

## **USE OF 3-N-BUTYL ISOINDOLINE KETONE IN PREPARATION OF DRUGS FOR PREVENTING AND TREATING CEREBRAL INFARCTION**

### **FIELD OF THE INVENTION**

[0001] The invention belongs to the field of pharmaceutical compounds, and more particularly to use of 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone and a pharmaceutical composition comprising the same in preparation of drugs for preventing and treating cerebral infarction.

### **BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

[0002] Cerebral infarction (CI), also known as cerebral ischemic stroke (CIS), refers to the softening and necrosis of local brain tissue resulting from blood circulation disorders, ischemia, and hypoxia. CI is formed mainly because the atherosclerosis and thrombosis occur in the arteries supplying blood to the brain, which leads to stenosis or occlusion of the lumen and further results in acute disease related to focal cerebral insufficiency, or because abnormal objects (solid, liquid, gas) enter the cerebral arteries or the carotid arteries supplying cerebral blood circulation via the blood circulation, which causes vascular occlusion or sharp decrease in blood flow and further causes the softening and necrosis of brain tissues of corresponding dominated regions.

[0003] CI is one of the three deadly killers endangering human life and health and ranking after heart diseases and cancers. Besides, high disability rate (75%) in CI patients brings great suffering to the patients as well as heavy financial burden to their families. Therefore, seeking ideal drugs for treating CI has been one of the focuses in the field of medicine.

[0004] Currently, the recognized most effective treatment for acute ischemic CI is thrombolytic therapy. A most commonly used preparation is tissue-type plasminogen activator (rt-PA), but the application thereof in the treatment has a high probability of intracranial hemorrhage and the price thereof is very high. Other neuroprotective preparations present not so good clinical efficacy and have relative serious side effects.

[0005] In 1990s, the famous pharmacologist Feng Yipu developed through unremitting efforts a novel drug butylphthalide, with a trade name of NBP, for treating acute ischemic CI. The NBP has been the third chemical drug in China that possesses independent intellectual property rights after the artemisinin and bicyclol. It has been found from studies of the pharmacodynamics mechanism and the pharmacological effects that butylphthalide is a neuroprotective drug adapted to improving the cerebral blood flow as well as blocking a plurality of pathological stages of cerebral ischemia. Butylphthalide is originated from natural plants, and has been first found in extract of the seed of the southern water celery and been artificially synthesized subsequently. After many clinical trails, butylphthalide has been proved to have good efficacy, high safety, convenience in use, and low adverse reactions.

[0006] Butylphthalide is a multi-target anti-cerebral ischemia drug, and action mechanisms thereof are presented in the following aspects: 1. improving the function of the mitochondrion, increasing the levels of NO and PGI<sub>2</sub> of the cerebral vascular endothelial, and inhibiting release of glutamic acid. 2. Improving local cerebral blood flow, cerebral microcirculation, and depletion of energy metabolism of cerebral ischemia, and alleviating cerebral edema symptoms caused by cerebral ischemia. 3. Reducing the arachidonic acid content and the calcium concentration within the cell, inhibiting the oxygen free radicals, and enhancing activities of antioxidant enzymes. 4. Anti-thrombosis and anti-platelet aggregation, improving the cerebral ischemia memory impairment and neurological deficit, and reducing the CI area. Chinese paten publication number CN1257706 A has disclosed use of butylphthalide in preparation of anti-platelet

anti-thrombotic drugs. Chinese publication number CN102008464 A has disclosed use of L-butylphthalide in preparation of drugs for preventing and treating CI.

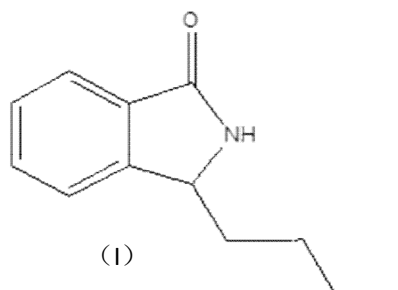
[0007] Although butylphthalide has significant efficacy in treating CIS, it can only be prepared in the form of oil-soluble liquid preparation because of its features of oily liquid and water insolubility, thereby resulting in great limitation in preparation types thereof.

[0008] The invention provides a compound 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone having a structure similar to butylphthalide, i. e., -O- is substituted by -NH- but the bicyclic structure is not changed, the product of 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone obtained is a white crystalline solid which is beneficial for meeting the requirements of the preparations. Because the compound and butylphthalide are very similar in structure and molecular weight, the compound is presumed to have the drug efficacy similar to butylphthalide. It is indicated from pharmacodynamics studies that 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone has obvious effect in treating CI caused by local cerebral ischemia and has no significant statistical difference in treatment efficacy compared with butylphthalide. Thus, the compound 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone is adapted to remain the efficacy in treating cerebral ischemia as well as overcome shortages existing in butylphthalide preparations, thereby being of great significance in treating diseases caused by cerebral ischemia.

#### SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0009] In order to overcome the problems existing in use of butylphthalide in the prior art, it is one objective of the invention to provide the use of a compound 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone represented by formula I for preventing or treating cerebral ischemia and to prove that the compound 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone has no significant statistical difference in treating cerebral ischemia compared with butylphthalide through pharmacodynamics experiments. Meanwhile, because the compound 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone has a crystalline solid structure, the compound has a broad selective range in preparations,

thereby overcoming limitations of butylphthalide in preparation aspects and has great significance in industrial production and decreasing the medicine cost.



[0010] To achieve the above purpose, the following technical solution of the invention is adopted:

[0011] The invention specifically relates to the use of a drug or a pharmaceutical composition comprising 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone in treatment of CI caused by local ischemia.

[0012] Studies show that compared with 3-n-butylphthalide, 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone has no statistical difference in treating CIS.

[0013] The middle cerebral artery occlusion (MCAO) model in rats is constructed to observe the anti-cerebral ischemia of 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone. The MCAO model is divided into three groups: 1) a negative control group, i. e., an vegetable oil, 3 mL/kg; 2) 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone group, 30 mg/kg; 3) a positive control group, i. e., 3-n-butylphthalide, 30 mg/kg. All the three groups are administered via intraperitoneal injection. Male SD rats having a weight of 250 g are selected and administered 15 min after the ischemia. After 2 hrs of cerebral infarction and 24 hrs of reperfusion, brain slices are prepared and conducted with TTC staining. Software image J is used to process staining results, calculate infarct areas, and compare the results among different groups. It is known from the results that an average infarct area of the blank group is 24.430%, the average infarct area of the 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone group is 14.365%, and the

average infarct area of the butylphthalide group is 14.402%. Statistic results indicate that 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone has no significant statistical difference in efficacy of treating cerebral ischemia compared with butylphthalide.

[0014] The results of the invention prove that 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone has good efficacy in treating cerebral ischemia. Besides, compared with the oily liquid structure of butylphthalide, the crystalline solid structure of 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone provides a broader selective range in the preparation field, provides possibility for changing the administration ways, and is beneficial for decreasing the pharmaceutical cost and improving the drug efficiency. Thus, 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone has great application prospect.

[0015] The invention further provides a pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone as an active component and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient or adjunct. In general, the pharmaceutical composition contains between 0.1 and 95 wt. % of the compound 3-n-butyl isoindoline.

[0016] The pharmaceutical composition can be prepared using well known methods in the technical field. For such purpose, the compound 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone is adapted to mix with one or a plurality of solid or liquid drug excipients and/ or adjuncts if necessary, whereby preparing drugs for human or animals in proper administration forms or dosage forms.

[0017] In the preparation aspects, because the compound 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone is in the crystal morphology, the compound 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone or the pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound can be made into liquid dosage forms, gas dosage forms, semisolid dosage forms, and solid dosage forms. For example, the liquid dosage forms comprise: true solutions, emulsion dosage forms, suspension dosage forms, particle dosage forms, and colloid dosage form. The gas dosage forms comprise: aerosols, sprays, and dry powder inhalations. The semisolid dosage forms

comprise: oral pastes, externally used pastes, and pastes. The solid dosage forms comprise: tablets, capsules, dropping pills, pills, powder, suppositories, granules, freeze-dried powder, and the like.

[0018] The compound 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone and the pharmaceutical composition comprising the same are administered in the form of the unit dose. The administration is accomplished via enteral or parenteral routes, such as oral, intramuscular, subcutaneous, nasal, oral mucosa, skin, peritoneum, and rectum administrations.

[0019] Administration routes of the compound 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone and the pharmaceutical composition comprising the same are applicable for injection administration, including intravenous injection, intramuscular injection, subcutaneous injection, intradermal injection, and acupoint injection.

[0020] The compound 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone and the pharmaceutical composition comprising the same are made into common preparations, or into sustained-release preparations, target dry delivery systems, and other particle delivery systems.

[0021] In order to make the unit dosage forms into tablets, a plurality of known carriers in the technical field can be widely used. The carriers comprises: diluents and absorbents, such as starch, dextrin, calcium sulfate, lactose, mannitol, sucrose, sodium chloride, glucose, urea, calcium carbonate, kaolin, microcrystalline cellulose, and aluminum silicate, etc.; wetting agents and adhesives, such as water, glycerol, polyethylene glycol, ethanol, propanol, starch paste, dextrin, syrup, honey, glucose solution, arabic gum, gelatin, carboxymethylcellulose sodium, shellac, methyl cellulose, potassium phosphate, and polyvinyl pyrrolidone, etc.; disintegrating agents, such as dried starch, alginate, agar powder, alginate starch, sodium bicarbonate and citric acid, calcium carbonate, polyoxyethylene sorbitan fatty acid esters, sodium dodecyl sulfonate, methylcellulose, and ethyl cellulose, etc.; disintegration inhibitors, such as sucrose, glycerol tristearate, cacao butter, hydrogenated oil, etc.; absorption accelerators, such as quaternary

ammonium salts and sodium dodecyl sulfate, etc.; and lubricants, such as talc, silica, corn starch, stearic acid salts, boric acid, liquid paraffin, polyethylene glycol and the like.

Tablets can also be made into coated tablets, such as sugar-coated tablets, film-coated tablets, enteric coated tablets, or double-layer tablets and multi-layer tablets.

[0022] For example, in order to make the unit dosage forms into pills, a plurality of known carriers in the technical field can be widely adopted. The carriers for pills comprise: diluents and absorbents, such as glucose, lactose, starch, cacao butter, hydrogenated vegetable oil, polyvinylpyrrolidone, kaolin, talc, etc.; adhesives, such as arabic gum, tragacanth, gelatin, ethanol, honey, liquid glucose, rice paste, or panada, etc.; and disintegrating agents, such as agar powder, dried starch, alginate, sodium dodecyl sulfonate, methylcellulose, and ethyl cellulose, etc.

[0023] For example, in order to make the unit dosage forms into capsules, the effective component 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone and the above carriers are mixed, and a resulting mixture are encapsulated into hard gelatin capsules or soft capsules. Or, the effective component 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone are made into microcapsules and suspended in aqueous solutions to form suspensions, or encapsulated into hard capsules, or be made into injections for application.

[0024] For example, in order to make the unit dosage forms into injection preparations, such as solutions, suspensions, emulsions, free-dried powder, such preparations can be aqueous or non-aqueous and comprise one and/or a plurality of pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, diluents, adhesives, lubricants, preservatives, surfactants, or dispersants. For example, the diluents can be selected from water, ethanol, polyethylene glycol, 1, 3-propylene glycol, ethoxylated isostearyl alcohols, multi-oxidized isostearyl alcohols, and polyoxyethylene sorbitan fatty acid esters. Furthermore, to prepare isotonic injections, a proper dose of sodium chloride, glucose, or glycerol can be added to the injection preparations. Also, conventional cosolvents, buffers, pH adjusting agents can

also be added. Such adjuncts are commonly used in the technical field.

[0025] In addition, colorants, preservatives, perfumes, flavoring agents, sweeteners, or other materials can be added to the drug preparations if necessary.

[0026] To achieve the administration purpose and enhance the treating efficacy, the drug or the pharmaceutical composition of the invention can be administered by any known methods.

[0027] The dose of the pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone is determined by a plurality of factors, for example, the nature and the severity of the disease to be prevented or treated, the gender, age, weight, temperament, and individual response of the patients or animals, the administration route, the administration times, and the treatment purpose. Thus, the therapeutic dose of the pharmaceutical composition may vary within a large range. Generally, doses of pharmaceutical ingredients are known by persons skilled in the art and can be properly adjusted according to the dose of the actual ingredients contained in the final preparation of the composition comprising the compound 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone, thereby reaching the required effective amount for treatment and realizing the purpose for prevention or treatment. A proper dose of the compound 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone is preferably between 0.1 and 100 mg per kg of weight per day, and more preferably 0.1-100 mg/day/person. The above dose can be in the form of a single dose forms or be divided into several, for example, two, three, or four dose forms, which is limited by clinical experience of doctors and other administration methods applying other treatment means.

[0028] A total dose required for each treatment can be divided into several times or once dose administration. The compound or the composition comprising the same can be administered alone, or administered along with other treating drugs or symptomatic drugs with adjusted doses.

[0029] The invention is described in detail hereinbelow combining with examples, and it should be noted that the following examples are not intended to limit the invention.

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0030] FIG. 1 is a digital picture showing staining results of brain slices of rats after 2 hrs of MCAO and 24 hrs of reperfusion in a blank control group;

[0031] FIG. 2 is a digital picture showing staining results of brain slices of rats after 2 hrs of MCAO and 24 hrs of reperfusion in a 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone group;

[0032] FIG. 3 is a digital picture showing staining results of brain slices of rats after 2 hrs of MCAO and 24 hrs of reperfusion in a butylphthalide group;

[0033] FIG. 4 is a block diagram showing behavioral scores of a blank control group, a 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone group, and a butylphthalide group; and

[0034] FIG. 5 is a block diagram showing infarct area percentages of a blank control group, a 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone group, and a butylphthalide group.

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE EMBODIMENTS

##### **Example 1 Preparation of tablets of 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone**

[0035] Prescription

|                              |               |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone | 20 g          |
| Starch                       | 20 g          |
| Ethanol (50 v. %)            | proper amount |
| Sodium carboxymethyl starch  | 3 g           |
| magnesium stearate           | 0.3 g         |

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200 tablets

[0036] 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone is collected at an accurately constant weight according to the prescription, ground into powder, and screened by a 100-mesh sieve. Starch is collected at an accurately constant weight and screened by the 100-mesh sieve. 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone and starch after screening are evenly mixed, and a proper amount of 50 v. % of ethanol is added to a resulting mixture to prepare a damp mass. An 18-mesh nylon sieve is used for granulation. Granules are dried at a temperature of between 60 and 70°C. The 18-mesh sieve is then used for shaping the granules. After that, sodium carboxymethyl starch and magnesium stearate are added and evenly mixed. A Φ8mm press die is used to prepare tablets.

### **Example 2 Preparation of hard capsules of 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone**

[0037] Prescription

|                              |               |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone | 20 g          |
| Starch                       | 20 g          |
| Ethanol (50 v. %)            | proper amount |
| Sodium carboxymethyl starch  | 3 g           |
| magnesium stearate           | 0.3 g         |
| <hr/>                        |               |
| 200 capsules                 |               |

[0038] The wet granulation method herein is the same as that in Example 1. 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone is collected at an accurately constant weight according to the prescription, ground into powder, and screened by a 100-mesh sieve. Starch is collected at an accurately constant weight and screened by the 100-mesh sieve. 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone and starch after screening are evenly mixed, and a proper amount of 50 v. % of ethanol is added to a resulting mixture to prepare a damp mass. An 18-mesh nylon sieve is used for granulation. Granules are dried at a temperature of between 60 and 70°C. The 18-mesh sieve is used for shaping the granules. After that, contents of ingredients are measured, and qualified granules are encapsulated into number 1 capsules.

### **Example 3 Preparation of soft capsules of 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone**

[0039] 1 g of prepared 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone, 10 g of vegetable oil, 1 g of polyglycerol esters are collected and evenly mixed in a ball mill to prepare contents to be encapsulated in the soft capsules. Gelatin, glycerol, water, and opacifier at a ratio of 1: 0.4: 0.8: 0.01 are collected as raw materials for making the capsules. Compression molding method is adopted to prepare the soft capsules. The soft capsules are solidified and dried by cool wind, and is washed and dried by suitable solvents, and 100 granules of the soft capsules are prepared.

### **Example 4 Preparation of free-dried powder of 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone**

[0040] 1 g of prepared 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone is collected and dissolved in 800 mL of water for injection. 6 g of mannitol is then added. After full dissolution, the water for injection is added until a resulting solution reaches 1000 mL. The resulting solution is decarbonized by active carbon and is enabled to pass through a microporous membrane and then dispensed into 7 mL penicillin bottles with each bottle containing 4 mL. Bottle stoppers are then plugged in. The penicillin bottles are then free-dried and capped. A specification thereof is 4 mg of the free-dried powder of 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone for each bottle.

### **Example 5 Preparation of injections of 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone**

[0041] 1 g of prepared 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone and 9 g of sodium chloride are added with 900 mL of water for injection, and a pH value of a resulting mixture is adjusted to be between 6.5 and 7.2. 3 g of needle carbon is added, evenly stirred, and boiled for 15 min. A resulting hot solution is filtered by a filter paper to remove the carbon and is finely

filtered by a 0.22  $\mu\text{m}$  microporous membrane. The water for injection is added until a resulting solution reaches 1000 mL. After that, a clarity of the solution is examined, and a qualified solution is dispensed into 5 mL ampoules. The ampoules are melt sealed and then pressure sterilized at the temperature of 110°C for 30 min.

### **Example 6 Influence of 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone on infarct volume in MCAO models of rats**

[0042] 1) Construction of middle cerebral artery occlusion (MCAO) models of rats

[0043] Male SD rats having a weight of between 250 and 270 g are selected. The Male SD rats are cultivated at a room temperature of 25°C and are forbidden from feeding food except for water 12 hrs before the operation. The MCAO models are constructed in accordance with longa method or the like. 10 % chloral hydrate is used to anesthetize the rats by intraperitoneal injection with a dose of 350 mg/kg. The rat is then upwardly fixed on a rat plate in a supine position and illuminated by an incandescent lamp for maintaining a body temperature thereof at  $37\pm0.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Rat hairs at the middle position of the neck are sheared, and the skin at such position is incised after disinfection. The common carotid artery (CCA), external carotid artery (ECA), and internal carotid artery (ICA) of the right side are carefully separated. The ECA is cut, and a cut end is straightened and aligned with the ICA, and a thread is then inserted therefrom. The thread is inserted for a depth of approximately  $19.0\pm0.5$  mm. After 2 hrs, a part of the thread is pulled out to realize reperfusion. The rat after suture ligation is then put back to the rat cage. After 24 hrs of reperfusion, brain slices are prepared for staining.

[0044] 2) Grouping and administration

[0045] The rats are divided into three groups with 10 in each group: 1) a blank control group, i. e., an vegetable oil, 3 mL/kg; 2) 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone group, 30 mg/kg; 3)

a positive control group, i. e., 3-n-butylphthalide, 30 mg/kg. All the three groups are administered with drugs via intraperitoneal injection 15 min after modeling.

[0046] 3) Neurobehavioral assessment

[0047] According to Zea Longa assessment, ethology observation is conducted after 2 hrs of modeling and 24 hrs of reperfusion and before killing the rats. The tail of the rat is seized to lift the rat about 1 foot off the ground to observe the condition of the left forelimb. The rat is placed on a flat ground, and the right and left shoulders of the rat are thrust from the right side and the left side, respectively, to compare the difference in resisting forces from the two sides. The rat is placed on the flat ground for free activities, and walking conditions of the rat are observed. The four-stage score method (scores of 0-5) is adopted, and the higher the score is, the more serious the neurobehavioral damage is.

[0048] 1. If the behavior is completely normal, record score of 0.

[0049] 2. Lift the rat tail off the ground, if the rat pronates forelimb of an opposite side of the operation, record score of 1.

[0050] 3. Place the rat on the ground, use hand to push the two sides thereof to exam the resisting forces, and if the resisting force from the opposite side of the operation decreases, record score of 2.

[0051] 4. Place the rat on the ground and observe its walking, and if the rat circles around the opposite side of the operation, record score of 3.

[0052] 5. If the damage is very serious, the rat is unable to perform any independent activities, record score of 4.

[0053] The higher the score is, the more serious the cerebral damage is resulted, herein too slight or too serious of the damage cannot be chosen as the final test model. A standard modeling satisfies that the result of the neurobehavioral assessment 2 hrs after

the modeling and before pulling out of the thread is score of 3, i. e., obvious circling behaviors can be observed.

[0054] After 24 hrs of reperfusion of the MCAO models of the rats, the neurobehavioral assessment is conducted on the rats again, and the results are recorded.

[0055] 4) Measurement and calculation of cerebral infarct area

[0056] After 24 hrs of reperfusion, brains are collected from killed rats and placed in Petri dishes. The brain tissues are quickly collected and placed in a refrigerator at a temperature of -20°C for 20 min and taken out. The olfactory bulb, the cerebellum, and the lower brainstem are removed, and the remaining brain is then cut for five times with an interval of 2 mm, whereby six consecutive coronal brain slices are formed. 2% TTC dye solution is added to the Petri dishes to submerge the brain slice by the solution. The Petri dishes are placed at the temperature of 37°C and incubated in the absence of light for between 25 and 30 min during which the brain slices are turned over once every 5 min. After TTC staining of the brain slices, a normal tissue thereof presents red and an ischemic region presents white. When the TTC staining is finished, the TTC dye solution is removed out of the Petri dishes by syringes. Formalin solution with an amount enabling to submerge the brain slices is then added, and the Petri dishes are placed in the dark. After 24 hrs, solidified brain slices are taken out and arranged in order in a blue background to take pictures. Image analysis system software image J is used to process the pictures, and an infarct area and a total area of the brain slice are calculated, respectively, and the cerebral infarct percentage is further derived using the equation: cerebral infarct percentage (%) = (infarct area / total area of brain slice) × 100%. Because each slice has the same thickness of 2 cm, the infarct area is capable of representing the infarct volume to a certain degree.

[0057] 5) Experiment results

[0058] It is known from the results of the neurobehavioral assessment that in the solvent

control group, rats recorded the score of 0 do not exist while rats recorded the score of 2 or score of 3 are predominant. Those rats that pronate the forelimbs when being lifted and present decreased resisting forces on the opposite side of the opposition in facing external thrusting forces are recorded the score of 2. Those rats presenting circling behavior are recorded the score of 3. Some rats that present relatively serious symptoms and are paralyzed on the ground are recorded the score of 4. Experiment data are linearly processed by the statistical software SPSS17.0 and one-factor analysis of variance (ANOVA) is used to exam neurobehavioral differences among groups, which indicates that the 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone group has significant difference ( $P=0.003<0.01$ ) in alleviation of the neurobehavior compared with the blank control group and has no significant difference ( $P = 0.384 > 0.05$ ) compared with the butylphthalide group, and that the butylphthalide group has significant difference in alleviation of the neurobehavior compared with the blank control group ( $P = 0.031 < 0.05$ ). It is proved from the results of the neurobehavioral assessment that the 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone has a certain efficacy in alleviating symptoms caused by local cerebral ischemia in rats, and the alleviating efficacy of 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone is even slightly better than that of butylphthalide. This conclusion is coincident with the staining results of the brain slices, and further indicates that the improvement in the drug efficacy on the neurobehavior is in parallel correlation with the effect of reducing the infarct area.

[0059] The influence of 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone on the cerebral infarct volume is illustrated in accompanying pictures of the experiment results.

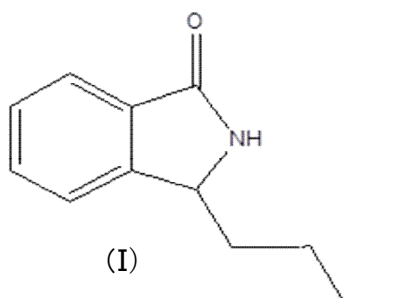
[0060] The infarct area and the total area of the slices of all the groups are collected by image J to calculate the infarct percentage. It has proved that the efficacy of 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone for reducing the infarct region is very obvious and is even better than the butylphthalide positive control group. Compared with the solvent control group, the infarct volume of the 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone group is reduced by 41.199%, thereby presenting an obvious effect. The effects of reduction of the infarct regions of the three

groups are compared using the one-factor ANOVA method, and it is indicated from the comparisons that the 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone group has significant difference ( $P < 0.001$ ) in the reduced infarct area compared with the blank control group, and the difference between the 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone group and the butylphthalide has no statistical significance ( $P = 0.989$ ). Butylphthalide also has significant difference ( $P < 0.01$ ) in the reduced infarct area compared with the blank control group.

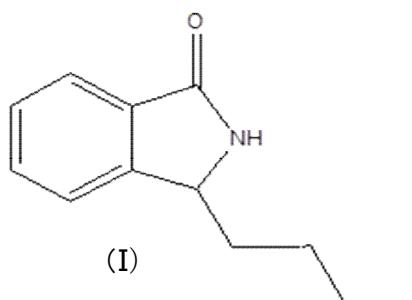
[0061] The above results prove that 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone has a certain therapeutic effect on the ischemia cerebral infarction and has great significance in treating the clinical cerebral infarction.

## CLAIMS

1. Use of a compound 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone represented by formula I in preparation of a drug for preventing or treating cerebral infarction.



2. The compound of claim 1, **characterized in that** 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone is ( $\pm$ ) 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone, (+) 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone, or (-) 3-n-butyl isoindoline ketone.
3. The use of claim 1, **characterized in that** the cerebral infarction is caused by local ischemia.
4. The use of claim 1, **characterized in that** a therapeutically effective dose of the compound is between 0.1 and 100 mg per kg per day.
5. A pharmaceutical composition, comprising:
  - a) a therapeutically effective dose of a compound represented by formula I



; and

- b) a pharmaceutical carrier or an excipient.

6. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 5, **characterized in that** the pharmaceutical composition has a dosage form of tablets, capsules, injections, granules, pills, powders, modified-release preparations, sustained-release preparations, and particle delivery systems.
7. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 5, **characterized in that** the pharmaceutical composition is used to prepare drugs for preventing or treating cerebral infarction caused by local ischemia.