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(57) Abstract: The instant invention relates to a combination of an alpha-2-delta ligand and a PDEV inhibitor for use in therapy, particularly in the curative, prophylactic or palliative treatment of pain, particularly neuropathic pain. Particularly preferred alpha-2-delta ligands are gabapentin and pregabalin. Particularly preferred PDEV inhibitors are sildenafil, vardenafil and tadalafil.