Neurosteroid Analogues. 18. Structure–activity Studies of *ent*-Steroid Potentiators of γ-Aminobutyric Acid type A Receptors and Identification of *ent*-Steroids with Activities Comparable to Those of Alphaxalone and Allopregnanolone.

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Elemental Analysis Data for Required Previously Unknown Evaluated Compounds

***ent*-2:** Anal. ($C_{20}H_{32}O_3$): C, 74.96 %; H, 10.06 %. Found: C, 75.04 %; H, 9.97 %.
2: Anal. ($C_{20}H_{32}O_3$): C, 74.96%; H, 10.06%. Found: C, 75.04%; H, 9.93%.
***ent*-3:** ($C_{20}H_{32}O_3$): C, 74.96 %; H, 10.06 %. Found: C, 75.13 %; H, 9.90 %.
3: Anal. ($C_{20}H_{32}O_3$): C, 74.96%; H, 10.06%. Found: C, 75.01%; H, 9.95%.
***ent*-7:** Anal. ($C_{19}H_{30}O_3$): C, 78.57%; H, 10.41%; found: C, 78.36%; H, 10.58%.
7: Anal. ($C_{19}H_{30}O_3$): C, 78.57%; H, 10.41%; found: C, 78.78%; H, 10.61%.
***ent*-8:** Anal. ($C_{20}H_{32}O_3$): C, 74.96 %; H, 10.06 %. Found: C, 74.78 %; H, 9.86 %.
8: Anal. ($C_{20}H_{32}O_3$): C, 74.96%; H, 10.06%; found: C, 74.69%; H, 9.91%.
***ent*-9:** Anal. ($C_{20}H_{32}O_3$): C, 74.96 %; H, 10.06 %. Found: C, 75.07 %; H, 9.96%.
9: Anal. ($C_{20}H_{32}O_3$): C, 74.96 %; H, 10.06 %. Found: C, 75.13 %; H, 10.14%.
***ent*-10:** Anal. ($C_{18}H_{28}O_2$): C, 78.21 %; H, 10.21 %. Found: C, 78.16 %; H, 10.12 %.
***ent*-11:** Anal. ($C_{18}H_{28}O_2$): C, 78.21 %; H, 10.21 %. Found: C, 78.40 %; H, 10.15 %.
***ent*-12:** Anal. ($C_{17}H_{26}O_2$): C, 77.82 %; H, 9.99 %. Found: C, 78.02 %; H, 9.79 %.

Optional Elemental Analysis Data for Selected Intermediate Compounds

***ent*-14:** Anal ($C_{19}H_{30}O_2$): C, 78.57 %; H, 10.41 %. Found: C, 78.77%; H, 10.22%.
***ent*-31:** Anal ($C_{29}H_{38}O_4$): C, 77.30 %; H, 8.50 %. Found: C, 77.55 %; H, 8.26%.
***ent*-32:** Anal ($C_{22}H_{32}O_5$): C, 70.18 %; H, 8.57 %. Found: C, 70.30%; H, 8.59 %.
***ent*-33:** Anal ($C_{20}H_{30}O_3$): C, 75.43 %; H, 9.50 %. Found: C, 75.17 %; H, 9.39 %.
51: Anal ($C_{19}H_{28}O_4$): C, 71.22 %; H, 8.81 %. Found: C, 71.12 %; H, 8.68 %.
52: Anal ($C_{17}H_{26}O_2$): C, 77.82 %; H, 9.99 %. Found: C, 77.69 %; H, 10.02 %
53: Anal ($C_{24}H_{32}O_4S$): C, 69.20 %; H, 7.74 %. Found: C, 69.09 %; H, 7.35 %.
54: Anal ($C_{25}H_{31}O_3S$): C, 72.42 %; H, 8.27 %. Found: C, 72.59 %; H, 8.07 %.
***ent*-57:** Anal ($C_{17}H_{22}O_2$): C, 79.03 %; H, 8.58 %. Found: C,79.09 %; H, 8.38 %.

Molecular Modeling. (A) Edge view of alignment of compounds **1** and ***ent*-1**. (B) Edge view of alignment of compounds **4** and ***ent*-1**. (C) Top view of alignment of compounds **5** and ***ent*-9**. (D) Edge view of alignment of compounds **5** and ***ent*-9**.

Figure S1

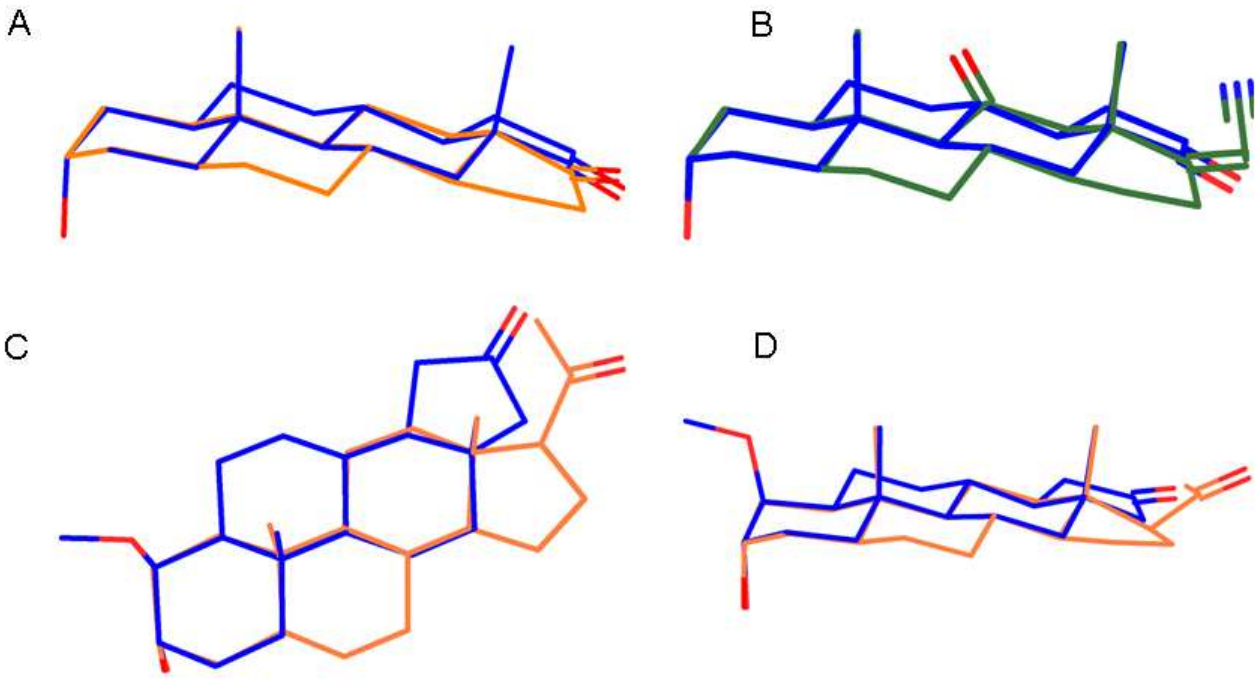

Figure S1. [^{35}S]TBPS Results. Structures of *ent*-steroids are in orientations shown for ***ent*-1** in Figure 1 (i.e., α face toward the reader). Numbers in parentheses are IC_{50} values for [^{35}S]TBPS displacement. Error limits for IC_{50} values and slope values for binding curves are given in Table 1. Enantiomers are groups as pairs to facilitate comparison of enantiomer IC_{50} values.