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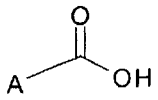
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(57) Abstract: A pharmaceutical aerosol formulation comprising a particulate medicament, one or more fluorocarbon or hydrogen-containing fluorocarbon propellants and a compound of the general formula (I) or a salt or solvate thereof, wherein A represents a straight chain C_{1-16} alkylene substituted by n groups of formula B; n represents an integer 1 to 3; and B independently represents C_{1-4} fluoroalkylC_{0-6} alkylene-, C_{1-4} fluoroalkylC_{0-6} alkylene-O-, or C_{1-4} alkylC_{0-6} alkylene-O- wherein at least one substituent of formula B contains at least one fluorine atom and each C_{1-4} fluoroalkyl- moiety contains one or more fluorine atoms but not more than 3 consecutive perfluorinated carbon atoms. The invention also extends to uses of compounds of formula (I) and certain novel compounds within the definition of formula (I).

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