Another aspect of this invention refers to the use of sigma ligand as defined above for the manufacture of a medicament for the prevention and/or treatment of pain associated to bone cancer.

Also disclosed~~Another aspect of the invention~~ is a method of treatment of a patient suffering pain associated to a bone cancer, or likely to suffer pain as a result of bone cancer, which comprises administering to the patient in need of such a treatment or prophylaxis a therapeutically effective amount of a sigma ligand as defined above.

Another aspect of the invention refers to a combination of at least one sigma ligand as defined above and at least one opioid or opiate compound for simultaneous, separate or sequential administration, for use in the prevention and/or treatment of pain associated to a bone cancer.

These aspects and preferred embodiments thereof are additionally also defined in the claims.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES

Figure 1: Von Frey test. Determination of the optimal dose level of morphine for the second phase (Phase 2).

Figure 2: Von Frey test. Synergistic effect of morphine (1.25 mg/kg) and example 1 (40 mg/kg) in Phase 2.

Figure 3: Von Frey test. Synergistic effect of morphine (1.25 mg/kg) and example 1 (80 mg/kg) in Phase 2.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

In the context of the present invention, the following terms have the meaning detailed below.

"Alkyl" refers to a straight or branched hydrocarbon chain radical consisting of 1 to 12 carbon atoms, containing no unsaturation, and which is attached to the rest of the molecule by a single bond, e. g., methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, i-propyl, n-butyl, t-butyl, n-pentyl, etc. Alkyl radicals may be optionally substituted by one or more substituents