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(54) Title: GABA B1A RECEPTOR DISRUPTIONS, COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS RELATING THERETO

(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to compositions and methods relating to the characterization, function, and uses of GABA-B1A. Specifically, the present invention provides transgenic animals comprising disruptions in GABA-B1A receptors. The present invention also provides methods of identifying agents that modulate GABA-B1A, useful models, and potential for various disease states and disease conditions.

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	OLSEN et al. Function of GABAA receptors: insights from mutant and knockout mice. GABA in the Nervous System (2000), pg 81-96. Editors Martin and Olsen. Publisher: lippincott Williams & Wilkins, Philadelphia, PA. See entire article.	1-20
A	SULLIVAN et al. Coexpression of full-length gamma-aminobutyric acid-B (GABA-B) receptors with truncated receptors with truncated receptors and metabotropic glutamate receptor 4 supports the GABA-B heterodimer as the functional receptor. J. Pharmacol. and Exp. Therapeutics. 2000. Vol. 293, No. 2. pg 460-467. See entire article.	1-20
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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 1 of first sheet)

This international report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claim Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. Claim Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

3. Claim Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of Item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:
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1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.: 1-20

Remark on Protest The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
 No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

BOX II. OBSERVATIONS WHERE UNITY OF INVENTION IS LACKING:

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. In order for all inventions to be examined, the appropriate additional examination fees must be paid.

Group I, claim(s) 1-20, drawn to a mouse having a disruption in a GABA-B1A gene.

Group II, claim(s) 21-27, drawn to a construct comprising a first and second portion of a GABA-B1A gene and a selectable marker located between the first and second portions and cells having a disruption in a GABA-B1A gene.

Group III, claim(s) 28, 29 and 33, drawn to a method using GABA-B1A to test agents that modulate a phenotype.

Group IV, claim(s) 30-32, drawn to a method of using animals to test agents that modulate a phenotype.

Group V, claim(s) 34, drawn to a method of using a preparation from a mouse having a disruption in a GABA-B1A gene.

Group VI, claim(s) 35, drawn to GABA-B1A protein.

Group VII, claim(s) 36, drawn to a method of making a pharmaceutical agent that modulates GABA-B1A.

Group VIII, claim(s) 37, drawn to phenotypic data.

The inventions listed as Groups I-VIII do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons:

Inventions I-V and VIII are not a contribution to the art. Prosser (Molecular and Cellular Neuroscience, June 2001, Vol. 17, No. 6, pg 1059-1070) taught a mouse having a disruption in a GABA-B1A gene as claimed.

Inventions I-II, IV, V or VIII and III, VI or VII do not share a "special technical feature" because inventions I-II, IV, V and VIII require a disruption in a GABA-B1A gene which is not required in III, VI or VII.

Inventions III and V or VI lack unity because the GABA-B1A protein is not a contribution over the prior art. Sullivan (2000, J. Pharmacol Exp Ther, Vol. 293, pg 460-467) taught a GABA-B1A protein.

Inventions III, V or VI and VII or VIII do not share the same "special technical feature" because the protein required for III, V or VI is not required for the method of making a pharmaceutical or the data required for Inventions VII or VIII.