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(57) Abstract

This invention generally pertains to the field of psychiatry. In particular, this invention pertains to the discovery that agents which inhibit the binding of cortisol to its receptors can be used in methods for ameliorationg pathologies or conditions associated with psychosis. These pathologies or conditions include psychotic major depression, schizoaffective disorders, Alzheimer's Disease and cocaine addiction. Mifepristone, a potent glucocorticoid receptor antagonist, can be used in these methods. The invention also provides a kit for the amelioration of psychosis in a human including a glucocorticoid receptor antagonist and instructional material teaching the indications, dosage and schedule of administration of the glucocorticoid receptor antagonist.