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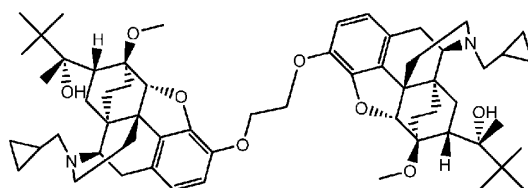
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(57) Abstract: The present disclosure provides a method of treating a disease, e.g. chronic pain or IBS-D, in a subject in need thereof by orally administering: i) a therapeutically effective amount of a buprenorphine dimer; or ii) a pharmaceutical composition including a therapeutically effective amount of the buprenorphine dimer, wherein the buprenorphine dimer is represented by formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof. In particular, the buprenorphine dimer of formula (I) administered is in a neutral form. A process for preparing the buprenorphine dimer in the neutral form is also described.

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