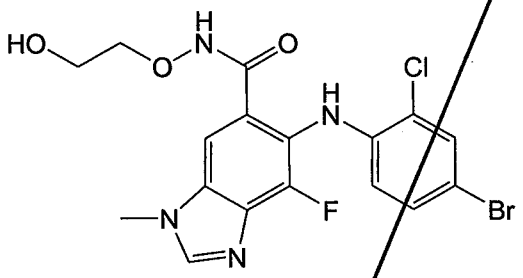
What is claimed is:

1. A hydrogen sulfate salt of Compound 1:



2. A hydrogen sulfate salt of Compound 1 according to claim 1 in anhydrous form.

3. A hydrogen sulfate salt of Compound 1 according to claim 1 in the form of a solvate.

4. A hydrogen sulfate salt of Compound 1 according to any one of the previous claims which is crystalline.

5. A hydrogen sulfate salt of Compound 1 according to claim 4, wherein said hydrogen sulfate salt of Compound 1 has an X-ray powder diffraction pattern with at least one specific peak at about 24.59°.

6. A hydrogen sulfate salt of Compound 1 according to claim 5, wherein said hydrogen sulfate salt of Compound 1 has an X-ray powder diffraction pattern with specific peaks at about 2-theta equal to 24.59°, 20.97°, 23.99°, 27.65°, 12.24°, 23.49°, 24.30°, 17.02°, 25.91° and 22.50°.

7. A hydrogen sulfate salt of Compound 1 according to claim 1 which has a powder X-ray diffraction pattern substantially the same as the X-ray powder diffraction pattern shown in Figure 1.

8. A hydrogen sulfate salt of Compound 1 according to claim 1 or claim 2 in amorphous form.

9. A method for preparing a hydrogen sulfate salt of Compound 1 according to any one of claims 1 to 8, said method comprising

(i) reacting a slurry of Compound 1 in an organic liquid with at least a stoichiometric amount of sulfuric acid and water;

(ii) recovering the salt from the resultant solution; and

(iii) thereafter, if desired or necessary, forming a solvate thereof.

10. The method according to claim 9 wherein the amount of water added in step (i) is restricted to that amount necessary to ensure that the salt is formed.

11. The method according to claim 9 or claim 10 wherein step (i) is carried out at a temperature of from 40-80 °C.

12. The method according to any one of claims 9 to 11 wherein the organic liquid is a C_{1-6} alkyl ketone.

13. The method according to any one of claims 9 to 12 wherein the hydrogen sulfate salt is recovered in step (ii) by cooling the reaction mixture, optionally with the addition of further organic liquid, so that the hydrogen sulfate salt is precipitated.

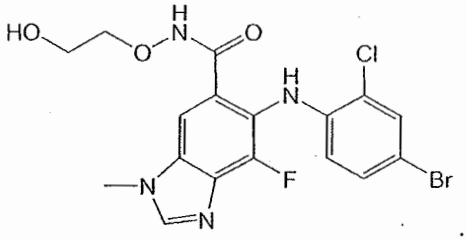
14. The hydrogen sulfate salt of Compound 1 according to any one of claims 1 to 8 for use as a medicament for the treatment of disease states mediated through MEK.

15. The use of a Compound 1 hydrogen sulfate salt according to any one of claims 1 to 8 in the manufacture of a medicament for use in the treatment of disease states mediated through MEK.

16. The hydrogen sulfate salt of Compound 1 according to any one of claims 1 to 8 for use in the treatment of disease states mediated through MEK.

CLAIMS

1. A hydrogen sulfate salt of Compound 1:



2. A hydrogen sulfate salt of Compound 1 according to claim 1 in anhydrous form.

3. A hydrogen sulfate salt of Compound 1 according to claim 1 in the form of a tetrahydrofuran-solvate, acetonitrile-solvate, ethanol-solvate, methanol-solvate, C1-6 alkyl ester-solvate or C1-6 alkyl ketone solvate.

4. A hydrogen sulfate salt of Compound 1 according to any one of the previous claims which is crystalline.

5. A hydrogen sulfate salt of Compound 1 according to claim 4, wherein said hydrogen sulfate salt of Compound 1 has an X-ray powder diffraction pattern with at least one specific peak at about 2-theta equal to 24.59°.

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9. A method for preparing a hydrogen sulfate salt of Compound 1 according to any one of claims 1 to 8, said method comprising

(i) reacting a slurry of Compound 1 in an organic liquid with at least a stoichiometric amount of sulfuric acid and water;

(ii) recovering the salt from the resultant solution; and

(iii) thereafter, if desired or necessary, forming a solvate thereof, wherein said solvate is a tetrahydrofuran-solvate, acetonitrile-solvate, ethanol-solvate, methanol-solvate, C1-6 alkyl ester-solvate or C1-6 alkyl ketone solvate thereof.

10. The method according to claim 9 wherein the amount of water added in step (i) is restricted to that amount necessary to ensure that the salt is formed.

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14. The hydrogen sulfate salt of Compound 1 according to any one of claims 1 to 8 for use as a medicament for the treatment of disease states mediated through MEK.

15. The use of a Compound 1 hydrogen sulfate salt according to any one of claims 1 to 8 in the manufacture of a medicament for use in the treatment of disease states mediated through MEK.

16. The hydrogen sulfate salt of Compound 1 according to any one of claims 1 to 8 for use in the treatment of disease states mediated through MEK.

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