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(57) **ABSTRACT**

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There is described, inter alia, a coated bead comprising: (a) a granule; (b) a first layer coated over the granule, the first layer comprising a first amount of an active pharmaceutical ingredient comprising a central nervous system stimulant; and (c) a second layer coated over the first layer, the second layer being present in an amount sufficient to substantially delay release of the active pharmaceutical ingredient in the first layer until after the coated bead reaches a distal intestine portion of a subject to whom the coated bead is administered; and (d) the third layer coated over the second layer, the third layer comprising a second amount of the active pharmaceutical ingredient, the third layer being configured to permit substantially immediate release of the active pharmaceutical ingredient comprised therein. Embodiments related to a solid oral pharmaceutical composition are also described.

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Results of PK Study 063-001

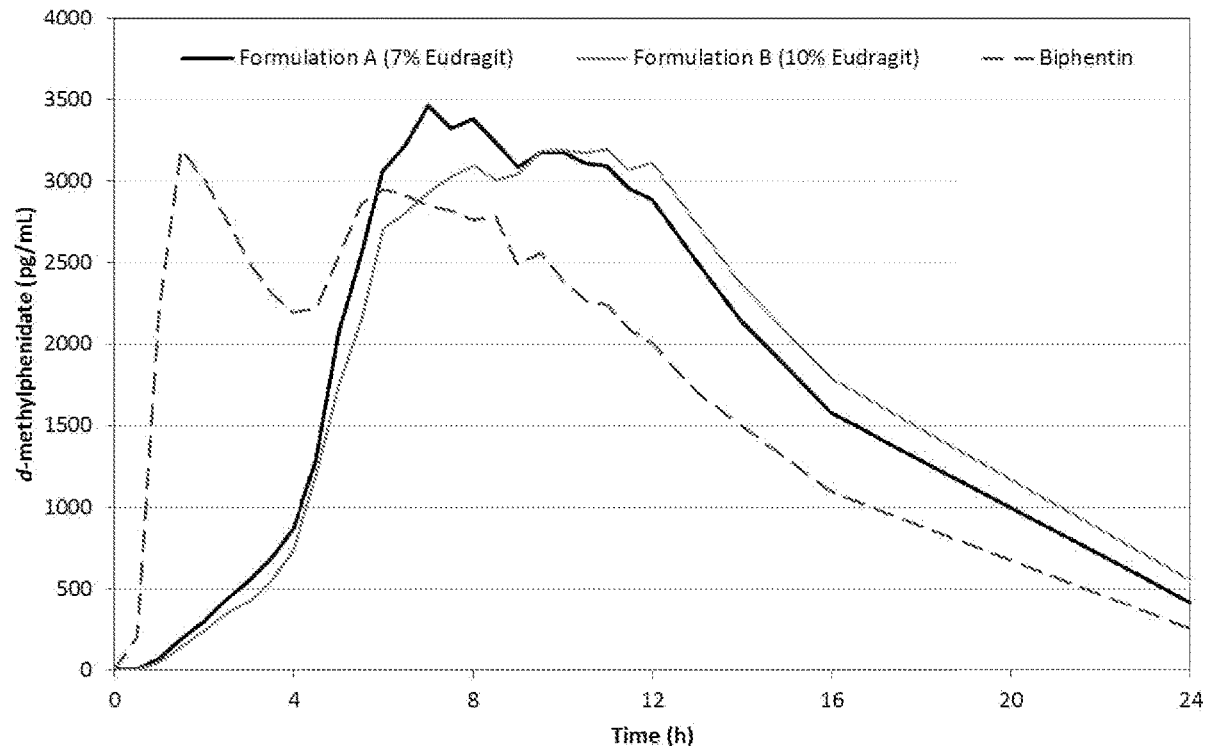


Figure 1: Results of PK Study 063-001

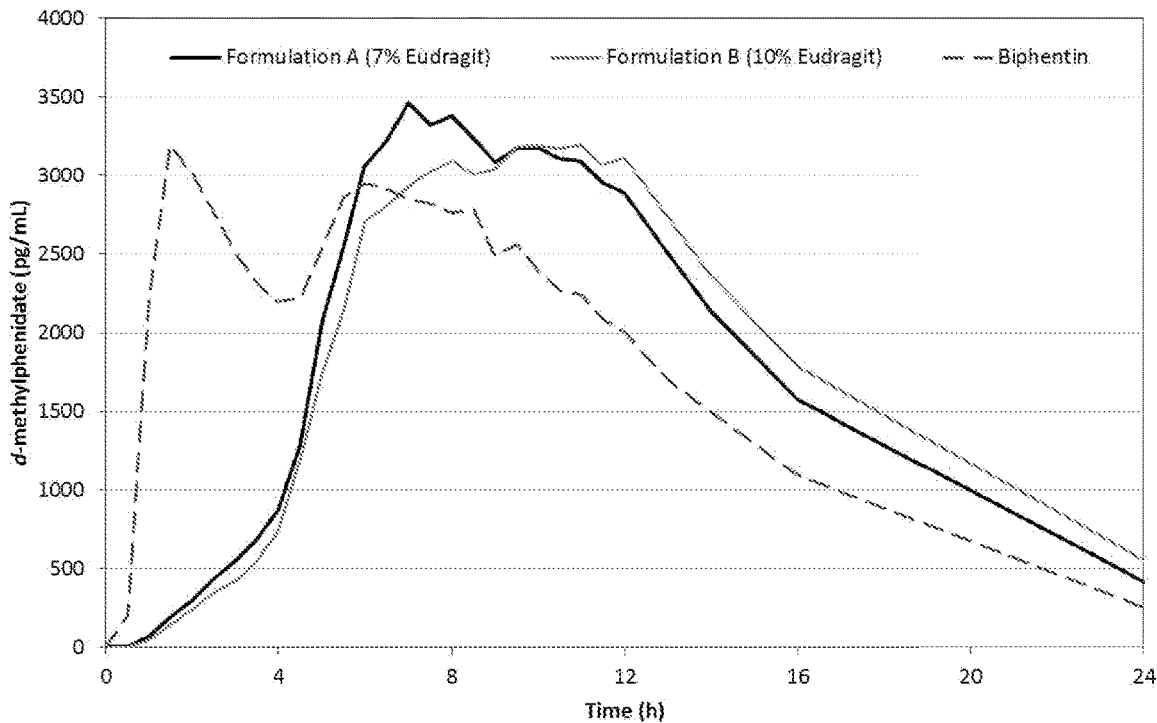


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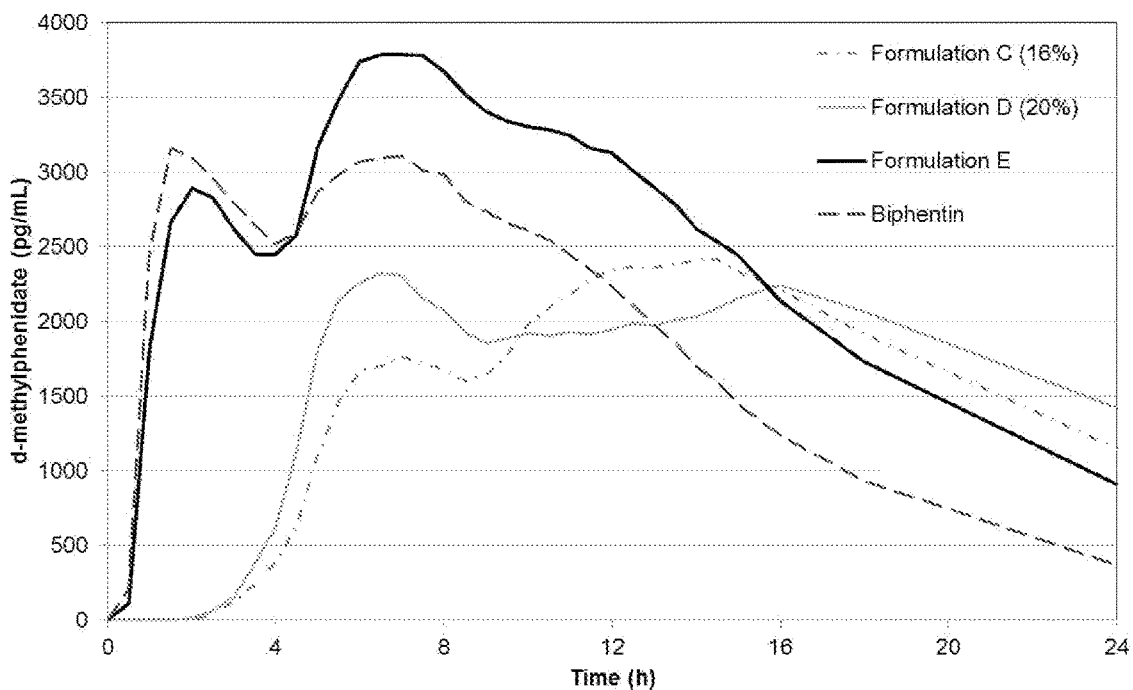


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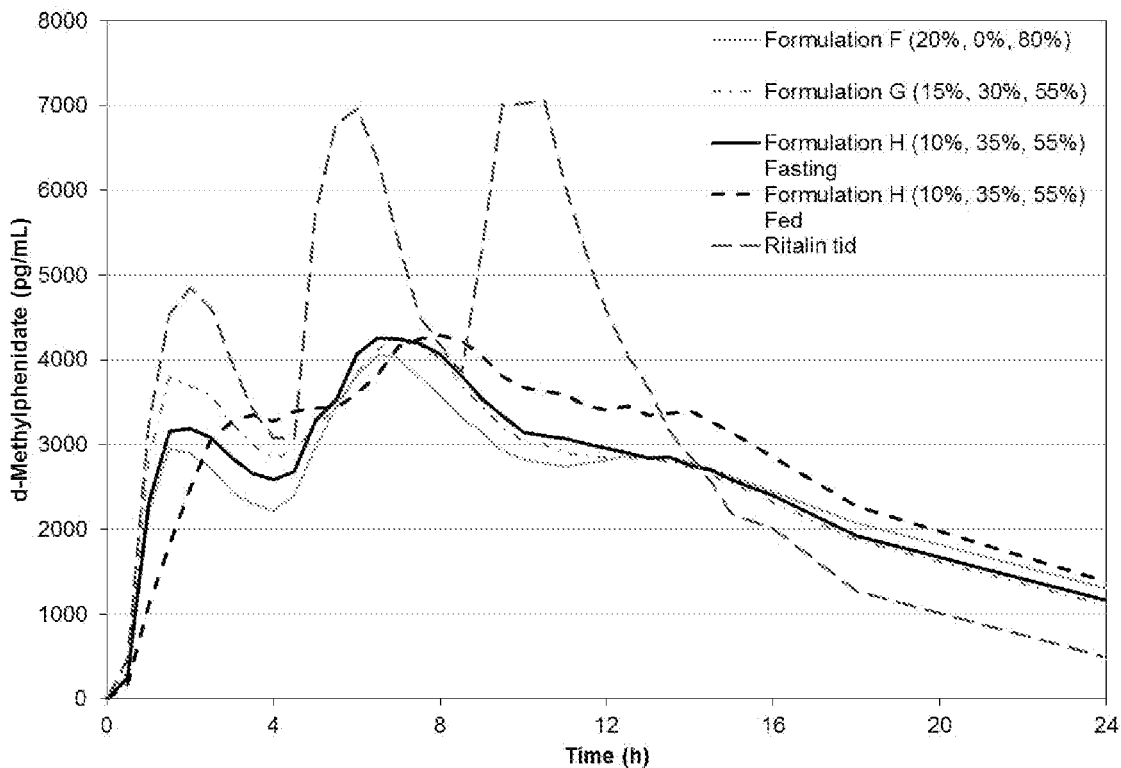


Figure 4: Results of PK Study 063-005 Formulation I (100 mg)

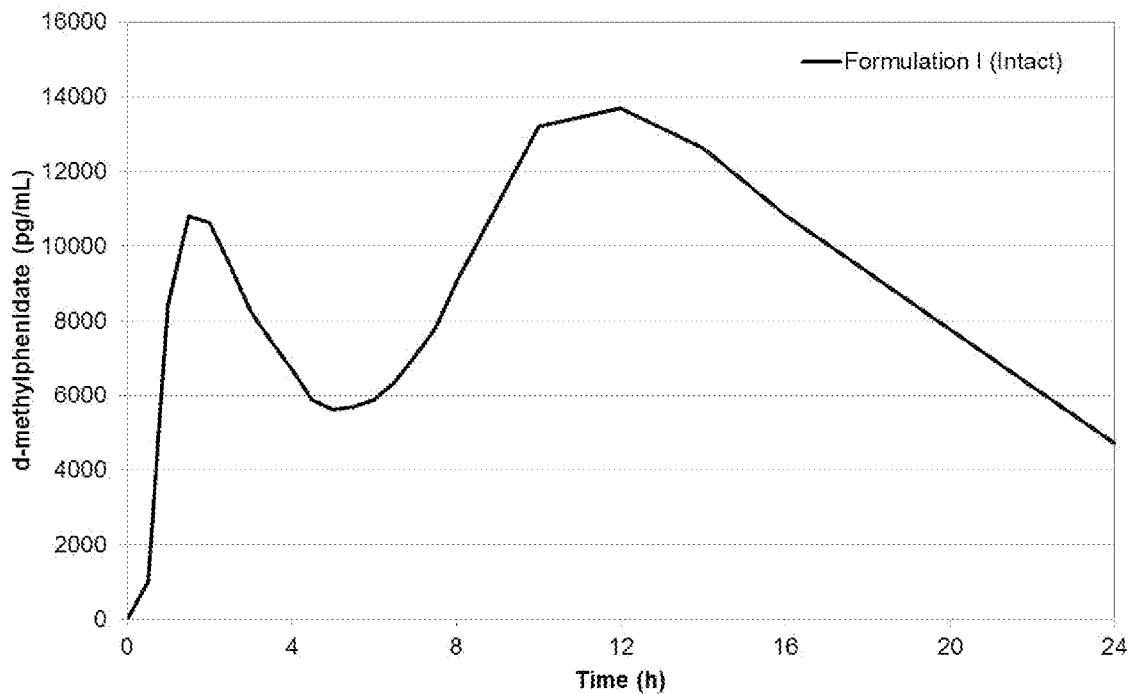


Figure 5: Results of PK Study 063-004 (Formulation I 100 mg vs Ritalin 60 mg)

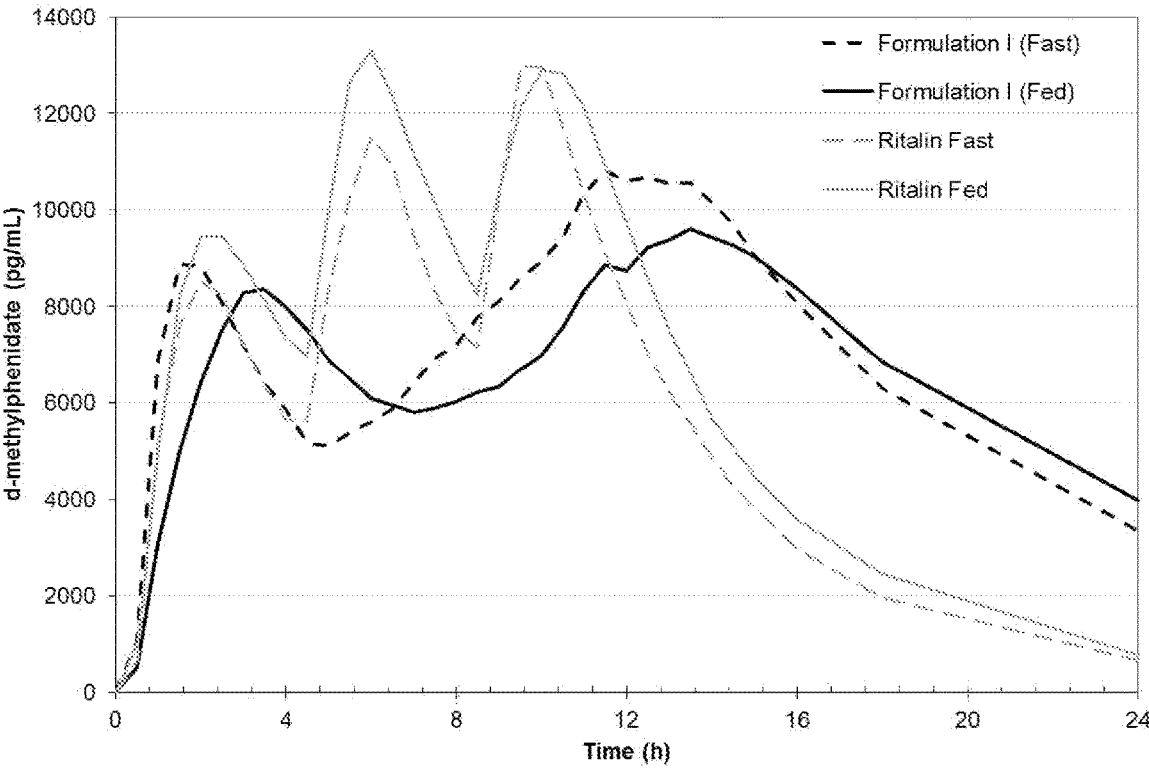


Figure 6: Results of PK Study 063-005 Sprinkle Comparison of Formulation I 100 mg

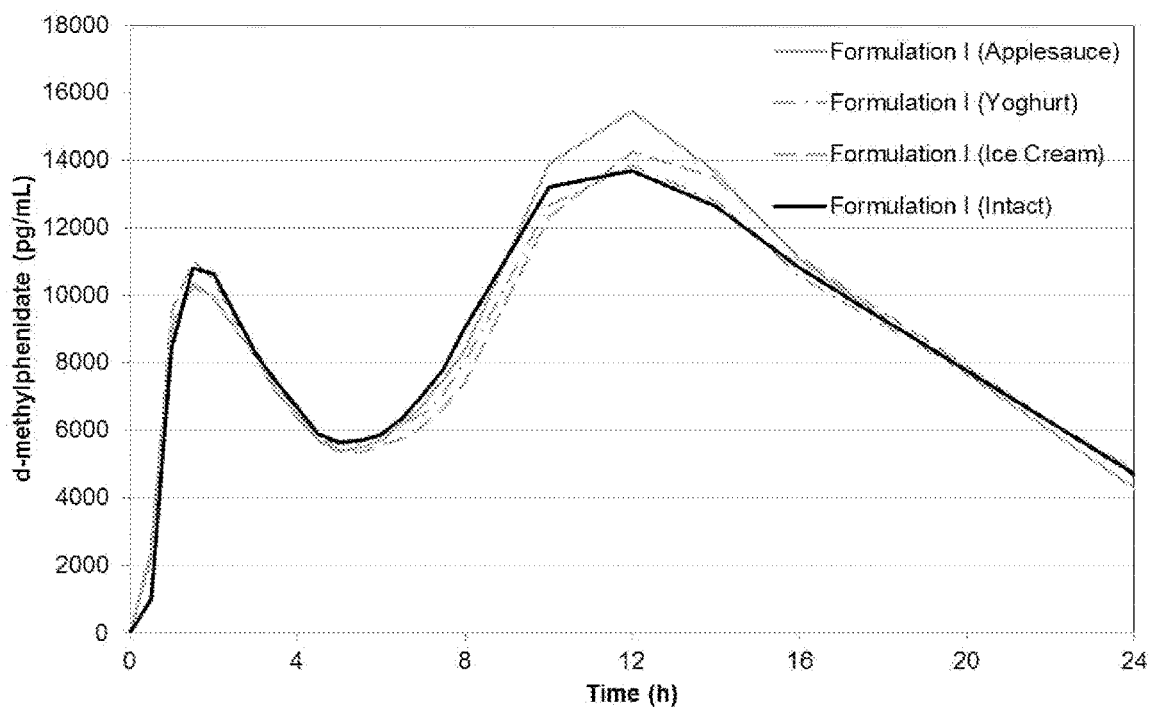


Figure 7: Results of PK Study 063-007 (Formulation I 100 mg vs Ritalin 60 mg)

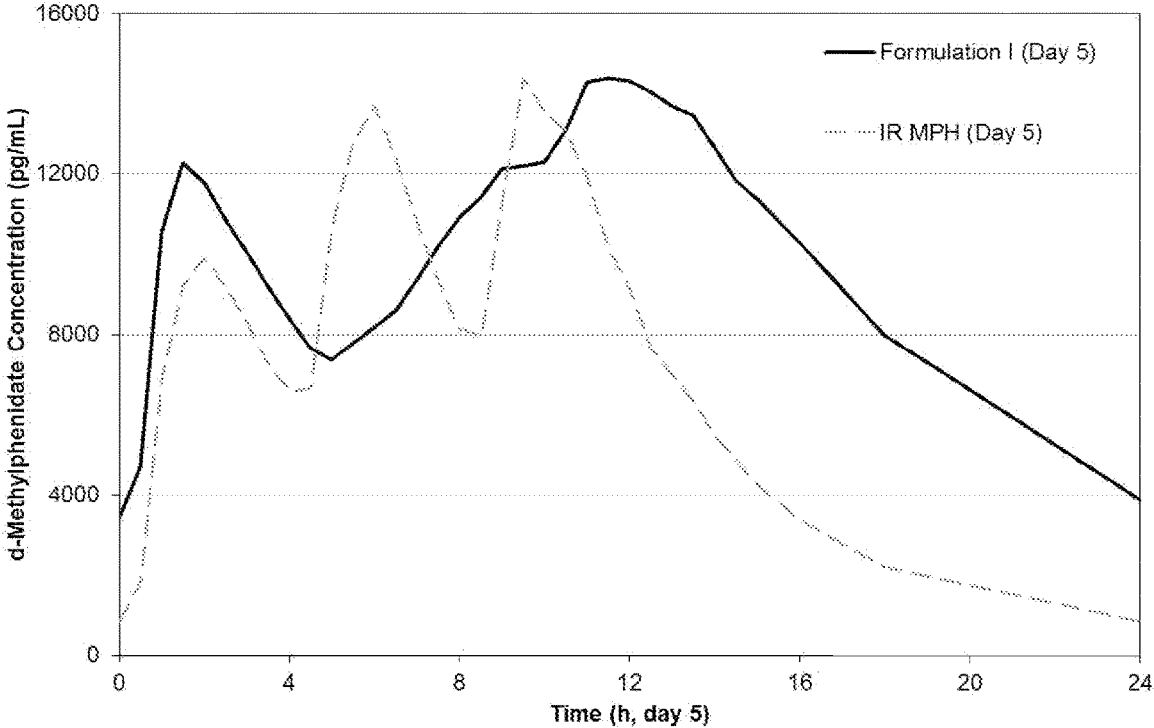


Figure 8: Results of PK Study 063-011 (Smaller Bead Formulation J)

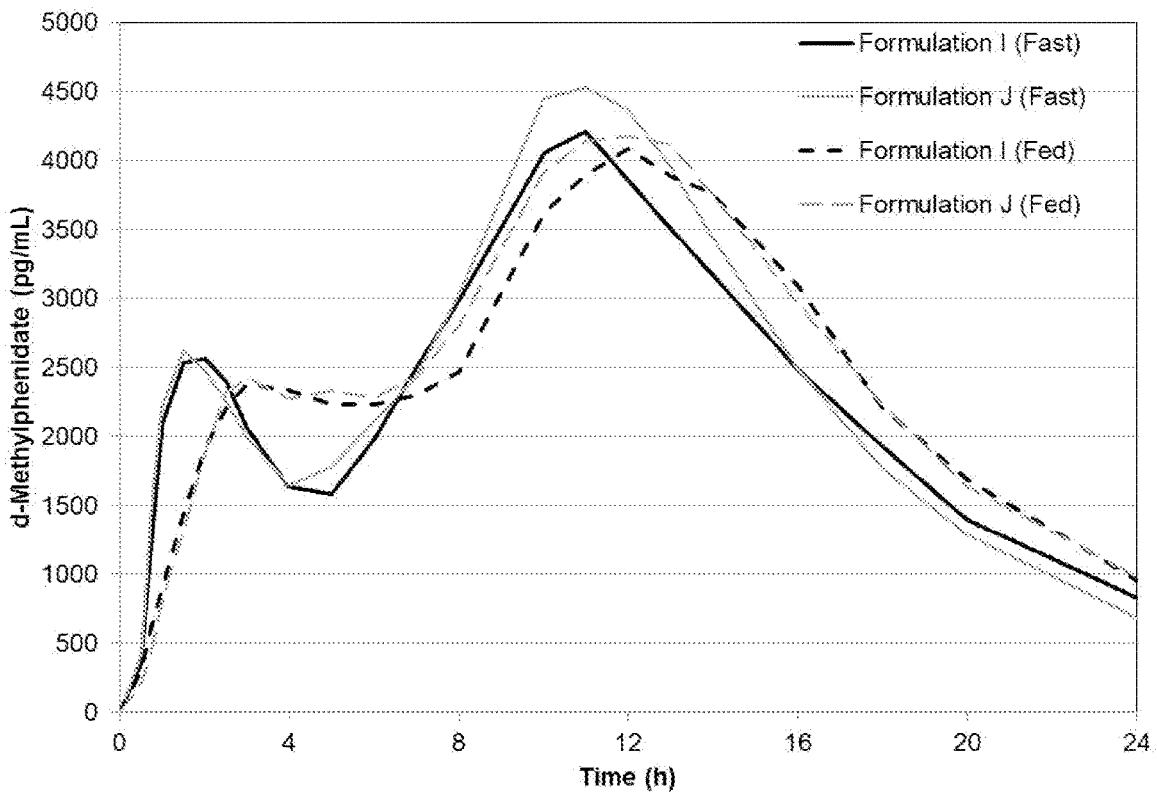


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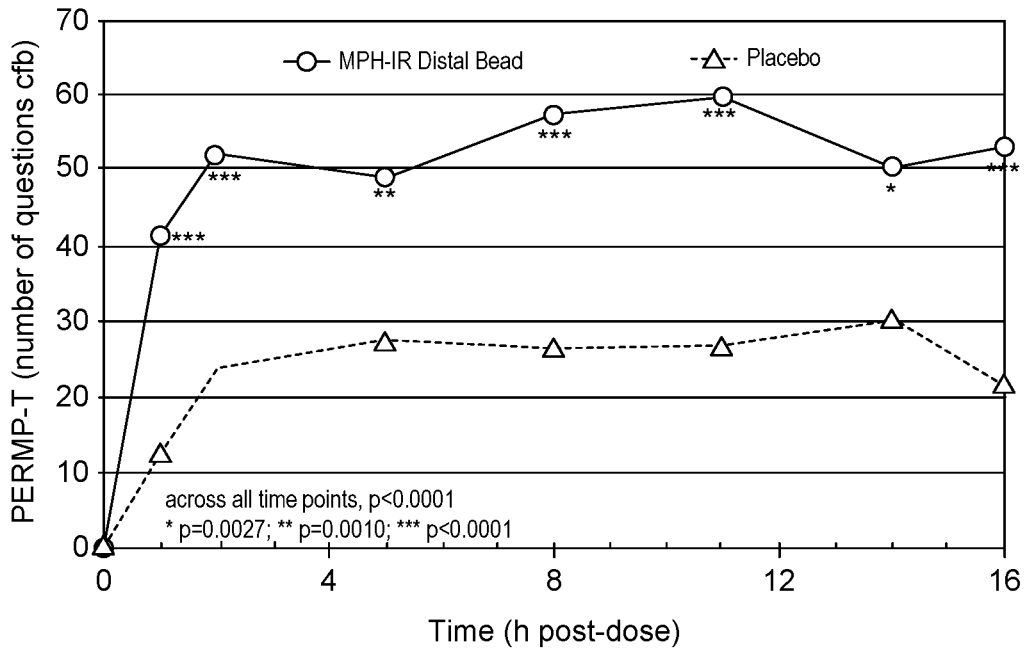


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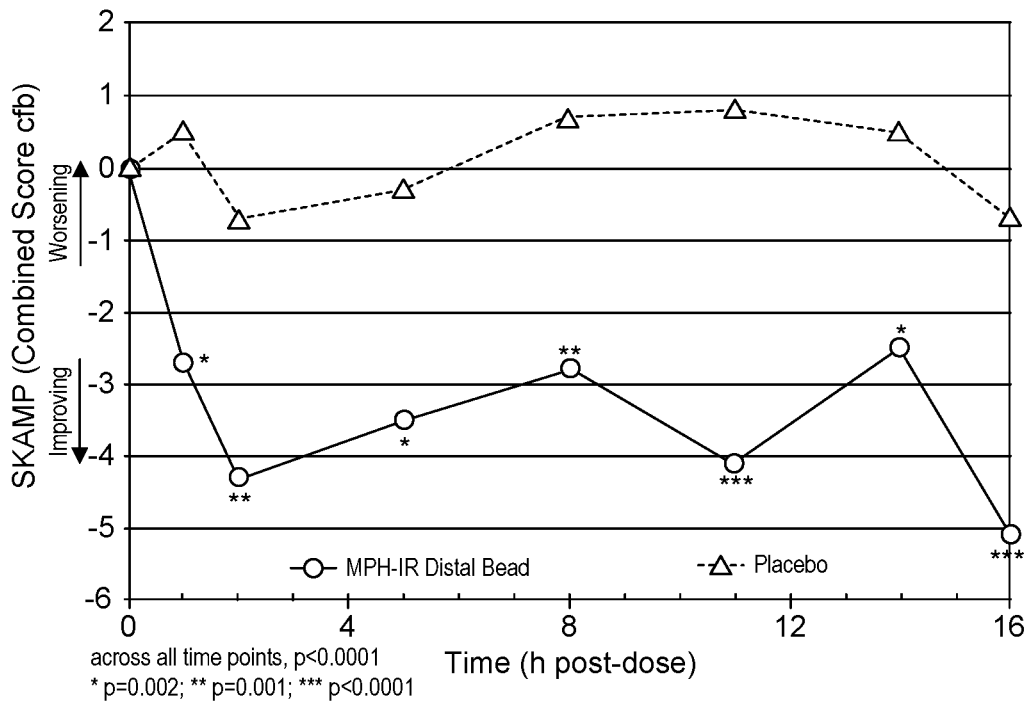


Figure 11

Ingredient	Strength (label claim) 20 mg			Strength (label claim) 20 mg		
	Formulation A – 7% 063-001 DRCRIR bead	Formulation B – 10% 063-001 DRCRIR bead	Formulation C – 16% 063-002 DRCRIR bead	Formulation D – 20% 063-002 DRCRIR bead	Quantity per unit	%
Methylphenidate HCl, USP	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	9.79
Sugar spheres 14/18 mesh, USP/NF	107.0	107.0	107.0	106.8	106.8	52.3
Opadry Clear YS-1-7006, USP	6.4	6.4	6.5	6.4	6.4	3.1
Ammonio methacrylate copolymer dispersion, Type B, 30% dispersion (Eudragit RS30D Solids), NF	9.4	13.3	21.3	26.7	26.7	13.05
Triethyl Citrate, USP/NF	1.4	2.0	3.3	4.1	4.1	2.00
Glyceryl monostearate emulsion (Plasacyl T20), HS	3.8	4.3	5.3	6.0	6.0	2.94
Silicon dioxide, (Syloid 244FP), NF	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.4
Eudragit FS30D Liquid, HS	29.0	30.0	32.0	33.3	33.3	16.32
Total weigh in capsule (mg)	~178	~184	~196	~204	~204	~100

Figure 12

Ingredient	Strength (label claim) 30 mg	Strength (label claim) 30 mg
	Formulation E – 70:30 063-002 ECCRIR bead (70%) + DRCRIR bead (30%)	Formulation F – 80:20 063-003 DRCRIR bead (80%) + IR bead (20%)
	Quantity per unit (%)	Quantity per unit (%)
1. IR bead	IR bead (0%)	IR bead (20%)
Methylphenidate HCl, USP	-	15.0
Sugar spheres 14/18 mesh, USP/NF	-	80.2
Opadry Clear YS-1-7006, USP	-	4.8
Total IR bead	-	~100%
7. CR/EC/IR bead	ECCRIR bead (70%)	ECCRIR bead (0%)
Methylphenidate HCl, USP	12.78	-
Sugar spheres 14/18 mesh, USP/NF	62.02	-
Opadry Clear YS-1-7006, USP	4.04	-
Ammonio methacrylate copolymer dispersion, Type B, 30% dispersion (Eudragit RS30D Solids), NF	5.44	-
Methacrylic Acid copolymer dispersion, 30% dispersion (Eudragit L30 D-55 solids), USP NF	8.15	-
Triethyl Citrate, USP/NF	2.70	-
Talc Ph. Eur/USP	4.87	-
Total CR/EC/IR bead	~100%	~100%
6. CR/DR bead	DRCRIR bead (30%)	DRCRIR bead (80%)
Methylphenidate HCl, USP	10.19	10.19
Sugar spheres 14/18 mesh, USP/NF	54.5	54.5
Opadry Clear YS-1-7006, USP	3.3	3.3
Ammonio methacrylate copolymer dispersion, Type B, 30% dispersion (Eudragit RS30D Solids), NF	10.86	10.86
Triethyl Citrate, USP/NF	1.67	1.67
Glyceryl monostearate emulsion (Plasacryl T20), HS	2.74	2.74
Silicon dioxide, (Syloid 244FP), NF	0.4	0.4
Eudragit FS30D Liquid, HS	16.32	16.32
Total CR/DR bead (30%)	~100%	~100%
Total weight in capsule	~211 mg	~275 mg

Figure 13

Ingredient	Strength (label claim) 30 mg	Strength (label claim) 30 mg
	Formulation G – 30:55:15 063-003 ECCRIR bead (30%) + DRCRIR bead (55%) + IR bead (15%)	Formulation H – 35:55:10 063-003 ECCRIR bead (35%) + DRCRIR bead (55%) + IR bead (10%)
	Quantity per unit (%)	Quantity per unit (%)
1. IR bead	IR bead (15%)	IR bead (10%)
Methylphenidate HCl, USP	15.0	15.0
Sugar spheres 14/18 mesh, USP/NF	80.2	80.2
Opadry Clear YS-1-7006, USP	4.8	4.8
Total IR bead	~100%	~100%
7. CR/EC/IR bead	ECCRIR bead (30%)	ECCRIR bead (35%)
Methylphenidate HCl, USP	12.78	12.78
Sugar spheres 14/18 mesh, USP/NF	62.02	62.02
Opadry Clear YS-1-7006, USP	4.04	4.04
Ammonio methacrylate copolymer dispersion, Type B, 30% dispersion (Eudragit RS30D Solids), NF	5.44	5.44
Methacrylic Acid copolymer dispersion, 30% dispersion (Eudragit L30 D-55 solids), USP NF	8.15	8.15
Triethyl Citrate, USP/NF	2.70	2.70
Talc Ph.Eur/USP	4.87	4.87
Total CR/EC/IR bead	~100%	~100%
6. CR/DR bead	DRCRIR bead (55%)	DRCRIR bead (55%)
Methylphenidate HCl, USP	10.19	10.19
Sugar spheres 14/18 mesh, USP/NF	54.5	54.5
Opadry Clear YS-1-7006, USP	3.3	3.3
Ammonio methacrylate copolymer dispersion, Type B, 30% dispersion (Eudragit RS30D Solids), NF	10.86	10.86
Triethyl Citrate, USP/NF	1.67	1.67
Glyceryl monostearate emulsion (Plasacryl T20), HS	2.74	2.74
Silicon dioxide, (Syloid 244FP), NF	0.4	0.4
Eudragit FS30D Liquid, HS	16.32	16.32
Total CR/DR bead (30%)	~100%	~100%
Total weight in capsule	~262 mg	~264 mg

Figure 14

Ingredient	Strength (label claim) 100 mg	Strength (label claim) 100 mg		Strength (label claim) 100 mg	
	Formulation F 80:20 063-003 DRCRIR bead + IR bead	Formulation I 80:20 063-004, 063-005, 063-007 063-008 MPH IR distal bead	Formulation J 80:20 063-011 MPH IR distal bead		
	Quantity per unit (%)	Quantity per unit (%)		Quantity per unit (%)	
1. IR bead	IR bead (20%)	IR bead (0%)		IR bead (0%)	
Methylphenidate HCl, USP	15.0	-		-	
Sugar spheres 14/18 mesh, USP/NF	80.2	-		-	
Opadry Clear YS-1-7006, USP	4.8	-		-	
Total IR bead	~100%	-		-	
6. CR/DR bead	DRCRIR bead (80%)	DRCRIR bead (0%)		DRCRIR bead (0%)	
Methylphenidate HCl, USP	10.19	-		-	
Sugar spheres 14/18 mesh, USP/NF	54.5	-		-	
Opadry Clear YS-1-7006, USP	3.3	-		-	
Ammonio methacrylate copolymer dispersion, Type B, 30% dispersion (Eudragit RS30D Solids), NF	10.86	-		-	
Triethyl Citrate, USP/NF	1.67	-		-	
Glyceryl monostearate emulsion (Plasacryl T20), HS	2.74	-		-	
Silicon dioxide, (Syloid 244FP), NF	0.4	-		-	
Eudragit FS30D Liquid, HS	16.32	-		-	
Total CR/DR bead	~100%	-		-	
8. CR/DR/IR bead	MPH IR distal bead	MPH IR distal bead		MPH IR distal bead	
		Quantity per unit (mg)	%	Quantity per unit (mg)	%
Methylphenidate HCl, USP	-	100	12.3	100	18.4
Sugar spheres 14/18 mesh or 18/20 mesh, USP/NF	-	428.5	52.7	243.1	44.7
Opadry Clear YS-1-7006, USP	-	31.7	3.9	32.2	5.9
Ammonio methacrylate copolymer dispersion, Type B, 30% dispersion (Eudragit RS30D Solids), NF	-	85.4	10.5	55.55	10.3
Triethyl Citrate, USP/NF	-	13.0	1.6	8.61	1.6
Glyceryl monostearate emulsion (Plasacryl T20), HS	-	22.0	2.7	14.1	2.6
Silicon dioxide, (Syloid 244FP), NF	-	4.1	0.5	4.52	0.8
Eudragit FS30D Liquid, HS	-	128.5	15.8	84.61	15.6
Total weight in capsule	~1100 mg	~813 mg	~100 %	~543 mg	~100%

Figure 15

Dissolution results

		% Methyphenidate HCl dissolved									
Dissolution	Time (hours)	Formulation A	Formulation B	Formulation C	Formulation D	Formulation E	Formulation F	Formulation G	Formulation H	Formulation I	Formulation J
		USP paddle method, 100 rpm, at 37°C, 900 ml simulated gastric fluid for 2 hours, 900 ml phosphate buffer pH 6.0 for 4 hours and 7th hour onwards, 900mL of phosphate buffer pH 7.4 USP<711>Acceptance Table 2	1	4	4	1	1	25	18	25	24
	4	11	10	3	4	31	22	29	28	21	21
	8	41	49	28	38	54	46	61	61	44	41
	12	68	76	44	40	64	58	71	71	83	73
	16 ¹	79	78	54	41	68	67	74	73	78	79

¹ The total amount of Methyphenidate HCl decreases as it degrades at pH 7.4.

Figure 16

Ratios, 90% Geometric CI for non-dose-normalized Parameters Study 063-004

Parameter	Treatment Comparisons	Ratio	90% Geometric C.I.	
			Lower	Upper
AUC _{0-t}	Formulation I (fed) vs IR-MPH (fed)	102.73%	97.69%	108.03%
	Formulation I (fast) vs IR-MPH (fast)	123.92%	117.87%	130.29%
	Formulation I (fed) vs (fast)	98.02%	93.21%	103.07%
AUC _{0-inf}	Formulation I (fed) vs IR-MPH (fed)	128.07%	122.18%	134.24%
	Formulation I (fast) vs IR-MPH (fast)	147.91%	141.31%	154.83%
	Formulation I (fed) vs (fast)	102.09%	97.41%	107.01%
C _{max}	Formulation I (fed) vs IR-MPH (fed)	71.17%	65.92%	76.83%
	Formulation I (fast) vs IR-MPH (fast)	87.06%	80.66%	93.96%
	Formulation I (fed) vs (fast)	89.31%	82.73%	96.41%

Figure 17

Summary of non-dose-normalized Pharmacokinetic Results Study 063-004

	Formulation I (100 mg Fast)	Formulation I (100 mg Fed)	Ritalin (20 mg x 3 Fast)	Ritalin (20 mg x 3 Fed)
AUC _{0-t} (pg•hr/mL)	167783.86 ± 46487.66	161271.48 ± 40500.38	132957.12 ± 43955.82	155290.78 ± 37540.22
AUC _{0-inf} (pg•hr/mL)	205610.43 ± 61472.88	202964.28 ± 57449.88	136436.27 ± 45902.96	159381.72 ± 39469.43
Residual Area (%)	17.62 ± 11.06	18.63 ± 8.51	2.42 ± 0.96	2.45 ± 0.92
C _{max} (pg/mL)	12875.81 ± 4590.85	11088.11 ± 2699.06	14105.39 ± 3770.36	15247.79 ± 3288.76
T _{max} (hr)	11.5	12.5	9.50	6.04
Ke1 (1/hr)	0.1173 ± 0.0430	0.1074 ± 0.0296	0.1968 ± 0.0218	0.1976 ± 0.0247
T _{1/2 el} (hr)	6.95 ± 3.25	7.03 ± 2.28	3.57 ± 0.40	3.56 ± 0.45
AUC ₀₋₄ (pg•hr/mL)	24818.34 ± 7976.76	21160.21 ± 6420.56	22955.21 ± 8292.78	26886.10 ± 7606.67
AUC ₈₋₁₂ (pg•hr/mL)	36457.19 ± 18489.84	29392.15 ± 8453.72	41094.69 ± 12181.51	44914.86 ± 8753.20
AUC ₁₂₋₁₆ (pg•hr/mL)	39322.95 ± 10236.29	36653.88 ± 11521.14	20364.91 ± 9558.52	24467.89 ± 8948.65
AUC ₀₋₈ (pg•hr/mL)	48626.93 ± 16709.44	47422.42 ± 9947.71	58725.69 ± 17067.12	70056.85 ± 16031.58
AUC ₀₋₁₂ (pg•hr/mL)	85084.12 ± 33395.48	76814.57 ± 16722.84	99820.38 ± 28132.26	114971.70 ± 23607.37
AUC ₀₋₁₆ (pg•hr/mL)	124407.07 ± 40902.66	113468.45 ± 26835.93	120185.29 ± 37077.85	139439.59 ± 30402.02
AUC ₀₋₂₄ (pg•hr/mL)	167740.82 ± 46495.35	161217.02 ± 40475.17	132949.12 ± 43953.43	155281.82 ± 37538.47
AUC ₄₋₈ (pg•hr/mL)	23500.00 ± 10293.79	25814.81 ± 6376.73	35446.96 ± 9454.91	42739.42 ± 10194.06
AUC _{12-t} (pg•hr/mL)	82699.74 ± 21862.39	84456.90 ± 26718.88	33136.74 ± 16892.19	40319.08 ± 17657.25
C _{max0-4} (pg/mL)	9365.42 ± 3213.96	9248.95 ± 1886.65	9206.46 ± 3371.78	10951.60 ± 3222.66
C _{max4-8} (pg/mL)	7927.79 ± 4347.57	8162.71 ± 1932.67	12684.06 ± 3583.22	14454.13 ± 3450.37
C _{max8-16} (pg/mL)	12413.97 ± 4546.66	10667.64 ± 3017.29	13650.77 ± 3689.34	14174.43 ± 3158.31
T _{max0-4} (hr)	1.63	3.00	2.00	2.07
T _{max4-8} (hr)	4.00	3.95	6.00	6.00
T _{max8-16} (hr)	12.5	13.5	9.52	10.0

Figure 18

Ratios, 90% Geometric CI for non-dose-normalized Parameters Study 063-005

Parameter	Treatment Comparisons	Ratio	90% Geometric C.I.	
			Lower	Upper
AUC _{0-t}	Test(A) - Reference(D)	98.78%	95.30%	102.40%
	Test(B) - Reference(D)	98.60%	95.11%	102.22%
	Test(C) - Reference(D)	101.08%	97.52%	104.78%
AUC _{0-inf}	Test(A) - Reference(D)	97.87%	94.45%	101.41%
	Test(B) - Reference(D)	98.45%	95.01%	102.02%
	Test(C) - Reference(D)	101.35%	97.82%	105.01%
C _{max}	Test(A) - Reference(D)	108.31%	100.05%	117.26%
	Test(B) - Reference(D)	100.08%	92.43%	108.37%
	Test(C) - Reference(D)	105.84%	97.77%	114.57%

Figure 19A

Ratios, 90% Geometric CI for non-dose-normalized Parameters Study 063-007

Parameter	Treatment Comparisons	Ratio	90% Geometric C.I.	
			Lower	Upper
AUC ₀₋₂₄	Formulation I vs IR-MPH	147.61%	143.02%	152.34%
C _{max}	Formulation I vs IR-MPH	98.92%	92.48%	105.81%
C _{min}	Formulation I vs IR-MPH	456.91%	404.67%	515.90%

Figure 19B

Ratios, 90% Geometric CI Parameters for Study 063-011

Parameter	Treatment Comparisons	Ratio	90% Geometric C.I.	
			Lower	Upper
AUC _{0-t}	Formulation I vs Formulation J (fed)	99.15%	91.82%	107.08%
	Formulation I vs Formulation J (fast)	99.64%	92.27%	107.61%
AUC _{0-inf}	Formulation I vs Formulation J (fed)	98.66%	91.67%	106.20%
	Formulation I vs Formulation J (fast)	98.76%	91.75%	106.29%
C _{max}	Formulation I vs Formulation J (fed)	98.34%	83.67%	115.60%
	Formulation I vs Formulation J (fast)	90.87%	77.31%	106.81%

Figure 20

Time (hours)	% Methylphenidate HCl dissolved
1	NLT 15%
4	18 – 38 %
8	35 – 55%
12	68 – 98
16	NLT 68

Figure 21

Production of Methylphenidate Immediate Release (IR) Beads			
Process Parameters	Recommended Parameters		
Coating sugar spheres with methylphenidate solution	Preheating	Fluid bed coating	
Inlet air volume, cmh (to be adjusted as necessary)	800 ± 300	1100 ± 200	
Inlet air temperature, °C	56 ± 5	65 ± 10	
Atomization air pressure, bar	1 ± 0.2	3 ± 1	
Inlet dew point, °C	8 ± 4	8 ± 4	
Product temperature, °C	35 ± 2	37.5 ± 3.5	
Spraying rate, g/ min (to be adjusted as necessary)	N/A	150 - 400	
Rinsing with purified water	Rinsing	Drying	Cooling
Amount of water used (kg)	1	N/A	N/A
Fluidized air volume, cmh (to be adjusted as necessary)	1100 ± 200	1000 ± 200	1000 ± 300
Inlet air temperature, °C (to be adjusted as necessary)	65 ± 10	60 ± 6	Minimum
Atomization air pressure, bar	3 ± 1	1 ± 0.2	1 ± 0.2
Inlet dew point, °C	8 ± 4	8 ± 4	8 ± 4
Product temperature, °C	36 ± 3	41 ± 4	30 ± 1
Spraying rate, g/min (to be adjusted as necessary)	150 - 350	N/A	N/A
Time, min	N/A	~3	N/A

Figure 22

Production of Methylphenidate Controlled Release (CRIR) Beads			
Process Parameters	Recommended Parameters		
Coating IR beads with coating dispersion	Controlled Release Preheating	CR Coating	Rinsing
Amount of purified water used (Kg)	N/A	N/A	1
Inlet air volume, cmh (to be adjusted as necessary)	1000 ± 250	1250 ± 350	1250 ± 250
Inlet air temperature, °C	45 ± 5	45 ± 15	45 ± 15
Atomization air pressure, bar	1 ± 0.2	2.8 ± 0.5	2.8 ± 0.5
Inlet dew point, °C	8 ± 4	8 ± 4	8 ± 4
Product temperature, °C	25 ± 3	25 ± 5	25 ± 5
Spraying rate, g/ min (to be adjusted as necessary)	N/A	100 - 400	100-350

Figure 23

Production of Methylphenidate Distal (DRCRIR) Beads, cured				
Process Parameters	Recommended Parameters			
Coating CRIR beads with Distal Release coating dispersion	DR Coating	Rinsing	Curing	Cooling
Amount of purified water used (Kg)	N/A	1	N/A	N/A
Inlet air volume, cmh (to be adjusted as necessary)	1400 ± 400	1400 ± 400	800± 400	800± 100
Inlet air temperature, °C	45 ± 15	45 ± 15	To be adjusted	15 ± 10
Atomization air pressure, bar	2.8 ± 0.5	2.8 ± 0.5	1 ± 0.2	1 ± 0.2
Inlet dew point, °C	8 ± 4	8 ± 4	8 ± 4	8 ± 4
Product temperature, °C	25 ± 3	25 ± 3	40 ± 2	25 ± 3
Spraying rate, g/ min (to be adjusted as necessary)	150 - 400	150 - 350	N/A	N/A
Time , min.	N/A	N/A	60	N/A

Figure 24

Production of Methylphenidate IR Distal (MPH IR distal) Beads					
Process Parameters	Recommended Parameters				
Coating DRCRIR beads with Immediate Release layer	Preheating	IR coating	Rinsing	Drying	Cooling
Amount of purified water used (Kg)	N/A	N/A	1	N/A	N/A
Inlet air volume, cmh (to be adjusted as necessary)	1100 ± 400	1400 ± 400	1400 ± 400	1100± 400	1100± 400
Inlet air temperature, °C	56 ± 15	56 ± 15	56 ± 15	To be adjusted	20 ± 10
Atomization air pressure, bar	3 ± 0.5	3 ± 0.5	3 ± 0.5	1 ± 0.2	1 ± 0.2
Inlet dew point, °C	8 ± 4	8 ± 4	8 ± 4	8 ± 4	8 ± 4
Product temperature, °C	36 ± 3	37.5 ± 3.5	37.5 ± 3.5	41 ± 4	30 ± 1
Spraying rate, g/ min (to be adjusted as necessary)	N/A	150-400	150 - 350	N/A	N/A
Time , min.	5 - 10	N/A	N/A	5	N/A

Figure 25

Production of Methylphenidate IR (MPH IR distal) Beads coated with Sodium Alginate				
Process Parameters	Recommended Parameters			
Coating MPH IR distal beads with sodium alginate layer	Preheating	Sodium Alginate coating	Drying	Cooling
Amount of purified water used (Kg)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Inlet air volume, cmh (to be adjusted as necessary)	1100 ± 400	1400 ± 400	1100± 400	1100± 400
Inlet air temperature, °C	70 ± 15	70 ± 15	To be adjusted	20 ± 10
Atomization air pressure, bar	3 ± 0.5	3 ± 0.5	1 ± 0.2	1 ± 0.2
Inlet dew point, °C	8 ± 4	8 ± 4	8 ± 4	8 ± 4
Product temperature, °C	52 ± 5	52 ± 5	41 ± 4	30 ± 1
Spraying rate, g/ min (to be adjusted as necessary)	N/A	50-300	N/A	N/A
Time, min.	5 - 10	N/A	5	N/A

Figure 26

Dissolution Parameters (Example 10)

Equipment	Conditions
Apparatus Basket , USP	apparatus 1
Speed	100 rpm
Bath	temperature: 37°C
Dissolution media 900 ml	0%, 5%, 20%, 35% or 40% ethanol v/v in 0.1 N HCl
Sampling time points	15, 30, 45, 60, 75, 90, 105, 120 minutes

Figure 27

Composition of the dosage form (Formulation I 80:20) MPH IR distal:

Ingredient	Quantity per capsule (mg) per Strength (label claim) approx:								
	25 mg	30 mg	35 mg	45 mg	55mg	70mg	85mg	100 mg	%
Methylphenidate HCl, USP	25	30	35	45	55	70	85	100	12.3
Sugar spheres 14/18 mesh, USP/NF	107.1	128.5	150.0	192.8	235.7	299.9	364.2	428.5	52.7
Opadry Clear YS-1-7006	7.9	9.5	11.1	14.3	17.4	22.2	27.0	31.7	3.9
Ammonio methacrylate copolymer dispersion, Type B, 30% dispersion (Eudragit RS30D Solids), NF	21.3	25.6	29.9	38.4	47.0	59.8	72.6	85.4	10.5
Triethyl Citrate, USP/NF	3.3	3.9	4.6	5.9	7.2	9.1	11.1	13.0	1.6
Glycerol monostearate emulsion (Plasacyl T20), HS, solids	5.5	6.6	7.7	9.9	12.1	15.4	18.7	22.0	2.7
Silicon dioxide, (Syloid 244FP), NF	1.0	1.2	1.4	1.8	2.2	2.8	3.5	4.1	0.5
Eudragit FS30D, HS, solids	32.1	38.5	45.0	57.8	70.7	89.9	109.2	128.5	15.8
TOTAL (approx.)	203	244	285	366	447	569	691	813	100

Figure 28

Composition of the dosage form (Formulation J 80:20) MPH IR distal:

Ingredient	Quantity per capsule (mg) per Strength (label claim) approx:									
	25 mg	30 mg	35 mg	45 mg	55mg	70mg	85mg	100 mg	%	
Methylphenidate HCl, USP	25	30	35	45	55	70	85	100	18.4	
Sugar spheres 14/18 mesh, USP/NF	60.8	72.9	84.9	109.5	133.7	169.9	206.5	243.1	44.7	
Opadry Clear YS-1-7006	8.0	9.6	11.2	14.5	17.6	22.4	27.3	32.2	5.9	
Ammonio methacrylate copolymer dispersion, Type B, 30% dispersion (Eudragit RS30D Solids), NF	14.0	16.8	19.6	25.2	30.8	39.1	47.6	55.55	10.3	
Triethyl Citrate, USP/NF	2.2	2.6	3.0	3.9	4.8	6.1	7.4	8.61	1.6	
Glyceryl monostearate emulsion (Plasacyl T20), HS, solids	3.5	4.3	4.9	6.4	7.8	9.9	12.0	14.1	2.6	
Silicon dioxide, (Syloid 244FP), NF	1.1	1.3	1.5	2.0	2.4	3.0	3.7	4.52	0.8	
Eudragit FS30D,HS, solids	21.2	25.4	29.6	38.2	46.6	59.3	72.1	84.61	15.6	
TOTAL (approx.)	136	163	190	245	299	380	462	543	100	

Figure 29

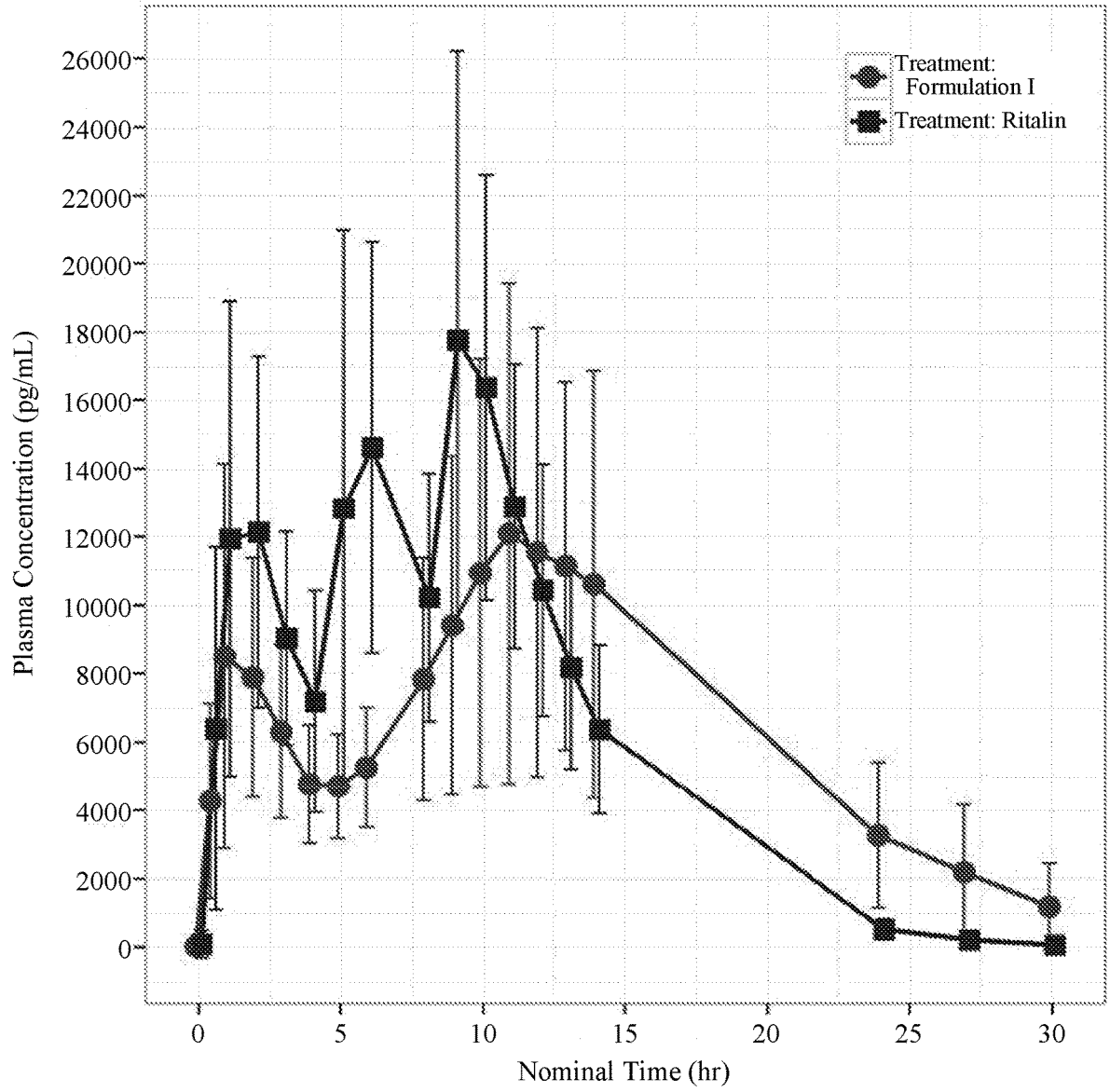


Figure 30

Parameter (units)	Formulation I				Ritalin			
	N	Mean	SD	CV%	N	Mean	SD	CV%
AUC ₀₋₄ (h*pg/mL)	17	192132.91	88094.82	45.85	17	192501.02	65057.41	33.80
AUC _{0-inf} (h*pg/mL)	16	205802.65	90414.45	43.93	16	198638.40	63654.28	32.05
Residual area (%)	16	4.97	8.29	167.00	16	0.59	0.33	56.51
C _{max} (pg/mL)	17	13639.74	6208.80	45.52	17	19938.04	8005.27	40.15
T _{½el} (h)	16	4.91	3.04	61.84	16	2.77	0.29	10.63
K _{el} (h)	16	0.1659	0.0487	29.3398	16	0.2527	0.0259	10.2445
Correlation	16	-0.9820	0.0250	-2.5414	16	-0.9972	0.0044	-0.4393
K _{el Lower} (h)	16	16.3	4.74	29.1	16	12.8	0.688	5.36
K _{el Upper} (h)	16	29.5	0.848	2.87	16	26.6	2.11	7.93
AUC ₀₋₈ (h*pg/mL)	17	46517.87	18403.97	39.56	17	83864.20	31704.77	37.80
AUC ₀₋₁₂ (h*pg/mL)	17	88171.26	39500.37	44.80	17	140672.35	51058.27	36.30
AUC ₀₋₁₄ (h*pg/mL)	17	110274.27	50398.82	45.70	17	156881.18	55213.83	35.19
AUC ₀₋₂₄ (h*pg/mL)	17	179368.01	84890.64	47.33	17	191140.40	64139.79	33.56

Parameter (units)	Formulation I			Ritalin				
	N	Median	Min	Max	N	Median	Min	Max
T _{max} (h)	17	11.3	1.23	26.6	17	8.75	1.28	11.2

Figure 31

Parameter (units)	Formulation I				Ritalin			
	N	Mean	SD	CV%	N	Mean	SD	CV%
AUC ₀₋₄ (h*pg/mL)	17	25062.71	12238.03	48.83	17	37250.87	14497.45	38.92
AUC ₄₋₈ (h*pg/mL)	17	32707.69	10979.77	33.57	17	62400.16	25227.36	40.43
AUC ₈₋₁₂ (h*pg/mL)	17	41667.74	22228.50	53.35	17	56742.88	20904.80	36.84
AUC ₁₂₋₁ (h*pg/mL)	17	172948.40	87877.30	50.81	17	114340.69	40102.67	35.07
C _{max 0-4} (pg/mL)	17	9168.86	4948.34	53.97	17	13570.62	6367.77	46.92
C _{max 4-8} (pg/mL)	17	8011.14	3337.47	41.66	17	16497.30	6129.70	37.16
C _{max 8-14} (pg/mL)	17	13161.06	6726.86	51.11	17	18553.56	8278.01	44.62

Parameter (units)	Formulation I			Ritalin			
	N	Median	Min	N	Median	Min	Max
T _{max 0-4} (h)	17	1.98	1.05	17	2.03	0.567	2.97
T _{max 4-8} (h)	17	8.12	4.22	17	5.97	4.93	8.30
T _{max 8-14} (h)	17	11.2	7.68	17	9.82	8.58	11.2

Figure 32

a) Non-dose-normalized

p-values

Parameter	Treatment	Period	Sequence
AUC _{0-t}	0.4848	0.2822	0.2449
AUC _{0-inf}	0.8721	0.6181	0.1623
C _{max}	<0.0001	0.8916	0.5146

b) Dose-normalized

p-values

Parameter	Treatment	Period	Sequence
AUC _{0-t}	0.0019	0.2392	0.4719
AUC _{0-inf}	0.0109	0.5346	0.6460
C _{max}	<0.0001	0.8367	0.8390

Figure 33

a) Non-dose-normalized

Parameter	Treatment Comparisons	Ratio ¹	90% Geometric C.I. ²		Intra-subject	Intra-subject
			Lower	Upper	CV	CV
AUC _{0-t}	Reference(B) - Test(A)	103.45%	95.21%	112.41%	13.86%	36.95%
AUC _{0-inf}	Reference(B) - Test(A)	99.25%	91.54%	107.61%	13.04%	34.87%
Cmax	Reference(B) - Test(A)	149.13%	134.56%	165.27%	17.19%	40.96%

¹ Calculated using least-squares means according to the formula: $e^{(\text{DIFFERENCE})} \times 100$.

² 90% Geometric Confidence Interval using ln-transformed data.

b) Dose-normalized

Parameter	Treatment Comparisons	Ratio ¹	90% Geometric C.I. ²		Intra-subject	Intra-subject
			Lower	Upper	CV	CV
AUC _{0-t}	Reference(B) - Test(A)	119.27%	109.86%	129.49%	13.70%	31.97%
AUC _{0-inf}	Reference(B) - Test(A)	114.31%	105.49%	123.87%	12.95%	35.93%
Cmax	Reference(B) - Test(A)	171.93%	154.58%	191.24%	17.80%	30.63%

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² 90% Geometric Confidence Interval using ln-transformed data.

Figure 34

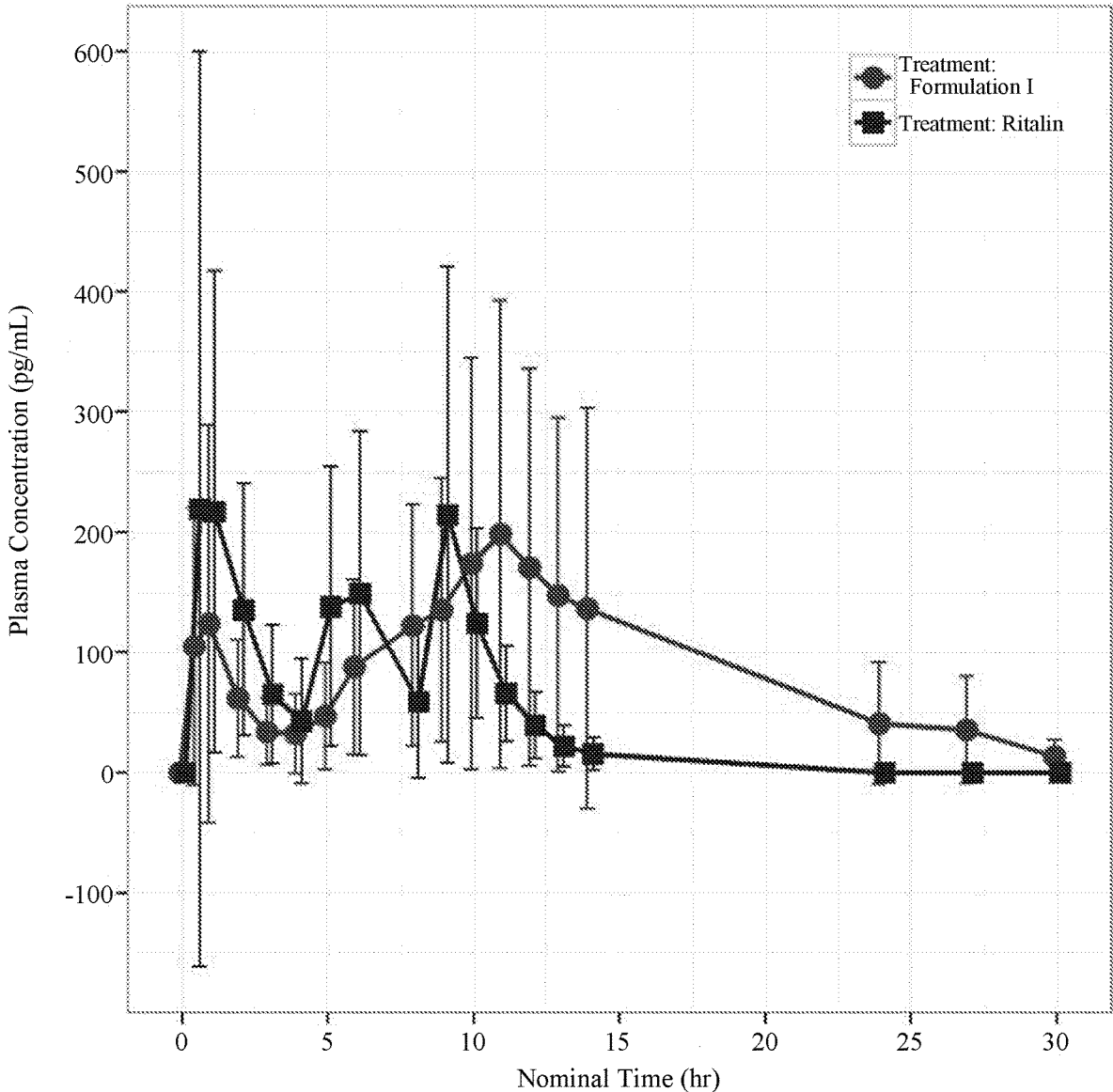


Figure 35

Parameter (units)	Formulation I				Ritalin			
	N	Mean	SD	CV%	N	Mean	SD	CV%
AUC ₀₋₄ (h*pg/mL)	17	2549.37	2104.78	82.56	17	1419.21	1071.14	75.47
AUC _{0-inf} (h*pg/mL)	15	2878.44	2200.78	76.46	15	1538.40	1113.23	72.36
Residual area (%)	15	6.40	6.94	108.54	15	2.41	2.04	84.64
C _{max} (pg/mL)	17	262.09	226.78	86.53	17	310.90	365.88	117.68
T _{1/2el} (h)	15	5.38	3.39	62.94	15	1.17	0.35	29.59
K _{el} (/h)	15	0.1827	0.1226	67.1135	15	0.6376	0.1667	26.1485
Correlation	15	-0.9628	0.0468	-4.8573	15	-0.9917	0.0107	-1.0796
K _{el Lower} (h)	15	14.1	2.78	19.7	15	10.9	0.661	6.06
K _{el Upper} (h)	15	27.9	4.19	15.0	15	13.6	0.563	4.15
AUC ₀₋₈ (h*pg/mL)	17	553.70	438.45	79.19	17	924.40	743.05	80.38
AUC ₀₋₁₂ (h*pg/mL)	17	1206.84	918.47	76.11	17	1374.79	1062.13	77.26
AUC ₀₋₁₄ (h*pg/mL)	17	1508.68	1150.19	76.24	17	1422.91	1072.03	75.34
AUC ₀₋₂₄ (h*pg/mL)	17	2383.19	1995.86	83.75	17	1489.82	1086.24	72.91

Parameter (units)	Formulation I				Ritalin			
	N	Median	Min	Max	N	Median	Min	Max
T _{max} (h)	17	11.1	1.18	26.6	17	2.03	0.567	9.27

Figure 36

Parameter (units)	Formulation I				Ritalin			
	N	Mean	SD	CV%	N	Mean	SD	CV%
AUC ₀₋₄ (h*pg/mL)	17	256.46	256.87	100.16	17	490.69	427.27	87.08
AUC ₄₋₈ (h*pg/mL)	17	390.72	268.27	68.66	17	525.69	376.63	71.65
AUC ₈₋₁₂ (h*pg/mL)	17	653.15	551.80	84.48	17	449.85	336.15	74.72
AUC _{12-t} (h*pg/mL)	17	2363.62	2358.84	99.80	16	296.04	189.20	63.91
C _{max 0-4} (pg/mL)	17	134.29	160.57	119.58	17	273.44	378.83	138.54
C _{max 4-8} (pg/mL)	17	137.70	104.56	75.94	17	185.32	125.03	67.47
C _{max 8-14} (pg/mL)	17	235.78	217.50	92.25	17	216.94	205.01	94.50

Parameter (units)	Formulation I				Ritalin			
	N	Median	Min	Max	N	Median	Min	Max
T _{max 0-4} (h)	17	1.18	0.600	3.88	17	1.10	0.567	2.08
T _{max 4-8} (h)	17	8.05	3.88	8.45	17	5.40	4.82	8.30
T _{max 8-14} (h)	17	11.1	7.68	13.6	17	9.15	8.58	11.2

Figure 37

a) Non-dose-normalized

p-values

Parameter	Treatment	Period	Sequence
AUC _{0-t}	0.0033	0.3931	0.9702
AUC _{0-inf}	0.0027	0.1571	0.8358
C _{max}	0.2866	0.8103	0.6712

b) Dose-normalized

p-values

Parameter	Treatment	Period	Sequence
AUC _{0-t}	0.0229	0.4034	0.8203
AUC _{0-inf}	0.0150	0.1596	0.6614
C _{max}	0.0605	0.8336	0.5028

Figure 38

a) Non-dose-normalized

Parameter	Treatment Comparisons	Ratio ¹	90% Geometric C.I. ²		Intra-subject	Intra-subject
			Lower	Upper	CV	CV
AUC _{0-t}	Reference(B) - Test(A)	103.45%	95.21%	112.41%	13.86%	36.95%
AUC _{0-inf}	Reference(B) - Test(A)	99.25%	91.54%	107.61%	13.04%	34.87%
Cmax	Reference(B) - Test(A)	149.13%	134.56%	165.27%	17.19%	40.96%

¹ Calculated using least-squares means according to the formula: e^(DIFFERENCE) X 100.

² 90% Geometric Confidence Interval using ln-transformed data.

b) Dose-normalized

Parameter	Treatment Comparisons	Ratio ¹	90% Geometric C.I. ²		Intra-subject	Intra-subject
			Lower	Upper	CV	CV
AUC _{0-t}	Reference(B) - Test(A)	60.70%	47.25%	77.98%	43.45%	80.02%
AUC _{0-inf}	Reference(B) - Test(A)	57.31%	43.86%	74.87%	43.06%	83.53%
Cmax	Reference(B) - Test(A)	118.43%	90.56%	154.89%	46.86%	84.99%

¹ Calculated using least-squares means according to the formula: e^(DIFFERENCE) X 100.

² 90% Geometric Confidence Interval using ln-transformed data.

Figure 39

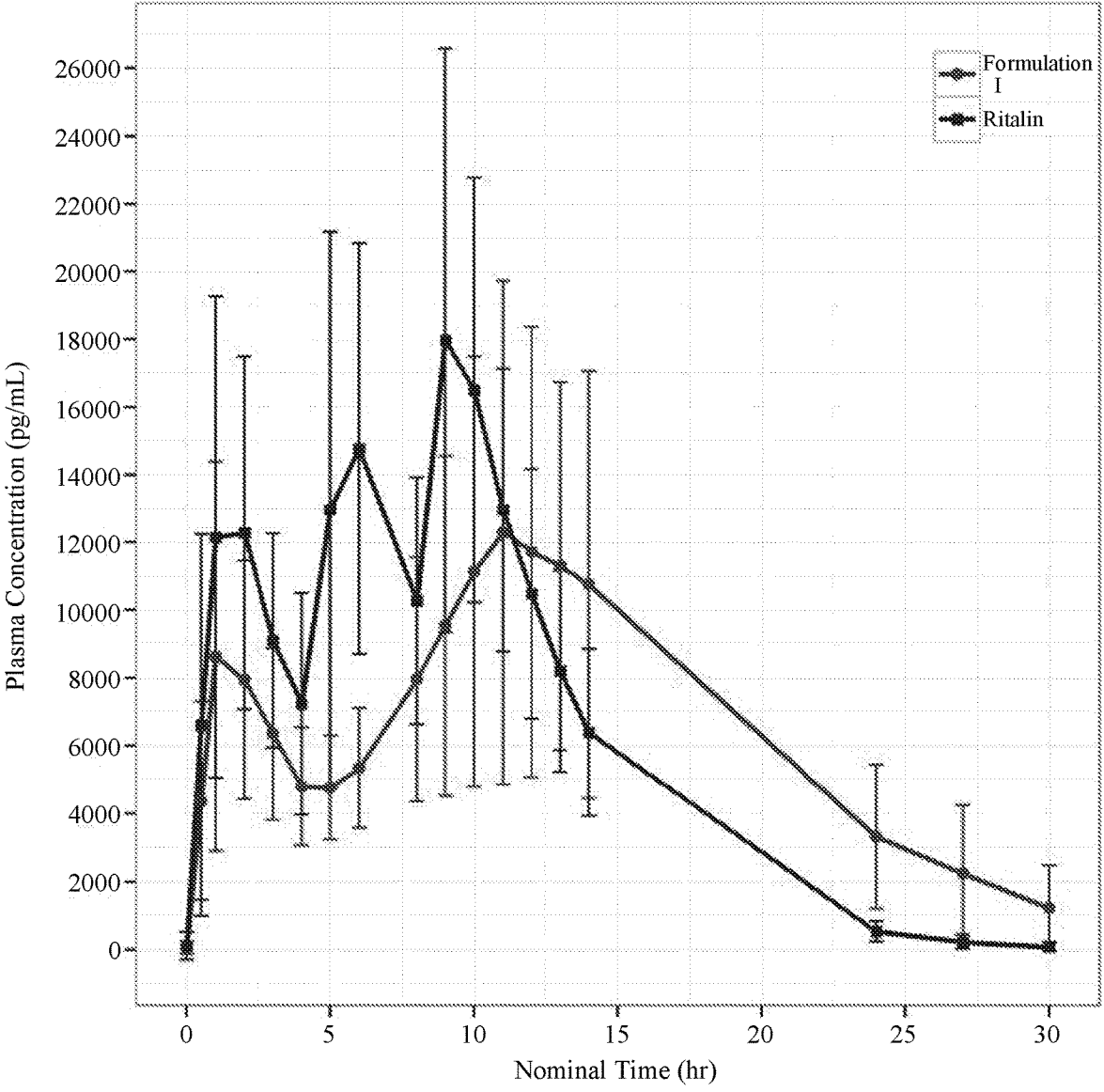


Figure 40

Parameter (units)	Formulation I				Ritalin			
	N	Mean	SD	CV%	N	Mean	SD	CV%
AUC _{0-t} (h*pg/mL)	17	194688.21	88781.49	45.60	17	194002.70	65540.71	33.78
AUC _{0-inf} (h*pg/mL)	16	208855.26	92252.58	44.17	17	195031.78	65615.22	33.64
Residual area (%)	16	5.02	8.21	163.71	17	0.60	0.32	54.14
C _{max} (pg/mL)	17	13846.56	6306.05	45.54	17	20154.20	8124.07	40.31
T _{1/2 el} (h)	16	4.97	3.00	60.38	17	2.81	0.34	11.95
K _{el} (/h)	16	0.1639	0.0497	30.35	17	0.2497	0.0284	11.38
Correlation	16	-0.9815	0.0251	-2.56	17	-0.9971	0.0043	-0.43
K _{el Lower} (h)	16	15.7	4.31	27.50	17	12.9	0.707	5.48
K _{el Upper} (h)	16	29.5	0.848	2.87	17	26.8	2.14	8.00
AUC ₀₋₈ (h*pg/mL)	17	47071.58	18636.19	39.59	17	84788.60	32066.97	37.82
AUC ₀₋₁₂ (h*pg/mL)	17	89378.09	40002.25	44.76	17	142047.14	51630.89	36.35
AUC ₀₋₁₄ (h*pg/mL)	17	111782.95	50962.82	45.59	17	158304.08	55766.83	35.23
AUC ₀₋₂₄ (h*pg/mL)	17	181751.20	85596.61	47.10	17	192641.71	64628.12	33.55

Parameter (units)	Formulation I				Ritalin			
	N	Median	Min	Max	N	Median	Min	Max
T _{max} (h)	17	11.3	1.23	26.6	17	8.75	1.28	11.2

Figure 41

Parameter (units)	Formulation I				Ritalin			
	N	Mean	SD	CV%	N	Mean	SD	CV%
AUC ₀₋₄ (h*pg/mL)	17	24325.24	11688.18	48.05	17	36269.92	14479.84	39.92
AUC ₄₋₈ (h*pg/mL)	17	22746.34	7952.96	34.96	17	48518.68	19503.85	40.20
AUC ₈₋₁₂ (h*pg/mL)	17	42306.52	22535.51	53.27	17	57258.54	21096.66	36.84
AUC ₁₂₋₄ (h*pg/mL)	17	105310.12	52158.33	49.53	17	51955.56	19811.19	38.13
C _{max 0-4} (pg/mL)	17	9278.64	5065.53	54.59	17	13833.46	6602.69	47.73
C _{max 4-8} (pg/mL)	17	8139.92	3390.50	41.65	17	16655.46	6170.36	37.05
C _{max 8-14} (pg/mL)	17	13363.00	6830.20	51.11	17	18754.96	8421.91	44.90

Parameter (units)	Formulation I			Ritalin			
	N	Median	Min	N	Median	Min	Max
T _{max 0-4} (h)	17	1.98	1.05	17	1.28	0.567	2.97
T _{max 4-8} (h)	17	8.12	4.22	17	5.97	4.93	8.30
T _{max 8-14} (h)	17	11.2	7.68	17	9.82	8.58	11.2

Figure 42

a) Non-dose-normalized

p-values

Parameter	Treatment	Period	Sequence
AUC _{0-t}	0.5713	0.3012	0.2506
AUC _{0-inf}	0.7430	0.6495	0.1655
C _{max}	<0.0001	0.9274	0.5230

b) Dose-normalized

p-values

Parameter	Treatment	Period	Sequence
AUC _{0-t}	0.0021	0.2532	0.4839
AUC _{0-inf}	0.0130	0.5600	0.6567
C _{max}	<0.0001	0.8698	0.8527

Figure 43

a) Non-dose-normalized

Parameter	Treatment Comparisons	Ratio ¹	90% Geometric C.I. ²		Intra-subject	Intra-subject
			Lower	Upper	CV	CV
AUC _{0-t}	Reference(B) - Test(A)	102.72%	94.71%	111.40%	13.53%	36.83%
AUC _{0-inf}	Reference(B) - Test(A)	98.51%	91.00%	106.63%	12.77%	40.96%
Cmax	Reference(B) - Test(A)	148.3%	134.06%	164.06%	16.88%	40.96%

¹ Calculated using least-squares means according to the formula: $e^{(\text{DIFFERENCE})} \times 100$.

² 90% Geometric Confidence Interval using ln-transformed data.

b) Dose-normalized

Parameter	Treatment Comparisons	Ratio ¹	90% Geometric C.I. ²		Intra-subject	Intra-subject
			Lower	Upper	CV	CV
AUC _{0-t}	Reference(B) - Test(A)	118.42%	109.33%	128.28%	13.33%	31.88%
AUC _{0-inf}	Reference(B) - Test(A)	113.45%	104.92%	122.69%	12.61%	35.91%
Cmax	Reference(B) - Test(A)	170.98%	154.01%	189.82%	17.48%	30.61%

¹ Calculated using least-squares means according to the formula: $e^{(\text{DIFFERENCE})} \times 100$.

² 90% Geometric Confidence Interval using ln-transformed data.

Figure 44

Mean (\pm Standard Deviation) Difficulty Falling Sleep (Initial Insomnia) by Visit and vs. Placebo

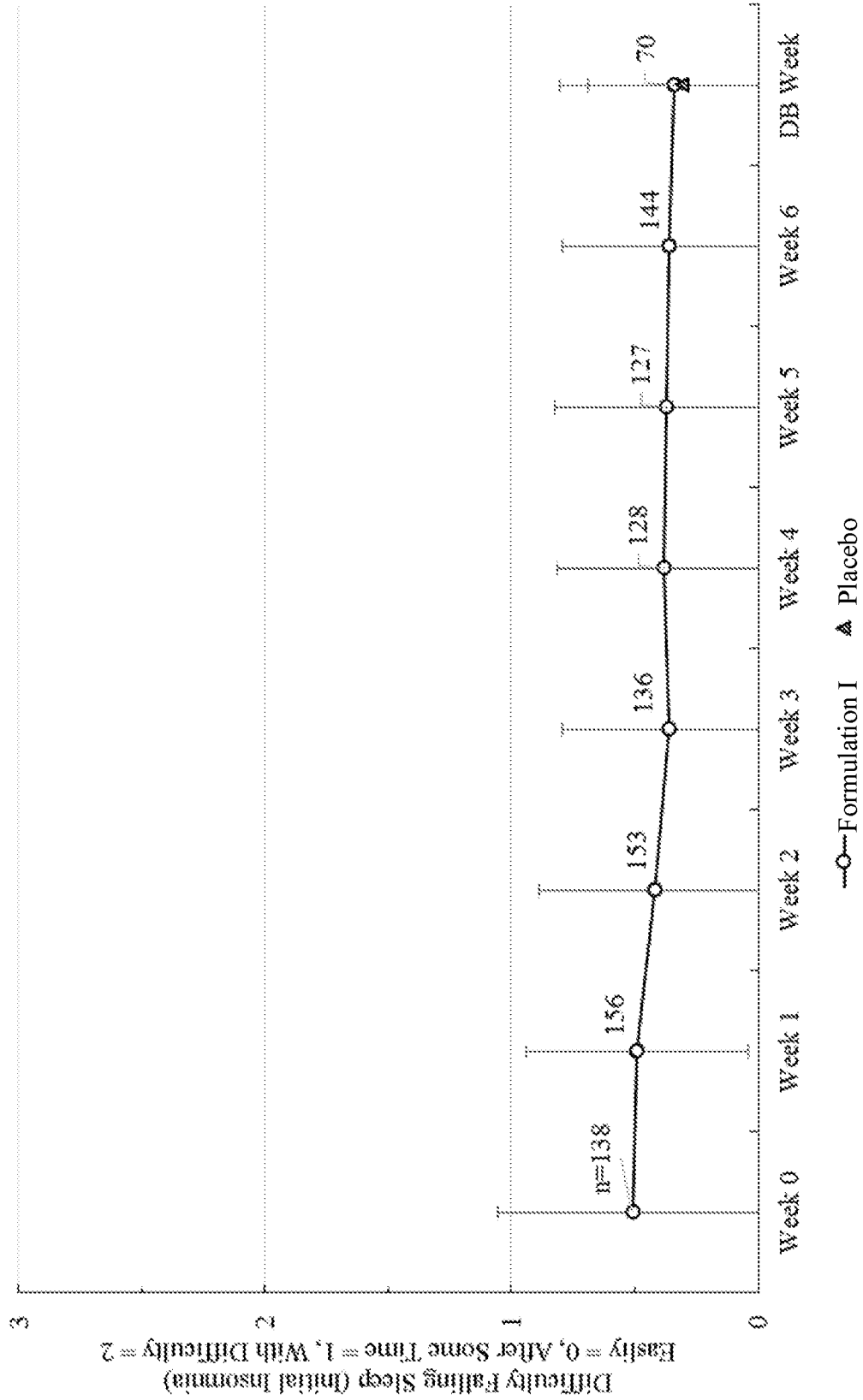


Figure 45

Mean (\pm Standard Deviation) Mood on Awakening (Sleep Quality) by Visit and vs. Placebo (Study 063-015)

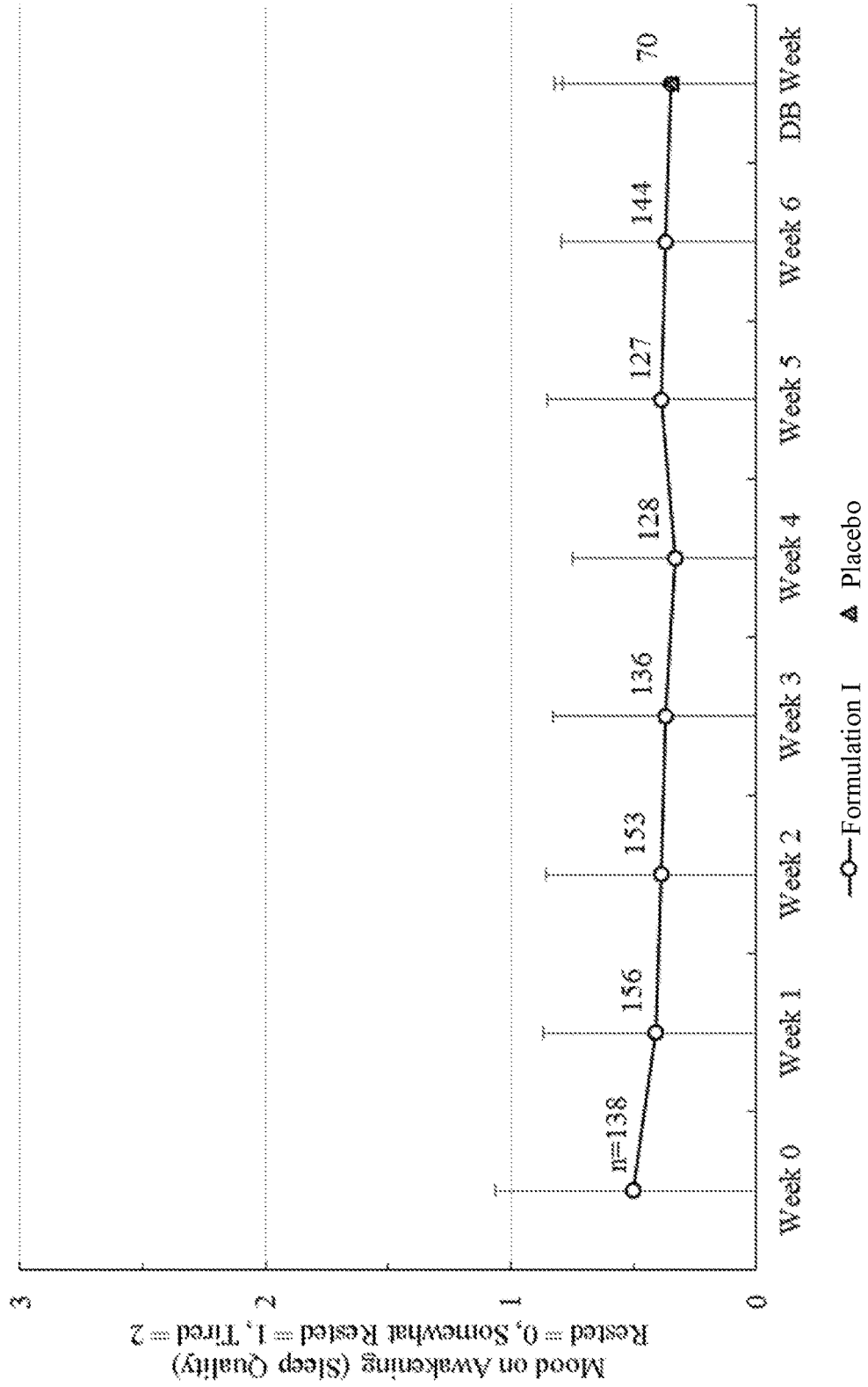


Figure 46

Mean (\pm Standard Deviation) Appetite Level by Visit and vs. Placebo

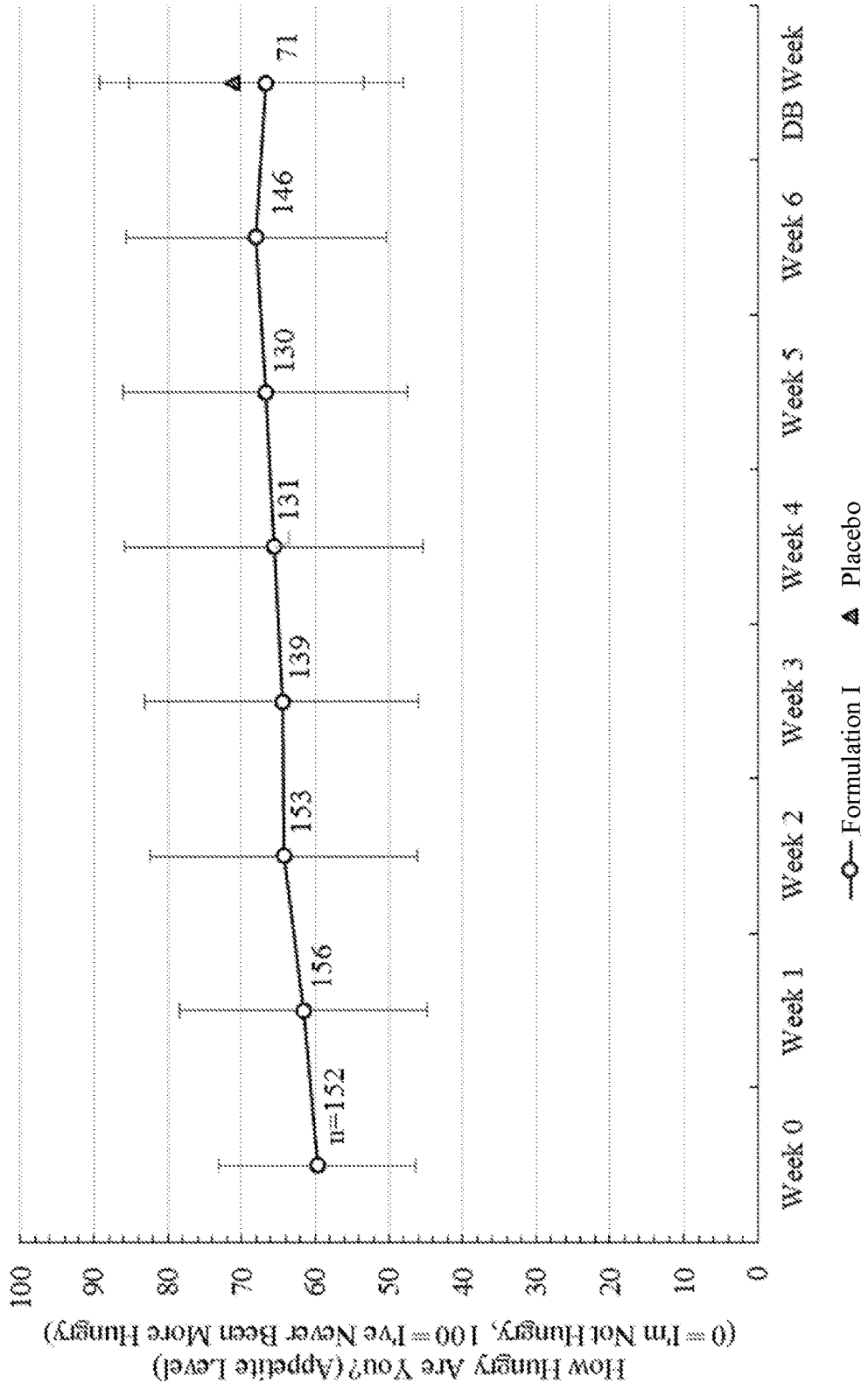


Figure 47

Adverse Event Category [n (%) m] ^a	Treatment at Onset of Adverse Event										Total Placebo
	25 mg Formulation I	35 mg Formulation	45 mg Formulation	55 mg Formulation	70 mg Formulation	85 mg Formulation	Total Formulation I	Total Formulation			
Open-label dose-optimization period ^b	156	142	107	64	26	9	156				
Any TEAE	66 (42.3)	50 (35.2)	43 (40.2)	25 (39.1)	8 (30.8)	2 (22.2)	104 (66.7)	338			
Any severe TEAE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Any serious TEAE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Any treatment-related AE	54 (34.6)	40 (28.2)	38 (35.5)	19 (29.7)	7 (26.9)	2 (22.2)	95 (60.9)	255			
Any TEAE leading to study discontinuation	0	2 (1.4)	0	0	0	0	2 (1.3)	3			
Any TEAE with outcome of death	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Double-blind treatment period ^b	9	15	20	19	8	4	75				
Any TEAE	3 (33.3)	2 (13.3)	5 (25.0)	3 (15.8)	3 (37.5)	2 (50.0)	18 (24.0)	21	7 (9.6)	9	
Any severe TEAE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Any serious TEAE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Any treatment-related AE	1 (11.1)	1 (6.7)	4 (20.0)	2 (10.5)	3 (37.5)	1 (25.0)	12 (16.0)	14	2 (2.7)	2	
Any TEAE leading to study discontinuation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Any TEAE with outcome of death	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

AE = adverse event; TEAE = treatment-emergent adverse event.

^a n = Number of subjects; m = Number of events. For each category, subjects were included only once, even if they experienced multiple events in that category.

^b Number of subjects in the Safety Population that received this treatment at least once during the open-label dose-optimization period.

^b Number of subjects in the Safety Population that received this treatment during the double-blind period.

Note: TEAEs began after and were not present prior to treatment, or were present prior but worsened in severity following treatment. AE descriptors severe and serious were chosen in the eCRF. The AE descriptor "treatment-related" was chosen in the eCRF as relationship to study treatment: reasonable possibility.

Figure 48

Adverse Event Category [n (%) m] ^a	Maximum Severity ^b	Treatment at Onset of Adverse Event							Total Formulation I
		25 mg Formulation I	35 mg Formulation I	45 mg Formulation I	55 mg Formulation I	70 mg Formulation I	85 mg Formulation I	Total Formulation I	
OL DO Period ^c	N	156	142	107	64	26	9	156	
Any TEAE	Mild	47 (30.1) 94	33 (23.2) 68	27 (25.2) 51	20 (31.3) 32	6 (23.1) 11	2 (22.2) 2	86 (55.1) 258	
	Moderate	19 (12.2) 27	17 (12.0) 25	16 (15.0) 18	5 (7.8) 7	2 (7.7) 3	0	43 (27.6) 80	
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Total	66 (42.3) 121	50 (35.2) 93	43 (40.2) 69	25 (39.1) 39	8 (30.8) 14	2 (22.2) 2	104 (66.7) 338	
Metabolism and nutrition disorders	Mild	21 (13.5) 21	14 (9.9) 14	9 (8.4) 9	3 (4.7) 3	0	1 (11.1) 1	47 (30.1) 48	
	Moderate	4 (2.6) 4	3 (2.1) 3	1 (0.9) 1	1 (1.6) 1	0	0	9 (5.8) 9	
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Total	25 (16.0) 25	17 (12.0) 17	10 (9.3) 10	4 (6.3) 4	0	1 (11.1) 1	55 (35.3) 57	
Gastrointestinal disorders	Mild	22 (14.1) 28	12 (8.5) 15	4 (3.7) 5	6 (9.4) 10	3 (11.5) 3	0	38 (24.4) 61	
	Moderate	6 (3.8) 7	2 (1.4) 3	3 (2.8) 4	0	0	0	10 (6.4) 14	
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Total	28 (17.9) 35	14 (9.9) 18	7 (6.5) 9	6 (9.4) 10	3 (11.5) 3	0	44 (28.2) 75	
Psychiatric disorders	Mild	14 (9.0) 18	16 (11.3) 17	5 (4.7) 5	1 (1.6) 1	1 (3.8) 3	0	35 (22.4) 44	
	Moderate	7 (4.5) 8	4 (2.8) 7	7 (6.5) 7	1 (1.6) 2	1 (3.8) 1	0	17 (10.9) 25	
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Total	21 (13.5) 26	20 (14.1) 24	12 (11.2) 12	2 (3.1) 3	2 (7.7) 4	0	49 (31.4) 69	
Investigations	Mild	6 (3.8) 8	5 (3.5) 7	13 (12.1) 14	6 (9.4) 7	3 (11.5) 3	1 (11.1) 1	30 (19.2) 40	
	Moderate	0	1 (0.7) 1	1 (0.9) 1	0	0	0	2 (1.3) 2	
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Total	6 (3.8) 8	6 (4.2) 8	14 (13.1) 15	6 (9.4) 7	3 (11.5) 3	1 (11.1) 1	32 (20.5) 42	
Nervous system disorders	Mild	9 (5.8) 9	5 (3.5) 5	6 (5.6) 6	2 (3.1) 2	0	0	20 (12.8) 22	
	Moderate	2 (1.3) 2	3 (2.1) 3	0	1 (1.6) 1	1 (3.8) 1	0	7 (4.5) 7	
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Total	11 (7.1) 11	8 (5.6) 8	6 (5.6) 6	3 (4.7) 3	1 (3.8) 1	0	26 (16.7) 29	

Figure 49

Adverse Event Category [n (%)] ^a	Maximum Severity ^b	Treatment at Onset of Adverse Event								Total
		25 mg Formulation I	35 mg Formulation I	45 mg Formulation I	55 mg Formulation I	70 mg Formulation I	85 mg Formulation I	Formulation I		
OL DO Period ^c	N	156	142	107	64	26	9			156
Infections and infestations	Mild	4 (2.6)	2 (1.4)	2 (1.9)	1 (1.6)	0	0			9 (5.8)
	Moderate	1 (0.6)	4 (2.8)	3 (2.8)	1 (1.6)	1 (3.8)	0			10 (6.4)
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
	Total	5 (3.2)	6 (4.2)	5 (4.7)	2 (3.1)	1 (3.8)	0			18 (11.5)
Injury, poisoning and procedural complications	Mild	3 (1.9)	2 (1.4)	1 (0.9)	3 (4.7)	0	0			9 (5.8)
	Moderate	0	1 (0.7)	0	1 (1.6)	0	0			2 (1.3)
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
	Total	3 (1.9)	3 (2.1)	1 (0.9)	4 (6.3)	0	0			11 (7.1)
Cardiac disorders	Mild	0	3 (2.1)	3 (2.8)	0	1 (3.8)	0			7 (4.5)
	Moderate	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
	Total	0	3 (2.1)	3 (2.8)	0	1 (3.8)	0			7 (4.5)
General disorders and administration site conditions	Mild	2 (1.3)	1 (0.7)	2 (1.9)	1 (1.6)	0	0			5 (3.2)
	Moderate	3 (1.9)	0	2 (1.9)	0	0	0			5 (3.2)
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
	Total	5 (3.2)	1 (0.7)	4 (3.7)	1 (1.6)	0	0			10 (6.4)
Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders	Mild	0	0	1 (0.9)	2 (3.1)	0	0			3 (1.9)
	Moderate	1 (0.6)	1 (0.7)	0	0	0	0			2 (1.3)
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
	Total	1 (0.6)	1 (0.7)	1 (0.9)	2 (3.1)	0	0			5 (3.2)
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders	Mild	0	1 (0.7)	1 (0.9)	1 (1.6)	0	0			3 (1.9)
	Moderate	1 (0.6)	0	0	1 (1.6)	0	0			2 (1.3)
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
	Total	1 (0.6)	1 (0.7)	1 (0.9)	2 (3.1)	0	0			5 (3.2)

Figure 50

Adverse Event Category [n (%) m] ^a	Maximum Severity ^b	Treatment at Onset of Adverse Event						Total
		25 mg Formulation I	35 mg Formulation I	45 mg Formulation I	55 mg Formulation I	70 mg Formulation I	85 mg Formulation I	
OL DO Period ^c	N	156	142	107	64	26	9	156
Ear and labyrinth disorders	Mild	0	1 (0.7)	0	0	0	0	1 (0.6)
	Moderate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	0	1 (0.7)	0	0	0	0	1 (0.6)
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders	Mild	0	0	1 (0.9)	0	1 (3.8)	0	1 (0.6)
	Moderate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	0	0	1 (0.9)	0	1 (3.8)	0	1 (0.6)
Reproductive system and breast disorders	Mild	1 (0.6)	0	0	0	0	0	1 (0.6)
	Moderate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	1 (0.6)	0	0	0	0	0	1 (0.6)
Immune system disorders	Mild	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Moderate	0	1 (0.7)	0	0	0	0	1 (0.6)
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	0	1 (0.7)	0	0	0	0	1 (0.6)

AE = adverse event; DO = dose-optimization; OL = open-label; TEAE = treatment-emergent adverse event

^a n = Number of subjects; m = Number of events. For each SOC, PT and Severity, subjects are included only once, even if they experienced multiple events in that SOC or PT.

^b For each event, number of subjects were summarized in the row corresponding to the most severe event among the events of that type reported.

^c Number of subjects in the SA that received this treatment at least once during the OL DO period.

Note: AEs were coded using MedDRA version 20.0. TEAEs began after and were not present prior to treatment, or were present prior but worsened in severity following treatment.

Figure 51

Adverse Event Category [n (%)] ^a	Maximum Severity ^b	Treatment at Onset of Adverse Event										Total Formulation I	Total Formulation I	Total Placebo	
		25 mg Formulation I	35 mg Formulation I	45 mg Formulation I	55 mg Formulation I	70 mg Formulation I	85 mg Formulation I	85 mg Formulation I	85 mg Formulation I	85 mg Formulation I	85 mg Formulation I				
Double-blind Period	N	9	15	20	19	8	4	4	4	4	4	4	75	75	73
Any TEAE															
Mild		3 (33.3)	1 (6.7)	4 (20.0)	2 (10.5)	3 (37.5)	0	0	0	0	0	0	13 (17.3)	16	4 (5.5)
Moderate		0	1 (6.7)	1 (5.0)	1 (5.3)	0	2 (50.0)	0	0	0	0	0	5 (6.7)	5	3 (4.1)
Severe		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		3 (33.3)	2 (13.3)	5 (25.0)	3 (15.8)	3 (37.5)	2 (50.0)	2 (50.0)	0	0	0	0	18 (24.0)	21	7 (9.6)
Investigations															
Mild		0	0	2 (10.0)	1 (5.3)	2 (25.0)	0	0	0	0	0	0	5 (6.7)	5	1 (1.4)
Moderate		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Severe		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		0	0	2 (10.0)	1 (5.3)	2 (25.0)	0	0	0	0	0	0	5 (6.7)	5	1 (1.4)
Cardiac disorders															
Mild		1 (11.1)	0	1 (5.0)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 (2.7)	2	1 (1.4)
Moderate		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 (1.4)
Severe		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		1 (11.1)	0	1 (5.0)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 (2.7)	2	2 (2.7)
Gastrointestinal disorders															
Mild		1 (11.1)	0	1 (5.0)	1 (5.3)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3 (4.0)	3	0
Moderate		0	0	1 (5.0)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 (1.3)	1	1 (1.4)
Severe		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		1 (11.1)	0	2 (10.0)	1 (5.3)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4 (5.3)	4	1 (1.4)
Nervous system disorders															
Mild		0	0	0	0	1 (12.5)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 (1.3)	1	1 (1.4)
Moderate		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 (25.0)	0	0	1 (1.3)	1	0
Severe		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		0	0	0	0	1 (12.5)	0	0	0	1 (25.0)	0	0	2 (2.7)	2	1 (1.4)
Ear and labyrinth disorders															
Mild		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 (1.4)
Moderate		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Severe		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 (1.4)
Infections and infestations															
Mild		0	0	1 (5.0)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 (1.3)	1	0
Moderate		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 (25.0)	0	0	1 (1.3)	1	2 (2.7)
Severe		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		0	0	1 (5.0)	0	0	0	0	0	1 (25.0)	0	0	2 (2.7)	2	2 (2.7)
Injury, poisoning and procedural complications															
Mild		0	0	1 (5.0)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 (1.3)	1	0
Moderate		0	1 (6.7)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 (1.3)	1	0
Severe		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		0	1 (6.7)	1 (5.0)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 (2.7)	2	0

Figure 52

Adverse Event Category [n (%) m] ^a	Maximum Severity ^b	Treatment at Onset of Adverse Event										Total Placebo
		25 mg Formulation	35 mg Formulation	45 mg Formulation	55 mg Formulation	70 mg Formulation	85 mg Formulation	Total Formulation	Total			
Double-blind Period	N	9	15	20	19	8	4	75	73			
Metabolism and nutrition disorders	Mild	0	0	1 (5.0)	0	0	0	1 (1.3)	0			0
	Moderate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
	Total	0	0	1 (5.0)	0	0	0	1 (1.3)	0			0
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders	Mild	1 (11.1)	0	0	0	0	0	1 (1.3)	0			0
	Moderate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
	Total	1 (11.1)	0	0	0	0	0	1 (1.3)	0			0
Reproductive system and breast disorders	Mild	0	1 (6.7)	0	0	0	0	1 (1.3)	0			0
	Moderate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
	Total	0	1 (6.7)	0	0	0	0	1 (1.3)	0			0
Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders	Mild	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			1 (1.4)
	Moderate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			1 (1.4)
Psychiatric disorders	Mild	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
	Moderate	0	0	0	1 (5.3)	0	0	1 (1.3)	0			0
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
	Total	0	0	0	1 (5.3)	0	0	1 (1.3)	0			0

TEAE = treatment-emergent adverse event

^a n = Number of subjects; m = Number of events. For each SOC, and severity, subjects were included only once, even if they experienced multiple events in that SOC or PT.

^b For each event, number of subjects were summarized in the row corresponding to the most severe event among the events of that type reported.

^c Number of subjects in the Safety Analysis population that received this treatment at least once during the Open-Label Dose-Optimization period.

Note: Adverse events were coded using MedDRA version 20.0. TEAEs began after and were not present prior to treatment, or were present prior but worsened in severity following treatment.

Figure 53

Adverse Event Category [n (%) m] ^a	Maximum Severity ^b	Treatment at Onset of Adverse Event										
		25 mg Formulation I	35 mg Formulation I	45 mg Formulation I	55 mg Formulation I	70 mg Formulation I	85 mg Formulation I	Total Formulation I				
Open-label Dose-optimization	Period	156	142	107	64	26	9	156				
Decreased appetite	Mild	21 (13.5) 21	14 (9.9) 14	9 (8.4) 9	3 (4.7) 3	0	1 (11.1) 1	47 (30.1) 48				
	Moderate	4 (2.6) 4	3 (2.1) 3	1 (0.9) 1	1 (1.6) 1	0	0	9 (5.8) 9				
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
	Total	25 (16.0) 25	17 (12.0) 17	10 (9.3) 10	4 (6.3) 4	0	1 (11.1) 1	55 (35.3) 57				
Abdominal pain upper	Mild	12 (7.7) 12	7 (4.9) 7	3 (2.8) 3	4 (6.3) 4	3 (11.5) 3	0	23 (14.7) 29				
	Moderate	3 (1.9) 3	0	0	0	0	0	3 (1.9) 3				
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
	Total	15 (9.6) 15	7 (4.9) 7	3 (2.8) 3	4 (6.3) 4	3 (11.5) 3	0	26 (16.7) 32				
Affect lability	Mild	4 (2.6) 4	7 (4.9) 7	2 (1.9) 2	0	1 (3.8) 1	0	14 (9.0) 14				
	Moderate	3 (1.9) 3	2 (1.4) 2	2 (1.9) 2	0	1 (3.8) 1	0	8 (5.1) 8				
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
	Total	7 (4.5) 7	9 (6.3) 9	4 (3.7) 4	0	2 (7.7) 2	0	22 (14.1) 22				
Weight decreased	Mild	3 (1.9) 4	3 (2.1) 4	7 (6.5) 7	4 (6.3) 4	1 (3.8) 1	0	16 (10.3) 20				
	Moderate	0	1 (0.7) 1	1 (0.9) 1	0	0	0	2 (1.3) 2				
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
	Total	3 (1.9) 4	4 (2.8) 5	8 (7.5) 8	4 (6.3) 4	1 (3.8) 1	0	18 (11.5) 22				
Headache	Mild	5 (3.2) 5	4 (2.8) 4	2 (1.9) 2	1 (1.6) 1	0	0	11 (7.1) 12				
	Moderate	2 (1.3) 2	3 (2.1) 3	0	1 (1.6) 1	1 (3.8) 1	0	7 (4.5) 7				
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
	Total	7 (4.5) 7	7 (4.9) 7	2 (1.9) 2	2 (3.1) 2	1 (3.8) 1	0	17 (10.9) 19				
Irritability	Mild	7 (4.5) 7	5 (3.5) 5	1 (0.9) 1	1 (1.6) 1	0	0	14 (9.0) 14				
	Moderate	0	0	1 (0.9) 1	1 (1.6) 1	0	0	2 (1.3) 2				
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
	Total	7 (4.5) 7	5 (3.5) 5	2 (1.9) 2	2 (3.1) 2	0	0	16 (10.3) 16				
Insomnia	Mild	4 (2.6) 4	3 (2.1) 3	2 (1.9) 2	0	0	0	9 (5.8) 9				
	Moderate	3 (1.9) 3	2 (1.4) 2	4 (3.7) 4	1 (1.6) 1	0	0	9 (5.8) 10				
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
	Total	7 (4.5) 7	5 (3.5) 5	6 (5.6) 6	1 (1.6) 1	0	0	16 (10.3) 19				

^a n = Number of subjects; m = Number of events. For each PT and severity, subjects were included only once, even if they experienced multiple events in that PT.
^b For each event, number of subjects were summarized in the row corresponding to the most severe event among the events of that type reported.
 Note: Adverse events were coded using MedDRA version 20.0. TEAEs began after and were not present prior to treatment, or were present but worsened in severity following treatment.

Figure 54

Adverse Event Category [n (%) m] ^a	Maximum Severity ^b	Treatment at Onset of Adverse Event										Total Formulation	Total Placebo
		25 mg Formulation	35 mg Formulation	45 mg Formulation	55 mg Formulation	70 mg Formulation	85 mg Formulation	Total Formulation	Total Placebo				
Double-Blind Period ^c		9	15	20	19	8	4	75				73	
Heart rate increased	Mild	0	0	1 (5.0)	1 (5.3)	1 (12.5)	0	3 (4.0)	3	1 (1.4)	1	1 (1.4)	1
	Moderate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	0	0	1 (5.0)	1 (5.3)	1 (12.5)	0	3 (4.0)	3	1 (1.4)	1	1 (1.4)	1
Sinus tachycardia	Mild	0	0	1 (5.0)	0	0	0	1 (1.3)	1	1 (1.4)	1	1 (1.4)	1
	Moderate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 (1.4)	1
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	0	0	1 (5.0)	0	0	0	1 (1.3)	1	1 (1.4)	1	2 (2.7)	2
Vomiting	Mild	1 (11.1)	0	0	1 (5.3)	0	0	2 (2.7)	2	0	0	0	0
	Moderate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	1 (11.1)	0	0	1 (5.3)	0	0	2 (2.7)	2	0	0	0	0
Headache	Mild	0	0	0	0	1 (12.5)	0	1 (1.3)	1	0	0	0	0
	Moderate	0	0	0	0	0	1 (25.0)	1 (1.3)	1	1 (1.3)	1	0	0
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	0	0	0	0	1 (12.5)	1 (25.0)	2 (2.7)	2	2 (2.7)	2	0	0
Upper respiratory tract infection	Mild	0	0	1 (5.0)	0	0	0	1 (1.3)	1	0	0	0	0
	Moderate	0	0	0	0	0	1 (25.0)	1 (1.3)	1	1 (1.3)	1	0	0
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	0	0	1 (5.0)	0	0	1 (25.0)	2 (2.7)	2	2 (2.7)	2	0	0

^a n = Number of subjects; m = Number of events. For each PT and severity, subjects were included only once, even if they experienced multiple events in that PT.

^b For each event, number of subjects was summarized in the row corresponding to the most severe event among the events of that type reported.

^c Number of subjects in the Safety Analysis population that received this treatment at least once during the double-blind period.

Figure 55

Adverse Event Category [n (%)] ^a	Maximum Severity ^b	Treatment at Onset of Adverse Event												
		25 mg		35 mg		45 mg		55 mg		70 mg		85 mg		Total
Open-label Dose-optimization Period:		Formulation I	Formulation I	Formulation I	Formulation I	Formulation I	Formulation I	Formulation I	Formulation I	Formulation I	Formulation I	Formulation I	Formulation I	Formulation I
		156	142	107	64	26	9						156	
Any related AE	Mild	38 (24.4) 77	30 (21.1) 52	26 (24.3) 42	17 (26.6) 23	5 (19.2) 7	2 (22.2) 2						78 (50.0) 203	
	Moderate	16 (10.3) 20	10 (7.0) 13	12 (11.2) 13	2 (3.1) 4	2 (7.7) 2	0						34 (21.8) 52	
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	
	Total	54 (34.6) 97	40 (28.2) 65	38 (35.5) 55	19 (29.7) 27	7 (26.9) 9	2 (22.2) 2						95 (60.9) 255	
Decreased appetite	Mild	21 (13.5) 21	14 (9.9) 14	8 (7.5) 8	3 (4.7) 3	0	1 (11.1) 1						46 (29.5) 47	
	Moderate	4 (2.6) 4	3 (2.1) 3	1 (0.9) 1	1 (1.6) 1	0	0						9 (5.8) 9	
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	
	Total	25 (16.0) 25	17 (12.0) 17	9 (8.4) 9	4 (6.3) 4	0	1 (11.1) 1						55 (35.3) 56	
Abdominal pain upper	Mild	11 (7.1) 11	7 (4.9) 7	3 (2.8) 3	4 (6.3) 4	1 (3.8) 1	0						20 (12.8) 26	
	Moderate	3 (1.9) 3	0	0	0	0	0						3 (1.9) 3	
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	
	Total	14 (9.0) 14	7 (4.9) 7	3 (2.8) 3	4 (6.3) 4	1 (3.8) 1	0						23 (14.7) 29	
Affect lability	Mild	3 (1.9) 3	7 (4.9) 7	2 (1.9) 2	0	1 (3.8) 1	0						13 (8.3) 13	
	Moderate	3 (1.9) 3	2 (1.4) 2	2 (1.9) 2	0	1 (3.8) 1	0						8 (5.1) 8	
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	
	Total	6 (3.8) 6	9 (6.3) 9	4 (3.7) 4	0	2 (7.7) 2	0						21 (13.5) 21	
Weight decreased	Mild	3 (1.9) 4	3 (2.1) 4	7 (6.5) 7	4 (6.3) 4	1 (3.8) 1	0						16 (10.3) 20	
	Moderate	0	1 (0.7) 1	1 (0.9) 1	0	0	0						2 (1.3) 2	
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	
	Total	3 (1.9) 4	4 (2.8) 5	8 (7.5) 8	4 (6.3) 4	1 (3.8) 1	0						18 (11.5) 22	
Insomnia	Mild	4 (2.6) 4	3 (2.1) 3	2 (1.9) 2	0	0	0						9 (5.8) 9	
	Moderate	3 (1.9) 3	2 (1.4) 2	4 (3.7) 4	1 (1.6) 1	0	0						9 (5.8) 10	
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	
	Total	7 (4.5) 7	5 (3.5) 5	6 (5.6) 6	1 (1.6) 1	0	0						16 (10.3) 19	
Irritability	Mild	7 (4.5) 7	4 (2.8) 4	1 (0.9) 1	1 (1.6) 1	0	0						13 (8.3) 13	
	Moderate	0	0	1 (0.9) 1	1 (1.6) 1	0	0						2 (1.3) 2	
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	
	Total	7 (4.5) 7	4 (2.8) 4	2 (1.9) 2	2 (3.1) 2	0	0						15 (9.6) 15	
Headache	Mild	4 (2.6) 4	2 (1.4) 2	2 (1.9) 2	1 (1.6) 1	0	0						9 (5.8) 9	
	Moderate	2 (1.3) 2	2 (1.4) 2	0	1 (1.6) 1	1 (3.8) 1	0						6 (3.8) 6	
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	
	Total	6 (3.8) 6	4 (2.8) 4	2 (1.9) 2	2 (3.1) 2	1 (3.8) 1	0						15 (9.6) 15	

Figure 56

Adverse Event Category [n (%) m] ^a	Maximum Severity ^b	Treatment at Onset of Adverse Event									
		25 mg Formulation I	35 mg Formulation I	45 mg Formulation I	55 mg Formulation I	70 mg Formulation I	85 mg Formulation I	Total			
Open-label Dose-optimization Period ^c		156	142	107	64	26	9	156			
Vomiting	Mild	2 (1.3) 2	2 (1.4) 2	2 (1.9) 2	2 (3.1) 2	0	0	8 (5.1) 8			
	Moderate	1 (0.6) 1	0	2 (1.9) 2	0	0	0	3 (1.9) 3			
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
	Total	3 (1.9) 3	2 (1.4) 2	4 (3.7) 4	2 (3.1) 2	0	0	11 (7.1) 11			
Nausea	Mild	5 (3.2) 5	1 (0.7) 1	0	2 (3.1) 2	0	0	7 (4.5) 8			
	Moderate	1 (0.6) 1	0	1 (0.9) 1	0	0	0	2 (1.3) 2			
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
	Total	6 (3.8) 6	1 (0.7) 1	1 (0.9) 1	2 (3.1) 2	0	0	9 (5.8) 10			
Heart rate increased	Mild	0	1 (0.7) 1	5 (4.7) 6	1 (1.6) 2	1 (3.8) 1	0	8 (5.1) 10			
	Moderate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
	Total	0	1 (0.7) 1	5 (4.7) 6	1 (1.6) 2	1 (3.8) 1	0	8 (5.1) 10			

^a n = Number of subjects; m = Number of events. For each SOC, PT and severity, subjects were included only once, even if they experienced multiple events in that SOC or PT.

^b For each event, number of subjects were summarized in the row corresponding to the most severe event among the events of that type reported.

^c Number of subjects in the Safety Analysis population that received this treatment at least once during the Open-Label Dose-Optimization period.

Note: Adverse events were coded using MedDRA version 20.0. TEAEs began after and were not present prior to treatment, or were present prior but worsened in severity following treatment.

The AE descriptor "treatment-related" was assigned in the eCRF as relationship to study treatment: reasonable possibility.

Figure 57

Adverse Event Category [n (%)] ^a	Maximum Severity ^b	Treatment at Onset of Adverse Event										Total Placebo
		25 mg Formulation	35 mg Formulation	45 mg Formulation	55 mg Formulation	70 mg Formulation	85 mg Formulation	Total Formulation	Total Formulation	Total Formulation	Total Formulation	
Double-blind Period:	N	9	15	20	19	8	4	75	75	73		
Any related AE	Mild	1 (11.1) 1	1 (6.7) 1	3 (15.0) 5	2 (10.5) 2	3 (37.5) 3	0	10 (13.3) 12	10 (13.3) 12	2 (2.7) 2		
	Moderate	0	0	1 (5.0) 1	0	0	1 (25.0) 1	2 (2.7) 2	2 (2.7) 2	0		
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	Total	1 (11.1) 1	1 (6.7) 1	4 (20.0) 6	2 (10.5) 2	3 (37.5) 3	1 (25.0) 1	12 (16.0) 14	12 (16.0) 14	2 (2.7) 2		
Heart rate increased	Mild	0	0	1 (5.0) 1	1 (5.3) 1	1 (12.5) 1	0	3 (4.0) 3	3 (4.0) 3	1 (1.4) 1		
	Moderate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	Total	0	0	1 (5.0) 1	1 (5.3) 1	1 (12.5) 1	0	3 (4.0) 3	3 (4.0) 3	1 (1.4) 1		
Sinus tachycardia	Mild	0	0	1 (5.0) 1	0	0	0	1 (1.3) 1	1 (1.3) 1	1 (1.4) 1		
	Moderate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	Total	0	0	1 (5.0) 1	0	0	0	1 (1.3) 1	1 (1.3) 1	1 (1.4) 1		
Headache	Mild	0	0	0	0	1 (12.5) 1	0	1 (1.3) 1	1 (1.3) 1	0		
	Moderate	0	0	0	0	0	1 (25.0) 1	1 (1.3) 1	1 (1.3) 1	0		
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	Total	0	0	0	0	1 (12.5) 1	1 (25.0) 1	2 (2.7) 2	2 (2.7) 2	0		
Blood pressure diastolic increased	Mild	0	0	0	0	1 (12.5) 1	0	1 (1.3) 1	1 (1.3) 1	0		
	Moderate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	Total	0	0	0	0	1 (12.5) 1	0	1 (1.3) 1	1 (1.3) 1	0		
Weight decreased	Mild	0	0	1 (5.0) 1	0	0	0	1 (1.3) 1	1 (1.3) 1	0		
	Moderate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	Total	0	0	1 (5.0) 1	0	0	0	1 (1.3) 1	1 (1.3) 1	0		
Tachycardia	Mild	1 (11.1) 1	0	0	0	0	0	1 (1.3) 1	1 (1.3) 1	0		
	Moderate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	Total	1 (11.1) 1	0	0	0	0	0	1 (1.3) 1	1 (1.3) 1	0		
Abdominal pain upper	Mild	0	0	1 (5.0) 1	0	0	0	1 (1.3) 1	1 (1.3) 1	0		
	Moderate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	Total	0	0	1 (5.0) 1	0	0	0	1 (1.3) 1	1 (1.3) 1	0		

Figure 58

Adverse Event Category [n (%) m] ^a	Maximum Severity ^b	Treatment at Onset of Adverse Event										Total Placebo
		25 mg Formulation	35 mg Formulation	45 mg Formulation	55 mg Formulation	70 mg Formulation	85 mg Formulation	Total Formulation	Total			
Double-blind Period:	N	9	15	20	19	8	4	75	73			
Vomiting	Mild	0	0	0	1 (5.3)	0	0	1 (1.3)	0	0	1 (1.3)	0
	Moderate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	0	0	0	1 (5.3)	0	0	1 (1.3)	0	0	1 (1.3)	0
Nausea	Mild	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Moderate	0	0	1 (5.0)	0	0	0	1 (1.3)	0	0	1 (1.3)	0
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	0	0	1 (5.0)	0	0	0	1 (1.3)	0	0	1 (1.3)	0
Decreased appetite	Mild	0	0	1 (5.0)	0	0	0	1 (1.3)	0	0	1 (1.3)	0
	Moderate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	0	0	1 (5.0)	0	0	0	1 (1.3)	0	0	1 (1.3)	0
Dysmenorrhoea	Mild	0	1 (6.7)	0	0	0	0	1 (1.3)	0	0	1 (1.3)	0
	Moderate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	0	1 (6.7)	0	0	0	0	1 (1.3)	0	0	1 (1.3)	0

^a n = Number of subjects; m = Number of events. For each SOC, PT and severity, subjects were included only once, even if they experienced multiple events in that SOC or PT.

^b For each event, number of subjects are summarized in the row corresponding to the most severe event among the events of that type reported.

^c Number of subjects in the Safety Analysis population that received this treatment at least once during the Double-blind period.

Note: Adverse events were coded using MedDRA version 20.0. TEAEs began after and were not present prior to treatment, or were present prior but worsened in severity following treatment.

Figure 59

	Formulation I	Cotempla XR-ODT	Dyanval XR	LDX	Quilivant XR	Aptensio XR	Evekeo	Quillichew ER	Jornay PM
N	156	87	107	129	45	26	105	90	125
Weeks of OL	6 wk	5 wk	5 wk	4 wk	3 wk	2-4 wks	8 wk	6 wk	6 wk
Decreased appetite	35.3%	26.4%	26.2%	47.3%	55.6%	23.1%	27.6%	36.7%	27%
Abdominal Pain Upper	16.7%	21.8%	7.5%	15.5%	42.2%	11.5%	14.3%	14.4%	9%
Affect Lability*	14.1%	9.2%	9.3%	10.1%	26.7%	7.7%	5.7%	13.3%	22%
Weight Decreased	11.5%	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Headache	10.9%	19.5%	5.6%	17.1%	17.8%	23.1%	13.3%	8.9%	19%
Irritability	10.3%	6.9%	NR	16.3%	NR	19.2%	14.3%	13.3%	6%
Insomnia	10.3%	12.6%	13.1%	27.1%	17.8%	30.8%	6.7%	11.1%	41%

Note: The studies presented in this table were dose-optimized and conducted in children.

* mood swings or emotional lability

NR = not reported; OL = open-label

Figure 60

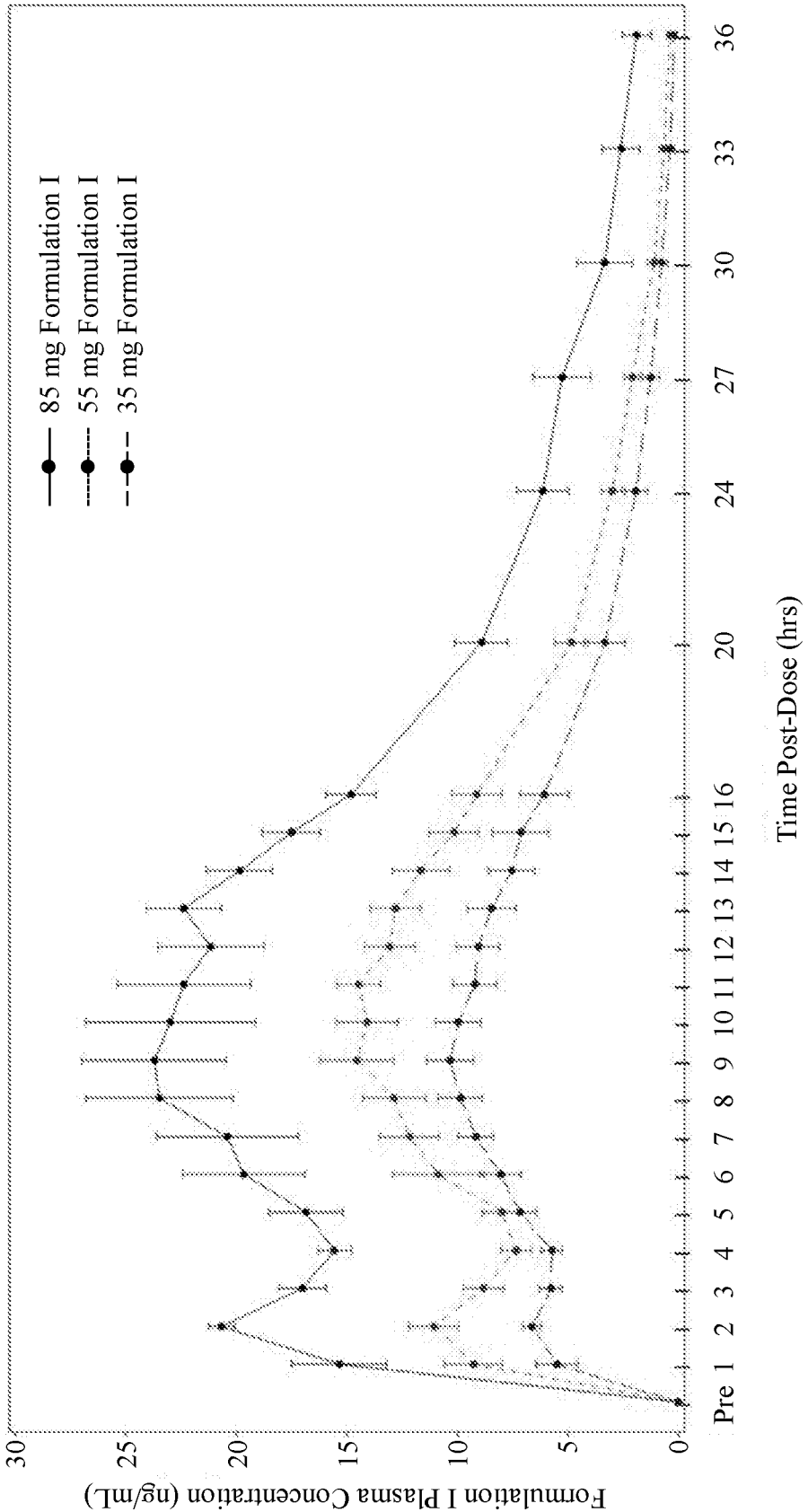


Figure 61

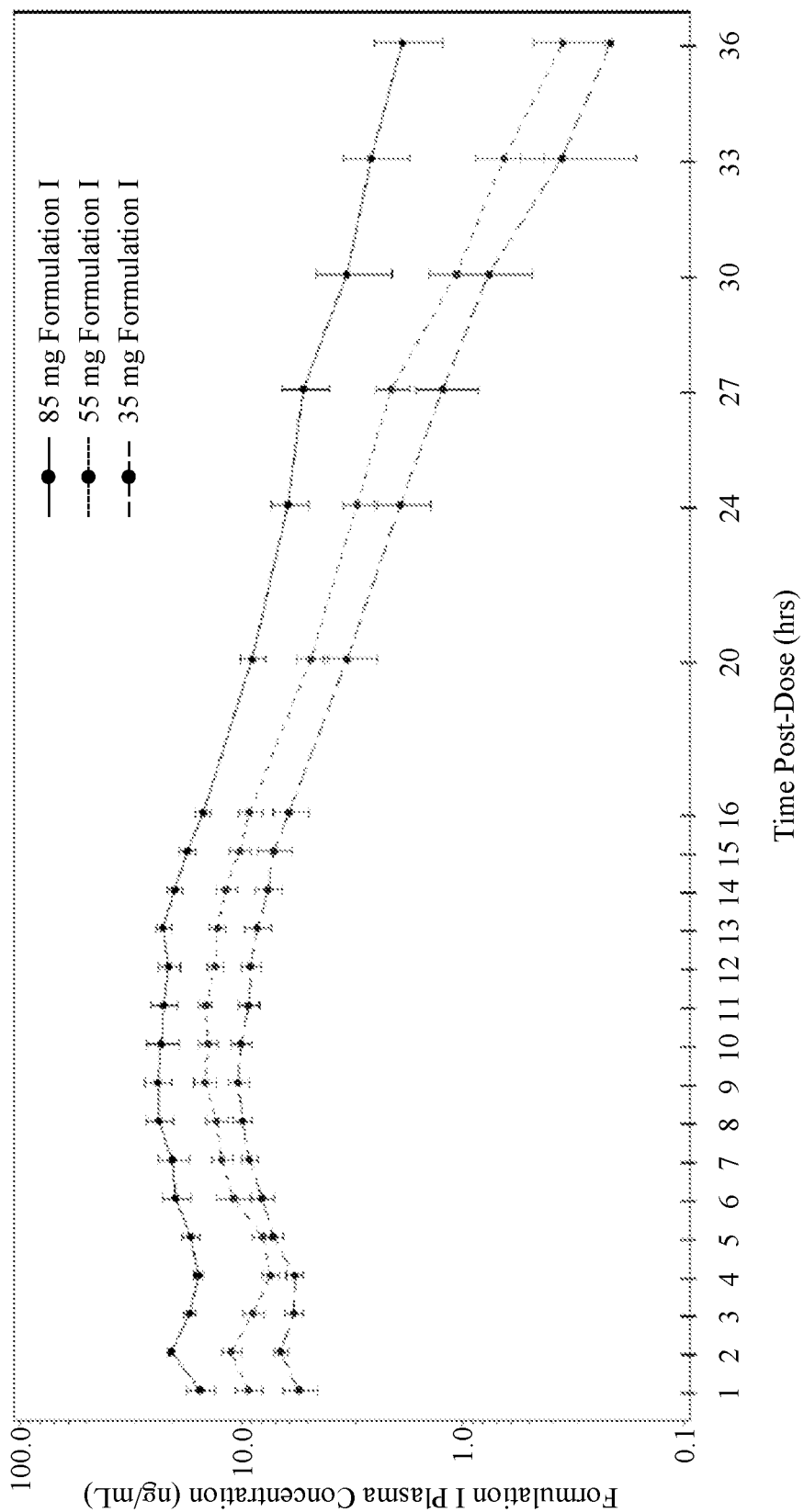


Figure 62

Planned Time (in hours)	85 mg Formulation	55 mg Formulation	35 mg Formulation
	I N=6	I N=6	I N=6
Pre-dose			
n	6	6	6
m	0	0	0
Mean (SD)	0.000 (0.0000)	0.000 (0.0000)	0.000 (0.0000)
%CV			
Median	0.000	0.000	0.000
Min, Max	0.00, 0.00	0.00, 0.00	0.00, 0.00
Geometric Mean (SD)			
%CV for Geometric Mean			
1 hour post-dose			
n	6	6	6
m	6	6	6
Mean (SD)	15.343 (5.2516)	9.273 (3.2341)	5.488 (2.3372)
%CV	34.23	34.88	42.58
Median	13.425	8.415	6.495
Min, Max	9.05, 22.85	5.70, 14.22	1.70, 7.41
Geometric Mean (SD)	14.618 (1.4063)	8.827 (1.4082)	4.891 (1.7969)
%CV for Geometric Mean	35.11	35.26	64.02
2 hours post-dose			
n	6	6	6
m	6	6	6
Mean (SD)	20.665 (1.4356)	11.063 (2.7943)	6.608 (1.0144)
%CV	6.95	25.26	15.35
Median	20.190	11.395	6.295
Min, Max	19.55, 23.29	7.77, 14.95	5.91, 8.57
Geometric Mean (SD)	20.625 (1.0696)	10.764 (1.2956)	6.550 (1.1520)
%CV for Geometric Mean	6.74	26.33	14.22
3 hours post-dose			
n	6	6	6
m	6	6	6
Mean (SD)	17.007 (2.5607)	8.810 (2.2350)	5.760 (1.2745)
%CV	15.06	25.37	22.13
Median	16.400	9.990	5.680
Min, Max	13.77, 20.54	5.27, 10.53	3.99, 7.23
Geometric Mean (SD)	16.848 (1.1613)	8.533 (1.3355)	5.638 (1.2575)
%CV for Geometric Mean	15.04	29.54	23.22
4 hours post-dose			
n	6	6	6
m	6	6	6
Mean (SD)	15.558 (1.8090)	7.340 (1.6456)	5.728 (1.1913)
%CV	11.63	22.42	20.80
Median	15.655	8.085	5.675
Min, Max	13.64, 17.57	4.58, 8.82	4.10, 7.46
Geometric Mean (SD)	15.470 (1.1241)	7.161 (1.2892)	5.624 (1.2360)
%CV for Geometric Mean	11.74	25.82	21.43

Figure 63

Planned Time (in hours)	85 mg Formulation	55 mg Formulation	35 mg Formulation
	I N=6	I N=6	I N=6
5 hours post-dose			
n	6	6	6
m	6	6	6
Mean (SD)	16.847 (4.0993)	7.995 (2.1168)	7.160 (1.8358)
%CV	24.33	26.48	25.64
Median	17.170	8.435	7.470
Min, Max	12.03, 21.69	5.20, 10.45	3.88, 8.82
Geometric Mean (SD)	16.419 (1.2853)	7.742 (1.3296)	6.917 (1.3577)
%CV for Geometric Mean	25.50	29.08	31.30
6 hours post-dose			
n	6	6	6
m	6	6	6
Mean (SD)	19.652 (6.7420)	10.855 (4.9956)	8.038 (2.2680)
%CV	34.31	46.02	28.21
Median	20.670	9.325	8.065
Min, Max	11.74, 29.46	7.01, 20.79	4.49, 11.20
Geometric Mean (SD)	18.649 (1.4346)	10.149 (1.4556)	7.741 (1.3665)
%CV for Geometric Mean	37.30	38.90	32.00
7 hours post-dose			
n	6	6	6
m	6	6	6
Mean (SD)	20.412 (7.8422)	12.172 (3.2971)	9.157 (1.9661)
%CV	38.42	27.09	21.47
Median	20.115	11.015	9.080
Min, Max	10.76, 33.18	10.47, 18.87	6.03, 11.95
Geometric Mean (SD)	19.168 (1.4815)	11.878 (1.2570)	8.968 (1.2574)
%CV for Geometric Mean	40.88	23.17	23.21
8 hours post-dose			
n	6	6	6
m	6	6	6
Mean (SD)	23.480 (8.1471)	12.857 (3.4601)	9.847 (2.4503)
%CV	34.70	26.91	24.88
Median	22.365	11.485	9.100
Min, Max	14.81, 37.12	10.75, 19.80	6.82, 14.00
Geometric Mean (SD)	22.383 (1.3989)	12.545 (1.2587)	9.606 (1.2734)
%CV for Geometric Mean	34.53	23.32	24.53
9 hours post-dose			
n	6	6	6
m	6	6	6
Mean (SD)	23.727 (7.9939)	14.557 (4.0908)	10.325 (2.6068)
%CV	33.69	28.10	25.25
Median	23.800	13.675	9.855
Min, Max	15.69, 37.58	10.84, 22.54	7.89, 15.35
Geometric Mean (SD)	22.682 (1.3854)	14.159 (1.2808)	10.091 (1.2542)
%CV for Geometric Mean	33.48	25.13	22.94

Figure 64

Planned Time (in hours)	85 mg Formulation	55 mg Formulation	35 mg Formulation
	I N=6	I N=6	I N=6
10 hours post-dose			
n	6	6	6
m	6	6	6
Mean (SD)	22.982 (9.4387)	14.087 (3.3968)	9.957 (2.4613)
%CV	41.07	24.11	24.72
Median	21.910	13.240	9.280
Min, Max	13.46, 39.42	11.19, 20.81	7.52, 14.02
Geometric Mean (SD)	21.519 (1.4804)	13.802 (1.2365)	9.721 (1.2660)
%CV for Geometric Mean	40.79	21.47	23.92
11 hours post-dose			
n	6	6	6
m	6	6	6
Mean (SD)	22.372 (7.4024)	14.473 (2.3930)	9.210 (2.4234)
%CV	33.09	16.53	26.31
Median	20.230	13.960	8.925
Min, Max	15.96, 35.58	11.88, 18.42	6.57, 13.56
Geometric Mean (SD)	21.478 (1.3557)	14.316 (1.1736)	8.969 (1.2815)
%CV for Geometric Mean	31.15	16.11	25.19
12 hours post-dose			
n	6	6	6
m	6	6	6
Mean (SD)	21.157 (5.9155)	13.070 (2.7873)	9.053 (2.3820)
%CV	27.96	21.33	26.31
Median	21.040	13.215	9.115
Min, Max	13.43, 31.11	8.47, 16.51	5.81, 11.72
Geometric Mean (SD)	20.484 (1.3223)	12.795 (1.2625)	8.777 (1.3204)
%CV for Geometric Mean	28.49	23.63	28.34
13 hours post-dose			
n	6	6	6
m	6	6	6
Mean (SD)	22.398 (4.1739)	12.813 (2.7911)	8.433 (2.6996)
%CV	18.63	21.78	32.01
Median	21.610	13.405	8.585
Min, Max	18.18, 28.82	7.49, 15.21	5.03, 12.23
Geometric Mean (SD)	22.086 (1.1998)	12.496 (1.2979)	8.057 (1.4015)
%CV for Geometric Mean	18.37	26.52	34.74
14 hours post-dose			
n	6	6	6
m	6	6	6
Mean (SD)	19.860 (3.6683)	11.648 (3.1725)	7.538 (2.5505)
%CV	18.47	27.24	33.83
Median	18.560	12.720	7.420
Min, Max	15.71, 26.16	5.54, 13.96	4.87, 11.76
Geometric Mean (SD)	19.596 (1.1933)	11.151 (1.4232)	7.196 (1.3946)
%CV for Geometric Mean	17.82	36.42	34.20

Figure 65

Planned Time (in hours)	85 mg Formulation	55 mg Formulation	35 mg Formulation
	I N=6	I N=6	I N=6
15 hours post-dose			
n	6	6	6
m	6	6	6
Mean (SD)	17.513 (3.2047)	10.148 (2.7971)	7.122 (3.1190)
%CV	18.30	27.56	43.80
Median	17.540	10.765	6.800
Min, Max	13.82, 23.05	4.87, 12.98	4.15, 12.39
Geometric Mean (SD)	17.281 (1.1939)	9.715 (1.4206)	6.594 (1.5331)
%CV for Geometric Mean	17.86	36.22	44.76
16 hours post-dose			
n	6	6	6
m	6	6	6
Mean (SD)	14.812 (2.7898)	9.130 (2.7838)	6.062 (2.6837)
%CV	18.83	30.49	44.27
Median	15.045	9.610	5.815
Min, Max	11.08, 18.96	4.00, 12.26	3.50, 10.74
Geometric Mean (SD)	14.590 (1.2109)	8.647 (1.4837)	5.614 (1.5290)
%CV for Geometric Mean	19.31	41.04	44.45
20 hours post-dose			
n	6	6	6
m	6	6	6
Mean (SD)	8.905 (2.9322)	4.842 (1.8707)	3.325 (2.1901)
%CV	32.93	38.64	65.87
Median	8.610	5.460	2.730
Min, Max	5.38, 14.08	1.34, 6.16	1.66, 7.50
Geometric Mean (SD)	8.531 (1.3757)	4.340 (1.8084)	2.873 (1.7566)
%CV for Geometric Mean	32.72	64.84	61.12
24 hours post-dose			
n	6	6	6
m	6	6	6
Mean (SD)	6.135 (2.8838)	2.988 (1.1527)	1.910 (1.2565)
%CV	47.00	38.57	65.79
Median	5.770	3.400	1.365
Min, Max	2.88, 10.92	0.65, 3.64	0.81, 4.18
Geometric Mean (SD)	5.593 (1.6085)	2.614 (1.9795)	1.634 (1.8077)
%CV for Geometric Mean	50.35	77.08	64.79
27 hours post-dose			
n	6	6	6
m	6	6	6
Mean (SD)	5.260 (3.1582)	2.088 (0.8855)	1.233 (0.9413)
%CV	60.04	42.40	76.32
Median	5.350	2.315	0.900
Min, Max	1.62, 8.44	0.40, 2.87	0.43, 2.90
Geometric Mean (SD)	4.350 (2.0370)	1.784 (2.1047)	0.984 (2.0647)
%CV for Geometric Mean	81.18	86.01	83.16

Figure 66

Planned Time (in hours)	85 mg Formulation	55 mg Formulation	35 mg Formulation
	I N=6	I N=6	I N=6
30 hours post-dose			
n	5	6	6
m	5	5	6
Mean (SD)	3.320 (2.7709)	1.075 (0.8074)	0.762 (0.6781)
%CV	83.46	75.11	89.02
Median	1.670	0.955	0.460
Min, Max	1.12, 6.73	0.00, 2.51	0.26, 1.96
Geometric Mean (SD)	2.436 (2.4233)	1.186 (1.5257)	0.562 (2.3006)
%CV for Geometric Mean	109.04	44.21	100.10
33 hours post-dose			
n	6	6	6
m	6	5	4
Mean (SD)	2.585 (2.0850)	0.650 (0.5439)	0.357 (0.4730)
%CV	80.66	83.67	132.61
Median	2.350	0.515	0.150
Min, Max	0.42, 5.17	0.00, 1.63	0.00, 1.16
Geometric Mean (SD)	1.744 (2.8772)	0.688 (1.6940)	0.283 (5.0138)
%CV for Geometric Mean	143.37	56.59	352.88
36 hours post-dose			
n	6	6	6
m	6	5	2
Mean (SD)	1.872 (1.5988)	0.353 (0.3039)	0.215 (0.3510)
%CV	85.42	86.01	163.25
Median	1.725	0.280	0.000
Min, Max	0.21, 4.18	0.00, 0.91	0.00, 0.82
Geometric Mean (SD)	1.180 (3.2362)	0.371 (1.7160)	0.621 (1.4822)
%CV for Geometric Mean	172.38	58.19	40.93

CV = coefficient of variation; GM = geometric mean; max = maximum; min = minimum; SD = standard deviation.

Figure 67

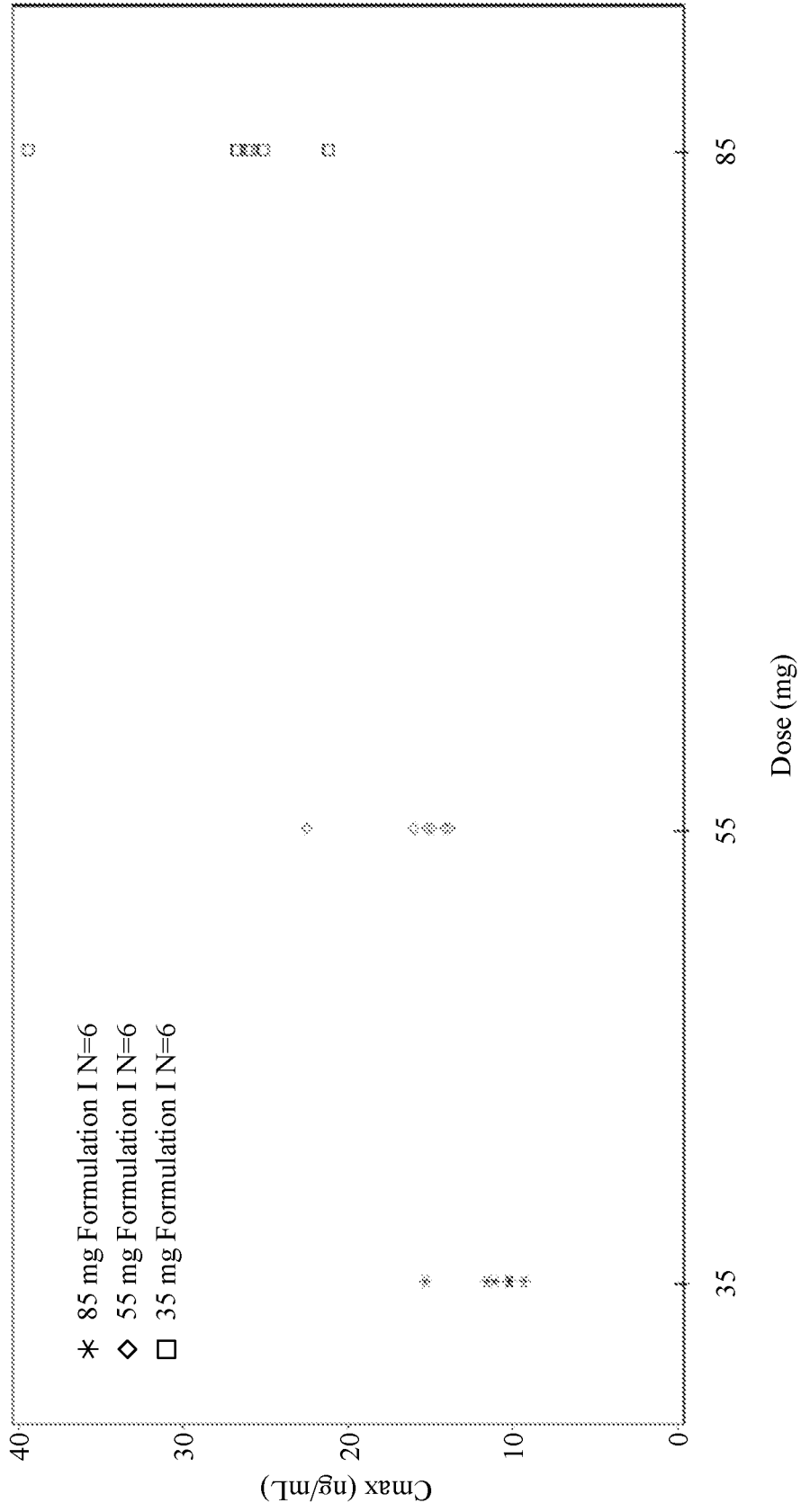


Figure 68

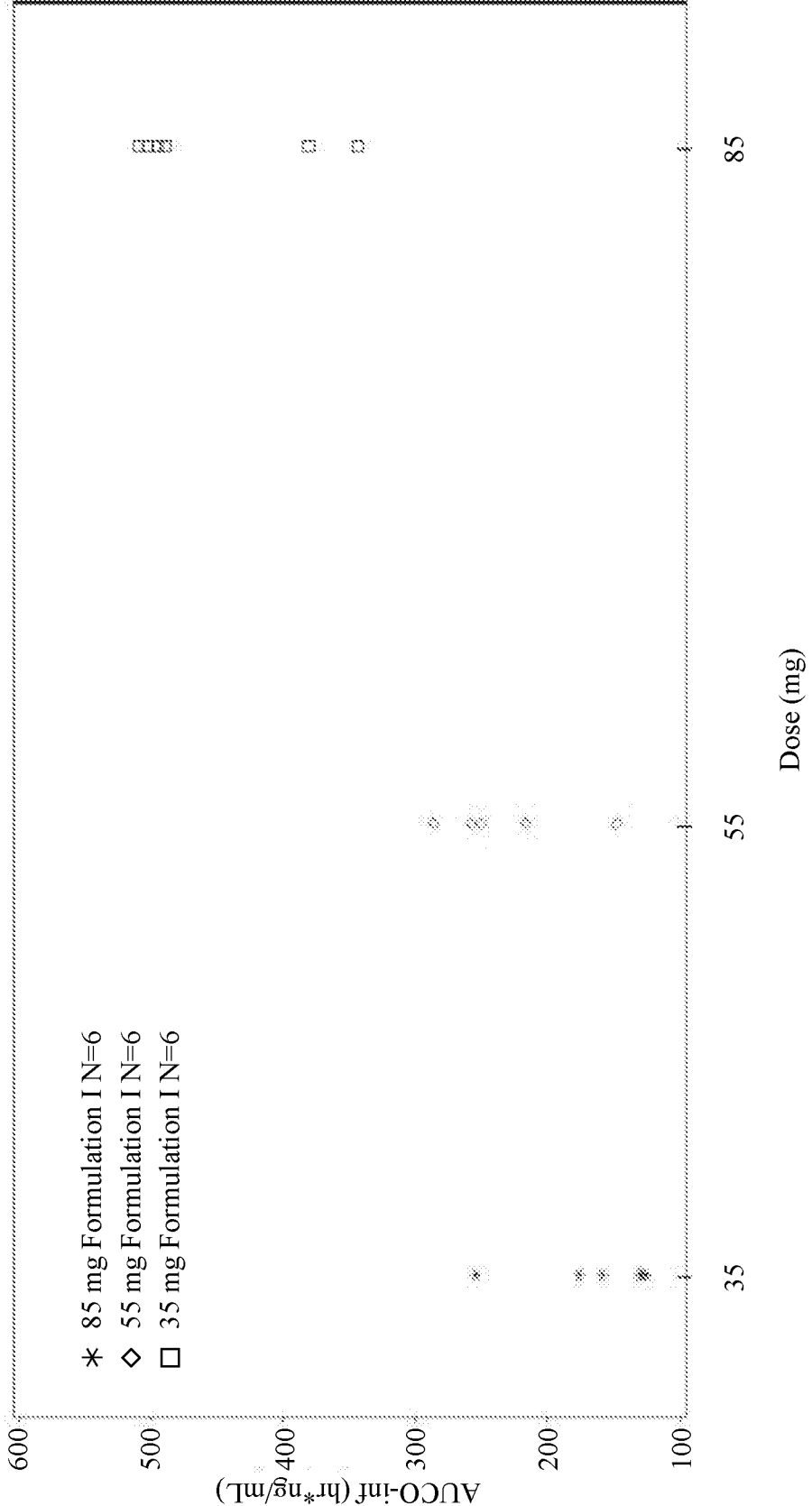


Figure 69

Parameter	85 mg Formulation	55 mg Formulation	35 mg Formulation
	I N=6	I N=6	I N=6
AUC 0-t (h*ng/mL)			
n	6	6	6
Mean (std)	427.955 (59.1070)	233.750 (48.3445)	160.582 (47.5454)
CV% Mean	13.81	20.68	29.61
Geometric Mean (std)	424.417 (1.1534)	228.811 (1.2676)	155.597 (1.3038)
CV% Geometric Mean	14.35	24.05	27.00
Median	441.710	249.765	143.625
Min, Max	340.89, 497.58	146.26, 284.92	126.17, 249.36
Regression Results		Slope = 1.13; Intercept = 7.90	
90% CI for Slope (Dose Proportionality)		[0.88, 1.38] Exploratory Analysis	
Planned Critical Region		[0.75, 1.25]	
AUC 0-inf (h*ng/mL)			
n	6	6	6
Mean (std)	453.887 (71.6307)	236.570 (48.5924)	162.910 (49.4924)
CV% Mean	15.78	20.54	30.38
Geometric Mean (std)	448.759 (1.1839)	231.624 (1.2662)	157.603 (1.3122)
CV% Geometric Mean	17.00	23.94	27.68
Median	492.385	254.535	145.020
Min, Max	344.50, 509.48	148.20, 286.50	126.26, 255.28
Regression Results		Slope = 1.18; Intercept = 7.73	
90% CI for Slope (Dose Proportionality)		[0.91, 1.44] Exploratory Analysis	
Planned Critical Region		[0.75, 1.25]	
AUC 0-4 (h*ng/mL)			
n	6	6	6
Mean (std)	60.418 (4.0002)	32.658 (7.7385)	20.715 (3.0292)
CV% Mean	6.62	23.70	14.62
Geometric Mean (std)	60.307 (1.0688)	31.903 (1.2676)	20.548 (1.1460)
CV% Geometric Mean	6.66	24.05	13.70
Median	60.480	31.605	19.730
Min, Max	54.79, 65.66	23.27, 43.88	18.01, 26.47
AUC 0-8 (h*ng/mL)			
n	6	6	6
Mean (std)	136.887 (21.2333)	73.713 (14.0892)	52.847 (7.8795)
CV% Mean	15.51	19.11	14.91
Geometric Mean (std)	135.550 (1.1649)	72.576 (1.2144)	52.323 (1.1706)
CV% Geometric Mean	15.35	19.61	15.85
Median	133.715	75.485	53.775
Min, Max	113.65, 169.02	57.12, 93.02	39.93, 61.91

Figure 70

Parameter	85 mg Formulation I N=6	55 mg Formulation I N=6	35 mg Formulation I N=6
AUC 0-14 (h*ng/mL)			
n	6	6	6
Mean (std)	270.898 (53.1627)	154.917 (27.7277)	108.608 (18.5074)
CV% Mean	19.62	17.90	17.04
Geometric Mean (std)	267.048 (1.1974)	152.932 (1.1909)	107.399 (1.1747)
CV% Geometric Mean	18.16	17.60	16.20
Median	250.120	156.155	106.110
Min, Max	231.62, 369.88	121.49, 202.10	89.63, 142.29
AUC 0-24 (h*ng/mL)			
n	6	6	6
Mean (std)	381.775 (52.5930)	217.797 (42.4264)	150.767 (39.5603)
CV% Mean	13.78	19.48	26.24
Geometric Mean (std)	378.915 (1.1419)	213.907 (1.2401)	147.010 (1.2693)
CV% Geometric Mean	13.33	21.77	24.19
Median	377.195	228.050	139.515
Min, Max	325.49, 473.73	144.72, 268.19	121.46, 224.14
Regression Results		Slope = 1.07; Intercept = 8.07	
90% CI for Slope (Dose Proportionality)		[0.84, 1.29] Exploratory Analysis	
Planned Critical Region		[0.75, 1.25]	
AUC 4-8 (h*ng/mL)			
n	6	6	6
Mean (std)	76.470 (22.1562)	41.055 (11.3912)	32.133 (7.6228)
CV% Mean	28.97	27.75	23.72
Geometric Mean (std)	73.806 (1.3409)	39.970 (1.2742)	31.296 (1.2975)
CV% Geometric Mean	29.97	24.59	26.49
Median	77.265	37.525	31.670
Min, Max	51.06, 110.65	32.42, 63.33	19.63, 42.75
AUC 8-14 (h*ng/mL)			
n	6	6	6
Mean (std)	134.007 (35.9302)	81.205 (15.0489)	55.762 (13.8513)
CV% Mean	26.81	18.53	24.84
Geometric Mean (std)	130.513 (1.2768)	80.145 (1.1903)	54.460 (1.2630)
CV% Geometric Mean	24.81	17.55	23.67
Median	125.860	77.960	51.100
Min, Max	100.55, 200.86	64.37, 109.08	40.61, 80.39
AUC 14-24 (h*ng/mL)			
n	6	6	6
Mean (std)	110.877 (27.6957)	62.880 (20.2889)	42.158 (21.6225)
CV% Mean	24.98	32.27	51.29
Geometric Mean (std)	108.218 (1.2691)	58.644 (1.5853)	38.315 (1.5921)
CV% Geometric Mean	24.18	48.64	49.14
Median	106.980	67.405	37.785
Min, Max	76.60, 161.31	23.23, 80.91	23.07, 81.85

Figure 71

Parameter	85 mg Formulation	55 mg Formulation	35 mg Formulation
	I N=6	I N=6	I N=6
AUC 14-t (h*ng/mL)			
n	6	6	6
Mean (std)	157.058 (50.6218)	78.833 (27.3645)	51.973 (29.7361)
CV% Mean	32.23	34.71	57.21
Geometric Mean (std)	150.181 (1.3934)	72.171 (1.6981)	46.296 (1.6617)
CV% Geometric Mean	34.11	56.89	54.24
Median	151.390	86.145	41.975
Min, Max	92.00, 233.40	24.77, 98.46	25.91, 107.07
Cmax (ng/mL)			
n	6	6	6
Mean (std)	27.445 (6.1937)	16.122 (3.2348)	11.315 (2.1299)
CV% Mean	22.57	20.07	18.82
Geometric Mean (std)	26.940 (1.2268)	15.892 (1.1956)	11.166 (1.1893)
CV% Geometric Mean	20.66	18.01	17.47
Median	26.060	15.080	10.710
Min, Max	21.22, 39.42	13.89, 22.54	9.33, 15.35
Regression Results	Slope = 0.99; Intercept = 5.76		
90% CI for Slope (Dose Proportionality)	[0.78, 1.20] Exploratory Analysis		
Planned Critical Region	[0.75, 1.25]		
Cmax 0-4 (ng/mL)			
n	6	6	6
Mean (std)	21.235 (1.5399)	11.198 (2.6332)	7.055 (0.9393)
CV% Mean	7.25	23.51	13.31
Geometric Mean (std)	21.189 (1.0746)	10.938 (1.2703)	7.004 (1.1399)
CV% Geometric Mean	7.20	24.27	13.15
Median	20.910	11.395	7.050
Min, Max	19.55, 23.29	7.93, 14.95	6.02, 8.57
Cmax 4-8 (ng/mL)			
n	6	6	6
Mean (std)	23.782 (7.9088)	13.035 (3.8503)	10.038 (2.4285)
CV% Mean	33.26	29.54	24.19
Geometric Mean (std)	22.755 (1.3815)	12.663 (1.2825)	9.798 (1.2733)
CV% Geometric Mean	33.18	25.27	24.52
Median	22.420	11.510	9.665
Min, Max	14.81, 37.12	10.75, 20.79	6.82, 14.00
Cmax 8-14 (ng/mL)			
n	6	6	6
Mean (std)	27.045 (6.7304)	15.933 (3.3476)	11.127 (2.2831)
CV% Mean	24.89	21.01	20.52
Geometric Mean (std)	26.407 (1.2661)	15.685 (1.2053)	10.952 (1.2093)
CV% Geometric Mean	23.92	18.84	19.18
Median	26.060	14.675	10.655
Min, Max	18.82, 39.42	13.82, 22.54	9.16, 15.35

Figure 72

Parameter	85 mg Formulation	55 mg Formulation	35 mg Formulation
	I N=6	I N=6	I N=6
Residual Area			
n	6	6	6
Mean (std)	5.263 (5.9459)	1.208 (1.0395)	1.268 (0.8586)
CV% Mean	112.97	86.03	67.69
Geometric Mean (std)	2.347 (4.9386)	0.936 (2.1188)	0.811 (3.8968)
CV% Geometric Mean	343.74	87.02	231.52
Median	3.050	0.890	1.260
Min, Max	0.22, 15.44	0.46, 3.19	0.06, 2.32
Tmax (h)			
n	6	6	6
Mean (std)	9.152 (4.0156)	9.663 (4.2802)	8.990 (1.4031)
CV% Mean	43.88	44.29	15.61
Geometric Mean (std)	7.906 (2.0082)	8.285 (2.0548)	8.897 (1.1719)
CV% Geometric Mean	79.12	82.44	15.96
Median	9.970	9.985	9.000
Min, Max	2.00, 14.00	2.00, 14.02	7.02, 10.98
Tmax 0-4 (h)			
n	6	6	6
Mean (std)	1.667 (0.5164)	1.667 (0.5164)	1.833 (1.1690)
CV% Mean	30.98	30.98	63.77
Geometric Mean (std)	1.587 (1.4304)	1.587 (1.4304)	1.587 (1.7611)
CV% Geometric Mean	36.97	36.97	61.44
Median	2.000	2.000	1.500
Min, Max	1.00, 2.00	1.00, 2.00	1.00, 4.00
Tmax 4-8 (h)			
n	6	6	6
Mean (std)	7.500 (1.2247)	7.500 (0.8367)	7.667 (0.5164)
CV% Mean	16.33	11.16	6.74
Geometric Mean (std)	7.397 (1.2115)	7.458 (1.1266)	7.652 (1.0714)
CV% Geometric Mean	19.37	11.96	6.90
Median	8.000	8.000	8.000
Min, Max	5.00, 8.00	6.00, 8.00	7.00, 8.00
Tmax 8-14 (h)			
n	6	6	6
Mean (std)	11.000 (2.1909)	11.167 (2.0412)	9.167 (1.1690)
CV% Mean	19.92	18.28	12.75
Geometric Mean (std)	10.817 (1.2238)	11.013 (1.2003)	9.106 (1.1333)
CV% Geometric Mean	20.40	18.41	12.56
Median	10.500	11.000	9.000
Min, Max	8.00, 14.00	9.00, 14.00	8.00, 11.00

Figure 73

Parameter	85 mg Formulation	55 mg Formulation	35 mg Formulation
	I N=6	I N=6	I N=6
Half-Life Lambda z (h)			
n	6	6	6
Mean (std)	7.035 (3.8560)	4.110 (1.1565)	3.953 (1.2911)
CV% Mean	54.81	28.14	32.66
Geometric Mean (std)	6.184 (1.7559)	3.996 (1.2839)	3.758 (1.4327)
CV% Geometric Mean	61.07	25.39	37.15
Median	5.590	3.585	4.215
Min, Max	2.80, 12.67	3.35, 6.29	2.24, 5.41
Lambda z (/h)			
n	6	6	6
Mean (std)	0.127 (0.0728)	0.177 (0.0398)	0.195 (0.0734)
CV% Mean	57.51	22.55	37.65
Geometric Mean (std)	0.110 (1.8274)	0.172 (1.2894)	0.185 (1.4258)
CV% Geometric Mean	66.21	25.83	36.62
Median	0.125	0.190	0.165
Min, Max	0.05, 0.25	0.11, 0.21	0.13, 0.31

AUC_{0-t} = area under the curve from time 0 to the last quantifiable concentration; AUC_{0-inf} = area under the curve from time 0 to infinity; CI = confidence interval; CV = coefficient of variation; max = maximum; min = minimum; SD = standard deviation.

Note: Any subject with a pre-dose concentration > 0.05*C_{max} for this analyte was excluded from this summary table.

Figure 74

OPEN LABEL (DOSE TITRATION) PHASE

Adverse Event	Body System	N patient	# events	% of 12 year olds
Abdominal pain upper	Gastrointestinal disorders	2	2	6.90%
Affect lability	Psychiatric disorders	3	3	10.34%
Allergic sinusitis	Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders	1	1	3.45%
Anxiety	Psychiatric disorders	1	1	3.45%
Blood pressure systolic increased	Investigations	1	1	3.45%
Decreased appetite	Metabolism and nutrition disorders	11	11	37.93%
Diarrhoea	Gastrointestinal disorders	4	4	13.79%
Dizziness	Nervous system disorders	1	1	3.45%
Dry mouth	Gastrointestinal disorders	1	1	3.45%
Dysmenorrhoea	Reproductive system and breast disorders	1	1	3.45%
Dyspepsia	Gastrointestinal disorders	1	1	3.45%
Facial spasm	Nervous system disorders	1	1	3.45%
Fatigue	General disorders and administration site conditions	1	1	3.45%
Gastroenteritis	Infections and infestations	1	1	3.45%
Gastroenteritis viral	Infections and infestations	1	1	3.45%
Hand fracture	Injury, poisoning and procedural complications	1	1	3.45%
Headache	Nervous system disorders	3	4	10.34%
Heart rate increased	Investigations	3	4	10.34%
Insomnia	Psychiatric disorders	3	3	10.34%
Irritability	Psychiatric disorders	2	2	6.90%
Nausea	Gastrointestinal disorders	2	2	6.90%
Pyrexia	General disorders and administration site conditions	1	1	3.45%
Upper respiratory tract infection	Infections and infestations	2	2	6.90%
Vomiting	Gastrointestinal disorders	2	2	6.90%
Weight decreased	Investigations	4	5	13.79%

Figure 75

DOUBLE-BLIND PHASE

Adverse Event	Body System	N patient	# events	% of 12 year olds
ACTIVE PRC-063				
Tachycardia	Cardiac disorders	1	1	3.45%
Blood pressure diastolic increased	Investigations	1	1	3.45%
PLACEBO				
No events				

**METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS
PARTICULARLY FOR TREATMENT OF
ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER**

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention

[0001] The present invention relates to methods and compositions, particularly for treatment of attention deficit disorder.

Description of the Prior Art

[0002] Sustained release dosage forms are important in the search for improved therapy, both through improved patient compliance and decreased incidences of adverse drug reactions.

[0003] It is the intent of sustained release formulations to provide a longer period of pharmacologic action after administration than is ordinarily obtained after administration of immediate release dosage forms. Sustained release compositions may be used to delay absorption of a medicament until it has reached certain portions of the alimentary tract, and maintain a desired concentration of the medicament in the blood stream for a longer duration than would occur if conventional rapid release dosage forms are administered. Such longer periods of response provide for many therapeutic benefits that are not achieved with corresponding short acting, immediate release preparations. Thus, therapy may be continued without interrupting the sleep of the patient, which is of special importance, for example, when treating a patient for moderate to severe pain (e.g., a post-surgery patient, a cancer patient, etc.), or for those patients who experience migraine headaches on awakening, as well as for the debilitated patient for whom sleep is essential. A further general advantage of longer acting drug preparations is improved patient compliance resulting from the avoidance of missed doses through patient forgetfulness.

[0004] Unless conventional rapid acting drug therapy is carefully administered at frequent intervals to maintain effective steady state blood levels of the drug, peaks and valleys in the blood level of the active drug occur due to rapid absorption, systemic excretion of the compound and through metabolic inactivation, thereby producing special problems in maintenance therapy of the patient.

[0005] In view of this, it is considered a goal of many skilled in the art that a controlled release dosage form will ideally provide therapeutic concentration of the drug in blood that is maintained throughout the dosing interval with a reduction in the peak/trough concentration ratio. Central to the development process are the many variables that influence the in vivo release and subsequent absorption of the active ingredients from the gastrointestinal tract.

[0006] It is known in the pharmaceutical art to prepare compositions which provide for sustained release of pharmacologically active substances contained in the compositions after oral administration to humans and animals. Sustained release formulations known in the art include specially coated pellets, coated tablets and capsules, and ion exchange resins, wherein the slow release of the active medicament is brought about through selective breakdown of the coating of the preparation or through compounding with a special matrix to affect the release of a drug. Some sustained release formulations provide for related sequential

release of a single dose of an active compound at predetermined periods after administration.

[0007] Thus, sustained release dosage forms are important in the search for improved therapy, both through improved patient compliance and decreased incidences of adverse drug reactions.

[0008] While controlled and/or sustained release compositions have constituted a definite advance in the art, improvements in these compositions have been sought, particularly for preparations available for conditions such as Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), diabetes etc.

[0009] Attention Deficit Disorders are the most common psychiatric disorders in children (Campbell et al. 1992) with reported rates ranging from 4% to 9% (Aman et al. 1983).

[0010] Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) is characterized by inattention and impulsivity and may be present with hyperactivity (ADHD) (Shaywitz et al. 1984). Other characteristics may include aggressiveness, stealing, lying, truancy, setting fires, running away, explosiveness, cognitive and learning problems as well as poor social skills (Campbell et al. 1992). It is four to five times more frequent in boys than girls (Campbell et al. 1992).

[0011] Stimulant medication, such as amphetamines, have been shown to be the most effective agents in the treatment of children with disorders of activity modulation and attention regulation and result in significant improvement in 70 to 80 percent of affected children (Shaywitz et al. 1984). Positive effects of stimulants have been documented in a variety of areas including behavioral, social, perceptual performance, motor activity, impulse control, attention regulation and cognitive performance (Barkley 1977, Kavale 1983, Offenbacher et al. 1983, Rosenthal et al 1978).

[0012] Long thought of as a childhood disorder, ADHD is now known to persist into adolescence and adulthood (Practice Parameter for the Use of Stimulant Medications in the treatment of Children, Adolescents, and Adults. J. AM. ACAD. CHILD ADOLESC. PSYCHIATRY, 41:2 SUPPLEMENT, FEBRUARY 2002)

[0013] Methylphenidate [dl-threo-methyl-2-phenyl-2-(2-piperidyl)acetate] is the psycho-stimulant used most frequently in the treatment of hyperactivity and attention deficit disorder. It appears to have a higher incidence of positive effects and a lower incidence of adverse effects than other psychostimulants. The efficacy of methylphenidate ("MPH") in improving attention and behavioral symptoms has been supported by many studies.

[0014] Immediate release methylphenidate preparations, because of their short half-life, require frequent administration at short intervals to ensure adequate treatment throughout a child's school day, adolescent's school day (high school, college, university) and adult working day. The rapid onset and offset of immediate release methylphenidate preparations means that a medicated person with attention deficit disorder will be maximally affected only for relatively brief periods during the day. Due to its short half-life, it has been known to administer MPH given twice per day, usually once after breakfast and once during the day, an event that some children and some school personnel apparently avoid, resulting in poor compliance with prescribed regimens (Brown et al., 1985; Firestone 1982).

[0015] Compliance is a major problem for children, adolescents and adults. Poor compliance in taking medication may explain, in part, the variable and conflicting results

reported in many studies of the effect of medication on improving the behavior of hyperactive children, adolescents and adults. These limitations of immediate release methylphenidate led to interest in products with longer effective periods of action.

[0016] Thus, much of the prior art has focused on development of formulations for treatment of ADHD with a focus on administration to children and improving patient compliance in the patient population. This has led to commercialization of a number of sustained release formulations of methylphenidate—e.g., Ritalin SR™, Concerta™ and Biphentin™.

[0017] Duration of efficacy with long-acting methylphenidate formulations was maintained from one hour to 12 hours post-dosing for osmotically controlled-release oral delivery systems (four trials), 1.5 hours to 7.5 hours for methylphenidate extended release in one trial, one hour to 12 hours post-dosing for methylphenidate spheroidal oral drug absorption systems (two trials) and 30 minutes to 12 hours post-dosing for dexamethylphenidate extended release (five trials). Most long-acting stimulants conferred benefits on ADHD symptoms in patients across the age spectrum for up to 12 hours after a single morning dose as measured by the permanent product measure of performance mathematics test (PERMP). Formulations may differ in time to peak effect and maintenance of effect as well as magnitude of effect at different time points during the day (Brams M, Moon E, Pucci M, Lopez F A. Duration of effect of oral long-acting stimulant medications for ADHD throughout the day. *Curr Med Res Opin.* 2010 August; 26(8):1809-25. doi: 10.1185/03007995.2010.488553).

[0018] Despite the advances in the art, there is still room for improvement.

[0019] First, some or all of the commercially available sustained release formulations of methylphenidate do not have, in combination, a rapid onset of action and a duration of action that exceeds 12 hours. The provision of a sustained release formulation having this combination of features would be highly desirable for adolescents or adults whose daily activities require them to have a rapid onset of therapeutic effect and duration of action that lasts at least 14 hours to get them through the day and into the evening without the need of another dose of the medication.

[0020] Second, some or all of the commercially available sustained release formulations of methylphenidate are susceptible to premature release of the active ingredient in a gastric environment that contains alcohol (e.g., ethanol). This can be a significant problem if the subject taking the formulation is an alcohol abuser.

[0021] This, it would be highly desirable to have a pharmaceutical composition that obviates or mitigates one or both of these problems in the prior art.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0022] It is an object of the present invention to obviate or mitigate at least one of the above-mentioned disadvantages of the prior art.

[0023] It is another object of the present invention to provide a novel coated bead.

[0024] It is another object of the present invention to provide a novel solid oral pharmaceutical composition.

[0025] Accordingly, in one of its aspects, the present invention provides a coated bead comprising:

[0026] (a) a granule;

[0027] (b) a first layer coated over the granule, the first layer comprising a first amount of an active pharmaceutical ingredient comprising a central nervous system stimulant;

[0028] (c) a second layer coated over the first layer, the second layer being present in an amount sufficient to substantially delay release of the active pharmaceutical ingredient in the first layer until after the coated bead reaches a distal intestine portion of a subject to whom the coated bead is administered; and

[0029] (d) a third layer coated over the second layer, the third layer comprising a second amount of the active pharmaceutical ingredient, the third layer being configured to permit substantially immediate release of the active pharmaceutical ingredient comprised therein.

[0030] In another of its aspects, the present invention provides an oral solid pharmaceutical composition comprising a first plurality of coated beads and a second plurality of coated beads, wherein:

[0031] each coated bead in the first plurality of coated beads comprising: a first granule and a first layer coated over the first granule, the first layer comprising an active pharmaceutical ingredient comprising a central nervous system stimulant, the first plurality of coated beads being configured to provide substantially immediate release of the active pharmaceutical ingredient; and

[0032] each coated bead in the second plurality of coated beads comprising: a second granule; a first layer coated over the second granule, the first layer comprising an active pharmaceutical ingredient comprising a central nervous system stimulant; and a second layer coated over the first layer, the second layer being present in an amount sufficient to substantially delay release of the active pharmaceutical ingredient in the first layer until after the coated bead reaches a distal intestine portion of a subject to whom the coated bead is administered, the coated bead being substantially free of an outer layer configured to provide substantially immediate release of the active pharmaceutical ingredient.

[0033] In yet another of its aspects, the present invention provides an oral solid pharmaceutical composition comprising a first plurality of coated beads, a second plurality of coated beads and a third plurality of coated bead, wherein:

[0034] each coated bead in the first plurality of coated beads comprising: a first granule and a first layer coated over the first granule, the first layer comprising an active pharmaceutical ingredient comprising a central nervous system stimulant, the first plurality of coated beads being configured to provide substantially immediate release of the active pharmaceutical ingredient;

[0035] each coated bead in the second plurality of coated beads comprising: a second granule; a first layer coated over the second granule, the first layer comprising an active pharmaceutical ingredient comprising a central nervous system stimulant; and a second layer coated over the first layer, the second layer being present in an amount sufficient to substantially delay release of the active pharmaceutical ingredient in the first layer; and

[0036] each coated bead in the third plurality of coated beads comprising: a third granule; a first layer coated over the third granule, the first layer comprising an active pharmaceutical ingredient comprising a central nervous system stimulant, a second layer coated over the first layer, the second layer being present in an amount sufficient to substantially delay release of the active pharmaceutical ingre-

dient in the first layer until after the coated bead reaches a distal intestine portion of a subject to whom the coated bead is administered.

[0037] In yet another of its aspects, the present invention provides a coated bead comprising:

[0038] (a) a granule;

[0039] (b) an inner layer coated over the granule, the inner layer comprising an active pharmaceutical ingredient comprising a central nervous system stimulant; and

[0040] (c) an outer delayed release layer coated over inner layer which is substantially free of a salt of alginic acid;

[0041] wherein release of the active pharmaceutical ingredient is not more than 20% when measured under in vitro conditions with stirring at 100 rpm at pH 1.2 for 2 hours in 900 mL of a medium comprising up to about 35% v/v ethanol.

[0042] In yet another of its aspects, the present invention provides a coated bead comprising:

[0043] (a) a granule;

[0044] (b) an inner layer coated over the granule, the inner layer comprising an active pharmaceutical ingredient comprising a central nervous system stimulant; and

[0045] (c) an outer delayed release layer coated over the inner layer, the outer delayed release coating comprising an anionic copolymer based on methyl acrylate, methyl methacrylate and methacrylic acid with the proviso that the outer delayed release layer is substantially free of a salt of alginic acid, the outer delayed release layer being present at an average thickness in the range of from about 5 μm to about 50 μm .

[0046] In yet another of its aspects, the present invention provides a coated bead comprising:

[0047] (a) a granule comprising a first amount of an active pharmaceutical ingredient comprising a central nervous system stimulant (e.g., the granule can comprise a granule substrate in admixture with the active pharmaceutical ingredient or the active pharmaceutical ingredient could be coated over the granule substrate); and

[0048] (b) a first layer coated over the granule, the first layer being present in an amount sufficient to substantially delay release of the active pharmaceutical ingredient in the first layer until after the coated bead reaches a distal intestine portion of a subject to whom the coated bead is administered; and

[0049] (c) a second layer coated over the first layer, the second layer comprising a second amount of the active pharmaceutical ingredient, the second layer being configured to permit substantially immediate release of the active pharmaceutical ingredient comprised therein.

[0050] Throughout this specification, the term “coated over” (or the functional equivalent thereof) is used to describe a first layer of material disposed exteriorly with respect to a second layer of material. It should be clearly understood that, in such a case, the first layer of material may be directly coated over (i.e., in contacting relation with) the second layer of material or indirectly coated over (i.e., in non-contacting relation with) the second layer of material. An example of “indirectly coated over” would be when the first layer of material and the second layer of material have disposed between them one or more intermediate layers of material. The point is the term “coated over” (or the functional equivalent thereof), when used on its own encompasses both “directly coated over” and “indirectly coated over” described above.

[0051] The present inventors have developed a novel coated bead and a novel pharmaceutical composition which are believed to obviate or mitigate one or both of the above-mentioned disadvantages described above with reference to some or all of the commercially available sustained release formulations of methylphenidate. The present coated bead and pharmaceutical composition are believed to be highly advantageous in that they have a rapid onset of action (e.g., approximately 1 hour after administration) and a long duration of action (e.g., approximately 16 hours or more) after reaching steady state in the subject. While not wishing to be bound by any particular theory or mode of action, it is believed that the long duration of action results in a blood plasma concentration of the active ingredient at 24 hours after administration which allows for a rapid onset of action when another dose of the active ingredient is taken—i.e., there appears to be a baseline blood plasma concentration of the active ingredient when it is time to take a subsequent dose to allow for a rapid onset of action of that subsequent dose.

[0052] The present coated bead and pharmaceutical composition are believed to address a limitation of some or all current commercially available long-acting methylphenidate formulations which are not reported to provide and maintain duration of action beyond 12 hours. The present coated bead and pharmaceutical composition are also believed to address the limitation with long-acting lisdexamfetamine dimesylate that is reported to last up to 14 hours but does not have a rapid onset of action. These two characteristics (rapid onset of action and long duration of action) of the present coated bead and pharmaceutical composition are believed to address a significant limitation for adolescents or adults whose daily activities require them to have a rapid onset of therapeutic effect and duration of action that lasts at least 14 hours to get them through the day and well into the evening without the need of another dose of the medication.

[0053] In one preferred embodiment, the present coated bead and pharmaceutical composition are characterized by having a resistance to release of the active ingredient in an aqueous composition comprising up to about 35% by volume of an alcohol (e.g., ethanol)—i.e., release of the active pharmaceutical ingredient is not more than 20% when measured under in vitro conditions with stirring at 100 rpm at pH 1.2 for 2 hours in 900 of a medium comprising up to about 3:5% v/v ethanol. This resistance to alcohol-related release of the active pharmaceutical ingredient can be achieved without the need to use a coating layer comprising one or more salts of alginic acid thereby simplifying manufacturing costs and the like.

[0054] The present disclosure also provides a method of treating Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in a pediatric subject in need thereof, the method comprising administering to the pediatric subject an oral solid pharmaceutical composition comprising a plurality of coated beads, wherein each coated bead comprises elements (a), (b), (c), and (d) or elements (a'), (b'), and (c'), as follows:

[0055] (a) a granule;

[0056] (b) a first layer coated over the granule, the first layer comprising a first amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

[0057] (c) an inner controlled release coating coated over the first layer and an outer delayed release coating coated over the inner controlled release coating; and

[0058] (d) an immediate release layer comprising a second amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, coated over the outer delayed release coating, the immediate release layer providing immediate release of the second amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, after administration to the subject; or (a') a core comprising a first amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

[0059] (b') an inner controlled release coating coated over the core and an outer delayed release coating coated over the inner controlled release coating; and

[0060] (c') an immediate release layer comprising a second amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, coated over the outer delayed release coating, the immediate release layer providing immediate release of the second amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof after administration to the subject;

wherein the oral solid pharmaceutical composition provides the following in vitro methylphenidate dissolution profile:

Time (hours)	Methylphenidate (% dissolved)
1	NLT 15%
4	18-38%
8	35-55%
12	68-98
16	NLT 68

when tested according to the USP paddle method, 100 rpm, at 37° C.; (i) starting with 900 mL simulated gastric fluid for 2 hours, (ii) followed by 900 mL phosphate buffer pH 6.0 for 4 hours, and (iii) for the 7th hour onwards, 900 mL of phosphate buffer pH 7.4; USP <711> Acceptance Table 2.

[0061] In some embodiments, the pediatric subject is from 6 to 11 years of age.

[0062] In some embodiments, the pediatric subject is from 12 to 17 years of age.

[0063] In some embodiments, the oral solid pharmaceutical composition is in the form of a capsule comprising the plurality of coated beads.

[0064] In some embodiments, the inner controlled release coating is selected from the group consisting of an ethylcellulose polymer, a cellulose ether, polyethylene oxide, a polyvinyl alcohol derivate, a methacrylic acid copolymer, polyethylene glycol, polyglycolic acid, polylactic acid, polycaprolactone, poly(n-hydroxybutyrate), a polyamino acids a poly(amide-enamine), a polyesters, ethylene-vinyl acetate (EVA), polyvinyl pyrrolidone (PVP), poly (acrylic acid) (PAA), poly (methacrylic acid) (PMAA), and mixtures of any two or more thereof.

[0065] In some embodiments, the inner controlled release coating comprises ammonio Methacrylate Copolymer, Type B USP/NF.

[0066] In some embodiments, the inner controlled release coating is present in an amount of 3% to 16% by weight of each coated bead.

[0067] In some embodiments, the inner controlled release coating is present in an amount of 10.0% to 10.7% by weight of each coated bead.

[0068] In some embodiments, the outer delayed release coating comprises poly(methyl acrylate-co-methyl methacrylate-co-methacrylic acid) 7:3:1.

[0069] In some embodiments, the outer delayed release coating is present in an amount of from 3% to 20% by weight of each coated bead.

[0070] In some embodiments, the outer delayed release coating is present in an amount of from 15.0% to 16.0% by weight of each coated bead.

[0071] In some embodiments, the first amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and the second amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, together, provide a total amount (100%) of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof in each coated bead, and wherein the first amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof comprises from 70% to 99% by weight of the total amount of the methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof in each coated bead.

[0072] In some embodiments, the first amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof comprises from 78% to 82% by weight of the total amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

[0073] In some embodiments, the first amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof comprises 80% by weight of the total amount of the methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and the second amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof comprises 20% by weight of the total amount of the methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

[0074] In some embodiments, the inner controlled release coating is present in an amount of 3% to 16% by weight of each coated bead, and the outer delayed release coating is present in an amount of from 3% to 20% by weight of each coated bead.

[0075] In some embodiments, the inner controlled release coating is present in an amount of 10.0% to 10.7% by weight of each coated bead, and the outer delayed release coating is present in an amount of from 15.0% to 16.0% by weight of each coated bead.

[0076] In some embodiments, the granule is selected from the group consisting of: a sugar sphere, a microcrystalline cellulose granule, a silica granule, a starch granule, a lactose granule, a calcium carbonate granule, and a mannitol-polyvinylpyrrolidone granule.

[0077] In some embodiments, the oral solid pharmaceutical composition comprises 25 mg, 30 mg, 35 mg, 45 mg, 55 mg, 70 mg, 85 mg, or 100 mg of methylphenidate hydrochloride.

[0078] In some embodiments, the oral solid pharmaceutical composition comprises 85 mg of methylphenidate hydrochloride.

[0079] The present disclosure also provides a method of treating Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in a pediatric subject from 6 to 11 years of age in need thereof, the method comprising administering to a pediatric subject from 6 to 11 years of age an oral solid pharmaceutical composition comprising a plurality of coated beads, wherein each coated bead comprises elements (a), (b), (c), and (d), or elements (a'), (b'), and (c'), as follows:

[0080] (a) a granule;

[0081] (b) a first layer coated over the granule, the first layer comprising a first amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

[0082] (c) an inner controlled release coating coated over the first layer and an outer delayed release coating coated over the inner controlled release coating; and

[0083] (d) an immediate release layer comprising a second amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, coated over the outer delayed release coating, the immediate release layer providing immediate release of the second amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, after administration to the subject; or

[0084] (a') a core comprising a first amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

[0085] (b') an inner controlled release coating coated over the core and an outer delayed release coating coated over the inner controlled release coating; and

[0086] (c') an immediate release layer comprising a second amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, coated over the outer delayed release coating, the immediate release layer providing immediate release of the second amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof after administration to the subject;

wherein the oral solid pharmaceutical composition, when comprising 35, 55, or 85 mg of methylphenidate hydrochloride, and when administered to pediatric subjects from 6 to 11 years of age in a fasted state, provides a methylphenidate AUC_{0-4} , a methylphenidate AUC_{8-14} , and a methylphenidate AUC_{14-24} in the ranges as specified below:

Oral Methylphenidate HCl dosage (mg)	Methylphenidate AUC_{0-4}	Methylphenidate AUC_{8-14}	Methylphenidate AUC_{14-24}
35	from 18010 pg · hr/mL to 26470 pg · hr/mL	from 40610 pg · hr/mL to 80390 pg · hr/mL	from 23070 pg · hr/mL to 81850 pg · hr/mL
55	from 23270 pg · hr/mL to 43880 pg · hr/mL	from 64370 pg · hr/mL to 109080 pg · hr/mL	from 23230 pg · hr/mL to 80910 pg · hr/mL
85	from 54790 pg · hr/mL to 65660 pg · hr/mL	from 100550 pg · hr/mL to 200860 pg · hr/mL	from 76600 pg · hr/mL to 161310 pg · hr/mL

[0087] In some embodiments, the oral solid pharmaceutical composition comprising 35, 55, or 85 mg of methylphenidate hydrochloride provides, when administered to pediatric subjects from 6 to 11 years of age in a fasted state, an average methylphenidate AUC_{0-4} , an average methylphenidate AUC_{8-14} , and an average methylphenidate AUC_{14-24} as specified below:

Oral Methylphenidate HCl dosage (mg)	Average methylphenidate AUC_{0-4} (± 1 standard deviation)	Average methylphenidate AUC_{8-14} (± 1 standard deviation)	Average methylphenidate AUC_{14-24} (± 1 standard deviation)
35	20715 \pm 3029.2 pg · hr/mL	55762 \pm 13851.3 pg · hr/mL	42158 \pm 21622.5 pg · hr/mL
55	32658 \pm 7738.5 pg · hr/mL	81205 \pm 15048.9 pg · hr/mL	62880 \pm 20288.9 pg · hr/mL
85	60418 \pm 4000.2 pg · hr/mL	134007 \pm 35930.2 pg · hr/mL	110877 \pm 27695.7 pg · hr/mL

[0088] In some embodiments, the oral solid pharmaceutical composition comprising 35, 55, or 85 mg of methylphenidate hydrochloride provides, when administered to pediatric subjects from 6 to 11 years of age in a fasted state, a methylphenidate AUC_{0-8} , a methylphenidate AUC_{4-8} , a methylphenidate AUC_{0-14} , and a methylphenidate AUC_{0-24} in the ranges specified below:

Oral Methylphenidate HCl dosage (mg)	Methylphenidate AUC_{0-8}	Methylphenidate AUC_{4-8}	Methylphenidate AUC_{0-14}	Methylphenidate AUC_{0-24}
35	from 39930 pg · hr/mL to 61910 pg · hr/mL	from 19630 pg · hr/mL to 42750 pg · hr/mL	from 89630 pg · hr/mL to 142290 pg · hr/mL	from 121460 pg · hr/mL to 224140 pg · hr/mL
55	from 57120 pg · hr/mL to 93020 pg · hr/mL	from 32420 pg · hr/mL to 63330 pg · hr/mL	from 121490 pg · hr/mL to 202100 pg · hr/mL	from 144720 pg · hr/mL to 268190 pg · hr/mL
85	from 113650 pg · hr/mL to 169020 pg · hr/mL	from 51060 pg · hr/mL to 110650 pg · hr/mL	from 231620 pg · hr/mL to 369880 pg · hr/mL	from 325490 pg · hr/mL to 473730 pg · hr/mL

[0089] In some embodiments, the oral solid pharmaceutical composition comprising 35, 55, or 85 mg of methylphenidate hydrochloride provides, when administered to pediatric subjects from 6 to 11 years of age in a fasted state, an average methylphenidate AUC_{0-8} , an average methylphenidate AUC_{4-8} , an average methylphenidate AUC_{0-14} , and an average methylphenidate AUC_{0-24} as specified below:

Oral Methylphenidate HCl dosage (mg)	Average methylphenidate AUC_{0-8} (± 1 standard deviation)	Average methylphenidate AUC_{4-8} (± 1 standard deviation)	Average methylphenidate AUC_{0-14} (± 1 standard deviation)	Average methylphenidate AUC_{0-24} (± 1 standard deviation)
35	52847 \pm 7879.5 pg \cdot hr/mL	32133 \pm 7622.8 pg \cdot hr/mL	108608 \pm 18507.4 pg \cdot hr/mL	150767 \pm 39560.3 pg \cdot hr/mL
55	73713 \pm 14089.2 pg \cdot hr/mL	41055 \pm 11391.2 pg \cdot hr/mL	154917 \pm 27727.7 pg \cdot hr/mL	217797 \pm 42426.4 pg \cdot hr/mL
85	136887 \pm 21233.3 pg \cdot hr/mL	76470 \pm 22156.2 pg \cdot hr/mL	270898 \pm 53162.7 pg \cdot hr/mL	381775 \pm 52593.0 pg \cdot hr/mL

[0092] In some embodiments, the oral solid pharmaceutical composition comprising 35, 55, or 85 mg of methylphenidate hydrochloride provides, when administered to pediatric subjects from 6 to 11 years of age in a fasted state, a methylphenidate $Tmax_{0-4}$, a methylphenidate $Tmax_{4-8}$, and a methylphenidate $Tmax_{8-14}$ in the ranges specified below:

[0090] In some embodiments, the oral solid pharmaceutical composition comprising 35, 55, or 85 mg of methylphenidate hydrochloride provides, when administered to pediatric subjects from 6 to 11 years of age in a fasted state, a methylphenidate $Cmax_{0-4}$, a methylphenidate $Cmax_{4-8}$, and a methylphenidate $Cmax_{8-14}$ in the ranges specified below:

Oral methylphenidate HCl dosage (mg)	Methylphenidate $Tmax_{0-4}$	Methylphenidate $Tmax_{8-14}$
35	from 1.0 hours to 4.0 hours	from 8.0 hours to 11.0 hours

Oral methylphenidate HCl dosage (mg)	Methylphenidate $Cmax_{0-4}$	Methylphenidate $Cmax_{4-8}$	Methylphenidate $Cmax_{8-14}$
35	from 6020 pg/mL to 8570 pg/mL	from 6820 pg/mL to 14000 pg/mL	from 9160 pg/mL to 15350 pg/mL
55	from 7930 pg/mL to 14950 pg/mL	from 10750 pg/mL to 20790 pg/mL	from 13820 pg/mL to 22540 pg/mL
85	from 19550 pg/mL to 23290 pg/mL	from 14810 pg/mL to 37120 pg/mL	from 18820 pg/mL to 39420 pg/mL

[0091] In some embodiments, the oral solid pharmaceutical composition comprising 35, 55, or 85 mg of methylphenidate hydrochloride provides, when administered to pediatric subjects from 6 to 11 years of age in a fasted state, an average methylphenidate $Cmax_{0-4}$, an average methylphenidate $Cmax_{4-8}$, and an average methylphenidate $Cmax_{8-14}$ as specified below:

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Oral methylphenidate HCl dosage (mg)	Methylphenidate $Tmax_{0-4}$	Methylphenidate $Tmax_{8-14}$
55	from 1.0 hours to 2.0 hours	from 9.0 hours to 14.0 hours

Oral methylphenidate HCl dosage (mg)	Average methylphenidate $Cmax_{0-4}$ (± 1 standard deviation)	Average methylphenidate $Cmax_{4-8}$ (± 1 standard deviation)	Average methylphenidate $Cmax_{8-14}$ (± 1 standard deviation)
35	7055 \pm 939.3 pg/mL	10038 \pm 2428.5 pg/mL	11127 \pm 2283.1 pg/mL
55	11198 \pm 2633.2 pg/mL	13035 \pm 3850.3 pg/mL	15933 \pm 3347.6 pg/mL
85	21235 \pm 1539.9 pg/mL	23782 \pm 7908.8 pg/mL	27045 \pm 6730.4 pg/mL

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Oral methylphenidate HCl dosage (mg)	Methylphenidate T _{max0-4}	Methylphenidate T _{max8-14}
85	from 1.0 hours to 2.0 hours	from 8.0 hours to 14.0 hours

[0093] In some embodiments, the oral solid pharmaceutical composition comprising 35, 55, or 85 mg of methylphenidate hydrochloride provides, when administered to pediatric subjects from 6 to 11 years of age in a fasted state, an average methylphenidate T_{max0-4}, an average methylphenidate T_{max4-8}, and an average methylphenidate T_{max8-14} as specified below:

Oral dosage methylphenidate HCl (mg)	Average methylphenidate T _{max0-4} (±1 standard deviation)	Average methylphenidate T _{max8-14} (±1 standard deviation)
35	1.833 ± 1.1690 hours	9.167 ± 1.1690 hours
55	1.667 ± 0.5164 hours	11.167 ± 2.0412 hours
85	1.667 ± 0.5164 hours	11.0 ± 2.1909 hours

[0094] In some embodiments, the oral solid pharmaceutical composition is in the form of a capsule comprising the plurality of coated beads.

[0095] In some embodiments, the inner controlled release coating is selected from the group consisting of an ethyl-cellulose polymer, a cellulose ether, polyethylene oxide, a polyvinyl alcohol derivate, a methacrylic acid copolymer, polyethylene glycol, polyglycolic acid, polylactic acid, polycaprolactone, poly(n-hydroxybutyrate), a polyamino acids, a poly(amide-enamine), a polyesters, ethylene-vinyl acetate (EVA), polyvinyl pyrrolidone (PVP), poly (acrylic acid) (PAA), poly (methacrylic acid) (PMAA), and combinations thereof.

[0096] In some embodiments, the inner controlled release coating is present in an amount of 3% to 16% by weight of each coated bead.

[0097] In some embodiments, the inner controlled release coating is present in an amount of 10.0% to 10.7% by weight of each coated bead.

[0098] In some embodiments, the outer delayed release coating comprises poly(methyl acrylate-co-methyl methacrylate-co-methacrylic acid) 7:3:1.

[0099] In some embodiments, the outer delayed release coating is present in an amount of from 3% to 20% by weight of each coated bead.

[0100] In some embodiments, the outer delayed release coating is present in an amount of from 15.0% to 16.0% by weight of each coated bead.

[0101] In some embodiments, the first amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and the second amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, together, provide a total amount (100%) of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof in each coated bead, and wherein the first amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof comprises from 70% to 99% by weight of the total amount of the methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof in each coated bead.

[0102] In some embodiments, the first amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof comprises from 78% to 82% by weight of the total amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

[0103] In some embodiments, the first amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof comprises 80% by weight of the total amount of the methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and the second amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof comprises 20% by weight of the total amount of the methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

[0104] In some embodiments, the inner controlled release coating is present in an amount of 3% to 16% by weight of each coated bead, and the outer delayed release coating is present in an amount of from 3% to 20% by weight of each coated bead.

[0105] In some embodiments, the inner controlled release coating is present in an amount of 10.0% to 10.7% by weight of each coated bead, and the outer delayed release coating is present in an amount of from 15.0% to 16.0% by weight of each coated bead.

[0106] In some embodiments, the granule is selected from the group consisting of: a sugar sphere, a microcrystalline cellulose granule, a silica granule, a starch granule, a lactose granule, a calcium carbonate granule, and a mannitol-polyvinylpyrrolidone granule.

[0107] In some embodiments, the oral solid pharmaceutical composition provides the following in vitro methylphenidate dissolution profile:

Time (hours)	Methylphenidate (% dissolved)
1	NLT 15%
4	18-38%
8	35-55%
12	68-98
16	NLT 68

when tested according to the USP paddle method, 100 rpm, at 37° C.; (i) starting with 900 mL simulated gastric fluid for 2 hours, (ii) followed by 900 mL phosphate buffer pH 6.0 for 4 hours, and (iii) for the 7th hour onwards, 900 mL of phosphate buffer pH 7.4; USP <711> Acceptance Table 2.

[0108] The present disclosure also provides a method of treating Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in a pediatric subject from 6 to 12 years of age in need thereof, the method comprising administering to a pediatric subject from 6 to 12 years of age an oral solid pharmaceutical composition comprising a plurality of coated beads, wherein each coated bead comprises (a), (b), (c), and (d) or (a'), (b'), and (c'), as follows:

[0109] (a) a granule;

[0110] (b) a first layer coated over the granule, the first layer comprising a first amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

[0111] (c) an inner controlled release coating coated over the first layer and an outer delayed release coating coated over the inner controlled release coating; and

[0112] (d) an immediate release layer comprising a second amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, coated over the outer delayed release

coating, the immediate release layer providing immediate release of the second amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, after administration to the subject; or

[0113] (a') a core comprising a first amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

[0114] (b') an inner controlled release coating coated over the core and an outer delayed release coating coated over the inner controlled release coating; and

[0115] (c') an immediate release layer comprising a second amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, coated over the outer delayed release coating, the immediate release layer providing immediate release of the second amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof after administration to the subject;

wherein the incidence of appetite suppression in a population of pediatric subjects from 6 to 12 years of age in the fasted state being treated with the composition is 36% or less.

[0116] In some embodiments, the incidence of severe appetite suppression in a population of pediatric subjects from 6 to 12 years of age in the fasted state being treated is 1% or less.

[0117] In some embodiments, the incidence of moderate appetite suppression in a population of pediatric subjects from 6 to 12 years of age in the fasted state being treated is 6% or less.

[0118] The present disclosure also provides a method of treating Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in a pediatric subject from 6 to 12 years of age in need thereof, the method comprising administering to the pediatric subject from 6 to 12 years of age an oral solid pharmaceutical composition comprising a plurality of coated beads, wherein each coated bead comprises elements (a), (b), (c), and (d) or elements (a'), (b'), and (c'), as follows:

[0119] (a) a granule;

[0120] (b) a first layer coated over the granule, the first layer comprising a first amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

[0121] (c) an inner controlled release coating coated over the first layer and an outer delayed release coating coated over the inner controlled release coating; and

[0122] (d) an immediate release layer comprising a second amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, coated over the outer delayed release coating, the immediate release layer providing immediate release of the second amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, after administration to the subject; or

[0123] (a') a core comprising a first amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

[0124] (b') an inner controlled release coating coated over the core and an outer delayed release coating coated over the inner controlled release coating; and

[0125] (c') an immediate release layer comprising a second amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, coated over the outer delayed release coating, the immediate release layer providing immediate release of the second amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof after administration to the subject;

wherein the incidence of insomnia in a population of pediatric subjects from 6 to 12 years of age in the fasted state being treated with the composition is 11% or less.

[0126] In some embodiments, the incidence of severe insomnia in a population of pediatric subjects from 6 to 12 years of age in the fasted state being treated with the composition is 1% or less.

[0127] In some embodiments, the incidence of moderate insomnia in a population of pediatric subjects from 6 to 12 years of age in the fasted state being treated with the composition is 6% or less.

[0128] The present disclosure also provides a method of treating Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in a pediatric subject from 6 to 12 years of age in need thereof, the method comprising administering to the subject an oral solid pharmaceutical composition comprising a plurality of coated beads, wherein each coated bead comprises elements (a), (b), (c), and (d) or elements (a'), (b'), and (c'), as follows:

[0129] (a) a granule;

[0130] (b) a first layer coated over the granule, the first layer comprising a first amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

[0131] (c) an inner controlled release coating coated over the first layer and an outer delayed release coating coated over the inner controlled release coating; and

[0132] (d) an immediate release layer comprising a second amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, coated over the outer delayed release coating, the immediate release layer providing immediate release of the second amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof after administration to the subject; or

[0133] (a') a core comprising a first amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

[0134] (b') an inner controlled release coating coated over the core and an outer delayed release coating coated over the inner controlled release coating; and

[0135] (c') an immediate release layer comprising a second amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, coated over the outer delayed release coating, the immediate release layer providing immediate release of the second amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof after administration to the subject;

wherein the incidence of initial insomnia in a population of pediatric subjects from 6 to 12 years of age in the fasted state being treated with the composition is 2% or less.

[0136] The present disclosure also provides a method of treating Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in a pediatric subject from 12 to 17 years of age in need thereof, the method comprising administering to a pediatric subject from 12 to 17 years of age an oral solid pharmaceutical composition comprising a plurality of coated beads, wherein each coated bead comprises elements (a), (b), (c), and (d) or elements (a'), (b'), and (c'), as follows:

[0137] (a) a granule;

[0138] (b) a first layer coated over the granule, the first layer comprising a first amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

[0139] (c) an inner controlled release coating coated over the first layer and an outer delayed release coating coated over the inner controlled release coating; and

[0140] (d) an immediate release layer comprising a second amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, coated over the outer delayed release coating, the immediate release layer providing immediate release of the second amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof after administration to the subject; or

[0141] (a') a core comprising a first amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

[0142] (b') an inner controlled release coating coated over the core and an outer delayed release coating coated over the inner controlled release coating; and

[0143] (c') an immediate release layer comprising a second amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, coated over the outer delayed release coating, the immediate release layer providing immediate release of the second amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof after administration to the subject;

wherein the oral solid pharmaceutical composition, when administered to a pediatric subject from 12 to 17 years of age in a fasted state, provides:

a methylphenidate AUC_{0-8} from 21830.6 pg-hr/mL to 96316.2 pg-hr/mL;

a methylphenidate AUC_{0-14} from 40576.9 pg-hr/mL to 234533.4 pg-hr/mL; and

a methylphenidate AUC_{0-24} from 86897.7 pg-hr/mL to 415037.5 pg-hr/mL

when the oral solid pharmaceutical composition comprises from 25 mg to 85 mg of methylphenidate hydrochloride.

[0144] In some embodiments, the oral solid pharmaceutical composition provides:

an average methylphenidate AUC_{0-4} of 47071.6 pg-hr/mL;

an average methylphenidate AUC_{0-14} of 111783.0 pg-hr/mL;

and an average methylphenidate AUC_{0-24} of 181751.2 pg-hr/mL

when the oral solid pharmaceutical composition comprises from 25 mg to 85 mg of methylphenidate.

[0145] In some embodiments, the oral solid pharmaceutical composition provides a methylphenidate AUC_{0-12} ranging from 36823.7 pg-hr/mL to 186389.9 pg-hr/mL, when the oral solid pharmaceutical composition comprises from 25 mg to 85 mg of methylphenidate hydrochloride.

[0146] In some embodiments, the oral solid pharmaceutical composition provides an average methylphenidate AUC_{0-12} of 89378.1 pg-hr/mL, when the oral solid pharmaceutical composition comprises from 25 mg to 85 mg of methylphenidate hydrochloride.

[0147] In some embodiments, the oral solid pharmaceutical composition provides the following in vitro methylphenidate dissolution profile:

Time (hours)	Methylphenidate (% dissolved)
1	NLT 15%
4	18-38%
8	35-55%
12	68-98
16	NLT 68

when tested according to the USP paddle method, 100 rpm, at 37° C.; (i) starting with 900 mL simulated gastric fluid for 2 hours, (ii) followed by 900 mL phosphate buffer pH 6.0 for

4 hours, and (iii) for the 7th hour onwards, 900 mL of phosphate buffer pH 7.4; USP <711> Acceptance Table 2.

[0148] The present disclosure also provides a method of treating Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in a pediatric subject from 12 to 17 years of age in need thereof, the method comprising administering to a pediatric subject from 12 to 17 years of age an oral solid pharmaceutical composition comprising a plurality of coated beads, wherein each coated bead comprises elements (a), (b), (c), and (d) or elements (a'), (b'), and (c'), as follows:

[0149] (a) a granule;

[0150] (b) a first layer coated over the granule, the first layer comprising a first amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

[0151] (c) an inner controlled release coating coated over the first layer and an outer delayed release coating coated over the inner controlled release coating; and

[0152] (d) an immediate release layer comprising a second amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, coated over the outer delayed release coating, the immediate release layer providing immediate release of the second amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof after administration to the subject; or

[0153] (a') a core comprising a first amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

[0154] (b') an inner controlled release coating coated over the core and an outer delayed release coating coated over the inner controlled release coating; and

[0155] (c') an immediate release layer comprising a second amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, coated over the outer delayed release coating, the immediate release layer providing immediate release of the second amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof after administration to the subject;

wherein the incidence of appetite suppression in a population of pediatric subjects from 12 to 17 years of age in the fasted state being treated with the composition is 21% or less.

[0156] The present disclosure also provides a method of treating Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in a pediatric subject from 12 to 17 years of age in need thereof, the method comprising administering to a pediatric subject from 12 to 17 years of age an oral solid pharmaceutical composition comprising a plurality of coated beads, wherein the coated beads comprise elements (a), (b), (c), and (d) or elements (a'), (b'), and (c'), as follows:

[0157] (a) a granule;

[0158] (b) a first layer coated over the granule, the first layer comprising a first amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

[0159] (c) an inner controlled release coating coated over the first layer and an outer delayed release coating coated over the inner controlled release coating; and

[0160] (d) an immediate release layer comprising a second amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, coated over the outer delayed release coating, the immediate release layer providing immediate release of the second amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof after administration to the subject; or

[0161] (a') a core comprising a first amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

[0162] (b') an inner controlled release coating coated over the core and an outer delayed release coating coated over the inner controlled release coating; and

[0163] (c') an immediate release layer comprising a second amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, coated over the outer delayed release coating, the immediate release layer providing immediate release of the second amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof after administration to the subject;

wherein the incidence of insomnia in a population of pediatric subjects from 6 to 12 years of age in the fasted state being treated with the composition is 7% or less.

[0164] The present disclosure also provides a method of treating Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in a pediatric subject from 12 to 17 years of age in need thereof, the method comprising administering to a pediatric subject from 12 to 17 years of age an oral solid pharmaceutical composition comprising a plurality of coated beads, wherein the coated beads comprise elements (a), (b), (c), and (d) or elements (a'), (b'), and (c'), as follows:

[0165] (a) a granule;

[0166] (b) a first layer coated over the granule, the first layer comprising a first amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

[0167] (c) an inner controlled release coating coated over the first layer and an outer delayed release coating coated over the inner controlled release coating; and

[0168] (d) an immediate release layer comprising a second amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, coated over the outer delayed release coating, the immediate release layer providing immediate release of the second amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof after administration to the subject; or

[0169] (a') a core comprising a first amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

[0170] (b') an inner controlled release coating coated over the core and an outer delayed release coating coated over the inner controlled release coating; and

[0171] (c') an immediate release layer comprising a second amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, coated over the outer delayed release coating, the immediate release layer providing immediate release of the second amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof after administration to the subject;

wherein the incidence of initial insomnia in a population of pediatric subjects from 6 to 12 years of age in the fasted state being treated with the composition is 6% or less.

[0172] The present disclosure also provides a method of treating Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in a pediatric subject in need thereof, the method comprising administering to the pediatric subject, an oral pharmaceutical composition comprising from 25 to 100 mg methylphenidate hydrochloride, wherein the oral solid pharmaceutical composition, when administered to a pediatric subject from 6 to 11 years of age in a fasted state, provides an average methylphenidate AUC_{0-4} (pg-hr/mL) that is from 80 to 125% of the value resulting from the formula:

$$\text{Average } AUC_{0-4} = 1714.4 * (\text{dose of methylphenidate hydrochloride in mg}) - 12188.$$

[0173] In some embodiments, the oral pharmaceutical composition further provides an average methylphenidate AUC_{8-14} (pg-hr/mL) that is from 80 to 125% of the value resulting from the formula:

$$\text{Average } AUC_{8-14} = 1580.3 * (\text{dose of methylphenidate hydrochloride in mg}) - 1860.$$

[0174] In some embodiments, the oral pharmaceutical composition further provides an average methylphenidate AUC_{14-24} (pg-hr/mL) that is from 80 to 125% of the value resulting from the formula:

$$\text{Average } AUC_{14-24} = 1392.2 * (\text{dose of methylphenidate hydrochloride in mg}) - 9239.1.$$

[0175] In some embodiments, the oral pharmaceutical composition further provides an average methylphenidate $AUC_{0-\infty}$ (pg-hr/mL) that is from 80 to 125% of the value resulting from the formula:

$$\text{Average } AUC_{0-\infty} = 5932 * (\text{dose of methylphenidate hydrochloride in mg}) - 51.578.$$

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0176] Embodiments of the present invention will be described with reference to the accompanying drawings, wherein like reference numerals denote like parts, and in which:

[0177] FIG. 1 is a graph showing the in vitro dissolution of d-methylphenidate over time for Formulation A (7% Eudragit), Formulation B (10% Eudragit), and biphentin.

[0178] FIG. 2 is a graph showing the in vitro dissolution of d-methylphenidate over time for Formulation C (16% Eudragit), Formulation D (20% Eudragit), Formulation E, and biphentin.

[0179] FIG. 3 is a graph showing the in vitro dissolution of d-methylphenidate over time for Formulation F, Formulation G, Formulation H (fasted conditions), Formulation H (fed conditions), and Ritalin.

[0180] FIG. 4 is a graph showing the in vitro dissolution of d-methylphenidate over time for Formulation I.

[0181] FIG. 5 is a graph showing the in vivo dissolution of d-methylphenidate over time for Formulation I (fasted conditions), Formulation I (fed conditions), Ritalin (fasted conditions), and Ritalin (fed conditions).

[0182] FIG. 6 is a graph showing the plasma concentration of d-methylphenidate in adult ADHD subjects over time for Formulation I after it is sprinkled on applesauce, yogurt, or ice cream.

[0183] FIG. 7 is a graph showing the plasma concentration of d-methylphenidate in adult ADHD subjects over time for Formulation I and IR MPH after 5 days of dosing.

[0184] FIG. 8 is a graph showing the plasma concentration of d-methylphenidate over time of Formulation I (fasted conditions), Formulation J (fasted conditions), Formulation I (fed conditions), and Formulation J (fed conditions). Formulation J has a similar pharmacokinetic profile and properties as Formulation I.

[0185] FIG. 9 is a graph showing mean change from pre-dose PERMP-Total Scores over time for adult ADHD subjects receiving MPH IR distal bead and a placebo.

[0186] FIG. 10 is a graph showing mean change from pre-dose SKAMP-C Scores over time for adult ADHD subjects receiving MPH IR distal bead and a placebo.

[0187] FIG. 11 is a table showing the composition of four formulations: Formulation A (7% Eudragit), Formulation B (10% Eudragit), Formulation C (16% Eudragit), and Formulation D (20% Eudragit).

[0188] FIGS. 12-14 present a table showing the compositions of Formulation E (ECCRIR bead (70%)+DRCRIR bead (30%)), Formulation F (DRCRIR bead (80%)+immediate release (IR) bead (20%)), Formulation G (ECCRIR bead (30%)+DRCRIR bead (55%)+IR bead (15%)), Formulation H (ECCRIR bead (35%)+DRCRIR bead (55%)+IR bead (10%)), Formulation I (MPH IR distal bead), and Formulation J (MPH IR distal bead).

[0189] FIG. 15 is a table showing the dissolution results/profiles for Formulations A-J.

[0190] FIG. 16 is a table showing AUC_{0-t} , AUC_{0-inf} and Cmax comparisons between Formulation I (fed and fasted) versus IR-MPH (Ritalin 20 mg \times 3 fed and fasted).

[0191] FIG. 17 is a table showing non-dose-normalized pharmacokinetic results for Formulation I and for Ritalin.

[0192] FIG. 18 is a table showing non-dose normalized AUC_{0-t} , AUC_{0-inf} and Cmax for Formulation I after it is sprinkled on applesauce, yogurt, or ice cream.

[0193] FIG. 19A is a table showing non-dose normalized AUC_{0-24} , Cmax, and Cmin for Formulation I versus IR-MPH.

[0194] FIG. 19B is a table showing the 90% geometric confidence intervals for AUC_{0-t} , AUC_{0-inf} and Cmax for Formulation I versus Formulation J.

[0195] FIG. 20 is a table showing the percentage of methylphenidate HCl dissolved at various times.

[0196] FIG. 21 is a table showing the processing parameters for production of methylphenidate immediate release beads.

[0197] FIG. 22 is a table showing the processing parameters for production of methylphenidate controlled release beads.

[0198] FIG. 23 is a table showing the processing parameters for production of methylphenidate distal (DRCRIR) beads.

[0199] FIG. 24 is a table showing the processing parameters for production of methylphenidate IR distal (MPH IR distal) beads.

[0200] FIG. 25 is a table showing the processing parameters for production of methylphenidate IR (MPH IR distal) beads coated with sodium alginate.

[0201] FIG. 26 is a table showing the dissolution parameters of Example 10.

[0202] FIG. 27 is a table showing the composition of the dosage form of Formulation I (80:20) MPH IR distal bead in varying dosage strengths.

[0203] FIG. 28 is a table showing the composition of the dosage form of Formulation J (80:20) MPH IR distal bead in varying dosage strengths.

[0204] FIG. 29 is a graph showing the mean concentration-time profile for d-methylphenidate of Formulation I (Treatment: Formulation I) and immediate-release methylphenidate (Treatment: Ritalin).

[0205] FIG. 30 is a table showing a summary of pharmacokinetic parameters for d-methylphenidate of Formulation I and immediate-release methylphenidate (Ritalin).

[0206] FIG. 31 is a table showing a summary of partial pharmacokinetic parameters for d-methylphenidate of Formulation I and immediate-release methylphenidate (Ritalin).

[0207] FIG. 32 is table showing p-values for AUC_{0-t} , AUC_{0-inf} and Cmax measured using ANOVA performed on the ln-transformed non-dose normalized and dose-normalized data for d-methylphenidate.

[0208] FIG. 33 is a table showing least-squares means ratios, the 90% geometric confidence intervals, intra- and inter-subject CVs for non-dose normalized and dose-normalized data for d-methylphenidate.

[0209] FIG. 34 is a graph showing the mean concentration-time profile for l-methylphenidate of Formulation I (Treatment: Formulation I) and immediate-release methylphenidate (Treatment: Ritalin).

[0210] FIG. 35 is a table showing a summary of pharmacokinetic parameters for l-methylphenidate of Formulation I and immediate-release methylphenidate (Ritalin).

[0211] FIG. 36 is a table showing a summary of partial pharmacokinetic parameters for l-methylphenidate of Formulation I and immediate-release methylphenidate (Ritalin).

[0212] FIG. 37 is table showing p-values for AUC_{0-t} , AUC_{0-inf} and Cmax measured using ANOVA performed on the ln-transformed non-dose normalized and dose-normalized data for l-methylphenidate.

[0213] FIG. 38 is a table showing least-squares means ratios, the 90% geometric confidence intervals, intra- and inter-subject CVs for non-dose normalized and dose-normalized data for l-methylphenidate.

[0214] FIG. 39 is a graph showing the mean concentration-time profile for combined methylphenidate of Formulation I and immediate-release methylphenidate (Ritalin).

[0215] FIG. 40 is a table showing a summary of pharmacokinetic parameters for combined methylphenidate of Formulation I and immediate-release methylphenidate (Ritalin).

[0216] FIG. 41 is a table showing a summary of partial pharmacokinetic parameters for combined methylphenidate of Formulation I and immediate-release methylphenidate (Ritalin).

[0217] FIG. 42 is table showing p-values for AUC_{0-t} , AUC_{0-inf} and Cmax measured using ANOVA performed on the ln-transformed non-dose normalized and dose-normalized data for combined methylphenidate.

[0218] FIG. 43 is a table showing least-squares means ratios, the 90% geometric confidence intervals, intra- and inter-subject CVs for non-dose normalized and dose-normalized data for combined methylphenidate.

[0219] FIG. 44 is a graph showing the difficulty of falling asleep (initial insomnia) measured over 8 weeks in a dose-optimized study in 147 pediatric subjects 6 to 12 years of age diagnosed with ADHD. Results are shown for administration of Formulation I through study week 6. In study week 7, in a double-blind fashion, half of the study subjects received their optimal dose and the other half received a placebo. Data was reported by study participant's parents and collected with a daily electronic diary.

[0220] FIG. 45 is a graph showing the mood on awakening (sleep quality) measured over 8 weeks in a dose-optimized study in 147 pediatric subjects 6 to 12 years of age diagnosed with ADHD. Results are shown for administration of Formulation I through study week 6. In study week 7, in a double-blind fashion, half of the study subjects received their optimal dose and the other half received a placebo.

[0221] FIG. 46 is a graph showing the appetite level measured over 8 weeks in a dose-optimized study in 147 pediatric subjects 6 to 12 years of age diagnosed with ADHD. Results are shown for administration of Formulation I through study week 6. In study week 7, in a double-blind fashion, half of the study subjects received their optimal dose and the other half received a placebo.

tion I through study week 6. In study week 7, in a double-blind fashion, half of the study subjects received their optimal dose and the other half received a placebo.

[0222] FIG. 47 is a table showing an overall summary of treatment-emergent adverse events (TEAEs) for Formulation I in an open-label dose-optimization period and for Formulation I and placebo in a double-blind treatment period in pediatric subjects 6 to 12 years of age diagnosed with ADHD.

[0223] FIGS. 48-50 is a table showing TEAEs by system organ class and maximum severity for Formulation I in an open-label dose-optimization period in pediatric subjects 6 to 12 years of age diagnosed with ADHD.

[0224] FIGS. 51-52 is a table showing TEAEs by system organ class and maximum severity for Formulation I in a double-blind treatment period in pediatric subjects 6 to 12 years of age diagnosed with ADHD.

[0225] FIG. 53 is a table showing the most common ($\geq 10\%$ of subjects overall) TEAEs by preferred term and maximum severity for Formulation I in an open-label dose-optimization period in pediatric subjects 6 to 12 years of age diagnosed with ADHD.

[0226] FIG. 54 is a table showing the most common ($\geq 2\%$ of subjects overall) TEAEs by preferred term and maximum severity for Formulation I in double-blind treatment period in pediatric subjects 6 to 12 years of age diagnosed with ADHD.

[0227] FIGS. 55-56 is a table showing the most common ($\geq 5\%$ of subjects overall) TEAEs by preferred term and maximum severity in descending frequency for Formulation I in an open-label dose-optimization period in pediatric subjects 6 to 12 years of age diagnosed with ADHD.

[0228] FIGS. 57-58 is a table showing treatment-related adverse events by preferred term and maximum severity in descending frequency for Formulation I in double-blind treatment period in pediatric subjects 6 to 12 years of age diagnosed with ADHD.

[0229] FIG. 59 is table providing a comparison of TEAEs from open-label, dose-optimization periods in similarly designed laboratory classroom studies with long-acting stimulants including Formulation I.

[0230] FIG. 60 is a graph showing mean d,l-methylphenidate plasma concentrations by dose level versus time on a linear scale for Formulation I.

[0231] FIG. 61 is a graph showing mean d,l-methylphenidate plasma concentrations by dose level versus time on a logarithmic scale for Formulation I.

[0232] FIGS. 62-66 is a table showing plasma concentrations for d,l-methylphenidate by dose group for Formulation I.

[0233] FIG. 67 is a graph showing C_{max} versus dose on a linear scale for Formulation I.

[0234] FIG. 68 is a graph showing AUC_{0-inf} versus dose on a linear scale for Formulation I.

[0235] FIGS. 69-73 are a table showing pharmacokinetic parameters for d,l-methylphenidate of Formulation I.

[0236] FIG. 74 is a table showing TEAEs by system organ class for Formulation I in an open-label dose-optimization period in pediatric subjects 12 years of age diagnosed with ADHD.

[0237] FIG. 75 is a table showing TEAEs by system organ class for Formulation I in a double-blind treatment period in pediatric subjects 12 years of age diagnosed with ADHD.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

[0238] Methods and compositions for the treatment of attention deficit disorder are described in U.S. Pat. No. 9,974,752, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

[0239] The coated bead and solid oral pharmaceutical compositions of the present invention include a central nervous system stimulant which can be generally defined as a chemical entity that affects the dopamine or norepinephrine neural pathways. Preferred pharmaceutically active ingredients include, but are not limited to amphetamine, dextroamphetamine, the active isomers of amphetamines and amphetamine salts including salts of dextroamphetamine, methylphenidate and its active salts, or combinations thereof, all of which can be used as racemic mixtures or pure isomers such as d-threo methylphenidate, or a prodrug or pharmaceutical salt, or mixed pharmaceutical salts of any thereof alone or in combination. The disclosed coated bead and solid oral pharmaceutical compositions can also include a prodrug, including but not limited to amino acid conjugated active ingredients such as l-lysine-d-amphetamine.

[0240] Conditions or disorders that can be treated using the present coated bead or solid oral pharmaceutical compositions include, but are not limited to attention deficit disorder (ADD), attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), excessive daytime sleepiness, major depressive disorder, bipolar depression, negative symptoms in schizophrenia, chronic fatigue, fatigue associated with chemotherapy or binge eating disorder. Attention deficit disorders are characterized by hyperactive, impulsive or inattentive symptoms that cause impairment in social, academic, or occupational functioning, and are often present in two or more settings, school (or work) and at home, for example. For the Inattentive Type, at least 6 (5 for adults ≥ 18 years of age) of the following symptoms have persisted for at least 6 months: lack of attention to details/careless mistakes; lack of sustained attention; poor listener; failure to follow through on tasks; poor organization; avoids tasks requiring sustained mental effort; loses things; easily distracted; and forgetful. For the Hyperactive-Impulsive Type, at least 6 (5 for adults ≥ 18 years of age) of the following symptoms have persisted for at least 6 months: fidgeting/squirming; leaving seat; inappropriate running/climbing; difficulty with quiet activities; "on the go;" excessive talking; blurting answers; can't wait turn, and intrusive. The combined type includes both inattentive and hyperactive-impulsive behaviors.

[0241] In some embodiments, the subject in need of treatment is a pediatric subject. A pediatric subject is from 0 to 17 years of age, i.e. less than 18 years of age. In some embodiments, the pediatric subject can be from 6 to 17 years of age. In other embodiments, the pediatric subject can be from 6 to 8, 6 to 9, 6 to 10, 6 to 11, 6 to 12, 6 to 13, 6 to 14, 6 to 15, or 6 to 16 years of age. In particular embodiments, the pediatric subject can be 6 to 11 or 6 to 12 years of age. In other embodiments, the pediatric subject can be from 12 to 17 years of age. In some embodiments, the pediatric subject is 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, or 17 years of age.

[0242] In some studies described herein, the population of pediatric subjects are from 6 to 11 years of age. In other studies, the population of pediatric subjects is from 6 to 12 years of age. In some studies, the population of pediatric

subjects are from 12 to 17 years of age. The ages of pediatric subjects in a given study population will be apparent from the study.

[0243] It is understood that the term treatment as used herein is not limited to the cure or elimination of any condition or disorder nor is that term limited to the achievement of certain milestones or improvement criteria in a particular subject, but includes the administration of an agent for the purpose of achieving positive effects in terms of cognitive or behavioral function, reduction of symptoms or side effects. All such activities are considered to be treatment whether or not any improvement is immediately observable or measurable.

[0244] In a highly preferred embodiment, the present invention relates to a controlled release oral formulation of methylphenidate (or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof) that provides a rapid onset of therapeutic effect and a gradual drop in plasma concentration after a prolonged period of therapeutic effect (e.g., 16 hours). This oral formulation comprises a plurality of substrates, preferably in the form of coated beads. Preferably, the coated bead comprises: (i) an initial portion of an effective dose of methylphenidate (or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof) in immediate release form coated over a granule; (ii) a controlled release (e.g., hydrophobic) material, preferably in the form of an acrylic polymer, coated over (i); (iii) a delayed (or distal) release (e.g., colonic delivery) coating over (ii) in an amount sufficient to substantially delay the release of the drug from the substrate until after coated bead passes through the stomach and reaches the distal part of the gastrointestinal tract; and, optionally, (iv) a remaining portion of the effective dose of methylphenidate (or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof) in immediate release form coated over (iii).

[0245] Preferably, the delayed release coating is derived from an aqueous dispersion of an anionic copolymer based on methyl acrylate, methyl methacrylate and methacrylic acid, a plasticizer and a glidant. The contents of the encapsulated product may be sprinkled on soft foods before administration.

[0246] The substrate (e.g., granules) can be chosen from spheres, also referred as pellets, also referred as beads, made of microcrystalline cellulose, mannitol-PVP, silica, starch, lactose, calcium carbonate or combination thereof. The preferred substrate to be used is sugar spheres 14/18 mesh to 18/20 mesh.

[0247] It can be preferred to use sugar spheres 14/18 mesh to 18/20 mesh amount of about 20% to about 70% by weight, of about 25% to about 65% by weight, of about 40% to about 64% by weight, of about 41% to about 63% by weight, of about 42% to about 62% by weight, of about 43% to about 61% by weight, based on the weight of the pharmaceutical composition. An amount of about 44.0% to about 53.5% by weight based on the weight of the pharmaceutical composition can be preferred of the nonpareil substrate, particularly of sugar spheres 14/18 mesh to 18/20 mesh.

[0248] The controlled release polymer can include ethylcellulose polymers, cellulose ethers (e.g., hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, hydroxypropylcellulose, methylcellulose, hydroxy-ethylcellulose, etc.), polyethylene oxide, polyvinyl alcohol derivatives, methacrylic acid copolymers (e.g., poly(ethylene glycol) diacrylate, poly(ethylene glycol) triacrylate, poly(ethylene glycol) dimethacrylate, poly(ethylene

glycol) trimethacrylate, polymulti (meth)acrylates], polyethylene glycol, polyglycolic acid, polylactic acid, poly caprolactone, poly(n-hydroxybutyrate), polyamino acids, poly (amide-enamines), poly(esters) (see Chem. Rev. 1999, 99, 3181-3198. Polymeric Systems for Controlled Drug Release (Uhrich et al.)), ethylene-vinyl acetate (EVA), polyvinyl pyrrolidone (PVP), poly acrylic acid (PAA), poly methacrylic acid (PMAA) or combinations thereof in amounts that would deliver the active pharmaceutical ingredient at the desired release rate. Preferably, the controlled release polymer is derived from a mixture copolymer of ethyl acrylate, methyl methacrylate and methacrylic acid ester with quaternary ammonium groups (Ammonio Methacrylate Copolymer, Type B USP/NF).

[0249] It can be preferred to use ammonio methacrylate copolymer, Type B USP/NF as a controlled release material. Such a material is commercially available from Evonik under the trade name Eudragit® RS30D.

[0250] It thus can be preferred to use a controlled release polymer amount of about 3% to about 16% by weight, of about 4% to about 15% by weight, of about 5% to about 14% by weight, of about 5.1% to about 13.5% by weight, such as of about 8.0% by weight, of about 8.1% by weight, of about 8.2% by weight, of about 8.3% by weight, of about 8.4% by weight, of about 8.5% by weight, of about 8.6% by weight, of about 8.7% by weight, of about 8.8% by weight, of about 8.9% by weight, of about 9.0% by weight, of about 9.1% by weight, of about 9.2% by weight, of about 9.3% by weight, of about 9.4% by weight, of about 9.5% by weight, of about 9.6% by weight, of about 9.7% by weight, of about 9.8% by weight, of about 9.9% by weight, of about 10.0%, of about 10.1% by weight, of about 10.2% by weight, of about 10.3% by weight, of about 10.4% by weight, of about 10.5% by weight, of about 10.6% by weight or of about 10.7% by weight, based on the weight of the pharmaceutical composition and the coated bead.

[0251] An amount of about 10.0% to about 10.7% by weight based on the weight of the pharmaceutical composition can be preferred, particularly if ammonio methacrylate copolymer, Type B USP/NF is used as controlled release modifier. The aforementioned amounts refer to the amount of all controlled release (e.g., hydrophobic) materials in the pharmaceutical composition or coated bead.

[0252] The delayed (or distal) release (e.g., colonic delivery) coating material can include guar gum, pectin, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose phthalate, cellulose acetate phthalate, cellulose acetate trimellitate, biodegradable polysaccharides (amylose, arabinogalactan, chitosan, chondroitin sulfate, cyclodextrin, dextran, guar gum, pectin, xanthan gum, xylan), poly(methacrylic acid-co-methyl methacrylate) 1:2, poly(methacrylic acid-co-methyl methacrylate) 1:1, polyvinyl acetate phthalate, covalent linkage of the drug with carrier (azo conjugates, cyclodextrin conjugates, glycoside conjugates, glucuronate conjugates, dextran conjugates, polypeptide conjugates, polymeric drugs), acidic comonomers, methacryloyloxy azobenzene and 2-hydroxyethyl methacrylate (HEMA), dextran hydrogels, and combinations thereof in amounts that would control the delivery of the product to the distal part of the GI tract. The preferred system to be used is the anionic copolymer based on methyl acrylate, methyl methacrylate and methacrylic acid (IUPAC name: Poly(methyl acrylate-co-methyl methacrylate-co-methacrylic acid) 7:3:1).

[0253] It can be preferred to use poly(methyl acrylate-co-methyl methacrylate-co-methacrylic acid) 7:3:1 as the delayed (or distal) release (e.g., colonic delivery) material. Such a material is commercially available from Evonik under the trade name Eudragit® FS30D.

[0254] It thus can be preferred to use a distal release modifier amount of about 3% to about 20% by weight, of about 8% to about 18% by weight, of about 10% to about 17% by weight, of about 10.1% to about 16.5 by weight, such as of about 15.0% by weight, of about 15.1% by weight, of about 15.2% by weight, of about 15.3% by weight, of about 15.4% by weight, of about 15.5% by weight, of about 15.6% by weight, of about 15.7% by weight, of about 15.8% by weight, of about 15.9% by weight, of about 16.0% by weight, of about 16.1% by weight, of about 16.2% by weight, of about 16.3% by weight, or of about 16.4% by weight based on the weight of the pharmaceutical composition.

[0255] An amount of about 15.0% to about 16.0% by weight based on the weight of the pharmaceutical composition can be preferred, particularly if poly(methyl acrylate-co-methyl methacrylate-co-methacrylic acid) 7:3:1 is used as distal release modifier. The aforementioned amounts refer to the amount of all delayed (or distal) release (e.g., colonic delivery) materials (i.e., including mixtures) in the pharmaceutical composition and the coated bead.

[0256] Plasticizers can optionally be used. Examples of useful plasticizers include citrates (triethyl citrate, acetyl triethyl citrate, tributyl citrate and acetyl tributyl citrate, acetyl tributyl citrate), triacetin, dibutyl sebacate, sebacate and azelate esters (di-2-ethylhexyl sebacate, di-2-ethylhexyl azelate, diisodecyl sebacate), ester of glycol and polyhydric alcohol [propylene glycol, glycerol (glycerin), polyethylene glycol, glyceryl triacetate], glyceryl monostearate (GMS), polysorbate 80, phthalates (di-octyl phthalate, diisodecyl phthalate, diisononyl phthalate), dibutyl phthalate, diethyl phthalate, adipates, phosphate esters, Polymeric, trimellitates (tris-2-ethylhexyltrimelliate), glutarates, castor oil, acetylated monoglycerides, fractionated coconut oil and mixtures of any two or more thereof. The preferred plasticizers to be used are triethyl citrate, glyceryl monostearate in combination with polyoxyethylene (20) sorbitan monooleate (Polysorbate 80™).

[0257] It can be preferred to use triethyl citrate and glyceryl monostearate emulsion as plasticizer system.

[0258] It thus can be preferred to use a plasticizer system amount of about 0.1% to about 10% by weight, of about 0.5% to about 9% by weight, of about 1% to about 7% by weight, of about 2% to about 6% by weight, of about 2.5% to about 5.5% by weight, of about 3.5% to about 4.5% by weight such as of about 3.6% by weight, of about 3.7% by weight, of about 3.8% by weight, of about 3.9% by weight, of about 4.0% by weight, of about 4.1% by weight, of about 4.2% by weight, of about 4.3% by weight, of about 4.4% by weight, or of about 4.5% by weight based on the weight of the pharmaceutical composition.

[0259] An amount of about 4.0% to about 4.5% by weight based on the weight of the pharmaceutical composition can be preferred, particularly if triethyl citrate and glyceryl monostearate emulsion is used as plasticizer system. The aforementioned amounts refer to the amount of all plasticizers (i.e., including mixtures) in the composition.

[0260] Glidants can include talc, fumed silica, lecithin. The preferred glidants to be used are talc and fumed silica.

[0261] Binders can include hydroxypropyl cellulose (HPMC), hydroxypropyl cellulose (HPC), polyvinyl pyrrolidone, carbopol, and combinations thereof. It can be preferred to use HPMC as a binder.

[0262] It thus can be preferred to use a binder amount of about 1% to about 10% by weight, of about 2% to about 9% by weight, of about 3% to about 7% by weight, of about 3% to about 6% by weight, such as of about 3.0% by weight, of about 3.1% by weight, of about 3.2% by weight, of about 3.3% by weight, of about 3.4% by weight, of about 3.5% by weight, of about 3.6% by weight, of about 3.7% by weight, of about 3.8% by weight, of about 3.9% by weight, of about 4.0% by weight, of about 4.1% by weight, of about 4.2% by weight, of about 4.3% by weight, of about 4.4% by weight, of about 4.5% by weight, of about 4.6% by weight, of about 4.7% by weight, of about 4.8% by weight, of about 4.9% by weight, of about 5.0% by weight, of about 5.1% by weight, of about 5.2% by weight, of about 5.3% by weight, of about 5.4% by weight, of about 5.5% by weight, of about 5.6% by weight, of about 5.7% by weight, of about 5.8% by weight, of about 5.9% by weight or of about 6.0% by weight, based on the weight of the pharmaceutical composition.

[0263] An amount of about 3.8% to about 6.0% by weight based on the weight of the pharmaceutical composition can be preferred, particularly if HPMC is used as binder. The aforementioned amounts refer to the amount of all binders (i.e., including mixtures) in the composition.

[0264] It is preferred to use an outer layer of immediate release methylphenidate HCl amount of about 1% to about 30% by weight, of about 5% to about 28% by weight, of about 15% to about 27% by weight, of about 18% to about 25% by weight, such as of about 19.0% to about 25.0% by weight, of about 19.1% by weight, of about 19.2% by weight, of about 19.3% by weight, of about 19.4% by weight, of about 19.5% by weight, of about 19.6% by weight, of about 19.7% by weight, of about 19.8% by weight, of about 19.9% by weight, of about 20.0% by weight, of about 20.1% by weight, of about 20.2% by weight, of about 20.3% by weight, of about 20.4% by weight, of about 20.5% by weight, of about 20.6% by weight, of about 20.7% by weight, of about 20.8% by weight, of about 20.9% by weight, of about 21.0% by weight, of about 21.1% by weight, of about 21.2% by weight, of about 21.3% by weight, of about 21.4% by weight, of about 21.5% by weight, of about 21.6% by weight, of about 21.7% by weight, of about 21.8% by weight, of about 21.9% by weight or of about 22.0% by weight, based on the weight of the pharmaceutical composition. An amount of about 18.0% to about 22.0% by weight based on the weight of the pharmaceutical composition can be preferred. The aforementioned amounts refer to the amount of methylphenidate hydrochloride or its respective amount of the base or any of its salts in the outer immediate release layer composition.

[0265] It is also preferred to use an inner core layer of immediate release methylphenidate HCl amount of about 1% to about 99% by weight, of about 5% to about 95% by weight, of about 60% to about 90% by weight, of about 70% to about 85% by weight, such as of about 73.0% to about 83.0% by weight, of about 79.0% by weight, of about 79.1% by weight, of about 79.2% by weight, of about 79.3% by weight, of about 79.4% by weight, of about 79.5% by weight, of about 79.6% by weight, of about 79.7% by weight, of about 79.8% by weight, of about 79.9% by

weight, of about 80.0% by weight, of about 80.1% by weight, of about 80.2% by weight, of about 80.3% by weight, of about 80.4% by weight, of about 80.5% by weight, of about 80.6% by weight, of about 80.7% by weight, of about 80.8% by weight, of about 80.9% by weight, of about 81.0% by weight, of about 81.1% by weight, of about 81.2% by weight, of about 81.3% by weight, of about 81.4% by weight, of about 81.5% by weight, of about 81.6% by weight, of about 81.7% by weight, of about 81.8% by weight, of about 81.9% by weight or of about 82.0% by weight, based on the weight of the pharmaceutical composition. An amount of about 78.0% to about 82.0% by weight based on the weight of the pharmaceutical composition can be preferred. The aforementioned amounts refer to the amount of methylphenidate hydrochloride or its respective amount of the base or any of its salts in the inner core immediate release layer composition.

[0266] As described above, several solid dose controlled-release formulations of methylphenidate are commercially available in the market. However, the therapeutic effect of some or all of those formulations is not expected to last for more than 12 hours after administration.

[0267] An advantage of the present invention is believed to be that the formulation will have a therapeutic effect of at least 14 hours of duration, or at least 16 hours. To achieve this, the delivery of methylphenidate in the distal part of the GI tract was investigated to prolong the duration of action of the drug. The present inventors are unaware of an actual reported example of the delivery of methylphenidate in the distal part of the GI tract. Also, no relevant *in vivo* data was found reporting the release of methylphenidate or its pharmaceutically acceptable salts in the distal part of the GI tract.

[0268] Methylphenidate hydrochloride is freely soluble in water and methanol, soluble in alcohol, slightly soluble in chloroform and acetone; melts between 224-226° C.; and has a pKa of approximately 8.8. Methylphenidate is relatively stable in acidic solutions but it is degraded extensively in basic solutions. The degradation occurs via the hydrolysis of the methyl ester to the free acid, α -phenyl 1-2-piperidineacetic acid. Therefore, the degradation amount increases up to 100% as the pH increases to 8.9. See *Chemical Stability of Pharmaceuticals a Handbook for Pharmacists* 1986, 587-590 (Kenneth A. Connors, Gordon L. Amidon and Valentino J. Stella) and *Analytical Profiles of Drug Substances*. 1981, 473-497 (Gandharva R. Padmanabhan) for additional information.

[0269] As a result, it was not known whether methylphenidate could be absorbed systemically in sufficient amount to have therapeutic effect at distal locations within the GI tract where the pH is known to be above pH 6.0. Thus, the present inventors performed *in vitro* and *in vivo* studies to determine the amount released and the extent of absorption of several methylphenidate controlled release formulations. FIGS. 11-14 show some of the different formulations explored; FIG. 15 shows their correspondent *in vitro* dissolution data and FIGS. 1-4 shows their respective *in vivo* results.

[0270] The preferred oral dosage form of the present invention is a capsule containing multilayer release (MLR) beads which have multiple layers to achieve the desired release rate profile of methylphenidate hydrochloride. Some of those layers have immediate release and controlled release components. It is made up of a controlled release bead which is coated to delay dissolution until it has reached the distal part of the GI tract. The distal coated controlled

release bead has an immediate release topcoat to provide an initial rate of absorption needed to have the desired therapeutic effect. In a highly preferred embodiment, the immediate release component represents 20% of the total dose per bead and the controlled release component represents 80% of the total dose per bead. This formulation is designed to produce rapid rise to therapeutic plasma levels after oral administration, due to the rapid dissolution and absorption of the outer immediate release layer, followed by a period of minimum absorption and then controlled release of the immediate release core. Plasma levels would then gradually decrease according to the elimination kinetics of methylphenidate.

[0271] In a preferred embodiment, the pharmaceutical dosage forms comprise methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or derivative thereof as the sole pharmaceutically active agent.

[0272] The pharmaceutical composition of methylphenidate HCl, Controlled Release Capsules (e.g., Formulation I and J 80:20 described below) MPH IR distal beads may comprise about 1 to 150 mg such as about 15 mg, 25 mg, 30 mg, 35 mg, 45 mg, 55 mg, 70 mg, 85 mg, 100 mg, and 120 mg.

[0273] The present coated beads are preferably formulated as a plurality of single multilayer coated beads for use as oral solid pharmaceutical compositions, preferably in the form of a capsule. The capsule material is preferably a hard gelatin capsule or a hard HPMC capsule. Other capsule materials may also be used and the selection thereof is within the purview of a person of ordinary skill in the art.

[0274] In other embodiments of the present invention, it may be preferred to provide an outer layer on the coated bead, wherein the outer layer comprises one or more salts of alginic acid. The salts of alginic acid may be selected from sodium alginate, potassium alginate, magnesium alginate, lithium alginate or ammonium alginate or mixtures thereof. Preferably, the salts of alginic acid may have a viscosity of 30 to 720, preferably 40 to 450, preferably 40 to 400 or preferably 50 to 300 centipoise (cp) of a 1% aqueous solution (weight/weight). The provision of such an outer layer can improve the coated bead resistance to alcohol (e.g., ethanol) in concentrations of greater than 35% (volume/volume)—e.g., 40% (volume/volume)—since such the presence of alcohol (e.g., ethanol) in the gastric fluid usually leads to an increase to the release rates in the stomach. Due to distribution effect, the effect of ingested ethanol in the intestine is not of the same importance as in the stomach. A preferred embodiment of the invention relates to the use of coating layers described above in the coated bead to confer resistance to alcohol (e.g., ethanol) in concentrations of up to about 35% (volume/volume) in the gastric fluid without the need to use a coating comprising one or more salts of alginic acid. Thus an effective protection against the influence of ethanol should prevent such an undesired increase of pharmaceutical or nutraceutical active ingredient in the stomach in the first place. Furthermore it may be desired that protection against the influence of ethanol shall at least not influence the comparably fast release rates at pH 6.8 in media without ethanol.

[0275] It is well-known that methylphenidate can cause significant side effects including, but not limited to, insomnia and appetite suppression. See Wilens, T., et al., *Child Adolesc Psychiatr Clin N. Am.* 9(3):573-603 (2000).

[0284] In some embodiments, the oral solid pharmaceutical composition comprising 85 mg of methylphenidate hydrochloride provides in pediatric subjects from 6 to 11 years of age in a fasted state a methylphenidate $C_{max_{0-4}}$ of from 19550 pg/mL to 23290 pg/mL. In some embodiments, the oral solid pharmaceutical composition comprising 85 mg of methylphenidate hydrochloride provides in pediatric subjects from 6 to 11 years of age in a fasted state a methylphenidate $C_{max_{4-8}}$ of from 14810 pg/mL to 37120 pg/mL. In some embodiments, the oral solid pharmaceutical composition comprising 85 mg of methylphenidate hydrochloride provides in pediatric subjects from 6 to 11 years of age in a fasted state a methylphenidate $C_{max_{8-14}}$ of from 18820 pg/mL to 39420 pg/mL.

[0285] In some embodiments, the oral solid pharmaceutical composition comprising 35 mg of methylphenidate hydrochloride provides in pediatric subjects from 6 to 11 years of age in a fasted state a methylphenidate $T_{max_{0-4}}$ of from 1.0 hours to 4.0 hours. In some embodiments, the oral solid pharmaceutical composition comprising 35 mg of methylphenidate hydrochloride provides in pediatric subjects from 6 to 11 years of age in a fasted state a methylphenidate $T_{max_{8-14}}$ of from 8.0 hours to 11.0 hours.

[0286] In some embodiments, the oral solid pharmaceutical composition comprising 55 mg of methylphenidate hydrochloride provides in pediatric subjects from 6 to 11 years of age in a fasted state a methylphenidate $T_{max_{0-4}}$ of from 1.0 hours to 2.0 hours. In some embodiments, the oral solid pharmaceutical composition comprising 55 mg of methylphenidate hydrochloride provides in pediatric subjects from 6 to 11 years of age in a fasted state a methylphenidate $T_{max_{8-14}}$ of from 9.0 hours to 14.0 hours.

[0287] In some embodiments, the oral solid pharmaceutical composition comprising 85 mg of methylphenidate hydrochloride provides in pediatric subjects from 6 to 11 years of age in a fasted state a methylphenidate $T_{max_{0-4}}$ of from 1.0 hours to 2.0 hours. In some embodiments, the oral solid pharmaceutical composition comprising 85 mg of methylphenidate hydrochloride provides in pediatric subjects from 6 to 11 years of age in a fasted state a methylphenidate $T_{max_{8-14}}$ of from 8.0 hours to 14.0 hours.

[0288] In some embodiments, the incidence of appetite suppression in a population of pediatric subjects from 6 to 12 years of age in the fasted state being treated with the composition is 36% or less. In some embodiments, the incidence of appetite suppression in a population of pediatric subjects from 6 to 12 years of age in the fasted state being treated with the composition is 36% or less, 25% or less, 20% or less, 12% or less, 10% or less, 8% or less, 6% or less, 4% or less, or 2% or less.

[0289] As used herein, the term “severe appetite suppression” refers to appetite suppression of an intensity that was incapacitating such that the subject was unable to work or complete usual activity. The intensity of appetite suppression was based on investigator observation of the pediatric subject.

[0290] As used herein, the term “moderate appetite suppression” refers to appetite suppression of an intensity that it interfered with daily activity, but where the subject was still able to function. The intensity of appetite suppression was based on investigator observation of the pediatric subject.

[0291] In some embodiments, the incidence of severe appetite suppression in a population of pediatric subjects

from 6 to 12 years of age in the fasted state being treated with the composition is 1% or less.

[0292] In some embodiments, the incidence of moderate appetite suppression in a population of pediatric subjects from 6 to 12 years of age in the fasted state being treated with the composition is 2% or less.

[0293] In some embodiments, the incidence of insomnia in a population of pediatric subjects from 6 to 12 years of age in the fasted state being treated with the composition is 11% or less. In some embodiments, the incidence of appetite suppression in a population of pediatric subjects from 6 to 12 years of age in the fasted state being treated with the composition is 11% or less, 10% or less, 8% or less, 6% or less, 4% or less, or 2% or less.

[0294] As used herein, the term “severe insomnia” refers to insomnia of an intensity that was incapacitating such that the subject was unable to work or complete usual activity. The intensity of insomnia was based on investigator observation of the pediatric subject.

[0295] As used herein, the term “moderate insomnia” refers to insomnia of an intensity that it interfered with daily activity, but where the subject was still able to function. The intensity of insomnia was based on investigator observation of the pediatric subject.

[0296] In some embodiments, the incidence of severe insomnia in a population of pediatric subjects from 6 to 12 years of age in the fasted state being treated with the composition is 1% or less.

[0297] In some embodiments, the incidence of moderate insomnia in a population of pediatric subjects from 6 to 12 years of age in the fasted state being treated with the composition is 6% or less.

[0298] As used herein, the term “initial insomnia” refers to difficulty in falling asleep at the beginning of the night. Initial insomnia was based on investigator observation of the pediatric subject.

[0299] In some embodiments, the incidence of initial insomnia in a population of pediatric subjects from 6 to 12 years of age in the fasted state being treated with the composition is 2% or less.

[0300] In some embodiments, the incidence of appetite suppression in a population of pediatric subjects from 12 to 17 years of age in the fasted state being treated with the composition is 9% or less, and in certain embodiments, 8% or less, 6% or less, 4% or less, 2% or less, or 1% or less.

[0301] In some embodiments, the incidence of insomnia in a population of pediatric subjects from 12 to 17 years of age in the fasted state being treated with the composition is 11% or less, and in certain embodiments, 10% or less, 8% or less, 6% or less, 4% or less, 2% or less, or 1% or less.

[0302] In some embodiments, the incidence of initial insomnia in a population of pediatric subjects from 12 to 17 years of age in the fasted state being treated with the composition is 7% or less, and in certain embodiments, 6% or less, 4% or less, 2% or less, or 1% or less.

[0303] In some embodiments, the present disclosure provides a method of treating Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in a pediatric subject from 6 to 11 years of age in need thereof, the method comprising administering to the pediatric subject, an oral pharmaceutical composition comprising from about 25 to about 100 mg methylphenidate hydrochloride, wherein the oral solid pharmaceutical composition, when administered to a pediatric subject from 6 to 11 years of age in a fasted state, provides an average

methylphenidate AUC_{0-4} (pg·hr/mL) that is from 80 to 125% of the value resulting from the formula: average $AUC_{0-4} = 804.42 \cdot (\text{dose of methylphenidate hydrochloride in mg}) - 8994.4$.

[0304] In some embodiments, the present disclosure provides a method of treating Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in a pediatric subject from 6 to 11 years of age in need thereof, the method comprising administering to the pediatric subject, an oral pharmaceutical composition comprising from about 25 to about 100 mg methylphenidate hydrochloride, wherein the oral solid pharmaceutical composition, when administered to a pediatric subject from 6 to 11 years of age in a fasted state, provides an average methylphenidate AUC_{8-14} (pg·hr/mL) that is from 80 to 125% of the value resulting from the formula: average $AUC_{8-14} = 1580.3 \cdot (\text{dose of methylphenidate hydrochloride in mg}) - 1860$.

[0305] In some embodiments, the present disclosure provides a method of treating Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in a pediatric subject from 6 to 11 years of age in need thereof, the method comprising administering to the pediatric subject, an oral pharmaceutical composition comprising from about 25 to about 100 mg methylphenidate hydrochloride, wherein the oral solid pharmaceutical composition, when administered to a pediatric subject from 6 to 11 years of age in a fasted state, provides an average methylphenidate AUC_{14-24} (pg·hr/mL) that is from 80 to 125% of the value resulting from the formula: average $AUC_{14-24} = 1392.2 \cdot (\text{dose of methylphenidate hydrochloride in mg}) - 9239.1$.

[0306] In addition to the various embodiments described above, the present disclosure includes the following specific embodiments number E1 through E70. This list of embodiments is presented as an exemplary list and the application is not limited to these embodiments.

[0307] E1. A method of treating Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in a pediatric subject in need thereof, the method comprising administering to the pediatric subject an oral solid pharmaceutical composition comprising a plurality of coated beads, wherein each coated bead comprises elements (a), (b), (c), and (d) or elements (a'), (b'), and (c'), as follows:

[0308] (a) a granule;

[0309] (b) a first layer coated over the granule, the first layer comprising a first amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

[0310] (c) an inner controlled release coating coated over the first layer and an outer delayed release coating coated over the inner controlled release coating; and

[0311] (d) an immediate release layer comprising a second amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, coated over the outer delayed release coating, the immediate release layer providing immediate release of the second amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof after administration to the subject, or

[0312] (a') a core comprising a first amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

[0313] (b') an inner controlled release coating coated over the core and an outer delayed release coating coated over the inner controlled release coating; and

[0314] (c') an immediate release layer comprising a second amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, coated over the outer delayed release

coating, the immediate release layer providing immediate release of the second amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof after administration to the subject;

wherein the oral solid pharmaceutical composition provides the following in vitro methylphenidate dissolution profile:

Time (hours)	Methylphenidate (% dissolved)
1	NLT 15%
4	18-38%
8	35-55%
12	68-98
16	NLT 68

when tested according to the USP paddle method, 100 rpm, at 37° C.; (i) starting with 900 mL simulated gastric fluid for 2 hours, (ii) followed by 900 mL phosphate buffer pH 6.0 for 4 hours, and (iii) for the 7th hour onwards, 900 mL of phosphate buffer pH 7.4; USP <711> Acceptance Table 2.

[0315] E2. The method of E1, wherein the pediatric subject is from 6 to 12 years of age.

[0316] E3. The method of E1, wherein the pediatric subject is from 12 to 17 years of age.

[0317] E4. The method of E1, wherein the oral solid pharmaceutical composition is in the form of a capsule comprising the plurality of coated beads.

[0318] E5. The method of E1, wherein the inner controlled release coating is selected from the group consisting of an ethylcellulose polymer, a cellulose ether, polyethylene oxide, a polyvinyl alcohol derivate, a methacrylic acid copolymer, polyethylene glycol, polyglycolic acid, polylactic acid, polycaprolactone, poly(n-hydroxybutyrate), a polyamino acids, a poly(amide-enamine), a polyesters, ethylene-vinyl acetate (EVA), polyvinyl pyrrolidone (PVP), poly (acrylic acid) (PAA), poly (methacrylic acid) (PMAA), and mixtures of any two or more thereof.

[0319] E6. The method of E1, wherein the inner controlled release coating comprises ammonio Methacrylate Copolymer, Type B USP/NF.

[0320] E7. The method of E1, wherein the inner controlled release coating is present in an amount of 3% to 16% by weight of each coated bead.

[0321] E8. The method of E7, wherein the inner controlled release coating is present in an amount of 10.0% to 10.7% by weight of each coated bead.

[0322] E9. The method of E1, wherein the outer delayed release coating comprises poly(methyl acrylate-co-methyl methacrylate-co-methacrylic acid) 7:3:1.

[0323] E10. The method of E1, wherein the outer delayed release coating is present in an amount of from 3% to 20% by weight of each coated bead.

[0324] E11. The method of E8, wherein the outer delayed release coating is present in an amount of from 15.0% to 16.0% by weight of each coated bead.

[0325] E12. The method of E1, wherein the first amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and the second amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, together, provide a total amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof in each coated bead, and wherein the first amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof comprises from 70% to 99% by weight of the

total amount of the methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof in each coated bead.

[0326] E13. The method of E12, wherein the first amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof comprises from 78% to 82% by weight of the total amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

[0327] E14. The method of E13, wherein the first amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof comprises 80% by weight of the total amount of the methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and the second amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof comprises 20% by weight of the total amount of the methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

[0328] E15. The method of E1, wherein the inner controlled release coating is present in an amount of 3% to 16% by weight of each coated bead, and the outer delayed release coating is present in an amount of from 3% to 20% by weight of each coated bead.

[0329] E16. The method of E1, wherein the inner controlled release coating is present in an amount of 10.0% to 10.7% by weight of each coated bead, and the outer delayed release coating is present in an amount of from 15.0% to 16.0% by weight of each coated bead.

[0330] E17. The method of E1, wherein the granule is selected from the group consisting of: a sugar sphere, a microcrystalline cellulose granule, a silica granule, a starch granule, a lactose granule, a calcium carbonate granule, and a mannitol-polyvinylpyrrolidone granule.

[0331] E18. The method of E1, wherein the oral solid pharmaceutical composition comprises 25 mg, 30 mg, 35 mg, 45 mg, 55 mg, 70 mg, 85 mg, or 100 mg of methylphenidate hydrochloride.

[0332] E19. The method of E1, wherein the oral solid pharmaceutical composition comprises 85 mg of methylphenidate hydrochloride.

[0333] E20. The method of E1, wherein each coated bead comprises:

[0334] (a) a granule;

[0335] (b) a first layer coated over the granule, the first layer comprising a first amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

[0336] (c) an inner controlled release coating coated over the first layer and an outer delayed release coating coated over the inner controlled release coating; and

[0337] (d) an immediate release layer comprising a second amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, coated over the outer delayed release coating, the immediate release layer providing immediate release of the second amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof after administration to the subject.

[0338] E21. The method of E1, wherein each coated bead comprises:

[0339] (a') a core comprising a first amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

[0340] (b') an inner controlled release coating coated over the core and an outer delayed release coating coated over the inner controlled release coating; and

[0341] (c') an immediate release layer comprising a second amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, coated over the outer delayed release coating, the immediate release layer providing immediate release of the second amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof after administration to the subject.

[0342] E22. A method of treating Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in a pediatric subject from 6 to 11 years of age in need thereof, the method comprising administering to a pediatric subject from 6 to 11 years of age an oral solid pharmaceutical composition comprising a plurality of coated beads, wherein each coated bead comprises elements (a), (b), (c), and (d) or elements (a'), (b'), and (c'), as follows:

[0343] (a) a granule;

[0344] (b) a first layer coated over the granule, the first layer comprising a first amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

[0345] (c) an inner controlled release coating coated over the first layer and an outer delayed release coating coated over the inner controlled release coating; and

[0346] (d) an immediate release layer comprising a second amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, coated over the outer delayed release coating, the immediate release layer providing immediate release of the second amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof after administration to the subject, or

[0347] (a') a core comprising a first amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

[0348] (b') an inner controlled release coating coated over the core and an outer delayed release coating coated over the inner controlled release coating; and

[0349] (c') an immediate release layer comprising a second amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, coated over the outer delayed release coating, the immediate release layer providing immediate release of the second amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof after administration to the subject;

wherein the oral solid pharmaceutical composition, when administered to pediatric subjects from 6 to 11 years of age in a fasted state, provides a methylphenidate AUC_{0-4} , a methylphenidate AUC_{8-14} , and a methylphenidate AUC_{14-24} for 35, 55, and 85 mg methylphenidate hydrochloride dosages in the ranges as specified below:

Oral Methylphenidate HCl dosage (mg)	Methylphenidate AUC_{0-4}	Methylphenidate AUC_{8-14}	Methylphenidate AUC_{14-24}
35	from 18010 pg · hr/mL to 26470 pg · hr/mL	from 40610 pg · hr/mL to 80390 pg · hr/mL	from 23070 pg · hr/mL to 81850 pg · hr/mL
55	from 23270 pg · hr/mL to 43880 pg · hr/mL	from 64370 pg · hr/mL to 109080 pg · hr/mL	from 23230 pg · hr/mL to 80910 pg · hr/mL
85	from 54790 pg · hr/mL to 65660 pg · hr/mL	from 100550 pg · hr/mL to 200860 pg · hr/mL	from 76600 pg · hr/mL to 161310 pg · hr/mL

[0350] E23. The method of E22, wherein the oral solid pharmaceutical composition, when administered to pediatric subjects from 6 to 11 years of age in a fasted state, provides an average methylphenidate AUC_{0-4} , an average methylphenidate AUC_{8-14} , and an average methylphenidate AUC_{14-24} for the 35, 55, and 85 mg dosages as specified below:

Oral Methylphenidate HCl dosage (mg)	Average methylphenidate AUC_{0-4} (± 1 standard deviation)	Average methylphenidate AUC_{8-14} (± 1 standard deviation)	Average methylphenidate AUC_{14-24} (± 1 standard deviation)
35	20715 \pm 3029.2 pg \cdot hr/mL	55762 \pm 13851.3 pg \cdot hr/mL	42158 \pm 21622.5 pg \cdot hr/mL
55	32658 \pm 7738.5 pg \cdot hr/mL	81205 \pm 15048.9 pg \cdot hr/mL	62880 \pm 20288.9 pg \cdot hr/mL
85	60418 \pm 4000.2 pg \cdot hr/mL	134007 \pm 35930.2 pg \cdot hr/mL	110877 \pm 27695.7 pg \cdot hr/mL

[0351] E24. The method of E22, wherein the oral solid pharmaceutical composition, when administered to pediatric subjects from 6 to 11 years of age in a fasted state, provides a methylphenidate AUC_{0-8} , a methylphenidate AUC_{4-8} , a methylphenidate AUC_{0-14} , and a methylphenidate AUC_{0-24} for the 35, 55, and 85 mg dosages in the ranges specified below:

Oral Methylphenidate HCl dosage (mg)	Methylphenidate AUC_{0-8}	Methylphenidate AUC_{4-8}	Methylphenidate AUC_{0-14}	Methylphenidate AUC_{0-24}
35	from 39930 pg \cdot hr/mL to 61910 pg \cdot hr/mL	from 19630 pg \cdot hr/mL to 42750 pg \cdot hr/mL	from 89630 pg \cdot hr/mL to 142290 pg \cdot hr/mL	from 121460 pg \cdot hr/mL to 224140 pg \cdot hr/mL
55	from 57120 pg \cdot hr/mL to 93020 pg \cdot hr/mL	from 32420 pg \cdot hr/mL to 63330 pg \cdot hr/mL	from 121490 pg \cdot hr/mL to 202100 pg \cdot hr/mL	from 144720 pg \cdot hr/mL to 268190 pg \cdot hr/mL
85	from 113650 pg \cdot hr/mL to 169020 pg \cdot hr/mL	from 51060 pg \cdot hr/mL to 110650 pg \cdot hr/mL	from 231620 pg \cdot hr/mL to 369880 pg \cdot hr/mL	from 325490 pg \cdot hr/mL to 473730 pg \cdot hr/mL

[0352] E25. The method of E22, wherein the oral solid pharmaceutical composition, when administered to pediatric subjects from 6 to 11 years of age in a fasted state, provides the average methylphenidate AUC_{0-8} , average methylphenidate AUC_{4-8} , average methylphenidate AUC_{0-14} , and average methylphenidate AUC_{0-24} for the 35, 55, and 85 mg dosages as specified in the table below:

Oral Methylphenidate HCl dosage (mg)	Average methylphenidate AUC_{0-8} (± 1 standard deviation)	Average methylphenidate AUC_{4-8} (± 1 standard deviation)	Average methylphenidate AUC_{0-14} (± 1 standard deviation)	Average methylphenidate AUC_{0-24} (± 1 standard deviation)
35	52847 \pm 7879.5 pg \cdot hr/mL	32133 \pm 7622.8 pg \cdot hr/mL	108608 \pm 18507.4 pg \cdot hr/mL	150767 \pm 39560.3 pg \cdot hr/mL
55	73713 \pm 14089.2 pg \cdot hr/mL	41055 \pm 11391.2 pg \cdot hr/mL	154917 \pm 27727.7 pg \cdot hr/mL	217797 \pm 42426.4 pg \cdot hr/mL
85	136887 \pm 21233.3 pg \cdot hr/mL	76470 \pm 22156.2 pg \cdot hr/mL	270898 \pm 53162.7 pg \cdot hr/mL	381775 \pm 52593.0 pg \cdot hr/mL

[0353] E26. The method of E22, wherein the oral solid pharmaceutical composition, when administered to pediatric subjects from 6 to 11 years of age in a fasted state, provides

a methylphenidate $C_{max_{0-4}}$, a methylphenidate $C_{max_{4-8}}$, and a methylphenidate $C_{max_{8-14}}$ for the for the 35, 55, and 85 mg dosages in the ranges as specified below:

Oral Methylphenidate HCl dosage (mg)	Methylphenidate Cmax ₀₋₄	Methylphenidate Cmax ₄₋₈	Methylphenidate Cmax ₈₋₁₄
35	from 6020 pg/mL to 8570 pg/mL	from 6820 pg/mL to 14000 pg/mL	from 9160 pg/mL to 15350 pg/mL
55	from 7930 pg/mL to 14950 pg/mL	from 10750 pg/mL to 20790 pg/mL	from 13820 pg/mL to 22540 pg/mL
85	from 19550 pg/mL to 23290 pg/mL	from 14810 pg/mL to 37120 pg/mL	from 18820 pg/mL to 39420 pg/mL

[0354] E27. The method of E22, wherein the oral solid pharmaceutical composition, when administered to pediatric subjects from 6 to 11 years of age in a fasted state, provides an average methylphenidate Cmax₀₋₄, an average methylphenidate Cmax₄₋₈, and an average methylphenidate Cmax₈₋₁₄ for the 35, 55, and 85 mg dosages as specified below:

Oral Methylphenidate HCl dosage (mg)	Average methylphenidate Cmax ₀₋₄ (± 1 standard deviation)	Average methylphenidate Cmax ₄₋₈ (± 1 standard deviation)	Average methylphenidate Cmax ₈₋₁₄ (± 1 standard deviation)
35	7055 \pm 939.3 pg/mL	10038 \pm 2428.5 pg/mL	11127 \pm 2283.1 pg/mL
55	11198 \pm 2633.2 pg/mL	13035 \pm 3850.3 pg/mL	15933 \pm 3347.6 pg/mL
85	21235 \pm 1539.9 pg/mL	23782 \pm 7908.8 pg/mL	27045 \pm 6730.4 pg/mL

[0355] E28. The method of E22, wherein the oral solid pharmaceutical composition, when administered to pediatric subjects from 6 to 11 years of age in a fasted state, provides a methylphenidate Tmax₀₋₄, a methylphenidate Tmax₄₋₈, and a methylphenidate Tmax₈₋₁₄ for the 35, 55, and 85 mg dosages in the ranges as specified below:

Oral Methylphenidate HCl dosage (mg)	Methylphenidate Tmax ₀₋₄	Methylphenidate Tmax ₈₋₁₄
35	from 1.0 hours to 4.0 hours	from 8.0 hours to 11.0 hours
55	from 1.0 hours to 2.0 hours	from 9.0 hours to 14.0 hours
85	from 1.0 hours to 2.0 hours	from 8.0 hours to 14.0 hours

[0356] E29. The method of E22, wherein the oral solid pharmaceutical composition provides, when administered to pediatric subjects from 6 to 11 years of age in a fasted state, an average methylphenidate Tmax₀₋₄, an average methylphenidate Tmax₄₋₈, and an average methylphenidate Tmax₈₋₁₄ for the 35, 55, and 85 mg dosages as specified below:

Oral dosage Methylphenidate HCl (mg)	Average methylphenidate Tmax ₀₋₄ (± 1 standard deviation)	Average methylphenidate Tmax ₈₋₁₄ (± 1 standard deviation)
35	1.833 \pm 1.1690 hours	9.167 \pm 1.1690 hours
55	1.667 \pm 0.5164 hours	11.167 \pm 2.0412 hours
85	1.667 \pm 0.5164 hours	11.0 \pm 2.1909 hours

[0357] E30. The method of E22, wherein the oral solid pharmaceutical composition is in the form of a capsule comprising the plurality of coated beads.

[0358] E31. The method of E22, wherein the inner controlled release coating is selected from the group consisting of an ethylcellulose polymer, a cellulose ether, polyethylene oxide, a polyvinyl alcohol derivate, a methacrylic acid copolymer, polyethylene glycol, polyglycolic acid, polylactic acid, polycaprolactone, poly(n-hydroxybutyrate), a polyamino acids a poly(amide-enamine), a polyesters, ethylene-vinyl acetate (EVA), polyvinyl pyrrolidone (PVP), poly (acrylic acid) (PAA), poly (methacrylic acid) (PMAA), and combinations thereof.

[0359] E32. The method of E22, wherein the inner controlled release coating is present in an amount of 3% to 16% by weight of each coated bead.

[0360] E33. The method of E32, wherein the inner controlled release coating is present in an amount of 10.0% to 10.7% by weight of each coated bead.

[0361] E34. The method of E22, wherein the outer delayed release coating comprises poly(methyl acrylate-co-methyl methacrylate-co-methacrylic acid) 7:3:1.

[0362] E35. The method of E22, wherein the outer delayed release coating is present in an amount of from 3% to 20% by weight of each coated bead.

[0363] E36. The method of E35, wherein the outer delayed release coating is present in an amount of from 15.0% to 16.0% by weight of each coated bead.

[0364] E37. The method of E22, wherein the first amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and the second amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, together, provide a total amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof in each coated bead, and wherein the first amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof comprises from 70% to 99% by weight of the total amount of the methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof in each coated bead.

[0365] E38. The method of E22, wherein the first amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof comprises from 78% to 82% by weight of the total amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

[0366] E39. The method of E38, wherein the first amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof comprises 80% by weight of the total amount of the methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and the second amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof comprises 20% by weight of the total amount of the methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

[0367] E40. The method of E22, wherein the inner controlled release coating is present in an amount of 3% to 16% by weight of each coated bead, and the outer delayed release coating is present in an amount of from 3% to 20% by weight of each coated bead.

[0368] E41. The method of E22, wherein the inner controlled release coating is present in an amount of 10.0% to 10.7% by weight of each coated bead, and the outer delayed release coating is present in an amount of from 15.0% to 16.0% by weight of each coated bead.

[0369] E42. The method of E22, wherein the granule is selected from the group consisting of: a sugar sphere, a microcrystalline cellulose granule, a silica granule, a starch granule, a lactose granule, a calcium carbonate granule, and a mannitol-polyvinylpyrrolidone granule.

[0370] E43. The method of E22, wherein the oral solid pharmaceutical composition provides the following in vitro methylphenidate dissolution profile:

Time (hours)	Methylphenidate (% dissolved)
1	NLT 15%
4	18-38%
8	35-55%
12	68-98
16	NLT 68

when tested according to the USP paddle method, 100 rpm, at 37° C.; (i) starting with 900 mL simulated gastric fluid for 2 hours, (ii) followed by 900 mL phosphate buffer pH 6.0 for

4 hours, and (iii) for the 7th hour onwards, 900 mL of phosphate buffer pH 7.4; USP <711> Acceptance Table 2.

[0371] E44. The method of E22, wherein each coated bead comprises:

[0372] (a) a granule;

[0373] (b) a first layer coated over the granule, the first layer comprising a first amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

[0374] (c) an inner controlled release coating coated over the first layer and an outer delayed release coating coated over the inner controlled release coating; and

[0375] (d) an immediate release layer comprising a second amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, coated over the outer delayed release coating, the immediate release layer providing immediate release of the second amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof after administration to the subject.

[0376] E45. The method of E22, wherein each coated bead comprises:

[0377] (a') a core comprising a first amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

[0378] (b') an inner controlled release coating coated over the core and an outer delayed release coating coated over the inner controlled release coating; and

[0379] (c') an immediate release layer comprising a second amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, coated over the outer delayed release coating, the immediate release layer providing immediate release of the second amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof after administration to the subject.

[0380] E46. A method of treating Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in a pediatric subject from 6 to 12 years of age in need thereof, the method comprising administering to a pediatric subject from 6 to 12 years of age an oral solid pharmaceutical composition comprising a plurality of coated beads, wherein each coated bead comprises elements (a), (b), (c), and (d) or elements (a'), (b'), and (c'), as follows:

[0381] (a) a granule;

[0382] (b) a first layer coated over the granule, the first layer comprising a first amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

[0383] (c) an inner controlled release coating coated over the first layer and an outer delayed release coating coated over the inner controlled release coating; and

[0384] (d) an immediate release layer comprising a second amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, coated over the outer delayed release coating, the immediate release layer providing immediate release of the second amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof after administration to the subject, or

[0385] (a') a core comprising a first amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

[0386] (b') an inner controlled release coating coated over the core and an outer delayed release coating coated over the inner controlled release coating; and

[0387] (c') an immediate release layer comprising a second amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, coated over the outer delayed release coating, the immediate release layer providing immediate

release of the second amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof after administration to the subject;

wherein the incidence of appetite suppression in a population of pediatric subjects from 6 to 12 years of age in the fasted state being treated with the composition is 36% or less.

[0388] E47. The method of E46, wherein the incidence of severe appetite suppression in a population of pediatric subjects from 6 to 12 years of age in the fasted state being treated with the composition is 1% or less.

[0389] E48. The method of E46, wherein the incidence of moderate appetite suppression in a population of pediatric subjects from 6 to 12 years of age in the fasted state being treated with the composition is 6% or less.

[0390] E49. A method of treating Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in a pediatric subject from 6 to 12 years of age in need thereof, the method comprising administering to the subject an oral solid pharmaceutical composition comprising a plurality of coated beads, wherein each coated bead comprises elements (a), (b), (c), and (d) or elements (a'), (b'), and (c'), as follows:

[0391] (a) a granule;

[0392] (b) a first layer coated over the granule, the first layer comprising a first amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

[0393] (c) an inner controlled release coating coated over the first layer and an outer delayed release coating coated over the inner controlled release coating; and

[0394] (d) an immediate release layer comprising a second amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, coated over the outer delayed release coating, the immediate release layer providing immediate release of the second amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof after administration to the subject, or

[0395] (a') a core comprising a first amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

[0396] (b') an inner controlled release coating coated over the core and an outer delayed release coating coated over the inner controlled release coating; and

[0397] (c') an immediate release layer comprising a second amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, coated over the outer delayed release coating, the immediate release layer providing immediate release of the second amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof after administration to the subject;

wherein the incidence of insomnia in a population of pediatric subjects from 6 to 12 years of age in the fasted state being treated with the composition is 11% or less.

[0398] E50. The method of E49, wherein the incidence of severe insomnia in a population of pediatric subjects from 6 to 12 years of age in the fasted state being treated with the composition is 1% or less.

[0399] E51. The method of E49, wherein the incidence of moderate insomnia in a population of pediatric subjects from 6 to 12 years of age in the fasted state being treated with the composition is 6% or less.

[0400] E52. A method of treating Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in a pediatric subject from 6 to 12 years of age in need thereof, the method comprising administering to the subject an oral solid pharmaceutical compo-

sition comprising a plurality of coated beads, wherein each coated bead comprises (a), (b), (c), and (d) or (a'), (b'), and (c'), as follows:

[0401] (a) a granule;

[0402] (b) a first layer coated over the granule, the first layer comprising a first amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

[0403] (c) an inner controlled release coating coated over the first layer and an outer delayed release coating coated over the inner controlled release coating; and

[0404] (d) an immediate release layer comprising a second amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, coated over the outer delayed release coating, the immediate release layer providing immediate release of the second amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof after administration to the subject, or

[0405] (a') a core comprising a first amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

[0406] (b') an inner controlled release coating coated over the core and an outer delayed release coating coated over the inner controlled release coating; and

[0407] (c') an immediate release layer comprising a second amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, coated over the outer delayed release coating, the immediate release layer providing immediate release of the second amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof after administration to the subject;

wherein the incidence of initial insomnia in a population of pediatric subjects from 6 to 12 years of age in the fasted state being treated with the composition is 2% or less.

[0408] E53. A method of treating Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in a pediatric subject from 12 to 17 years of age in need thereof, the method comprising administering to a pediatric subject from 12 to 17 years of age an oral solid pharmaceutical composition comprising a plurality of coated beads, wherein each coated bead comprises elements (a), (b), (c), and (d) or elements (a'), (b'), and (c'), as follows:

[0409] (a) a granule;

[0410] (b) a first layer coated over the granule, the first layer comprising a first amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

[0411] (c) an inner controlled release coating coated over the first layer and an outer delayed release coating coated over the inner controlled release coating; and

[0412] (d) an immediate release layer comprising a second amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, coated over the outer delayed release coating, the immediate release layer providing immediate release of the second amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof after administration to the subject, or

[0413] (a') a core comprising a first amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

[0414] (b') an inner controlled release coating coated over the core and an outer delayed release coating coated over the inner controlled release coating; and

[0415] (c') an immediate release layer comprising a second amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, coated over the outer delayed release coating, the immediate release layer providing immediate

release of the second amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof after administration to the subject;

wherein the oral solid pharmaceutical composition, when administered to a pediatric subject from 12 to 17 years of age in a fasted state, provides:

[0416] a methylphenidate AUC_{0-8} ranging from 21830.6 pg·hr/mL to 96316.2 pg·hr/mL;

[0417] a methylphenidate AUC_{0-14} ranging from 40576.9 pg·hr/mL to 234533.4 pg·hr/mL; and

[0418] a methylphenidate AUC_{0-24} ranging from 86897.7 pg·hr/mL to 415037.5 pg·hr/mL when the administered oral solid pharmaceutical composition comprises from 25 mg to 85 mg of methylphenidate hydrochloride.

[0419] E54. The method of E53, wherein the oral solid pharmaceutical composition provides:

[0420] an average methylphenidate AUC_{0-8} of 47071.6 pg·hr/mL;

[0421] an average methylphenidate AUC_{0-14} of 111783.0 pg·hr/mL;

[0422] and an average methylphenidate AUC_{0-24} of 181751.2 pg·hr/mL when the administered oral solid pharmaceutical composition comprises from 25 mg to 85 mg of methylphenidate hydrochloride.

[0423] E55. The method of E53, wherein the oral solid pharmaceutical composition provides a methylphenidate AUC_{0-12} ranging from 36823.7 pg·hr/mL to 186389.9 pg·hr/mL, when the oral solid pharmaceutical composition comprises from 25 mg to 85 mg of methylphenidate hydrochloride.

[0424] E56. The method of E53, wherein the oral solid pharmaceutical composition provides an average methylphenidate AUC_{0-12} of 89378.1 pg·hr/mL, when the oral solid pharmaceutical composition comprises from 25 mg to 85 mg of methylphenidate hydrochloride.

[0425] E57. The method of E53, wherein the oral solid pharmaceutical composition provides the following in vitro methylphenidate dissolution profile:

Time (hours)	Methylphenidate (% dissolved)
1	NLT 15%
4	18-38%
8	35-55%
12	68-98
16	NLT 68

when tested according to the USP paddle method, 100 rpm, at 37° C.; (i) starting with 900 mL simulated gastric fluid for 2 hours, (ii) followed by 900 mL phosphate buffer pH 6.0 for 4 hours, and (iii) for the 7th hour onwards, 900 mL of phosphate buffer pH 7.4; USP <711> Acceptance Table 2.

[0426] E58. A method of treating Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in a pediatric subject from 12 to 17 years of age in need thereof, the method comprising administering to a pediatric subject from 12 to 17 years of age an oral solid pharmaceutical composition comprising a plurality of coated beads, wherein each coated bead comprises elements (a), (b), (c), and (d) or elements (a'), (b'), and (c'), as follows:

[0427] (a) a granule;

[0428] (b) a first layer coated over the granule, the first layer comprising a first amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

[0429] (c) an inner controlled release coating coated over the first layer and an outer delayed release coating coated over the inner controlled release coating; and

[0430] (d) an immediate release layer comprising a second amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, coated over the outer delayed release coating, the immediate release layer providing immediate release of the second amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof after administration to the subject, or

[0431] (a') a core comprising a first amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

[0432] (b') an inner controlled release coating coated over the core and an outer delayed release coating coated over the inner controlled release coating; and

[0433] (c') an immediate release layer comprising a second amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, coated over the outer delayed release coating, the immediate release layer providing immediate release of the second amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof after administration to the subject;

wherein the incidence of appetite suppression in a population of pediatric subjects from 12 to 17 years of age in the fasted state being treated with the composition is 21% or less.

[0434] E59. A method of treating Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in a pediatric subject from 12 to 17 years of age in need thereof, the method comprising administering to a pediatric subject from 12 to 17 years of age an oral solid pharmaceutical composition comprising a plurality of coated beads, wherein the coated beads comprise elements (a), (b), (c), and (d) or elements (a'), (b'), and (c'), as follows:

[0435] (a) a granule;

[0436] (b) a first layer coated over the granule, the first layer comprising a first amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

[0437] (c) an inner controlled release coating coated over the first layer and an outer delayed release coating coated over the inner controlled release coating; and

[0438] (d) an immediate release layer comprising a second amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, coated over the outer delayed release coating, the immediate release layer providing immediate release of the second amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof after administration to the subject, or

[0439] (a') a core comprising a first amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

[0440] (b') an inner controlled release coating coated over the core and an outer delayed release coating coated over the inner controlled release coating; and

[0441] (c') an immediate release layer comprising a second amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, coated over the outer delayed release coating, the immediate release layer providing immediate release of the second amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof after administration to the subject;

wherein the incidence of insomnia in a population of pediatric subjects from 12 to 17 years of age in the fasted state being treated with the composition is 7% or less.

[0442] E60. A method of treating Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in a pediatric subject from 12 to 17 years of age in need thereof, the method comprising administering to a pediatric subject from 12 to 17 years of age an oral solid pharmaceutical composition comprising a plurality of coated beads, wherein the coated beads comprise elements (a), (b), (c), and (d) or elements (a'), (b'), and (c'), as follows:

[0443] (a) a granule;

[0444] (b) a first layer coated over the granule, the first layer comprising a first amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

[0445] (c) an inner controlled release coating coated over the first layer and an outer delayed release coating coated over the inner controlled release coating; and

[0446] (d) an immediate release layer comprising a second amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, coated over the outer delayed release coating, the immediate release layer providing immediate release of the second amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof after administration to the subject, or

[0447] (a') a core comprising a first amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

[0448] (b') an inner controlled release coating coated over the core and an outer delayed release coating coated over the inner controlled release coating; and

[0449] (c') an immediate release layer comprising a second amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, coated over the outer delayed release coating, the immediate release layer providing immediate release of the second amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof after administration to the subject;

wherein the incidence of initial insomnia in a population of pediatric subjects from 12 to 17 years of age in the fasted state being treated with the composition is 6% or less.

[0450] E61. A method of treating Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in a pediatric subject from 6 to 11 years of age in need thereof, the method comprising administering to the pediatric subject from 6 to 11 years of age, an oral pharmaceutical composition comprising from 25 to 100 mg methylphenidate hydrochloride, wherein the oral solid pharmaceutical composition, when administered to a pediatric subject from 6 to 11 years of age in a fasted state, provides an average methylphenidate AUC_{0-4} (pg·hr/mL) that is from 80 to 125% of the value resulting from the formula:

$$\text{Average } AUC_{0-4} = 804.42 * (\text{dose of methylphenidate hydrochloride in mg}) - 8994.4.$$

[0451] E62. The method of E61, wherein the oral pharmaceutical composition further provides an average methylphenidate AUC_{8-14} (pg·hr/mL) that is from 80 to 125% of the value resulting from the formula:

$$\text{Average } AUC_{8-14} = 1580.3 * (\text{dose of methylphenidate hydrochloride in mg}) - 1860.$$

[0452] E63. The method of E61, wherein the oral pharmaceutical composition further provides an average methylphenidate AUC_{14-24} (pg·hr/mL) that is from 80 to 125% of the value resulting from the formula:

$$\text{Average } AUC_{14-24} = 1392.2 * (\text{dose of methylphenidate hydrochloride in mg}) - 9239.1.$$

[0453] E64. The method of E61, wherein the oral pharmaceutical composition further provides an average methylphenidate $AUC_{0-\infty}$ (pg·hr/mL) that is from 80 to 125% of the value resulting from the formula:

$$\text{Average } AUC_{0-\infty} = 5932 * (\text{dose of methylphenidate hydrochloride in mg}) - 51578.$$

[0454] E65. A method of treating Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in a pediatric subject in need thereof, the method comprising administering to the pediatric subject once daily in the morning upon awakening an oral solid pharmaceutical composition comprising a plurality of coated beads, wherein each coated bead comprises elements (a), (b), (c), and (d) or elements (a'), (b'), and (c'), as follows:

[0455] (a) a granule;

[0456] (b) a first layer coated over the granule, the first layer comprising a first amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

[0457] (c) an inner controlled release coating coated over the first layer and an outer delayed release coating coated over the inner controlled release coating; and

[0458] (d) an immediate release layer comprising a second amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, coated over the outer delayed release coating, the immediate release layer providing immediate release of the second amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof after administration to the subject, or

[0459] (a') a core comprising a first amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

[0460] (b') an inner controlled release coating coated over the core and an outer delayed release coating coated over the inner controlled release coating; and

[0461] (c') an immediate release layer comprising a second amount of methylphenidate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, coated over the outer delayed release coating, the immediate release layer providing immediate release of the second amount of methylphenidate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof after administration to the subject;

wherein the oral solid pharmaceutical composition provides the following in vitro methylphenidate dissolution profile:

Time (hours)	Methylphenidate (% dissolved)
1	NLT 15%
4	18-38%
8	35-55%
12	68-98
16	NLT 68

when tested according to the USP paddle method, 100 rpm, at 37° C.; (i) starting with 900 mL simulated gastric fluid for 2 hours, (ii) followed by 900 mL phosphate buffer pH 6.0 for 4 hours, and (iii) for the 7th hour onwards, 900 mL of phosphate buffer pH 7.4; USP <711> Acceptance Table 2.

[0462] E66. The method of E65, wherein the pharmaceutical composition is efficacious for at least 16 hours.

[0463] E67. A method of treating ADHD in a pediatric subject aged at least 6 years old to 17 years of age, the method comprising administering to the pediatric subject in need thereof an oral solid pharmaceutical composition comprising 25 mg of methylphenidate hydrochloride once daily with or without food in the morning and optionally titrating to 35 mg, 45 mg, 55 mg, 70 mg, or 85 mg methylphenidate hydrochloride using an oral solid pharmaceutical composition comprising 35 mg, 45 mg, 55 mg, 70 mg, or 85 mg methylphenidate hydrochloride, in intervals of no less than five days.

[0464] Embodiments of the present invention will be illustrated with references to the following examples which should not be used to limit or otherwise construe the invention.

[0465] In the examples the following abbreviations are used:

IR beads—these are beads coated with the methylphenidate hydrochloride (MPH) and having no controlled or delayed release coating;

CRIR beads—these are IR beads which have been coated with a controlled release coating;

ECCRIR—these are CRIR beads which have been coated with an enteric coating (similar to commercially available Biphentin® product);

DRIR beads—these are IR beads which have been coated with a delayed or distal release coating;

DRCRIR beads—these are CRIR beads which have been coated with a delayed (enteric coating [ECCRIR]) or distal release coating; and

MPH IR distal beads—these are DRCRIR beads which have been coated with an immediate release layer of MPH.

[0466] Various of these beads were coated with sodium alginate which can confer resistance to 40% alcohol.

[0467] The general method of manufacture of Formulation I or Formulation J is described below followed by the various studies and findings.

[0468] The MPH IR distal beads were manufactured in four different stages involving separate coating process at each stage—immediate-release coating (drug layering [IR]), controlled-release coating [CR], distal release coating [DR] and top immediate release coating [CRDRIR]. All four stages are carried out in a fluid bed dryer with Wurster column. More detailed information of the process parameters used at each stage of the manufacturing process is found in FIGS. 21-24, respectively.

[0469] In some cases, a layer of sodium alginate-talc is also applied as a fifth stage on top of the top immediate release coating to improve dose dumping of methylphenidate HCl in hydro-ethanolic solutions compared with coated bead formulations that do not have a layer comprising one or more salts of alginic acid without affecting the immediate release performance of the top immediate release coating. More detailed information of the process parameters used at this stage of the manufacturing process is found in FIG. 25.

[0470] The following is a description of the manufacturing process.

Example 1—IR Beads

[0471] The following protocol was used to produce the IR beads.

[0472] Add Opadry clear YS-1-7006 to water and mix, then add methylphenidate hydrochloride and stir until a clear solution is obtained.

[0473] Charge fluid bed dryer (FBD) equipped with Wurster column with sugar spheres 14-18 or 18-20 mesh.

[0474] Coat the beads at an inlet temperature of $65^{\circ}\pm 10^{\circ}$ C. and product temperature of $37.5^{\circ}\pm 3.5^{\circ}$ C. by spraying the solution of methylphenidate hydrochloride.

[0475] After completion of the spraying process, allow the beads to dry at $41^{\circ}\pm 4^{\circ}$ C. for approximately 3 minutes.

[0476] Cool the beads to $30^{\circ}\pm 1^{\circ}$ C. product temperature and weigh.

Example 2—CRIR Beads

[0477] The following protocol was used to produce the methylphenidate CR beads.

[0478] Prepare a coating dispersion by mixing Plasacryl T20, filtered (250 micrometer screen) Eudragit RS 30 D and Triethyl Citrate in a container for at least 60 minutes.

[0479] Charge fluid bed dryer (FBD) equipped with Wurster column with IR beads.

[0480] Coat the IR beads at product temperature of $25^{\circ}\pm 5^{\circ}$ C. by spraying the coating dispersion.

[0481] After completion of the coating dispersion, spray rinse water at a product temperature of $25^{\circ}\pm 5^{\circ}$ C.

Example 3—DRCRIR Beads, Uncured

[0482] Charge fluid bed dryer (FBD) equipped with Wurster column with CRIR beads.

[0483] Prepare a coating dispersion by mixing Plasacryl T20, filtered (250 micrometer screen) Eudragit FS 30 D and water in a container for at least 60 minutes.

[0484] Coat the CRIR beads with Eudragit FS30D dispersion.

[0485] Note: In case the manufacturing process is interrupted, Syloid 244FP, quantity based on 0.43% of the theoretical yield of CRDR beads, is added to the beads and blended.

Example 4—DRCRIR Beads, Cured

[0486] The following protocol was used to produce the methylphenidate DRCRIR beads.

[0487] Charge fluid bed dryer (FBD) equipped with Wurster column with CRIR beads.

[0488] Prepare a coating dispersion by mixing Plasacryl T20, filtered (250 micrometer screen) Eudragit FS 30D and water in a container for at least 60 minutes.

[0489] Coat the CRIR beads with Eudragit FS30D dispersion at product temperature of $25^{\circ}\pm 3^{\circ}$ C. by spraying the coating dispersion.

[0490] After completion of the coating dispersion, spray rinse water at a product temperature of $25^{\circ}\pm 3^{\circ}$ C.

[0491] Suck into the FBD, Syloid 244FP, quantity based on 0.43% of the theoretical yield of DRCRIR beads and blend.

[0492] Cure the beads at a product temperature of $40^{\circ}\pm 2^{\circ}$ C. for 60 minutes.

[0493] Cool the beads to product temperature of $25^{\circ}\pm 3^{\circ}$ C.

[0494] Screen the beads on 0.85 mm screen and remove fines if any.

[0495] Note: In case the manufacturing process is interrupted, Syloid 244FP, quantity based on 0.43% of the theoretical yield of DRCCRIRbeads, is added to the beads and blended.

Example 5—MPH IR Distal Beads

[0496] The following protocol was used to produce the MPH IR distal beads.

[0497] Add Opadry clear YS-1-7006 to water and mix, then add methylphenidate hydrochloride and stir until a clear solution is obtained.

[0498] Charge fluid bed dryer (FBD) equipped with Wurster column with DRCCRIR beads.

[0499] Coat the beads at an inlet temperature of $56^{\circ}\pm 15^{\circ}$ C. and product temperature of $37.5^{\circ}\pm 3.5^{\circ}$ C. by spraying the solution of methylphenidate hydrochloride.

[0500] After completion of the solution, spray rinse water at a product temperature of $37.5^{\circ}\pm 3.5^{\circ}$ C.

[0501] Allow the beads to dry at product temperature of $41^{\circ}\pm 4^{\circ}$ C. for 5 minutes.

[0502] Cool the beads to $30^{\circ}\pm 1^{\circ}$ C. product temperature and weigh.

[0503] Screen the beads and collect the beads passing through 1.8 mm screen and retained on 0.85 mm screen.

Example 6—MPH IR Distal Beads Coated with Sodium Alginate Beads

[0504] The following protocol was used to produce the MPH IR distal beads coated with sodium alginate beads.

[0505] Add talc to water and mix; stir using a homogenizer until a uniform dispersion is obtained.

[0506] Add sodium alginate to water and mix, stir until a uniform dispersion is obtained.

[0507] Add the talc dispersion on the sodium alginate and mix until a uniform dispersion is obtained.

[0508] Charge fluid bed dryer (FBD) equipped with Wurster column with MPH IR distal beads.

[0509] Coat the beads at an inlet temperature of $70^{\circ}\pm 15^{\circ}$ C. and product temperature of $50^{\circ}\pm 5^{\circ}$ C. by spraying the solution of sodium alginate.

[0510] Allow the beads to dry at product temperature of $41^{\circ}\pm 4^{\circ}$ C. for 5 minutes.

[0511] Cool the beads to $30^{\circ}\pm 1^{\circ}$ C. product temperature and weigh.

[0512] Screen the beads and collect the beads passing through 1.8 mm screen and retained on 0.85 mm screen.

Example 7—MPH IR Distal Beads (with or without Sodium Alginate) with Silicon Dioxide

[0513] The following protocol was used to produce these beads.

[0514] Charge V blender with approximately half the total quantity of MPH IR Distal Beads (with or without sodium alginate).

[0515] Screen Syloid FP 244 through 20 mesh screen and add to the V blender.

[0516] Load remaining quantity of MPH IR Distal Beads (with or without sodium alginate) into the V blender.

[0517] Blend for 3 minutes.

[0518] Discharge the blend into plastic drums lined with polyethylene bags.

Example 8—Encapsulation of MPH IR Distal Beads (with or without Sodium Alginate) with Silicon Dioxide

[0519] The following equipment is used during the capsule filling process of the MPH IR Distal Beads (with or without sodium alginate) with silicon dioxide in either hard gelatin capsules (used in these Examples) or hard hypromellose (HPMC) capsules (an alternative to hard gelatin capsules):

[0520] Bosch GKF 1400 Encapsulator & Checkweigher

[0521] Metal Detector

[0522] Empty Capsule Conveying Bin

Example 9—Testing (pK Studies and Preliminary Studies on Alcohol Resistance)

[0523] The following methodology was used.

[0524] The dissolution of various formulations was performed using USP paddle method at 100 rpm in 900 mL at 37° C. of simulated gastric fluid (without enzyme) for 2 hours, 900 mL phosphate buffer pH 6.0 for 4 hours and 7th hour onwards, 900 mL of phosphate buffer pH 7.4. The samples were withdrawn at the respective time points and analysed on HPLC using UV detector. The in vitro release data is indicated as percentage dissolved based on the label content of the active tested.

[0525] The results of a bioavailability study of this formulation indicate a biphasic release profile (FIG. 5).

[0526] It can be concluded from the in vitro dissolution data and its correspondent in vivo plasma concentration that methylphenidate can be absorbed in the distal part of the GI tract. It can also be concluded that the amount and extent of methylphenidate being absorbed depends on the excipients used in the formulation.

[0527] FIG. 1 shows that 7 to 10% of the controlled release polymer might be sufficient to provide a therapeutic effect that lasts for more than 14 hours but without the desired rapid on set of action and distinctive biphasic or triphasic pattern shown in FIG. 3 or 4. However, the next study showed that increasing the amount of the controlled release polymer up to 20% as shown in FIG. 2 prolonged the extent of release of methylphenidate. Nonetheless, the higher the amount of controlled release polymer, the less the total amount of methylphenidate is absorbed. This could be due to the degradation of methylphenidate at higher pH environments, thus less amount of methylphenidate is available at distal part of the GI tract to be absorbed in systemic circulation.

[0528] Therefore, the amount of controlled release polymer needs to be adjusted accordingly to achieve the desired distinctive in vivo plasma concentration pattern. In the case of the preferred embodiments of the present invention, the longer duration of action and distinctive pattern might be achieved between 7% to 20% weight gain of the controlled release polymer, more specifically about 16% weight gain of the controlled polymer. The 16% would provide the desired total amount and extent of methylphenidate in plasma concentration over time in a distinctive pattern that differentiates this formulation from any other long acting solid dose methylphenidate formulation available in the market. Moreover, it achieves duration of action of no less than 14 hours.

[0529] Formulation I also has the property that does not undergo food effect as shown in FIG. 5 and FIG. 16. It can also be sprinkled on apple sauce, yogurt or ice cream for up

to 10 minutes without affecting its bioavailability performance as shown in FIG. 6 and FIG. 18. Compared to three equivalent doses of immediate-release methylphenidate administered separately at 4 hourly intervals, Formulation I has greater residual levels of methylphenidate at hour 24 post-administration and different partial AUCs during the dosing interval, particularly in the 12-16 hour period where the pAUC is significantly larger than immediate-release methylphenidate (FIG. 17). In addition, the second peak of methylphenidate occurs more than 2 hours after the third peak of immediate-release methylphenidate (FIG. 5 and FIG. 17). As a result of the significant residual methylphenidate plasma levels at hour 24 post-administration (FIG. 5), the pharmacokinetic profile changes after multiple days of dosing resulting in an overall increase in plasma levels (FIG. 7 and FIG. 19A) and higher peak concentrations. Formulation J has a similar pharmacokinetic profile and properties as Formulation I (FIG. 8 and FIG. 19B).

[0530] The in vitro dissolution specifications of the drug at various time points for formulations in accordance with Formulations A-J are shown in FIG. 15. Based on these results and the correlation between in vivo and in vitro data, the present inventors developed the target dissolution specification shown in FIG. 20 for preferred embodiments of the present coated bead.

[0531] Based on the studies excipients were identified and adjusted to obtain a finished product that is stable with a product shelf life of at least 24 months and provides no less than 14 hours of therapeutic effect. Stability testing of the above formulation showed that the total related substances at 6 months 40° C./75% RH are within 2.0% and no individual unknown is higher than 0.2%.

[0532] In vitro dissolution testing at 40% ethanol in SFG dissolution media was performed. As will be illustrated in Example 10, Formulation I and Formulation J were found to be resistant up to about 35% v/v and up to about 32% v/v, respectively, ethanol in SGF. Therefore, different trials were performed with immediate release excipients to be applied to the outer immediate release layer methylphenidate hydrochloride to increase the ethanol resistance to 40% ethanol v/v. Some of the excipients that were investigated individually or in combination are: sodium alginate, Kollicoat™ IR, hypromellose, Lycoat™, pectin, lactose, methylcellulose, ethylcellulose and talc. An outer layer of these excipients was applied on top of the desired methylphenidate DRCLR formulation or Formulation I/Formulation J and a test to determine in vitro alcohol resistance (see Example 10 for details of the test) was performed to determine the impact of the excipients in the formulation.

[0533] The experiment with sodium alginate in combination with talc showed that above 40% weight gain of sodium alginate the dissolution rate in 40% v/v ethanol would impart alcohol resistance to Formulation I under the prescribed test conditions. At weight gains between 55 to 75% the dissolution rate in the first two hours of the product would meet the criteria at 40% v/v ethanol and released about 20% of the IR component. Therefore, an improved methylphenidate formulation (Formulation I or Formulation J) was developed. This formulation would have an outermost layer of about 55-75% weight gain of sodium alginate. This layer is applied on top of the external IR layer to provide a 40% v/v ethanol resistant formulation without affecting the original release rate of the formulation.

Example 10—Testing (Further Studies on Alcohol Resistance)

[0534] Generally dose dumping is observed as a result of a compromise of the release-rate controlling mechanism in a pharmaceutical product. Some products can be expected to exhibit a more rapid drug dissolution and release rate in the presence of ethanol. Therefore, when a modified-release product is consumed with alcohol, the modified-release mechanism could be adversely affected, which could lead to dose dumping.

[0535] The following study was performed to evaluate the alcohol induced dose dumping in IRDR Methylphenidate HCl capsules. The effect of varying concentrations of ethanol on the drug release was evaluated at 0% (no ethanol added), 5%, 20% and 40% ethanol which are considered to be representative of consumption of beer (5% ethanol), mixed drinks (20% ethanol), and neat liquor (40% ethanol). The dissolution evaluation was also carried out in 35% ethanol to understand the effect of ethanol concentrations from 20% to 40% and at what level the alcohol induced dose dumping becomes significant.

[0536] The dissolution profiles showed that even though in the presence of 40% ethanol, the rate of dissolution rapidly increased as compared to that observed in control, the release was never considered to be dose dumping of methylphenidate HCl. Furthermore, in the presence of 35% ethanol the rate of release increased but the average percentage release amount was determined to be similar when the f2, similarity factor, was calculated against the control sample. The calculated value was 50. An f2 value of 50-100 suggests similar dissolution profiles.

[0537] The experiments were carried out on 12 units as following: The ethanolic dissolution media used were 5%, 20%, 35% and 40% USP anhydrous ethanol in 0.1 N HCl (v/v). The experiments were performed in 900 mL of respective media using USP apparatus 1 (baskets) at 100 rpm and 37° C. The control (0% ethanol) was also run using 900 mL of 0.1 N HCl. The 0.1 N HCl was selected to approximate the conditions in the stomach.

[0538] The samples were collected every 15 minutes up to 2 hours to understand the release profile starting as early as 15 minutes. Since the dissolution experiments were run for 2 hours, and the vessels were covered at all times, the media evaporation had no impact on the results. The samples were analyzed on HPLC as per specified IRDR Methylphenidate HCl capsule dissolution method and the percent released methylphenidate HCl at each time point was calculated. The dissolution parameters are reported in FIG. 26.

[0539] Resistance to ethanol means that the release of the pharmaceutical active ingredient is in the presence of ethanol not more than 20% to be measured under in-vitro conditions at pH 1.2 for 2 hours in 900 mL medium according to USP with the addition of 5, 10, 20 or 40% (v/v) ethanol at 100 rpm using USP. Dose Dumping is defined as unintended, rapid drug release in a short period of time of a significant amount of the drug contained in a modified release dosage form. Dose dumping shall mean that the release of the pharmaceutical active ingredient is faster but does not release more than 25%, no more than 20% to be measured under in-vitro conditions at pH 1.2 for 60 minutes in medium according to USP with the addition of 5, 10, 20 or 40% (v/v) ethanol.

[0540] In this study, the focus was on coating application as a function of theoretical weight gain of coating applied to

the nonpareil beads. Since it is also common to quantify film coating amount as mass/surface area, film coating amount (mg/cm^2) was determined using a calculation for surface area, assuming the bead is a perfect sphere:

$$SA=4(\pi r^2)$$

wherein SA is the surface area and r is the radius of the bead.

[0541] Conventional round nonpareil beads with diameters ranging from 0.85 to 1.4 mm with an average of 1.125 mm were used in this ethanol resistance study. The surface area of beads of this average diameter was calculated as follows:

$$SA=4(\pi(0.5625^2))$$

$$SA=3.98 \text{ mm}^2$$

[0542] Conventional round nonpareil beads with diameters ranging from 0.85 to 1.4 mm with an average of 1.125 mm were used in this ethanol resistance study.

[0543] Since a certain layer thickness is desired in a film coating with Eudragit FS30D to impart alcohol resistant properties up to 30%, up to 32%, up to 35% without the capsules possessing dose dumping characteristics of the active pharmaceutical ingredient within the first 60 minutes; the amount of coating material is related to the surface area of the substrate per cm^2 of surface area. Thus, the inventors divided the surface area of a substrate A (mm^2) by its weight gain w (mg), to obtain the desired coating quantity in % (w/w), i.e. as shown in the following equation:

$$\text{Coating weight (\%)}=[A(\text{mm}^2)/w(\text{mg})]*100 \text{ (mg}/\text{cm}^2)$$

[0544] The total amount of the delayed (or distal) release (e.g., colonic delivery) material may be in the range of from about 5% to about 35% by weight, preferably from about 10% to 30% by weight, most preferably from about 15 to about 25% by weight, in relation to the weight of the core.

[0545] The absolute amount of the delayed (or distal) release (e.g., colonic delivery) material described above (prior to the examples) may, in the case of pellets or granules with a diameter size in the range of from about 840 to 1410 μm , be present at an average thickness in the range in from about 5 μm to about 50 μm , preferably from about 10 μm to about 50 μm , more preferably from about 33 μm to about 47 μm , most preferably about 40 μm .

[0546] It can be preferred to use poly(methyl acrylate-co-methyl methacrylate-co-methacrylic acid) 7:3:1 as the delayed (or distal) release (e.g., colonic delivery) material. Such a material is commercially available from Evonik under the trade name Eudragit® FS30D.

[0547] The presence of ethanol in concentrations of 5, 10, 20 or 40% (volume/volume) in the gastric fluid usually leads to an increase to the release rates in the stomach. Due to distribution effect the effect of ingested ethanol is in the intestine not of that importance as in the stomach. Thus an effective protection against the influence of ethanol should prevent such an undesired increase of pharmaceutical active ingredient in the stomach in the first place. Furthermore it may be desired that protection against the influence of ethanol shall at least not influence the comparably fast release rates at pH 6.8 in media without ethanol.

[0548] International Patent Publication WO 2012/0224998 describes a gastric resistant pharmaceutical or nutraceutical composition, comprising a core, comprising a pharmaceutical or nutraceutical active ingredient and a gastric resistant coating layer onto the core, wherein the

release of the pharmaceutical active ingredient is not more than 15% under in-vitro conditions at pH 1.2 for 2 hours in a buffered medium according to LISP with and without the addition of 40% (v/v) ethanol, wherein the gastric resistant coating layer comprises 10 to 100% by weight of one or more salts of alginic acid with a viscosity of 30 to 720 cP of a 1% aqueous solution. The one layer system as described is stated to solve the problem of protection against the influence of ethanol. However, there is no reference of ethanol protection provided by coating layer containing Eudragit™ FS30D at any ethanol concentration by itself or when the coatings which include the ammonium alginate, coatings which employ other alginate salts, like sodium or potassium alginate, are deposited in the most outer layer of the bead.

[0549] The data demonstrated that the in-vitro rate of dissolution of methylphenidate HCl did not increase in the presence of 5% and 20% ethanol within two hours as compared to that in control; and the in-vitro rate of dissolution of methylphenidate HCl did not increase in the presence of 5%, 20%, 35% and 40% ethanol within 30 minutes as compared to that in control. Nevertheless, in the presence of 35% and 40% ethanol, more rapid increase was observed in the dissolution release rate after 30 minutes. Even though a faster release was observed, the release of the active pharmaceutical ingredients was still in a control led release manner. Dose dumping of methylphenidate hydrochloride did not occur at any time of the release in presence of different concentration of ethanol up to 40%.

[0550] The results of this study are believed to be a reasonable basis for the present inventors to predict similar resistance to alcohol (e.g., ethanol) would be observed clinically and for active ingredients other than methylphenidate HCl.

Example 11—a Randomized, Double-Blind Study of the Time Course of Response of MPH-IR Distal Bead (Formulation I) in Adults with ADHD in a Simulated Adult Workplace Environment (AWE)

[0551] Objectives

[0552] The purpose of this randomized, double-blind, crossover, placebo-controlled, optimized-dose study was to assess the clinical efficacy, time of onset and time course of efficacy over 16 hours of MPH-IR Distal Bead compared to placebo in adults diagnosed with ADHD in an AWE setting.

[0553] Methodology

[0554] This study (063-008) was a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled cross-over study in adult, male and female ADHD subjects conducted to assess clinical efficacy, the time of onset and time course of efficacy of MPH-IR Distal Bead measured by the Permanent Product Measure of Performance (PERMP) (an objective, skill-adjusted math test that measures attention in ADHD) score. Subjects were titrated to an optimal dose in an open-label phase of between 2 and 7 weeks, familiarized with study procedures in a practice AWE session and then randomized to one of two sequences (ACTIVE to PLACEBO or PLACEBO to ACTIVE) and received one treatment for one week, followed by an AWE session, then crossed over to the other treatment for one week, followed by a second AWE session.

[0555] Number of Subjects

[0556] Planned: 60 subjects. Randomised: 59 subjects. Completed: 46 subjects.

[0557] Test Treatment, Dose, and Mode of Administration

[0558] Active or matching placebo MPH-IR Distal Bead (methylphenidate hydrochloride controlled-release—Formulation I in FIG. 11-14) 25, 35, 45, 55, 70, 85 or 100 mg oral capsules were administered once-daily in the morning.

[0559] Duration of Treatment

[0560] Subjects received open label medication during a 2 to 9 week dose titration, followed by a double-blind crossover of one week of placebo treatment and one week of active treatment.

[0561] Criteria for Evaluation

[0562] The primary outcome measure was the mean between-treatment PERMP Total score across the AWE sessions. Secondary outcome measures included the onset and time course of efficacy of MPH-IR Distal Bead compared to placebo as measured by the PERMP Total Score (PERMP-T), PERMP Attempted Score (PERMP-A) and PERMP Correct Score (PERMP-C) at pre-dose and 1.0, 2.0, 5.0, 8.0, 11.0, 14.0 and 16.0 hours post-dose and the onset and time course of efficacy of MPH-IR Distal Bead compared to placebo as measured by the SKAMP (a subjective measure of behaviour), using the combined score (SKAMP-C), the SKAMP-Depotment (SKAMP-D) subscale and SKAMP Attention (SKAMP-A) subscale at pre-dose and 0.5, 1.0, 2.0, 4.0, 5.0, 7.0, 8.0, 11.0, 13.0, 14.0 and 16.0 hours post-dose.

[0563] Efficacy & Safety Results

[0564] The study met the primary endpoint in that subjects treated with MPH-IR Distal Bead had improved attention compared to subjects receiving placebo, as measured by the mean change from pre-dose PERMP-Total Scores (FIG. 9).

[0565] Subjects receiving MPH-IR Distal Bead showed improvement in attention with an onset of action within 1.0 hour of receiving active medication compared to placebo with duration of effect continuing for up to and including 16.0 hours post-dose, based on change from pre-dose LS mean difference from placebo PERMP-Total Scores (FIG. 9).

[0566] Subjects receiving MPH-IR Distal Bead showed improvement in behaviour with an onset of action within 1.0 hour of receiving active medication compared to placebo with duration of effect continuing for up to and including 16.0 hours post-dose based on change from pre-dose LS mean difference from placebo SKAMP-C Scores (FIG. 10).

[0567] MPH-IR Distal Bead was relatively safe and well-tolerated medication.

[0568] Overall Conclusions

[0569] MPH-IR Distal Bead was safe and effective in the treatment of adults with ADHD, demonstrating efficacy from one hour to 16 hours post administration on both objective and subjective measures. Subjects demonstrated significant improvement in the primary endpoint—an objective measure of attention (the PERMP)—and the secondary endpoint—a subjective measure of behaviour (the SKAMP)—during the double-blind phase of the study when treated with WH-IR Distal Bead compared to when treated with placebo.

[0570] In addition, the study medication was well-tolerated, with no serious adverse events. Patients reported satisfaction with ability to fall asleep, appetite for lunch, appetite for dinner or overall adverse effects and no significant differences compared to placebo in sleep quality.

[0571] The onset and duration of action at one hour and 16 hours post-administration respectively, is the result of the

pharmacokinetic profile of MPH-IR Distal Bead. The residual methylphenidate plasma concentration at hour 24 post-administration leads to an increase in the first peak of methylphenidate following multiple days of dosing, resulting in an onset of action with one hour.

[0572] In addition, the second peak of methylphenidate is also increased following multiple days of dosing, providing sufficient plasma levels of methylphenidate late in the day that results in a prolonged duration of action extending to 16 hours post-administration. The pharmacokinetic profile of this formulation provides a combination of rapid onset and a prolonged duration of action in a single daily administration.

Example 12—Preferred Formulations

[0573] Based on the exemplary work described above, Formulations I and J were identified as the most preferred for the present coated bead. FIGS. 27 and 28 provide complete formulation specifications for oral solid pharmaceutical composition based on Formulations I and J, respectively for the following dosage strengths of methylphenidate HCl: 25 mg, 30 mg, 35 mg, 45 mg, 55 mg, 70 mg, 85 mg and 100 mg.

Example 13—A Randomized, Single-Dose, Open-Label, 2-Period, 2-Way Crossover Comparative Bioavailability Study Comparing Controlled-Release Methylphenidate Capsules with Immediate-Release Methylphenidate Tablets in

[0574] Pediatric Subjects 12 to 17 Years of Age Diagnosed with ADHD

[0575] Objectives

[0576] The purpose of this study was to evaluate the rate and extent of absorption of Formulation I administered orally once a day versus the reference immediate-release Ritalin tablet administered orally three-times a day (TID).

[0577] Methodology

[0578] This was a single center, randomized, single-dose, open-label, 2-period, 2-way crossover comparative bioavailability study to compare the rate and extent of absorption of a Formulation I capsule administered as a single dose versus methylphenidate immediate-release Ritalin tablet (Reference) administered TID, under fasting conditions. A total of 18 to 24 pediatric male or female subjects 12 to 17 years of age diagnosed with ADHD were to be included in this study. Prior to study commencement, subjects were randomly assigned to a treatment in accordance with the randomization scheme generated. Subjects were confined to the clinical study site from at least 1 hour prior to first drug administration until after the 14.0-hour post-dose blood draw, in each period. Subjects were asked to return to the clinical site for a return visit. The treatment phases were separated by a washout period of 7 days.

[0579] Number of Subjects

[0580] Planned: 18-24 subjects. Randomized: 17 subjects. Completed: 17 subjects.

[0581] Test Treatment, Dose, and Mode of Administration

[0582] Breakfast was provided 2 hours post-dose in Period 1 and provided 1 hour post-dose in Period 2 to improve the well-being of the subjects. Treatment A consisted of Formulation I capsules (25 mg, 35 mg, 45 mg, 55 mg, 70 mg, or 85 mg) administered orally once a day under fasting conditions. Treatment B consisted of methylphenidate

hydrochloride immediate-release Ritalin tablets (5 mg, 10 mg, 5 mg+10 mg, 20 mg, or 5 mg+20 mg) administered orally three times a day under fasting conditions. In Period 1, 8 of the subjects received Treatment A and 9 of the subjects received Treatment B. In Period 2, 9 of the subjects received Treatment A and 8 of the subject received Treatment A.

[0583] Criteria for Evaluation

[0584] The actual clock time for dosing and the actual clock time for each collection time were recorded using electronic data capture. For all sampling times, the actual sampling times were calculated as the difference between the actual clock time of dosing and the sample collection time, rounded to the closest minute. The difference between the scheduled and the actual sampling time was considered acceptable if it was less than 30 seconds. When the difference exceeded this time limit, the actual sampling times (rounded off to 3 decimal digits) were used to calculate pharmacokinetic parameters, except for pre-dose samples, which were always reported as zero (0.000), regardless of time deviations. Scheduled sampling times are presented in concentration tables and graphs in the pharmacokinetic section of the report.

[0585] Pharmacokinetic analysis were performed using Pharsight® Knowledgebase Server™ and WinNonlin® versions 5.3 and 6.4, which are validated for bioequivalence/bioavailability studies by inVentiv. Inferential statistical analyses as well as tables and listings were created using SAS® (release 9.2 or higher version) and figures were created using R (release 3.0.1 or higher version).

[0586] The number of observations (N), mean, standard deviation (SD), coefficient of variation CV (%), range (min. and max.), median and geometric mean were calculated for plasma concentrations of d-methylphenidate and l-methylphenidate for each sampling time and treatment. These descriptive statistics were also presented for AUC_{0-r} , AUC_{0-4} , AUC_{4-8} , AUC_{8-12} , AUC_{12-r} , AUC_{0-8} , AUC_{0-12} , AUC_{0-14} , AUC_{0-24} , C_{max} , $C_{max_{0-4}}$, $C_{max_{4-8}}$, $C_{max_{8-14}}$, Residual area, T_{max} , $T_{max_{0-4}}$, $T_{max_{4-8}}$, $T_{max_{8-14}}$, $T_{1/2\ el}$, K_{el} , $K_{el\ Lower}$, and $K_{el\ Upper}$.

[0587] For d-methylphenidate, l-methylphenidate, and combined methylphenidate, analysis of variance was performed on the ln-transformed data of AUC_{0-r} , AUC_{0-inf} and C_{max} . ANOVA was also carried out on the untransformed T_{max} , K_{el} , and $T_{1/2\ el}$. All ANOVAs were performed with the SAS (version 9.2 for Windows) General Linear Models Procedure (GLM). Analyses on AUC_{0-r} , AUC_{0-inf} and C_{max} were performed on dose-normalized data, as well as non-dose-normalized data.

[0588] The model included sequence, subject within sequence, period and treatment as factors. The sequence effect was tested using subjects within sequence effect as the error term. The treatment and period effects were tested against the residual mean square error. All sums of squares (Types I, II, III, and IV) were reported. Probability (p) values were derived from Type III sums of squares. For all analyses, effects were considered statistically significant if the probability associated with 'F' was less than 0.05.

[0589] Based on pairwise comparisons of the ln-transformed AUC_{0-r} , AUC_{0-inf} and C_{max} data, the ratios of the least-squares means (B/A), calculated according to the formula " $e^{(DIFFERENCE)} \times 100$ ", as well as the 90% geometric confidence intervals were determined. Finally, the inter- and intra-subject CVs were also determined.

[0590] Blood samples for pharmacokinetic analysis were collected at pre-dose and 0.500, 1.00, 2.00, 3.00, 4.00, 5.00, 6.00, 8.00, 9.00, 10.0, 11.0, 12.0, 13.0, 14.0, 24.0, 27.0, and 30.0 hours post-dose in each period.

[0591] Efficacy & Safety Results

[0592] The mean plot for untransformed data for d-methylphenidate plasma concentrations over the sampling period for each treatment method (Treatment A using Formulation I (labeled as Treatment: Formulation I)) and Treatment B (labeled as Treatment: Ritalin) are presented in FIG. 29. And, the mean pharmacokinetic parameter values for d-methylphenidate for each treatment method are summarized in FIG. 30 and FIG. 31.

[0593] The p-values for treatment, period, and sequence effects are summarized in FIG. 32 for AUC_{0-r} , AUC_{0-inf} and C_{max} for d-methylphenidate. For the dose-normalized data, ANOVA detected a statistically significant (p-values <0.050) difference between treatments for all parameters.

[0594] The least-squares means ratios (B/A), the 90% geometric confidence intervals, intra- and inter-subject coefficients of variation (CVs) were also determined for non-dose normalized and dose-normalized data. FIG. 33 shows ratios at the 90% geometric confidence interval (C.I.) for AUC_{0-r} , AUC_{0-inf} and C_{max} for d-methylphenidate. The mean Residual area was lower than 20% for all treatments indicating that the duration of sampling was sufficient for d-methylphenidate. This is equivalent to a mean AUC_{0-t} to AUC_{0-ing} ratio above 80%.

[0595] The mean plot for untransformed data for l-methylphenidate plasma concentrations over the sampling period for each treatment method (Treatment A (labeled as Treatment: Formulation I)) and Treatment B (labeled as Treatment: Ritalin) are presented in FIG. 34. And, the mean pharmacokinetic parameter values for l-methylphenidate for each treatment method are summarized in FIG. 35 and FIG. 36.

[0596] The p-values for treatment, period, and sequence effects are summarized in FIG. 37 for AUC_{0-r} , AUC_{0-inf} and C_{max} for l-methylphenidate. For the non-dose-normalized and dose-normalized data, ANOVA detected a statistically significant (p-values <0.050) difference between treatments for AUC_{0-t} and AUC_{0-ing} , but not for C_{max} .

[0597] The least-squares means ratios (B/A), the 90% geometric confidence intervals, intra- and inter-subject CVs were also determined for non-dose normalized and dose-normalized data. FIG. 38 shows ratios at the 90% geometric C.I. for AUC_{0-r} , AUC_{0-inf} and C_{max} for l-methylphenidate. The mean Residual area was lower than 20% for all treatments indicating that the duration of sampling was sufficient for l-methylphenidate. This is equivalent to a mean AUC_{0-t} to AUC_{0-ing} ratio above 80%.

[0598] The mean plot for untransformed data for combined methylphenidate (d-methylphenidate and l-methylphenidate) plasma concentrations over the sampling period for each treatment method (Treatment A (labeled as Formulation I)) and Treatment B (labeled as Ritalin) are presented in FIG. 39. And, the mean pharmacokinetic parameter values for combined methylphenidate for each treatment method are summarized in FIG. 40 and FIG. 41.

[0599] The p-values for treatment, period, and sequence effects are summarized in FIG. 42 for AUC_{0-r} , AUC_{0-inf} and C_{max} for combined methylphenidate. For the dose-normal-

ized data, ANOVA detected a statistically significant (p-values <0.05) difference between treatments for AUC_{0-r} , AUC_{0-inf} , and C_{max} .

[0600] The least-squares means ratios (B/A), the 90% geometric confidence intervals, intra- and inter-subject CVs were also determined for non-dose normalized and dose-normalized data. FIG. 43 shows ratios at the 90% geometric C.I. for AUC_{0-r} , AUC_{0-inf} and C_{max} for l-methylphenidate. The mean Residual area was lower than 20% for all treatments indicating that the duration of sampling was sufficient for l-methylphenidate. This is equivalent to a mean AUC_{0-r} to AUC_{0-inf} ratio above 80%.

[0601] Pharmacokinetic & Statistical Conclusions

[0602] For both d-methylphenidate and combined methylphenidate, a statistically significant difference between treatments was detected using ANOVA for the ln-transformed C_{max} , but not for AUC_{0-r} and AUC_{0-inf} . For l-methylphenidate, a statistically significant difference between treatments was detected using ANOVA for the ln-transformed AUC_{0-r} and AUC_{0-inf} but not for C_{max} .

[0603] The mean Residual area was less than 20% for all treatments indicating that a sampling over a period of 30 hours was sufficient. This is equivalent to a mean AUC_{0-r} to AUC_{0-inf} ratio above 80%. For dose-normalized and non-dose-normalized data, the intra-subject CVs for AUCs and C_{max} were around 13% and 17% for d-methylphenidate and around 43% and 47% for l-methylphenidate. For combined methylphenidate, the intra-subject CVs for AUCs and C_{max} were respectively around 13% and 17% for both non-dose normalized and dose-normalized data.

[0604] Based on the point estimate for d-methylphenidate and combined methylphenidate, the extent of absorption was comparable between the Formulation I capsule administered as a single dose and the immediate-release Ritalin tablet administered three times; however, the rate of absorption was lower for the Formulation I capsule.

[0605] For the l-methylphenidate, the extent of absorption was higher for the Formulation I capsule compared to the immediate-release Ritalin tablet; however, the rate of absorption was slightly lower for the Formulation I tablet.

[0606] Adverse Events

[0607] Serious AEs (SAES) included any events that were fatal, life-threatening, resulted in persistent or significant disability/incapacity, required in-patient or prolonged hospitalization, resulted in congenital anomalies/birth defects, or considered important medical events that jeopardized the subject and required medical or surgical intervention to prevent 1 of the previously listed outcomes.

[0608] A treatment-emergent adverse event (TEAE) is an AE that began on or after the first study drug administration or an AE that began before the first study drug administration and worsened in severity after study drug administration or may have been prolonged due to administration of the study drug.

[0609] In the case of a TEAE with an onset time during the washout period or just prior to the next study drug administration, it was attributed to the study drug taken during the previous treatment period.

[0610] Summary & Analysis of Adverse Events

[0611] Overall, a total of 6 TEAEs were reported by 4 of the 17 subjects who received at least 1 dose of the study medication (safety population). The breakdown by treatment group is as follows: 3 TEAEs reported by 11.8% (n=2) of the 17 subjects who received Treatment A (Formulation I cap-

sule), and 3 TEAEs reported by 11.8% (n=2) of the 17 subjects who received Treatment B (immediate-release Ritalin tablet). None of these TEAEs were serious, severe, and no trend was observed. No TEAEs led to study participation termination.

[0612] The fact that most TEAEs resolved spontaneously within approximately 24 hours, and that none of the TEAEs reported were severe, or serious indicate that methylphenidate controlled-release capsule formulations administered as a single dose and immediate-release tablets administered 3 times a day were well tolerated under fasting conditions.

[0613] The most commonly reported TEAEs were "Hyperhidrosis" and "Nausea" each reported by 11.8% (n=2) of subjects who constituted the safety population. According to the product monograph these TEAEs are commonly experienced with the administration of methylphenidate.

[0614] The total number of TEAEs reported and the total number of subjects reporting TEAEs was similar between both treatment groups. There were no relevant differences between each treatment group when comparing the number of subjects for each Standard of Care (SOC). Both treatment groups were well tolerated, and no safety concerns were expected.

[0615] The severity of each AE event was graded according to the following categories: mild, moderate, or severe. Of the 6 TEAEs reported, 5 were graded as mild and 1 as moderate. The moderate TEAE was stomach ache reported by 1 subject overall following Treatment A (Formulation I capsule). There were no notable differences between both treatment groups in regards to the severity of the TEAEs.

[0616] Discussion & Overall Conclusions

[0617] The objective of this study was to compare the rate and extent of absorption of Formulation I capsules, administered to pediatric subjects from 12 to 17 years of age in a fasted state as a single dose, versus immediate-release tablets administered three times a day (tid).

[0618] Seventeen (17) pediatric subjects 12 to 17 years of age with ADHD were randomized and dosed in this study; all of these subjects completed all study periods. In accordance with the protocol, all subjects completing at least 1 period and for whom the PK profile was adequately characterized were used for PK and statistical analyses (N=17). All (17) subjects received at least 1 dose of the study medication and comprised the safety population.

[0619] The design of the study was adequate to determine the pharmacokinetic parameters of the Formulation I capsules and the immediate-release tablets. The washout period of 7 days was sufficient to allow the complete elimination of the drug before subsequent administration and to avoid any carry-over effects.

[0620] The mean Residual area was less than 20% for all treatments indicating that a sampling over a period of 30 hours was sufficient. This is equivalent to a mean AUC_{0-r} to AUC_{0-inf} ratio above 80%.

[0621] For the non-dose-normalized data, the ratios of least-squares means of the Treatment B (immediate-release Ritalin tablet) to Treatment A (Formulation I capsule) when administered under fasting conditions for ln-transformed AUC_{0-r} , AUC_{0-inf} and C_{max} were 103.45%, 99.25%, and 149.13% respectively for d-methylphenidate, 60.70%, 57.31%, and 118.43% for l-methylphenidate and 102.72%, 98.51%, and 148.30% for combined methylphenidate. The intra subject CVs for AUC_{0-r} , AUC_{0-inf} and C_{max} were

respectively 13.86%, 13.04%, and 17.19% for d-methylphenidate, 43.45%, 43.06%, and 46.86% for l-methylphenidate and 13.53%, 12.77% and 16.88% for combined methylphenidate.

[0622] A total of 6 TEAEs were reported by 4 of the 17 subjects who received at least 1 dose of the study medication (safety population). The breakdown by treatment group is as follows: 3 TEAEs reported by 11.8% (n=2) of the 17 subjects who received Treatment A (Formulation I capsule), and 3 TEAEs reported by 11.8% (n=2) of the 17 subjects who received Treatment B (immediate-release Ritalin tablet).

[0623] The most commonly reported TEAEs were “Hyperhidrosis” and “Nausea” each reported by 11.8% (n=2) of subjects who constituted the safety population. According to the product monograph, these TEAEs are commonly experienced with the administration of methylphenidate.

[0624] Of the 6 TEAEs reported, 5 were graded as mild and 1 as moderate.

[0625] The relationship of all 6 TEAEs reported was judged as “no reasonable possibility.”

[0626] No deaths, serious events, or other significant AEs were reported during this study. Upon conclusion of the clinical portion of the study, the results from the subjects who completed study exit procedures, including laboratory tests, vital signs measurements, and ECGs confirmed the absence of significant changes in the subjects’ state of health.

[0627] Based on the point estimate for d-methylphenidate and combined methylphenidate, the extent of absorption was comparable between the Formulation I capsule administered as a single dose and the immediate-release Ritalin tablet administered three times; however, the rate of absorption was lower for the Formulation I capsule.

[0628] For the l-methylphenidate, the extent of absorption was higher for the Formulation I capsule compared to the immediate-release tablet; however, the rate of absorption was slightly lower for the Formulation I capsule.

[0629] All formulations were well tolerated, with no major side effects, and no relevant differences in safety profiles were observed between the preparations, particularly with respect to the number and pattern of AEs.

Example 14—A Randomized, Double-Blind,
Parallel Group, Placebo-Controlled, Dose
Optimized, Phase 3 Study to Evaluate the Safety
and Efficacy of Controlled-Release
Methylphenidate for Pediatric Subjects 6 to 12
Years of Age Diagnosed with ADHD

[0630] Objectives

[0631] The primary objectives of this study were to 1) assess the efficacy of Formulation I compared to placebo, as measured by the SKAMP-C score during the full day laboratory classroom, and 2) to assess the safety of Formulation I.

[0632] Methodology

[0633] This was a randomized, double-blind, parallel group, placebo-controlled, dose optimized, phase 3 study to evaluate the safety and efficacy of Formulation I (25, 35, 45, 55, 70, or 85 mg/day) versus placebo for the treatment of ADHD in male and female pediatric subjects (≥ 6 years of age and ≤ 12 years of age) who were diagnosed with ADHD.

[0634] After giving written informed consent/assent, subjects were screened to ascertain their eligibility for the study according to the inclusion and exclusion criteria. The study had the following periods:

[0635] (1) Screening Period: up to 28 days;

[0636] (2) 3-day Washout Period: for washout and collection of baseline diary information. Some medications may have required a washout period >3 days or required a dose taper depending on the product labeling recommendations;

[0637] (3) Open-label, Dose-optimization Period: up to a 6-week open-label, dose-optimization period during which subjects were titrated from a starting dose of 25 mg up to his/her optimal dose (25, 35, 45, 55, 70, or 85 mg/day);

[0638] (4) Double-blind Treatment Period: 1-week double-blind period which included 1 full day of evaluations in a laboratory classroom;

[0639] (5) Safety Follow-up Period: 1-week safety follow-up after the last dose of study medication.

[0640] Number of Subjects

[0641] The study enrolled 156 subjects into the dose-optimization period, and of these, 148 subjects entered the double-blind period and were randomized in a 1:1 ratio to receive active treatment of Formulation I or placebo. Overall, 147 subjects completed to the full day laboratory classroom visit.

[0642] The median age of subjects was 9 years, 65.4% were males, and 55.8% were white. At the completion of the dose-optimization period, there was no observable trend between subject age and optimized Formulation I dose level. The highest number of subjects were optimized to the 45 mg dose level (40 subjects) and the 55 mg dose level (38 subjects).

[0643] Test Treatment, Dose, and Mode of Administration

[0644] Formulation I was supplied as 25, 35, 45, 55, 70 and 85 mg capsules packed in bottles of 10 capsules.

[0645] During the open-label period, Formulation I capsules (25, 35, 45, 55, 70 or 85 mg) were administered orally, once daily in the morning to pediatric subjects from 6 to 12 years of age in a fasted state.

[0646] Starting from Day 1 (day after the baseline visit), study medication was administered once daily in the morning at home by the parent/guardian. Study medication on the half day practice laboratory classroom was administered by the clinic staff after all pre-dose assessments were completed.

[0647] During the double-blind period, Formulation I (25, 35, 45, 55, 70 or 85 mg) or placebo capsules were administered once daily in the morning to pediatric subjects from 6 to 12 years of age in a fasted state.

[0648] Starting from the day after randomization, double-blind study medication was administered once daily in the morning at home by the parent/guardian. Study medication on the full day laboratory classroom was administered by the clinic staff after all pre-dose assessments were completed.

[0649] If a subject was unable to swallow the capsule (i.e., due to capsule size), the capsule may have been opened and the entire contents sprinkled onto a tablespoon of applesauce, ice cream, or yogurt. The entire mixture was to be consumed immediately. Subjects were to consume the capsule contents in its entirety without chewing. The dose of a single capsule was not to be divided.

[0650] Selection and Timing of Dose for each Subject

[0651] Study medication was administered once daily, in the morning.

[0652] During the dose-optimization period of this study, all subjects received open-label Formulation I. All subjects were initiated at the lowest available dose of Formulation I (25 mg/day) and were adjusted to the next dose level at weekly intervals, until their optimal dose was reached. Optimal dose was defined as the dose that produced a reduction in ADHD-RS-5 score $\geq 30\%$, a CGI-I score of 1 or 2, and had tolerable side effects. Tolerability was determined by the investigator, based on review of AEs and clinical judgment. Once reached, the optimal dose was maintained for the remainder of the open-label, dose-optimization period, and during the double-blind period.

[0653] Subjects who met the definition of optimal dose, but may have benefited from additional dose increases may have had their dose further optimized. However, if a higher dose was not tolerated, subjects could step down 1 dose level.

[0654] Subjects who reached their optimal dose but were having tolerability issues may have had 1 downward dose adjustment at the discretion of the investigator.

[0655] Once a subject reached his/her optimal dose, they were eligible to attend a half day practice laboratory classroom.

[0656] Subjects who did not reach an optimal dose by Visit 8 (Day 42) or subjects who needed a dose adjustment on the day of the half day practice laboratory classroom visit were discontinued from the study.

[0657] Intensity of Adverse Events

[0658] The intensity of an adverse event was recorded based on investigator observations. The intensity of a particular adverse event to be recorded was the worst intensity experienced by the subject during the course of the event. Worsening of pre-treatment events, after initiation of Formulation I, were recorded as a new adverse event (for example, if a subject experienced mild intermittent dyspepsia prior to dosing of Formulation I, but the dyspepsia became severe and more frequent after the first dose of Formulation I occurred, a new adverse event of severe dyspepsia was recorded. The medical assessment of intensity was determined using the following definitions:

[0659] Mild: The adverse event was easily tolerated and did not interfere with usual activity.

[0660] Moderate: The adverse event interfered with daily activity, but the subject was still able to function.

[0661] Severe: The adverse event was incapacitating and the subject was unable to work or complete usual activity.

[0662] Randomization and Blinding

[0663] At the half day practice laboratory classroom visit, eligible subjects were randomized (1:1 ratio) to receive either Formulation I or placebo for the double-blind treatment period.

[0664] Randomization was applied centrally across all sites and was stratified by individual dose level so that approximately half the subjects within each dose level received Formulation I and half received placebo.

[0665] Study medication was packaged in bottles containing 10 capsules. The treatment assignment was not identified on the bottles, and the study medication capsules (Formu-

lation I and placebo) were indistinguishable. Neither the subject nor the study staff were unblinded to treatment assignment.

[0666] Adverse Events

Open-Label, Dose-Optimization Period

[0667] A total of 104/156 subjects (66.7%) experienced at least one treatment-emergent adverse event (TEAE): 66 subjects (42.3%) in the 25 mg group, 50 subjects (35.2%) in the 35 mg group, 43 subjects (40.2%) in the 45 mg group, 25 subjects (39.1%) in the 55 mg group, 8 subjects (30.8%) in the 70 mg group, and 2 subjects (22.2%) in the 85 mg group. There was no evidence of increasing incidence of TEAEs with increasing dose level.

[0668] A total of 95 subjects (60.9%) experienced at least one treatment-related AE: 54 subjects (34.6%) in the 25 mg group, 40 subjects (28.2%) in the 35 mg group, 38 subjects (35.5%) in the 45 mg group, 19 subjects (29.7%) in the 55 mg group, 7 subjects (26.9%) in the 70 mg group, and 2 subjects (22.2%) in the 85 mg group. There was no evidence of increasing incidence of treatment-related AEs with increasing dose level.

[0669] Two subjects (1.3%) experienced an AE that led to study termination during week 2.

[0670] In the open-label dose-optimization period, there were no SAEs and no severe intensity AEs (FIG. 47).

[0671] During the course of the study, pediatric subjects and their parents were asked to record the claimed dosage form's effects on sleep and appetite on a daily basis. Each day during the study, study subjects were asked to evaluate: (a) difficulty falling asleep (initial insomnia) on a scale of 0 to 2 (0=easily; 1=after some time; 2=with difficulty); (b) mood on awakening (sleep quality) on a scale of 0 to 2 (0=rested; 1=somewhat rested; 2=tired); and (c) hunger on a 100 point scale (0=I'm not hungry; 100=I've never been hungrier).

[0672] As shown in FIG. 44, subjects did not have any more difficulty falling asleep while on the dosage form of Formulation I than while on the placebo. And, surprisingly only 1.9% of study subjects reported initial insomnia at any point during the study.

[0673] As shown in FIG. 45, sleep quality was also surprisingly unaffected by the dosage form of Formulation I compared to the placebo. Nearly all of the study subjects reported that they felt "rested" or "nearly rested" after a night's sleep.

[0674] And, the pediatric subjects enrolled in the study were, on average, equally hungry regardless of whether they received the dosage form of Formulation I or the placebo. As shown in FIG. 46, nearly all respondents reported hunger levels averaging about 60 to about 70 (visual analog scale), regardless of whether they were given the dosage form of Formulation I or the placebo. Given the pK profile of Formulation I and methylphenidate's known effects on appetite, this result was surprising.

Double-Blind Treatment Period

[0675] There was a higher incidence of TEAEs in the total Formulation I group (18 subjects [24.0%]) than in the placebo group (7 subjects [9.6%]).

[0676] TEAEs were experienced by 3 subjects (33.3%) in the 25 mg group, 2 subjects (13.3%) in the 35 mg group, 5 subjects (25.0%) in the 45 mg group, 3 subjects (15.8%) in

the 55 mg group, 3 subjects (37.5%) in the 70 mg group, 2 subjects (50.0%) in the 85 mg group, and 7 subjects (9.6%) in the placebo group.

[0677] There was a higher incidence of treatment-related AEs in the total Formulation I group (12 subjects [16.0%]) than in the placebo group (2 subjects [2.7%]).

[0678] Treatment-related AEs were experienced by 1 subject (11.1%) in the 25 mg group, 1 subject (6.7%) in the 35 mg group, 4 subjects (20.0%) in the 45 mg group, 2 subjects (10.5%) in the 55 mg group, 3 subjects (37.5%) in the 70 mg group, 1 subject (25.0%) in the 85 mg group, and 2 subjects (2.7%) in the placebo group.

[0679] In the double-blind treatment period, there were no TEAEs leading to study termination, no SAEs, and no severe intensity AEs (FIG. 47).

[0680] Treatment-Emergent Adverse Events by System Organ Class

Open-Label, Dose-Optimization Period

[0681] During the open-label dose-optimization period, TEAEs experienced most commonly occurred in the metabolism and nutrition disorders SOC (55 subjects; 35.3%), psychiatric disorders SOC (49 subjects; 31.4%), gastrointestinal disorders SOC (44 subjects; 28.2%), and investigations SOC (32 subjects; 20.5%) (FIGS. 48-50).

Double-Blind Treatment Period

[0682] During the double-blind treatment period, TEAEs experienced more commonly in the Formulation I group than in the placebo group occurred in the investigations SOC (6.7% versus 1.4%), the gastrointestinal disorders SOC (5.3% versus 1.4%) and the nervous systems SOC (2.7% versus 1.4%) (FIGS. 51-52).

[0683] Treatment-Emergent Adverse Events by Preferred Term

Open-Label, Dose Optimization Period

[0684] Of the 156 subjects in the open-label dose optimization period, the most common TEAEs ($\geq 10\%$ of subjects overall) by PT were: decreased appetite (55 subjects; 35.3%), abdominal pain upper (26 subjects; 16.7%), affect lability (22 subjects; 14.1%), weight decreased (18 subjects; 11.5%), headache (17 subjects; 10.9%), irritability (16 subjects; 10.3%), and insomnia (16 subjects; 10.3%) (FIG. 53).

Double-Blind Treatment Period

[0685] As shown in FIG. 54, in the Formulation I and placebo groups, the most common TEAEs were heart rate increased (3 subjects; 4.0% in the Formulation I group versus 1 subject; 1.4% in the placebo group), vomiting (2 subjects; 2.7% in the Formulation I group versus 0 subjects in the placebo group), headache (2 subjects; 2.7% in the Formulation I group versus 0 subjects in the placebo group), and upper respiratory tract infection (2 subjects; 2.7% in the Formulation I group versus 0 subjects in the placebo group).

[0686] All of the AEs occurred more frequently in the Formulation I group than the placebo group with the exception of sinus tachycardia which occurred with a similar incidence rate in both groups (1 subject; 1.3% in the Formulation I group versus 2 subjects; 2.7% in the placebo group) (FIG. 54).

[0687] Treatment-Emergent Adverse Events by Preferred Term for Pediatric Subjects 12 Years of Age

[0688] Of the 156 subjects in the open-label dose optimization period, there were 29 subjects aged 12 years in the study. In the 29 subjects aged 12 years, the most common TEAEs ($\geq 10\%$ of subjects overall) by PT were: decreased appetite (11 subjects; 37.93%), diarrhoea (4 subjects; 13.79%), weight decreased (4 subjects; 13.79%), affect lability (3 subjects; 10.34%), headache (3 subjects; 10.34%), heart rate increased (3 subjects; 10.34%), and insomnia (3 subjects; 10.34%) (FIG. 74).

Double-Blind Treatment Period

[0689] As shown in FIG. 75, in the Formulation I and placebo groups, the most common TEAEs were tachycardia (1 subject; 3.45% in the Formulation I group versus 0 subjects in the placebo group) and blood pressure diastolic increased (1 subjects; 3.45% in the Formulation I group versus 0 subjects in the placebo group).

[0690] Treatment-Emergent Adverse Events by Severity

Open-Label, Dose Optimization Period

[0691] During the open-label, dose-optimization period, TEAEs experienced were of mild intensity in 86 subjects (55.1%) or moderate intensity in 43 subjects (27.6%). There were no subjects with TEAEs of severe intensity (FIGS. 55-56). The most common TEAEs of moderate intensity were:

[0692] Decreased appetite in 9 subjects (5.8%); 4 subjects (2.6%) in the 25 mg group, 3 subjects (2.1%) in the 35 mg group, 1 subject (0.9%) in the 45 mg group, and 1 subject (1.6%) in the 55 mg group.

[0693] Insomnia in 9 subjects (5.8%): 3 subjects (1.9%) in the 25 mg group, 2 subjects (1.4%) in the 35 mg group, 4 subjects (3.7%) in the 45 mg group, and 1 subject (1.6%) in the 55 mg group.

[0694] Affect lability in 8 subjects (5.1%): 3 subjects (1.9%) in the 25 mg group, 2 subjects (1.4%) in the 35 mg group, 2 subjects (1.9%) in the 45 mg group and 1 subject (3.8%) in the 70 mg group

[0695] Headache in 7 subjects (4.5%): 2 subjects (1.3%) in the 25 mg group, 3 subjects (2.1%) in the 35 mg group, 1 subject (1.6%) in the 55 mg group and 1 subject (3.8%) in the 70 mg group.

Double-Blind Treatment Period

[0696] During the double-blind period, TEAEs were of mild intensity in 13 subjects (17.3%) of the Formulation I group and in 4 subjects (5.5%) of the placebo group. Treatment-emergent AEs were of moderate intensity in 5 subjects (6.7%) of the Formulation I group and in 3 subjects (4.1%) of the placebo group. There were no subjects with TEAEs of severe intensity.

[0697] All moderate intensity TEAEs occurred in one subject only: 1 subject (placebo) with sinus tachycardia and bronchitis, 1 subject (45 mg) with nausea, 1 subject (placebo) with toothache, 1 subject (85 mg) with headache, 1 subject (85 mg) with upper respiratory tract infection, 1 subject (placebo) with impetigo, 1 subject (35 mg) with arthropod bite and 1 subject (55 mg) with irritability.

[0698] Treatment-Emergent Adverse Events Leading to Discontinuation

Open-Label, Dose-Optimization Period

[0699] During the open-label, dose-optimization period, there were 2 subjects with TEAEs leading to study discontinuation.

Double-Blind Period

[0700] During the double-blind period, there were no subjects with TEAEs leading to discontinuation.

[0701] Treatment-Related Adverse Events

Open-Label, Dose-Optimization Period

[0702] Of the 156 subjects in the open-label dose optimization period, there were 95 subjects (60.9%) with AEs considered related to study medication.

[0703] The most common treatment-related AEs overall were: decreased appetite in 55 subjects (35.3%), abdominal pain upper in 23 subjects (14.7%), affect lability in 21 subjects (13.5%), weight decreased in 18 subjects (11.5%), and insomnia in 16 subjects (10.3%) (FIGS. 32A-B). There was no evidence of increasing incidence of treatment-related AEs with increasing dose level.

Double-Blind Treatment Period

[0704] As shown in FIGS. 33A-B, the most common treatment-related AEs were heart rate increased in 3 subjects (4.0%) in the Formulation I group versus 1 subject (1.4%) in the placebo group, headache in 2 subjects (2.7%) in the Formulation I group versus 0 subjects in the placebo group, and sinus tachycardia in 1 subject (1.3%) in the Formulation I group versus 1 subject (1.4%) in the placebo group. The remaining treatment-related AEs occurred in 1 subject only.

[0705] Overall, there were more subjects who experienced AEs considered related to study medication in the Formulation I group (12 subjects; 16.0%) than in the placebo group (2 subjects; 2.7%) (FIGS. 57-58).

[0706] Summary & Analysis of Adverse Events

Open-Label Dose-Optimization Period

[0707] Treatment-emergent AEs were experienced by 104 of the 156 subjects (66.7%). The most common TEAEs were: decreased appetite (55 subjects; 35.3%); abdominal pain upper (26 subjects; 16.7%); affect lability (22 subjects; 14.1%); weight decreased (18 subjects; 11.5%); headache (17 subjects; 10.9%); irritability (16 subjects; 10.3%); and insomnia (16 subjects; 10.3%). There was no evidence of increasing incidence of TEAEs with increasing dose level.

[0708] TEAEs were of mild or moderate intensity. There were no severe intensity AEs.

[0709] Two subjects each experienced an AE that led to study termination during week 2.

[0710] Treatment-related AEs were experienced by 95 of the 156 subjects (60.9%). The most common treatment-related AEs overall were: decreased appetite (55 subjects [35.3%]); abdominal pain upper (23 subjects [14.7%]); affect lability (21 subjects [13.5%]); weight decreased (18 subjects [11.5%]); and insomnia (16 subjects [10.3%]). There was no evidence of increasing incidence of treatment-related AEs with increasing dose level.

Double-Blind Treatment Period

[0711] The most common TEAEs were heart rate increased (3 subjects; 4.0% in the Formulation I group versus 1 subject; 1.4% in the placebo group), vomiting (2 subjects; 2.7% in the Formulation I group versus 0 subjects in the placebo group), headache (2 subjects; 2.7% in the Formulation I group versus 0 subjects in the placebo group), and upper respiratory tract infection (2 subjects; 2.7% in the Formulation I group versus 0 subjects in the placebo group). There was a higher incidence of TEAEs in the total Formulation I group (18 subjects [24.0%]) than in the placebo group (7 subjects [9.6%]).

[0712] TEAEs were of mild or moderate intensity. There were no severe intensity AEs and no subjects who discontinued due to an AE.

[0713] The most common treatment-related AEs were heart rate increased in 3 subjects (4.0%) in the Formulation I group versus 1 subject (1.4%) in the placebo group, headache in 2 subjects (2.7%) in the Formulation I group versus 0 subjects in the placebo group, and sinus tachycardia in 1 subject (1.3%) in the Formulation I group versus 1 subject (1.4%) in the placebo group. There was a higher incidence of treatment-related AEs in the total Formulation I group (12 subjects [16.0%]) than in the placebo group (2 subjects [2.7%]).

[0714] Discussion & Overall Conclusions

[0715] Over a 13-hour period in a simulated classroom setting, pediatric subjects 6 to 12 years of age in a fasted state with ADHD receiving Formulation I demonstrated superior attention and improved behavior compared to those receiving placebo.

[0716] Clinically and statistically significant differences in favor of Formulation I were observed from 1 hour post-dose, the earliest post-dose time point measured, and up to 13 hours post-dose, the latest time point measured. Formulation I was well tolerated and no SAEs or severe intensity AEs were reported. The incidence of TEAEs was similar for all optimized doses of Formulation I.

[0717] At the completion of the open-label, dose optimization period, with the subjects receiving up to 6 weeks of active treatment, the mean ADHD-RS-5 total scores improved from baseline to the half day laboratory classroom in all dose groups, and the CGI-S mean scores shifted from severe at baseline in 100% of subjects to non-severe at the half day laboratory classroom in 91.9% of subjects in the Formulation I group and in 91.9% of subjects in the placebo group. This demonstrates that subjects completing the dose-optimization period had their ADHD symptoms well-controlled, and provides a basis for comparison of subjects who, during the double-blind period, were no longer receiving treatment when they were randomized to placebo.

[0718] Subjects demonstrated significant improvement in the primary endpoint—a subjective measure of behavior (the SKAMP) when treated with Formulation I versus when treated with placebo. The primary efficacy endpoint was the mean SKAMP-C score assessed during the full day laboratory classroom. The Formulation I treatment arm had statistically significant improvements compared to placebo over the entire 13-hour classroom session ($p < 0.0001$), with an LS mean difference between Formulation I and placebo of -8.6 (95% CI: $[-10.6, -6.6]$). Improvements in ADHD behavior observed at optimal dose were comparable to those

observed with other stimulant-based treatments for ADHD in similarly designed classroom studies of pediatric subjects 6 to 12 years of age.

[0719] The key secondary efficacy endpoint was the onset and duration of efficacy as assessed by the SKAMP-C scores at each time point during the full day laboratory classroom. This study demonstrated that Formulation I had an onset of action within 1-hour post-dose and a duration of action of at least 13 hours post-dose. Comparisons between the Formulation I group and the placebo group SKAMP-C scores were statistically significant at all time points ($p < 0.0001$).

[0720] The onset and duration of Formulation I was similar or superior to that of other extended-release stimulant treatments for ADHD. In classroom studies of extended-release stimulant treatments of ADHD in pediatric subjects 6 to 12 years of age with similar designs to this study, onset of action, in some studies was within 1.0 hours post-dose or less and in others, onset of action was at 1.5 to 2.0 hours post-dose, while duration of action has been found to be from 8 hours, and 10 hours post-dose to 12 hours post-dose.

[0721] In this study, prior to receiving Formulation I or placebo during the laboratory classroom day, a treatment difference (SE) of 3.1 (1.48) (95% CI: 0.2, 6.1; $p = 0.0367$) was observed in placebo's favor. Similar differences at the pre-dose time point have been observed with other long-acting stimulant preparations.

[0722] By the second treatment time point (between 0.75 and 1.5 hours post-dose) in all of the aforementioned classroom studies, the performance of subjects receiving placebo has deteriorated, while the performance of subjects receiving active medication has improved to levels greater than or equivalent to the pre-dose of the placebo group. Although these data suggest a possible morning "rebound" effect for subjects medicated with long-acting stimulants, no study has been designed to examine this and any conclusions should be made with caution. This effect is not limited to stimulant treatment for ADHD.

[0723] The results of the primary and key secondary outcome measures were supported by additional secondary outcome measures of the study during both the open-label titration and double-blind periods, which showed significant improvements in clinical impressions and measures of ADHD symptoms by the subject. The secondary endpoints supported the efficacy of Formulation I over placebo at the full day laboratory classroom:

[0724] The average mean SKAMP-A and SKAMP-D subscores demonstrated statistically significant improvements in the Formulation I group compared with the placebo group ($p < 0.0001$).

[0725] The mean PERMP-T scores assessed during the full day laboratory classroom were significantly improved in the Formulation I group compared with the placebo group at all time points post-dose ($p < 0.0001$).

[0726] The average mean PERMP-A and PERMP-C scores were statistically improved in the Formulation I group compared with the placebo group ($p < 0.0001$).

[0727] For the full analysis population, during the open-label dose-optimization period, the ADHD-RS-5 total score decreased from a mean \pm SD value of 42.8 \pm 7.19 at baseline following washout to a mean \pm SD value of 15.3 \pm 7.64 at the half-day practice laboratory classroom. Change from baseline values were similar at each optimized dose (mean \pm SD change from baseline varied from -26.0 \pm 12.71 for those optimized to 85 mg

Formulation I to -29.2 \pm 9.95 for those optimized to 25 mg Formulation I), indicating that dose optimization was achieved during the open-label titration period. When ADHD-RS-5 total scores from the open-label dose-optimization period were analyzed by randomized treatment, there were negligible LS mean differences of -0.1 (95% CI: -2.39, 2.10) at baseline, and 0.1 (95% CI: -2.10, 2.36) at the half day laboratory classroom, indicating that subjects entering the double-blind period were equally dose-optimized.

[0728] During the double-blind, full day laboratory classroom, the mean total ADHD-RS-5 scores showed a greater decrease from baseline in the Formulation I dose group (LS mean \pm SE decrease of -25.1 \pm 1.37) than in the placebo group (LS mean \pm SE decrease of -12.8 \pm 1.36). At the full day laboratory classroom, the clinician-rated ADHD-RS-5 symptoms showed significantly greater improvement for subjects receiving Formulation I than for those receiving placebo (LS mean treatment difference [SE]: 12.2 [1.88] (95% CI -15.92, -8.51, $p < 0.0001$).

[0729] The Clinical Global Impressions: Severity (CGI-S) demonstrated that there were more subjects in the Formulation I group who shifted from severe disease at baseline to non-severe disease at the full day laboratory classroom (60 subjects; 81.1%) than subjects who shifted in the placebo group (28 subjects; 38.4%).

[0730] During the full day laboratory classroom, a much larger majority (85.1%) of subjects on Formulation I were rated as "much improved" or "very much improved" on the Clinical Global Impressions: Intensity (CGI-I) versus subjects on placebo (42.5%), demonstrating greater clinical improvement as assessed by clinicians.

[0731] As shown in FIG. 59, examination of studies of similar design with other long-acting stimulants for the treatment of ADHD (i.e., simulated classroom studies with open-label dose optimization periods followed by a placebo-controlled, double-blind period) shows that the frequencies of TEAEs which occurred during the open-label, dose titration period are much greater than those reported during the double-blind treatment period of the same study (Evekeo (Childress, A., et al., *J. Child Adolesc. Psychopharmacol.* 25:404-414 (2015)); Aptensio (Wigal, S., et al., *J. Child Adolesc. Psychopharmacol.* 24(10):562-569 (2014)); Quilivant XR (Wigal, S., et al., *J. Child Adolesc. Psychopharmacol.* 23:3-10 (2013)); Vyvanse (Wigal, S., et al., *Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Mental Health* 3:17 (2009)); Cotempla XR-ODT (Childress, A., et al., *J. Child Adolesc. Psychopharmacol.* 27:66-74 (2017)); Quillichew ER (Wigal, S., et al., *J. Child Adolesc. Psychopharmacol.* 27(8): 690-699 (2017)); Dyanavel XR (Childress, A., et al., *J. Child Adolesc. Psychopharmacol.* 28(5):306-313 (2018)); and Jornay PM™ (Prescribing Information, Reference ID: 4304173, Food and Drug Administration (Revised August 2018))). Evekeo, Vyvanse, and Dyanaval XR are amphetamine-based products. Aptensio, Quilivant XR, Cotempla XR-ODT, Quillichew ER, and Jornay PM are methylphenidate-based products.

[0732] In this study, out of the 156 subjects enrolled into the open-label, dose-optimization period, 104 subjects (66.7%) experienced at least one TEAE. The most common TEAEs (experienced by $\geq 10\%$ of subjects overall) were: decreased appetite (35.3%), abdominal pain upper (16.7%),

affect lability (14.1%), weight decreased (11.5%), headache (10.9%), irritability (10.3%), and insomnia (10.3%).

[0733] Of the most commonly reported AEs, the frequencies of decreased appetite, abdominal pain upper, affect lability, and irritability in subjects receiving Formulation I were bracketed in similar studies of other oral, long-acting MPH and amphetamine products (FIG. 59). All studies presented in FIG. 59 were dose-optimized and conducted in pediatric subjects 6 to 12 years of age. However, there are limitations to these comparisons due to differences in type of stimulant, study conduct, recording of events, subject numbers, and duration of exposure. Surprisingly, the frequencies of headache and insomnia in patients receiving Formulation I were lower than in similar studies of other oral MPH ER products.

[0734] In this study, the assessment of relatedness of AEs was performed by the investigators. The majority of AEs during the open-label period were considered treatment-related and were experienced by 95 subjects (60.9%). The most common treatment-related AE was decreased appetite which occurred in 35.3% of subjects. Also frequently experienced treatment-related AEs were abdominal pain upper (14.7%), affect lability (13.5%), weight decreased (11.5%) and insomnia (10.3%). There was no observable trend between the incidence or type of TEAE experienced and Formulation I dose level at onset.

[0735] There were two subjects who were discontinued due to treatment-related AEs, both discontinuations occurred during week 2 while subjects were taking 35 mg Formulation I. One subject experienced moderate intensity affect lability and dermatillominia (both events were recovered/resolved at follow-up), and 1 subject experienced mild intensity ECG PR prolongation (which was ongoing at follow-up).

[0736] Over the duration of the open-label, dose-optimization period, there were no clinically meaningful mean changes in weight, but slight mean increases from baseline were observed in mean blood pressure systolic, mean blood pressure diastolic, and mean pulse rate. Overall, TEAEs of heart rate increase was experienced by 9 subjects (5.8%), blood pressure systolic increased was experienced by 4 subjects (2.6%), blood pressure diastolic increased was experienced by 3 subjects (1.9%), and blood pressure systolic decreased was experienced by 1 subject (0.6%).

[0737] The starting dose for all subjects in this study was 25 mg Formulation I and no subjects withdrew due to AEs during the first week of treatment, although 1 subject was withdrawn due to medication non-compliance. This indicates that 25 mg is an appropriate starting dose in pediatric subjects 6 to 12 years of age. In addition, 17 subjects were dose-optimized at 25 mg, thus supporting 25 mg/day Formulation I as the lowest effective dose in pediatric subjects 6 to 12 years of age.

[0738] During the double-blind treatment period, there were more subjects experiencing TEAEs in the Formulation I group (18 subjects; 24.0%) than the placebo group (7 subjects; 9.6%). The majority of these events were considered by the investigators to be treatment-related (12 subjects; 16.0% in the Formulation I group versus 2 subjects; 2.7% in the placebo group). The most common treatment-related AEs were heart rate increased in 3 subjects (4.0%) in the Formulation I group versus 1 subject (1.4%) in the placebo group, headache in 2 subjects (2.7%) in the Formulation I group versus 0 subjects in the placebo group, and

sinus tachycardia in 1 subject (1.3%) in the Formulation I group versus 1 subject (1.4%) in the placebo group.

[0739] During this study, there were no severe intensity TEAEs, no SAEs, and no deaths.

[0740] Conclusions

[0741] This study successfully demonstrated significant improvements in attention and ADHD symptoms in pediatric subjects 6 to 12 years of age (inclusive) in a fasted state who received optimized oral doses of Formulation I (ranging from 25 to 85 mg daily) compared to placebo. This study demonstrated that Formulation I was a well-tolerated, safe, and effective treatment of ADHD with rates of AEs similar to those observed with other ER stimulant treatments. The onset of action of 1 hour and a duration of effect up to and including 13 hours post-dose provides an unmet clinical need in the treatment of pediatric subjects 6 to 12 years of age with ADHD.

[0742] Formulation I ER capsules are designed to provide a rapid onset of efficacy (within 1 hour postdose) and duration of action up to and including 13 hours post-dose, by optimizing the balance between the magnitude of a rapidly-attained initial post-dose peak MPH plasma concentration and a subsequent, delayed release of MPH resulting in a second peak later in the day. The AE profile observed with Formulation I is similar to currently-approved stimulants.

Example 15—a Randomized, Single-Dose,
Open-Label, Parallel Group Pharmacokinetic Study
Conducted in Pediatric Subjects 6 to 11 Years of
Age Diagnosed with ADHD

[0743] Objectives

[0744] The objective of this study was to determine the rate and extent of absorption of methylphenidate from a single dose of Formulation I under fasting conditions in pediatric subjects 6 to 11 years of age with ADHD.

[0745] Methodology

[0746] This was an open-label, randomized, parallel group, single-dose pharmacokinetic (PK) study conducted in pediatric subjects 6 to 11 years of age who were diagnosed with ADHD. Subjects who met the eligibility criteria (inclusion/exclusion) following the Screening Visit, discontinued their current methylphenidate or amphetamine medication for a minimum of 7 days prior to dosing with Formulation I. Subjects arrived at the clinic (Visit 2) in a fasted condition on the morning of dosing, and remained as an inpatient with parental accompaniment until approximately 36 hours post-dose. Dosing with study medication occurred at approximately 7 am in the morning of Visit 2. Standardized meals and snacks were provided throughout the inpatient stay. Pharmacokinetic and safety assessments were conducted. Subjects were followed-up with a telephone call approximately 7 days after study completion.

[0747] There was no control group for this study. Subjects were randomized to receive a single dose of 35 mg, 55 mg, or 85 mg of Formulation I. There was no blinding, with the exception of the bioanalysis staff who were blinded to treatment.

[0748] Number of Subjects

[0749] Planned: 18 subjects. Randomised: 18 subjects. Completed: 18 subjects.

[0750] Test Treatment, Dose, and Mode of Administration

[0751] Formulation I was supplied as 35 mg, 55 mg, and 85 mg capsules.

[0752] Formulation I capsules were packed in bottles and each bottle was identified by the strength (i.e., 35 mg, 55 mg, or 85 mg).

[0753] The medication was stored in a locked, environmentally-controlled medication room with restricted access at a controlled room temperature of 15° C. to 30° C. (59° F. to 86° F.).

[0754] Individual subject doses were dispensed according to the dose assigned to the subject per the randomization code. No specific preparation was required at the site for dispensing from the bottles. The study staff were to instruct the subjects that study medication was not to be shared with anyone.

[0755] If subjects were unable to swallow the capsule (i.e., due to capsule size), the capsule may have been opened and the entire contents sprinkled onto a tablespoon of applesauce, ice cream, or yogurt. The capsule contents were not to be sprinkled in a liquid. The entire mixture was to be consumed immediately or within 10 minutes. Subjects were to consume the entire contents in its entirety without chewing. The dose of a single capsule was not to be divided. Ingestion was to be followed by rinsing the mouth with water to ensure that the entire contents were swallowed. All subjects in this study were able to ingest an intact capsule, therefore there were no subjects who opened the capsule and sprinkled the contents.

[0756] Pharmacokinetic Results and Tabulations of Individual Patient Data

[0757] FIG. 60 presents mean d, l-methylphenidate plasma concentrations by dose level versus time on a linear scale and FIG. 61 presents mean d, l-methylphenidate plasma concentrations by dose level versus time on a semi-logarithmic scale.

[0758] The mean concentration time profiles showed that concentrations increased with increasing dose. In addition, multiple peaks were observed with the primary smaller peaks generally appearing between 0 to 4 hours post dose and the higher secondary peaks generally appearing between 8 to 14 hours post dose. The concentrations gradually declined following the 14 hour time point with the elimination phase occurring from 20 hours post-dose onward.

[0759] FIGS. 62-66 presents plasma concentrations for d, l-methylphenidate by dose group.

[0760] FIG. 67 presents C_{max} versus dose on a linear scale and FIG. 68 presents AUC_{0-inf} versus dose on a linear scale.

[0761] The peak concentrations were generally observed between 2 to 14 hours across all dose groups. The median time to peak concentration T_{max} did not change with dose and ranged from 9.00 to 9.97 hours across the three dose groups. The majority of individual T_{max} values were observed between 8 and 14 hours. Four subjects had T_{max} prior to 8 hours comprising two subjects (7.02 and 7.97 hours) in the 35 mg dose group, one subject (2 hours) in the 55 mg dose group, and one subject (2 hours) in the 85 mg dose group.

[0762] The median T_{max} was also determined for intervals of 0-4, 4-8 and 8-14 hours. For all 3 dose groups, the median T_{max} ranged from 1.5 to 2 hours for T_{max}0-4, at 8 hours for T_{max}4-8, and ranged from 12.75 to 19.92 hours for T_{max}8-14. For each partial T_{max}, the median estimates were similar across all dose groups.

[0763] In an exploratory analysis, the peak concentration C_{max} increased with increasing dose and this increase was

considered dose proportional as the 90% confidence interval (CI) for slope was contained within the planned critical region.

[0764] The C_{max} was also determined for intervals of 0-4, 4-8, and 8-14 hours. The highest estimates were observed at later intervals with estimates C_{max}8-14 being greater than those of C_{max}4-8, which in turn were greater than C_{max}0-4. All C_{max} related parameters increased with increasing dose.

[0765] In an exploratory analysis, the AUC_{0-r} and AUC_{0-inf} also increased with increasing dose. The lower bound CI was within the planned critical region, however the upper bound CI (1.4) slightly exceeded the upper bound of the planned critical region (1.3).

[0766] The partial AUCs from pre-dose or time 0 hours onward such as AUC₀₋₄, AUC₀₋₈, AUC₀₋₁₄ and AUC₀₋₂₄ increased with increasing dose. For all doses, the partial estimates up to the 24 hour time point were closer to those obtained up to the last time point, as the AUC₀₋₂₄ were generally slightly lower than AUC_{0-r}.

[0767] The partial AUCs for post dose intervals such as AUC₄₋₈, AUC₈₋₁₄, AUC₁₄₋₂₄ and AUC_{14-r} also increased with increasing dose. The estimates for AUC₈₋₁₄ and AUC_{14-r} were comparable and both were higher than AUC₁₄₋₂₄, which in turn was higher than AUC₄₋₈.

[0768] The geometric mean half-life estimates ranged from 3.758 to 6.184 hours across all dose groups. The estimates for the 35 mg (3.758 hours) and 55 mg (3.996 hours) doses were similar and that of 85 mg (6.184 hours) was slightly higher. The estimates for the 85 mg dose were associated with higher variability in terms of CV % (54.81) than those observed with the 35 mg (32.66) and 55 mg (28.14) dose levels.

[0769] Pharmacokinetic parameters for d, l-methylphenidate are presented in FIGS. 69-73.

[0770] Discussion & Overall Conclusions

[0771] The objective of this study was to determine the rate and extent of absorption of methylphenidate from a single dose of Formulation I under fasting conditions in pediatric subjects 6 to 11 years of age with ADHD. This study was conducted in 18 subjects; randomized in a 1:1:1 ratio to receive Formulation I at a dose level of 35 mg, 55 mg or 85 mg (6 subjects in each dose group). All subjects were administered a single dose of Formulation I and all subjects completed the study.

[0772] Overall, the mean age of subjects was 9.2 years, 66.7% were male, and 50% were white. However, there were slight differences in demographics between the 85 mg dose group and the 55 mg and 35 mg dose groups. The 85 mg dose group had a lower mean age (8.0 years of age versus 9.7 and 10.0 years of age, respectively), a higher percentage of black/African American subjects (66.7% versus 33.3% and 16.7%, respectively) and a lower mean weight (31.98 kg versus 35.73 and 35.93 kg, respectively) than the other two groups.

[0773] Following administration of a single, oral dose of 35 mg, 55 mg and 85 mg Formulation I, there were multiple concentration peaks observed. The initial peaks were observed between 0-4 hours. The secondary peaks were more prominent and were mostly observed between 8-14 hours. In all but 4 subjects, the later peaks between 8-14 hours represented the maximum concentrations across all dose levels. This was further supported by the median T_{max} estimates which ranged from 9.00 to 9.97 hours across all dose levels and were not impacted by dose. These T_{max} results are similar to those observed in adults and pediatric subjects 12 to 17 years of age.

[0774] The C_{max} of Formulation I increased as the dose increased, ranging from 11.315±2.1299 ng/mL (35 mg) to

27.445±6.1937 ng/mL (85 mg). In previously-conducted PK studies, C_{max} was measured as 13.640±6.2088 ng/mL (mean dose 62.9 mg Formulation I) in pediatric subjects 12 to 17 years of age and ranged from 11.656±3.5930 ng/mL (70 mg Formulation I) to 17.101±5.9437 ng/mL (100 mg Formulation I) in adults. Of the 4 time segments studied in this protocol (0 to 4 h, 4 to 8 h, 8 to 14 h and 14 h to t), the C_{max₈₋₁₄} was the largest for all three doses. This has also been previously observed in both adults and pediatric subjects 12 to 17 years of age. The overall exposures (AUC_{0-t}, AUC_{0-inf}) also increased with increasing dose.

[0775] The Mixed Effect Power model was used to conduct an exploratory dose proportionality analysis. Peak (C_{max}) and overall exposures (AUC_{0-t} and AUC_{0-inf}) increased with increasing dose from 35 mg to 85 mg. In this exploratory analysis, C_{max} was entirely within the planned critical region; however, the lower bound CI for AUC_{0-t} and AUC_{0-inf} was within the critical region but the upper bound (1.4) was slightly out of the planned critical region (1.3) The partial C_{max} and AUCs for the different time intervals also increased with increasing dose.

[0776] The mean half-life ranged from 3.758 to 6.184 hours over the dose range evaluated and was comparable across doses when taking into account the variability.

[0777] The plasma concentration-time profile of d, l-methylphenidate in pediatric subjects 6 to 11 years of age was

description is not intended to be construed in a limiting sense. Thus, various modifications of the illustrative embodiments, as well as other embodiments of the invention, will be apparent to persons skilled in the art upon reference to this description. It is therefore contemplated that the appended claims will cover any such modifications or embodiments.

[0780] All publications, patents and patent applications referred to herein are incorporated by reference in their entirety to the same extent as if each individual publication, patent or patent application was specifically and individually indicated to be incorporated by reference in its entirety.

1.-29. (canceled)

30. A method of treating Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in a pediatric subject from 6 to 11 years of age, the method comprising administering to a pediatric subject from 6 to 11 years of age in need thereof, an oral solid pharmaceutical composition comprising 35, 55, or 85 mg of methylphenidate hydrochloride, wherein the oral solid pharmaceutical composition, when administered to pediatric subjects from 6 to 11 years of age in a fasted state, provides a methylphenidate AUC₀₋₄, a methylphenidate AUC₈₋₁₄, and a methylphenidate AUC₁₄₋₂₄ in the following ranges:

Oral Methylphenidate HCl dosage (mg)	Methylphenidate AUC ₀₋₄	Methylphenidate AUC ₈₋₁₄	Methylphenidate AUC ₁₄₋₂₄
35	from 18010 pg · hr/mL to 26470 pg · hr/mL	from 40610 pg · hr/mL to 80390 pg · hr/mL	from 23070 pg · hr/mL to 81850 pg · hr/mL
55	from 23270 pg · hr/mL to 43880 pg · hr/mL	from 64370 pg · hr/mL to 109080 pg · hr/mL	from 23230 pg · hr/mL to 80910 pg · hr/mL
85	from 54790 pg · hr/mL to 65660 pg · hr/mL	from 100550 pg · hr/mL to 200860 pg · hr/mL	from 76600 pg · hr/mL to 161310 pg · hr/mL

similar to the PK profile observed in previous studies with Formulation I in adults and pediatric subjects 12 to 17 years of age. These profiles show an initial peak concentration within the first 2 hours following administration due to the IR component, followed by a trough and a gradual ascending curve with a second, higher peak concentration between 9 and 12 hours post-dose.

31. The method of claim 30, wherein the oral solid pharmaceutical composition of a 35, 55, or 85 mg dosage of the methylphenidate hydrochloride, when administered to pediatric subjects from 6 to 11 years of age in a fasted state, provides an average methylphenidate AUC₀₋₄, an average methylphenidate AUC₈₋₁₄, and an average methylphenidate AUC₁₄₋₂₄ as specified below:

Oral Methylphenidate HCl dosage (mg)	Average methylphenidate AUC ₀₋₄ (±1 standard deviation)	Average methylphenidate AUC ₈₋₁₄ (±1 standard deviation)	Average methylphenidate AUC ₁₄₋₂₄ (±1 standard deviation)
35	20715 ± 3029.2 pg · hr/mL	55762 ± 13851.3 pg · hr/mL	42158 ± 21622.5 pg · hr/mL
55	32658 ± 7738.5 pg · hr/mL	81205 ± 15048.9 pg · hr/mL	62880 ± 20288.9 pg · hr/mL
85	60418 ± 4000.2 pg · hr/mL	134007 ± 35930.2 pg · hr/mL	110877 ± 27695.7 pg · hr/mL

[0778] The majority of AEs observed in this study were mild in severity. There were no SAEs or AEs leading to discontinuation. The adverse event profile was similar to those that have been observed for other methylphenidate formulations.

[0779] While this invention has been described with reference to illustrative embodiments and examples, the

32. The method of claim 30, wherein the oral solid pharmaceutical composition in the 35, 55, or 85 mg dosage, when administered to pediatric subjects from 6 to 11 years of age in a fasted state, provides a methylphenidate C_{max₀₋₄}, a methylphenidate C_{max₄₋₈}, and a methylphenidate C_{max₈₋₁₄} for in the ranges as specified below:

Oral Methylphenidate HCl dosage (mg)	Methylphenidate Cmax ₀₋₄	Methylphenidate Cmax ₄₋₈	Methylphenidate Cmax ₈₋₁₄
35	from 6020 pg/mL to 8570 pg/mL	from 6820 pg/mL to 14000 pg/mL	from 9160 pg/mL to 15350 pg/mL
55	from 7930 pg/mL to 14950 pg/mL	from 10750 pg/mL to 20790 pg/mL	from 13820 pg/mL to 22540 pg/mL
85	from 19550 pg/mL to 23290 pg/mL	from 14810 pg/mL to 37120 pg/mL	from 18820 pg/mL to 39420 pg/mL

33. The method of claim 30, wherein the oral solid pharmaceutical composition of a 35, 55, or 85 mg dosage of the methylphenidate hydrochloride, when administered to pediatric subjects from 6 to 11 years of age in a fasted state, provides an average methylphenidate Cmax₀₋₄, an average methylphenidate Cmax₄₋₈, and an average methylphenidate Cmax₈₋₁₄ as specified below:

Oral Methylphenidate HCl dosage (mg)	Average methylphenidate Cmax ₀₋₄ (±1 standard deviation)	Average methylphenidate Cmax ₄₋₈ (±1 standard deviation)	Average methylphenidate Cmax ₈₋₁₄ (±1 standard deviation)
35	7055 ± 939.3 pg/mL	10038 ± 2428.5 pg/mL	11127 ± 2283.1 pg/mL
55	11198 ± 2633.2 pg/mL	13035 ± 3850.3 pg/mL	15933 ± 3347.6 pg/mL
85	21235 ± 1539.9 pg/mL	23782 ± 7908.8 pg/mL	27045 ± 6730.4 pg/mL

34. The method of claim 30, wherein the oral solid pharmaceutical composition of a 35, 55, or 85 mg dosage of the methylphenidate hydrochloride, when administered to pediatric subjects from 6 to 11 years of age in a fasted state, provides a methylphenidate Tmax₀₋₄ and a methylphenidate Tmax₈₋₁₄ in the ranges as specified below:

Oral Methylphenidate HCl dosage (mg)	Methylphenidate Tmax ₀₋₄	Methylphenidate Tmax ₈₋₁₄
35	from 1.0 hours to 4.0 hours	from 8.0 hours to 11.0 hours
55	from 1.0 hours to 2.0 hours	from 9.0 hours to 14.0 hours
85	from 1.0 hours to 2.0 hours	from 8.0 hours to 14.0 hours

35. The method of claim 30, wherein the oral solid pharmaceutical composition of a 35, 55, or 85 mg dosage of the methylphenidate hydrochloride, provides, when administered to pediatric subjects from 6 to 11 years of age in a fasted state, an average methylphenidate Tmax₀₋₄ and an average methylphenidate Tmax₈₋₁₄ as specified below:

Oral dosage Methylphenidate HCl (mg)	Average methylphenidate Tmax ₀₋₄ (±1 standard deviation)	Average methylphenidate Tmax ₈₋₁₄ (±1 standard deviation)
35	1.833 ± 1.1690 hours	9.167 ± 1.1690 hours
55	1.667 ± 0.5164 hours	11.167 ± 2.0412 hours
85	1.667 ± 0.5164 hours	11.0 ± 2.1909 hours

36. The method of claim 30, wherein the oral solid pharmaceutical composition provides the following in vitro methylphenidate dissolution profile:

Time (hours)	Methylphenidate (% dissolved)
1	NLT 15%
4	18-38%
8	35-55%
12	68-98
16	NLT 68

when tested according to the USP paddle method, 100 rpm, at 37° C.; (i) starting with 900 mL simulated gastric fluid for 2 hours, (ii) followed by 900 mL phosphate buffer pH 6.0 for 4 hours, and (iii) for the 7th hour onwards, 900 mL of phosphate buffer pH 7.4; USP <711> Acceptance Table 2.

37. The method of claim 30, wherein the pharmaceutical composition is efficacious for at least 13 hours.

38. A method of treating ADHD in a pediatric subject aged at least 6 years old to 17 years of age, the method comprising administering to the pediatric subject in need thereof an oral solid pharmaceutical composition comprising 25 mg of methylphenidate hydrochloride once daily with or without food in the morning and optionally titrating to 35 mg, 45 mg, 55 mg, 70 mg, or 85 mg methylphenidate hydrochloride using an oral solid pharmaceutical composition comprising 35 mg, 45 mg, 55 mg, 70 mg, or 85 mg methylphenidate hydrochloride, in intervals of no less than five days.