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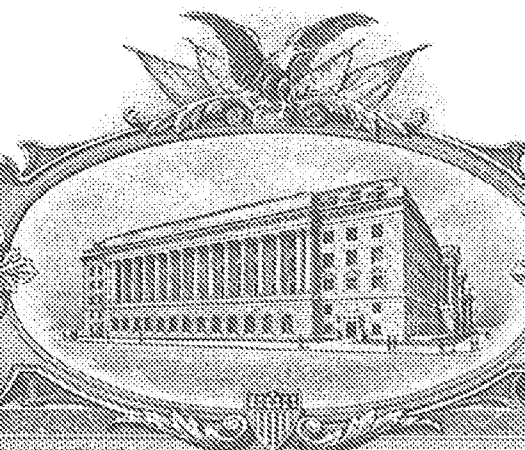
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## **COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING MDMA AND METHODS OF USING SAME**

### **FIELD**

The present invention generally relates to 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA) particles, dosage forms, and uses thereof.

### **BACKGROUND**

Central nervous system (CNS) disorders can have a devastating impact on the afflicted individuals, their families, and society at large. These disorders can be challenging to treat, as the therapies often have significant undesired side effects. As such, novel treatments for such disorders are needed.

MDMA has been studied in late stage clinical trials for the treatment of subjects with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Earlier-stage clinical trials exploring its efficacy in treating a variety of disorders are ongoing.

MDMA has multiple solid-state forms, including a hydrate that readily forms under ambient conditions, particularly during grinding and in high-humidity environments. This results in significant difficulty in preparing consistent, stable, safe, and effective dosage forms of MDMA. As such, novel MDMA formulations are needed.

### **SUMMARY**

The present disclosure is based, in part, on surprising and unexpected discoveries related to particle size in formulations of MDMA and use of such formulations in therapy.

Some embodiments provide a composition comprising 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof, and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipients, wherein the average particle size is from about 50  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 400  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Some embodiments provide a dosage form comprising a composition comprising 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof, and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipients, wherein the average particle size is from about 50  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 400  $\mu\text{m}$ , and optionally one or more additional pharmaceutically acceptable excipients.

Some embodiments provide a method of treating a subject in need thereof, comprising administering to the subject a dosage form as described herein (i.e., comprising MDMA or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipients).

### **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

**FIG. 1** shows exemplary coarse MDMA hydrochloride particles isolated from the synthetic process

**FIG. 2** shows exemplary particles comprising MDMA, a diluent, and a lubricant, after milling

**FIG. 3** shows the milled particles of Figure 2 analyzed via PSD.

**FIG. 4** shows an HPLC chromatograph for coarse MDMA particles isolated from the synthetic process.

**FIG. 5** shows the XRPD spectra of MDMA monohydrate (5A), MDMA Form III (5B), and MDMA Form II (5C).

### **DETAILED DESCRIPTION**

Reference will now be made in detail to certain embodiments of the present disclosure, examples of which are illustrated in the accompanying structures and formulas. While the present disclosure will be described in conjunction with the enumerated embodiments, it will be understood that the present disclosure is not limited to these embodiments. On the contrary, the present disclosure is intended to cover all alternatives, modifications, and equivalents that can be included within the scope of the present disclosure as defined by the claims. One skilled in the art will recognize many methods and materials similar or equivalent to those described herein, which could be used in the practice of the present disclosure.

Any of the embodiments described herein, including those described under different aspects of the present disclosure and different parts of the specification (including embodiments described only in the Examples) can be combined with one or more other embodiments of the present disclosure, unless explicitly disclaimed or improper. Combinations of embodiments are not limited to the specific combinations claimed via the multiple dependent claims.

***Definitions***

As used herein, the term “composition” is intended to encompass a product comprising the specified ingredients in the specified amounts, as well as any product which results, directly or indirectly, from combinations of the specified ingredients in the specified amounts. A composition can refer to a product suitable for administration to a subject, but for clarity, compositions for pharmaceutical use are generally referred to as “dosage forms” herein.

As particles are often non-spherical, it is difficult and complex to provide dimensional descriptions of these non-spherical particles. As used herein, “volume diameter” refers to the diameter of a sphere with a volume equivalent to that of the non-spherical particle. In certain embodiments, the particle sizes described herein are measured using a laser diffraction technique that correlates light scattering to particle volume, from which effective length or effective diameter is calculated. The distribution is based on a measurement of thousands of particles. Particle samples can be in dry form, in slurry form, or in the form of suspension. In one embodiment, the particle sample is suspended in a solution of cyclohexane. In another embodiment, the instrument used to determine particle size and distribution is Malvern Mastersizer 3000.

As use herein, particle size is expressed in terms of volume diameter and the particle size distribution is expressed in terms of Dv50, Dv10, and Dv90. A Dv90 value, for example, represents that 90% of particles formed are below a certain threshold. For instance, a Dv90 below 420  $\mu\text{m}$  means that 90% of particles formed have a lower diameter than 420  $\mu\text{m}$ . As used herein, “Dv50”, also known as the median particle diameter, corresponds to the value for which 50% of the particles have a lower volume diameter, and 50% of the particles have a higher volume diameter. “Dv90” corresponds to the value for which 90% of the particles have a lower volume diameter, and 10% of the particles have a higher volume diameter. “Dv10” corresponds to the value for which 10% of the particles have a lower volume diameter, and 90% of the particles have a higher volume diameter.

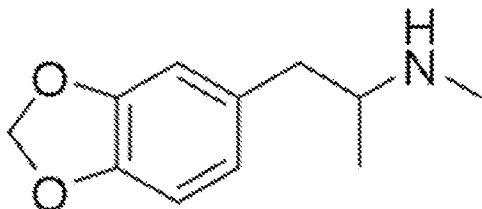
As used herein, “particle size range” corresponds to a value obtained by subtracting the Dv10 from the Dv90. The “Dv10 – Dv90 range” may be calculated from the Dv10 and Dv90 obtained from a single sample, or it may be calculated by averaging the Dv10 and Dv90 values obtained, individually, from a plurality of samples taken from the same batch.

Unless specifically stated or obvious from context, as used herein, the term “about” is understood as within a range of normal tolerance in the art, for example, within 20% of the stated



value. As used herein, “about” a specific value also includes the specific value, for example, about 10% includes 10%.

As used herein, the term “MDMA” refers to the compound 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine, having the structure:



In some embodiments, the MDMA is racemic. In some embodiments, the MDMA is (S)-MDMA, in some embodiments, the MDMA is (R)-MDMA. In some embodiments, the MDMA is a non-racemic mixture of (S)-MDMA and (R)-MDMA.

The term “treating” refers to administering a therapy in an amount, manner, or mode effective to improve a condition, symptom, or parameter associated with a disease or disorder. The term “treating” or “treatment” covers the treatment of a disease or disorder described herein, in a subject, such as a human, and includes: (i) inhibiting a disease or disorder, *i.e.*, arresting its development; (ii) relieving a disease or disorder, *i.e.*, causing regression of the disease or disorder; (iii) slowing progression of the disease or disorder; and/or (iv) inhibiting, relieving, or slowing progression of one or more symptoms of the disease or disorder.

The term “therapeutic” as used herein means a treatment. A therapeutic effect is obtained by suppression, remission, or eradication of a disease state.

The term “prevent” or “preventative” as used herein means a prophylactic treatment. A preventative effect is obtained by delaying the onset of a disease state or decreasing the severity of a disease state when it occurs.

The term “therapeutically effective amount”, “prophylactically effective amount”, or “effective amount” refers to an amount of the agent that, when administered, is sufficient to cause the desired effect. For example, an effective amount of MDMA may be an amount sufficient to have a beneficial effect on the subject (*e.g.*, to lessen symptoms of disease or disorder). The therapeutically effective amount of the agent may vary depending on the tumor being treated and its severity as well as the age, weight, etc., of the subject to be treated. In the methods described herein, the therapeutic compounds may be administered to a subject having one or more signs or symptoms of a disease or disorder.

The term “pharmaceutically acceptable” indicates that the compound, or salt or composition thereof is compatible chemically and/or toxicologically with the other ingredients comprising a formulation and/or the subject being treated therewith.

As used herein, the term “pharmaceutically acceptable salts” refers to salts that retain the desired biological activity of the subject compound and exhibit minimal undesired toxicological effects. These pharmaceutically acceptable salts may be prepared in situ during the final isolation and purification of the compound, or by separately reacting the purified compound in its free base form with a suitable acid. Suitable acids include pharmaceutically acceptable inorganic acids and pharmaceutically acceptable organic acids. Representative pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts include hydrochloride, hydrobromide, nitrate, methylnitrate, sulfate, bisulfate, sulfamate, phosphate, acetate, hydroxyacetate, phenyl acetate, propionate, butyrate, isobutyrate, valerate, maleate, hydroxymaleate, acrylate, fumarate, malate, tartrate, citrate, salicylate, p-aminosalicylate, glycollate, lactate, heptanoate, phthalate, oxalate, succinate, benzoate, o-acetoxybenzoate, chlorobenzoate, methylbenzoate, dinitrobenzoate, hydroxybenzoate, methoxybenzoate, mandelate, tannate, formate, stearate, ascorbate, palmitate, oleate, pyruvate, pamoate, malonate, laurate, glutarate, glutamate, estolate, methanesulfonate (mesylate), ethanesulfonate (esylate), 2-hydroxyethanesulfonate, benzenesulfonate (besylate), p-aminobenzenesulfonate, p-toluenesulfonate (tosylate), naphthalene-2-sulfonate, ethanedisulfonate, and 2,5-dihydroxybenzoate.

The term “administering” or “administration” of a therapy (*e.g.*, MDMA) to a subject includes any route of introducing or delivering a compound to a subject to perform its intended function. Administration can be carried out by any suitable route, including orally, intranasally, parenterally (intravenously, intramuscularly, intraperitoneally, or subcutaneously), or topically. Administration includes self-administration and the administration by another.

The term “subject” refers to any animal amenable to the methods described herein. In some embodiments, the subject is a mammal. In some embodiments, the mammal is a mouse, a rat, a guinea pig, a non-human primate, a dog, a cat, or a domesticated animal (*e.g.*, horse, cow, pig, goat, sheep). In some embodiments, the subject is a human.

“Optional” or “optionally” means that the subsequently described event or circumstance can or cannot occur, and that the description includes instances where the event or circumstance occur and instances where it does not.

The term “substantially” is used herein to refer to greater than 90%, preferably greater than 95%, and more preferably greater than 98%. For example, some embodiments described herein refer to a composition comprising MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof, and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipients, wherein the composition is substantially free of MDMA hydrate, i.e., of the MDMA present in the composition, less than 10% is MDMA hydrate, preferably less than 5%, and most preferably less than 2%.

To provide a more concise description, some of the quantitative expressions herein are recited as a range from about amount X to about amount Y. It is understood that wherein a range is recited, the range is not limited to the recited upper and lower bounds, but rather includes the full range from about amount X through about amount Y, or any range therein.

### ***Particles of MDMA***

Consistent dosing to provide safe and effective MDMA levels for treatment has been challenging. Current manufacturing and formulation protocols for therapeutic MDMA provides formulations containing particles with an average particle size in excess of 600 micrometers ( $\mu\text{m}$  or micron) (e.g., as determined by laser diffraction). Formulation testing revealed that these larger particles are inadequate for batch consistency and desirable dissolution parameters, creating the need for MDMA solids with reduced particle size and improved particle size uniformity.

The present disclosure provides a solution to this problem.

Some embodiments provide particles of 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof having an average particle size from about 50  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 400  $\mu\text{m}$ .

In some embodiments, the particles have desirable bulk properties and processability for preparing dosage forms suitable for administration to a subject.

MDMA isolated from the current chemical synthesis is a highly-pure, coarse solid with varying particle size. The coarse MDMA, with a typical  $D_{v90}$  from 800 and 1600  $\mu\text{m}$  and a typical particle size range from 500  $\mu\text{m}$  to 1100  $\mu\text{m}$ , does not yield a uniform blend. The distribution of the MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof, in the resultant dosage form is uneven, leading to an unacceptably high rate of batch failure.

In some embodiments, the particles are substantially smaller than about 610  $\mu\text{m}$ . In some embodiments, substantially all of the particles may have volume diameters below about 610  $\mu\text{m}$ .

In some embodiments, substantially all of the particles may have at least one dimension smaller than about 610  $\mu\text{m}$ .

In some embodiments, the particles have a Dv10 from about 5  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 40  $\mu\text{m}$ , a Dv50 from about 100  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 200  $\mu\text{m}$ , a Dv90 from about 250  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 420  $\mu\text{m}$ , to a particle size range from about 250  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 350  $\mu\text{m}$ . In certain embodiments, the Dv90 value for the particles is from about 250  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 420  $\mu\text{m}$ , from about 250  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 400  $\mu\text{m}$ , from about 250  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 380  $\mu\text{m}$ , from about 270  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 380  $\mu\text{m}$ , from about 270  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 360  $\mu\text{m}$ , from about 270  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 350  $\mu\text{m}$ , from about 270  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 420  $\mu\text{m}$ , from about 290  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 420  $\mu\text{m}$ , from about 290  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 400  $\mu\text{m}$ , from about 290  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 380  $\mu\text{m}$ , from about 310  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 420  $\mu\text{m}$ , from about 310  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 400  $\mu\text{m}$ , from about 310  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 380  $\mu\text{m}$ , from about 330  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 420  $\mu\text{m}$ , from about 330  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 400  $\mu\text{m}$ , from about 330  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 380  $\mu\text{m}$ , from about 350  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 420  $\mu\text{m}$ , from about 350  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 400  $\mu\text{m}$ , or from about 370  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 420  $\mu\text{m}$ .

In some embodiments, the particles are more uniformly distributed than are the crude particles isolated from the synthetic process. In some embodiments, the particles have a particle size range that is less than 400  $\mu\text{m}$ . In some embodiments, the particle size range for the particles is in the range of 200  $\mu\text{m}$  to 400  $\mu\text{m}$ , 230  $\mu\text{m}$  to 380  $\mu\text{m}$ , or 250  $\mu\text{m}$  to 350  $\mu\text{m}$ .

In some embodiments, the MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof are synthesized using the cGMP process disclosed in, for example, Scheme 1 of Nair, et al., ACS Omega 20022, 7, pp. 900-907, which is herein incorporated by reference in its entirety for all purposes, including all figures, drawings, and supplemental information.

In some embodiments, the present disclosure provides, in part, particles smaller than about 610  $\mu\text{m}$  in the composition as well as the dosage form. More specifically, particles with reduced particle size and increased particle size uniformity with a Dv90 below about 420 microns provide acceptable batch consistency enabling the production of pharmaceutically acceptable dosage forms.

Some embodiments provide a method of producing particles of MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof, where the particles are substantially smaller than about 610 microns, with a Dv90 below 420 microns and a particle size range of less than 400 microns, that avoids hydrate formation and maintains suitable flowability in the milled product.

Some embodiments provide a dosage form and dosage forms manufactured from the composition described herein, i.e., comprising particles substantially smaller than about 610 microns, with a Dv90 below 420 microns and a particle size range of less than 400 microns.

Some embodiments provide a dosage form and dosage forms manufactured from particles larger than 610 microns, but are reduced to the desired particle size of less than 610 microns with a Dv90 below 420 microns during the manufacturing of the finished product by milling or other means with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipients.

In some embodiments, substantially all of the particles are (i) smaller than about 610 microns, and (ii) have a Dv90 is below about 400 microns. In some embodiments, the Dv90 is from about 0.01  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 400  $\mu\text{m}$ . In some embodiments, less than 10% of the particles have a particle size (Dv10) below about 10 microns. In some cases, from about 0% and about 10% of the particles have a particle size (Dv10) from about 0.01  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 10  $\mu\text{m}$ . In some embodiments, the median particle size (Dv50) is from about 100  $\mu\text{m}$  and about 200  $\mu\text{m}$ .

In some embodiments, the particles described herein are substantially free of MDMA monohydrate.

In some embodiments, the dissolution in water is greater than or equal to 80% of the mass of the MDMA in 30 minutes.

In some embodiments, the MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or hydrate thereof, is present in amorphous form. In some embodiments, the MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or hydrate thereof, is present in substantially amorphous form. In some embodiments, the MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or hydrate thereof, is present in crystalline form. In some embodiments, the MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or hydrate thereof, is present in substantially crystalline form. In some embodiments, the MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or hydrate thereof, is free of MDMA monohydrate. In some embodiments, the MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or hydrate thereof, is substantially free of MDMA monohydrate. In some embodiments, the MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or hydrate thereof, is present in one or more forms as described in Nair, et al., *supra*.

In some embodiments, the particles are prepared by a process comprising the step of reducing particle size and increasing particle size uniformity by screen-milling under an inert atmosphere.

In some cases, the particles are prepared by a process comprising the step of reducing particle size and increasing particle size uniformity by screen-milling. In some cases, the coarse particles do not undergo an additional size-reducing process.

In some cases, the median particle size (Dv50) of coarse particles is greater than 400  $\mu\text{m}$ . In some cases, the coarse particles are substantially free of MDMA monohydrate.

In some cases, the coarse particles are heated to a temperature of 50-70  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  in an environment with an ambient pressure below 1 atmosphere, prior to entering the screen mill. In some cases, the coarse particles are fed into the screen mill in the absence of applied pressure. In some cases, inert atmosphere in the method is substantially free of moisture. In some cases, the inert atmosphere comprises substantially dry nitrogen gas.

In some embodiments, the particles consist essentially of MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof.

#### ***Particles of MDMA and Excipient(s)***

Some embodiments provide a composition comprising 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof, and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipients, wherein the average particle size is from about 50  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 400  $\mu\text{m}$ .

In some embodiments, the composition have desirable bulk properties and processability for preparing dosage forms suitable for administration to a subject.

MDMA isolated from the current chemical synthesis is a highly-pure, coarse solid with varying particle size. The coarse MDMA, with a typical Dv90 from 800 and 1600  $\mu\text{m}$  and a typical particle size range from 500  $\mu\text{m}$  to 1100  $\mu\text{m}$ , does not yield a uniform blend. The distribution of the MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof, and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipients, in the resultant dosage form is uneven, leading to an unacceptably high rate of batch failure.

It was initially proposed that acceptable particle size could be achieved by ball-milling the coarse particles in the presence of a non-aqueous liquid dispersant. This was undesirable due to the high purity of the MDMA isolate, which was suitable for formulation without an additional purification step. It was unexpectedly discovered that particles with the reduced particle size and more uniform particle size range necessary for drug product manufacturing can be produced under

dry conditions using a screen mill, under an inert atmosphere. Alternatively, the particle of the desired particle size can be produced by milling of the blends of the MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof, and other pharmaceutically acceptable excipient(s) or by other processes such as wet granulation.

In some embodiments, the particles are substantially smaller than about 610  $\mu\text{m}$ . In some embodiments, substantially all of the particles may have volume diameters below about 610  $\mu\text{m}$ . In some embodiments, substantially all of the particles may have at least one dimension smaller than about 610  $\mu\text{m}$ .

In some embodiments, the particles have a Dv10 from about 5  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 40  $\mu\text{m}$ , a Dv50 from about 100  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 200  $\mu\text{m}$ , a Dv90 from about about 250  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 420  $\mu\text{m}$ , to a particle size range from about 250  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 350  $\mu\text{m}$ . In certain embodiments, the Dv90 value for the particles is from about 250  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 420  $\mu\text{m}$ , from about 250  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 400  $\mu\text{m}$ , from about 250  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 380  $\mu\text{m}$ , from about 270  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 380  $\mu\text{m}$ , from about 270  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 360  $\mu\text{m}$ , from about 270  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 350  $\mu\text{m}$ , from about 270  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 420  $\mu\text{m}$ , from about 290  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 420  $\mu\text{m}$ , from about 290  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 400  $\mu\text{m}$ , from about 290  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 380  $\mu\text{m}$ , from about 310  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 420  $\mu\text{m}$ , from about 310  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 400  $\mu\text{m}$ , from about 310  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 380  $\mu\text{m}$ , from about 330  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 420  $\mu\text{m}$ , from about 330  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 400  $\mu\text{m}$ , from about 330  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 380  $\mu\text{m}$ , from about 350  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 420  $\mu\text{m}$ , from about 350  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 400  $\mu\text{m}$ , or from about 370  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 420  $\mu\text{m}$ .

In some embodiments, the particles are more uniformly distributed than are the crude particles isolated from the synthetic process. In some embodiments, the particles have a particle size range that is less than 400  $\mu\text{m}$ . In some embodiments, the particle size range for the particles is in the range of 200  $\mu\text{m}$  to 400  $\mu\text{m}$ , 230  $\mu\text{m}$  to 380  $\mu\text{m}$ , or 250  $\mu\text{m}$  to 350  $\mu\text{m}$ .

In some embodiments, the MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof, and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipients, used to form the particles are synthesized using the cGMP process disclosed in, for example, Scheme 1 of Nair, et al., supra. .

In some embodiments, the present disclosure provides, in part, particles smaller than about 610  $\mu\text{m}$  in the composition as well as the dosage form. More specifically, particles with reduced particle size and increased particle size uniformity with a Dv90 below about 420 microns provide acceptable batch consistency enabling the production of pharmaceutically acceptable dosage forms.

Some embodiments provide a method of producing a composition comprising particles substantially smaller than about 610 microns, with a Dv90 below 420 microns and a particle size range of less than 400 microns, that avoids hydrate formation and maintains suitable flowability in the milled product, wherein the particles comprise MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof, and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipients.

Some embodiments provide a dosage form and dosage forms manufactured from the composition described herein, i.e., comprising particles substantially smaller than about 610 microns, with a Dv90 below 420 microns and a particle size range of less than 400 microns.

Some embodiments provide a dosage form and dosage forms manufactured from particles larger than 610 microns, but are reduced to the desired particle size of less than 610 microns with a Dv90 below 420 microns during the manufacturing of the finished product by milling or other means with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipients.

In some embodiments, substantially all of the particles are (i) smaller than about 610 microns, and (ii) have a Dv90 is below about 400 microns. In some embodiments, the Dv90 is from about 0.01  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 400  $\mu\text{m}$ . In some embodiments, less than 10% of the particles have a particle size (Dv10) below about 10 microns. In some cases, from about 0% and about 10% of the particles have a particle size (Dv10) from about 0.01  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 10  $\mu\text{m}$ . In some embodiments, the median particle size (Dv50) is from about 100  $\mu\text{m}$  and about 200  $\mu\text{m}$ .

In some embodiments, the particles described herein are substantially free of MDMA monohydrate.

In some embodiments, the dissolution in water is greater than or equal to 80% of the mass of the MDMA in 30 minutes.

In some embodiments, the MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or hydrate thereof, is present in amorphous form. In some embodiments, the MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or hydrate thereof, is present in substantially amorphous form. In some embodiments, the MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or hydrate thereof, is present in crystalline form. In some embodiments, the MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or hydrate thereof, is present in substantially crystalline form. In some embodiments, the MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or hydrate thereof, is free of MDMA monohydrate. In some embodiments, the MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or hydrate thereof, is substantially free of MDMA monohydrate. In some embodiments, the MDMA,



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or hydrate thereof, is present in one or more forms as described in Nair, et al., supra.

In any of the compositions described herein, the particles are prepared by a process comprising the step of reducing particle size and increasing particle size uniformity by screen-milling under an inert atmosphere.

In some cases, the compositions described herein can additionally include a diluent. In some cases, the diluent is a sugar alcohol. In some cases, the diluent has a moisture content of less than 0.25% by mass, prior to blending.

In some cases, in the compositions described herein the desired particle size and particles size uniformity is achieved in the process of making the finished dosage form by milling or other means.

In some embodiments, the compositions described herein can additionally include a lubricant. In some cases, the lubricant includes a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of a saturated fatty acid.

In some cases, the particles are prepared by a process comprising the step of reducing particle size and increasing particle size uniformity by screen-milling. In some cases, the coarse particles do not undergo an additional size-reducing process.

In some cases, the median particle size (Dv50) of coarse particles is greater than 400  $\mu\text{m}$ . In some cases, the coarse particles are substantially free of MDMA monohydrate.

In some cases, the coarse particles are heated to a temperature of 50-70 °C in an environment with an ambient pressure below 1 atmosphere, prior to entering the screen mill. In some cases, the coarse particles are fed into the screen mill in the absence of applied pressure. In some cases, inert atmosphere in the method is substantially free of moisture. In some cases, the inert atmosphere comprises substantially dry nitrogen gas.

In some embodiments, the particles consist essentially of MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof, and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipients.

### ***Dosage Forms***

Some embodiments provide a dosage form comprising a composition comprising 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate

thereof, and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipients, wherein the average particle size is from about 50  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 400  $\mu\text{m}$ ; and optionally one or more additional pharmaceutically acceptable excipients.

Exemplary, non-limiting pharmaceutically acceptable excipients are described below. Additional excipients and general methods for preparing the types of dosage forms described herein can be found in, for example, Remington: The Science and Practice of Pharmacy, 23<sup>rd</sup> Edition (Elsevier Science, Amsterdam, NL. 2020). Such pharmaceutically acceptable excipients include, but are not limited to, binders, glidants, disintegrants, lubricants, carriers, diluents, buffers, tonicity modifying agents, polymers, thickening agents, penetration enhancers, surfactants, and solubility enhancers. *See, e.g.,* Remington's, *supra*. Some pharmaceutically acceptable excipients can be in more than one of the foregoing sub-categories. Pharmaceutically acceptable excipients also include dosage form coatings, for example, an extended release coating, abuse-deterrent coating, or a film-coating.

In some embodiments, pharmaceutically acceptable excipients used herein have reduced hygroscopicity and/or low residual moisture content.

In some embodiments, the pharmaceutically acceptable excipients used herein are independently selected from the group consisting of: microcellulose, lactose, starch, mannitol, calcium hydrogen phosphate anhydrous, silicon dioxide, calcium carbonate, microcellulose, talc, sodium starch glycolate, croscarmellose sodium, povidone, co povidone or hydroxyl propyl cellulose, magnesium stearate, sodium stearyl fumarate, and colloidal silicon dioxide.

In some embodiments, the dosage form comprises particles substantially smaller than about 610  $\mu\text{m}$ , with a Dv90 below 420  $\mu\text{m}$  and a particle size range of less than 400  $\mu\text{m}$ . The dosage forms comprise MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof, in accordance with any embodiment as described herein. The dosage forms may be intended for topical, oral, nasal, mucosal, respiratory, transdermal, or parenteral administration.

The dosage forms provided herein include, but are not limited to, solid formulations such as tablets, capsules, pills, wafers, films, and lozenges, or liquid formulations such as aqueous solutions, elixirs, and syrups. Solid and liquid formulations in accordance with the present invention may also be incorporated into liquid or solid comestibles.

In some embodiments, the dosage form comprises encapsulated pharmaceutical formulations provided by any other embodiment as described herein. Capsules used for the dosage

form may be hard-shelled or soft-shelled. The capsules may comprise collagenous gelatin, fish gelatin, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, starch, pullulan, polyvinyl acetate, or any other material known to a person skilled in the art to be useful for encapsulating dosage forms.

In some embodiments, the dosage form comprises liquid formulations formulated for topical administration, such as aqueous solutions and emulsions, which may be applied directly to the skin and/or mucous membranes, or aerosolized for respiratory administration. Alternatively, topical dosage forms provided by the present invention may be formulated as creams, foams, gels, lotions, and ointments.

In some embodiments, the dosage form comprises solid compositions formulated for respiratory or inhalation administration, for example, for use in dry-powder inhalers, or liquid compositions formulated for use in metered-dose inhalers or nebulizers.

In some embodiments, the dosage form comprises a liquid solutions formulated for parenteral administration, such as suspensions, emulsions, or reconstituted lyophilized powders, suitable for administration by injection.

In some embodiments, the dosage form is a capsule, for example a cellulose-based capsule containing the composition described herein.

In some embodiments, the dosage form comprises about 1 mg to about 150 mg of MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof. In some embodiments, the dosage form comprises about 1 mg to about 50 mg of MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof. In some embodiments, the dosage form comprises about 25 mg to about 75 mg of MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof. In some embodiments, the dosage form comprises about 50 mg to about 100 mg of MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof. In some embodiments, the dosage form comprises about 75 mg to about 125 mg of MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof. In some embodiments, the dosage form comprises about 100 mg to about 150 mg of MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof.

In some embodiments, the dosage form comprises about 12.5 mg, about 15 mg, about 20 mg, about 25 mg, about 30 mg, about 35 mg, about 37.5 mg, about 40 mg, about 45 mg, about 50 mg, about 55 mg, about 60 mg, about 62.5 mg, about 65 mg, about 70 mg, about 75 mg, about 80 mg, about 85 mg, about 90 mg, about 95 mg, about 100 mg, about 105 mg, about 110 mg, about

115 mg, about 120 mg, about 125 mg, about 130 mg, about 135 mg, about 140 mg, about 145 mg, or about 150 mg of MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof.

In some embodiments, the dosage form comprises 12.5 mg, 15 mg, 20 mg, 25 mg, 30 mg, 35 mg, 37.5 mg, 40 mg, 45 mg, 50 mg, 55 mg, 60 mg, 62.5 mg, 65 mg, 70 mg, 75 mg, 80 mg, 85 mg, 90 mg, 95 mg, 100 mg, 105 mg, 110 mg, 115 mg, 120 mg, 125 mg, 130 mg, 135 mg, 140 mg, 145 mg, or 150 mg of MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof.

In some embodiments, the dosage form comprises about 12.5 mg, about 15 mg, about 20 mg, about 25 mg, about 30 mg, about 37.5 mg, about 40 mg, about 50 mg, about 60 mg, about 62.5 mg, about 75 mg, about 80 mg, about 100 mg, or about 125 mg of MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof.

In some embodiments, the dosage form comprises 12.5 mg, 15 mg, 20 mg, 25 mg, 30 mg, 37.5 mg, 40 mg, 50 mg, 60 mg, 62.5 mg, 75 mg, 80 mg, 100 mg, or 125 mg of MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof.

In some embodiments, the dosage form comprises particles substantially smaller than about 610  $\mu\text{m}$ , with a  $D_{v90}$  below 420 microns and a particle size range of less than 400 microns, and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipients.

In some embodiments, the dosage form comprises particles substantially smaller than about 610 microns that are products in the process of manufacturing the finished dosage forms by milling of the MDMA blends with suitable pharmaceutically excipients as described herein.

In some embodiments, the dosage form comprises particles substantially smaller than about 610  $\mu\text{m}$ , with a  $D_{v90}$  below 420 microns and a particle size range of less than 400 microns, a binder comprising a polyalcohol, and a lubricant comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of a saturated fatty acid.

In some embodiments, the dosage form is substantially free of MDMA monohydrate. In some embodiments, the dosage form comprises no detectable MDMA monohydrate.

In some embodiments, the dosage form (*e.g.*, dosage form), includes one or more individual dosage units. In some cases, the dosage form includes one individual dosage unit. In some cases, the dosage form includes at least two individual dosage units. In some cases, the dosage form includes at least three individual dosage units. In some cases, each of the one or more individual dosage units comprises a capsule.

In some embodiments, the one or more individual dosage units are administered during a single therapy session. In some cases, the one or more individual dosage units are administered at different times during the single therapy session.

### ***Methods of Use***

Some embodiments provide a method of treating a subject in need thereof, comprising administering to the subject a dosage form as described herein (i.e., comprising MDMA or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipients).

In certain embodiments, the dosage form may be administered in a therapeutic setting.

Some embodiments provide a method of treating a subject having one or more central nervous system (CNS) disorders, comprising administering to the subject a dosage form as described herein (i.e., comprising MDMA or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipients).

In some embodiments, the one or more CNS disorders are independently mood, anxiety, or trauma-linked disorders.

In some embodiments, the one or more CNS disorders are independently autism spectrum disorders, neuropsychiatric diseases or disorders; or neurodegenerative diseases.

In some embodiments, the one or more CNS disorders are independently post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), anxiety disorder, major depressive disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder, bipolar disorder, dysthymic disorder; Parkinson's disease, epilepsy, recurrent migraines, stroke, or post-concussion syndrome; alcohol use disorder; attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), anorexia nervosa, bulimia, binge eating disorder, or autism.

In some embodiments, the one or more CNS disorders is PTSD. In some embodiments, the one or more CNS disorders is treatment-resistant PTSD.

The dosage form may be administered in any pharmaceutically acceptable dosage form, including dosage forms provided in accordance with any embodiment as described herein. The dosage form may be administered on one occasion, or on multiple individual occasions.

In certain embodiments, the dosage form is administered during individual therapy. The individual therapy sessions may occur at regular intervals, e.g., every two weeks, or at non-regular

intervals that may vary in accordance with a subject's individual needs or protocols established for treating the subject's indicated disease or disorder.

In some embodiments, the dosage form in accordance with any embodiment is orally administered to a subject suffering from a central nervous system disease or disorder. The dosage form is administered in a therapeutic setting during multiple individual therapy sessions, wherein at least one therapist is present.

In some embodiments, the dosage form is orally administered in two separate dosage components, an initial dose and a supplementary dose, during the same therapy session. The initial dose may comprise about 25 to about 150 mg of MDMA or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof, and the supplementary dose may comprise about 10 mg to about 70 mg of MDMA or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof. In some embodiments, the initial and supplementary dosage components are physically separated from each other (*e.g.*, as two capsules, two tablets, or one capsule and one tablet) and are provided in a kit (*e.g.*, a blister pack). In some embodiments, initial and supplementary dosage components are both part of one dosage form (*e.g.*, a pill, a tablet, or a capsule).

In some embodiments, the central nervous system disorder is a trauma-linked disorder or a stressor-linked disorder. In some cases, the central nervous system disorder is a mood disorder. In some cases, wherein the central nervous system disorder is an anxiety disorder. In some cases, the central nervous system disorder is post-traumatic stress disorder.

In some embodiments, the administering is performed during a therapy session. In some cases, the dosage form comprising about 100 mg of MDMA is administered. In some cases, about 100 mg of MDMA is administered in one dose. In some cases, about 100 mg of MDMA is administered in two doses.

In some embodiments, the dosage form comprising about 120 mg of MDMA is administered. In some cases, about 120 mg of MDMA is administered in one dose. In some cases, the about 120 mg of MDMA is administered in two doses.

In some embodiments, the dosage form comprising about 140 mg of MDMA is administered. In some cases, about 140 mg of MDMA is administered in one dose. In some cases, the about 140 mg of MDMA is administered in two doses.

In some embodiments, the dosage form comprising about 160 mg of MDMA is administered. In some cases, the about 160 mg of MDMA is administered in one dose. In some cases, the about 160 mg of MDMA is administered in two doses.

In some embodiments, the dosage form comprising the therapeutically effective amount of MDMA is orally administered. In some cases, the dosage form comprising the therapeutically effective amount of MDMA is administered in a capsule. In some cases, the dosage form comprising the therapeutically effective amount of MDMA is administered in a tablet.

In some embodiments, the dosage form comprising the therapeutically effective amount of MDMA is administered as one or more individual dosage units during a single therapy session. In some cases, the dosage form comprising the therapeutically effective amount of MDMA is administered at different times during a single therapy session.

### **EMBODIMENTS**

1. A particle comprising 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof, and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipients, wherein the particle is substantially smaller than about 610  $\mu\text{m}$ .

2. The particle of embodiment 1, wherein the  $D_{v90}$  is below about 420  $\mu\text{m}$ , and the particle size range ( $D_{v90}$ - $D_{v10}$ ) is less than about 400  $\mu\text{m}$ ,

3. The particle of embodiment 2, wherein the  $D_{v90}$  is below about 400  $\mu\text{m}$ .

4. The particle of embodiments 1-3, wherein 0-10% of the particles have a particle size ( $D_{v10}$ ) from about 0.01  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 10  $\mu\text{m}$ .

5. The particle of any one of the preceding embodiments, wherein the median particle size ( $D_{v50}$ ) is from about 100  $\mu\text{m}$  and about 200  $\mu\text{m}$ .

6. The particle of any one of the preceding embodiments, wherein the chemical purity is from about 98-100% and no single impurity is present in an amount from about 0.5% to about 100% as determined by HPLC.

7. The particle of any one of the preceding embodiments, wherein the chemical purity is from 99-100% and no single impurity is present in an amount from about 0.5% to about 100% as determined by HPLC.

8. The particle of any one of the preceding embodiments, wherein the particle is substantially free of MDMA monohydrate.

9. A dosage form comprising the particles of any one of the preceding embodiments and a pharmaceutically acceptable salt.

10. The dosage form of embodiment 9, comprising about 1 mg to about 150 mg of MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof.

11. The dosage form of embodiment 9 or 10, comprising about 35 mg to about 45 mg of MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof.

12. The dosage form of any one of embodiments 9-11, comprising about 55 mg to about 65 mg of MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof.

13. The dosage form of any one of embodiments 9-12, comprising about 75 mg to about 85 mg of MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof.

14. The dosage form of any one of embodiments 9-13, comprising about 95 mg to about 105 mg of MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof.

15. The dosage form of any one of embodiments 9-14, comprising about 115 mg to about 125 mg of MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof.

16. The dosage form of any one of embodiments 9-15, wherein the dissolution rate in water exceeds 80% of the MDMA, by mass, in 30 minutes.

17. The dosage form of any one of embodiments 9-16, wherein the particles are prepared by a process comprising the step of reducing the particle size and increasing particle size uniformity by screen-milling under an inert atmosphere.

18. The dosage form of any one of embodiments 9-17, wherein the dosage form additionally comprises a diluent.

19. The dosage form of embodiment 18, wherein the diluent is a sugar alcohol.

20. The dosage form of embodiment 18 or 19, wherein the diluent has a moisture content from 0% to about 0.25% by mass, prior to blending.

21. The dosage form of embodiment 9, wherein the composition additionally comprises a lubricant.

22. The dosage form of embodiment 21, wherein the lubricant comprises a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of a saturated fatty acid.

23. The dosage form of any one of embodiments 9-22, wherein substantially all of the particles are smaller than about 610  $\mu\text{m}$ .



24. The dosage form of any one of embodiments 9-23, wherein the Dv90 of the particles is from about 0.01  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 400  $\mu\text{m}$ .

25. The dosage form of any one of embodiments 9-24, wherein from about 0-10% of the particles have a particle size (Dv10) from about 0.01  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 10  $\mu\text{m}$ .

26. The dosage form of any one of embodiments 9-25, wherein the median particle size (Dv50) of the particles is from 100  $\mu\text{m}$  to 200  $\mu\text{m}$ .

27. The dosage form of any one of embodiments 9-26, wherein the chemical purity of the particles is from about 98-100% and no single impurity is present in an amount from about 0.5% to about 100% as determined by HPLC.

28. The dosage form of any one of embodiments 9-27, wherein the chemical purity of the particles is 99-100% and no single impurity is present in an amount from about 0.5% to about 100% as determined by HPLC.

29. The dosage form of any one of embodiments 9-27, wherein the particles are prepared by a process comprising the step of reducing particle size and increasing particle size uniformity by screen-milling under an inert atmosphere.

30. The dosage form of any one of embodiments 9-29, which is a capsule.

31. The dosage form of any one of embodiments 9-29, which is a tablet.

32. The dosage form of any one of embodiments 9-31, further comprising a diluent.

33. The dosage form of embodiment 32, wherein the diluent is a sugar alcohol.

34. The dosage form of embodiment 32 or 33, wherein the diluent has a moisture content of about 0-0.25% by mass, prior to blending.

35. The dosage form of any one of embodiments 9-34, comprising one or more individual dosage units.

36. The dosage form of embodiment 35, comprising one individual dosage unit.

37. The dosage form of embodiment 36, comprising at least two individual dosage units.

38. The dosage form of embodiment 37, comprising at least three individual dosage units.

39. The dosage form of any one of embodiments 48-51, wherein each of the one or more individual dosage units comprises a capsule.

40. The dosage form of any one of embodiments 48-52, wherein the one or more individual dosage units are administered during a single therapy session.

41. The dosage form of any one of embodiments 48-53, wherein the one or more individual dosage units are administered at different times during the single therapy session.

42. A method of treating a central nervous system disorder in a subject, the method comprising: administering to the subject a therapeutically effective amount of the particles of any one of embodiments 1-8 or the dosage form of any one of embodiments 9-42.

43. The method of embodiment 42, wherein the central nervous system disorder is a trauma-linked disorder or a stressor-linked disorder.

44. The method of embodiment 42, wherein the central nervous system disorder is a mood disorder.

45. The method of embodiment 42, wherein the central nervous system disorder is an anxiety disorder.

46. The method of embodiment 42, wherein the central nervous system disorder is post-traumatic stress disorder.

47. The method of any one of embodiments 42-46, wherein the administering is performed during a therapy session.

48. The method of any one of embodiments 42-47, wherein about 100 mg of MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof, is administered.

49. The method of embodiment 48, wherein the about 100 mg of MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof, is administered in one dose.

50. The method of embodiment 48, wherein the about 100 mg of MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof, is administered in two doses.

51. The method of any one of embodiments 42-50, wherein about 120 mg of MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof, is administered.

52. The method of embodiment 51, wherein the about 120 mg of MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof, is administered in one dose.

53. The method of embodiment 51, wherein the about 120 mg of MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof, is administered in two doses.

54. The method of any one of embodiments 42-53, wherein about 140 mg of MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof, is administered.

55. The method of embodiment 54, wherein the about 140 mg of MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof, is administered in one dose.

56. The method of embodiment 54, wherein the about 140 mg of MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof, is administered in two doses.

57. The method of any one of embodiments 42-56, wherein about 160 mg of MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof, is administered.

58. The method of embodiment 57, wherein the about 160 mg of MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof, is administered in one dose.

59. The method of embodiment 57, wherein the about 160 mg of MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof, is administered in two doses.

60. The method of any one of embodiments 42-60, wherein the dosage form comprising the therapeutically effective amount of MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof, is orally administered.

61. The method of embodiment 60, wherein the therapeutically effective amount of the MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof, is administered in a capsule.

62. The method of embodiment 60, wherein the dosage form comprising the therapeutically effective amount of MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof, is administered in a tablet.

63. The method form of any one of embodiments 42-62, wherein the dosage form comprising the therapeutically effective amount of MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof, is administered as one or more individual dosage units during a single dosing session.

64. The method form of any one of embodiments 42-62, wherein the dosage form comprising the therapeutically effective amount of MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof, is administered at different times during a single therapy session.

65. The particles of embodiments 1 or 8, wherein the particles are prepared by a process comprising the step of reducing particle size and increasing particle size uniformity by screen-milling.

66. The method of embodiment 65, wherein the coarse particles do not undergo an additional size-reducing process.

67. The method of embodiment 65 or 66, wherein substantially all of the particles are smaller than about 610  $\mu\text{m}$ .

68. The method of embodiment 65 or 66, wherein the median particle size ( $D_{v50}$ ) of the coarse particles is from about 300  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 900  $\mu\text{m}$ .

69. The method of embodiment 68, wherein the coarse particles are substantially free of MDMA monohydrate.

70. The method of any of embodiments 67-69, wherein the coarse particles are heated to a temperature of 50-70  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  in an environment with an ambient pressure from about 0.1-1 atmosphere, prior to entering the screen mill.

71. The method of any one of embodiments 67-70, wherein the coarse particles are fed into the screen mill in the absence of applied pressure.

72. The method of any one of embodiments 65-71, wherein the milling method is conducted in an inert atmosphere that is substantially free of moisture.

73. The method of embodiment 72, wherein the inert atmosphere comprises substantially dry nitrogen gas.

74. The dosage form or method of any one of embodiments 1-73, wherein the MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or hydrate is present in the form of a pharmaceutically acceptable salt.

75. The dosage form or method of any one of embodiments 1-74, wherein the MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or hydrate is present in the form of the hydrochloride salt.

## EXAMPLES

These examples are provided for illustrative purposes only and not to limit the scope of the claims provided herein.

### *Example 1. Preparation of High-Purity MDMA*

This example provides methods of preparing high-purity MDMA. To a 50 L reaction vessel were added 4107.3 g crude MDMA $\cdot\text{HCl}$  and 41000 mL 2-propanol. The batch temperature was raised to 67.2  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ , while stirring, and the mixture was then stirred for 30 minutes at 67.2  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  until

all of the solids dissolved. Stress-tests had demonstrated stability for 72 hours at 70-80 °C, proving the thermal stability of MDMA·HCl.

The batch was then transferred through a 1.2 µm in-line filter capsule, using positive pressure, to a clean, 50 L reaction vessel, fitted with a jacket that had been pre-heated to 66.1 °C. In this new reaction vessel, the batch was cooled to 55.3 °C, over the course of 90 minutes. 41.1 g of MDMA·HCl Form 1 seed crystal (0.18 mol, 0.008 equivalents) were then added, and the batch was stirred at the same temperature for 30 minutes. The batch was cooled to 15.2 °C at a rate of 3 °C/hour, then stirred at this temperature for an additional 10 hours.

The white suspension was removed from the mother liquor via vacuum filtration over a filter plate fitted with a filter cloth then washed with 8220 mL 2-propanol. The filter cake was transferred to a drying oven, and dried under vacuum (140 mbar) for 19 hours at 56.6 °C. The collected MDMA·HCl was a white solid weighing 3548.3 g (85.5% yield; 99.95% peak area, 99.64% w/w by HPLC). No single impurity exceeded 0.02% of peak area by HPLC, and residual solvents (methanol, <6 ppm; 2-propanol, 490 ppm) were found to be within the target range.

#### ***Example 2. General Description of Screen Milling Process***

1911 g MDMA, split into four sub-lots, was fed into an Ytron-Quadro Comill with a stainless steel 610 screen and a rounded mixing drive. The solids were fed into the mill under an inert atmosphere, without pressure applied, and passed directly into a polyethylene collection bag with an earthing cable protecting the equipment from static discharge. A mill speed of 6000 rpm was utilized. The feeding of all four batches was conducted by hand and took place over 30 minutes to avoid a significant build up within the mill. The mass of MDMA recovered from the mill was 1880 g, as measured after analytical sampling. Milling was in general rapid and facile. XRPD data indicated no evidence of MDMA monohydrate formation in any of the four sub-lots. The milled product was found to be 99.9% MDMA by HPLC (100.0% on a dry basis). Particle size of MDMA recovered from this experiment for each sample/lot is shown in Table 1. The results show that each of the four sub-lots consistently showed a Dv90 of less than 400 µm.

**TABLE 1:** Particle Size of MDMA Measured by Laser Diffraction.

<b>Sample</b>	<b>Dv90</b>	<b>Dv50</b>	<b>Dv10</b>
CJS194-1	342 µm	170 µm	29.0 µm

CJS194-2	326 µm	135 µm	20.0 µm
CJS194-3	326 µm	134µm	20.9 µm
CJS194-4	353 µm	161µm	23.8 µm
CJS194-5 (blend of lots 1-4)	341 µm	151 µm	23.4 µm
Input 201101	844 µm	512 µm	376 µm

***Example 3. Method of Treating a Subject with MDMA-Assisted Therapy (MDMA-AT)***

Across 12 U.S. study sites and 2 Canadian sites, a total of 37 unique cotherapist dyads provided MDMA-assisted therapy (MDMA-AT) for treatment under clinical supervision among participants with severe post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Study sites included private practice clinics in Charleston (SC), Boulder (CO), Fort Collins (CO), Los Angeles (CA), New Orleans (LA), San Francisco (CA), New York (NY), Boston (MA), Vancouver (British Columbia, Canada), and Montreal (Quebec, Canada); and the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF, CA), University of Connecticut (UC, CT), University of Wisconsin Madison (WI), and New York University (NY). Sites ranged from one to four cotherapist dyads, and each unique dyad treated one participant. Study participants were recruited from November 2017 to March 2019 via internet advertisements, provider referrals, and by word-of-mouth. Study sites conducted telephone screenings to assess initial eligibility prior to inviting participants on-site for further screening.

Eligibility criteria included confirmation of severe PTSD, which was defined as having a CAPS-5 Total severity score of 35 or greater. Participants were asked to agree to the study protocol including lifestyle modifications. Exclusionary criteria included past or present psychotic disorder, bipolar I disorder, pregnancy or lactation, current diagnosis of a substance use disorder (except for caffeine or nicotine), uncontrolled hypertension, weighing less than 48 kg, and other medical conditions contraindicated for MDMA such as cardiac conditions or cerebrovascular disease. Participants who were at serious risk of suicide or posed a risk to others were also ineligible. Participants with controlled hypertension underwent additional screening to confirm the absence of clinically significant underlying cardiovascular disease. Participants who were enrolled into the study were asked, under the supervision of a physician, to taper off psychiatric medications and any other medications that might have interfered with the effects or metabolism of MDMA.

### *Treatment*

The MDMA-AT therapeutic approach is detailed in the “Manual for MDMA-Assisted Therapy in the Treatment of PTSD,” published by MAPS (MDMA Treatment Manual, available at [maps.org/treatment-manual](https://maps.org/treatment-manual)). MDMA-AT was conducted over a duration of 9 to 15 weeks. Treatment periods consisted of three preparatory sessions before the first administration of MDMA and three MDMA experimental sessions, in which each session was followed by three integrative sessions. In preparatory sessions, participants met with their cotherapist dyad to develop therapeutic rapport, discuss their PTSD symptoms, and the upcoming MDMA-AT session. Therapists provided information on what to expect during the MDMA-AT sessions, including drug effects and strategies to manage any challenging experiences that may emerge.

Participants were offered a total of three MDMA-AT sessions that were scheduled 3 to 5 weeks apart. In the first experimental session, participants were administered a divided dose of 80 mg MDMA initial + 40 mg MDMA supplemental. Supplemental doses were administered 1.5 to 2 hours after the initial dose. The purpose of the supplemental dose was to enable a longer period to process trauma during MDMA-AT sessions without significantly impacting the intensity or total duration of pharmacodynamic effects. The second and third experimental sessions offered a dose escalation to divided doses of 80 mg MDMA + 40 mg MDMA or 120 mg MDMA + 60 mg MDMA. The nominal difference in MDMA doses between countries was due to drug availability and challenges in import/export of a controlled substance, where U.S. participants received racemic MDMA synthesized by David Nichols, Ph.D. (Purdue University) and Canadian participants received racemic MDMA from Lipomed AG Switzerland.

Therapy during MDMA-AT sessions consisted of periods of introspection alternating with periods of communication between the participant and the cotherapist dyad. Participants were encouraged to remain with trauma-related memories, feelings, and/or thoughts as the cotherapist dyad provided support. MDMA-AT sessions lasted 6 to 8 hours and ended after drug effects returned to baseline. Participants remained overnight at the site with a night attendant, except for four participants who did not stay overnight as part of a safety substudy. After each MDMA-AT session, participants received several follow-up visits, including three integrative sessions, where therapists facilitated participants’ continued emotional processing, addressed any difficulties following the MDMA-AT session, and helped participants to apply any benefits gained in the

MDMA-AT sessions to daily life. Participants worked with the same cotherapist dyad throughout the entire treatment period. The therapeutic approach is detailed in the MDMA Treatment Manual.

All publications, patents, patent applications, and information available on the internet and cited in the present disclosure are herein incorporated by reference to the same extent as if each individual publication, patent, patent application, or item of information was specifically and individually indicated to be incorporated by reference. To the extent publications, patents, patent applications, and items of information incorporated by reference contradict the disclosure contained in the specification, the specification is intended to supersede and/or take precedence over any such contradictory material.

Various embodiments of the features of this disclosure are described herein. However, it should be understood that such embodiments are provided merely by way of example, and numerous variations, changes, and substitutions can occur to those skilled in the art without departing from the scope of this disclosure. It should also be understood that various alternatives to the specific embodiments described herein are also within the scope of this disclosure.



**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A composition comprising 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof, and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipients, wherein the average particle size is from about 50  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 400  $\mu\text{m}$ .
2. The composition of claim 1, wherein the average particle size is from about 75  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 200  $\mu\text{m}$ .
3. The composition of claim 1 or 2, wherein the average particle size is from about 100  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 200  $\mu\text{m}$ .
4. The composition of any one of claims 1-3, wherein the average particle size is from 100  $\mu\text{m}$  to 200  $\mu\text{m}$ .
5. The composition of any one of claims 1-4, wherein the MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof is substantially pure.
6. The composition of any one of claims 1-5, wherein the MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof is substantially free of MDMA monohydrate.
7. A dosage form comprising the composition of any one of claims 1-6, and optionally one or more additional pharmaceutically acceptable excipients.
8. The dosage form of claim 7, wherein the dosage form comprises from about 1 mg to about 150 mg of MDMA, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof.
9. The dosage form of claim 7 or 8, wherein the one or more additional excipients are present.
10. The dosage form of any one of claims 7-9, wherein the one or more additional excipients are independently selected from a diluent and a lubricant.
11. The dosage form of any one of claims 7-10, wherein the dosage form comprises a diluent and a lubricant.

12. The dosage form of any one of claims 7-11, wherein the diluent is a sugar alcohol.
13. The dosage form of any one of claims 7-12, wherein the diluent has a moisture content from about 0-0.25% by mass, prior to blending.
14. The dosage form of any one of claims 7-13, wherein the lubricant comprises a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of a saturated fatty acid.
15. The dosage form of any one of claims 7-14, wherein the lubricant is a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of a saturated fatty acid.
16. The dosage form of any one of claims 7-15, wherein the dosage form is an dosage form.
17. The dosage form of claim 16, wherein the dosage form is a capsule.
18. The dosage form of claim 16, wherein the dosage form is a tablet.
19. A method of treating a subject in need thereof, comprising administering to the subject the dosage form of any one of claims 7-18.

**ABSTRACT**

This disclosure describes particles comprising 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof, dose forms comprising same, and uses thereof, for example, for treating a disorder in a subject in need of such treatment.

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FIG. 1



FIG. 2

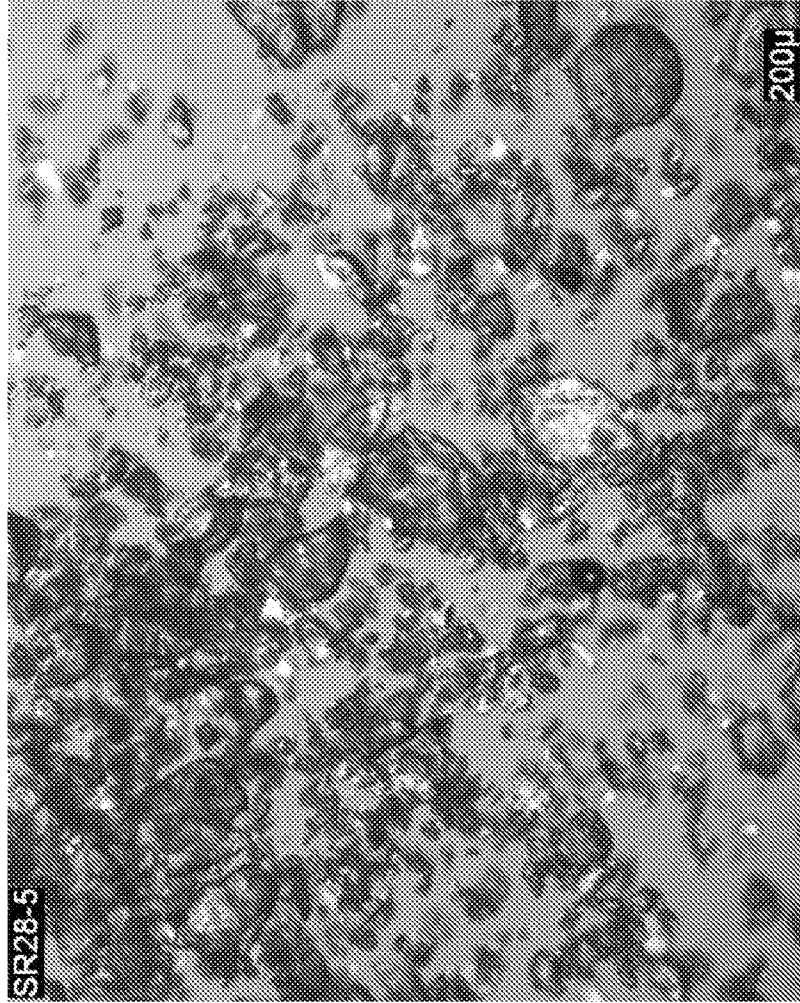


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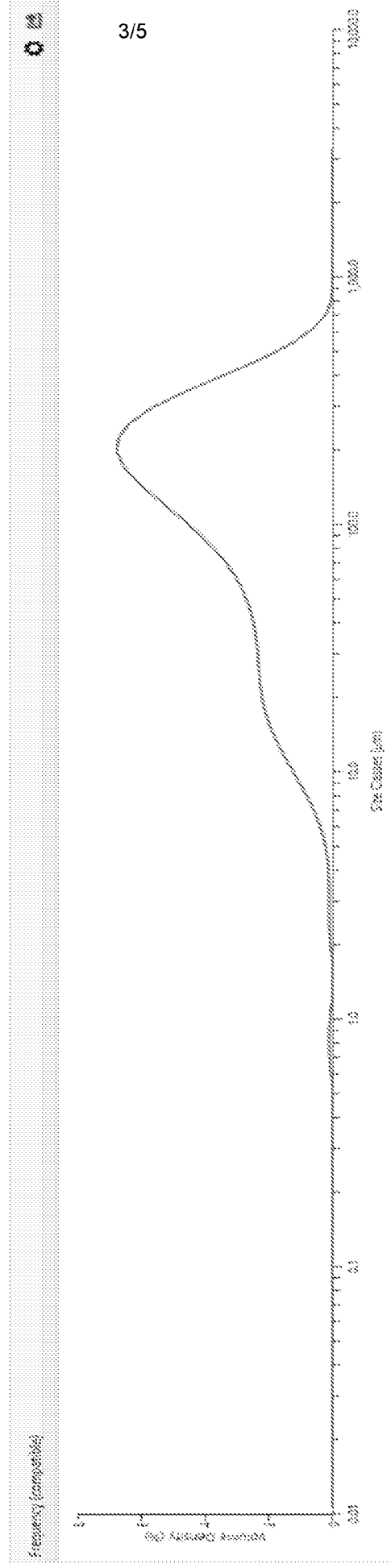


FIG. 4

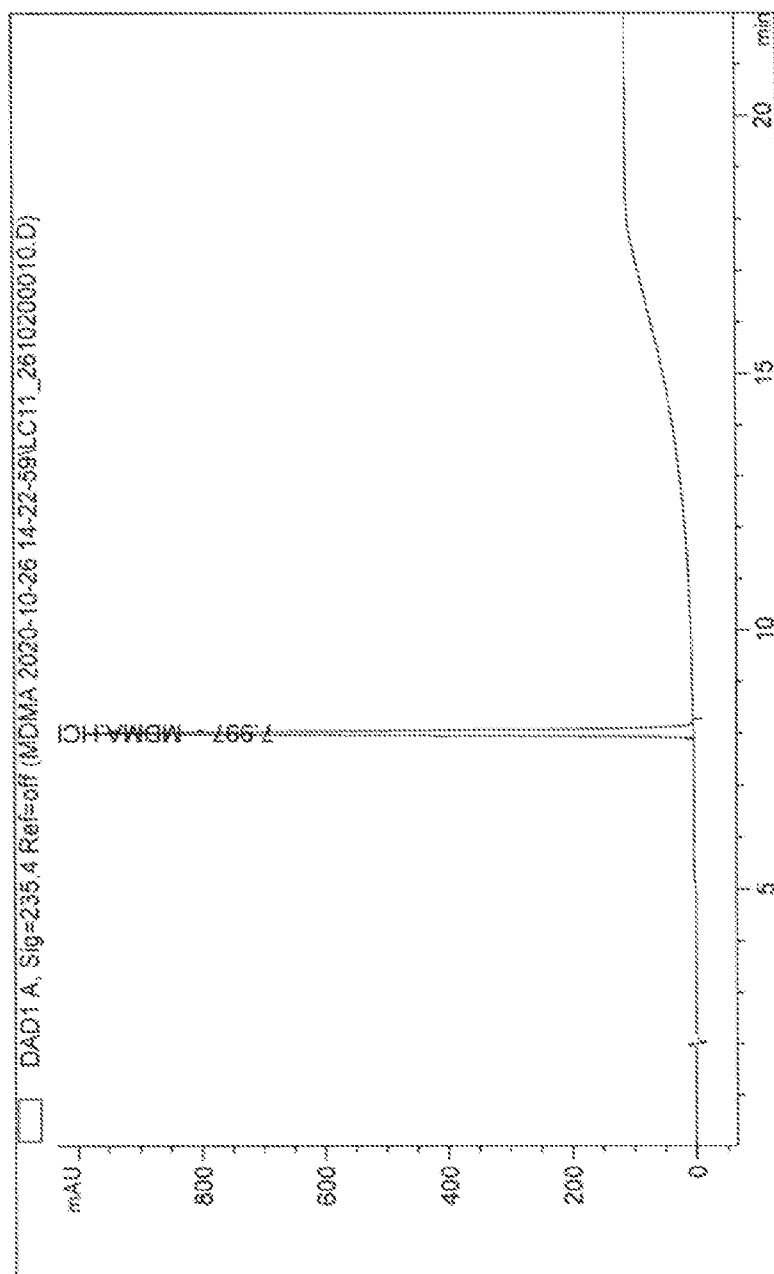
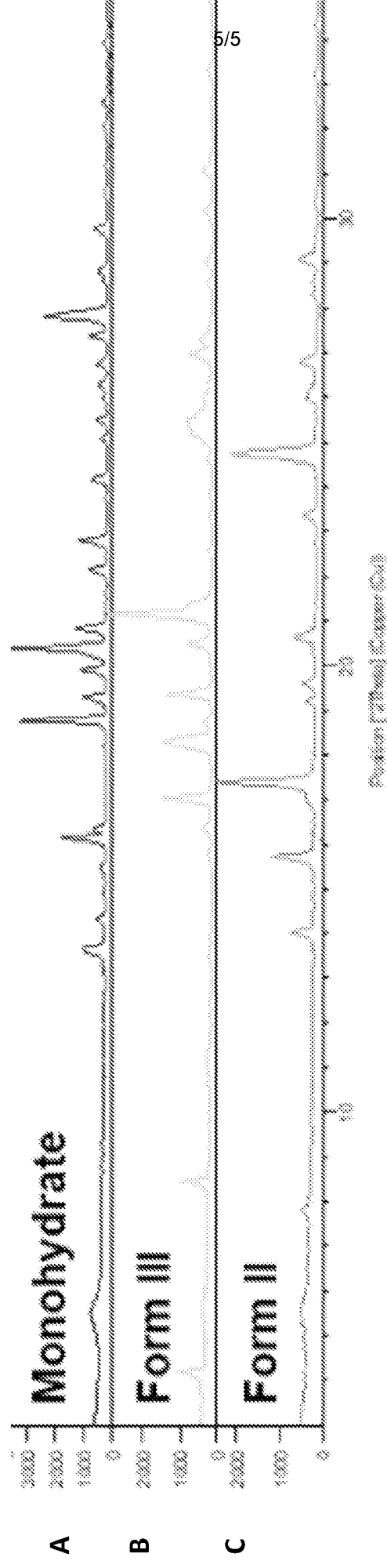


FIG. 5





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