Claims

[Claim 1] A method of dose initiation for an aripiprazole treatment to a patient in need thereof comprising:
administering two, separate injections of an aripiprazole intramuscular (IM) depot formulation, wherein each injection comprises from about 10 mg to about 500 mg of aripiprazole, to the patient at an injection site chosen from a gluteal site, a deltoid site, and combinations thereof, and a single dose of oral aripiprazole,
wherein the step of administering occurs on a first day of the treatment.

[Claim 2] The method according to claim 1, wherein each of the two, separate injections comprise 400 mg of aripiprazole.

[Claim 3] The method according to claim 1 or 2, further comprising after the first day of treatment, administering a single monthly, maintenance injection of the aripiprazole IM depot formulation.

[Claim 4] The method according to claim 3, wherein the single monthly, maintenance injection is chosen from about 300 mg and about 400 mg of aripiprazole in the aripiprazole IM depot formulation.

[Claim 5] The method according to claim 3, wherein when the patient is a CYP2D6 poor metabolizer or is taking concomitant CYP3A4 inhibitors or CYP2D6 inhibitors for greater than 14 days, the single monthly, maintenance injection is chosen from 160 mg and 200 mg of aripiprazole in the aripiprazole IM depot formulation.

[Claim 6] The method according to any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein the two, separate injections of the aripiprazole IM depot formulation are administered at separate gluteal injection sites of the patient.

[Claim 7] The method according to any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein the two, separate injections of the aripiprazole IM depot formulation are administered at gluteal and deltoid injection sites of the patient.

[Claim 8] The method according to any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein the two, separate injections of the aripiprazole IM depot formulation are administered at separate deltoid injection sites of the patient.

[Claim 9] The method according to any one of claims 1 to 8, wherein the patient has schizophrenia.

[Claim 10] The method according to any one of claims 1 to 8, wherein the patient has bipolar I disorder.

[Claim 11] The method according to any one of claims 1 to 10, wherein the single dose of oral aripiprazole ranges from about 2 mg to about 30 mg of

aripiprazole.

[Claim 12] The method according to claim 11, wherein the single dose of oral aripiprazole ranges from about 10 mg to about 30 mg.

[Claim 13] The method according to claim 11, wherein the single dose of oral aripiprazole is 20 mg.

[Claim 14] The method according to claim 11, wherein the single dose of oral aripiprazole is 10 mg.

[Claim 15] The method according to claim 1, wherein when the patient is a CY2D6 poor metabolizer, each of the two, separate injections comprises about 300 mg of aripiprazole and the single dose of oral aripiprazole is about 20 mg.