CLAIMS

1. Use of riluzole, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or prodrug thereof in the manufacture of a medicament for treating an anxiety disorder in a patient in need thereof,

wherein the medicament is in the form of an oral solid molded fast-dispersing dosage form in order to provide a reduction of at least 10 Visual Analogue Scale (VAS) points as compared to administration of a placebo,

wherein the oral solid molded fast-dispersing dosage form comprises 50-70 weight% riluzole, pharmaceutically acceptable salt or prodrug thereof, 10-30 weight% fish gelatin, and 10-20 weight% of a filler, and

wherein the medicament provides an enhancement in memory of the patient.

2. The use of claim 1, wherein the dosage of riluzole in the oral solid molded fast-dispersing dosage form is from 20 to 50 mg.

3. The use of claim 2, wherein the dosage of riluzole in the oral solid molded fast-dispersing dosage form is about 35 mg.

4. The use of claim 1, wherein the medicament provides a reduction of at least 12 VAS points.

5. The use of claim 4, wherein the medicament provides a reduction of at least 14 VAS points.

6. The use of claim 1, wherein the medicament provides a reduction of from about 10 to 25 VAS points.

7. The use of claim 1, wherein the medicament provides a mean VAS Score of from about 49 to 60.

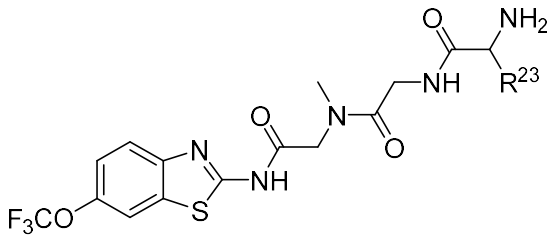
8. The use of claim 7, wherein the medicament provides a mean VAS Score of from about 52 to 58.

9. The use of claim 1, wherein the disease is social anxiety disorder (SAD).

10. The use of claim 1, wherein the oral solid molded fast-dispersing dosage form further comprises 0.1-5.0 weight% of a flavorant.

11. The method of claim 1, wherein the filler is mannitol.

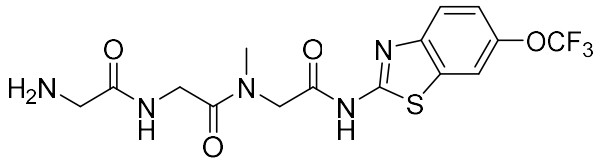
12. The method of claim 1, wherein the riluzole prodrug has the following formula:



and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein:

R_{23} is selected from the group consisting of H, CH_3, CH_2CH_3, $CH_2CH_2CH_3$, CH_2CCH, $CH(CH_3)_2$, $CH_2CH(CH_3)_2$, $CH(CH_3)CH_2CH_3$, CH_2OH, CH_2OCH_2Ph, $CH_2CH_2OCH_2Ph$, $CH(OH)CH_3$, CH_2Ph, CH_2(cyclohexyl), CH_2(4-OH-Ph), $(CH_2)_4NH_2$, $(CH_2)_3NHC(NH_2)NH$, CH_2(3-indole), CH_2(5-imidazole), CH_2CO_2H, $CH_2CH_2CO_2H$, CH_2CONH_2, and $CH_2CH_2CONH_2$.

13. The method of claim 12, wherein the riluzole prodrug has the following formula:



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