CLAIMS

[Claim 1]

A therapeutic agent for chronic pain comprising aripiprazole as an active ingredient.

[Claim 2]

The therapeutic agent for chronic pain according to claim 1, which comprises aripiprazole or an acid addition salt or solvate thereof as an active ingredient.

[Claim 3]

The therapeutic agent for chronic pain according to claim 1 or 2, further comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

[Claim 4]

Use of aripiprazole for the production of a therapeutic agent for chronic pain.

[Claim 5]

Aripiprazole for use in the treatment of chronic pain.

[Claim 6]

A method for treating chronic pain, comprising administering an effective amount of aripiprazole to a patient.

[Claim 7]

The method according to claim 6, wherein the aripiprazole is administered to a patient in a dose of about 0.05 to 10 mg per kg of body weight per day.

WHAT WE CLAIM IS:

[Claim 1]

Use of aripiprazole for the production of a therapeutic agent for treating chronic pain in a patient, wherein the chronic pain is not chronic pain in a cancer patient.

[Claim 2]

The use according to claim 1, wherein the therapeutic agent comprises aripiprazole or an acid addition salt or solvate thereof.

[Claim 3]

The use according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the therapeutic agent further comprises a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

[Claim 4]

The use according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the therapeutic agent further comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of analgesics and antidepressants.

[Claim 5]

The use according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein the therapeutic agent is administered orally, intracutaneously, subcutaneously, or intraperitoneally.

[Claim 6]

The use according to any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein the aripiprazole is administered to a patient in a dose of about 0.05 to 10 mg per kg of body weight per day.

[Claim 7]

The use according to any one of claims 1 to 6, substantially as herein described with reference to any example thereof.