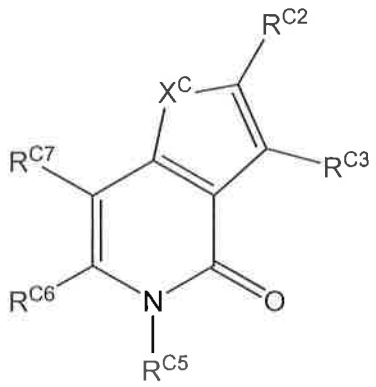
CLAIMS

1. A compound represented by the formula



(CI)

wherein

X^C is NR^{C1} wherein R^{C1} is methyl;

R^{C2} is a carbamoyl group having 1 or 2 substituents selected from

(1) a 4- to 12-membered non-aromatic heterocyclic group optionally having 1 to 3 substituents selected from

(a) a C_{1-6} alkyl-carbonyl group optionally having 1 to 3 hydroxy groups, and

(b) an oxo group;

(2) a C_{3-8} cycloalkyl group optionally having 1 to 3 substituents selected from

(a) a hydroxy group,

(b) a C_{1-6} alkyl group optionally having 1 to 3 hydroxy groups,

(c) a carbamoyl group,

(d) a cyano group,

(e) a C_{2-6} alkynyl group, and

(f) a 5- to 12-membered aromatic heterocyclic group;

(3) a C_{1-6} alkyl group having one substituent selected from

(a) an amino group having 1 or 2 C_{1-6} alkyl groups optionally having 1 to 3 hydroxy groups,

(b) a C_{6-10} aryl group optionally having 1 to 3 C_{1-6} alkylsulfonyl groups,

(c) a 4- to 12-membered non-aromatic heterocyclic group

optionally having 1 to 3 oxo groups,

(d) a 5- to 12-membered aromatic heterocyclic group,

(e) a hydroxy group, and

(f) a C_{1-6} alkoxy group;

(4) a C_{6-10} aryl group optionally having 1 to 3 halogen atoms;

(5) a 5- to 12-membered aromatic heterocyclic group; and

(6) a C_{2-6} alkynyl group;

R^{C3} is a C_{1-6} alkoxy group optionally having 1 to 3 halogen atoms;

R^{C5} is a C_{6-10} aryl group optionally having 1 to 3 substituents selected from

(a) a halogen atom,

(b) a C_{1-6} alkyl group optionally having 1 to 3 halogen atoms, and

(c) a C_{1-6} alkoxy group;

R^{C6} is a C_{1-6} alkyl group; and

R^{C7} is a hydrogen atom;

~~X^C is NR^{C1}, a sulfur atom or an oxygen atom;~~

~~R^{C1} is a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-6} alkyl group;~~

~~R^{C2} is a carbamoyl group optionally having substituent(s);~~

~~R^{C3} is a hydroxy group optionally having a substituent;~~

~~R^{C5} is a cyclic group optionally having substituent(s);~~

~~R^{C6} is a C_{1-6} alkyl group optionally having substituent(s);~~

~~R^{C7} is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom or a C_{1-6} alkyl group,~~

or a salt thereof.

~~2. The compound or salt of claim 1, wherein~~

~~X^C is NR^{C1} wherein R^{C1} is a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-6} alkyl group;~~

~~R^{C2} is a carbamoyl group optionally having 1 or 2 substituents selected from~~

~~(1) a C_{1-6} alkyl group optionally having substituent(s),~~

~~(2) a C_{2-6} alkynyl group optionally having substituent(s),~~

~~(3) a C_{3-8} cycloalkyl group optionally having substituent(s),~~

~~(4) a C_{6-10} aryl group optionally having substituent(s), and~~

~~(5) a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s);~~

R^{C3} is an optionally halogenated C_{1-6} alkoxy group;

R^{C5} is

(1) a C_{6-10} aryl group optionally having substituent(s), or

(2) a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s);

R^{C6} is a C_{1-6} alkyl group; and

~~R^{C7} is a hydrogen atom.~~

~~3. The compound or salt of claim 2, wherein X^6 is NR^{C1} wherein R^{C1} is methyl.~~

~~4~~2. 6-Ethyl-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-N-[1-(hydroxyacetyl)piperidin-4-yl]-1-methyl-4-oxo-3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrolo[3,2-c]pyridine-2-carboxamide or a salt thereof.

~~5~~3. 6-Ethyl-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-N-[1-(hydroxyacetyl)piperidin-4-yl]-1-methyl-3-(1-methylethoxy)-4-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrolo[3,2-c]pyridine-2-carboxamide or a salt thereof.

~~6~~4. 3-Ethoxy-6-ethyl-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-N-[1-(hydroxyacetyl)piperidin-4-yl]-1-methyl-4-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrolo[3,2-c]pyridine-2-carboxamide or a salt thereof.

~~7. A prodrug of the compound or salt of any of claims 1 to 6.~~

~~8~~5. A medicament comprising the compound or salt of any of claims 1 to ~~6~~4 ~~or a prodrug thereof~~.

~~9~~6. The medicament of claim ~~8~~5, which is an Smo inhibitor.

~~10~~7. The medicament of claim ~~8~~5, which is an agent for the prophylaxis or treatment of cancer.

~~11. A method for the prophylaxis or treatment of cancer in a mammal, which comprises administering an effective amount of the compound or salt of any of claims 1 to 6 or a prodrug thereof to the mammal.~~

~~12~~8. Use of the compound or salt of any of claims 1 to ~~6~~4 ~~or a prodrug thereof~~ for the production of an agent for the

prophylaxis or treatment of cancer.