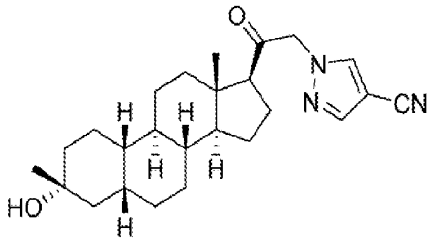
CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

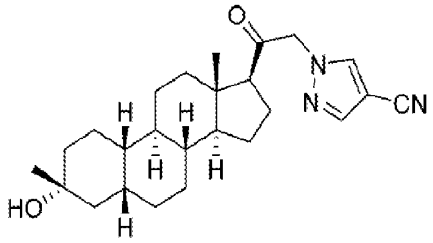
1. A method of treating major depressive disorder in a subject in need thereof, comprising administering to the subject about 40 mg of a compound of the formula:



(Compound 1)

once a day for 14 days.

2. A method of treating major depressive disorder in a subject in need thereof, comprising administering to the subject about 50 mg of a compound of the formula:



(Compound 1)

once a day for 14 days.

3. The method of claim 1 or 2, wherein the major depressive disorder is severe major depressive disorder.

4. The method of any one of claims 1-3, wherein the subject exhibits a reduction in depression-related symptoms.

5. The method of any one of claims 1-4, wherein the reduction in depression-related symptoms is characterized by a reduction in HAM-D score from baseline.

6. The method of any one of claims 1-5, wherein the major depressive disorder is characterized by a HAM-D score of at least 22 prior to treatment.

7. The method of any one of claims 1-6, wherein the major depressive disorder is characterized by a HAM-D score of at least 24 prior to treatment.

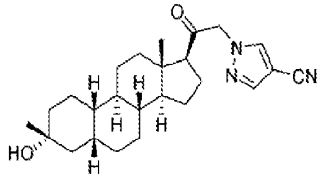
8. The method of any one of claims 1-7, wherein the major depressive disorder is characterized by a HAM-D score of at least 25 prior to treatment.

9. The method of any one of claims 1-8, wherein the major depressive disorder is characterized by a HAM-D score of at least 26 prior to treatment.

10. The method of any one of claims 1-9, wherein the major depressive disorder is characterized by a MADRS score of at least 32 prior to treatment.

11. A method of treating depression in a subject in need thereof, the method comprising the steps of:

(i) administering once daily to the subject about 40 mg of a compound of the formula:



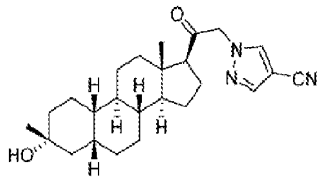
(Compound 1)

once a day for 14 days; and

(ii) re-administering once daily to the subject about 30 mg of Compound 1 for 15 days in response to a recurrence of depression symptoms, provided there is at least a 6 week interval between administration of Compound 1 to the subject and re-administration of Compound 1 to the subject.

12. A method of treating depression in a subject in need thereof, the method comprising the steps of:

(i) administering once daily to the subject about 50 mg of a compound of the formula:



(Compound 1)

once a day for 14 days; and

(ii) re-administering once daily to the subject about 50 mg of Compound 1 for 15 days in response to a recurrence of depression symptoms, provided there is at least a 6 week interval between administration of Compound 1 to the subject and re-administration of Compound 1 to the subject.

13. The method of claim 11 or 12, wherein the major depressive disorder is severe major depressive disorder.

14. The method of any one of claims 11-13, wherein the subject exhibits a reduction in depression-related symptoms.

15. The method of any one of claims 11-14, wherein the reduction in depression-related symptoms is characterized by a reduction in HAM-D score from baseline.

16. The method of any one of claims 11-15, wherein the major depressive disorder is characterized by a HAM-D score of at least 22 prior to treatment.

17. The method of any one of claims 11-16, wherein the major depressive disorder is characterized by a HAM-D score of at least 24 prior to treatment.

18. The method of any one of claims 11-17, wherein the major depressive disorder is characterized by a HAM-D score of at least 25 prior to treatment.

19. The method of any one of claims 11-18, wherein the major depressive disorder is characterized by a HAM-D score of at least 26 prior to treatment.

20. The method of any one of claims 11-19, wherein the major depressive disorder is characterized by a MADRS score of at least 32 prior to treatment.