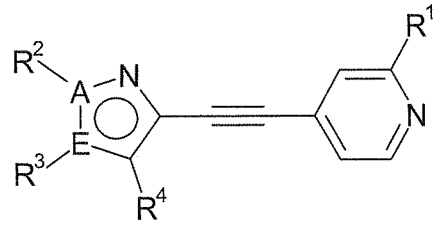
Claims

1. A pharmaceutical composition in the form of a layered pellet comprising

a) an inert core;

b) a layer comprising a ~~poorly water soluble~~ compound of formula I ~~with a solubility below 33 mg/ml~~



(I)

wherein

one of A or E is N and the other is C;

R^1 is halogen or cyano;

R^2 is lower alkyl;

R^3 is aryl or heteroaryl, each of which is optionally substituted by one, two or three substituents chosen from halogen, lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, cycloalkyl, lower haloalkyl, lower haloalkoxy, cyano, or NR'R'',

or by

1-morpholinyl,

1-pyrrolidinyl, optionally substituted by $(CH_2)_mOR$,

piperidinyl, optionally substituted by $(CH_2)_mOR$,

1,1-dioxo-thiomorpholinyl,

piperazinyl, optionally substituted by lower alkyl or $(CH_2)_m$-cycloalkyl;

R is hydrogen, lower alkyl or $(CH_2)_m$-cycloalkyl;

R' and R'' are each independently hydrogen, lower alkyl, $(CH_2)_m$-cycloalkyl or $(CH_2)_nOR$;

m is 0 or 1;

n is 1 or 2; and

R^4 is CHF_2, CF_3, C(O)H, or CH_2R^5, wherein R^5 is hydrogen, OH, C_1-C_6-alkyl or C_3-C_{12}-cycloalkyl;

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof;

c) a controlled release layer comprising a rate controlling polymer~~, which is a pH independent insoluble polymer~~; and