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(54) Title: ETHERS OF O-DESMETHYL VENLAFAXINE

(57) Abstract: This invention provides O- α -acyloxyalkyl ethers of the venlafaxine metabolite 4-[2-(Dimethylamino-1-(1-hydroxy-cyclohexyl)ethyl)]phenol, represented by Formula (I); wherein the configuration at the stereogenic center (*) may be R, S, or RS (the racemate); R₁ is selected from C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl, or the moiety ---R_2 , R₂ is selected from H, or C₁-C₆ alkyl; or, R₁ and R₂ may be concatenated such that (i), form a moiety having formula (b); R is selected from H or C₁-C₆ alkyl; and R₄ and R₅ are independently selected from H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, C₁-C₆ thioalkoxy, -CN, -OH, -CF₃, -OCF₃, halogen, -NH₂, -NO₂, or mono or dialkylamino wherein each alkyl group has 1 to 6 carbon atoms, or pharmaceutically acceptable salts or hydrates thereof, R, S, or RS forms thereof; as well as pharmaceutical compositions and methods treating central nervous system disorders.