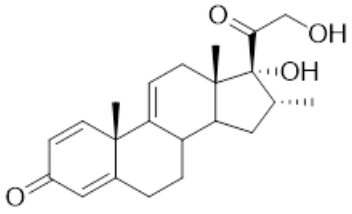
CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. Use of a therapeutically effective amount of a compound having the structural formula



and/or a salt thereof, in the manufacture of a medicament for treating or reducing the symptoms of muscular dystrophy in a human patient between the age of 1 day and 18 years old, wherein an initial dose of about 6 mg/kg/day of the compound, or a salt or polymorph thereof is to be administered to the human patient, followed by a reduced dose of 2 mg/kg/day of the compound, or a salt or polymorph thereof after a reduction of symptoms of muscular dystrophy and tolerability of the patent to the initial dose has been monitored.

2. The use of claim 1, wherein the muscular dystrophy is chosen from Duchenne muscular dystrophy and Becker muscular dystrophy.
3. The use of claim 2, wherein the muscular dystrophy is Duchenne muscular dystrophy.
4. The use of any one of claims 1-3, wherein the compound is to be administered for at least 6 months.
5. The use of claim 4, wherein the compound is to be administered for at least 12 months.
6. The use of claim 5, wherein the compound is to be administered for at least 18 months.
7. The use of claim 6, wherein the compound is to be administered for at least 24 months.
8. The use of claim 7, wherein the compound is to be administered for at least 30 months.
9. The use of any one of claims 1-8, wherein the months are consecutive.
10. The use of any one of claims 1–8, wherein the months are cumulative.

11. The use of any one of claims 1–10, wherein the human patient is between 2 and 18 years old.

12. The use of claim 11, wherein the human patient is between 4 and 12 years old.

13. The use of claim 12, wherein the human patient is between 4 and 7 years old.

14. The use of any one of claims 1–13, wherein the compound is to be administered orally.

15. The use of any one of claims 1–13, wherein the compound is to be administered as a solution or suspension.

16. The use of claim 15, wherein the solution or suspension comprises about 4 wt.% of the compound.

17. The use of claim 15 or 16, wherein the solution or suspension further comprises a flavoring agent.