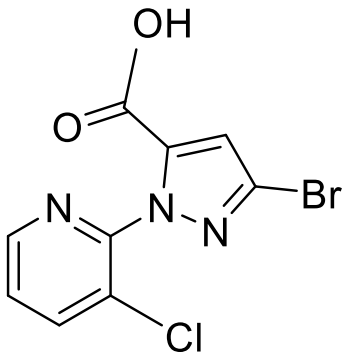
CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

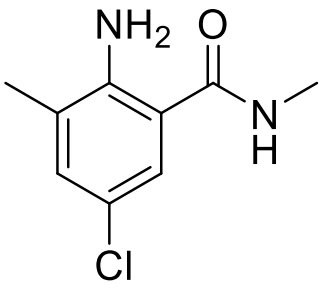
1. A three-component crystal comprising

(a) a compound of Formula **II**:



Formula **II**

(b) a compound of Formula **III**; and



Formula **III**

(c) an amine base, wherein the amine base is a pyridine base; and

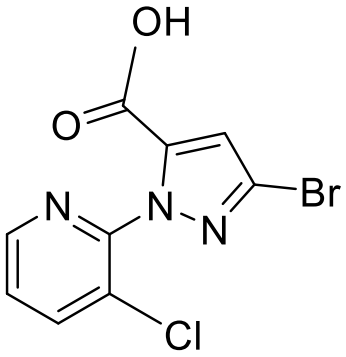
wherein the components are in an equimolar ratio of 1:1:1.

2. The three-component crystal of claim 1, wherein the pyridine base is 3-picoline.

3. The three-component crystal of claim 1 or 2, having unit cell dimensions of 12.12Å x 15.80Å x 12.28Å.

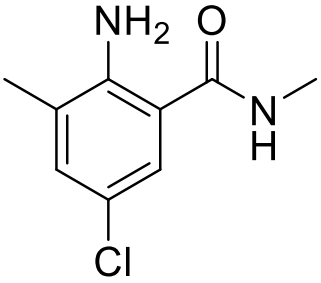
4. A method for the preparation of a three-component crystal comprising

(a) a compound of Formula **II**:



Formula **II**

(b) a compound of Formula **III**; and



Formula **III**

(c) an amine base, wherein the amine base is a pyridine base;

the method comprising the steps of:

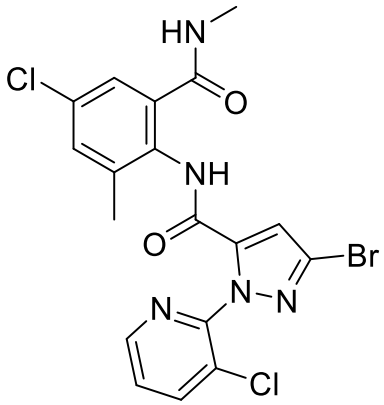
(i) forming an admixture of the compound of Formula **II**, the compound of Formula **III** and the amine base in an equimolar amount of 1:1:1 in an aprotic solvent, and

(ii) isolating the three-component crystals from the polar aprotic solvent.

5. The method of claim 4, wherein the aprotic solvent is acetonitrile.

6. The method of claim 5, wherein the pyridine base is 3-picoline.

7. A method for the preparation of a compound of Formula **I**

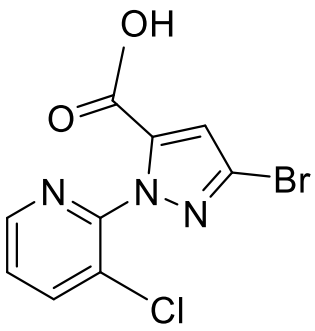


Formula **I**

the method comprising the steps of:

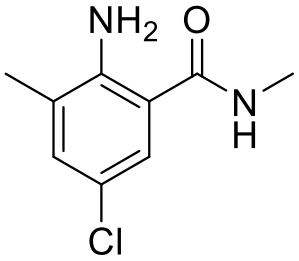
(a) reacting a suspension of a three-component crystal comprising

(i) a compound of Formula **II**:



Formula **II**

(ii) a compound of Formula **III**; and



Formula **III**

(iii) an amine base, wherein the amine base is a pyridine base;

in an aprotic solvent with an acid activating agent, wherein the components are present in an equimolar ratio of 1:1:1, and

(b) allowing the coupling of acid activated compounds of Formulas **II** and **III** to proceed to the formation of the compound of Formula **I**.

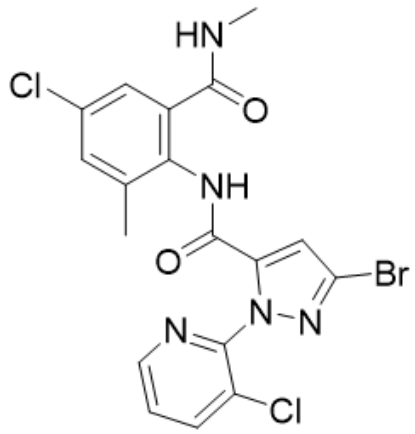
8. The method of claim 7, wherein the aprotic solvent is acetonitrile.

9. The method of claim 7 or claim 8, wherein the acid activating agent is a sulfonyl chloride.

10. The method of claim 9, wherein the sulfonyl chloride is methane sulfonyl chloride.

11. The method of any one of claims 7-10, wherein the pyridine base is 3-picoline.

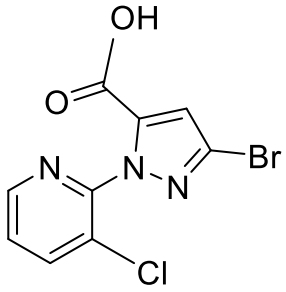
12. A method for the preparation of a compound of Formula **I**



Formula **I**

the method comprising the steps of:

(a) preparing a mixture comprising a compound of Formula **II**:



Formula **II**

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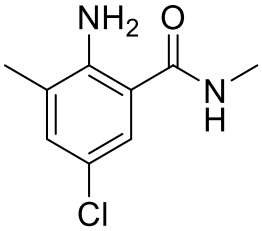

Formula **III**

an amine base, wherein the amine base is a pyridine base;

and an aprotic solvent,

(b) combining the mixture with an acid activating agent; and

(c) allowing the coupling of acid activated compounds of Formulas **II** and **III** to proceed to the formation of the compound of Formula **I**,

the method further comprising adding compound Formula **I** seed crystals, wherein the seed crystals are

(i) added when preparing the mixture of step (a),

(ii) added to the mixture before the acid activating agent has been added to the mixture in step (b), or

(iii) added during addition of the activating agent in step (b).

13. The method of claim 12, wherein the amount of seeding material of the compound of Formula **I** is in the range of 0.5 mol-% to 15 mol-%.

14. The method of claims 12 or 13, wherein the mixture comprising the seeding material has a temperature in the range of 30°C to reflux.

15. The method of claim 14, wherein the temperature is in the range of 40°C to reflux.