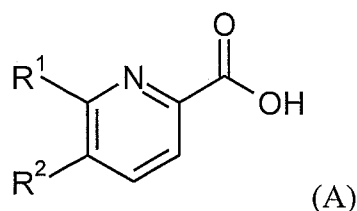


m is 0 or 1;

n is 0 or 1;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.

In another aspect, there is provided a process for the preparation of a compound as
5 defined herein, comprising the reaction of a compound of formula (A)



in the presence of NHR^3R^4 , an amide bond forming coupling agent and a base,
wherein R^1 to R^4 are as defined herein.

In another aspect, there is provided a compound as defined herein for use as
10 therapeutically active substance.

In another aspect, there is provided a pharmaceutical composition comprising a
compound as defined herein and a therapeutically inert carrier.

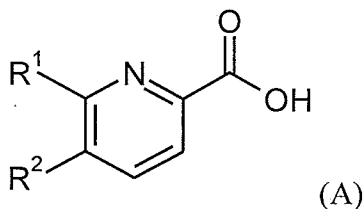
In another aspect, there is provided use of a compound as defined herein for the
preparation of a medicament for the treatment or prophylaxis of pain, neuropathic pain,
15 asthma, osteoporosis, inflammation, psychiatric diseases, psychosis, oncology,
encephalitis, malaria, allergy, immunological disorders, arthritis, gastrointestinal disorders,
psychiatric disorders rheumatoid arthritis, psychosis or allergy.

In another aspect, there is provided a compound as defined herein for the treatment
or prophylaxis of pain, neuropathic pain, asthma, osteoporosis, inflammation, psychiatric
20 diseases, psychosis, oncology, encephalitis, malaria, allergy, immunological disorders,
arthritis, gastrointestinal disorders, psychiatric disorders rheumatoid arthritis, psychosis or
allergy.

In the present description the term “alkyl”, alone or in combination, signifies a
straight-chain or branched-chain alkyl group with 1 to 8 carbon atoms, particularly a
25 straight or branched-chain alkyl group with 1 to 6 carbon atoms and more particularly a
straight or branched-chain alkyl group with 1 to 4 carbon atoms. Examples of straight-

N-[(2S)-1-Amino-4-methyl-1-oxopentan-2-yl]-6-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(cyclopropylmethoxy)pyridine-2-carboxamide.

12. A process for the preparation of a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 11, comprising the reaction of a compound of formula (A)



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in the presence of NHR^3R^4 , an amide bond forming coupling agent and a base, wherein R^1 to R^4 are as defined in any one of claims 1 to 9.

13. A compound according to any one of claims 1 to 11 for use as therapeutically active substance.
- 10 14. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound in accordance with any one of claims 1 to 11 and a therapeutically inert carrier.
- 15 15. The use of a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 11 for the preparation of a medicament for the treatment or prophylaxis of pain, neuropathic pain, asthma, osteoporosis, inflammation, psychiatric diseases, psychosis, oncology, encephalitis, malaria, allergy, immunological disorders, arthritis, gastrointestinal disorders, psychiatric disorders rheumatoid arthritis, psychosis or allergy.
- 20 16. A compound according to any one of claims 1 to 11 for the treatment or prophylaxis of pain, neuropathic pain, asthma, osteoporosis, inflammation, psychiatric diseases, psychosis, oncology, encephalitis, malaria, allergy, immunological disorders, arthritis, gastrointestinal disorders, psychiatric disorders rheumatoid arthritis, psychosis or allergy.