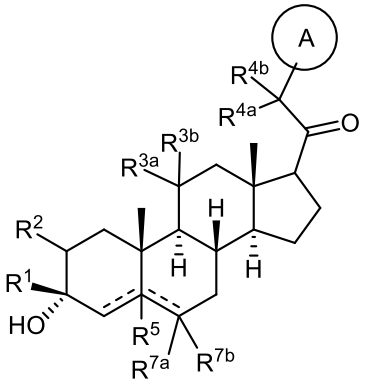
Abstract

Described herein are neuroactive steroids of the Formula (**I**):



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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; wherein ------, A, R^1, R^2, R^{3a}, R^{4a}, R^{4b}, R^5, R^{7a}, and R^{7b} are as defined herein. Such compounds are envisioned, in certain embodiments, to behave as GABA modulators. The present invention also provides pharmaceutical compositions comprising a compound of the present invention and methods of use and treatment, *e.g.*, such for inducing sedation and/or anesthesia.

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