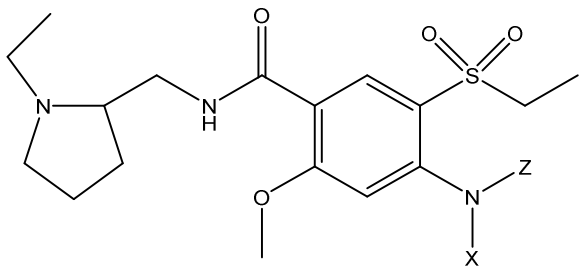
though it has also been demonstrated to bind 5-HT_{2B} and HT_{7a} receptors with low double digit nM K_i. This ability of amisulpride to bind 5-HT receptors is thought to result in amisulpride's ability to treat symptoms of depression (sometimes noted in schizophrenia patients). Interestingly, compared to other antipsychotics, amisulpride is not noted to have any activity at the 5-HT_{2a} receptor.

Despite the unique activities of amisulpride, amisulpride has low ability to cross blood brain barrier (BBB) to interact with the receptors in the brain. In a 2014 study, passive diffusion of amisulpride across a PAMPA membrane (P_e) was the lowest of 30 psychiatric drugs tested. Thus, dosing of amisulpride is high, typically 400 to 800 mg/d (though up to 1,200 mg/day is not uncommon). Such a high dose may cause adverse effects to the treated subjects.

Summary

In one aspect, the present disclosure refers to a compound having a structure of Formula IA:

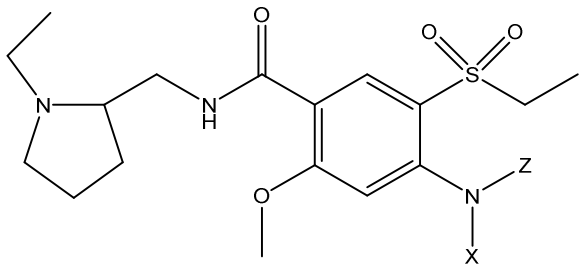


Formula IA

pharmaceutically acceptable salts and stereoisomers thereof, wherein:

X and Z are the same or different and independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and alkyl; with the proviso that at least one of X and Z is not hydrogen.

In another aspect, the present disclosure refers to a pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and a compound having a structure of Formula IA:



Formula IA

pharmaceutically acceptable salts and stereoisomers thereof, wherein:

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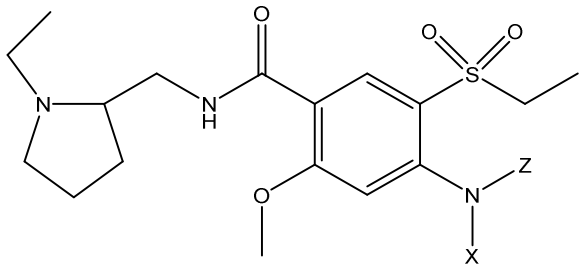
In yet another aspect, the present disclosure refers to use of a therapeutically effective amount of a compound having a structure of Formula IA:



Formula IA

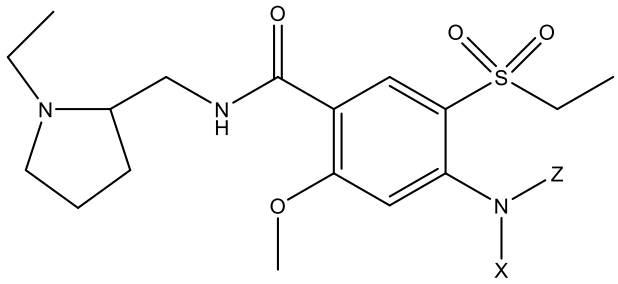
pharmaceutically acceptable salts and stereoisomers thereof, wherein:

X and Z are the same or different and independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and alkyl; with the proviso that at least one of X and Z is not hydrogen,

in the manufacture of a medicament for treating one or more conditions selected from the group consisting of depression, bipolar disorder, Tourette's syndrome, Schizoaffective disorder, Parkinson's psychosis, Alzheimer's psychosis, oppositional

What is claimed is:

1. A compound having a structure of Formula IA:

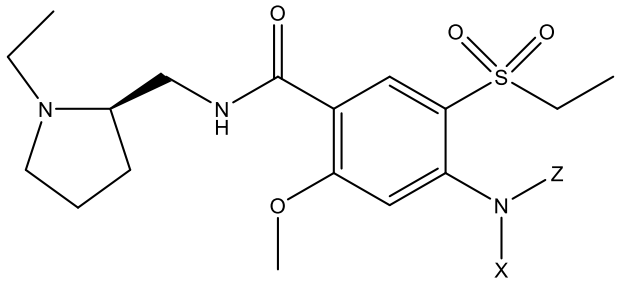


Formula IA

pharmaceutically acceptable salts and stereoisomers thereof, wherein:

X and Z are the same or different and independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and alkyl; with the proviso that at least one of X and Z is not hydrogen.

2. The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound is a stereoisomer having a structure of Formula IA-S:



Formula IA-S

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

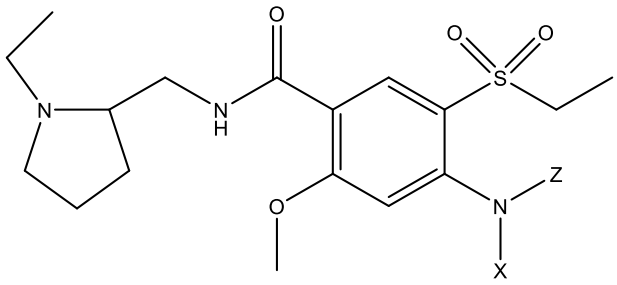
3. The compound of claim 1, wherein X is H.

4. The compound of claim 3, wherein Z = CH_3.

5. The compound of claim 2, wherein X is H.

6. The compound of claim 5, wherein Z = CH_3.

7. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and a compound having a structure of Formula IA:

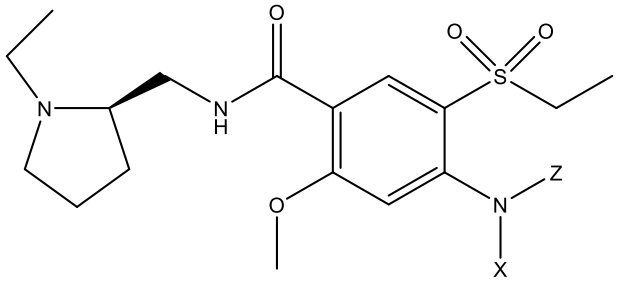


Formula IA

pharmaceutically acceptable salts and stereoisomers thereof, wherein:

X and Z are the same or different and independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and alkyl; with the proviso that at least one of X and Z is not hydrogen.

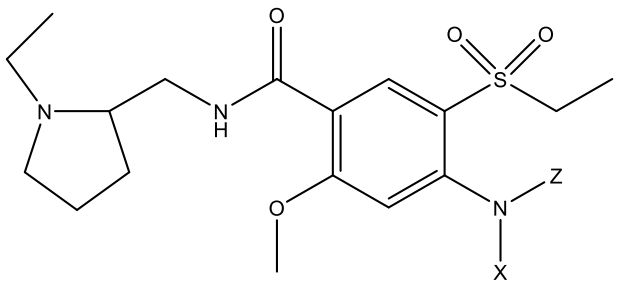
8. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 7, wherein the compound is a stereoisomer having a structure of Formula IA-S:



Formula IA-S

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

9. Use of a therapeutically effective amount of a compound having a structure of Formula IA:



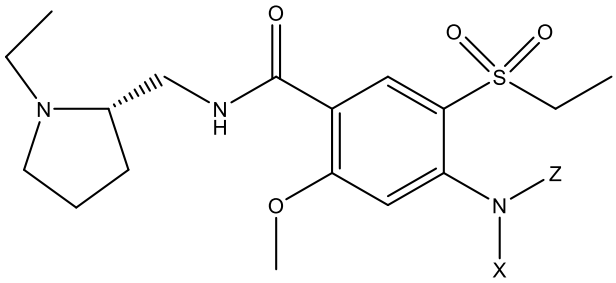
Formula IA

pharmaceutically acceptable salts and stereoisomers thereof, wherein:

X and Z are the same or different and independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and alkyl; with the proviso that at least one of X and Z is not hydrogen,

in the manufacture of a medicament for treating one or more conditions selected from the group consisting of depression, bipolar disorder, Tourette's syndrome, Schizoaffective disorder, Parkinson's psychosis, Alzheimer's psychosis, oppositional defiant disorder, personality disorder, childhood schizophrenia, dysthymia, treatment resistant schizophrenia, and chronic fatigue syndrome, wherein the compound is to be administered to the subject.

10. The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound is a stereoisomer having a structure of Formula IA-R:



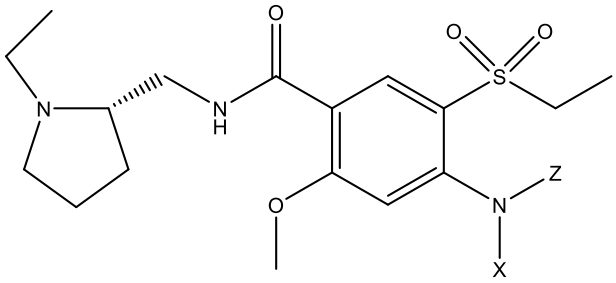
Formula IA-R

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

11. The compound of claim 10, wherein X is H.

12. The compound of claim 11, wherein Z = CH_3.

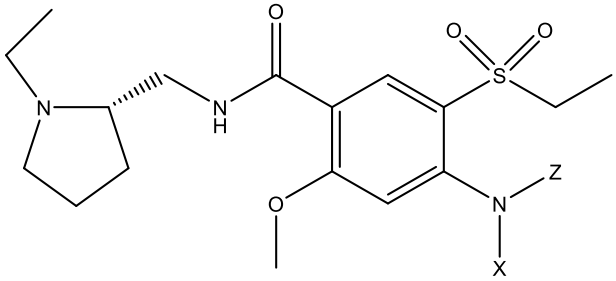
13. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 7, wherein the compound is a stereoisomer having a structure of Formula IA-R:



Formula IA-R

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

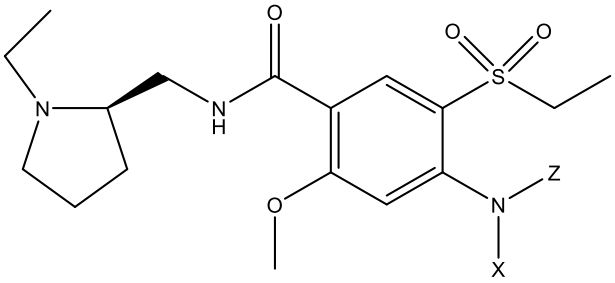
14. The use of claim 9, wherein the compound is a stereoisomer having a structure of Formula IA-R:



Formula IA-R

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

15. The use of claim 9, wherein the compound is a stereoisomer having a structure of Formula IA-S:



Formula IA-S

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.