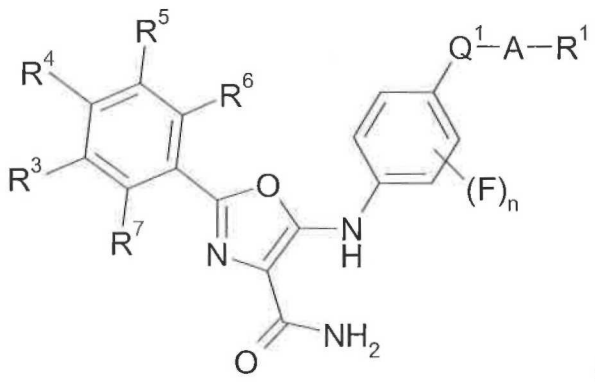
CLAIMS

1. A compound which is an amide of the formula **(2)**:



(2)

or a salt or stereoisomer thereof; wherein:

R^7 is selected from chlorine and fluorine;

R^3, R^4, R^5 and R^6 are each independently selected from hydrogen, fluorine and chlorine;

n is 0, 1 or 2;

Q^1 is selected from C(=O), S(=O) and SO_2;

A is absent or is NR^2;

R^1 is selected from:

- hydrogen;
- a C_{1-3} alkyl group optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, amino and methylamino; and
- 5 to 6-membered heterocyclic rings selected from pyrrolidine and piperidine, the heterocyclic rings being optionally substituted with a methyl group;

R^2, when present, is selected from hydrogen and methyl; or

NR^1R^2 forms a 5 to 6-membered heterocyclic ring selected from pyrrolidine and morpholine, the heterocyclic ring being optionally substituted with a hydroxymethyl group;

with the provisos that:

(i) no more than two of R^3 to R^6 are other than hydrogen; and

(ii) when R^7 and R^6 are both fluorine, then one of R^3 to R^5 is chlorine or fluorine and/or R^1-A-Q^1 is selected from ethylsulfonyl and isopropylsulfonyl.

2. A compound according to claim 1 provided that when R^7 and R^6 are both fluorine, then one of R^3 to R^5 is chlorine or fluorine.

3. A compound according to claim 1 wherein R^7 is chlorine.

4. A compound according to claim 3 wherein R^7 is chlorine and R^6 is fluorine.

5. A compound according to claim 3 wherein R^7 and R^6 are both chlorine.

6. A compound according to any one of claims 1 to 5 wherein at least one of R^3 and R^5 is hydrogen.

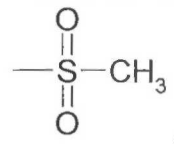
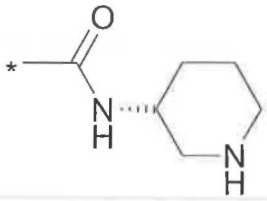
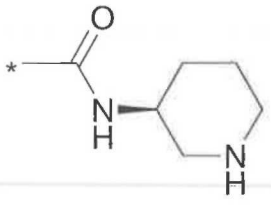
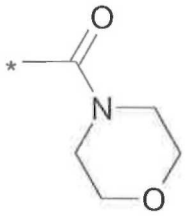
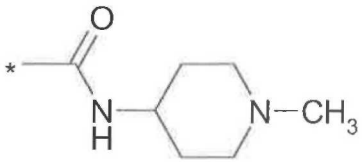
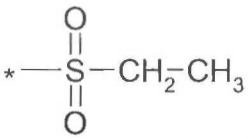
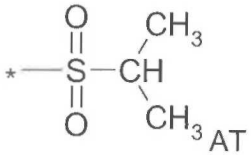
7. A compound according to claim 6 wherein R^3, R^4 and R^5 are hydrogen.

8. A compound according to any one of claims 1 to 7 wherein Q^1 is C(=O).

9. A compound according to claim 8 wherein A is NR^2 and NR^1R^2 forms a 5 to 6-membered heterocyclic ring selected from pyrrolidine and morpholine, the heterocyclic ring being optionally substituted with a hydroxymethyl group.

10. A compound according to any one of claims 1 to 7 wherein A is absent; Q^1 is SO_2 and R^1 is a C_{1-3} alkyl group.

11. A compound according to any one of claims 1 to 7 wherein Q^1-A-R^1 is selected from groups AA, AG, AH, AI, AR, AS and AT in the table below:

 AA	 AG	 AH
 AI	 AR	 AS
 AT		

wherein the point of attachment to the phenyl group is indicated by the asterisk.

12. A compound according to claim 1 which is selected from:
2-(2,6-dichloro-phenyl)-5-(4-methanesulfonyl-phenylamino)-oxazole-4-carboxylic acid amide;

2-(2-chloro-6-fluoro-phenyl)-5-(4-methanesulfonyl-phenylamino)-oxazole-4-carboxylic acid amide;
5-(4-methanesulfonyl-phenylamino)-2-(2,4,6-trifluoro-phenyl)-oxazole-4-carboxylic acid amide;
2-(2,5-difluoro-phenyl)-5-(4-methanesulfonyl-phenylamino)-oxazole-4-carboxylic acid amide;
(*S*) 2-(2-chloro-6-fluoro-phenyl)-5-[4-(piperidin-3-ylcarbamoyl)-phenylamino]-oxazole-4-carboxylic acid amide;
(*R*) 2-(2-chloro-6-fluoro-phenyl)-5-[4-(piperidin-3-ylcarbamoyl)-phenylamino]-oxazole-4-carboxylic acid amide;
2-(2-chloro-6-fluoro-phenyl)-5-[4-(morpholine-4-carbonyl)-phenylamino]-oxazole-4-carboxylic acid amide;
2-(2-chloro-6-fluoro-phenyl)-5-[4-(1-methyl-piperidin-4-ylcarbamoyl)-phenylamino]-oxazole-4-carboxylic acid amide;
(*S*) 2-(2,6-dichloro-phenyl)-5-[4-(piperidin-3-ylcarbamoyl)-phenylamino]-oxazole-4-carboxylic acid amide;
(*R*) 2-(2,6-dichloro-phenyl)-5-[4-(piperidin-3-ylcarbamoyl)-phenylamino]-oxazole-4-carboxylic acid amide;
2-(2,6-dichloro-phenyl)-5-[4-(morpholine-4-carbonyl)-phenylamino]-oxazole-4-carboxylic acid amide;
2-(2,6-dichloro-phenyl)-5-[4-(1-methyl-piperidin-4-ylcarbamoyl)-phenylamino]-oxazole-4-carboxylic acid amide;
2-(2,6-difluoro-phenyl)-5-(4-ethanesulfonyl-phenylamino)-oxazole-4-carboxylic acid amide; and
2-(2,6-difluoro-phenyl)-5-[4-propane-2-sulfonyl)-henylamino]-oxazole-4-carboxylic acid amide;
and salts and stereoisomers thereof.

13. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound as defined in any one of claims 1 to 12 and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

14. A compound according to any one of claims 1 to 12 for use in medicine.