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(57) Abstract: A pharmaceutically active inventive compound comprises two independently active analgesic moieties covalently conjoined through a physiologically labile linker. A preferred embodiment comprises an opioid, such as morphine, covalently linked to at least one analgesic compound selected from the group consisting of an opioid or a no-opioid compound through a physiologically labile linker. Suitable covalent linkers are covalently bonded to the two independently active analgesic compounds through one or more lactone, lactam, or sulfonamido linkages. Suitable linkers include endogenous carboxylate, amido, and sulfonamido moieties, and exogenous moieties that form the aforementioned lactone, lactam or sulfonamido linkages.