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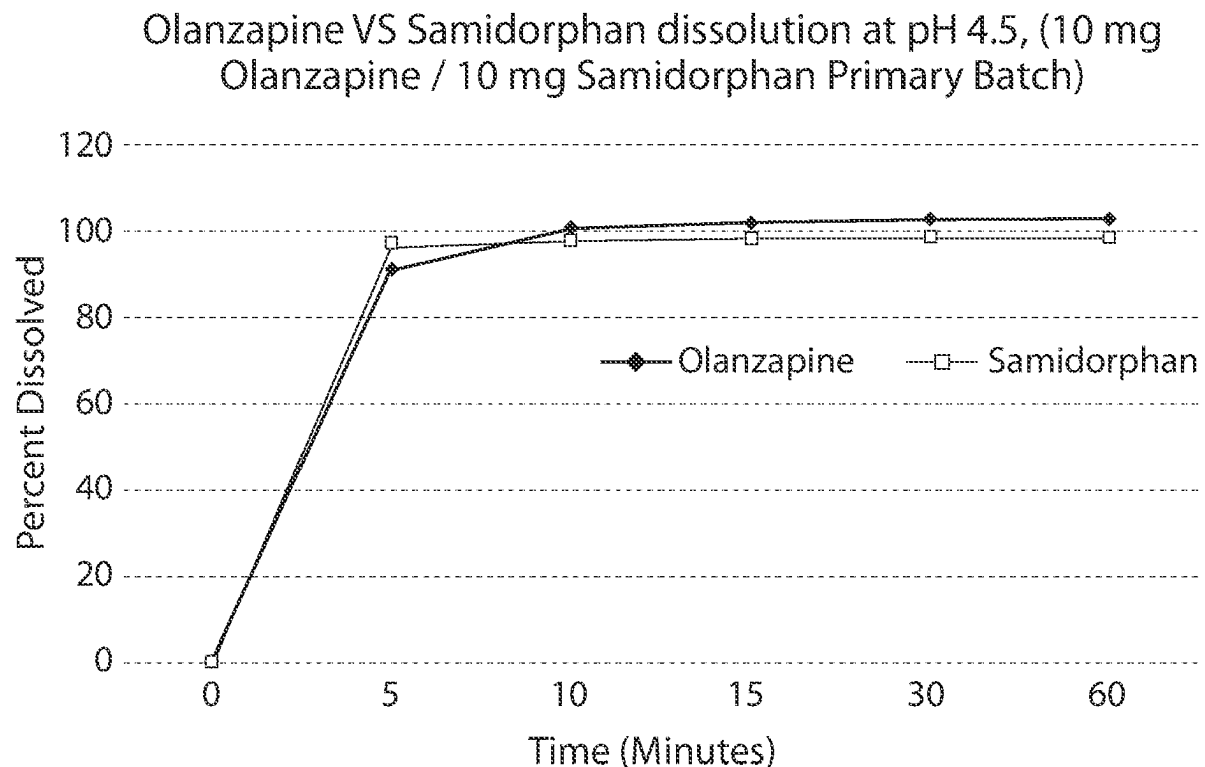
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**ABSTRACT**

Described herein, in part, are tablets, such as immediate release multi-layer or bilayer tablets for orally delivering olanzapine and samidorphan, methods of using said tablets in the treatment of disorders described herein, and kits comprising said tablets.



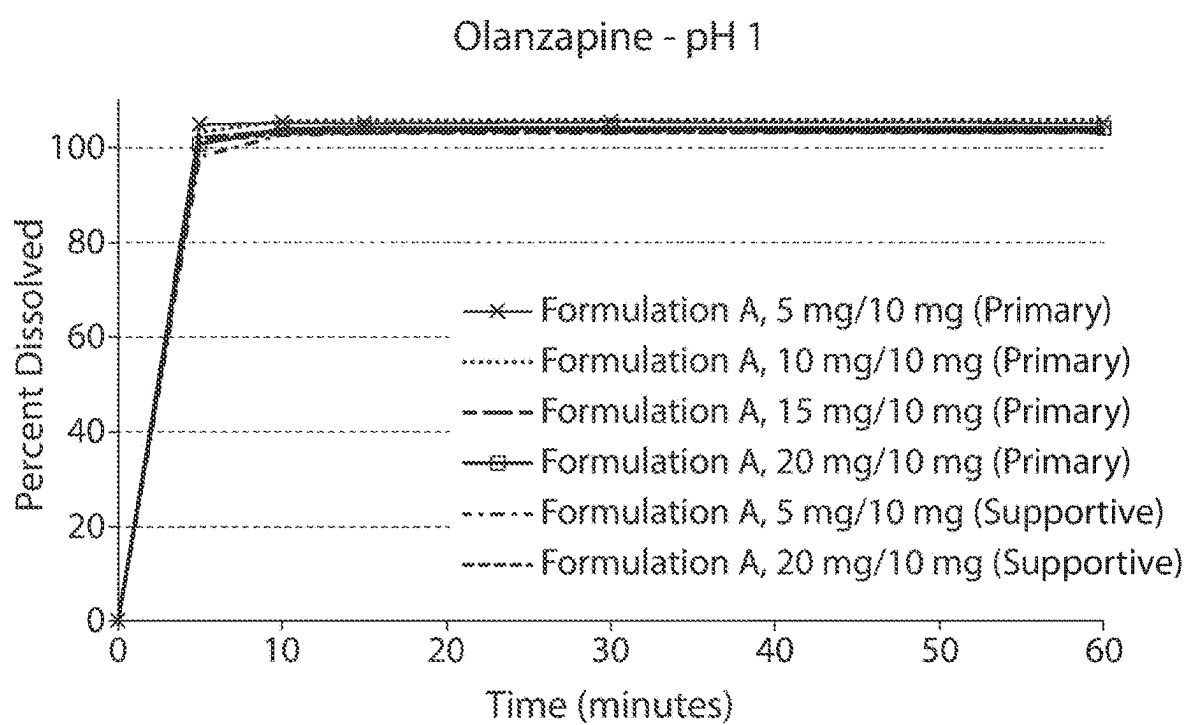


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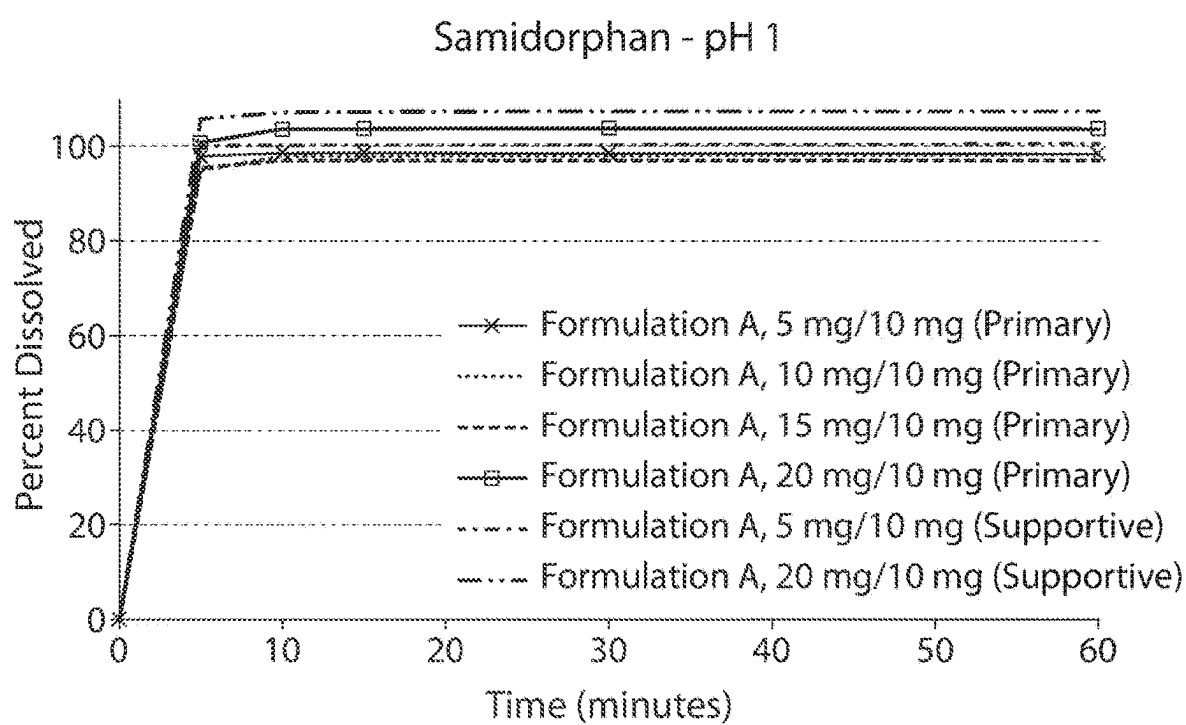


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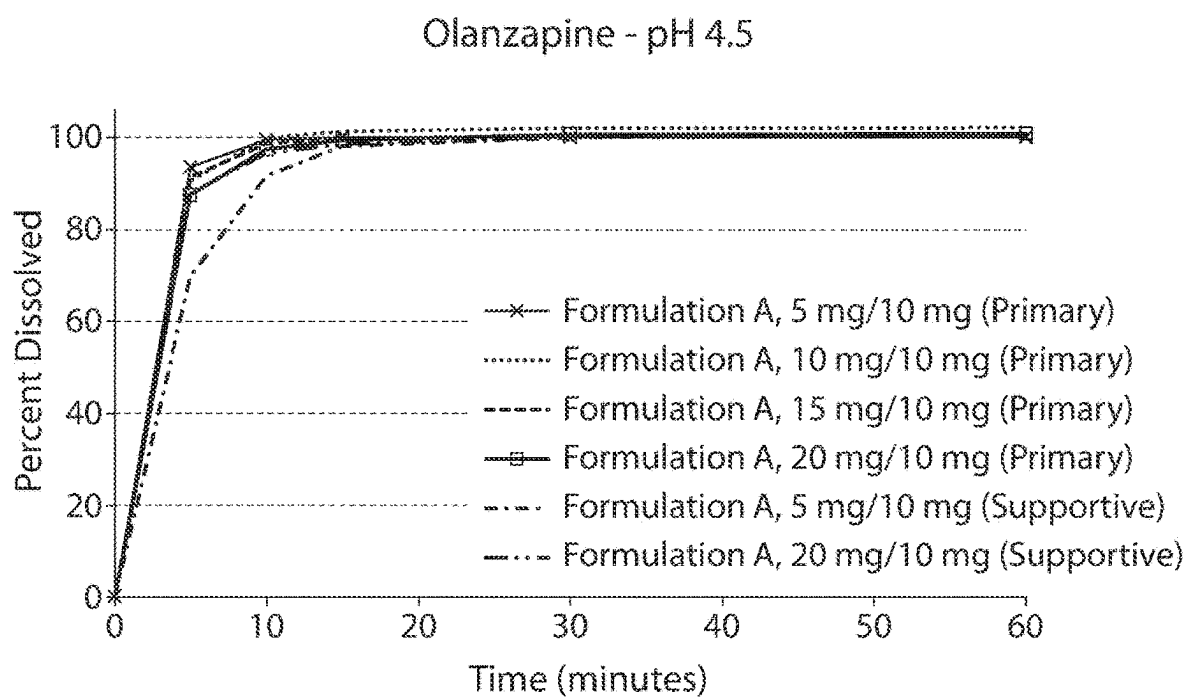


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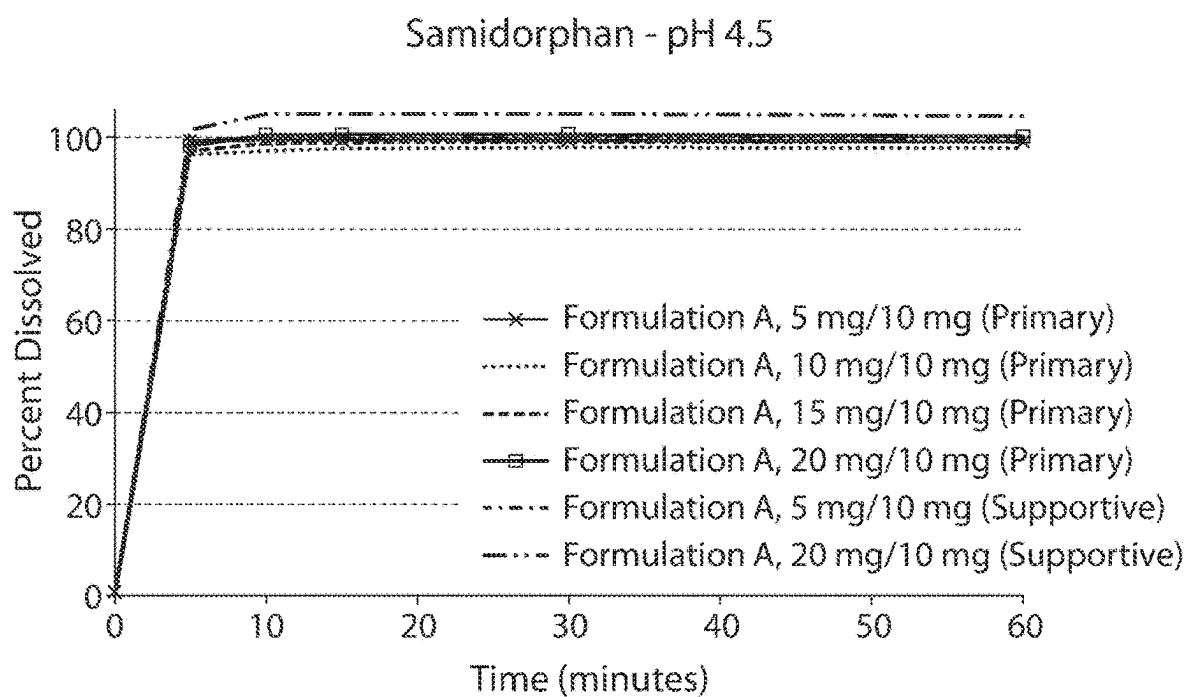


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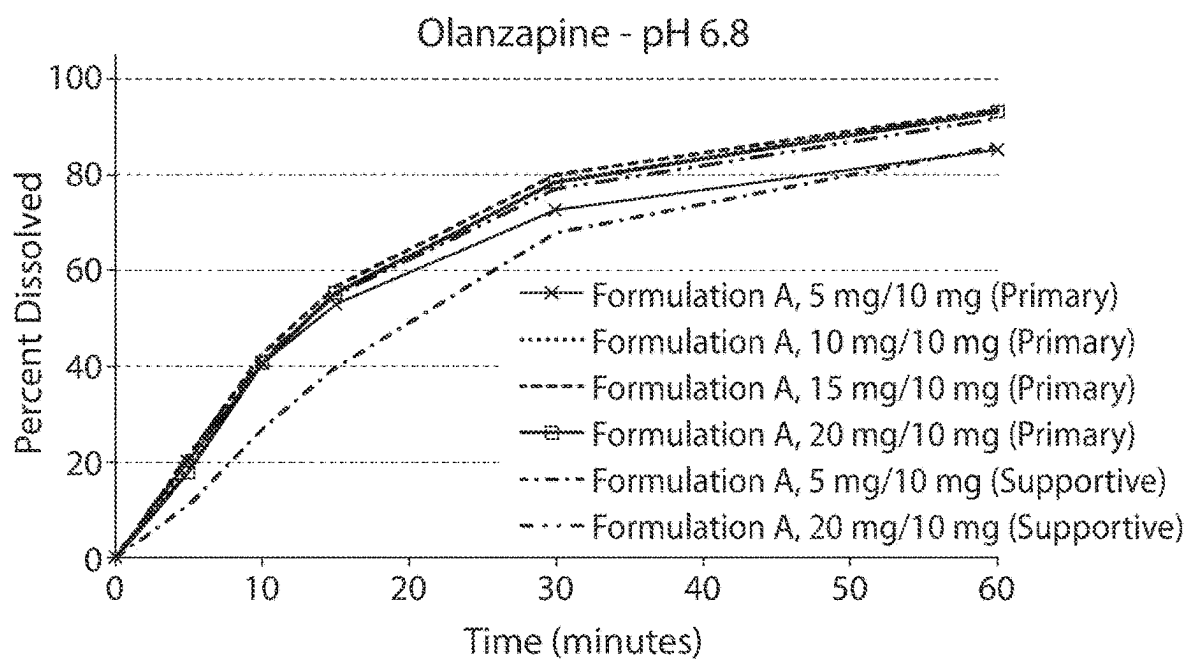


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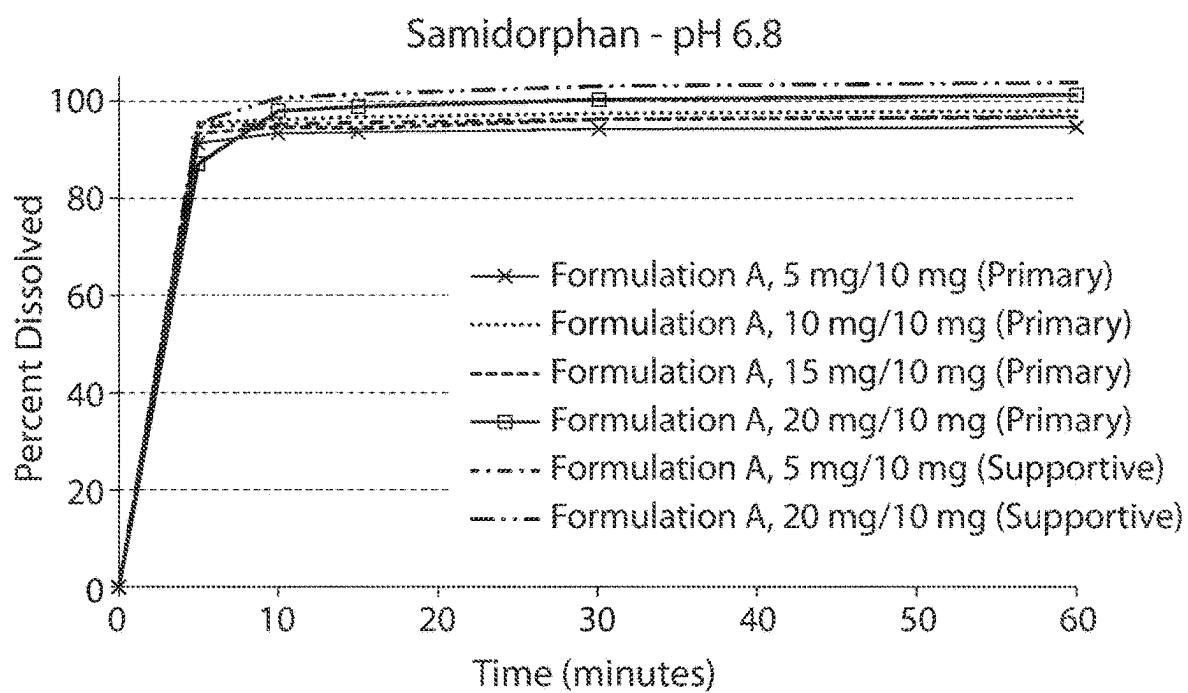


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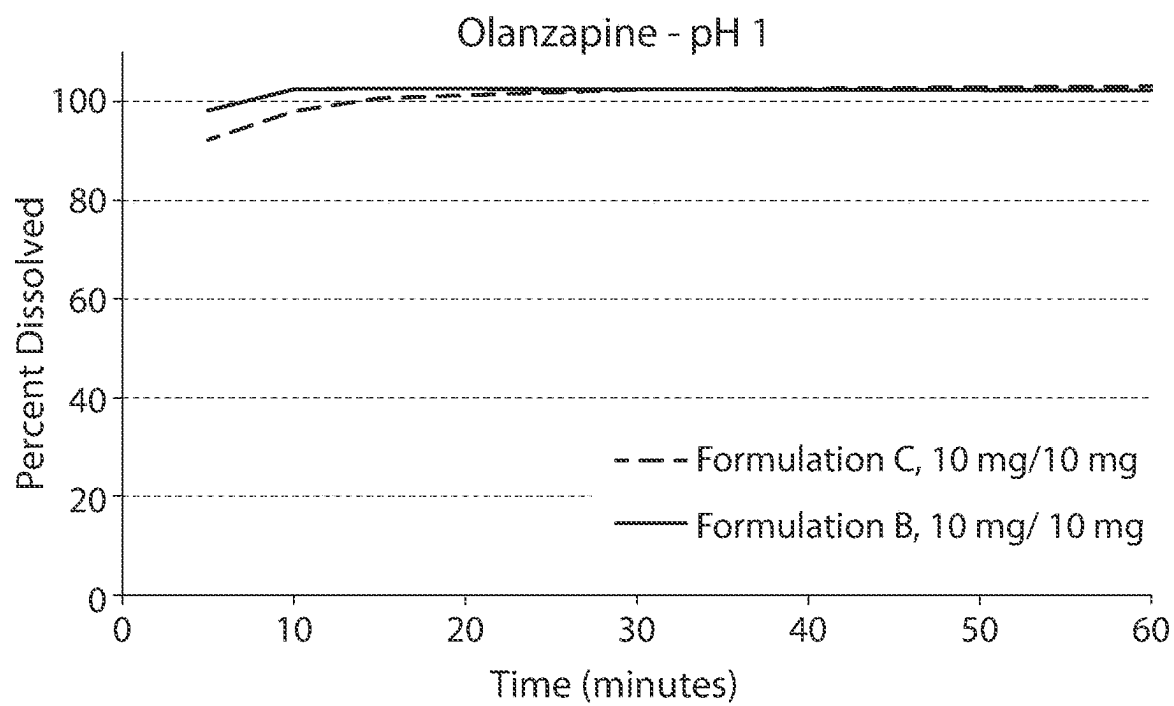


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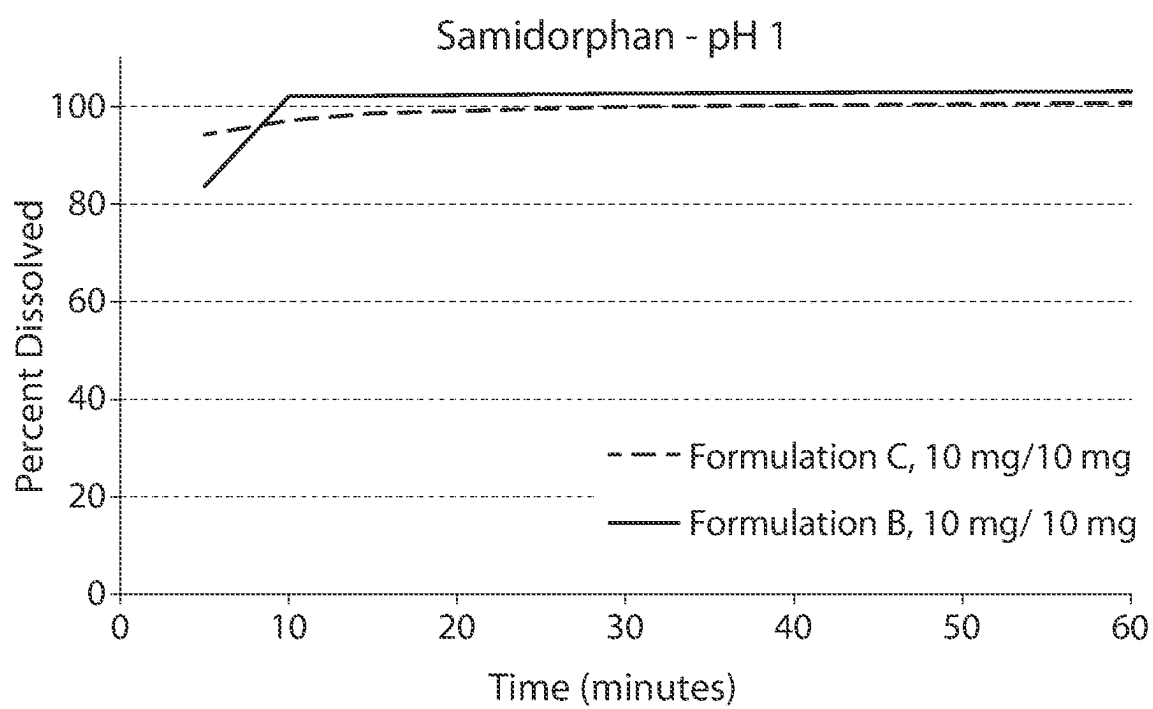


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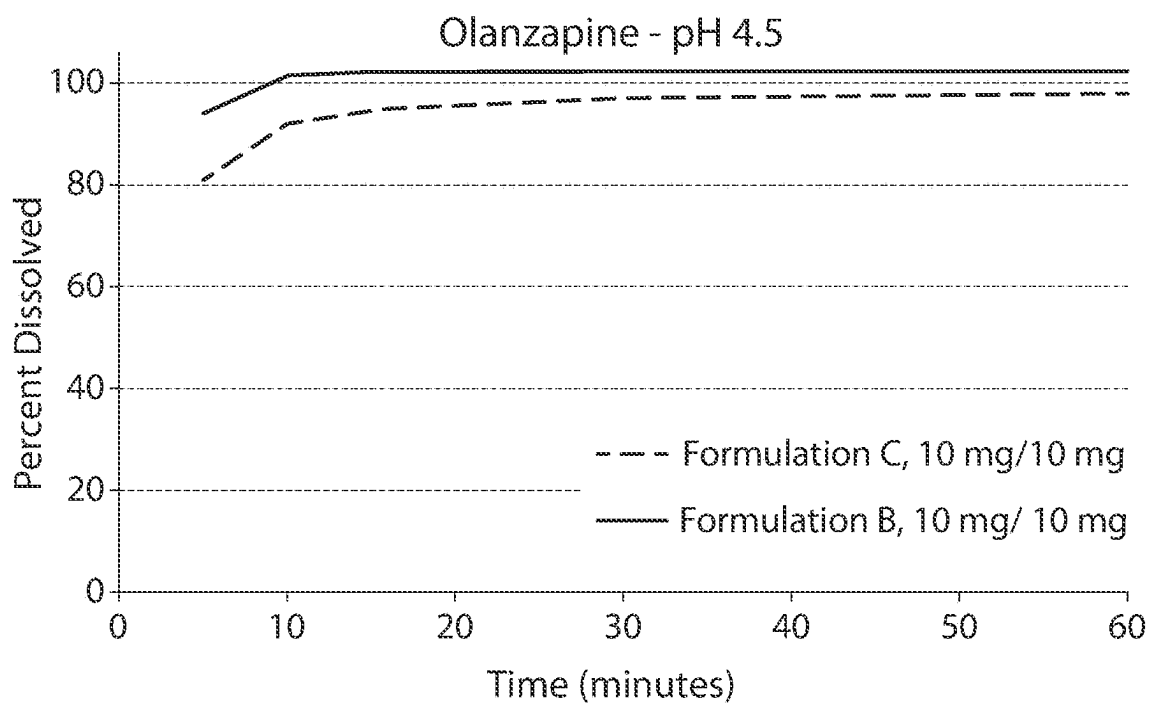


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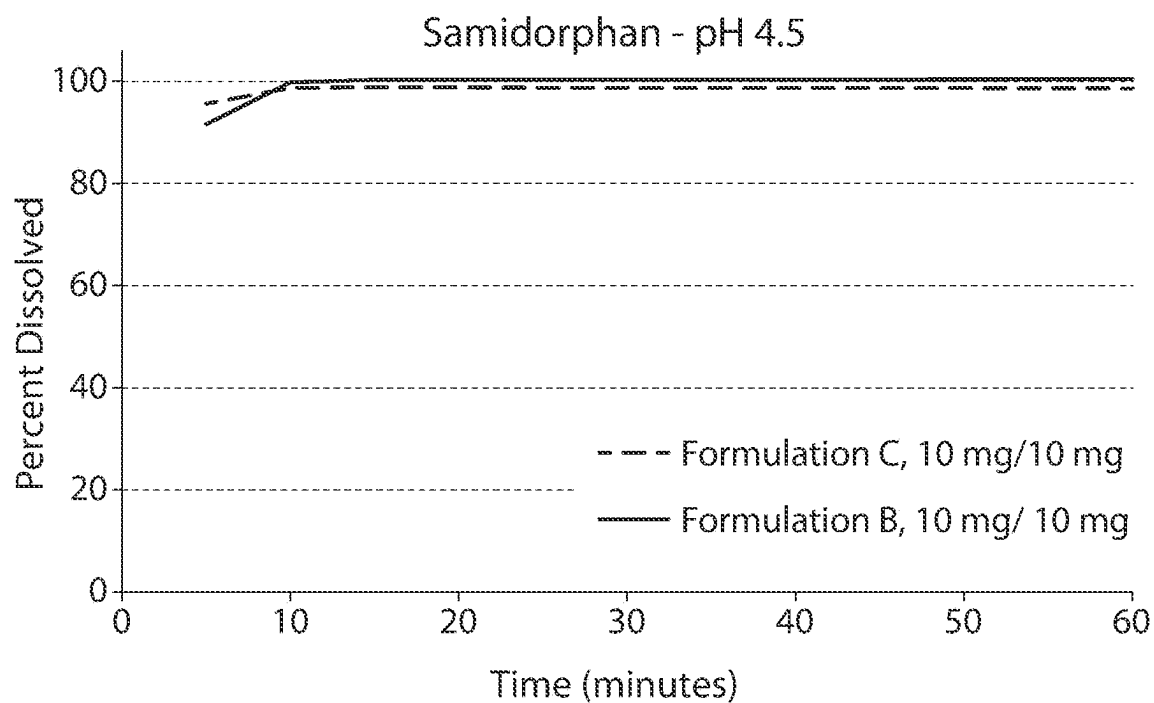


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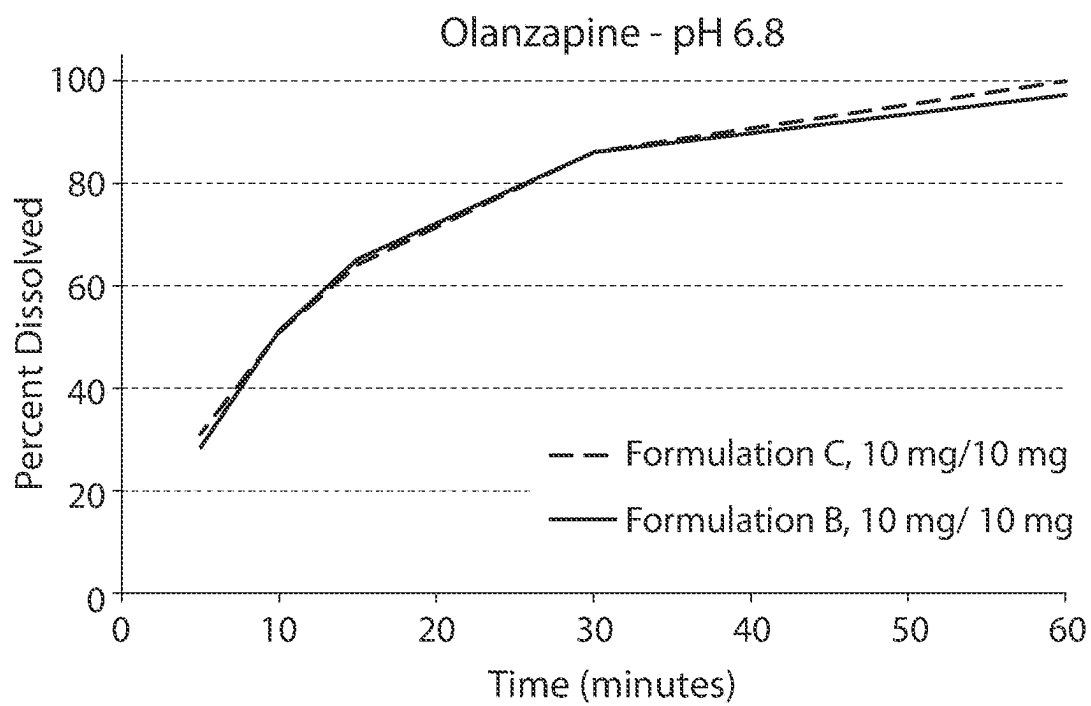


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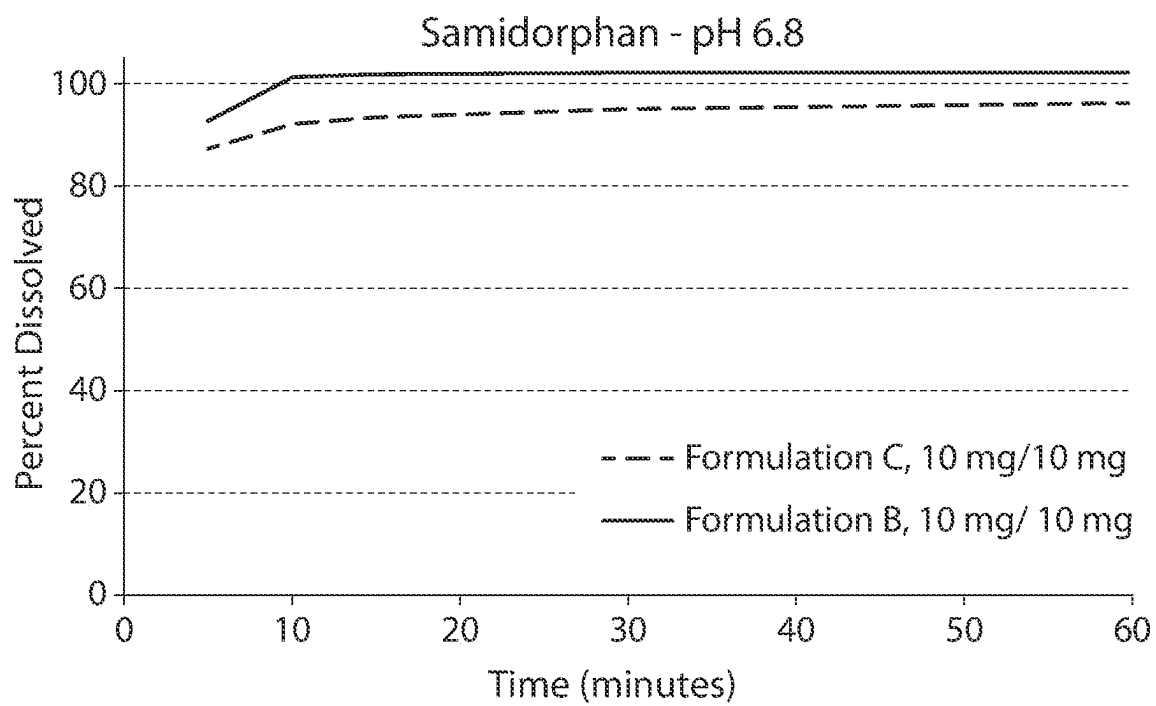


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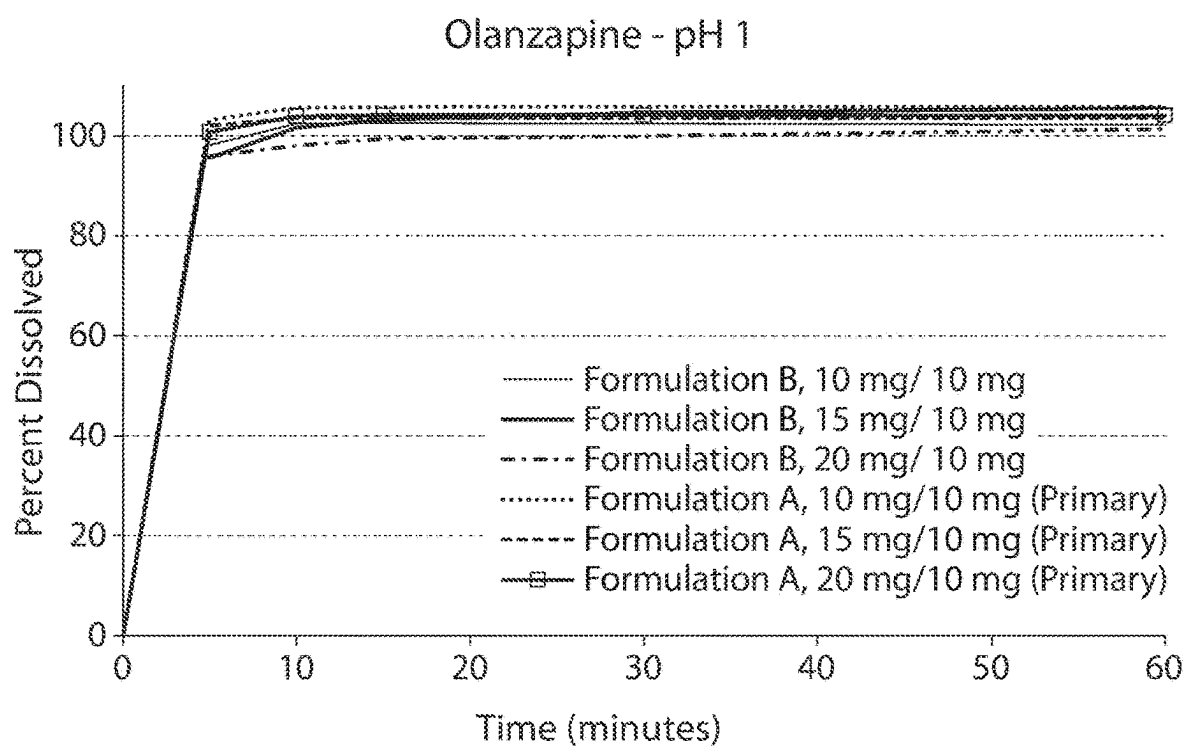


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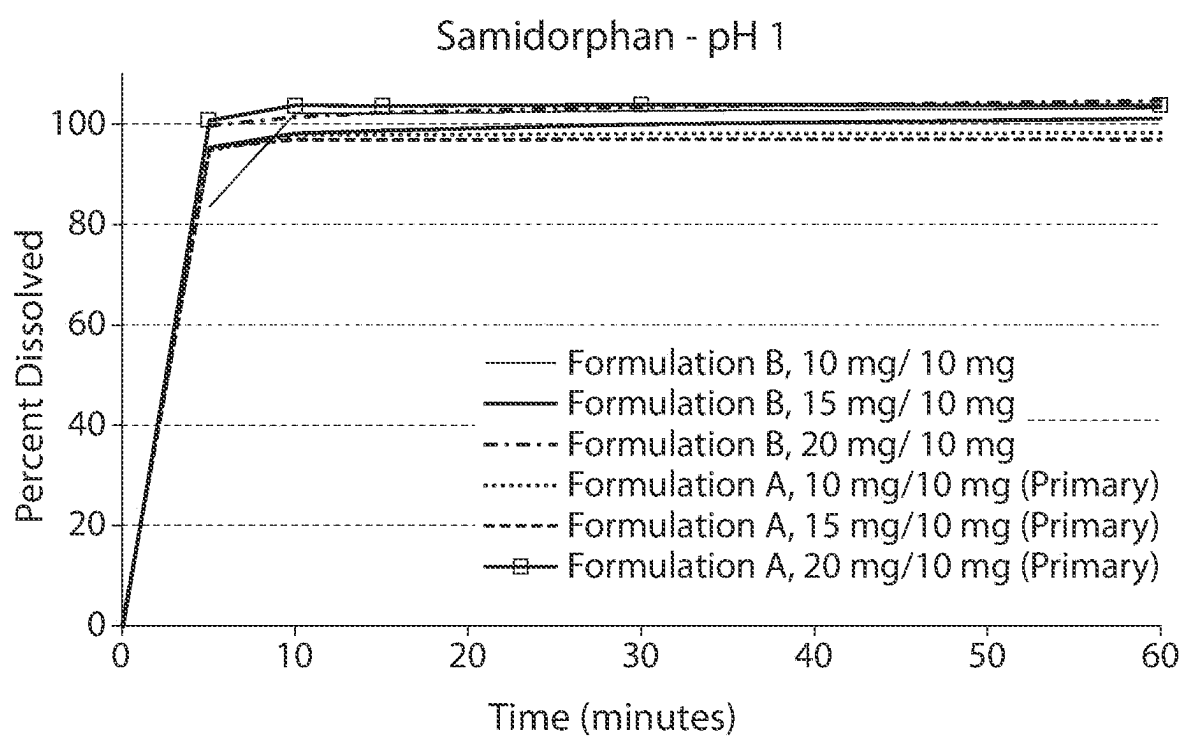
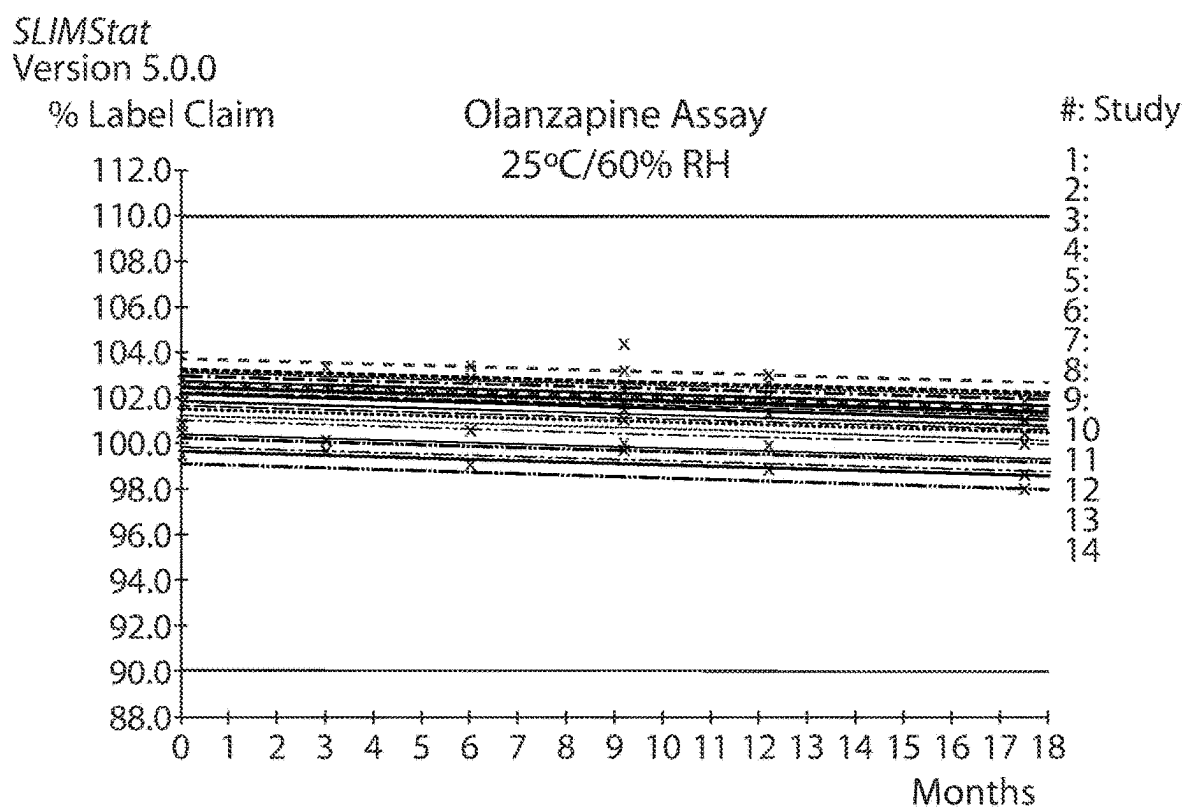


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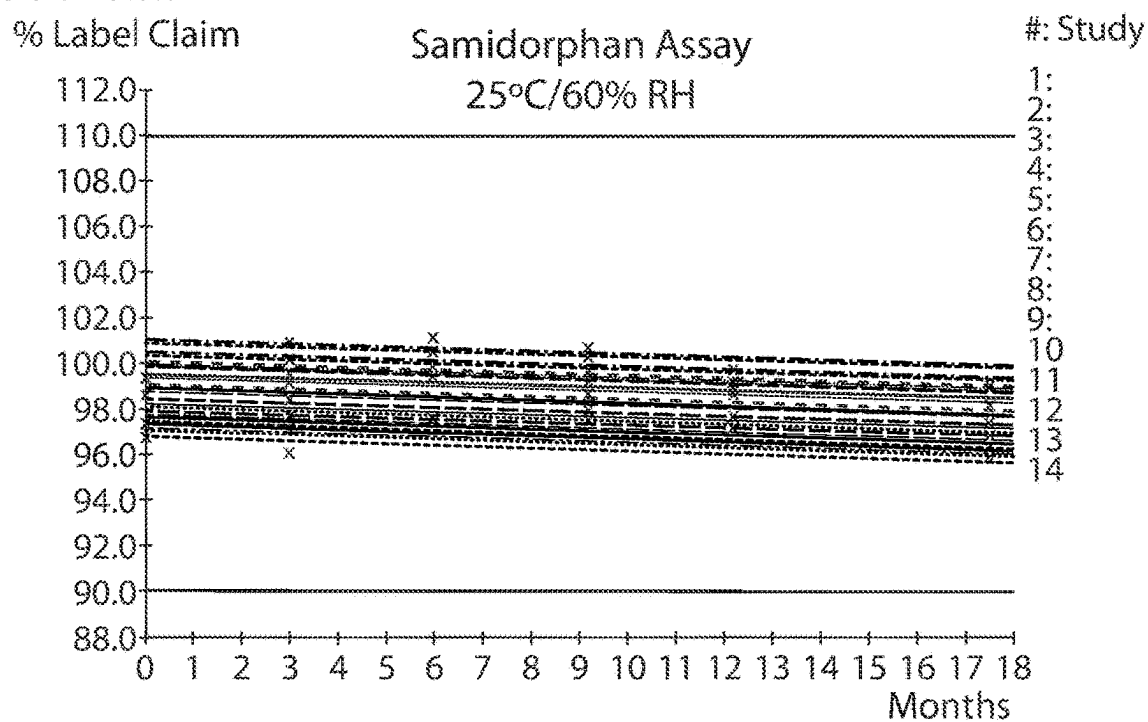


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Test Category: Assay by HPLC High Spec: 110.0 Low Spec: 90.0

FIG. 4

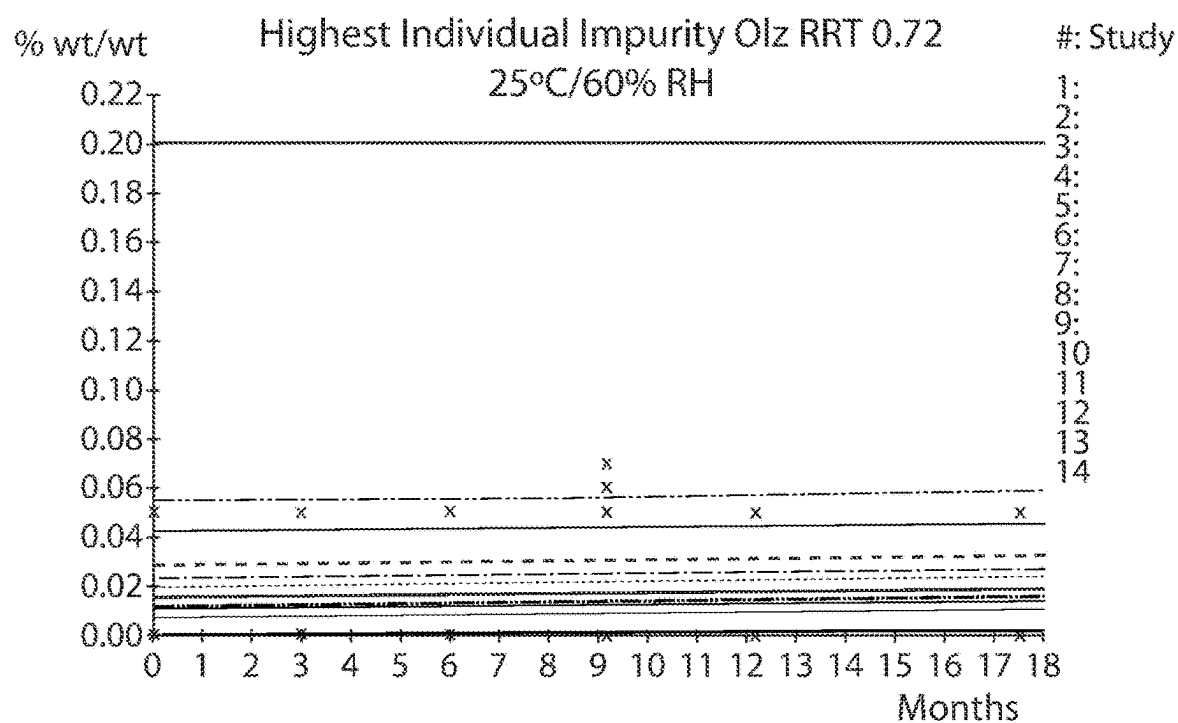


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FIG. 5



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FIG. 6

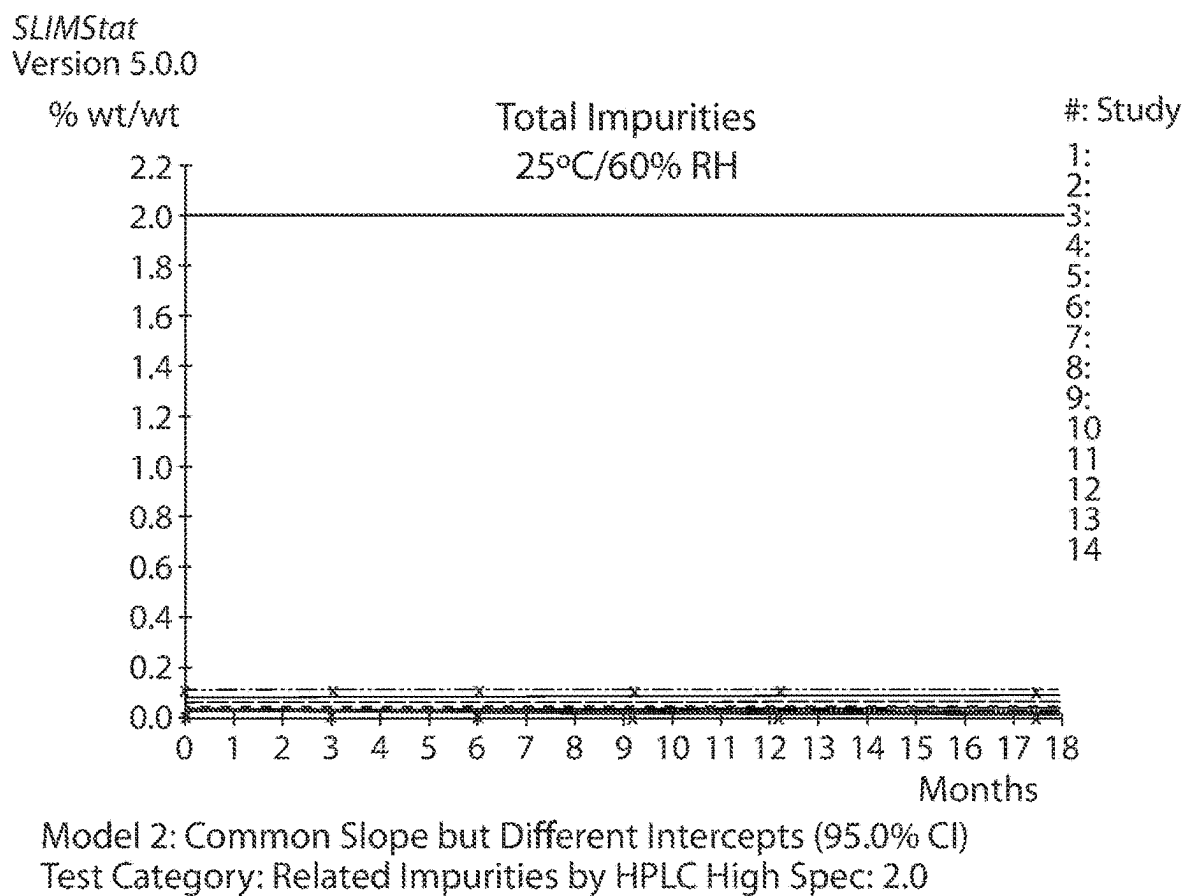


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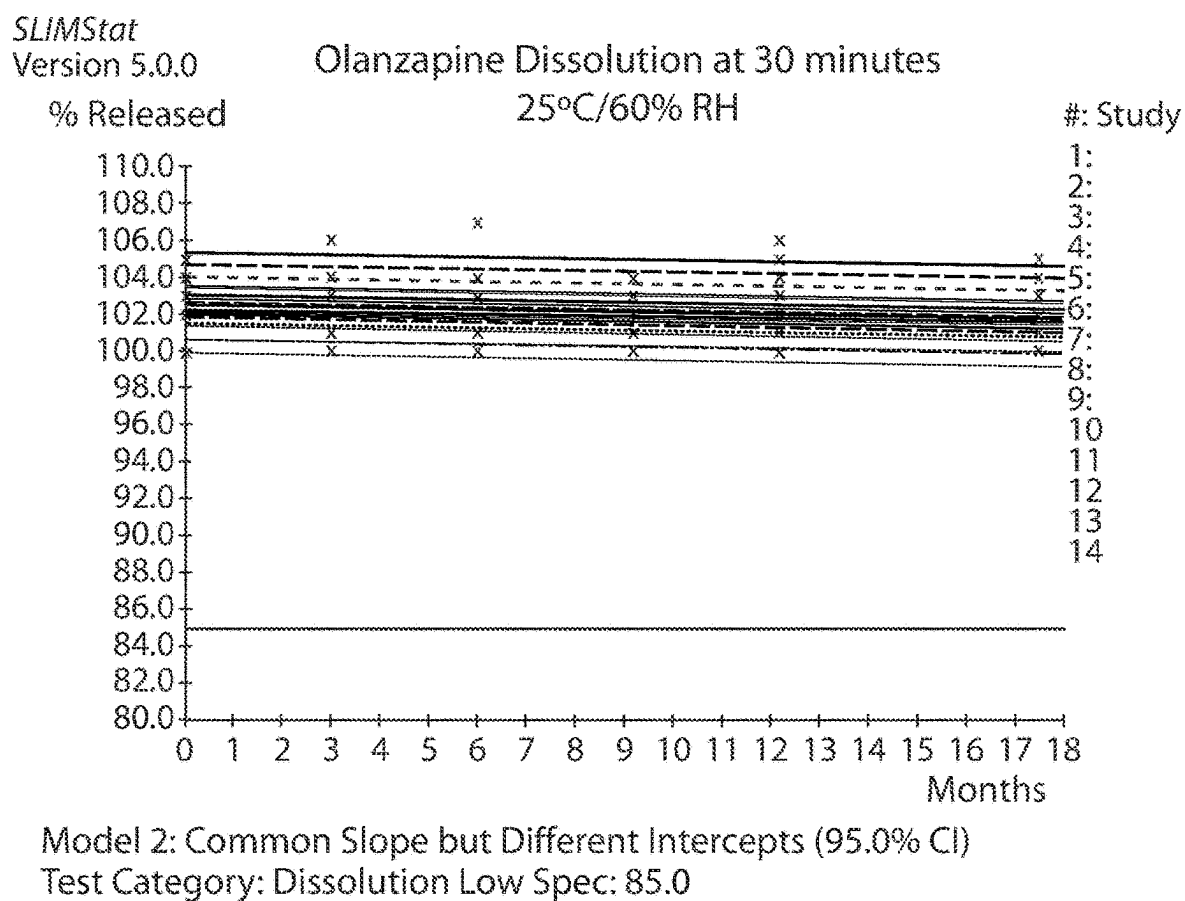


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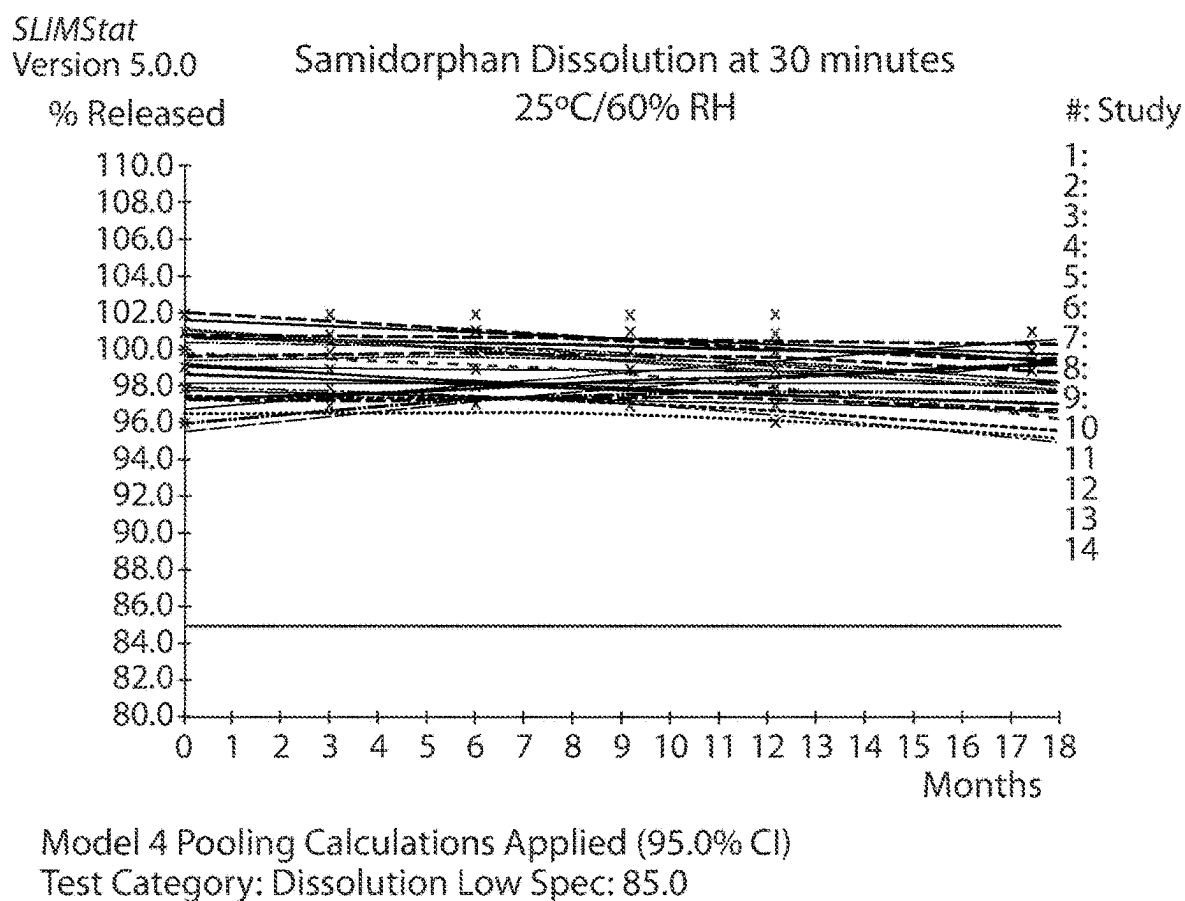


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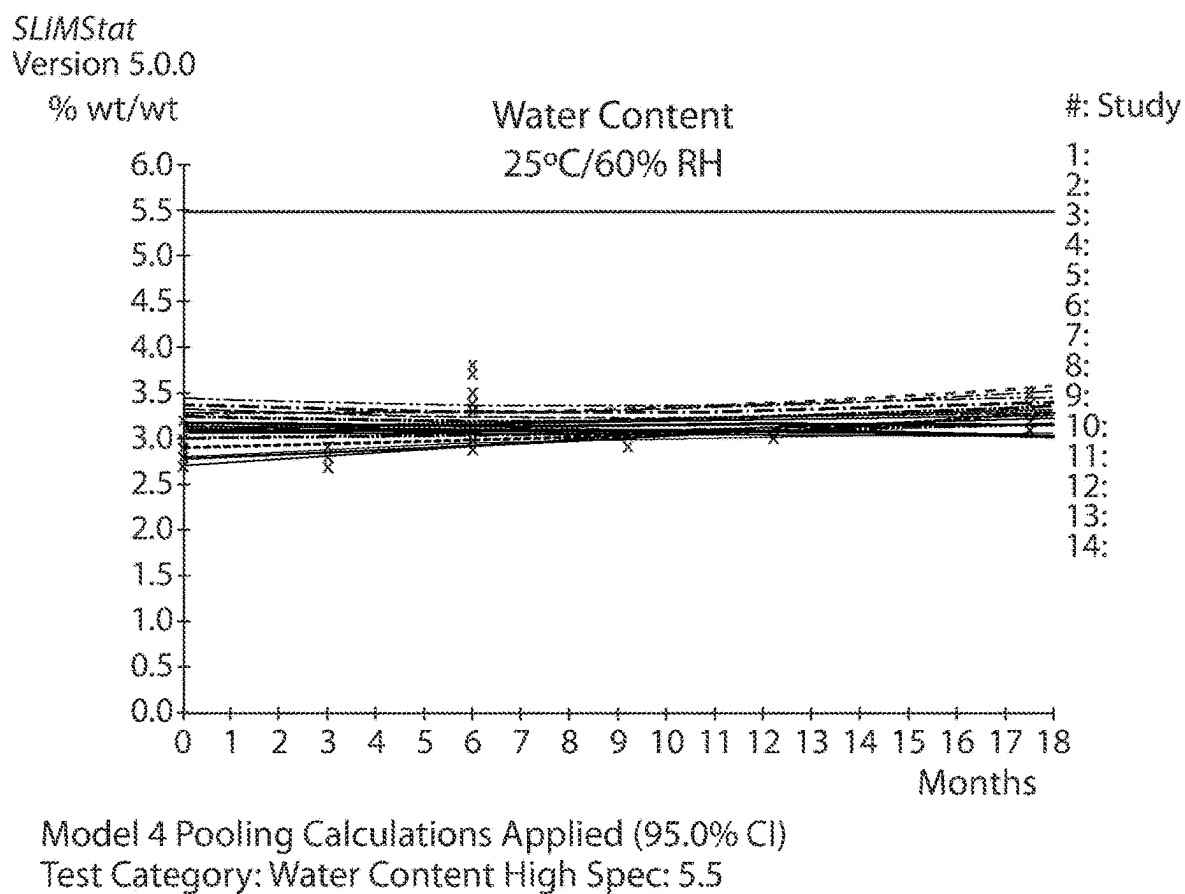


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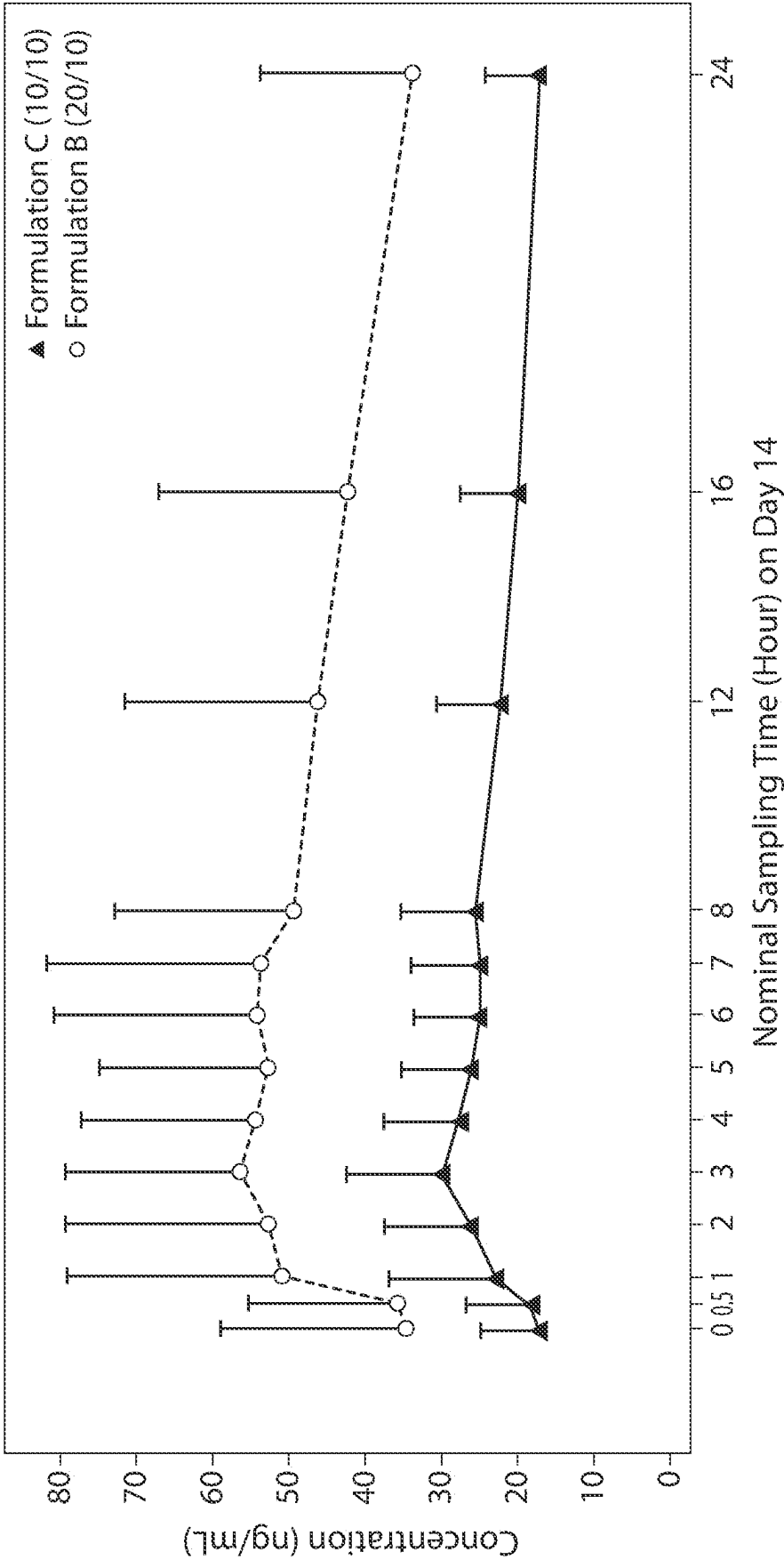


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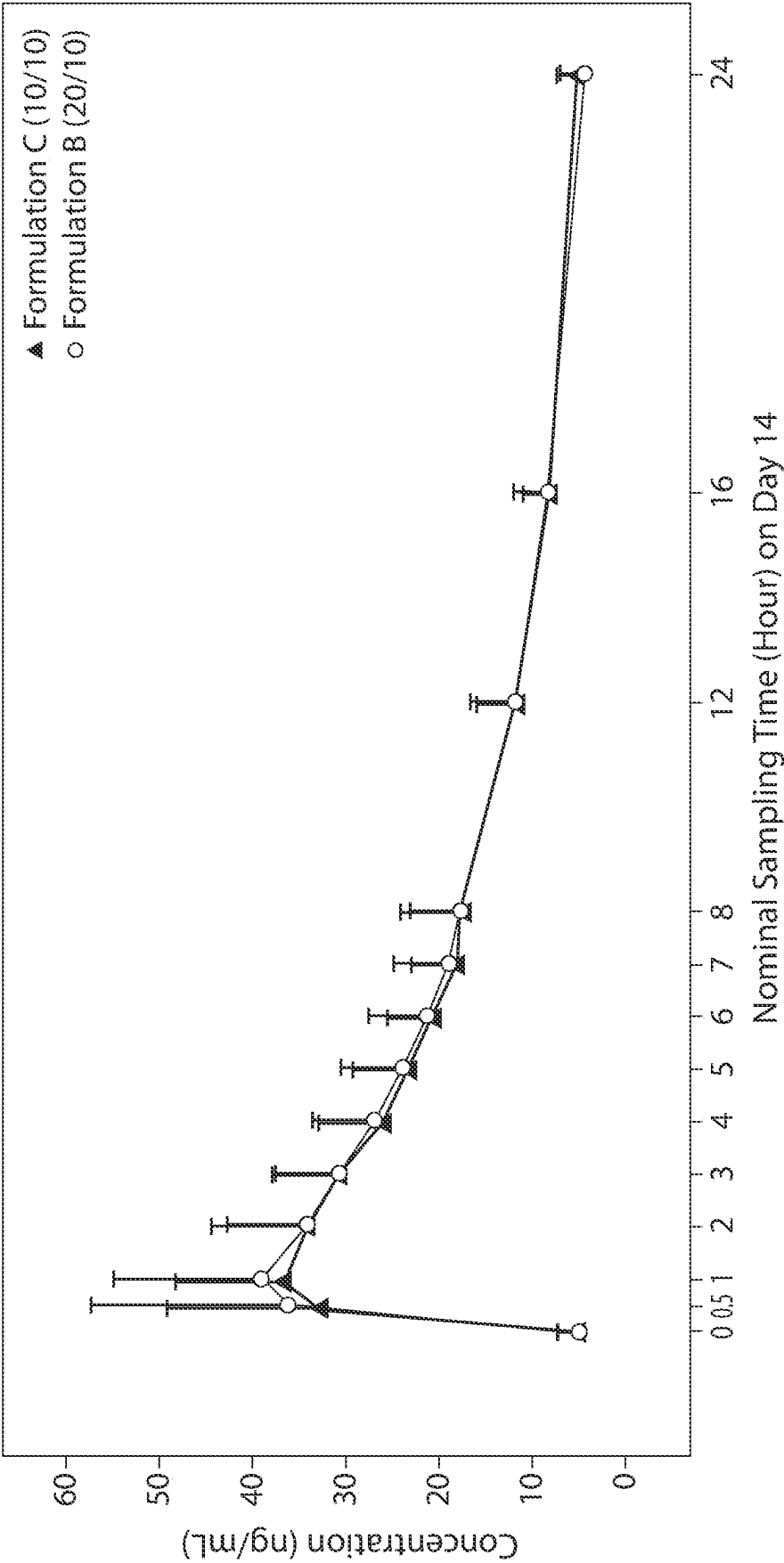


FIG. 12



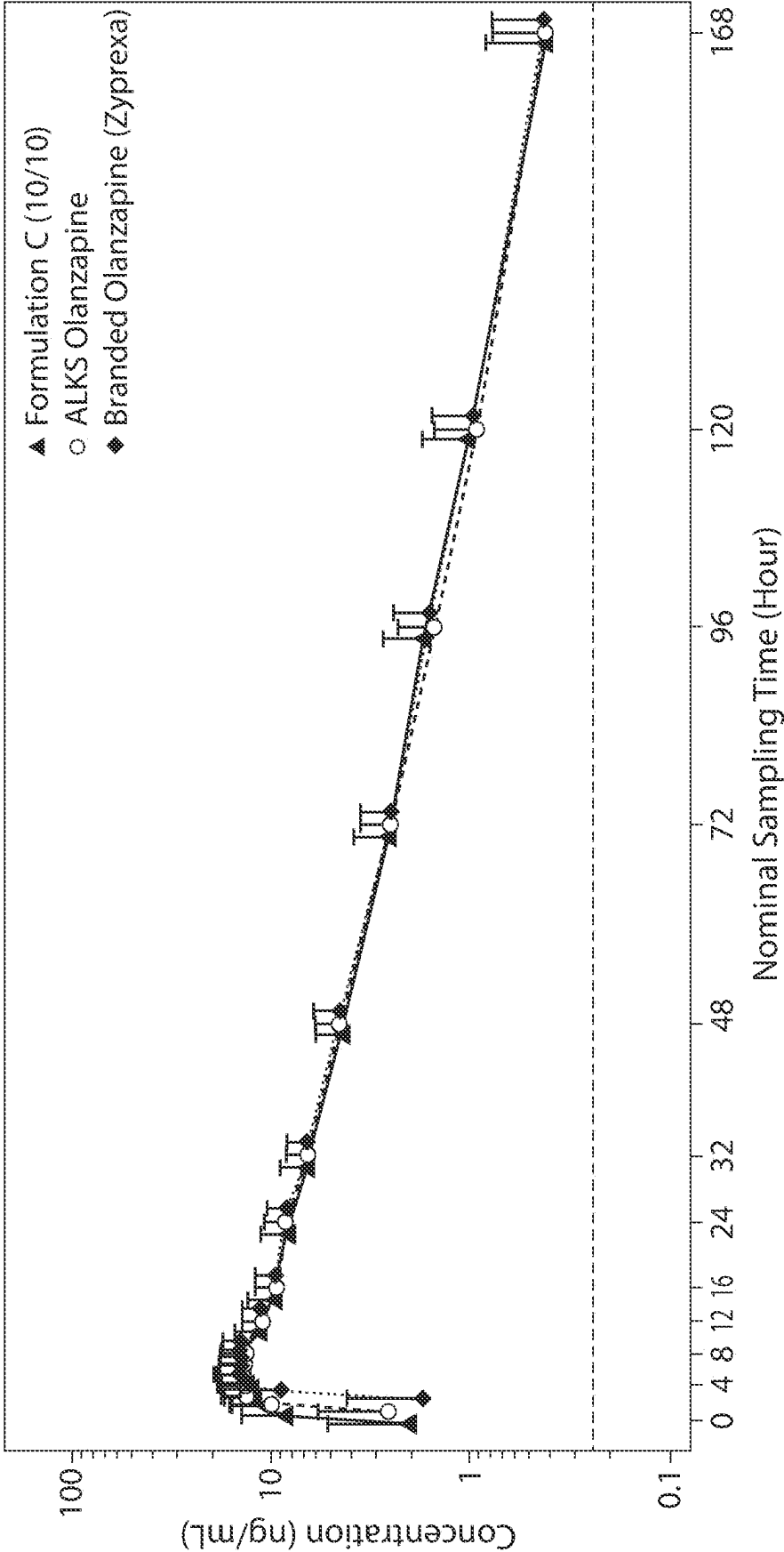


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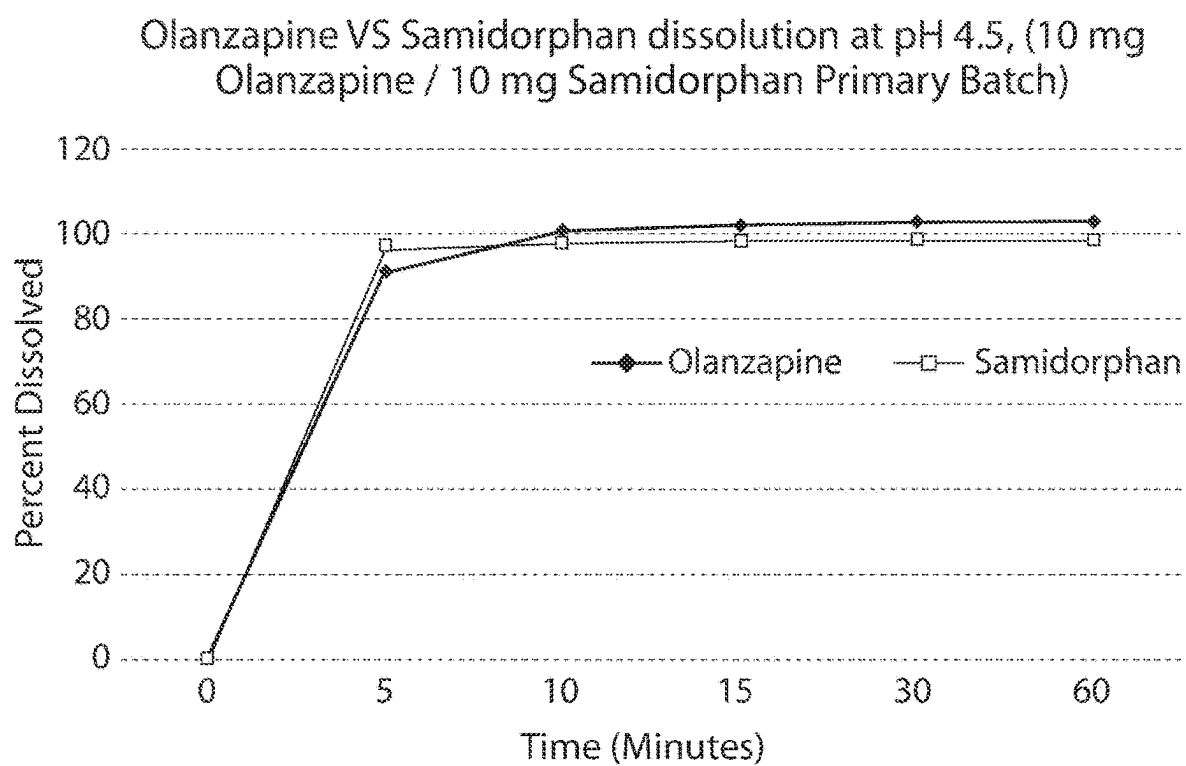


FIG. 14

# IMMEDIATE RELEASE MULTILAYER TABLET

## CROSS-REFERENCE

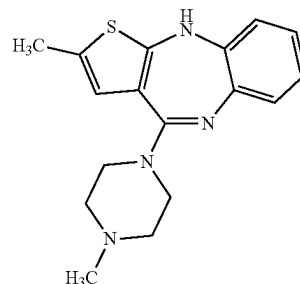
**[0001]** This application is a continuation of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 18/510,590, filed on Nov. 15, 2023, which is a continuation of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 18/327,229, filed on Jun. 1, 2023, which is a continuation of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 17/855,242, filed Jun. 30, 2022, now U.S. Pat. No. 11,707,466, issued Jul. 25, 2023, which is a continuation of International Application Number PCT/EP2021/081585 filed Nov. 12, 2021, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 63/113,067 filed Nov. 12, 2020, the contents of each of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

## BACKGROUND

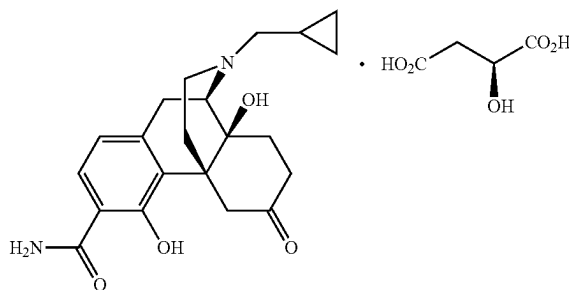
**[0002]** Antipsychotic medications are among the most important therapeutic tools for treating various psychotic disorders. There are two categories of antipsychotics, typical and atypical. Typical antipsychotics e.g., haloperidol and chlorpromazine, were first developed in the 1950's and were used to treat psychosis, particularly schizophrenia. Common side effects of typical antipsychotics include: dry mouth, tremors, weight gain, muscle tremors, and stiffness. In addition, typical antipsychotics yield extrapyramidal side effects. These side effects include: motor disturbances, parkinsonian effects, akathisia, dystonia, akinesia, tardive dyskinesia, and neuroleptic malignant syndrome. Some of these side effects have been described to be worse than the actual symptoms of schizophrenia. Atypical antipsychotics are considered to be the first line of treatment for schizophrenia because of the improved extrapyramidal side effect profile in comparison to typical antipsychotics. Atypical antipsychotics are also associated with superior tolerability, adherence and relapse prevention and have led to improved treatment for patients with serious mental illness.

**[0003]** However, antipsychotics are also associated with significant weight gain. Clinical studies have reported that 40-80% of patients under chronic atypical antipsychotic treatment experience substantial weight gain, e.g., exceeding their ideal body weight by 20%, and increases the risk of obesity. Weight gain was found to be greatest with clozapine, olanzapine, risperidone, and quetiapine, and less with aripiprazole and ziprasidone. Obesity is a leading cause of mortality as it frequently leads to conditions such as diabetes and cardiovascular disorders. In addition, where atypical antipsychotics are increasingly prescribed to children and adolescents with psychiatric disorders, young children who take antipsychotics risk long term health risks associated with rapid weight gain, for example, metabolic changes that could lead to diabetes, hypertension and other illnesses.

**[0004]** Olanzapine is 2-methyl-4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)-10H-thieno[2,3-b][1,5]benzodiazepine. The molecular formula of olanzapine is:  $C_{17}H_{20}N_4S$  and the molecular weight is 312.44 g/mol. It is a yellow crystalline powder and has pKa values of 7.80 and 5.44. The chemical structure is:



**[0005]** Samidorphan is an opioid antagonist (also known as 3-carboxamido-4-hydroxynaltrexone) that preferentially acts as an antagonist of the  $\mu$ -opioid receptor. Samidorphan L-malate is morphinan-3-carboxamide, 17-(cyclopropylmethyl)-4, 14-dihydroxy-6-oxo-, (2S)-2-hydroxybutanedioate. The molecular formula of samidorphan L-malate is  $C_{21}H_{26}N_2O_4 \cdot C_4H_6O_5$  and the molecular weight is 504.54 g/mol. It is a white to off-white crystalline powder and has pKa values of 8.3 (amine) and 10.1 (phenol). The chemical structure is:



**[0006]** Samidorphan (as Samidorphan L-malate) in combination with olanzapine is marketed by Alkermes as LYBALVI®, which is indicated for the treatment of schizophrenia in adults, bipolar I disorder in adults, acute treatment of manic or mixed episodes as monotherapy and as adjunct to lithium or valproate.

**[0007]** U.S. Pat. No. 10,300,054 discloses a composition comprising samidorphan or derivatives thereof and an antipsychotic including olanzapine.

**[0008]** Therefore, there is a continuing need to develop more effective antipsychotic drug treatments that e.g., reduce weight gain, and that are in easy to use formulations that minimize the need for significantly multiple tablets for administration.

## SUMMARY

**[0009]** Described herein, in part, are tablets (e.g., immediate release multi-layer tablets such as bi-layer tablets) for orally delivering olanzapine and samidorphan for treatment of psychotic and other disorders as described herein. Disclosed compositions, e.g., disclosed tablets, that include samidorphan and its associated pharmaceutically acceptable salts, together with olanzapine can provide a once-daily, oral atypical antipsychotic therapeutics that provides the efficacy of olanzapine while mitigating olanzapine-associated weight gain. This disclosure, in part, is directed to tablets that

provide a substantially immediate release profile upon administration to a patient but include both samidorphan and olanzapine. For example, although olanzapine may be susceptible to degradation in the presence of samidorphan (e.g., olanzapine and samidorphan are chemically incompatible, this disclosure is directed in part to multi-layer tablets having both olanzapine and samidorphan in a unit formulation that also provides reduced related impurities formation (for example, under typical storage conditions (e.g., 25° C./60% relative humidity and 40° C./75% relative humidity), and can release both samidorphan and olanzapine substantially quickly once administered.

**[0010]** Multi-layer tablets as disclosed herein have the advantage of facilitating simultaneous administration to patients, in need thereof therapeutically effective combinations of olanzapine and samidorphan. The disclosure contemplates multi-layer tablets as well as a bilayer tablet comprising one olanzapine containing layer and one samidorphan (or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof) containing layer, which may be preferred as it simplifies the production process. Multi-layer fixed dose combination tablets comprising of olanzapine and samidorphan (or the equivalent of a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof) which have been found to be particularly useful are those comprising a first layer having about 10 mg or 20 mg of samidorphan (or salt thereof e.g. 13.6 mg or 27.2 mg of samidorphan L-malate), and a second layer having between 2.5 mg and about 20 mg of olanzapine, preferably about 2.5 mg, 5 mg, 10 mg, 15 mg or 20 mg of olanzapine. Multilayer tablets of the present invention may optionally comprise a barrier layer of inert material between respective layers of samidorphan and olanzapine. Such a barrier layer serves to maintain physical distance between the active ingredient and prevent their interaction or mixing.

**[0011]** Apart from the active ingredients, olanzapine and samidorphan, tablets of the invention may comprise pharmaceutically acceptable excipients which confer advantages in terms of processability, stability of the dosage form and/or aiding release of active ingredient(s) from the dosage form. Each layer may separately comprise pharmaceutically acceptable excipients such as: diluents, glidants, disintegrants and lubricants. Preferred excipients include microcrystalline cellulose, crospovidone (also known as polyvinyl pyrrolidone or PVP), lactose (anhydrous or hydrates), silicon dioxide and magnesium stearate, used separately or in combinations. Additional preferred excipients are described below. It is preferable, although not required, for the same excipients to be used in each active ingredient containing layer of the tablet.

**[0012]** For example, described herein as an embodiment is a pharmaceutically acceptable coated immediate release bilayer tablet for orally delivering olanzapine and 10 mg of samidorphan as a fixed dose, comprising: a first tablet layer comprising 10 mg samidorphan or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of samidorphan in an amount to deliver 10 mg Samidorphan, about 30-45 wt % microcrystalline cellulose, based on the weight of the first tablet layer, about 35-50 wt % lactose or a hydrate thereof, based on the weight of the first tablet layer; and about 0.5 to about 2 wt % magnesium stearate, a second tablet layer comprising: a dose of olanzapine selected from the group consisting of 2.5 mg, 5 mg, 10 mg, 15 mg and 20 mg of the olanzapine, about 35-45 wt % microcrystalline cellulose, based on the weight of the second tablet layer, about 45-55 wt % lactose or a hydrate

thereof, based on the weight of the second tablet layer; and about 1.0 wt % magnesium stearate, and a film coating over the first and second tablet layer.

**[0013]** Also described herein as an embodiment is a pharmaceutically acceptable coated immediate release bilayer tablet for orally delivering olanzapine and 10 mg of samidorphan as a fixed dose, comprising: a first tablet layer comprising: 10 mg samidorphan or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of samidorphan (e.g., samidorphan L-malate) in an amount to deliver 10 mg samidorphan; about 35-43 wt % microcrystalline cellulose, based on the weight of the first tablet layer; about 37-43 wt % lactose or a hydrate thereof, based on the weight of the first tablet layer; and about 1.5 to about 2 wt % magnesium stearate; a second tablet layer comprising: a dose of olanzapine selected from the group consisting of 5 mg, 10 mg, 15 mg and 20 mg of the olanzapine; about 38-42 wt % microcrystalline cellulose, based on the weight of the second tablet layer; about 46-49 wt % lactose or a hydrate thereof, based on the weight of the second tablet layer; and about 1.0 wt % magnesium stearate; and a film coating over the first and second tablet layer.

**[0014]** Also provided for herein is a pharmaceutically acceptable coated immediate release bilayer tablet for orally delivering olanzapine (e.g., 2.5 mg, 5 mg, 10 mg, 15 mg or 20 mg olanzapine), together with 10 mg of samidorphan as a fixed dose, comprising: a first tablet layer comprising: 13.6 mg samidorphan L-malate; about 40 wt % microcrystalline cellulose, based on the weight of the first tablet layer; about 42 wt % lactose monohydrate, based on the weight of the first tablet layer; and about 1.75 wt % magnesium stearate; a second tablet layer comprising: a dose of olanzapine, for example, a dose of olanzapine selected from the group consisting of 2.5 mg, 5 mg, 10 mg, 15 mg and 20 mg of the olanzapine; about 40 wt % microcrystalline cellulose, based on the weight of the second tablet layer; about 47 wt % lactose or a hydrate thereof, based on the weight of the second tablet layer; and about 1.0 wt % magnesium stearate; and a film coating over the first and second tablet layer.

**[0015]** In one embodiment, described herein is a pharmaceutically acceptable coated immediate release bilayer tablet for orally delivering olanzapine and samidorphan (e.g., 10 mg of samidorphan) together as a fixed dose, comprising: a first tablet layer (for example, having 10 mg samidorphan, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of samidorphan (e.g., samidorphan L-malate) in an amount to deliver 10 mg samidorphan); and a second tablet layer having, for example, 2.5 mg, 5 mg, 10 mg, 15 mg or 20 mg of olanzapine, and a film coating; wherein the tablet releases at least 80% of both the olanzapine and the samidorphan after 15 minutes when the tablet is tested in 500 mL USP acetate buffer at pH 4.5 using a USP Apparatus II (Paddle Method) at 37° C., with a paddle speed of 75 rpm and using a three-prong sinker.

**[0016]** In another embodiment, described herein is a pharmaceutically acceptable coated immediate release bilayer tablet for orally delivering olanzapine and 10 mg of samidorphan together as a fixed dose, comprising: a first tablet layer having 10 mg samidorphan, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of samidorphan in an amount to deliver 10 mg samidorphan; and a second tablet layer having 5 mg, 10 mg, 15 mg or 20 mg of olanzapine, and a film coating; wherein the tablet releases at least 85% of both the olanzapine and the samidorphan after 15 minutes or after 30 minutes when the tablet is tested in 500 mL 0.1N hydro-

chloric acid at pH 1.0 using a USP Apparatus II (Paddle Method) at 37° C., with a paddle speed of 75 rpm and using a three-prong sinker.

**[0017]** An exemplary preferred pharmaceutically acceptable coated immediate release bilayer tablet for orally delivering olanzapine and 10 mg or 20 mg of samidorphan as a fixed dose is provided that includes: a first tablet layer comprising: 10 mg or 20 mg samidorphan or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of samidorphan in an amount to deliver 10 mg or 20 mg samidorphan; about 30-50 wt % microcrystalline cellulose, based on the weight of the first tablet layer; about 35-50 wt % lactose or a hydrate thereof, based on the weight of the first tablet layer; optionally about 3.0 to about 7.0 wt % crospovidone; optionally about 0.5 to about 1.5 wt % colloidal silica; and about 1.5 to about 2.5 wt % magnesium stearate; a second tablet layer comprising: a dose of olanzapine selected from the group consisting of 2.5 mg, 5 mg, 10 mg, 15 mg and 20 mg of the olanzapine; about 30-50 wt % microcrystalline cellulose, based on the weight of the second tablet layer; about 35-50 wt % lactose monohydrate, based on the weight of the second tablet layer; optionally about 3.0 to about 7.0 wt % crospovidone; optionally about 0.5 to about 1.5 wt % colloidal silica; and about 0.5 to about 1.25 wt % magnesium stearate; and a film coating over the first and second tablet layer.

**[0018]** Another exemplary preferred tablet described herein is a pharmaceutically acceptable coated immediate release bilayer tablet for orally delivering 5 mg olanzapine and 10 mg of samidorphan as a fixed dose, comprising: 5 mg olanzapine; 13.62 mg samidorphan L-malate; 60 mg microcrystalline cellulose; 65.88 mg lactose monohydrate; 2.5 mg crospovidone; 0.75 mg colloidal silicon dioxide; 2.25 mg magnesium stearate; and a film coating.

**[0019]** In one preferred embodiment, described herein is a pharmaceutically acceptable coated immediate release bilayer tablet for orally delivering 10 mg olanzapine and 10 mg of samidorphan as a fixed dose, comprising: 10 mg olanzapine; 13.62 mg samidorphan L-malate; 80 mg microcrystalline cellulose; 89.63 mg lactose monohydrate; 3.0 mg crospovidone; 1.0 mg colloidal silicon dioxide; 2.75 mg magnesium stearate; and a film coating.

**[0020]** In another preferred embodiment, described herein is a pharmaceutically acceptable coated immediate release bilayer tablet for orally delivering 15 mg olanzapine and 10 mg of samidorphan as a fixed dose, comprising: 15 mg olanzapine; 13.62 mg samidorphan L-malate; 100 mg microcrystalline cellulose; 113.38 mg lactose monohydrate; 3.5 mg crospovidone; 1.25 mg colloidal silicon dioxide; 3.25 mg magnesium stearate; and a film coating.

**[0021]** In another preferred embodiment, described herein is a pharmaceutically acceptable coated immediate release bilayer tablet for orally delivering 20 mg olanzapine and 10 mg of samidorphan as a fixed dose, comprising: 20 mg olanzapine; 13.62 mg samidorphan L-malate; 120 mg microcrystalline cellulose; 137.13 mg lactose monohydrate; 4.0 mg crospovidone; 1.5 mg colloidal silicon dioxide; 3.75 mg magnesium stearate; and a film coating.

**[0022]** In another preferred embodiment, described herein is a pharmaceutically acceptable coated immediate release bilayer tablet for orally delivering olanzapine and 20 mg of samidorphan as a fixed dose, comprising: a first tablet layer comprising: 20 mg samidorphan or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of samidorphan in an amount to deliver 20 mg samidorphan; about 35-43 wt % microcrystalline cellulose,

based on the weight of the first tablet layer; about 37-43 wt % lactose or a hydrate thereof, based on the weight of the first tablet layer; and about 0.5 to about 2 wt % magnesium stearate; a second tablet layer comprising: a dose of olanzapine selected from the group consisting of 2.5 mg, 5 mg, 10 mg, 15 mg and 20 mg of the olanzapine; about 38-42 wt % microcrystalline cellulose, based on the weight of the second tablet layer; about 46-49 wt % lactose or a hydrate thereof, based on the weight of the second tablet layer; and about 0.5 to about 1.5 wt % magnesium stearate; and a film coating over the first and second tablet layer.

**[0023]** In one embodiment, described herein is a pharmaceutically acceptable coated immediate release bilayer tablet for orally delivering olanzapine and 10 mg of samidorphan as a fixed dose, comprising: a first tablet layer comprising: 10 mg samidorphan or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of samidorphan in an amount to deliver 10 mg samidorphan; about 35-43 wt % microcrystalline cellulose, based on the weight of the first tablet layer; about 37-43 wt % lactose or a hydrate thereof, based on the weight of the first tablet layer; and about 1.5 to about 2 wt % magnesium stearate; a second tablet layer comprising: a dose of olanzapine selected from the group consisting of 5 mg, 10 mg, 15 mg and 20 mg of the olanzapine; about 38-42 wt % microcrystalline cellulose, based on the weight of the second tablet layer; about 46-49 wt % lactose or a hydrate thereof, based on the weight of the second tablet layer; and about 1.0 wt % magnesium stearate; and a film coating over the first and second tablet layer; wherein the tablet releases at least 85% of olanzapine and at least 85% of the samidorphan after 15 minutes when the tablet is tested in 500 mL USP acetate buffer at pH 4.5 using a USP Apparatus II (Paddle Method) at 37° C., with a paddle speed of 75 rpm and using a three-prong sinker. In a preferred embodiment, olanzapine and samidorphan are released in in vitro testing at pH 1.0 and/or pH 4.5 at substantially the same rate, meaning that the percentage of olanzapine and samidorphan released at across all time points is substantially similar, wherein "substantially" is defined to mean within plus or minus 10%.

**[0024]** In another preferred embodiment, described herein is a tablet having any of the characteristics described above, in which said tablet has a water content of no greater than about 10 wt % of the tablet, no greater than about 9.5 wt % of the tablet, no greater than about 9.0 wt % of the tablet, no greater than about 8.5 wt % of the tablet, no greater than about 8.0 wt % of the tablet, no greater than about 7.5 wt % of the tablet, no greater than about 7.0 wt % of the tablet, no greater than about 6.5 wt % of the tablet, no greater than about 6.0 wt % of the tablet, no greater than about 5.5 wt % of the tablet, no greater than about 5.0 wt % of the tablet, no greater than about 4.5 wt % of the tablet, no greater than about 4.0 wt % of the tablet, no greater than about 3.5 wt % of the tablet, no greater than about 3.0 wt % of the tablet, no greater than about 2.5 wt % of the tablet, no greater than about 2.0 wt % of the tablet, no greater than about 1.5 wt % of the tablet, no greater than about 1.0 wt % of the tablet, no greater than about 0.5 wt % of the tablet, or no greater than about 0.25 wt % of the tablet.

**[0025]** In another preferred embodiment, described herein is a tablet having any of the characteristics described above, in which said tablet has impurities due to olanzapine degradation, samidorphan degradation, or a combination of samidorphan degradation and olanzapine degradation as detected by HPLC, at 6 months, 9 months and/or 12 months

or more of storage in a closed container at 25° C. and 60% relative humidity and optionally containing silica gel desiccant, of between about 0.005 wt % and 5.0 wt %, 0.01 wt % and 3.0 wt %, 0.05% and 2.5 wt %, 0.1% and 2.0 wt % and 0.1% to about 1.0 wt %, for example, this includes less than about 1.0 wt %, less than about 0.9 wt %, less than about 0.8 wt %, less than about 0.7 wt %, less than about 0.6 wt %, less than about 0.5 wt %, less than about 0.4 wt %, less than about 0.3 wt %, less than about 0.2 wt %, less than about 0.1 wt %, less than about 0.09 wt %, less than about 0.08 wt %, less than about 0.07 wt %, less than about 0.06 wt %, less than about 0.05 wt %, less than about 0.04 wt %, less than about 0.03 wt %, less than about 0.02 wt %, less than about 0.01 wt %.

**[0026]** Also described herein is a method of preparing a bilayer tablet for oral delivery of olanzapine and samidorphan comprising preparing samidorphan L-malate in a particulate form having a particle size distribution (D10) of between about 10 µm and about 80 µm, a (D50) of between about 40 µm and about 200 µm and a (D90) of between about 100 µm and about 300 µm, more preferably a (D10) of between about 25 µm and about 50 µm, a (D50) of between about 60 µm and about 100 µm and a (D90) of between about 120 µm and about 175 µm. The method further comprises preparing olanzapine having a particle size distribution (D10) of between 10 µm and 100 µm, a D(50) of between 50 µm and 150 µm and a D(90) of between 150 µm and 300 µm, most preferably a D(10) of not less than 22 µm, a D(50) of between 70 µm and 135 µm, and D(90) of not more than 284 µm. A larger particle size distribution of the samidorphan and olanzapine results in a reduced degradation of same due to the reduced surface area. It also reduces the impact of degradation that each active has on the other. For instance, a larger particle size for samidorphan (and resultant reduction in surface area) will result in a reduced mutual degradation effect on the Olanzapine, caused by the samidorphan. However, an excessive increase in particle size of either active ingredient can potentially give rise to poorer flow characteristics and tablet content uniformity. The above particle size range has been observed to lead to reduced degradation whilst at the same time maintaining acceptable flow characteristics for processing purposes.

**[0027]** The samidorphan L-malate particles are charged, along with colloidal silicon dioxide into a first vessel and premixed to form a samidorphan premix. Olanzapine, microcrystalline cellulose, croscopovidone, and silicon dioxide are charged into a second vessel and premixed to form an olanzapine premix. The samidorphan and olanzapine premixes are respectively passed through a rotating impeller screening mill. Preferably, the mill has a screen with holes of between about 0.03 to about 0.06 inches (0.762 mm to about 1.524 mm), most preferably between about 0.045 to about 0.055 inches (about 1.14 mm to about 1.4 mm) in diameter. The samidorphan and olanzapine premixes are then blended in bin blenders to form a samidorphan blend and an olanzapine blend. A first and second quantity of magnesium stearate is passed through a screen (most preferably having a hole size of about 350 to 500 microns, most preferably about 425 microns) and added to the samidorphan and olanzapine blends. The samidorphan and olanzapine blends are placed in a tablet press to form a samidorphan and olanzapine blend layers. The aforementioned blend layers are then compressed to form a bilayer tablet. In one embodiment, the compressing of the samidorphan and olanzapine

blend layers occurs at a force of between 0.4 kN-2 kN, which ensures an acceptable mechanical strength for the tablet whilst also maintaining the desired release characteristics for the samidorphan and olanzapine in the resultant tablet. The tablet is then coated by applying an aqueous coating suspension to the tablet, and dried for a period of time sufficient such that the water content is less than 5.5 wt % of the tablet. In one embodiment, the drying of the tablet may further comprise selection of the exhaust temperature during coating (preferably maintaining in the range of 42 to 51° C., and most preferably in the range of 43 to 47° C.) and the inlet temperature during drying (preferably in the range of 70 to 80° C., most preferably 75° C.) to aid in achieving the desired water content. Most preferably, a single olanzapine blend composition is used across multiple olanzapine strengths (e.g. 2.5 mg, 5 mg, 10 mg, 15 mg or 20 mg) and the placing of the olanzapine blend into the tablet press includes selecting the weight of olanzapine blend based upon the desired dose of olanzapine in the bilayer tablet, rather than changing the olanzapine blend. Accordingly, a single olanzapine blend formulation can be used to produce multiple olanzapine dosage strengths, such as 2.5 mg, 5 mg, 10 mg, 15 mg or 20 mg of olanzapine which simplifies production of multiple strength tablets. Most preferably, the equipment required to carry out the method is housed in an environment having an ambient temperature of no greater than 25° C. and an ambient relative humidity of no greater than 65% which aids in maintaining a low water content and low level of degradants in the resulting tablet. It is envisaged that such a method could be used to prepare any of the tablet formulations described herein.

**[0028]** The bilayer tablets and associated methods for production and treatment described herein provide a robust solution to the problem of mutual degradation between samidorphan and olanzapine when presented together in a single treatment. The described bilayer tablets provide for release of both actives at substantially the same rate, whilst ensuring that the formulation parameters used to achieve that objective result in a mechanically stable tablet that is not prone to delamination between the samidorphan and olanzapine layers. The blend formulation for olanzapine allows for a single formulation to be useful in creating tablets having multiple olanzapine strengths, and the method for production (particularly the control of the samidorphan and/or olanzapine particle size and the drying of the tablet after coating) ensures that any degradation of the samidorphan or olanzapine due to the ingress of moisture to the tablet is kept at a minimum. This results in a bilayer tablet that is both physically and chemically stable over time, that is simple and convenient to manufacture and that releases olanzapine and samidorphan at a substantially similar rate to ensure optimal delivery of both active ingredients when dosed in vivo.

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

**[0029]** FIG. 1A depicts an exemplary dissolution profile overlay of olanzapine in Formulation A at pH 1, FIG. 1B depicts an exemplary dissolution profile overlay of samidorphan L-malate in Formulation A at pH 1, FIG. 1C depicts an exemplary dissolution profile overlay of olanzapine in Formulation A at pH 4.5, FIG. 1D depicts an exemplary dissolution profile overlay of samidorphan L-malate in Formulation A at pH 4.5, FIG. 1E depicts an exemplary dissolution profile overlay of olanzapine in Formulation A at pH

6.8, and FIG. 1F depicts an exemplary dissolution profile overlay of samidorphan L-malate in Formulation A at pH 6.8. In FIGS. 1A-1F, dose strengths shown refer to olanzapine dose/samidorphan dose.

[0030] FIG. 2A depicts an exemplary dissolution profile overlay of olanzapine in Formulations B and C at pH 1, FIG. 2B depicts an exemplary dissolution profile overlay of samidorphan L-malate in Formulations B and C at pH 1, FIG. 2C depicts an exemplary dissolution profile overlay of olanzapine in Formulations B and C at pH 4.5, FIG. 2D depicts an exemplary dissolution profile overlay of samidorphan L-malate in Formulations B and C at pH 4.5, FIG. 2E depicts an exemplary dissolution profile overlay of olanzapine in Formulations B and C at pH 6.8, and FIG. 2F depicts an exemplary dissolution profile overlay of samidorphan L-malate in Formulations B and C at pH 6.8. In FIGS. 2A-2F, dose strengths shown refer to olanzapine dose/samidorphan dose.

[0031] FIG. 3A depicts an exemplary dissolution profile overlay of olanzapine in Formulations B and A at pH 1. FIG. 3B depicts an exemplary dissolution profile overlay of samidorphan L-malate in Formulations B and A at pH 1. In FIGS. 3A-3B, dose strengths shown refer to olanzapine dose/samidorphan dose.

[0032] FIG. 4 depicts exemplary shelf life studies of olanzapine in disclosed tablets.

[0033] FIG. 5 depicts exemplary shelf life studies of samidorphan in disclosed tablets as represented by regression analyses.

[0034] FIG. 6 depicts exemplary shelf life studies of highest-related impurity amounts in disclosed tablets as represented by regression analyses.

[0035] FIG. 7 depicts exemplary shelf life studies of total-related impurity amounts in disclosed tablets as represented by regression analyses.

[0036] FIG. 8 depicts exemplary shelf life studies of olanzapine dissolution at 30 minutes as represented by regression analyses.

[0037] FIG. 9 depicts exemplary shelf life studies of samidorphan dissolution at 30 minutes as represented by regression analyses.

[0038] FIG. 10 depicts exemplary shelf life studies of water content in disclosed tablets as represented by regression analyses.

[0039] FIG. 11 depicts mean (and standard deviation) plasma concentrations of olanzapine as observed on Day 14 of the pharmacokinetic population study (titled Clinical Study 1) described in Example 7 herein.

[0040] FIG. 12 depicts mean (and standard deviation) plasma concentrations of samidorphan as observed on Day 14 of the pharmacokinetic population study (titled Clinical Study 1) described in Example 7 herein.

[0041] FIG. 13 depicts mean (and standard deviation) plasma concentrations of olanzapine as observed in the pharmacokinetic population study (titled Clinical Study 2) described in Example 8 herein.

[0042] FIG. 14 depicts a dissolution profile overlay of samidorphan L-malate overlaid with the dissolution profile of olanzapine obtained for Formulation A (10/10) at pH 4.5.

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0043] The features and other details of the disclosure will now be more particularly described. Before further description of the present disclosure, certain terms employed in the

specification, examples and appended claims are collected here. These definitions should be read in light of the remainder of the disclosure and as understood by a person of skill in the art. Unless defined otherwise, all technical and scientific terms used herein have the same meaning as commonly understood by a person of ordinary skill in the art.

#### Definitions

[0044] As used herein, the term “about” will be understood by persons of ordinary skill in the art and will vary to some extent on the context in which it is used. As used herein when referring to a measurable value such as an amount, a temporal duration, and the like, the term “about” is meant to encompass variations of  $\pm 10\%$ , including  $\pm 5\%$ ,  $\pm 1\%$ , and  $\pm 0.1\%$  from the specified value, as such variations are appropriate to perform the disclosed methods.

[0045] “Individual,” “patient,” or “subject” are used interchangeably herein and include any animal, including mammals, including mice, rats, other rodents, rabbits, dogs, cats, swine, cattle, sheep, horses, or primates, and humans. The compounds described herein can be administered to a mammal, such as a human, but can also be administered to other mammals such as an animal in need of veterinary treatment, e.g., domestic animals (e.g., dogs, cats, and the like), farm animals (e.g., cows, sheep, pigs, horses, and the like) and laboratory animals (e.g., rats, mice, guinea pigs, and the like). The mammal treated in the methods described herein is desirably a mammal in which treatment of a disorder described herein is desired, such as a human.

[0046] As used herein, “pharmaceutically acceptable” includes molecular entities and compositions that do not produce an adverse, allergic or other untoward reaction when administered to an animal, or a human, as appropriate. For human administration, preparations should meet sterility, pyrogenicity, and general safety and purity standards as required by FDA Office of Biologics standards.

[0047] The term “pharmaceutically acceptable salt(s)” as used herein refers to salts of acidic or basic groups that may be present in compounds used in the compositions. Compounds included in the present compositions that are basic in nature are capable of forming a wide variety of salts with various inorganic and organic acids. The acids that may be used to prepare pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts of such basic compounds are those that form non-toxic acid addition salts, i.e., salts containing pharmacologically acceptable anions, including, but not limited to, malate (e.g., L-malate), oxalate, chloride, bromide, iodide, nitrate, sulfate, bisulfate, phosphate, acid phosphate, isonicotinate, acetate, lactate, salicylate, citrate, tartrate, oleate, tannate, pantothenate, bitartrate, ascorbate, succinate, maleate, gentisinate, fumarate, gluconate, glucuronate, saccharate, formate, benzoate, glutamate, methanesulfonate, ethanesulfonate, benzenesulfonate, p-toluenesulfonate and pamoate (i.e., 1,1'-methylene-bis-(2-hydroxy-3-naphthoate)) salts.

[0048] As used herein, “treating” includes any effect, e.g., lessening, reducing, modulating, or eliminating, that results in the improvement of the condition, disease, disorder and the like.

[0049] As used herein, “wt %” means weight percent.

#### Tablets

[0050] This disclosure in part provides for a pharmaceutically acceptable coated immediate release bilayer tablet for

orally delivering olanzapine and samidorphan (e.g., 5 mg, 10 mg, 15 mg, 20 mg), together as a fixed dose, comprising: a first tablet layer having samidorphan or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof (e.g., 10 mg samidorphan, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of samidorphan in an amount to deliver 10 mg samidorphan); and a second tablet layer having olanzapine (e.g., 2.5 mg, 5 mg, 10 mg, 15 mg or 20 mg of olanzapine), and a film coating; wherein the tablet releases at least 85% of both the olanzapine and the samidorphan after 15 minutes when the tablet is tested in 500 mL 0.1N hydrochloric acid at pH 1.0 using a USP Apparatus II (Paddle Method) at 37° C., with a paddle speed of 75 rpm and using a three-prong sinker. Such contemplated tablets may have less than or about 0.1% wt % to about 1.0 wt %, e.g., about 0.5 wt % or less of impurities due to olanzapine or samidorphan degradation as detected by HPLC, at 6 months, 9 months and/or 12 months or more of storage in a closed container (e.g., a container at 25° C. and 60% relative humidity and optionally containing silica gel desiccant.) Such contemplated tablets may further comprise pharmaceutically acceptable excipients such as: diluents, glidants, disintegrants and lubricants, which may be present separately in any layer or layers of the multi-layer tablets.

**[0051]** For example, a first tablet layer may further comprise: about 75-90 wt % of a first diluent, based on the weight of the first tablet layer; a first glidant; a first disintegrant; and a first lubricant. In some embodiments, a second tablet layer further comprises: about 75-90 wt % of a second diluent; based on the weight of the second tablet layer; a second glidant; a second disintegrant; and a second lubricant. The first and second diluent may be the same or may be different, and for example, the first and second diluent may each independently selected from the group consisting of lactose or a hydrate thereof, microcrystalline cellulose, mannitol, sorbitol, xylitol, dicalcium phosphate, starch, and combinations thereof.

**[0052]** The first and second lubricant may be for example, each independently selected from the group consisting of a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of a stearate, stearic acid, or a combination thereof, and the first and second disintegrant may each independently selected from the group consisting of polyvinylpyrrolidone (crospovidone), cross-linked sodium carboxymethyl cellulose (croscarmellose sodium), sodium starch glycolate and combinations thereof. The first and second glidant may be, for example, each independently selected from the group consisting of silicon dioxide, talc, a carbonate salt and combinations thereof.

**[0053]** Contemplated pharmaceutically acceptable coated immediate release bilayer tablets can include 2.5 mg olanzapine, 5 mg olanzapine, 10 mg olanzapine, or 15 mg olanzapine. In some embodiments, the pharmaceutically acceptable coated immediate release bilayer tablet comprises 20 mg olanzapine. For example, a second tablet layer may have 5 mg, 10 mg, 15 mg or 20 mg olanzapine.

**[0054]** Provided herein, for example, is a pharmaceutically acceptable coated immediate release bilayer tablet for orally delivering olanzapine and samidorphan as a fixed dose, for example, a tablet that can provide to a patient 10 mg samidorphan and 2.5 mg olanzapine, or provide to a patient 10 mg samidorphan and 5 mg olanzapine, 10 mg samidorphan and 10 mg olanzapine, 10 mg samidorphan and 15 mg olanzapine, or 10 mg samidorphan and 20 mg olanzapine. For example, provided here is a fixed dose tablet comprising: a first tablet layer comprising: 10 mg samidor-

phan, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of samidorphan in an amount to deliver 10 mg samidorphan; about 35-43 wt % microcrystalline cellulose, based on the weight of the first tablet layer; about 37-43 wt % lactose or a hydrate thereof, based on the weight of the first tablet layer; and about 1.5 to about 2 wt % magnesium stearate; a second tablet layer comprising: a dose of olanzapine selected from the group consisting of 5 mg, 10 mg, 15 mg and 20 mg of the olanzapine; about 38-42 wt % microcrystalline cellulose, based on the weight of the second tablet layer; about 46-49 wt % lactose or a hydrate thereof, based on the weight of the second tablet layer; and about 1.0 wt % magnesium stearate; and a film coating over the first and second tablet layer.

**[0055]** In another embodiment, described herein is a pharmaceutically acceptable coated immediate release bilayer tablet for orally delivering 5 mg, 10 mg, 15 mg or 20 mg olanzapine, together with 10 mg of samidorphan as a fixed dose, comprising: a first tablet layer comprising: 13.6 mg samidorphan L-malate; about 40 wt % microcrystalline cellulose, based on the weight of the first tablet layer; about 42 wt % lactose monohydrate, based on the weight of the first tablet layer; and about 1.75 wt % magnesium stearate; a second tablet layer comprising: a dose of olanzapine selected from the group consisting of 5 mg, 10 mg, 15 mg and 20 mg of the olanzapine; about 40 wt % microcrystalline cellulose, based on the weight of the second tablet layer; about 47 wt % lactose or a hydrate thereof, based on the weight of the second tablet layer; and about 1.0 wt % magnesium stearate; and a film coating over the first and second tablet layer.

**[0056]** In another embodiment, described herein is a pharmaceutically acceptable coated immediate release bilayer tablet for orally delivering olanzapine and about 10 mg of samidorphan as a fixed dose, comprising: a first tablet layer comprising: about 10 mg samidorphan or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of samidorphan in an amount to deliver about 10 mg samidorphan; about 30-45 wt % microcrystalline cellulose, based on the weight of the first tablet layer; about 35-50 wt % lactose or a hydrate thereof, based on the weight of the first tablet layer; and about 0.5 to about 2 wt % magnesium stearate; a second tablet layer comprising: a dose of olanzapine of between 2.5 mg and about 20 mg; about 35-45 wt % microcrystalline cellulose, based on the weight of the second tablet layer; about 45-55 wt % lactose or a hydrate thereof, based on the weight of the second tablet layer; and about 1.0 wt % magnesium stearate; and a film coating over the first and second tablet layer.

**[0057]** The particle size distribution of the samidorphan or samidorphan pharmaceutically acceptable salt (e.g., L-malate) present in a disclosed tablet (e.g., as part of a first tablet layer) may be for example, a (D10) of between about 10 µm to about 80 µm, a (D50) of between about 40 µm to about 200 µm and a (D90) of between about 100 µm to about 300 µm, more preferably a D10 of between about 25 µm and about 50 µm; the D50 of between about 60 µm and about 100 µm. In some embodiments, D90 of the samidorphan (e.g., L-malate salt) is between about 120 µm and about 175 µm. The particle size distribution of the olanzapine may include, for example a (D10) of between 10 µm and 100 µm, a D(50) of between 50 µm and 150 µm and a D(90) of between 150 µm and 300 µm, most preferably a D(10) of not less than 22 µm, a D(50) of between 70 µm and 135 µm, and D(90) of not more than 284 µm. Particle size (diameter) may be determined by conventional techniques such as dynamic light



scattering. The 'Dx' nomenclature means that 'x' percent of the particles have a number average diameter ('D') less than or equal to the reported value when measured by static or dynamic light scattering techniques known to those skilled in the art. (e.g. D10=175  $\mu$ m, means that 10% of particles have a number average diameter of less than or equal to 175  $\mu$ m), a D50 (or Dv50) of less than 300  $\mu$ m, means that 50% of the particle population has a diameter of less than or equal to 300  $\mu$ m. The term "Dx" as used herein refers to a volume based size and is equivalent to the term "DvX" commonly used to characterize particle sizes. Since the particles of the present invention may be irregular in shape, an approximation of the particle size is made on the basis of the volume-based particle size, which specifies the diameter of the sphere that has same volume as a given particle. Unless otherwise specified, all particle sizes are specified in terms of volume-based measurements and are measured by laser light scattering/diffraction. Particle sizes are then determined based on Mie scattering theory.

**[0058]** A disclosed exemplary tablet, in an embodiment, releases at least 85% of olanzapine and at least 85% of the samidorphan after 15 minutes when the tablet is tested in 500 mL USP acetate buffer at pH 4.5 using a USP Apparatus II (Paddle Method) at 37° C., with a paddle speed of 75 rpm and using a three-prong sinker. In some embodiments, a disclosed tablet releases at least 97% of olanzapine and at least 97% of the samidorphan after 30 minutes when the tablet is tested in 500 mL USP acetate buffer at pH 4.5 using a USP Apparatus II (Paddle Method) at 37° C., with a paddle speed of 75 rpm.

**[0059]** Minimal impurities in a disclosed tablet may be present, for example, less than 0.1 wt % impurities, less than 0.5 wt % impurities, e.g., less than 1.0 wt % impurities, from olanzapine degradation, are detected, using HPLC, after the tablet is stored for 3 months, 6 months, or e.g., 9 months, in a closed container containing 250 g silica gel desiccant at 25° C. and 60% relative humidity. In some embodiments, the tablet has 0.5 wt % or fewer impurities (or e.g., 1.0 wt % or less impurities) due to the olanzapine or the samidorphan degradation as detected by HPLC, at 6 months of storage in a blister pack at 25° C. and 60% relative humidity.

**[0060]** An exemplary first tablet layer may further comprise about 2.0 wt % crospovidone, and/or about 0.5 wt % silicon dioxide. and/or. In some embodiments, the second tablet layer may include about 1.0 wt % crospovidone and/or 0.5 wt % silicon dioxide

**[0061]** Contemplated film coatings for the disclosed tablets may include an Opadry II 33K film coat. In some embodiments, the pharmaceutically acceptable coated immediate release bilayer tablet comprises 2.5 mg olanzapine. In some embodiments, the pharmaceutically acceptable coated immediate release bilayer tablet comprises 5 mg olanzapine. In some embodiments, the pharmaceutically acceptable coated immediate release bilayer tablet comprises 10 mg olanzapine. In some embodiments, the pharmaceutically acceptable coated immediate release bilayer tablet comprises 15 mg olanzapine. In some embodiments, the pharmaceutically acceptable coated immediate release bilayer tablet comprises 20 mg olanzapine.

**[0062]** In a preferred embodiment, described herein is a pharmaceutically acceptable coated immediate release bilayer tablet for orally delivering olanzapine and 10 mg of samidorphan together as a fixed dose, comprising: a first tablet layer having 10 mg samidorphan, or a pharmaceuti-

cally acceptable salt of samidorphan in an amount to deliver 10 mg samidorphan; and a second tablet layer having 2.5 mg, 5 mg, 10 mg, 15 mg or 20 mg of olanzapine, and a film coating; wherein the tablet releases at least 80% of both the olanzapine and the samidorphan after 15 minutes when the tablet is tested in 500 mL USP acetate buffer at pH 4.5 using a USP Apparatus II (Paddle Method) at 37° C., with a paddle speed of 75 rpm and using a three-prong sinker.

**[0063]** In another preferred embodiment, a pharmaceutically acceptable coated immediate release bilayer tablet for orally delivering olanzapine and 10 mg or 20 mg of samidorphan as a fixed dose, comprises: a first tablet layer comprising: 10 mg or 20 mg samidorphan or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of samidorphan in an amount to deliver 10 mg or 20 mg samidorphan; about 30-50 wt % microcrystalline cellulose, based on the weight of the first tablet layer; about 35-50 wt % lactose or a hydrate thereof, based on the weight of the first tablet layer; optionally about 3.0 to about 7.0 wt % crospovidone; optionally about 0.5 to about 1.5 wt % colloidal silica; and about 1.5 to about 2.5 wt % magnesium stearate; a second tablet layer comprising: a dose of olanzapine selected from the group consisting of 2.5 mg, 5 mg, 10 mg, 15 mg and 20 mg of the olanzapine; about 30-50 wt % microcrystalline cellulose, based on the weight of the second tablet layer; about 35-50 wt % lactose monohydrate, based on the weight of the second tablet layer; optionally about 3.0 to about 7.0 wt % crospovidone; optionally about 0.5 to about 1.5 wt % colloidal silica; and about 0.5 to about 1.25 wt % magnesium stearate; and a film coating over the first and second tablet layer.

**[0064]** Also contemplated by this disclosure is a pharmaceutically acceptable coated immediate release bilayer tablet for orally delivering 5 mg olanzapine and 10 mg of samidorphan as a fixed dose, comprising: 5 mg olanzapine; 13.62 mg samidorphan L-malate; 60 mg microcrystalline cellulose; 65.88 mg lactose monohydrate; 2.5 mg crospovidone; 0.75 mg colloidal silicon dioxide; 2.25 mg magnesium stearate; and a film coating.

**[0065]** In one embodiment, described herein is a pharmaceutically acceptable coated immediate release bilayer tablet for orally delivering 10 mg olanzapine and 10 mg of samidorphan as a fixed dose, comprising: 10 mg olanzapine; 13.62 mg samidorphan L-malate; 80 mg microcrystalline cellulose; 89.63 mg lactose monohydrate; 3.0 mg crospovidone; 1.0 mg colloidal silicon dioxide; 2.75 mg magnesium stearate; and a film coating.

**[0066]** A pharmaceutically acceptable coated immediate release bilayer tablet for orally delivering 15 mg olanzapine and 10 mg of samidorphan as a fixed dose, comprising: 15 mg olanzapine; 13.62 mg samidorphan L-malate; 100 mg microcrystalline cellulose; 113.38 mg lactose monohydrate; 3.5 mg crospovidone; 1.25 mg colloidal silicon dioxide; 3.25 mg magnesium stearate; and a film coating is also contemplated.

**[0067]** Described herein in part is a pharmaceutically acceptable coated immediate release bilayer tablet for orally delivering 20 mg olanzapine and 10 mg of samidorphan as a fixed dose, comprising: 20 mg olanzapine; 13.62 mg samidorphan L-malate; 120 mg microcrystalline cellulose; 137.13 mg lactose monohydrate; 4.0 mg crospovidone; 1.5 mg colloidal silicon dioxide; 3.75 mg magnesium stearate; and a film coating.

**[0068]** Further described herein is a pharmaceutically acceptable coated immediate release bilayer tablet for orally

delivering olanzapine and 20 mg of samidorphan as a fixed dose, comprising: a first tablet layer comprising: 20 mg samidorphan or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of samidorphan in an amount to deliver 20 mg samidorphan; about 35-43 wt % microcrystalline cellulose, based on the weight of the first tablet layer; about 37-43 wt % lactose or a hydrate thereof, based on the weight of the first tablet layer; and about 0.5 to about 2 wt % magnesium stearate; a second tablet layer comprising: a dose of olanzapine selected from the group consisting of 2.5 mg, 5 mg, 10 mg, 15 mg and 20 mg of the olanzapine; about 38-42 wt % microcrystalline cellulose, based on the weight of the second tablet layer; about 46-49 wt % lactose or a hydrate thereof, based on the weight of the second tablet layer; and about 0.5 to about 1.5 wt % magnesium stearate; and a film coating over the first and second tablet layer.

**[0069]** A pharmaceutically acceptable coated immediate release bilayer tablet for orally delivering olanzapine and 10 mg of samidorphan as a fixed dose is also provided, comprising: a first tablet layer comprising: 10 mg samidorphan or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of samidorphan in an amount to deliver 10 mg samidorphan; about 35-43 wt % microcrystalline cellulose, based on the weight of the first tablet layer; about 37-43 wt % lactose or a hydrate thereof, based on the weight of the first tablet layer; and about 1.5 to about 2 wt % magnesium stearate; a second tablet layer comprising: a dose of olanzapine selected from the group consisting of 5 mg, 10 mg, 15 mg and 20 mg of the olanzapine; about 38-42 wt % microcrystalline cellulose, based on the weight of the second tablet layer; about 46-49 wt % lactose or a hydrate thereof, based on the weight of the second tablet layer; and about 1.0 wt % magnesium stearate; and a film coating over the first and second tablet layer; wherein the tablet releases at least 85% of olanzapine and at least 85% of the samidorphan after 15 minutes when the tablet is tested in 500 mL USP acetate buffer at pH 4.5 using a USP Apparatus II (Paddle Method) at 37° C., with a paddle speed of 75 rpm and using a three-prong sinker.

**[0070]** Preferably the bilayer tablets are manufactured by compressing separate blends, one containing olanzapine and the other containing samidorphan L-malate, into bilayer tablets. It is most preferable if the same samidorphan and olanzapine blends are used for multiple tablet strengths, with only the olanzapine blend weight being adjusted to achieve the required olanzapine dose in the tablet and the samidorphan blend weight being kept constant. As a result of this formulation approach, it is possible to prepare, for example, a bilayer tablet for delivering 5 mg of olanzapine and 10 mg of samidorphan (5/10), 10 mg of olanzapine and 10 mg of samidorphan (10/10), 15 mg of olanzapine and 10 mg of samidorphan (15/10) and 20 mg of olanzapine and 10 mg of samidorphan (20/10) dose strengths. The advantage that this formulation approach offers is that it allows the same olanzapine and samidorphan blends to be used to create different olanzapine strength compositions, without the need to adjust the components or their respective quantities of the olanzapine blend layer.

#### Methods of Treatment

**[0071]** Also contemplated herein is a method of treating a patient suffering from a mental illness, comprising administering to the patient a therapeutically effective amount of olanzapine and samidorphan as one or more tablets described herein (e.g., an immediate release bilayer tablet

described herein). Contemplated mental illness may be selected from the group consisting of schizophreniform disorder, schizoaffective disorder, severe schizoaffective disorder with psychotic features, bipolar I disorders with a single manic episode, severe bipolar I disorders with psychotic features, bipolar I disorders manifesting a mixed most recent episode, severe bipolar I disorders with psychotic features, brief psychotic disorders, psychotic disorders NOS, paranoid personality disorders, schizoid personality disorders, schizophrenia, schizotypal personality disorders with sedative, hypnotic, or anxiolytic manifestations, major depressive disorders with psychotic features, dementia, acute mania, psychotic agitation, unipolar disorder, and psychotic disorders due to specific general medical conditions. In some embodiments, the tablet is orally administered to the patient.

**[0072]** In some embodiments, the mental illness is a selected from the group consisting of schizophreniform disorder, schizoaffective disorder, severe schizoaffective disorder with psychotic features, bipolar I disorders with a single manic episode, severe bipolar I disorders with psychotic features, bipolar I disorders manifesting a mixed most recent episode, severe bipolar I disorders with psychotic features, brief psychotic disorders, psychotic disorders NOS, paranoid personality disorders, schizoid personality disorders, schizophrenia, schizotypal personality disorders with sedative, hypnotic, or anxiolytic manifestations, major depressive disorders with psychotic features, dementia, acute mania, psychotic agitation, unipolar disorder, and psychotic disorders due to specific general medical conditions.

**[0073]** For example, provided herein is a method of treating schizophrenia or bipolar disorder I, e.g., in adults and/or children in need thereof, comprising administering to the adult or child once daily a disclosed tablet, for example, a disclosed tablet having 10 mg samidorphan and 5 mg, 10 mg, 15 mg or 20 mg olanzapine.

**[0074]** Also provided herein is a method of treating bipolar disorder I, e.g., in adults and/or children in need thereof, comprising administering to the adult or child once daily a disclosed tablet, for example, a disclosed tablet having 10 mg samidorphan and 5 mg, 10 mg, 15 mg or 20 mg olanzapine. For example, provided herein is a method of acutely treating manic and mixed episodes of bipolar disorder I, or a method of maintaining monotherapy treatment in a patient suffering from bipolar disorder I, comprising administering to the adult or child once daily a disclosed tablet, for example, a disclosed tablet having 10 mg samidorphan and 2.5 mg, 5 mg, 10 mg, 15 mg or 20 mg olanzapine.

**[0075]** Provided herein, in another embodiment, is a method of manic or mixed episodes of bipolar disorder I, e.g., in an adult patient and/or pediatric patient in need thereof, wherein the patient is also administered an adjunct treatment of valproate or lithium, comprising administering to the patient once daily a disclosed tablet, for example, a disclosed tablet having 10 mg samidorphan and 2.5 mg, 5 mg, 10 mg, 15 mg or 20 mg olanzapine.

#### Kits

**[0076]** Also provided herein are kits for use, (e.g., for use in the methods of treatment described herein), comprising a tablet described herein (e.g., an immediate release bilayer tablet described herein). Such kits include a suitable dosage

form such as those described above and instructions describing the method of using such dosage form to mediate, reduce or prevent inflammation. The instructions would direct the consumer or medical personnel to administer the dosage form according to administration modes known to those skilled in the art. Such kits could advantageously be packaged and sold in single or multiple kit units. An example of such a kit is a so-called blister pack. Blister packs are well known in the packaging industry and are being widely used for the packaging of pharmaceutical unit dosage forms (tablets, capsules, and the like). Blister packs generally consist of a sheet of relatively stiff material covered with a foil of a preferably transparent plastic material. During the packaging process recesses are formed in the plastic foil. The recesses have the size and shape of the tablets to be packed. Next, the tablets are placed in the recesses and the sheet of relatively stiff material is sealed against the plastic foil at the face of the foil which is opposite from the direction in which the recesses were formed. As a result, the tablets are sealed in the recesses between the plastic foil and the sheet. Preferably the strength of the sheet is such that the tablets can be removed from the blister pack by manually applying pressure on the recesses whereby an opening is formed in the sheet at the place of the recess. The tablet can then be removed via said opening.

#### EXAMPLES

**[0077]** Abbreviations: SAM: samidorphan; OLZ: olanzapine; RH: relative humidity; HPLC: high performance liquid chromatography; rpm: revolutions per minute; USP: United States Pharmacopeia; LOQ: limit of quantification.

##### Example 1. Incompatibility of Olanzapine and Samidorphan

**[0078]** The chemical compatibility between olanzapine form I and samidorphan L-malate was determined by grinding the two drug substances together with a mortar and pestle and placing then on stability at 40° C./75% RH in open and closed vial configurations. Chemical incompatibility was observed between olanzapine and samidorphan L-malate, as olanzapine is susceptible to increased degradation in the presence of samidorphan L-malate, which is further increased with higher exposure to humidity.

**[0079]** Samples in 20 ml Wheaton scintillation vials were stored at 40° C./75% RH in open and closed vial configurations. Closed vials were vials closed with a urea cap and wrapped using parafilm under ambient conditions. The contents of the vials were tested at the start of the study and after 2, 6 and 12 weeks. At each time point samples were analysed by reversed phase HPLC (Waters ACQUITY UPLC H-Class System) with ACQUITY PDA Detector using a Waters ACQUITY UPLC CSH C18 Column, 3 mm×100 mm, and a gradient elution of acetate buffer pH 5.1 and 50/50 (v/v) acetonitrile/methanol. Detection of olanzapine was performed at 260 nm and samidorphan at 305 nm. The olanzapine/samidorphan mix samples were analyzed in duplicate and the average results were reported. The results for the olanzapine and samidorphan L-malate chemical stability are reported as percent total impurities in Table 1. Olanzapine related compound B was the major impurity observed and percent level is reported in Table 2.

TABLE 1

Percentage Total Impurities of Olanzapine and Samidorphan at 40° C./75 RH							
SAM- PLE	INI- TIAL	OPEN			CLOSED		
		2 WEEK	6 WEEK	12 WEEK	2 WEEK	6 WEEK	12 WEEK
OLZ	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SAM	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
OLZ + SAM	0.00	0.05	0.22	0.84	0.00	0.12	0.48

TABLE 2

Percentage Related Compound B Impurity 40° C./75% RH							
SAM- PLE	INI- TIAL	OPEN			CLOSED		
		2 WEEK	6 WEEK	12 WEEK	2 WEEK	6 WEEK	12 WEEK
OLZ	0.01	<LOQ	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
OLZ + SAM	0.02	0.05	0.22	0.79	<LOQ	0.12	0.33

ND: ≤LOD (0.02 wt %),

LOQ: 0.05 wt %

**[0080]** Results from the chemical compatibility analysis by HPLC show that there was no significant level of any related impurity above the LOQ in either the olanzapine or samidorphan L-malate drug substance, when stored separately. The highest level of related impurities was detected in the drug substance mixture, with olanzapine related compound B as the major degradant detected and no samidorphan related impurities detected. The data therefore shows that olanzapine is susceptible to increased degradation in the presence of samidorphan L-malate thus making them chemically incompatible. The levels for the olanzapine related impurity in the open vial are higher than in the closed vial condition due to the increased hydrolysis of the olanzapine at 40° C./75% RH.

##### Example 2. Exemplary Manufacturing Process of a Bilayer Tablet for Oral Delivery of Olanzapine and Samidorphan

**[0081]** An exemplary manufacturing process for a bilayer tablet for oral delivery of olanzapine and samidorphan using two direct compression blends, one containing olanzapine and the other containing samidorphan L-malate, which are compressed into bilayer tablets, is described below.

**[0082]** Step 1—Dispensing: All materials for manufacturing bilayer tablets are dispensed.

**[0083]** Step 2—Samidorphan-Colloidal Silicon Dioxide Premix: Samidorphan L-malate and colloidal silicon dioxide are charged into a vessel and premixed.

**[0084]** Step 3—Charging and Material Delumping: Materials for an olanzapine blend (olanzapine, microcrystalline cellulose, croscopovidone, and silicon dioxide) are charged into an Intermediate Bulk Container (IBC), and materials for the samidorphan L-malate blend (samidorphan L-malate and colloidal silicon dioxide premix, microcrystalline cellulose, lactose monohydrate, and croscopovidone) are charged into a separate IBC, in an order to facilitate layering of the drug substance between excipient layers. Separately, each IBC is

docked above a rotating impeller screening mill. The screening mill is equipped with a screen with holes 0.045-0.055 inches (1.14 mm to about 1.4 mm) in diameter. The speed is set to achieve the desired material throughput. Independently, the materials are passed through the mill and collected into separate IBCs.

**[0085]** Step 4—Main Blending: Next, for each blend, the IBC is docked to a diffusion bin blender (tumble) and the materials are blended for a defined time at a fixed speed.

**[0086]** Step 5—Lubrication Blending: Next, magnesium stearate is sieved through a 425 micron (40 mesh) hand screen and added to the IBC for each blend. For each blend, the IBC is docked to a diffusion bin blender (tumble) and the blend is lubricated for a defined time at a fixed speed.

**[0087]** Step 6—Compression: Next, lubricated blends are gravity-fed to the tablet press hoppers from both IBCs. A power-assisted rotary tablet press is set up with appropriate tablet tooling, a tablet deduster, and a metal detector. During tablet compression, checks are performed on the first layer tablet weight, bilayer tablet weight, and thickness at defined intervals. Fill depth and compression force are monitored and adjusted to achieve in-process control acceptance criteria. Appropriate control over the aforementioned variables ensures that the desired release characteristics for the tablet are achieved.

**[0088]** Step 7—Coating and Drying: Next, the OPADRY® II aqueous coating suspension is used to apply a cosmetic film coating to the tablets. The coating process is performed in a fully perforated coating pan to achieve the target weight gain. The coated tablets are dried to a specified loss-on-drying (LOD) value. Control of tablet water content is achieved through careful control of the exhaust temperature during coating and the inlet temperature during drying. After coating and drying, samples are removed for quality control release testing of the bulk finished product.

**[0089]** Step 8—Bulk Packaging: Tablets are discharged from the coater into a high-density polyethylene (HDPE) drum lined with two low-density polyethylene (LDPE) bags, with desiccant between the bags, and stored at controlled room temperature.

**[0090]** Step 9: Weight Sorting and Bulk Repackaging: The coated tablets are sorted by weight to remove delaminated and broken tablets. The acceptable tablets are repackaged into a 75 L HDPE drum lined with two (2) LDPE bags, with desiccant between the bags, and stored at controlled room temperature.

**[0091]** Step 10: The coated tablets are packaged into bottles. Silica gel desiccant is added to the bottle to control moisture and ensure stability over shelf life. Control of water permeation into the packaging of the product over its shelf life is an essential step to achieve target purity. This is controlled through the use of desiccant and an induction seal on the bottle. Sealing controlled by the hood height, induction sealing power and line speed.

### Example 3. Tablet Formulations

**[0092]** Immediate release bilayer tablet formulations of olanzapine and samidorphan L-malate were prepared. Depending on the strength, three discrete variations in formulation (defined as Formulations A through C) have been manufactured. A comparison of compositions for olanzapine and samidorphan L-malate formulation variations by individual tablet strengths is provided in Table 3, Table 4, Table 5, Table 6 and Table 7 respectively. A comparison of

the compositions of olanzapine and samidorphan blends for formulation variations is provided in Table 8, Table 9 and Table 10 respectively.

**[0093]** Referring to Formulation A, for example and the various olanzapine strength compositions shown in tables 3-7, bilayer tablets were manufactured by compressing separate blends, one containing olanzapine and the other containing samidorphan L-malate, into bilayer tablets. The same components are used for all tablet strengths, with the olanzapine blend weight adjusted based on tablet strength and the samidorphan blend weight kept constant, resulting in tablets which delivered 10 mg of samidorphan and 2.5 mg, 5 mg, 10 mg, 15 mg and 20 mg of olanzapine respectively. This allowed the same olanzapine and samidorphan blends to be used to create different olanzapine strength compositions.

TABLE 3

2.5 mg Olanzapine/10 mg Samidorphan Tablet Composition		
Component	Amount (mg) per tablet	Amount (% wt) per coated tablet
Olanzapine	2.5	1.67
Samidorphan L-malate	13.62	9.08
Microcrystalline cellulose, NF	61.14	40.76
Lactose monohydrate, NF	67.24	44.83
Crospovidone, NF	2.50	1.67
Colloidal silicon dioxide, NF	0.75	0.5
Magnesium stearate, NF	2.25	1.5
Total uncoated tablet	150.00	100

TABLE 4

5 mg Olanzapine/10 mg Samidorphan Tablet Composition		
Component	Amount (mg) per tablet	Amount (% wt) per coated tablet Formulation A
Olanzapine	5.00	3.21
Samidorphan L-malate	13.62	8.73
Microcrystalline cellulose, NF	60.00	38.46
Lactose monohydrate, NF	65.88	42.23
Crospovidone, NF	2.50	1.60
Colloidal silicon dioxide, NF	0.75	0.48
Magnesium stearate, NF	2.25	1.44
Total uncoated tablet	150.00	—
Film coat suspension		
Opadry® II yellow 33K120005	6.00	3.85
Total coated tablet	156.00	100.00

TABLE 5

10 mg Olanzapine/10 mg Samidorphan Tablet Compositions						
Component	Amount (mg) per tablet	Amount (% wt) per coated tablet	Amount (mg) per tablet	Amount (% wt) per coated tablet	Amount (mg) per tablet	Amount (% wt) per coated tablet
	Formulation A		Formulation B		Formulation C	
Olanzapine	10.00	4.81	10.00	4.81	9.95	4.78
Samidorphan L-malate	13.62	6.55	13.62	6.55	13.55	6.51
Microcrystalline cellulose, NF	80.00	38.46	80.00	38.46	79.60	38.27
Lactose monohydrate, NF	89.63	43.09	90.38	43.45	89.93	43.24
Crospovidone, NF	3.00	1.44	3.00	1.44	2.99	1.44
Colloidal silicon dioxide, NF	1.00	0.48	1.00	0.48	1.99	0.96
Magnesium stearate, NF	2.75	1.32	2.00	0.96	1.99	0.96
Total uncoated tablet	200.00		200.00		200.00	
Film coat suspension						
Opadry ® II orange 33K130001	8.00	3.85	8.00	3.85	8.00	3.85
Total coated tablet	208.00	100.00	208.00	100.00	208.00	100.00

TABLE 6

15 mg Olanzapine/10 mg Samidorphan Tablet Compositions				
Component	Amount (mg) per tablet	Amount (% wt) per coated tablet	Amount (mg) per tablet	Amount (% wt) per coated tablet
	Formulation A		Formulation B	
Olanzapine	15.00	5.77	15.00	5.77
Samidorphan L-malate	13.62	5.24	13.62	5.24
Microcrystalline cellulose, NF	100.00	38.46	100.00	38.46
Lactose monohydrate, NF	113.38	43.61	114.13	43.90
Crospovidone, NF	3.50	1.35	3.50	1.35
Colloidal silicon dioxide, NF	1.25	0.48	1.25	0.48
Magnesium stearate, NF	3.25	1.25	2.50	0.96
Total uncoated tablet	250.00		250.00	
Film coat suspension				
Opadry ® II blue 33K105011	10.00	3.85	10.00	3.85
Total coated tablet	260.00	100.00	260.00	100.00

TABLE 7

20 mg Olanzapine/10 mg Samidorphan Tablet Compositions				
Component	Amount (mg) per tablet	Amount (% wt) per tablet	Amount (mg) per tablet	Amount (% wt) per tablet
	Formulation A		Formulation B	
Olanzapine	20.00	6.41	20.00	6.41
Samidorphan L-malate	13.62	4.37	13.62	4.37
Microcrystalline cellulose, NF	120.00	38.46	120.00	38.46
Lactose monohydrate, NF	137.13	43.95	137.88	44.19
Crospovidone, NF	4.00	1.28	4.00	1.28

TABLE 7-continued

20 mg Olanzapine/10 mg Samidorphan Tablet Compositions				
Component	Amount (mg) per tablet	Amount (% wt) per tablet	Amount (mg) per tablet	Amount (% wt) per tablet
	Formulation A		Formulation B	
Colloidal silicon dioxide, NF	1.50	0.48	1.50	0.48
Magnesium stearate, NF	3.75	1.20	3.00	0.96
Total uncoated tablet	300.00		300.00	
Film coat suspension				
Opadry ® II pink 33K140002	12.00	3.85	12.00	3.85
Total coated tablet	312.00	100.00	312.00	100.00

TABLE 8

Olanzapine Blend Compositions for tablet layer inclusion		
Component	% wt	
	Formulation A and B	Formulation C
Olanzapine	10.00	9.95
Microcrystalline cellulose, NF	40.00	39.80
Lactose monohydrate, NF	47.50	47.26
Crospovidone, NF	1.00	1.00
Colloidal silicon dioxide, NF	0.50	1.00
Magnesium stearate, NF	1.00	0.99
Total	100.0	100.00

[0094] An alternative olanzapine layer blend for a 10 mg samidorphan and 2.5 mg olanzapine bilayer tablet formulation is shown below:

TABLE 9

Alternative Olanzapine Blend Compositions for tablet layer inclusion (2.5 mg Olanzapine strength)		
Component	Amount (mg) per tablet	Amount (% wt) per coated tablet
Olanzapine	2.5	5.00
Microcrystalline cellulose, NF	21.14	42.28
Lactose monohydrate, NF	25.11	50.22
Crospovidone, NF	0.50	1.00
Colloidal silicon dioxide, NF	0.25	0.5
Magnesium stearate, NF	0.5	1.00
Total uncoated tablet	50.00	100

TABLE 10

Samidorphan Blend Compositions			
Component	% wt		
	Formulation A	Formulation B	Formulation C
Samidorphan L-malate	13.62	13.62	13.55
Microcrystalline cellulose, NF	40.00	40.00	39.80
Lactose monohydrate, NF	42.13	42.88	42.67
Crospovidone, NF	2.00	2.00	1.99
Colloidal silicon dioxide, NF	0.50	0.50	0.99
Magnesium stearate, NF	1.75	1.00	1.00
Total	100.0	100.00	100.00

[0095] The same excipients were used in both layers and at similar ratios which minimizes the potential of layer separation due to differences in viscoelastic properties between the layers. Microcrystalline cellulose and lactose monohydrate are used as diluents, crospovidone as a disintegrant, colloidal silicon dioxide as a glidant and magnesium stearate as a lubricant. The HPMC-based Opadry® II, a non-functional film coating, was selected to mask the yellow color of the olanzapine layer and to provide differentiation across product strengths, in addition to tablet size and debossment.

[0096] The bilayer tablet composition was optimized to i) minimizing friability, (ii) maximizing the olanzapine layer disintegration to approximate that of the total tablet (i.e., samidorphan layer) and to (iii) maximizing hardness, and compactibility profile R2. The latter criterion was selected to ensure the composition was not subject to over-compression, which could lead to tablet defects such as capping and delamination. Separation of layers after compression, was assessed indirectly via observation of fracture mode during hardness testing and tablet disintegration behavior (i.e., disintegration as two independent layers or a whole tablet). The individual blends required to make each optimal tablet composition were the same for all the tablet strengths. This was not necessarily expected a priori but is advantageous for manufacturing operations. The excipient levels were either similar or the same between olanzapine and samidorphan layers thereby providing similar viscoelastic response on compression and reducing the potential for delamination. A subsequent increase to the amount of crospovidone from 1% to 2% in the SAM blend was made to achieve rapid

dissolution of samidorphan and define the initial clinical composition known as Formulations B and C described herein.

[0097] During further development of Formulation B, undesirable tablet picking was identified during the evaluation of compaction profiles; picking was observed on the SAM layer punch face resulting in picking of the SAM layer. Subsequent compression studies identified the extent of lubrication as the root cause. A lubrication level optimization DOE was performed to map the formulation and process space for varying levels of magnesium stearate (from 1.00% wt/wt to 2.00% wt/wt) in the samidorphan layer. The study was performed using the 5 mg/10 mg bilayer tablet, as these tablets consistently exhibited the worst tablet picking. Samidorphan blends were evaluated for flowability, and bilayer tablets for picking, hardness, friability, disintegration time, and dissolution. Tablet picking was assessed to determine if the appearance CQA target was met. The results showed that the level of magnesium stearate had a significant effect on tablet picking. Based on the acceptable ranges identified, a level of 1.75% wt/wt. magnesium stearate was selected for the SAM layer to eliminate tablet picking. This change resulted in Formulation A, which did not have an impact on any of the other CQAs.

#### Example 4. In Vitro Dissolution Testing of Tablets

[0098] Dissolution tests of the bilayer tablets were performed. Dissolution was performed over pH 1 to 6.8. Twelve tablets (n=12) were analyzed per drug product lot at each pH condition. The pH values and media used for dissolution testing were pH 1 (0.1N hydrochloric acid), pH 4.5 (USP acetate buffer), and pH 6.8 (USP phosphate buffer). The dissolution method parameters (Table 11) included a paddle speed of 75 revolutions per minute to reduce coning and three-prong sinkers to eliminate sticking of tablets to the dissolution vessel.

TABLE 11

Dissolution Parameter Summary	
Variable	Condition
Dissolution Apparatus	USP Apparatus II - (Paddle Method)
Medium Volume	500 mL
Media Temperature	37.0° C. ± 0.5° C.
Paddle Speed	75 rpm
Dissolution Media	pH 1, 0.1N hydrochloric acid (release method) pH 4.5, USP acetate buffer pH 6.8, USP phosphate buffer
Sinker	Three-prong sinker
Sampling Time Points	5, 10, 15, 30, and 60 minutes
Detection	Fiber-optic or HPLC

#### Dissolution Testing of Formulation A.

[0099] Dissolution profile overlays of mean data for both olanzapine and samidorphan L-malate in Formulation A primary and supportive stability lots are provided in FIGS. 1A-1F. An additional dissolution profile overlay of samidorphan L-malate overlaid with the dissolution profile of olanzapine obtained for Formulation A (10/10) at pH 4.5 is provided as FIG. 14.

#### Comparative Dissolution Testing of Formulations B and C.

[0100] Comparable dissolution was demonstrated for the change in CSD between Formulations C and B. Tablets were

very rapidly dissolving for olanzapine in pH 1 and 4.5 media. At pH 6.8, olanzapine dissolution slowed due to proximity of the olanzapine pKa values (5.44 and 7.80) to the media pH value, but was similar ( $f_2=85$ ). Tablets were very rapidly dissolving for samidorphan L-malate in all dissolution media. The change in level of CSD did not affect the dissolution of olanzapine and samidorphan L-malate. Dissolution profile overlays of mean data for olanzapine and samidorphan L-malate are provided in FIGS. 2A-2F.

Comparative Dissolution Testing of Formulations B and A.

**[0101]** Comparative dissolution was evaluated using the application release dissolution method to assess the impact of a change in the magnesium stearate between Formulation B and Formulation A. Formulations B and A in the 10 mg/10 mg, 15 mg/10 mg and 20 mg/10 mg tablets had equivalent dissolution profiles in the release method. Tablets were very

rapidly dissolving for both olanzapine and samidorphan. The change in level of magnesium stearate did not affect the dissolution of olanzapine or samidorphan L-malate. Dissolution profile overlays of mean data for olanzapine and samidorphan L-malate from a comparative study using the application release method are provided in FIGS. 3A-3B. The Average dissolution values are also depicted below in Tables 12-14. Note that Dissolution percent is based on the dose strength. For a given batch of tablets there is a distribution of drug amount within the tablets around the mean of the dose strength target. Thus the majority of tablets will have the target mean amount (i.e., 10 mg for samidorphan) but some may have a little more and some a little less than the target. Greater than 100% would imply that a particular tablet had slightly more drug than the target dose. Plateau of the curve in each instance however is an indication of complete release.

TABLE 12

Average Dissolution Values - pH 1.0 (0.1N HCl)												
Tablet Formulation	Percent Dissolved											
	Olanzapine						Samidorphan					
	0	5	10	15	30	60	0	5	10	15	30	60
5 mg OLZ/10 mg SAM (Primary)	0	105	105	105	105	105	0	98	98	99	98	98
5 mg OLZ/10 mg SAM (Supportive)	0	98	103	103	103	103	0	100	100	100	100	101
10 mg OLZ/10 mg SAM (Primary)	0	103	106	106	106	106	0	95	98	98	98	98
15 mg OLZ/10 mg SAM (Primary)	0	102	104	104	104	104	0	95	97	97	97	97
20 mg OLZ/10 mg SAM (Primary)	0	101	104	104	104	104	0	101	104	104	104	104
20 mg OLZ/10 mg SAM (Supportive)	0	101	103	103	103	103	0	106	107	107	107	107

TABLE 13

Average Dissolution Values - pH 4.5												
Tablet Formulation	Percent Dissolved											
	Olanzapine						Samidorphan					
	0	5	10	15	30	60	0	5	10	15	30	60
5 mg OLZ/10 mg SAM (Primary)	0	94	100	100	100	100	0	99	99	99	99	99
5 mg OLZ/10 mg SAM (Supportive)	0	70	92	98	100	100	0	99	100	100	100	100
10 mg OLZ/10 mg SAM (Primary)	0	91	100	101	102	102	0	96	97	98	98	98
15 mg OLZ/10 mg SAM (Primary)	0	91	99	100	100	101	0	97	99	99	99	99
20 mg OLZ/10 mg SAM (Primary)	0	88	97	99	101	101	0	98	101	101	101	100
20 mg OLZ/10 mg SAM (Supportive)	0	88	97	99	100	101	1	102	105	105	105	105

TABLE 14

Average Dissolution Values - pH 6.8												
Tablet Formulation	Percent Dissolved											
	Olanzapine						Samidorphan					
	0	5	10	15	30	60	0	5	10	15	30	60
5 mg OLZ/10 mg SAM (Primary)	0	20	41	53	72	85	0	91	93	94	94	95
5 mg OLZ/10 mg SAM (Supportive)	0	11	27	40	68	86	0	95	95	96	96	97
10 mg OLZ/10 mg SAM (Primary)	0	19	41	55	78	94	0	95	96	97	97	98
15 mg OLZ/10 mg SAM (Primary)	0	21	43	57	80	94	0	93	95	94	96	97
20 mg OLZ/10 mg SAM (Primary)	0	18	41	55	78	93	0	87	98	99	100	101
20 mg OLZ/10 mg SAM (Supportive)	0	21	41	55	77	92	0	96	101	101	103	104

Example 5. Samidorphan L-Malate Particle Size Comparability Studies

**[0102]** For samidorphan L-malate, a recrystallization process was implemented providing particle size control during manufacturing to intentionally target a particle size distribution similar to the size of the drug product filler excipients. Unmilled and recrystallized grades of samidorphan L-malate were characterized for particle size distribution using 3 unique lots of each. The particle size of unmilled (Primary) and recrystallized samidorphan L-malate (Supportive) batches are presented in Table 15. The recrystallization was targeted to produce material with less fine particles thus increasing the D10. A slight increase in the D50 and decrease in the D90 adjusted the centerpoint of the distribution and decreased the overall span of the distribution. Overall the recrystallized materials had tighter distributions and reduced lot to lot variability, indicating better control. No change in the solid state form was observed between unmilled and recrystallized samidorphan L-malate as assessed by PXRD spectral comparison.

TABLE 15

Particle Size for Unmilled and Recrystallized Samidorphan L-Malate.							
Unmilled				Recrystallized			
Sample number (particle size measurement)	Particle size (μm)			Sample number (particle size measurement)	Particle size (μm)		
	D <sub>10</sub>	D <sub>50</sub>	D <sub>90</sub>		D <sub>10</sub>	D <sub>50</sub>	D <sub>90</sub>
1	8	37	223	4	33	73	130
2	10	36	231	5	46	90	160
3	6	28	243	6	42	90	165

Example 6. Stability Studies of Bilayer Tablets

**[0103]** The tablets are manufactured according to the manufacturing process of Example 2. Eight primary batches were manufactured. Seven of these were placed on primary stability, three 5 mg/10 mg OLZ/SAM batches, one 10 mg/10 mg OLZ/SAM batch, and three 20 mg/10 mg OLZ/SAM batches. Two supportive batches, one 5 mg/10 mg OLZ/SAM and one 20 mg/10 mg OLZ/SAM, were also manufactured. Three packaging configurations were employed for stability analysis, 5-count in a 30 cc HDPE induction-sealed bottle with desiccant, and 30-count and 100-count into 60 cc HDPE induction-sealed bottles with desiccant. Table 16 summarizes the package batches used in the primary stability studies.

**[0104]** The statistical analysis of all long-term stability data was performed according to the approach detailed in ICH Q1E. Regression analysis was utilized to evaluate the stability data for the quantitative attributes and establish an expiry period. Expiry period for each attribute was performed by determining the earliest time at which the 95% confidence limit for the mean intersects the proposed acceptance criteria. For acceptance criteria with an upper limit, the upper one-sided 95% confidence limit was compared to the acceptance criteria. For acceptance criteria with a lower limit, the lower one-sided 95% confidence limit was compared to the acceptance criteria. For acceptance criteria with

upper and lower limits, the two-sided 95% confidence limit was compared to the acceptance criteria. Each test is conducted using a significance level of 0.05.

**[0105]** SLIMStat® Version 5.0.0 software was used to determine poolability among sample batches across test attributes and to estimate the product expiry period. SLIMStat uses four models to estimate expiry period three of which were required for this analysis: Model 2: Common slope but different intercept; expiration period will be considered the minimum of the expiration period of individual studies; Model 4: Different intercept and different slope; expiration period for individual batches are estimated by using individual intercepts and individual slopes and the pooled mean square error calculated from all batches.

TABLE 16

Samples in Exemplary Primary Stability Studies.		
Dosage Strength (OLZ/SAM)	Sample Number	Configuration
5 mg/10 mg	1	5-count, 30 cc
	2	HDPE bottle, 1 g
	3	desiccant canister
	12	100-count, 60 cc
	13	HDPE bottle, 2 g
10 mg/10 mg	14	desiccant canister
	4	5-count, 30 cc HDPE
		bottle, 1 g desiccant
	8	100-count, 60 cc HDPE
20 mg/10 mg		bottle, 2 g desiccant
		canister
	5	5-count, 30 cc
	6	HDPE bottle, 1 g
	7	desiccant canister
	9	100-count, 60 cc
	10	HDPE bottle, 2 g
	11	desiccant canister

**[0106]** For a given test attribute across multiple batches in Table 16, the shortest expiry period was reported based on the regression analysis model (Model 2 or 4 as described above) referenced for that test attribute as detailed in Table 17.

TABLE 17

Expiry Period Determination.				
Test Attribute	Model	Regression Analysis	Expiry	
Assay	2	FIG. 4	OLZ	113 months
%	2	FIG. 4	SAM	84 months
Highest Related Impurity (% wt/wt)	2	FIG. 5		211 months
Total Related Impurities (% wt/wt)	2	FIG. 6		1331 months
Dissolution, % release at 30 minutes	2	FIG. 7	OLZ	211 months
% release at 30 minutes	4	FIG. 8	SAM	54 months
	4	FIG. 10		51 months
Water Content (% wt/wt)	4	FIG. 10		51 months

**[0107]** For batches in Table 17, regression analyses of test attributes (Assay for %, Highest Related Impurity, Total Related Impurities, Dissolution, % release at 30 minutes, and Water Content) are provided in FIGS. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10, respectively.



**[0108]** The supportive stability batches were packaged identically to the primary stability batches. The results of the statistical analysis demonstrate that the stability data from the supportive batches are comparable to the stability data from the primary stability batches.

#### In-Use Stability Study.

**[0109]** An in-use stability study was conducted to unit dose repackaging in a hospital setting. The stability study is currently ongoing utilizing one 5 mg/10 mg OLZ/SAM batch and one 20 mg/10 mg OLZ/SAM batch stored at the intended storage condition of 25° C. ±2° C./60%±5% RH. To reproduce representative hospital handling, the samples were repackaged into amber unit-dose blisters. Exemplary results for each batch up to 6 months are shown in Table 18 (5 mg/10 mg OLZ/SAM) and Table 19 (20 mg/10 mg OLZ/SAM).

TABLE 18

5 mg/10 mg OLZ/SAM Results for In-Use Stability Study at 25° C./60% RH.						
Test	Initial		3 months		6 months	
Description	Conforms		Conforms		Conforms	
Assay (%)	OLZ	SAM	OLZ	SAM	OLZ	SAM
	101.0%	99.7%	99.8%	100.0%	99.5%	99.3%
Total Related Impurities (% wt/wt)	0.1%		0.1%		0.2%	
Dissolution (% Release at 30 min)	OLZ	SAM	OLZ	SAM	OLZ	SAM
	103%	101%	102%	100%	101%	100%
Water Content (% wt/wt)	4.7%		5.1%		5.4%	

TABLE 19

20 mg/10 mg OLZ/SAM Results for In-Use Stability Study at 25° C./60% RH.						
Test	Initial		3 months		6 months	
Description	Conforms		Conforms		Conforms	
Assay (%)	OLZ	SAM	OLZ	SAM	OLZ	SAM
	101.1%	101.7%	100.7%	101.5%	100.3%	101.2%
Total Related Impurities (% wt/wt)	0.0%		0.1%		0.1%	
Dissolution (% Release at 30 min)	OLZ	SAM	OLZ	SAM	OLZ	SAM
	103%	102%	103%	104%	101%	102%
Water Content (% wt/wt)	4.7%		5.1%		5.2%	

#### Example 7: Clinical Study 1

**[0110]** Clinical Study 1 was a Phase 1, multicenter, open-label, randomized study designed to determine the steady-state pharmacokinetic profile of olanzapine and samidorphan and to evaluate the safety and tolerability of olanzapine and samidorphan bilayer tablets in adult subjects with schizophrenia following 14 consecutive days of oral administration.

**[0111]** Prior to commencement, subjects taking antipsychotic medication at study entry were tapered off their medication and titrated to olanzapine (15 mg/day) during a 1 week lead-in period. Following olanzapine lead-in, 42 subjects were randomly assigned (1:1) to receive an oral bilayer tablet of Formulation C (10/10, i.e. 10 mg olanzapine and 10 mg samidorphan as described in Table 4 herein) once daily or Formulation B (20/10, i.e. 20 mg olanzapine and 10 mg samidorphan as described in Table 6 herein) once daily for 14 days (Days 1 to 14).

**[0112]** Blood samples for PK assessments were collected before dosing (predose) and at 0.5, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 16, and 24 h after dosing of Formulations B (20/10) and C (10/10) described above on Day 1 and Day 14. Additional trough samples were collected predose on Days 3 to 13 of the study.

#### Pharmacokinetic Results

**[0113]** Mean steady state (Day 14) olanzapine and samidorphan plasma concentration-time profiles for both treatment groups are presented in FIG. 11 and FIG. 12 respectively. The key steady state pharmacokinetic parameters are summarized in Table 20. Steady state (Day 14) olanzapine exposure (maximum plasma concentration ( $C_{max}$ ) and area under the concentration-time curve from time 0 to 24 hours postdose ( $AUC_{0-24}$ ) increased dose proportionally with the

increase in olanzapine dose from 10 mg (Formulation C (10/10)) to 20 mg (Formulation B (20/10)).

**[0114]** After oral administration of Formulation B (20/10) and C (10/10), samidorphan was rapidly absorbed with mean  $C_{max}$  reached within 1 hour post dose. The mean concentration-time profiles of samidorphan were almost superimposable for both treatment groups (FIG. 12).

TABLE 20

Pharmacokinetic parameters for olanzapine and samidorphan after once-daily oral administration of Formulation C (10/10) or Formulation B (20/10) for 14 days; Day 14 data.			
Treatment; N	PK Parameter <sup>a</sup>	olanzapine	samidorphan
Formulation C 10/10 QD N = 21	$C_{max}$ (ng/mL)	32.1 (12.4)	43.1 (11.4)
	$t_{max}$ (hr)	3 (1.00, 8.00)	1 (0.48, 3.00)

TABLE 20-continued

Pharmacokinetic parameters for olanzapine and samidorphan after once-daily oral administration of Formulation C (10/10) or Formulation B (20/10) for 14 days; Day 14 data.			
Treatment; N	PK Parameter <sup>a</sup>	olanzapine	samidorphan
Formulation B 20/10 QD N = 21	AUC <sub>0-24</sub> (ng · hr/mL)	533 (196)	360 (99.5)
	C <sub>max</sub> (ng/mL)	64.6 (28.9)	46.0 (15.1)
	t <sub>max</sub> (hr)	3 (0.98, 8.20)	1 (0.48, 4.00)
	AUC <sub>0-24</sub> (ng · hr/mL)	1086 (556)	364 (112)

<sup>a</sup>Data are presented as Arithmetic Mean (SD) except for t<sub>max</sub>, which is summarized as median (minimum, maximum).  
Abbreviations:  
AUC<sub>0-24</sub> = area under the concentration-time curve from time 0 to 24 hr;  
C<sub>max</sub> = maximum observed concentration;  
QD = once daily;  
SD = standard deviation  
t<sub>max</sub> = time to maximum observed concentration.

[0115] The pharmacokinetic profile of olanzapine, as a component of Formulation B and Formulation C, was found to be comparable with previously published data for olanzapine administered alone (see e.g. Callaghan J T, Bergstrom R F, Ptak L R, Beasley C M. Olanzapine: pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic profile. Clin Pharmacokinet. 1999; 37:177-193). The pharmacokinetic profile of samidorphan was not affected by different dose levels of olanzapine in the combination. The data from this study indicated that

of olanzapine after single dose oral administration of the bilayer tablet of Formulation C, olanzapine/placebo bilayer tablet (referred to herein as ALKS olanzapine), and a branded olanzapine tablet marketed under the brand name Zyprexa® (registered trademark of Eli Lilly and Company), referred to herein as Branded olanzapine. The study was designed and powered to evaluate the bioequivalence of olanzapine between the three olanzapine-containing tablet formulations.

[0117] The study consisted of three periods, each including a 4-day inpatient stay and a 5-day outpatient follow-up. A single dose of study drug was administered on Day 1 of each period separated by a 14-day washout between doses. Subjects meeting the eligibility criteria receives a single dose of Formulation C (10/10) (10 mg olanzapine and 10 mg samidorphan) as described in Example 3, table 5 above, ALKS olanzapine which was a 10 mg olanzapine/placebo bilayer tablet, and Branded olanzapine (10 mg olanzapine) on Day 1 of Period 1.

[0118] Blood samples for PK assessments were collected within 15 minutes before dosing (predose) and 0.5, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 16, 24, 32, 48, 72, 96, 120, and 168 hours postdose.

Pharmacokinetic Results

[0119] The pharmacokinetic profiles of olanzapine after a single dose administration of Formulation C (10/10), ALKS Olanzapine (10 mg), and Branded olanzapine (10 mg) were superimposable (FIG. 13). Pharmacokinetic parameters, including C<sub>max</sub>, t<sub>max</sub>, AUC<sub>last</sub>, and AUC<sub>∞</sub>, are summarized in Table 21. The olanzapine component in Formulation C (10/10) and ALKS Olanzapine bilayer tablets was demonstrated to be bioequivalent to the Branded olanzapine.

TABLE 21

Pharmacokinetic parameters for olanzapine after single-dose administration of Formulation C (10 mg olanzapine/10 mg samidorphan), ALKS olanzapine (10 mg olanzapine/placebo bilayer tablet) and Branded olanzapine (10 mg olanzapine)			
Parameter Statistics	Formulation C (10 mg samidorphan/ 10 mg olanzapine)	ALKS olanzapine (10 mg olanzapine/ placebo)	Branded olanzapine (10 mg))
n	46	45	48
C <sub>max</sub> , ng/mL Mean (SD)	16.6 (4.5)	16.7 (4.2)	16.6 (3.8)
t <sub>max</sub> , h Median (min-max)	7.0 (2.0-16.0)	5.0 (2.0-12.0)	5.0 (2.0-12.0)
AUC <sub>0-∞</sub> , ng h/mL Mean (SD)	610.6 (215.7)	599.1 (187.8)	594.3 (190.8)
AUC <sub>0-∞</sub> , ng h/mL Mean (SD)	652.0 (226.5)	629.2 (205.0)	632.6 (197.2)

Abbreviations:  
C<sub>max</sub> = maximum plasma concentration  
t<sub>max</sub> = time to reach maximum plasma concentration  
AUC<sub>∞</sub> = area under the plasma concentration-time curve from time zero extrapolated to infinity  
AUC<sub>0-t</sub> = area under the plasma concentration-time curve from time zero until the last measurable concentration time point  
SD = standard deviation  
n = number of subjects whose parameter values are in the summary statistics

combining olanzapine with samidorphan in a bilayer tablet does not affect the pharmacokinetic profile of either drug.

Example 8: Clinical Study 2

[0116] This study was a Phase 1, single-center, open-label, randomized, balanced, crossover design study in a total of 48 healthy subjects to determine the relative bioavailability

[0120] Key pharmacokinetic parameters of samidorphan after a single dose administration of Formulation C (10 mg olanzapine/10 mg samidorphan) are depicted below in Table 22. For comparison, these parameter values are shown alongside data obtained from a separate clinical study conducted by the Applicant, when administered as samidorphan alone in tablet form.

TABLE 22

Pharmacokinetic Parameters for Samidorphan after single-dose administration of Formulation C (10 mg olanzapine/10 mg samidorphan) as compared to samidorphan alone in selected studies		
Treatment (Dose)	Olanzapine/samidorphan (10 mg/10 mg)	Samidorphan alone (10 mg)
Study Type	Clinical Study 2	Human Abuse Potential Study
Study (N)	45	56
C <sub>max</sub> (ng/mL)	27.8 (9.9)	28.2 (6.2)
Mean (SD)		
t <sub>max</sub> (h)	2.0 (0.5-6.0)	1.5 (0.5-4.0)
Median (min-max)		
AUC <sub>(0-∞)</sub> (h · ng/mL)	240.0 (57.6)	224.9 (55.9)
Mean (SD)		
AUC <sub>(0-∞)</sub> (h · ng/mL)	245.6 (56.9)	230.1 (56.7)
Mean (SD)		

Abbreviations:  
C<sub>max</sub> = maximum plasma concentration;  
t<sub>max</sub> = time to reach maximum plasma concentration  
AUC<sub>∞</sub> = Area under plasma concentration time curve extrapolated to infinity;  
AUC<sub>(0-∞)</sub> = area under the plasma concentration-time curve from zero to the last quantifiable concentration  
N = number of subjects per treatment group;  
SD = standard deviation

[0121] The above studies clearly demonstrate that when Formulation C (10/10) was administered in vivo, the pharmacokinetic profile of the samidorphan and olanzapine were not significantly affected by presenting both actives together in a bilayer configuration.

EQUIVALENTS

[0122] While specific embodiments have been discussed, the above specification is illustrative and not restrictive. Many variations of the present disclosure will become apparent to those skilled in the art upon review of this specification. The full scope of the present disclosure should be determined by reference to the claims, along with their full scope of equivalents, and the specification, along with such variations.

What is claimed is:

- 1. A pharmaceutically acceptable tablet for orally delivering a fixed dose of olanzapine and 10 mg of samidorphan, where the pharmaceutically acceptable tablet is prepared by a process comprising:
  - mixing samidorphan or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and microcrystalline silicon dioxide to form a samidorphan premix;
  - blending the samidorphan premix with a composition comprising: microcrystalline cellulose, lactose monohydrate and crospovidone, to form a samidorphan blend;
  - blending olanzapine with a composition comprising microcrystalline cellulose and crospovidone to form an olanzapine blend;
  - lubricating the olanzapine blend and the samidorphan blend with a lubricant selected from the group consisting of a stearate, stearic acid and combinations thereof, to form lubrication blends; and
  - compressing the lubrication blends to form the pharmaceutically acceptable tablet;

- wherein the tablet comprises:
  - the 10 mg samidorphan or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of samidorphan in an amount to deliver the 10 mg samidorphan; and
  - a fixed dose of olanzapine selected from the group consisting of 5 mg, 10 mg, 15 mg and 20 mg of the olanzapine; and
  - about 75-90 wt % of the lactose monohydrate and microcrystalline cellulose.
- 2. The pharmaceutically acceptable tablet of claim 1, wherein the tablet releases at least 97% of the olanzapine and at least 97% of the samidorphan after 30 minutes when the tablet is tested in 500 mL USP acetate buffer at pH 4.5 using a USP Apparatus II (Paddle Method) at 37° C., with a paddle speed of 75 rpm and using a three-prong sinker.
- 3. The pharmaceutically acceptable table of claim 1, wherein less than 0.5 wt % impurities from olanzapine degradation are detected, using HPLC, after the tablet is stored for 6 months in a closed container containing 250 g silica gel desiccant at 25° C. and 60% relative humidity.
- 4. The pharmaceutically acceptable tablet of claim 1, wherein the lubricant is magnesium stearate.
- 5. The pharmaceutically acceptable tablet of claim 1, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable salt of samidorphan is samidorphan L-malate.
- 6. The pharmaceutically acceptable tablet of claim 5, wherein the particle size distribution (D10) of the samidorphan L-malate is about 10 μm to about 80 μm and the particle size distribution (D90) of the samidorphan L-malate is about 100 μm to about 300 μm.
- 7. A pharmaceutically acceptable tablet for orally delivering a fixed dose of olanzapine and 10 mg of samidorphan, where the pharmaceutically acceptable tablet is prepared by a process comprising:
  - blending samidorphan L-malate with a composition comprising:
    - a first diluent independently selected from the group consisting of lactose or a hydrate thereof, microcrystalline cellulose, mannitol, sorbitol, xylitol, dicalcium phosphate, starch and combinations thereof; and
    - a first disintegrant selected from the group consisting of polyvinylpyrrolidone, crosslinked sodium carboxymethyl cellulose, sodium starch glycolate and combinations thereof, to form a samidorphan blend;
  - blending olanzapine with a composition comprising:
    - a second diluent selected from the group consisting of lactose or a hydrate thereof, microcrystalline cellulose, mannitol, sorbitol, xylitol, dicalcium phosphate, starch and combinations thereof; and
    - a second disintegrant selected from the group consisting of polyvinylpyrrolidone, crosslinked sodium carboxymethyl cellulose, sodium starch glycolate and combinations thereof, to form a olanzapine blend;
  - lubricating the olanzapine blend and the samidorphan blend with a lubricant selected from the group consisting of a stearate, stearic acid and combinations thereof, to form lubrication blends; and
  - compressing the lubrication blends to form the pharmaceutically acceptable tablet;
- wherein the tablet comprises:
  - 13.6 mg of the samidorphan L-malate;
  - a fixed dose of olanzapine selected from the group consisting of 5 mg, 10 mg, 15 mg and 20 mg of the olanzapine; and
  - about 75-90 wt % of the first and second diluent.

8. A pharmaceutically acceptable immediate release tablet for orally delivering a fixed dose of olanzapine and 10 mg of samidorphan, wherein the tablet comprises:

13.6 mg samidorphan L-malate, wherein the particle size distribution (D50) of the samidorphan L-malate is about 40  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 200  $\mu\text{m}$ ;

about 75-90 wt % of a diluent;

a lubricant selected from the group consisting of a stearate, stearic acid and combination thereof;

a fixed dose of olanzapine selected from the group consisting of 5 mg, 10 mg, 15 mg and 20 mg of the olanzapine; and

a disintegrant selected from the group consisting of polyvinylpyrrolidone, crosslinked sodium carboxymethyl cellulose, sodium starch glycolate and combinations thereof;

and a barrier layer to provide a physical distance between the samidorphan L-malate and the olanzapine.

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