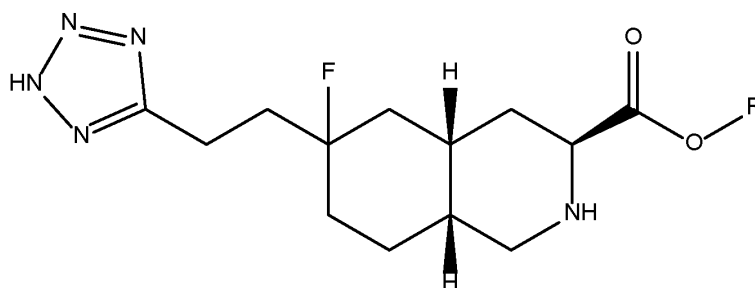


CLAIMS

1. A compound of formula I:

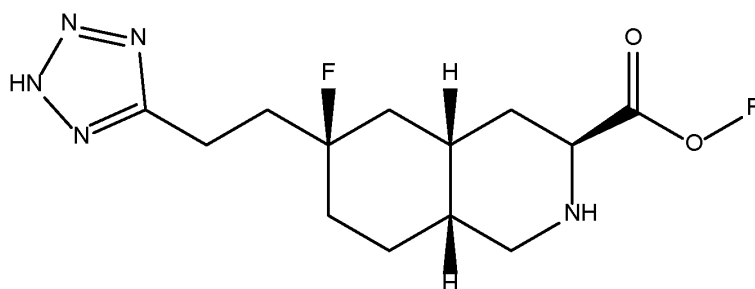


I

wherein:

R is selected from H and (C₁-C₂₀)hydrocarbyl.

2. A compound according to claim 1 of formula II:



II

3. A compound according to claim 2 wherein R is selected from H and aliphatic (C₁-C₂₀)hydrocarbyl optionally substituted with one or two phenyl groups with the proviso that R contains twenty carbons or less.
4. A compound according to claim 3 wherein R is selected from H and (C₁-C₂₀)alkyl optionally substituted with one or two phenyl groups with the proviso that R contains twenty carbons or less.

5. A compound according to claim 2 wherein R is H or (C₁-C₁₃)hydrocarbyl.
6. A compound according to claim 3 wherein R is H or aliphatic (C₁-C₁₃)hydrocarbyl optionally substituted with one or two phenyl groups with the proviso that R contains twenty carbons or less.
7. A compound according to claim 6 wherein R is H or (C₁-C₁₃)alkyl optionally substituted with one or two phenyl groups with the proviso that R contains twenty carbons or less.
8. A compound according to claim 7 wherein R is H or (C₁-C₁₀)alkyl optionally substituted with one or two phenyl groups with the proviso that R contains twenty carbons or less.
9. A compound according to claim 2 wherein R is H or C_nH_m, and wherein:
 - n is 1 and m is 3;
 - n is 2 and m is 5;
 - n is 3 and m is 3, 5, or 7;
 - n is 4 and m is 5, 7, or 9;
 - n is 5 and m is 7, 9, or 11;
 - n is 6 and m is 5, 7, 9, 11, or 13.
 - n is 7 and m is 7, 9, 11, 13, or 15;
 - n is 8 and m is 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, or 17;
 - n is 9 and m is 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, or 19;
 - n is 10 and m is 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, or 21;
 - n is 11 and m is 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, or 23;
 - n is 12 and m is 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, or 25;
 - n is 13 and m is 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, or 27;
 - n is 14 and m is 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, or 29;
 - n is 15 and m is 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, or 31;

n is 16 and m is 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, or 33;

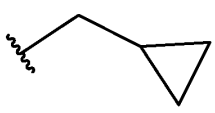
n is 17 and m is 11, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, or 35;

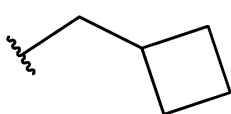
n is 18 and m is 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, or 37;

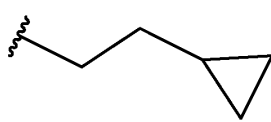
n is 19 and m is 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, or 39; or

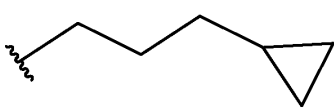
n is 20 and m is 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, or 41.

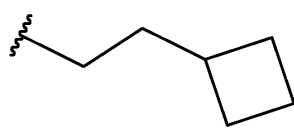
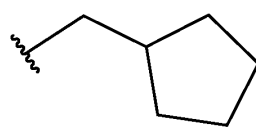
10. A compound according to claim 3 wherein R is chosen from: H, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, cyclopropyl, n-butyl, 1-methylpropyl, 1-methyl-2-ethylbutyl, 2-ethylbutyl, 2-methylpropyl, tert-butyl, 2-methylcyclopropyl, 1-methylcyclopropyl, cyclobutyl,

cyclopropylmethyl (i.e., ) , n-pentyl, 1-methylbutyl, 2-methylbutyl, 3-methylbutyl, 1-ethylpropyl, 1,2-dimethylpropyl, 1,1-dimethylpropyl, 2,2-dimethylpropyl,

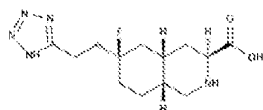
cyclobutylmethyl (i.e., ) , 2-(cyclopropyl)ethyl (i.e.,

) , cyclopentyl, n-hexyl, 1-methylpentyl, 2-methylpentyl, 3-methylpentyl, 4-methylpentyl, 1,1-dimethylbutyl, 1,2-dimethylbutyl, 1,3-dimethylbutyl, 2,3-dimethylbutyl, 2,2-dimethylbutyl, 3,3-dimethylbutyl, 1,1,2-trimethylpropyl, 1,2,2-

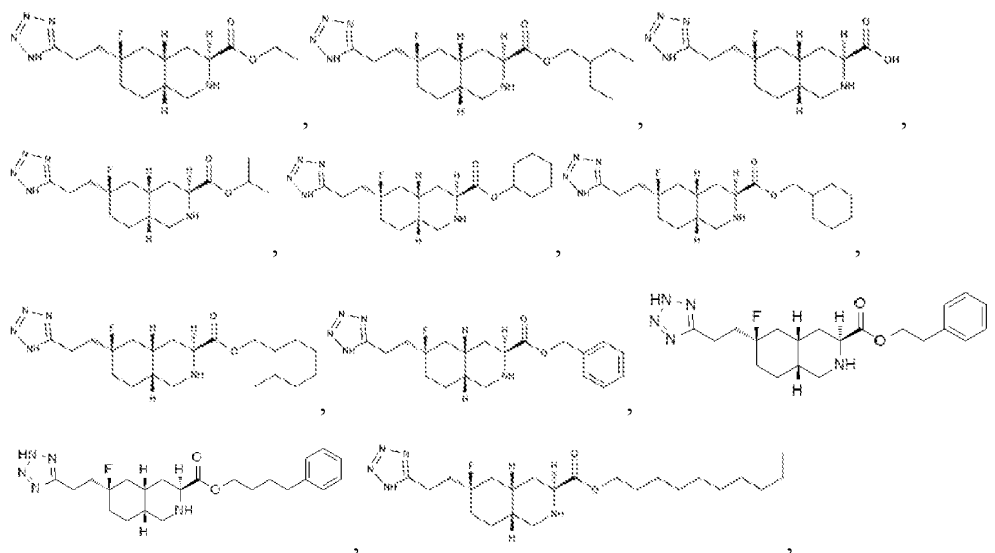
trimethylpropyl, 3-(cyclopropyl)propyl (i.e., ) , 2-(cyclobutyl)ethyl

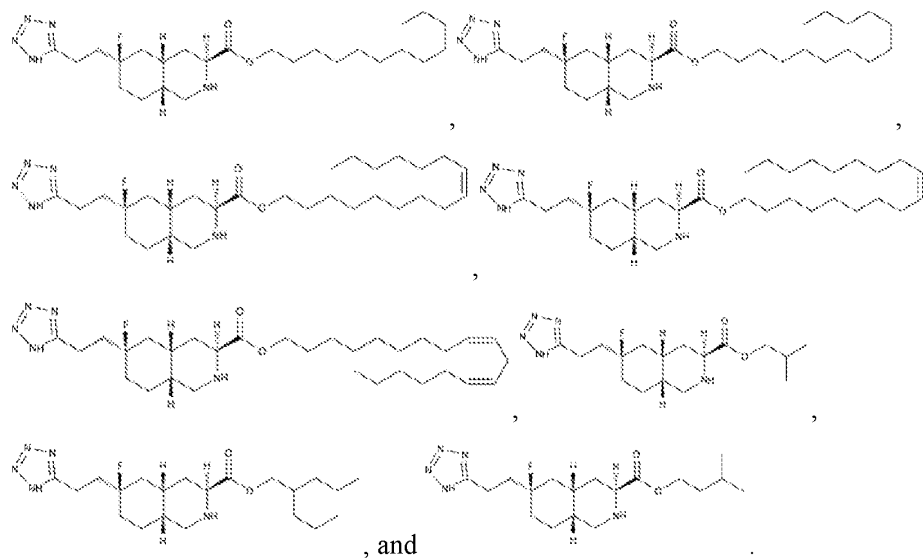
(i.e., ) , cyclopentylmethyl (i.e., ) , cyclohexyl, cyclohexylmethyl, 2-cyclohexylethyl, dicyclohexylmethyl, n-octyl, benzyl, diphenylmethyl, decyl, dodecyl, tetradecyl, hexadecyl, hexadec-9-enyl, octadecyl, octadec-9-enyl, octadec-9,12-dienyl, 2-propylpentyl, 2-butylhexyl, 2-pentylheptyl, 2-hexyloctyl.

11. A compound according to claim 10 wherein R is chosen from: H, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, tert-butyl, 2-methylbutyl, and 2-ethylbutyl.
12. A compound according to claim 11 wherein R is chosen from: H, ethyl, isopropyl, cyclohexyl, and 2-ethylbutyl.
13. A compound according to claim 12 wherein R is H.
14. A compound according to claim 12 wherein R is ethyl.
15. A compound according to claim 12 wherein R is isopropyl.
16. A compound according to claim 12 wherein R is cyclohexyl.
17. A compound according to claim 12 wherein R is 2-ethylbutyl.
18. A compound according to claim 2 with the structure:

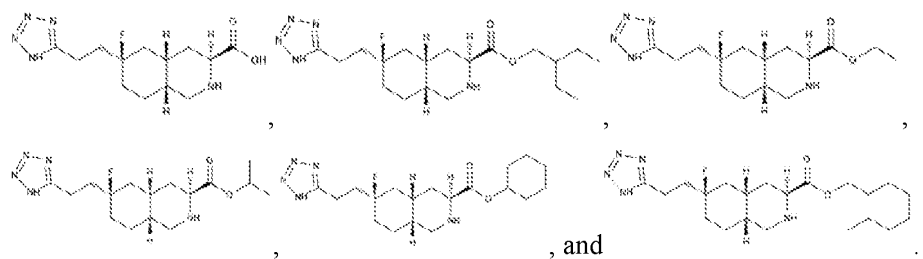


19. A compound according to claim 2 selected from:

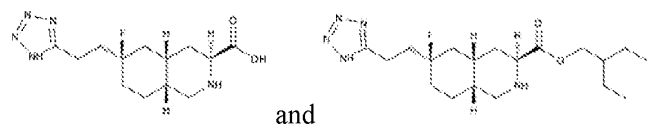




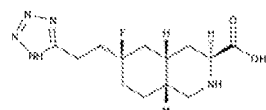
20. A compound according to claim 19 selected from:



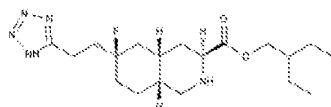
21. A compound according to claim 20 selected from:



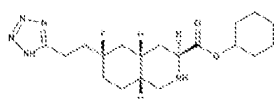
22.1 A compound according to claim 21 selected from



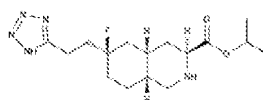
23 A compound according to claim 21 selected from



24. A compound according to claim 21 selected from



25. A compound according to claim 21 selected from



26. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and a compound according to any of claims 1 to 25, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

27. A method of treating epilepsy, comprising administering to a subject a therapeutically or prophylactically effective amount of the compound of claims 1-25.

28. The method according to claim 27, wherein status epilepticus, partial-onset seizures, or primary generalized tonic-clonic seizures are treated.

29. The method according to claim 27, wherein partial onset seizures are treated

30. The method according to claim 27, wherein primary generalized tonic-clonic seizures are treated.

31. The method according to claim 27, wherein status epilepticus is treated

32. The method according to claim 27, wherein a seizure-disorder including a heritable genetic seizure disorder is treated.

33. The method according to claim 27, wherein a seizure-disorder that may result from a brain tumor is treated

34. The method according to claim 27, wherein a seizure-disorder that may result from a traumatic brain injury (either concussive or penetrating) is treated.

35. A method of treating pain, comprising administering to a subject a therapeutically or prophylactically effective amount of the compound of claims 1-25.