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(57) Abstract: The present invention is directed to methods for providing long-term treatment of fibromyalgia syndrome (FMS) by administering a dual re-uptake inhibitor to a patient with FMS. More particularly, the present invention is directed to the long-term treatment of FMS by administering a norepinephrine-serotonin reuptake inhibitor (NSRI) to a patient with FMS.

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