective amount of nalmefene and/or an equivalent amount of a salt and/or solvate thereof, e.g., nalmefene hydrochloride, is delivered in not more than about 250 μ L of an aqueous carrier solution.

[0285] In some embodiments are provided methods preventing (prophylaxis) an opioid overdose or symptoms thereof, caused by incidental exposure of a subject to an opioid agonist, comprising nasally administering with a spray device to a subject in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of an opioid antagonist selected from nalmefene and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein the spray device is capable of spraying droplets having a median droplet size between about 30 and about 100 μ m.

[0286] In some embodiments, the spray device can spray a formulation having a $D(v,50)$ of 30-70 μ m and a $D(v, 90) < 100 \mu$ m.

[0287] In some embodiments, the spray device is capable of spraying in a manner that the percent of droplets less than 10 μ m is less than 10%. In some embodiments, the percent of droplets less than 10 μ m is less than 5%. In some embodiments, the percent of droplets less than 10 μ m is less than 2%. In some embodiments, the percent of droplets less than 10 μ m is less than 1%.

[0288] In some embodiments, the spray device can spray a uniform circular plume with an ovality ratio close to 1. Ovality ratio is calculated as the quotient of the maximum diameter (D_{max}) and the minimum diameter (D_{min}) of a spray pattern taken orthogonal to the direction of spray flow (e.g., from the “top”). In some embodiments, the ovality ratio is less than ± 2.0 . In some embodiments, the ovality ratio is less than ± 1.5 . In some embodiments, the ovality ratio is less than ± 1.3 . In some embodiments, the ovality ratio is less than ± 1.2 . In some embodiments, the ovality ratio is less than ± 1.1 . In some embodiments, the ovality ratio is about ± 1.0 .

[0289] In some embodiments, also provided herein are methods for preventing (prophylaxis) an opioid overdose or symptoms thereof, caused by incidental exposure of a subject to an opioid agonist, comprising nasally administering to a subject in need thereof a single dose of a therapeutically effective amount of an opioid antagonist selected from nalmefene and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein said therapeutically effective

amount is equivalent to about 3.3 mg to about 26.6 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride or a hydrate thereof in not more than about 250 μ L of an aqueous carrier solution.

[0290] In some embodiments, said opioid antagonist is the only pharmaceutically active compound in said pharmaceutical formulation.

[0291] In some embodiments, said opioid antagonist is nalmefene hydrochloride.

[0292] In some embodiments, said pharmaceutical formulation comprises a solution of nalmefene hydrochloride, or a hydrate thereof.

[0293] In some embodiments, said subject is an opioid overdose subject caused by incidental exposure of said subject to an opioid agonist or a suspected exposure to an opioid agonist.

[0294] In some embodiments, said subject is in a lying, supine, or recovery position. In some embodiments, said subject is in a lying position. In some embodiments, said subject is in a supine position. In some embodiments, said subject is in a recovery position.

[0295] In some embodiments, said therapeutically effective amount of an opioid antagonist is delivered by the exposed individual, members of the military, law enforcement, professional security personnel, personnel providing emergency medical services, or an untrained individual.

[0296] In some embodiments, said therapeutically effective amount is equivalent to about 3 mg to about 24 mg of nalmefene and/or an equivalent amount of a salt and/or solvate thereof, e.g., nalmefene hydrochloride, as provided above. In some embodiments, the therapeutically effective amount is equivalent to about 3 mg, about 4 mg, about 5, about 6 mg, about 10 mg, about 12 mg, about 20 mg, or about 24 mg of nalmefene and/or an equivalent amount of a salt and/or solvate thereof, e.g., nalmefene hydrochloride.

[0297] In some embodiments, the symptoms caused by incidental exposure of a subject to an opioid agonist is chosen from respiratory depression and central nervous system depression.

[0298] In some embodiments, said subject exhibits any of unresponsiveness to stimulus, unconsciousness, stopped breathing; erratic or stopped pulse, choking or gurgling sounds, blue or purple fingernails or lips, slack or limp muscle tone, contracted pupils, and vomiting.

[0299] In some embodiments, said therapeutically effective amount is equivalent to about 3 mg to about 24 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride.

[0300] In some embodiments, said therapeutically effective amount is equivalent to an amount chosen from about about 3.3 mg nalmefene hydrochloride, about 4.4 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride, about 5.5 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride, about 6.6 mg nalmefene hydrochloride, about 11.1 mg nalmefene hydrochloride, about 13.3 mg nalmefene

hydrochloride, about 16.6 mg nalmefene hydrochloride, about 22.1 mg nalmefene hydrochloride and about 26.6 mg nalmefene hydrochloride.

[0301] In some embodiments, said therapeutically effective amount is equivalent to about 3.3 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride. In some embodiments, said therapeutically effective amount is equivalent to about 4.4 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride. In some embodiments, said therapeutically effective amount is equivalent to about 5.5 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride. In some embodiments, said therapeutically effective amount is equivalent to about 6.6 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride.

[0302] In some embodiments, said opioid antagonist is the only pharmaceutically active compound in said pharmaceutical formulation.

[0303] In some embodiments, said nasally administering is accomplished using a pre-primed device adapted for nasal delivery of a pharmaceutical formulation.

[0304] In some embodiments, upon nasal delivery of the pharmaceutical formulation to the subject, less than about 20%, less than about 15%, less than about 10%, or less than about 5%, of the pharmaceutical formulation leaves the nasal cavity via drainage into the nasopharynx or externally, as provided above.

[0305] In some embodiments, the plasma concentration versus time curve of nalmefene in the subject has a T_{max} of less than 30 minutes, as provided above. In some embodiments, the plasma concentration versus time curve of nalmefene in the subject has a T_{max} of about 30 minutes. In some embodiments, the plasma concentration versus time curve of nalmefene in the subject has a T_{max} of about 25 minutes. In some embodiments, the plasma concentration versus time curve of nalmefene in the subject has a T_{max} of about 20 minutes. In some embodiments, the plasma concentration versus time curve of nalmefene in the subject has a T_{max} of about 15 minutes. In some embodiments, the plasma concentration versus time curve of nalmefene in the subject has a T_{max} of about 10 minutes. In some embodiments, the plasma concentration versus time curve of nalmefene in the subject has a T_{max} of about 5 minutes.

[0306] In some embodiments, said opioid overdose symptom caused by incidental exposure of said subject to an opioid agonist is selected from: respiratory depression, central nervous system depression, and cardiovascular depression.

[0307] In some embodiments, said opioid overdose symptom caused by incidental exposure of said subject to an opioid agonist is respiratory depression induced by opioids.

[0308] In some embodiments, the subject is free from respiratory depression for at least about 1 hour to at least about 8 hours following treatment comprising delivery of the therapeutically effective amount of nalmefene, as provided above. In some embodiments, the

subject is free from respiratory depression for at least about 3 hours to at least about 8 hours following treatment comprising delivery of the therapeutically effective amount of nalmefene.

[0309] Also provided are embodiments wherein any embodiment above may be combined with any one or more of these embodiments, provided the combination is not mutually exclusive.

[0310] Also provided are the devices, pharmaceutical formulations, kits, and methods of treatment described herein for use in the treatment of an opioid overdose symptom caused by incidental exposure of said subject to an opioid agonist selected from: respiratory depression, postoperative opioid respiratory depression, altered level consciousness, miotic pupils, cardiovascular depression, hypoxemia, acute lung injury, aspiration pneumonia, sedation, and hypotension. Also provided are the devices, pharmaceutical formulations, kits, and methods of treatment described herein for use in the reversal of respiratory depression induced by opioids. In some embodiments, the respiratory depression is caused by the illicit use of opioids or by an accidental misuse of opioids during medical opioid therapy.

[0311] Also provided are devices, pharmaceutical formulations, and kits for, and methods for preventing (prophylaxis) an opioid overdose or symptoms thereof, caused by incidental exposure of a subject to an opioid agonist, comprising nasally administering to a subject in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of an opioid antagonist selected from nalmefene and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein the therapeutically effective amount is equivalent to about 3.3 mg to about 26.6 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride. In some embodiments, the subject is not breathing. Also provided are devices adapted for nasal delivery of a pharmaceutical formulation to a subject, comprising a therapeutically effective amount of an opioid antagonist selected from nalmefene and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein the device is pre-primed, and wherein the therapeutically effective amount, is equivalent to about 3.3 mg to about 11.1 mg of nalmefene hydrochloride, as provided above.

[0312] In some embodiments, the device comprises about 3.3 mg, about 4.4 mg, about 5.5 mg, about 6.6 mg, about 7.7 mg, about 8.8 mg, about 10.0 mg, about 11.1 mg, about 12.2 mg, about 13.3 mg, about 14.4 mg, about 15.5 mg, about 16.6 mg, about 17.7 mg, about 18.8 mg, about 20.0 mg, about 21.0 mg, about 22.1 mg, about 23.2 mg, about 24.3 mg, about 25.4 mg, or about 26.5 mg nalmefene hydrochloride.

[0313] In some embodiments, nalmefene is the only pharmaceutically active compound in pharmaceutical formulation. In some embodiments, nalmefene is nalmefene hydrochloride. In some embodiments, nalmefene is anhydrous nalmefene hydrochloride. In some embodiments, the pharmaceutical formulation comprises a solution of nalmefene hydrochloride. In some

embodiments, the nasally administering is accomplished using a device described herein. In some embodiments, the opioid overdose symptom caused by incidental exposure of a subject to an opioid agonist is selected from: respiratory depression, central nervous system depression, cardiovascular depression, altered level consciousness, miotic pupils, hypoxemia, acute lung injury, aspiration pneumonia, sedation, hypotension, unresponsiveness to stimulus, unconsciousness, stopped breathing; erratic or stopped pulse, choking or gurgling sounds, blue or purple fingernails or lips, slack or limp muscle tone, contracted pupils, and vomiting.

[0314] Also provided are devices, kits, and pharmaceutical formulations for, and methods of preventing (prophylaxis) an opioid overdose or symptoms thereof, caused by incidental exposure of a subject to an opioid agonist, comprising nasally administering to a subject in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of an opioid antagonist selected from nalmefene and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein the therapeutically effective amount is equivalent to about 3 mg to about 24 mg of nalmefene and/or an equivalent amount of a salt and/or solvate thereof, e.g., nalmefene hydrochloride, as provided above.

[0315] Also provided are devices, kits, and pharmaceutical formulations for, and methods of preventing (prophylaxis) an opioid overdose or symptoms thereof, caused by incidental exposure of a subject to an opioid agonist, comprising nasally administering to a subject in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of an opioid antagonist selected from nalmefene and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein the therapeutically effective amount is equivalent to about 3 mg to about 24 mg of nalmefene and/or an equivalent amount of a salt and/or solvate thereof, e.g., nalmefene hydrochloride, as provided above.

[0316] Also provided are devices, kits, and pharmaceutical formulations for, and methods of preventing (prophylaxis) an opioid overdose or symptoms thereof, caused by incidental exposure of a subject to an opioid agonist, comprising nasally administering to a subject in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of an opioid antagonist selected from nalmefene and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein the therapeutically effective amount is equivalent to about 3 mg to about 24 mg of nalmefene and/or an equivalent amount of a salt and/or solvate thereof, e.g., nalmefene hydrochloride, as provided above.

[0317] Also provided are devices, kits, and pharmaceutical formulations for, and methods of preventing (prophylaxis) an opioid overdose or symptoms thereof, caused by incidental exposure of a subject to an opioid agonist, comprising nasally administering to a subject in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of an opioid antagonist selected from nalmefene and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein the therapeutically effective

amount is equivalent to about 3 mg to about 24 mg of nalmefene and/or an equivalent amount of a salt and/or solvate thereof, e.g., nalmefene hydrochloride, as provided above.

[0318] Also provided are devices, kits, and pharmaceutical formulations for, and methods of, preventing (prophylaxis) an opioid overdose or symptoms thereof, caused by incidental exposure of a subject to an opioid agonist, wherein the therapeutically effective amount of nalmefene is about 3 mg to about 24 mg, and/or an equivalent amount of a salt and/or solvate thereof, e.g., nalmefene hydrochloride, as provided above.

Other Embodiments

[0319] The detailed description set-forth above is provided to aid those skilled in the art in practicing the present disclosure. However, the disclosure described and claimed herein is not to be limited in scope by the specific embodiments herein disclosed because these embodiments are intended as illustration of several aspects of the disclosure. Any equivalent embodiments are intended to be within the scope of this disclosure. Indeed, various modifications of the disclosure in addition to those shown and described herein will become apparent to those skilled in the art from the foregoing description, which do not depart from the spirit or scope of the present inventive discovery. Such modifications are also intended to fall within the scope of the appended claims.

[0320] Also provided are embodiments wherein any embodiment above can be combined with any one or more of these embodiments, provided the combination is not mutually exclusive. Also provided herein are uses in the treatment of indications or one or more symptoms thereof as disclosed herein, and uses in the manufacture of medicaments for the treatment of indications or one or more symptoms thereof as disclosed herein, equivalent in scope to any embodiment disclosed above, or any combination thereof that is not mutually exclusive. The methods and uses may employ any of the devices disclosed herein, or any combination thereof that is not mutually exclusive, or any of the pharmaceutical formulations disclosed herein, or any combination thereof that is not mutually exclusive.

EXAMPLES

[0321] The following examples are included to demonstrate preferred embodiments of the disclosure. The following examples are presented only by way of illustration and to assist one of ordinary skill in using the disclosure. The examples are not intended in any way to otherwise limit the scope of the disclosure. Those of skill in the art should, in light of the present disclosure, appreciate that many changes can be made in the specific embodiments which are disclosed and still obtain a like or similar result without departing from the spirit and scope of the disclosure.

Example 1

Synopsis of Protocol for Phase 1 Pharmacokinetic Evaluation of Nalmefene Administered Intranasally to Healthy Volunteers

[0322] The following is a synopsis of a single site study conducted at Vince & Associates Clinical Research, Overland Park, Kansas. The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) was the IND sponsor for this study. The drug used in this study was Nalmefene hydrochloride (nalmefene). The study was designed to have approximately 14 healthy volunteers enrolled and to have at least 10 subjects complete all study drug administrations and blood collections for PK assessments. If less than 10 subjects completed the study using the first cohort of 14, additional subjects were screened and enrolled until there were a total of at least 10 completers.

[0323] The objectives of the study were to compare the pharmacokinetics of nalmefene administered IN with, and without, an absorption enhancer compared to an IM injection as well as to determine the safety and tolerability of IN nalmefene, particularly with respect to nasal irritation (erythema, edema, and erosion).

[0324] The primary endpoint was to compare the pharmacokinetic parameters C_{max} , T_{max} , AUC_{0-t} and AUC_{0-inf} of nalmefene as 3 IN treatments to nalmefene IM administration. The treatments were: 3 mg nalmefene IN; 3 mg nalmefene plus 0.25% Intravail IN; 1.5 mg nalmefene IN; and 1.5 mg nalmefene IM.

[0325] The study was designed to be an inpatient, double-blind (for IN administration), randomized, 4-period, 4-treatment, 6-sequence, crossover study involving 14 healthy volunteers. Subjects were assigned to one of the 6 sequences with at least 2 subjects in each sequence. Each subject received 4 treatments during the 4 dosing periods: IN dose of 3 mg nalmefene, IN dose of 3 mg nalmefene plus 0.25% Intravail, IN dose of 1.5 mg nalmefene, and IM dose 1.5 mg nalmefene. If less than 10 subjects completed the study, additional subjects were screened and enrolled until there were a total of at least 10 completers. Subjects stayed in the inpatient facility for 17 days to complete the entire study and were discharged following completion of discharge procedures at the end of the last period. Subjects were called 3 to 5 days after discharge to inquire concerning adverse events (AEs) and concomitant medications since discharge.

[0326] After obtaining informed consent, subjects were screened for eligibility to participate in the study including medical history, physical examination, clinical chemistry, coagulation markers, hematology, infectious disease serology, urinalysis, urine drug and alcohol toxicology screen, vital signs and ECG. On the day after clinic admission, subjects

were administered the IN-formulated drug in randomized order with 4 days between doses; the IM dose of nalmefene was administered during the fourth (last) treatment period.

[0327] Blood was collected for nalmefene PK prior to dosing and at 2.5, 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 45 minutes and 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12, 16, 24, 30, 36, 48, 60, and 72 hours after study drug administration. On days of study drug administration, a 12-lead ECG were performed approximately 1 hour prior to dosing and at approximately 1 and 8 hours postdose. Vital signs were measured pre-dose and approximately 0.5, 1, 2, and 8 hours postdose. On dosing days, the order of assessments was ECG, vital signs, then PK blood collection when scheduled at the same nominal times. The target time of the PK blood collection was considered the most critical and if the collection was more than ± 1 minute from the scheduled time for the first 60 minutes of collections or more than ± 5 minutes for the scheduled time points thereafter, this was considered a protocol deviation. ECG and vital signs were collected within the 15-minute period before the nominal time of blood collections. At screening, admission, discharge, and follow-up, ECG and vital signs were checked once per day. Vital signs were also checked approximately 24, 48, and 72 hours after study drug administration. Clinical laboratory measurements were repeated after the last PK blood draw prior to clinic discharge. AEs were assessed by spontaneous reports by subjects, by examination of the nasal mucosa, by measuring vital signs, ECG, and clinical laboratory parameters.

[0328] The criteria for inclusion and exclusion in this study as well as the protocol for safety assessment is provided in detail in the examples below.

[0329] The study drugs and design were as follows: cGMP nalmefene was obtained from Rusan Pharma Ltd. The study drug was supplied to the pharmacy at the study site. A detailed description for formulating the study drug was provided to the pharmacist. The 4 formulations were the following: a) 30 mg nalmefene HCl/mL water for injection (WFI); b) 30 mg nalmefene HCl/mL WFI plus 0.25% Intravail; c) 15 mg nalmefene HCl/mL WFI; d) 1.0 mg nalmefene/mL normal saline for injection

[0330] The 3 IN formulations were given as one 0.1 mL spray into one nostril using an Aptar multi-dose nasal spray device with the subject in a reclining position. The subject was instructed to not breathe through the nose when the IN doses were administered. The IM formulation was given as 1.5 mL in the contralateral arm from where the blood samples were obtained.

[0331] For pharmacokinetics (PK) assessments, blood was collected in sodium heparin containing tubes prior to dosing and 2.5, 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 45 minutes and 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 12, 16, 24, 30, 36, 48, and 72 hours after study drugs administration. Plasma was stored at $\leq -60^{\circ}\text{C}$

until assayed. Nalmefene plasma concentrations were determined by liquid chromatography with tandem mass spectrometry.

[0332] The analysis plan was as follows: C_{max} , AUC_{0-t} , AUC_{0-inf} , and T_{max} of nalmefene were calculated. The relative IN bioavailability of nalmefene was determined by comparing the dose-adjusted AUC_{0-inf} after IN administration to that of the IM formulation.

[0333] Within an analysis of variance (ANOVA) framework, comparisons of ln-transformed PK parameters (dose normalized C_{max} and AUC) were performed using a mixed effects model where sequence, period, and treatment were the independent factors. The 90% confidence interval for the ratio of the geometric least squares means of C_{max} and AUC was constructed for comparison of the three IN formulations to the IM formulation. These 90% confidence intervals were obtained by exponentiation of the 90% confidence intervals for the difference between the least squares means based upon an ln scale.

[0334] AEs were coded using the most recent version of the Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities (MedDRA) preferred terms and were grouped by system, organ, class (SOC) designation. The severity, frequency, and relationship of AEs to study drugs were presented by preferred term by SOC grouping. Separate summaries were provided for the 4 study periods: after the administration of each dose of study drug up until the time of the next dose of study drug or clinic discharge. Listings of each individual AE including start date, stop date, severity, relationship, outcome, and duration was provided. Vital signs, ECG, and clinical laboratory parameters were presented as summary statistics.

Example 2

Study Design

[0335] This was designed to be an inpatient, open-label, randomized (IN periods only), 4-period, 4-treatment, 6-sequence, crossover study involving 14 healthy volunteers. If less than 10 subjects completed the study, additional subjects were screened and enrolled until there were a total of at least 10 completers. Subjects were assigned to one of the 6 sequences and there were at least 2 subjects in each sequence. Each subject received 4 treatments during the 4 dosing periods:

Treatment A: 3 mg nalmefene IN dose (one 0.1 mL spray of a 30 mg/mL WFI in one nostril).

Treatment B: 3 mg nalmefene IN dose with 0.25% Intravail (one 0.1 mL spray of a 30 mg/mL WFI plus 0.25% Intravail in one nostril)

Treatment C: 1.5 mg nalmefene IN dose (one 0.1 mL spray of a solution of 15 mg/mL WFI in one nostril)

Treatment D: 1.5 mg nalmefene IM dose (1.5 mL of a 1.0 mg/mL normal saline for injection). This treatment was done in Period 4.

[0336] Subjects stayed in the inpatient facility for 17 days to complete the entire study and were released after Discharge Procedures were completed in Period 4. Subjects were called 3 to 5 days after discharge to inquire concerning AEs and concomitant medications since discharge.

[0337] After obtaining informed consent, subjects were screened for eligibility to participate in the study, including medical history, physical examination, height, weight, BMI, clinical chemistry, coagulation markers, hematology, infectious disease serology, urinalysis, urine toxicology screen, vital signs, and ECG. On the day after clinic admission, subjects were administered the study drugs in randomized order (IN only, Periods 1 to 3) with a 4-day washout period between doses until all 4 treatments have been administered. Blood was collected for PK analysis prior to dosing and at 2.5, 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 45 minutes and 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12, 16, 24, 30, 36, 48, 60, and 72 hours after study drugs administration. The IM formulation was administered in Period 4.

[0338] On days of study drug administration, a 12-lead ECG was performed approximately 1 hour prior to dosing and 1 and 8 hours postdose. Vital signs were measured predose and approximately 0.5, 1, 2, and 8 hours postdose. On dosing days, the order of assessments was ECG, vital signs, then PK blood collection when scheduled at the same nominal times. The target time of the PK blood collection was considered the most critical and if the collection was more than ± 1 minute from the scheduled time for the first 60 minutes of collections or more than ± 5 minutes for the scheduled time points thereafter, this was considered a protocol deviation. ECG and vital signs were collected within the 15-minute period before the nominal time of blood collections. At screening, admission, discharge, and follow-up, ECG and vital signs were checked. Vital signs were also checked once a day after dosing. Clinical laboratory measurements were repeated after the last PK blood draw prior to clinic discharge. AEs were assessed by spontaneous reports by subjects, by examination of the nasal mucosa, by measuring vital signs, ECG, and clinical laboratory parameters.

Example 3

Subject Selection and Screening

[0339] Subjects were healthy volunteers who resided at the clinical site for a period of 17 days and fulfilled the following inclusion and exclusion criteria.

[0340] Inclusion Criteria:

Subjects were included if they fulfill the following inclusion criteria:

Males and females 18 to 55 years of age, inclusive;

Provided written informed consent;

BMI ranging from 18 to 30 kg/m², inclusive;

Adequate venous access;

No clinically significant concurrent medical conditions determined by medical history, physical examination, clinical laboratory examination, vital signs, and 12-lead ECG;

Male subjects agreed to use an acceptable method of contraception with female partners as well as not to donate sperm throughout the study and for 90 days after the last study drug administration. Female subjects of childbearing potential agreed to use an acceptable method of birth control throughout the study and for 30 days after the last study drug administration. Oral contraceptives were prohibited;

Agreed not to ingest alcohol, drinks containing xanthine >500 mg/day (*e.g.*, Coca Cola[®], coffee, tea, etc.), or grapefruit/grapefruit juice or participate in strenuous exercise 72 hours prior to admission through the last blood draw of the study.

[0341] Exclusion Criteria: Subjects were excluded if they had any of the following criteria:

Any IN conditions including abnormal nasal anatomy, nasal symptoms (*i.e.*, blocked and/or runny nose, nasal polyps, etc.), or having a product sprayed into the nasal cavity prior to drug administration, or failed test for sense of smell;

Been administered an investigational drug within 30 days prior to Day -1;

Taken prescribed or over-the-counter medications, dietary supplements, herbal products, vitamins, or use of opioid analgesics for pain relief within 14 days of Day -1;

Positive urine drug test for alcohol, opioids, cocaine, amphetamine, methamphetamine, benzodiazepines, THC, barbiturates, or methadone at screening or admission;

Previous or current opioid, alcohol, or other drug dependence (excluding nicotine and caffeine), based on medical history;

Subject consumed greater than 20 cigarettes per day on average, in the month prior to screening, or were unable to abstain from smoking (or use of any nicotine-containing substance) for at least one hour prior to and 2 hours after IN dosing;

Systolic blood pressure (BP) less than 90 mmHg or greater than 140 mmHg; diastolic BP less than 55 mmHg or greater than 90 mmHg; respiratory rate less than 8 respirations per minute (rpm) or greater than 20 rpm;

On standard 12-lead ECG, a QTcF interval >440 msec for males and >450 msec for females;

Significant acute or chronic medical disease in the judgment of the investigator;

A likely need for concomitant treatment medication during the study;

Donated or received blood or underwent plasma or platelet apheresis within the 60 days prior to Day -1;

Female who is pregnant, breast feeding, or plans to become pregnant during the study period or within 30 days after the last drug administration;

Positive test for HBsAg, HCVAb, or HIVAb at screening;

Current or recent (within 7 days prior to screening) upper respiratory tract infection;

Abnormal liver function test (ALT, AST, total bilirubin) > 1.5 times upper limit of normal.

Example 4

Study Drugs

[0342] Study Drug Source and Description: Nalmefene's systematic name is 17-cyclopropylmethyl-4,5 α -epoxy-6-methylenemorphinan-3,14-diol. NIDA supplied cGMP-grade nalmefene HCl (manufactured by Rusan Pharma, Ltd.) to the pharmacy at the clinical site. The pharmacy prepared the nalmefene HCl solutions for IN administration at the strengths of 30 mg/mL with and without 0.25% Intravail and at 15 mg/mL using water for injection. The pharmacy also prepared the nalmefene HCl solution for IM administration at a strength of 1.0 mg/mL using sterile saline for injection, USP. The IM solution was tested for sterility, pyrogenicity, and other quality control tests before release for administration.

[0343] The pharmacy procured Aptar multi-dose nasal spray devices that deliver 0.1 mL intranasally.

[0344] An aliquot of each dosing solution was sent to Research Triangle Institute for the determination of nalmefene concentrations.

[0345] A detailed description for formulating the study drugs was provided by the pharmacist in a separate document.

[0346] Study Drug Administration: Subjects were dosed with at least 5 minutes intervals between subjects.

[0347] Subjects were given each of the 3 IN formulations by administration into one nostril between 08:00 am and 10:00 am; the volume of each formulation was 0.1 mL. All 3 formulations were administered using a dosing device with the subject in a reclining position.

The subjects remained reclined for approximately 1 hour post-dose. Subjects were instructed to hold breathing during administration of the nasal spray into the nose.

[0348] Each dosing device was weighed before and after dosing to determine the weight of the dose that was administered to each subject.

[0349] For the IM injection, 1.5 mL of the 1.0 mg/mL nalmefene solution was administered in the arm contralateral from the one used for blood collection. Subjects were given the IM formulation between 08:00 am and 10:00 am.

[0350] Study Drug Accountability: The investigator maintained a log of all study drug administration to subjects throughout the trial. In addition, the study drugs were inventoried and audited against administration records. Inhaler devices were labeled with the subject ID and date and retained at the site until the clinical monitor completed accountability verification and the Sponsor notified the site how the devices were disposed.

[0351] Used/Unused Supplies: At the end of the study, the unused study drugs were inventoried. If the study drug was lost or damaged, its disposition was documented. Unused study drugs were retained at the clinical site pending instructions by NIDA for disposition at the end of the study.

Example 5

Study Procedures

[0352] Subject Screening Assessments: Screening of subjects to establish eligibility occurred initially before clinic entry and was completed at the time of clinic admission. Assessments performed during screening included collection of demographic information, medical history, a 12-lead ECG, physical examination, height, weight, BMI, nasal passage examination, sense of smell, and measurement of vital signs (heart rate, blood pressure, respiratory rate, temperature). The subjects were asked about alcohol and consumption of caffeine containing beverages or food (*e.g.*, coffee, tea, chocolate, cola and drinks such as Red Bull®) and cigarette smoking to assure eligibility. Urine was collected for medical urinalysis and a urine toxicology screen. Blood was collected for hematology, chemistries, coagulation markers, a serum pregnancy test (if female), and viral serology (HIVAb, HBsAg, and HCVAb). Subjects were asked about prescription and over-the-counter medication, dietary supplements, herbal products, and vitamins use or recent use of opioid analgesics for pain relief in the 30 days prior to the start of screening. This information was updated throughout the screening process up to the time of clinic admission.

[0353] An eligibility checklist was provided and was reviewed at the completion of the outpatient screening assessments. If the subject remained eligible, he/she was scheduled to undergo clinic admission procedures and final eligibility assessments.

[0354] Up to 18 subjects (14 to be enrolled and 4 backups) underwent clinic admission procedures and were assessed for final eligibility on Study Day -1. Fourteen eligible subjects, including at least 6 females, were randomized.

[0355] Admission screening procedures occurred on Study Day -1. The following assessments were performed to determine eligibility: Update on medication use since the last visit; update of medical history (new diseases or conditions since last visit); physical examination and nasal passage examination; test for sense of smell; 12-lead ECG; vital signs [sitting (5 minutes) blood pressure, heart rate, respiration rate, and temperature] (may be repeated twice); chemistries, coagulation, hematology, serum pregnancy test, and urinalysis; urine drug and alcohol toxicology screen (both must be negative to be eligible); and review of eligibility checklist.

[0356] **Subject Randomization:** If the subject still met eligibility criteria, he/she was randomized to the order of three IN doses – (i) 3 mg IN nalmefene (one 0.1 mL spray of the 30 mg/mL formulation in one nostril); (ii) 3 mg IN nalmefene plus 0.25% Intravail (one 0.1 mL spray of the 30 mg/mL plus 0.25% Intravail formulation in one nostril); (iii) 1.5 mg nalmefene (one 0.1 mL spray of the 15 mg/mL formulation in one nostril).

[0357] Subjects were randomized to a sequence order of receipt of IN doses (Periods 1 to 3) after establishing eligibility and completing admission procedures. Subjects were assigned to each of the 6 possible sequences to ensure that at least 2 subjects were in each group. Periods 1 to 3 were the double-blind part of the study. The randomization schedule was provided by Technical Resources International, Inc. (Bethesda, MD).

[0358] All subjects were administered 1.5 mg nalmefene IM (1.5 mL of a 1.0 mg/mL solution) in Period 4. The pharmacist was provided the randomization schedule to prepare the individual doses.

[0359] **Study Drug Administration, PK Sample Collection, and Safety Monitoring:** The study drug was administered intranasally on Days 1, 5, and 9 as designated in the crossover randomization assignment; all subjects received the IM dose on Day 13. At approximately 1 hour prior to dosing, ECG, blood pressure, heart rate, sense of smell (Periods 1-3), and respiration rate was measured and the time was recorded. At approximately 1 and 8 hours after dosing, the ECG was repeated and the time was recorded. Vital signs including sitting (after 5

minutes) heart rate, blood pressure and respiration rate were measured predose and approximately 0.5 (reclining position), 1, 2, and 8 hours after each administration.

[0360] The measurement at 0.5 hours postdose was taken in the reclining position as the subject was to remain reclining for 1 hour post administration. A physician was present during the IN and IM dosing and for at least 5 minutes after administration. The nasal passage was examined at predose, 5 minutes, 30 minutes, 1 hour, 4 hours, and 24 hours post-dose in Periods 1 to 3. Test for sense of smell was conducted at Screening, Day-1 (baseline); predose and 4 hours postdose during Periods 1 to 3; and prior to discharge to evaluate olfactory function. A clinical staff member observed the subject for at least 1 hour after dosing.

[0361] Blood was collected in 4-mL sodium heparin tubes for PK analysis prior to dosing and at 2.5, 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 45 minutes and 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12, 16, 24, 30, 36, 48, 60, and 72 hours after study drugs administration. On dosing days, the order of assessments was ECG, vital signs, then PK blood collection when scheduled at the same nominal times. The target time of the PK blood collection was considered the most critical. If the collection time was more than ± 1 minute from the scheduled time for the first 60 minutes of collections or more than ± 5 minutes for the scheduled time points thereafter, this was considered a protocol deviation. ECG and vital signs were collected within the 15-minute period before the nominal time of blood collections.

[0362] A total of 352 mL of blood in 88 samples were collected for PK analysis. Another 48 mL (males) to 63 mL (female) of blood was collected for clinical laboratory assessments during the trial. The estimated total volume of blood that was collected was 400 mL for males and 415 mL for females.

[0363] Dietary and Other Restrictions: Subjects were required to abstain from nicotine and products containing caffeine or other xanthines (*e.g.*, coffee, tea, chocolate, cola, and drinks such as Red Bull™) for at least 1 hour prior to and 2 hours after dosing. No alcohol consumption was permitted throughout the inpatient study period. Subjects were to abstain from smoking (or use of any nicotine-containing substance) for at least 1 hour prior to and 2 hours after dosing. Subjects fasted from midnight the day before dosing sessions until at least one hour after the study drugs were administered. Water was provided *ad libitum*. A standardized diet was provided for all meals for the duration of the inpatient portion of the study. Breakfast was provided approximately 1 hour after dosing, lunch approximately 4 hours after dosing, dinner approximately 10 hours after dosing, and a snack approximately 13 hours after dosing.

[0364] Study Drug Discontinuation: Subjects were closely monitored while inpatient before and after drug administration. Vital signs, ECG measurements, and AE reports were used to determine the safety of nalmefene administrations and the appropriateness for administering the next dose. Vital signs needed to be within acceptable limits before nalmefene was administered.

[0365] On the 4 test days that the study drugs were administered, the following was the vital signs criteria that needed to be met before dosing (with subject sitting at least 5 minutes before obtaining measures): Systolic blood pressure: 140 mmHg or less and equal to or greater than 90 mmHg; Diastolic blood pressure: 90 mmHg or less and equal to or greater than 55 mmHg; Heart rate: 100 beats per minute (bpm) or less and equal to or greater than 40 bpm; Respiratory rate: 20 respirations per minute (rpm) or less and equal to or greater than 8 rpm. Vital signs could be repeated once. In addition, a clinically significant abnormal ECG at any time after clinic admission necessitated study drugs discontinuation.

[0366] Concomitant Medication Use: Subjects were not permitted to take prescription or over-the-counter medications, oral contraceptives, herbal products, dietary supplements, or vitamins during the inpatient period; however, medical treatment was not denied in the judgment of the Investigator.

[0367] Clinic Discharge: On the day of discharge from the clinic, whether at the end of the study or if a subject withdraws prematurely, the following assessments were conducted: Concomitant medications; AEs; Chemistry, coagulation markers, hematology, urinalysis, serum pregnancy test; Physical exam and nasal passage exam; Test for sense of smell; Urine drug and alcohol toxicology screen; ECG; Vital Signs.

[0368] If a subject completed all 4 periods, vital signs collected during Discharge Procedures substituted for those scheduled to be completed 72 hours postdose after the fourth dose administration.

[0369] Subjects received a telephone call 3 to 5 days after clinic discharge to inquire as to whether they had any AEs or used any medications since discharge. If any clinically significant AEs were ongoing at the time of the phone call, they were followed until resolution or stabilized.

[0370] Volunteer Discontinuation:

[0371] Early Termination for an Individual Subject: The criteria for terminating study participation for a single subject were: systolic blood pressure >180 mmHg, diastolic blood pressure >110 mmHg, respiratory rate <8 or >24 rpm confirmed by repeat; significant arrhythmia defined as >6 beats of supraventricular tachycardia or ≥ 3 beats of ventricular

tachycardia; QTcF interval >500 msec; reported significant nausea or abdominal pain; reported significant chest pain or dyspnea; subject confusion, seizures or seizure like behavior, agitation or inability to cooperate; subject requested to leave the experiment or was unwilling or unable to cooperate in carrying out the assigned protocol procedures.

[0372] If stopping criteria were exceeded, subjects were closely observed and treated as necessary to assure return to their normal baseline state before being discharged from the clinic or transferred to another treatment facility. If more than 2 subjects showed a similar pattern of excessive cardiovascular or behavioral change or a pattern of change from baseline after drug administration not readily explainable by other factors, the study was halted.

[0373] Subject Discontinuation for Protocol Violations: Subjects were excluded or discharged if their behavior was disruptive, noncompliant with study procedures, or otherwise inconsistent with remaining in the clinic.

[0374] Subject Withdrawal: Any subject who wished to withdraw from the study on his/her own accord and for whatever reason was entitled to do so without obligation. The Investigator documented a subject's reason(s) for withdrawal from the study and indicated whether he/she thought this was related to study drugs. Any procedures/examinations planned for the subject on completion of the study were conducted as soon as possible following withdrawal. A subject was considered lost to follow-up if he/she did not respond to 2 telephone calls. Subjects who withdrew for medical reasons continued to be followed up by the Investigator or other physicians as appropriate.

[0375] **Risks and Discomfort:** Most of the safety data regarding the use of nalmefene came from subjects using opioid drugs, in which nalmefene may precipitate opioid withdrawal. All subjects were queried about opioid drug abuse and dependence and tested for opioid drug use (including methadone) prior to the start of the study to minimize the chances for withdrawal symptoms occurring during the study. Withdrawal is characterized by nausea, chills, myalgia, dysphoria, abdominal cramps, and joint pain. Common adverse reactions of nalmefene with an incidence greater than 1% are nausea, vomiting, tachycardia, hypertension, postoperative pain, fever, dizziness, headache, chills, hypotension, and vasodilation. Adverse events of nalmefene with an incidence less than 1% include bradycardia, arrhythmia, diarrhea, dry mouth, somnolence, depression, agitation, nervousness, tremor, confusion, withdrawal syndrome, myoclonus, pharyngitis, pruritus, and urinary retention. The incidence of adverse events was highest in subjects who received more than the recommended 1.5 mg IM dose of nalmefene.

Example 6

Assessment Methods

[0376] **Adverse Events:** Reports of AEs were elicited by a verbal probe (*e.g.*, “How are you feeling?”) administered starting after clinic admission. Any events spontaneously reported by the subject or observed by the investigative staff were also recorded. AEs were assessed for severity and relationship to the study drugs in accordance with the criteria described below.

[0377] **Clinical Chemistries:** Clinical chemistries included total protein, albumin, blood urea nitrogen, creatinine, alkaline phosphatase, alanine aminotransferase, aspartate aminotransferase, total bilirubin, sodium, potassium, chloride, CO₂, calcium, glucose, and total cholesterol. The laboratory performing these assessments were either directly regulated by CAP or CLIA or indirectly according to CLIA guidelines. The laboratory needed to provide a copy of current certification.

[0378] **Coagulation Markers:** Coagulation markers including prothrombin time and activated partial thromboplastin time were performed. The laboratory performing these assessments were either directly regulated by CAP or CLIA or indirectly according to CLIA guidelines. The laboratory needed to provide a copy of current certification.

[0379] **Demographics:** Age, gender, race/ethnicity, date of birth, and date and time of signing the informed consent were collected.

[0380] **ECG:** Twelve-lead ECGs were performed according to standard procedures. Subjects were supine for at least 5 minutes prior to obtaining ECGs. The results were reviewed by the investigator or study physician for interpretation. The investigator could consult a board-certified cardiologist, if necessary. QT interval was corrected (QTcF) using the Fridericia formula (Fridericia L.S., *Acta Medica Scandinavica*. 1920; **53**:469-586).

[0381] **Eligibility Checklist:** An eligibility checklist that included the inclusion/exclusion criteria was used at the end of out-patient screening and reviewed on the day of clinic admission to assure eligibility to participate in the study.

[0382] **Hematology:** A complete blood cell count including the following was performed: hemoglobin, hematocrit, red blood cells, total white blood cells; and automated differential and platelet count. The laboratory performing these assessments was either directly regulated by CAP or CLIA or indirectly according to CLIA guidelines. The laboratory needed to provide a copy of current certification.

[0383] **Infectious Disease Serology:** Serology for HIVAb, HBsAg, and HCVAb was performed at screening. Only those subjects with negative tests for these viruses were eligible for enrollment into the study. The results of the HIVAB testing were retained by the study site

under confidential restriction; information regarding this test result at no time become part of the study database.

[0384] Study Drug Administration Record: Administration of the study drug was reported on a Study Drug Administration Record case report form (CRF) including the date and time of administration of study drug. The dose, route, and time of administration was recorded. The nostril used for dose administration was recorded. If problems occurred, these were also recorded.

[0385] Medical History: A medical history was taken on all potential study subjects to assure medical fitness including questions about current and past opioid use, abuse, and dependence and recent smoking history. Women were asked about their choice of method for birth control. Subjects were queried about recent alcohol and xanthine containing products consumption to assure eligibility.

[0386] Nalmefene Plasma Levels: Blood was obtained via direct venipuncture or through an IV catheter in the forearm of the arm which was left in place through the collection period or longer, if possible. Four milliliters of blood were collected into a sodium heparin-containing Vacutainer[®] tube at each time point. Plasma nalmefene concentrations were determined using a sensitive and specific validated liquid chromatography-tandem mass spectrometry method at a bioanalytical laboratory.

[0387] Nasal Irritation Scoring: Nasal irritation was evaluated by a trained observer at screening, baseline, within 2 hours before IN dosing and postdose at 5, 30, and 60 minutes and 4 hours and 24 hours. If a PK sample corresponded to the nasal irritation assessment the nasal assessment was performed within 5 minutes after the PK sample was obtained.

Nasal Irritation Scale

- 0 - Normal appearing mucosa, no bleeding
- 1 - Inflamed mucosa (erythema/edema), no bleeding
- 2 - Minor bleeding which stops within 1 minute
- 3 - Minor bleeding, taking 1-5 minutes to stop
- 4 - Substantial bleeding for 4-60 minutes, does not require medical intervention
- 5 - Ulcerated lesions, bleeding which requires medical intervention.

[0388] Test for Sense of Smell: Test for sense of smell to evaluate olfactory function was performed using ‘Sniffin’ Sticks’ at Screening and Admission (Day-1); predose and 4 hours postdose during Periods 1-3; and prior to discharge. ‘Sniffin’ Sticks’ is a screening test using 12 different smells. Identification of 10 or more (out of 12 items) constitutes a normal smell test. To be eligible to participate in this study, subjects must identify 10 out of 12 smells

correctly at Screening and Admission. A finding of a subject identifying less than 10 smells during study was reported as an adverse event (reduced sense of smell).

[0389] Physical Examination: A physical exam of the oral cavity, head, eyes, ears, nose, neck, and throat, heart, lungs, abdomen, liver, extremities, skin, neurologic, lymph nodes, and psychiatric (mental status), and general appearance was performed by a physician during screening. Height and weight were recorded at screening. BMI was calculated to determine if the subject was eligible for the study. During screening and after each dose, the nasal passage was examined by a physician for evidence of irritation (erythema, edema, and erosion). The nasal passage examination was performed after blood sample collections when the timing of collection was the same.

[0390] Prior and Concomitant Medication Use: Prescription and over-the-counter medications, herbal products, dietary supplements, and vitamins used in the 30 days prior to the start of screening and up to the day of clinic admission were recorded as prior medications. In addition, any medications taken by the subject, except study drugs, whether they were prescription or over-the-counter medications, herbal products, dietary supplements, and vitamins from the day of clinic admission until the last day of the study were considered concomitant medications. Oral contraceptives were not permitted. No concomitant medications were permitted except if the physician prescribed a medication to treat an AE or other concurrent illness. All medication used during the prior and concomitant medication use periods were recorded on the Prior and Concomitant Medications CRF.

[0391] Pregnancy Test: An FDA-cleared qualitative serum pregnancy test that evaluates human β -chorionic gonadotropin was performed by the local clinical laboratory to test all female subjects.

[0392] Urinalysis: A medical urinalysis for specific gravity, glucose, bilirubin, ketones, blood, pH, protein, nitrite, and leukocyte esterase was performed by the local clinical laboratory.

[0393] Vital Signs: Vital signs to be collected included sitting (for at least 5 minutes) blood pressure, heart rate, and respiration rate before and after dosing with an exception for 30 minutes after IN administration, which was collected in the reclining position. Sitting (for at least 5 minutes) blood pressure, heart rate, respiration rate, and temperature were checked at all other times.

[0394] Urine Drug and Alcohol Toxicology Screen: A urine toxicology screen for alcohol, opioids, cocaine, amphetamine, methamphetamine, benzodiazepines, barbiturates, THC, and methadone was performed by the local clinical laboratory.

[0395] Clinic Discharge/Final Subject Disposition: The subject disposition CRF documented all data relevant to subject discharge from the clinic: reason for discharge (*i.e.*, completion of inpatient portion of the study, or early termination from the study) and date of discharge.

Example 7

Regulatory and Reporting Requirements

[0396] Good Clinical Practices: This study was conducted in accordance with the most current version of the International Conference on Harmonization Guidance Document E6(R1): Good Clinical Practices: Consolidated Guideline. An Operations Manual was provided to all investigational sites as a study quality assurance tool.

[0397] FDA Form 1572: The Principal Investigator signed a Statement of Investigator (FDA Form 1572) prior to initiating this study. The Form 1572 was updated as needed.

[0398] IRB Approval: Prior to initiating the study, the Principal Investigator obtained written approval from the IRB of record to conduct the study. If changes to the study protocol became necessary, protocol amendments were submitted in writing to the local IRB by the site Principal Investigator for IRB approval prior to implementation. In addition, NIDA and the local IRB approved all advertising materials used for subject recruitment and any educational materials given to the subject. Progress reports were submitted to the local IRB annually or at a frequency requested by the IRB.

[0399] Informed Consent: All potential subjects for the study were given a current copy of the informed consent form to read and take home. All aspects of the study were explained in lay language. All study subjects were given a copy of the signed informed consent.

[0400] Drug Accountability: Upon receipt, the investigator or designee was responsible for taking inventory of the study drugs. A record of this inventory was kept and usage was documented. Any unused or expired study drug was disposed according to directions provided by the Sponsor.

[0401] Outside Monitoring:

[0402] Medical Monitor: A medical monitor was appointed for the study. The medical monitor was available for making recommendations to the investigator and the sponsor on the severity of any serious adverse events (SAEs), the relatedness to the study interventions, and for determining if the SAE should be reported to the FDA in a 7 or 15 day expedited report or an annual report. The medical monitor was also responsible for tracking and assessing trends in the AEs reported. If the medical monitor and investigator did not concur on SAE evaluations, both opinions were reported to the FDA.

[0403] Clinical Monitors: All investigators allowed representatives of the Sponsor to periodically monitor, at mutually convenient times during and after the study, all case report forms (CRFs) and corresponding source documents for each subject. These monitoring visits provided the Sponsor with the opportunity to evaluate the progress of the study and to inform the Sponsor of potential problems. The monitors assured that submitted data were accurate and in agreement with source documentation; verified that the study drugs were properly stored and accounted for, verified that subjects' consent for study participation had been properly obtained and documented, confirmed that research subjects entered into the study met inclusion and exclusion criteria, and assured that all essential documentation required by GCP guidelines were appropriately filed.

[0404] Monitors conducted a study initiation visit prior to the start of the study. At this visit, they assured that proper study-related documentation existed, assisted in training investigators and other site personnel in study procedures and GCP guidelines, confirmed receipt of study supplies, and assured that acceptable facilities and staff were available to conduct the study.

[0405] Routine monitoring visits by NIDA's representatives were scheduled at appropriate intervals. At these visits, the monitors verified that study procedures were being conducted according to the protocol guidelines and reviewed AEs and SAEs and drug accountability. At the end of the study, they advise on storage of study records and disposal of unused study drugs according to directions provided by the Sponsor.

[0406] **Adverse Events Reporting**: In accordance with FDA reporting requirements, all AEs occurring during the clinical trial were collected, documented, and reported by the Investigator or sub-investigators according to the procedure described below. The occurrence of AEs was assessed starting when the subject received the first dose of study drugs, then daily during the inpatient portion of the study until clinic release, and at the final follow-up telephone contact.

[0407] An AE is defined as any reaction, side effect, or untoward event that occurs during the clinical trial, whether the event is considered related to the study drug or clinically significant. For this study, events reported by the subject, as well as clinically significant abnormal findings on physical examination, vital signs, ECG, or laboratory evaluation were recorded on the AE CRF. A new illness, symptom, sign or clinically significant clinical laboratory abnormality or worsening of a pre-existing condition or abnormality was considered an AE. Stable chronic conditions, such as arthritis, which were present prior to clinical trial entry and did not worsen were not considered AEs.

[0408] All AEs, recorded during the inpatient portion of the study regardless of severity, were followed by study physicians until satisfactory resolution. AEs were required to be reported up to the date of final follow-up following hospital discharge. At the follow-up visit, AEs were recorded and followed; they were followed to resolution only if they were serious, or if the study physician assessed them to be clinically significant.

[0409] **Serious Adverse Events:** Each adverse event or reaction was classified by a study physician as being serious or non-serious. Based on the seriousness of the adverse event or reaction, appropriate reporting procedures were followed. The Code of Federal Regulations Title 21 part 312.32 and International Conference on Harmonization (ICH) Guideline for Industry: Clinical Safety Data Management: Definitions and Standards for Expedited Reporting, ICH-E2A March 1995, as implemented by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, defines a serious adverse event (SAE) or serious adverse drug experience as any untoward medical occurrence at any dose that: (i) results in death; (ii) is life-threatening; (NOTE: The term “life-threatening” in the definition of “serious” refers to an event in which the subject was at risk of death at the time of the event; it does not refer to an event which hypothetically might have caused death if it were more severe.); (iii) requires inpatient hospitalization or prolongation of existing hospitalization; (iv) results in persistent or significant disability/incapacity; or (v) is a congenital anomaly/birth defect.

[0410] In addition, important medical events that may not result in death, be life-threatening, or require hospitalization were considered a serious adverse drug reaction, when based on appropriate medical judgment that may jeopardize the subject and may require medical or surgical intervention to prevent one of the outcomes listed in the above definition.

[0411] An unexpected AE is one that is not described with respect to nature, severity, or frequency in the current product package insert.

[0412] Reporting of AEs and SAEs is described in below. There were serious consequences including ultimately, criminal and/or civil penalties for sponsors who failed to comply with FDA regulations governing the reporting of SAEs. The Investigator in this study had the responsibility of promptly reporting all SAEs to the designated Medical Monitor at NIDA in order that NIDA can comply with these regulations.

[0413] If a study subject withdrew from the study or if the Investigator decided to discontinue the subject from the study because of an SAE, the subject was required to have appropriate follow-up medical monitoring including, if necessary, hospitalization. Monitoring continued until the problem prompting hospitalization had resolved or stabilized with no

further change expected or was discovered to be clearly unrelated to study medication or progresses to death.

Example 8

Analytical Plan

[0414] **Study Endpoints:** The primary endpoints of the study were the pharmacokinetic parameters C_{max} , T_{max} , AUC_{0-t} , and AUC_{0-inf} of nalmefene administered as 3 IN treatments and as the IM treatment: 3 mg nalmefene IN, 3 mg nalmefene plus 0.25% Intravail IN, 1.5 mg nalmefene IN, and 1.5 mg nalmefene IM.

[0415] The secondary endpoints of the study were to determine the secondary pharmacokinetic parameters and adverse events (AEs), vital signs (heart rate, sitting blood pressure, and respiration rate), electrocardiogram (ECG), clinical laboratory changes and nasal irritation (erythema, edema, and erosion) following administration of nalmefene.

[0416] **Study Populations:**

[0417] **Safety Population:** The safety population included all subjects who receive at least one administration of the study drug.

[0418] **PK Evaluable Population:** The evaluable population included all subjects who completed at least one treatment with sufficient sampling time points to derive meaningful PK parameters.

[0419] **Sample Size:** This pilot study was designed to obtain information regarding the PK of IN nalmefene under the conditions of this study. The number of subjects was deemed appropriate for this type of study.

[0420] **Descriptive Statistics:** Summaries of the demographics (N, age, weight, height, BMI, gender, race, and ethnicity) were provided. Demographics were also calculated for each gender (N, age, weight, height, BMI, race, and ethnicity).

[0421] **PK Data Analyses:** Individual plasma concentrations over time were tabulated and summarized. The following summary statistics were presented: N, arithmetic mean, SD of the arithmetic mean, median, minimum and maximum. Plasma concentration versus time curves (individual and mean) was presented.

[0422] The pharmacokinetic parameters (C_{max} , T_{max} , AUC_{0-t} , $AUC_{0-\infty}$, $t_{1/2}$, λ_z , and apparent clearance (CL/F) (Table 1) were calculated using noncompartmental methods with a PK software program (Phoenix WinNonlin version 6.3 or higher, Pharsight Corp, Mountain View, CA.) or equivalent.

Table 1. PK parameters of nalmefene.

Parameter	Definition
C_{max}	Maximum plasma concentration, observed by inspection of individual study participant plots of plasma concentration versus time.
$C_{max}/Dose$	C_{max} adjusted for the nominal administered dose.
T_{max}	Time of maximum observed concentration, obtained directly from the observed concentration versus time data.
AUC_{0-t}	The area under the concentration-time curve from time 0 (pre-dose) to the time of last quantifiable concentration, calculated by the linear-up/log-down trapezoidal method.
$AUC_{0-t}/Dose$	AUC_{0-t} adjusted for the nominal administered dose.
AUC_{0-inf}	Area under the concentration-time curve from time 0 extrapolated to infinity, calculated as $AUC_{0-t} + C_{last}/\lambda_z$, where C_{last} is the observed last quantifiable concentration.
$AUC_{0-inf}/Dose$	AUC_{0-inf} adjusted for the nominal administered dose.
$AUC\%_{Extrap}$	The percentage of AUC_{0-inf} obtained by extrapolation, calculated as $[(AUC_{0-inf} - AUC_{0-t}) / AUC_{0-inf}] * 100$.
λ_z	λ_z is the terminal-phase elimination rate constant, estimated by linear regression of logarithmically-transformed concentration versus time data.
$t_{1/2}$	The terminal phase half-life for drug concentrations in plasma is calculated as: $t_{1/2} = \ln(2)/\lambda_z$.
CL/F	Apparent total body clearance is calculated as $CL/F = Dose/AUC_{0-inf}$.
Relative Bioavailability	Ratio of dose-adjusted AUC_{inf} following IN administration relative to dose-adjusted AUC_{inf} following IM administration.

[0423] Individual PK parameters were tabulated and summarized. The following summary statistics were presented for PK parameters: N, arithmetic mean, SD of the arithmetic mean, geometric mean, SD of the geometric mean, median, minimum, and maximum. T_{max} were presented as N, median, minimum, and maximum.

[0424] Statistical Analysis of PK Parameters: Comparisons of C_{max} , AUC_{0-t} , and AUC_{0-inf} administration of nalmefene were calculated. The relative bioavailability of nalmefene following the 3 IN administrations was determined by comparing the dose-adjusted AUC_{0-inf} after IN administration to that of the IM formulation.

[0425] Within an ANOVA framework, comparisons of ln-transformed PK parameters (C_{\max} and AUC) were performed using a mixed effects model where sequence, period, and treatment were the independent factors. The 90% confidence interval for the ratio of the geometric least squares means of C_{\max} and AUC parameters was constructed for comparison of the three IN formulations to the IM formulation. These 90% confidence intervals were obtained by exponentiation of the 90% confidence intervals for the difference between the least squares means based upon an ln scale.

[0426] **Safety Data Analyses:** Clinically significant values of systolic and diastolic blood pressure, heart rate, temperature, and respiration rate were presented. Clinically significant ECG changes were presented by dosing session.

[0427] Adverse Events: AEs were coded using the most recent version of the Medical Dictionary of Regulatory Activities (MedDRA) preferred terms and were grouped by system, organ, class (SOC) designation. The severity, frequency, and relationship of AEs to study drugs were presented by preferred term by SOC grouping. Separate summaries were provided for 4 study periods: after each dose, up to the point of the next dose of clinic discharge. Listings of each individual AE including start date, stop date, severity, relationship, outcome, and duration were provided.

[0428] Clinical Laboratory Parameters: Clinically significant concentrations of analytes were presented for each group by dosing session.

[0429] Missing Data: Missing data were not to be imputed. The numbers of data points reflected in summary statistics were indicated by presenting the number of observations.

Example 9

Data Management and Case Report Forms

[0430] Data management activities and statistical analytical support were coordinated through the Data Management Center.

[0431] **Data Collection:** Data were collected at the study sites on source documents, which were transcribed at the site into case report forms (CRFs). The CRFs were supplied by the Data Management Center. CRFs were to be completed on an ongoing basis during the study. The medical chart and the source documents were the source of verification of data. Completed CRFs were collected by clinical monitors after monitoring against the source documents on a regular basis throughout the trial. The Investigator was responsible for maintaining accurate, complete and up-to-date records for each subject. The Investigator was also responsible for maintaining any source documentation related to the study, including clinical laboratory data, ECG tracings, etc.

[0432] Case Report Form Completion: Electronic CRFs (eCRF) were provided for each subject. The subject identifiers and actual date (and time, if applicable) of each assessment were entered in the eCRFs. The final, completed eCRF for each subject were signed and dated by the Investigator on the appropriate CRF page to signify that he/she had reviewed it and certified it to be complete and accurate.

[0433] Data Editing and Control: Data received at the Data Management Center were reviewed, verified and edited prior to being entered into the main study database. If incomplete or inaccurate data were found, a data clarification request was forwarded to the clinical site for a response. The site resolved data inconsistencies and errors prior to returning data to the Data Management Center. All corrections and changes to the data were reviewed prior to being entered into the main study database. Data entry into the database utilized a single-data entry procedure with 100% quality control verification of all data entered into the database.

[0434] The Investigator agreed to routine data audits by Sponsor's appointed monitors to assure that data submitted on the appropriate forms agreed with source documents at the sites. They also verified that investigational agents had been properly stored and accounted for, subject informed consent for study participation had been obtained and documented in the subject's progress notes, all essential documents in accordance with GCP guidelines were on file, and sites were conducting the study according to the research protocol. Any inconsistencies were resolved, and any changes to the data forms were made using established Data Management Center procedures.

[0435] Data Processing: A database was constructed from the eCRFs that captured each item of data from each CRF. The data were validated both manually and electronically. The database underwent 100% quality assurance audit before locking and release for statistical analysis.

[0436] All AE information was entered into the main study database from the AE CRF. AEs were coded using both the preferred term and system, organ, class designation using the most current version of MedDRA at the time of database closure.

[0437] Study Documentation and Records Retention: Study documentation included all eCRFs, data correction forms, workbooks, source documents, monitoring logs and appointment schedules, sponsor and investigator correspondence and regulatory documents (*e.g.*, signed protocol and amendments, IRB correspondence and approved consent form and signed informed consent form, statement of Investigator form, and clinical supplies receipt and distribution records).

[0438] Source documents included all original recordings of observations or notations of clinical activities and all reports and records necessary for the evaluation and reconstruction of the clinical research study. Accordingly, source documents included, but were not limited to, laboratory reports, ECG tracings, X-rays, radiologist reports, subject diaries, biopsy reports, ultrasound photographs, subject progress notes, hospital charts or pharmacy records and any other similar reports or records of any procedure performed in accordance with the protocol.

[0439] Whenever possible, the original recording of an observation was retained as the source document; however, a photocopy was acceptable if it was a clear, legible, and exact duplication of the original document.

[0440] Government agency regulations and directives required that the investigator retain all study documentation pertaining to the conduct of a clinical trial. These documents are to be kept for a minimum of 2 years after discontinuation of the IND or two years after the approval of an NDA.

[0441] **Confidentiality:**

[0442] Confidentiality of Data: Attention was drawn to the regulations promulgated by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) under the Freedom of Information Act providing, in part, that proprietary information furnished to clinical investigators and IRBs be kept confidential by the FDA only if maintained in confidence by the clinical investigator and IRB.

[0443] By signing this protocol, the Investigator affirmed to NIDA that information furnished to the investigator by NIDA will be maintained in confidence and such information will be divulged to the IRB, expert committee; affiliated institution; and employees only under an appropriate understanding of confidentiality with such board or committee, affiliated institution and employees.

[0444] Confidentiality of Subject Records: To maintain subject confidentiality, all laboratory specimens, eCRFs, reports and other records were identified by a coded study subject number and alpha code only. Research and clinical records were stored in a locked cabinet. Only research staff, the NIDA monitoring contractor, and NIDA program officials had access to the records. Subject information was not released without written permission, except as necessary for monitoring by the FDA, the NIDA monitoring contractor, or NIDA personnel.

Example 10

Evaluation and Reporting Adverse Events and Serious Adverse Events

[0445] **General Procedure:** AEs were recorded after the first dose of study drug was administered. AEs were reported on an AE CRF. The severity of the event following the

guidance below was reported. The relatedness of the event to the study drug administration according to the guidance below was reported.

[0446] Severity of events: Mild: awareness of symptom, but easily tolerated; Moderate: discomfort enough to cause interference with usual activity; Severe: incapacitating with inability to work or do usual activity.

[0447] Relatedness of events: The study physician was responsible for defining, in his/her best judgment, the relationship of the AE/SAE to the study drug. The degree of certainty for which the AE/SAE was attributed to the study drug or alternative causes (*e.g.* natural history of the underlying disease, concomitant therapies, etc.) was determined by how well the experience was understood in terms of one or more of the following:

[0448] Exposure: is there evidence that the subject was exposed to the study drug?

[0449] Timing of the administration of study drug: did the AE/SAE follow in a reasonable temporal sequence from administration of the study drug?

[0450] Consistency with study drug safety profile: known pharmacology and toxicology of the study drug in animals and man; reaction of similar nature having been previously described with the study drug.

[0451] Alternative explanations for the adverse event such as concomitant medications, concurrent illness, non-medicinal therapies, diagnostic tests, procedures or other confounding findings.

[0452] Response to discontinuation of the study drug: terms and definitions to be used in assessing the study drug relationship to the AE/SAE were:

[0453] Unknown: this category was to be used only if the cause of the AE/SAE was not possible to determine;

[0454] Definitely Not Related: the subject did not receive study drug, the temporal sequence of the AE/SAE onset relative to administration of the study drug was not reasonable, or there was another obvious cause of the AE/SAE.

[0455] Unlikely Related: there was evidence of exposure to the study drug or there was another more likely cause of the AE/SAE.

[0456] Possibly Related: there was evidence of exposure to the study drug, the temporal sequence of the AE/SAE onset relative to administration of the study drug was reasonable, but the AE/SAE could have been due to another equally likely cause.

[0457] Probably Related: there was evidence of exposure to the study drug, the temporal sequence of the AE/SAE onset relative to administration of the study drug was reasonable, and the AE/SAE was more likely explained by the study drug than by any other cause.

[0458] Definitely Related: there was evidence of exposure to the study drug, the temporal sequence of the AE/SAE onset relative to administration of the study drug was reasonable, the AE/SAE was more likely explained by the study drug than by any other cause, and the AE/SAE showed a pattern consistent with previous knowledge of the study drug or study drug class.

[0459] **Specific instructions – laboratory/ECG adverse event:** A laboratory or ECG AE is any clinically significant worsening in a test variable that occurs during the study, whether considered to be study drug related. For each such change, information requested on date of test, severity, likelihood of a relationship to study drug, change in study drug dosage due to the AE, and treatment required were provided.

[0460] All laboratory AEs were specified as an increased or decreased test result (*e.g.* “increased glucose,” “decreased potassium”) or as a term that implies an abnormality (*e.g.*, hyperkalemia, azotemia, hypokalemia, or bradycardia). Any abnormal laboratory value that was considered not clinically significant was recorded as such on the clinical laboratory report CRF along with a comment providing justification for that determination.

[0461] **Serious adverse event and unexpected adverse event reporting:**

[0462] 24-hour Reporting Requirements: Any serious adverse event, including death due to any cause, which occurred to any subject from the time of admission through discharge whether related to the study drug, was reported within 24 hours to the NIDA Medical Monitor and the NIDA Project Officer via email.

[0463] Follow-up of all adverse events/serious adverse events: All adverse medical events were followed until they were resolved, or until all attempts to determine the resolution of the AE/SAE were exhausted. This required an extended hospitalization period or a change in status from outpatient to inpatient. All treatments, outcomes and information regarding whether the subject was referred to their Primary Care Provider for additional follow-up was recorded in the source document. All serious and unexpected AEs occurring up to the final safety evaluation were reported. All follow-up Day 18-20 AEs were recorded and followed to resolution only if they were serious, or if the study physician assessed them to be clinically significant.

[0464] The investigator was required to provide the Medical Monitor and the IND Sponsor with all relevant follow-up information necessary to facilitate a thorough understanding of the event and judgment regarding the relationship to the study drug.

[0465] Reporting to the FDA: The IND Sponsor was required to report SAEs to the FDA:

in 7 days if the SAE was unexpected (or, if expected, unusually serious or rarely seen), life-threatening or lethal, and at least possibly related to the study drug, with a follow-up written report in 8 days;

in 15 days if the SAE was unexpected (or, if expected, unusually serious or rarely seen), but not immediately life-threatening; and

in an annual report in all other cases.

Example 11

Summary of PK Parameters

[0466] Table 2, below provides the mean (%CV) plasma concentrations of nalmefene following a single intranasal and intramuscular administration of nalmefene to healthy subjects. The coefficient of variability, expressed as a percent (%CV) is provided within parenthesis.

Table 2

Mean (%CV) Plasma Concentrations of Nalmefene Following a Single Intranasal and Intramuscular Administration of Nalmefene to Healthy Subjects								
Hour	3 mg IN		3 mg + 0.25% Intravail IN		1.5 mg IN		1.5 mg IM	
	Mean	(SD)	Mean	(SD)	Mean	(SD)	Mean	(SD)
0.0	0.0	(NC)	0.0	(NC)	0.0	(NC)	0.0	(NC)
0.04	0.0	(NC)	0.167	(183)	0.0	(NC)	0.0	(NC)
0.08	0.0	(NC)	0.931	(128)	0.0	(NC)	0.457	(120)
0.17	0.124	(171)	3.69	(94.7)	0.0175	(374)	1.01	(57.6)
0.25	0.392	(125)	4.38	(74.0)	0.159	(96.2)	1.43	(70.8)
0.33	0.814	(109)	3.53	(60.5)	0.285	(74.7)	1.33	(47.5)
0.50	1.01	(67.0)	3.20	(52.1)	0.468	(53.2)	1.19	(31.7)
0.75	1.40	(56.7)	2.86	(45.4)	0.691	(59.6)	1.14	(25.2)
1.0	1.68	(55.5)	2.54	(44.1)	0.757	(55.4)	1.08	(28.0)
2.0	1.98	(47.2)	1.99	(46.6)	0.872	(51.3)	1.03	(37.3)
3.0	1.53	(47.4)	1.57	(49.4)	0.712	(51.4)	0.878	(35.4)
4.0	1.22	(47.0)	1.32	(51.5)	0.578	(50.0)	0.798	(31.5)
6.0	0.895	(45.8)	0.910	(45.9)	0.400	(51.2)	0.688	(27.0)
8.0	0.675	(44.1)	0.664	(52.9)	0.285	(71.8)	0.603	(31.7)
12.0	0.461	(48.7)	0.429	(62.7)	0.141	(126)	0.470	(44.5)
16.0	0.302	(67.8)	0.279	(86.2)	0.0799	(170)	0.298	(74.2)
24.0	0.125	(126)	0.118	(149)	0.0189	(374)	0.128	(134)
30.0	0.0559	(201)	0.0532	(201)	0.0	(NC)	0.0740	(164)
36.0	0.0151	(374)	0.0149	(374)	0.0	(NC)	0.0	(NC)
48.0	0.0	(NC)	0.0	(NC)	0.0	(NC)	0.0	(NC)
60.0	0.0	(NC)	0.0	(NC)	0.0	(NC)	0.0	(NC)
72.0	0.0	(NC)	0.0	(NC)	0.0	(NC)	0.0	(NC)

N = 10-14

lower limit of quantitation (LLOQ) = 0.2 ng/mL

[0467] As can be seen from Table 3, below, intranasal formulations of nalmefene have suitable pharmacokinetic properties for preventing opioid intoxication and overdose, both with and without the use of absorption enhancers.

[0468] Intravail[®] (dodecyl maltoside) reduces the T_{max} of IN nalmefene to make it even more rapid than an IM injection. Without Intravail[®], the T_{max} of 2 hours would make IN nalmefene unusable as a first-response (rescue) medication for overdose, but still suitable as a second or follow-up medication due to its long half-life ($T_{1/2}$). The dose-normalized C_{max} is increased dramatically with Intravail[®], even when compared with IM administration (as seen in row 2). As seen from the data, Intravail[®] is a true absorption enhancer; it speeds up and enhances absorption, but does not alter the bioavailability of IN nalmefene (relative to IM); nor does it change the half-life.

[0469] It should be noted that while Intravail[®] did not alter the AUC for IN nalmefene, the results with naltrexone were different. With naltrexone, the AUC increased significantly (data not presented). This important difference could not be predicted based on structure of the opioid antagonists, or the function of these moieties as opioid antagonists.

Table 3

Mean Pharmacokinetics of Nalmefene Following a Single Intranasal and Intramuscular Administration of Nalmefene to Healthy Subjects								
Parameter (units)	3 mg IN ^a		3 mg plus 0.25% Intravail ^a		1.5 mg IN ^a		1.5 mg IM ^b	
	Mean	(%CV)	Mean	(%CV)	Mean	(%CV)	Mean	(%CV)
C_{max} (ng/mL)	2.19	(42.8)	4.94	(57.2)	0.969	(45.9)	1.67	(50.6)
C_{max}/D (ng/mL/mg)	0.731	(42.8)	1.65	(57.2)	0.646	(45.9)	1.12	(50.6)
T_{max} (h) ^c	2.00	(0.33, 3.00)	0.25	(0.17, 1.00)	2.00	(1.00, 3.00)	0.33	(0.25, 8.00)
AUC_{0-t} (ng·h/mL)	15.0	(54.2)	17.3	(58.6)	5.50	(69.3)	11.6	(38.4)
AUC_{0-inf} (ng·h/mL)	17.9	(50.5)	19.8	(54.3)	8.38	(58.8)	14.8	(35.6)
AUC_{0-inf}/D (ng·h/mL/mg)	5.97	(50.5)	6.62	(54.3)	5.59	(58.8)	9.86	(35.6)
AUC_{extrap} (%)	17.9	(30.7)	14.6	(41.7)	30.6	(29.8)	22.6	(45.3)
λ_z (h ⁻¹)	0.101	(35.9)	0.117	(41.5)	0.131	(46.3)	0.094	(35.5)
Half-life (h)	7.84	(38.2)	6.78	(35.6)	6.74	(54.7)	8.45	(42.7)
CL/F (L/h)	225	(66.3)	209	(63.7)	233	(47.9)	115	(36.8)

a: N = 14

b: N = 13

c: Median (minimum, maximum)

Formulations of Intranasal Nalmefene

[0470] The following tables set forth examples of formulations of nalmefene for intranasal administration for the treatments disclosed herein. Table 4 sets forth simple aqueous solution formulations such as those used in the experiment above, to be dispensed in increments of about 100 μ L.

Table 4.

Ex.	Nalmefene (optionally as HCl), dose (mg)	Absorption Enhancer	μ L per dose	Conc., mg/mL
1	3	n/a	100	30
2	3	Intravail 0.25%	100	30
3	4	n/a	100	40
4	4	Intravail 0.25%	100	40
5	5	n/a	100	50
6	5	Intravail 0.25%	100	50
7	6	n/a	100	60
8	6	Intravail 0.25%	100	60
9	7	n/a	100	70
10	7	Intravail 0.25%	100	70
11	8	n/a	100	80
12	8	Intravail 0.25%	100	80

[0471] Table 5 sets forth formulations for intranasal administration in 100 μ L of an aqueous solution including excipients such as an isotonicity agent, a stabilizing agent, and/or a compound which acts as a preservative or surfactant. EDTA stands for disodium edetate and BZK stands for benzalkonium chloride.

Table 5.

Ex.	Nalmefene (optionally as HCl)	Absorption Enhancer	Isotonicity Agent	Stabilizing Agent	Preservative/Surfactant
13	3 mg	n/a	NaCl 0.74%	n/a	n/a
14	3 mg	n/a	NaCl 0.74%	EDTA 0.2%	n/a
15	3 mg	n/a	NaCl 0.74%	n/a	BZK 0.01%
16	3 mg	n/a	NaCl 0.74%	EDTA 0.2%	BZK 0.01%
17	3 mg	Intravail 0.25%	NaCl 0.74%	n/a	n/a
18	3 mg	Intravail 0.25%	NaCl 0.74%	EDTA 0.2%	n/a
19	3 mg	Intravail 0.25%	NaCl 0.74%	n/a	BZK 0.01%
20	3 mg	Intravail 0.25%	NaCl 0.74%	EDTA 0.2%	BZK 0.01%
21	3 mg	Intravail 0.18%	NaCl 0.74%	n/a	n/a
22	3 mg	Intravail 0.18%	NaCl 0.74%	EDTA 0.2%	n/a
23	3 mg	Intravail 0.18%	NaCl 0.74%	n/a	BZK 0.01%
24	3 mg	Intravail 0.18%	NaCl 0.74%	EDTA 0.2%	BZK 0.01%
25	3 mg	Benzalkonium chloride, 0.01%	NaCl 0.74%	n/a	n/a
26	3 mg	Benzalkonium chloride, 0.01%	NaCl 0.74%	EDTA 0.2%	n/a
27	3 mg	Benzalkonium chloride, 0.01%	NaCl 0.74%	n/a	BZK 0.01%
28	3 mg	Benzalkonium chloride, 0.01%	NaCl 0.74%	EDTA 0.2%	BZK 0.01%

[0472] Also provided are examples 1-28A which additionally contain an amount of hydrochloric acid sufficient to achieve a pH of 3.5-5.5. The acid should be pharmaceutically acceptable, for example, hydrochloric acid.

[0473] Although the invention has been described with reference to the above examples, it will be understood that modifications and variations are encompassed within the spirit and scope of the invention. Accordingly, the invention is limited only by the following claims.

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for the prevention (prophylaxis) of opioid overdose or a symptom thereof caused by incidental exposure of a subject to an opioid agonist, comprising nasally administering to a subject in need thereof a pharmaceutical formulation comprising a therapeutically effective amount of nalmefene hydrochloride, a hydrate thereof, or another pharmaceutically acceptable salt of nalmefene.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the formulation comprises an isotonicity agent.
3. A method for the prevention (prophylaxis) of opioid overdose or a symptom thereof caused by incidental exposure of a subject to an opioid agonist, comprising nasally administering to a subject in need thereof a pharmaceutical formulation comprising:
 - about 3.3 to about 26.6 mg nalmefene hydrochloride, a hydrate thereof, or another pharmaceutically acceptable salt;
 - of about 0.1 to about 6.0 mg of an isotonicity agent; and
 - optionally, an absorption enhancer.
4. A method for the prophylaxis of opioid overdose or a symptom thereof caused by incidental exposure of a subject to opioid agonist, comprising nasally administering to a subject in need thereof, via a device adapted for nasal delivery of a pharmaceutical formulation to a subject by actuation of said device into at least one nostril of said subject, a nasal spray pharmaceutical formulation comprising:
 - from about 3.3 to about 26.6 mg nalmefene hydrochloride or a hydrate thereof;
 - from about 0.1 mg to about 6.0 mg of an isotonicity agent; and
 - optionally, an absorption enhancer.
5. The method of any one of claims 1-4, wherein the pharmaceutical formulation comprises an aqueous solution of about 50 to about 250 μ L.
6. The method of any one of claims 1-5, wherein the pharmaceutical formulation comprises about 3.3 to about 16.6 mg nalmefene hydrochloride or a hydrate thereof and about 0.1 to about 6.0 mg of an isotonicity agent.
7. The method of any one of claims 1-6, wherein the pharmaceutical formulation comprises an absorption enhancer.
8. The method of claim 7, wherein the absorption enhancer is benzalkonium chloride.
9. The method of claim 8, comprising about 0.005% to about 0.015% (v/w) benzalkonium chloride.

10. The method of claim 7, wherein said absorption enhancer is an alkylsaccharide.
11. The method of claim 10, wherein said absorption enhancer is dodecyl maltoside or tetradecyl maltoside.
12. The method of claim 11, wherein said absorption enhancer is Intravail® (dodecyl maltoside).
13. The method of claim 12, comprising about 0.05% to about 2.5% Intravail® (dodecyl maltoside).
14. The method of claim 13, comprising about 0.1% to about 0.5% Intravail® (dodecyl maltoside).
15. The method of any one of claims 1-14, wherein the pharmaceutical formulation further comprises about 0.1 to about 0.5 mg of a stabilizing agent.
16. The method of claim 15, wherein the stabilizing agent is disodium edetate.
17. The method of any one of claims 1-16, wherein the pharmaceutical formulation further comprises an amount of an acid or base sufficient to achieve a pH of between about 3.5 and about 5.5.
18. The method of claim 17, wherein the pharmaceutical formulation further comprises an amount of an acid or base sufficient to achieve a pH of between about 3.5 and about 4.5.
19. The method of claim 18, wherein the acid is hydrochloric acid and the base is sodium hydroxide.
20. The method of any one of claims 1-19, wherein the isotonicity agent is NaCl.
21. The method of any one of claim 1-7 or 16-20, wherein the pharmaceutical formulation does not contain an absorption enhancer.
22. The method of any one of claims 1-3 or 5-21, wherein the pharmaceutical formulation is delivered via a device adapted for nasal delivery of a pharmaceutical formulation to a subject by actuation of said device into at least one nostril of said subject.
23. The method of claim 22, wherein said device is actuatable with one hand.
24. The method of claim 23, wherein the device can contain no more than about 280 μ L of the formulation.
25. The method of claim 23, wherein the device can contain no more than about 140 μ L of the formulation.
26. The method of claim 24 wherein about 100 μ L of formulation is delivered to the subject in one actuation.

27. The method of any one of claims 1-26, wherein the plasma concentration versus time curve of said nalmefene hydrochloride in said subject has a Tmax of between about 10 and about 30 minutes when the formulation comprises an absorption enhancer.
28. The method of any one of claims 1-26, wherein the plasma concentration versus time curve of said nalmefene hydrochloride in said subject has a Tmax of between about 1 and about 3 hours when the formulation does not comprise an absorption enhance.
29. The method of any of claims 1-28, wherein the incidental exposure to opioid agonist is selected from:
incidental inhalation via exposure by aerosolized opioid agonist; and
incidental transdermal or transmucosal exposure by either an aerosolized or powdered form of an opioid agonist.
30. The method of any one of claims 1-29, wherein the subject is a member of military, law enforcement, professional security personnel, or personnel providing emergency medical services.
31. The method of any one of claims 1-30 wherein the subject is involved in the investigation or clean-up of an opioid agonist production or distribution site.
32. The method of any one of claims 1-29 or 31, wherein said subject is a law enforcement officer.
33. The method of any one of claims 1-32, wherein the pharmaceutical formulation will prevent a symptom of opioid overdose selected from the group consisting of: respiratory depression, central nervous system depression, cardiovascular depression, altered level consciousness, miotic pupils, hypoxemia, acute lung injury, aspiration pneumonia, sedation, hypotension, unresponsiveness to stimulus, unconsciousness, stopped breathing; erratic or stopped pulse, choking or gurgling sounds, blue or purple fingernails or lips, slack or limp muscle tone, contracted pupils, and vomiting.
34. The method of any one of claims 1-33, wherein the opioid overdose or a symptom thereof occurs during a drug raid.
35. The method of any one of claims 34, wherein the nasal formulation is administered prior to incidental exposure to an opioid agonist.
36. The method of claim 35, wherein the formulation is administered from about 10 min to about 2 hours prior to incidental exposure to opioid.
37. The method of any one of claims 1-34, wherein the nasal formulation is administered concurrent with incidental exposure to an opioid agonist.

- 38.** The method of any one of claims 1-34, wherein the nasal formulation is administered promptly after incidental exposure to an opioid agonist.
- 39.** The method of any one of claims 1-38, wherein said subject is free from opioid overdose or a symptom thereof for at least about 4 hours following administration of the said therapeutically effective amount of nalmefene hydrochloride or a hydrate thereof.
- 40.** The method of any one of claims 1-38, wherein said subject is free from opioid overdose or a symptom thereof for at least about 8 hours following administration of the said therapeutically effective amount of nalmefene hydrochloride or a hydrate thereof.