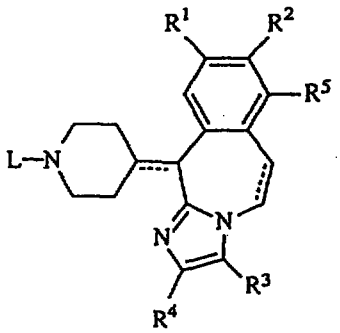
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ABSTRACT

IMIDAZO[2,1-b][3]BENZAZEPINE DERIVATIVES, COMPOSITIONS AND METHOD OF USE

The present invention is concerned with novel imidazo[2,1-b][3]benzazepines of formula



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the pharmaceutically acceptable addition salts and stereochemically isomeric forms thereof, wherein each of the dotted lines independently represents an optional bond; R^1 represents hydrogen, halo, C_{1-4}alkyl or C_{1-4}alkyloxy; R^2 represents hydrogen, halo, C_{1-4}alkyl or C_{1-4}alkyloxy; R^3 represents hydrogen, C_{1-4}alkyl, ethenyl substituted with hydroxycarbonyl or C_{1-4}alkyloxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkyl substituted with hydroxycarbonyl or C_{1-4}alkyloxycarbonyl, hydroxyC_{1-4}alkyl, formyl or hydroxycarbonyl; R^4 represents hydrogen, C_{1-4}alkyl, hydroxyC_{1-4}alkyl, phenyl or halo; R^5 represents hydrogen, C_{1-4}alkyl or halo; L represents hydrogen; C_{1-6}alkyl; C_{1-6}alkyl substituted with one substituent selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, halo, C_{1-4}alkyloxy, hydroxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxycarbonyl-C_{1-4}alkyloxy, hydroxycarbonylC_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkyloxycarbonylamino, C_{1-4}alkylaminocarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkylaminocarbonylamino, C_{1-4}alkylaminothiocarbonylamino, aryl, aryloxy and arylcarbonyl; C_{1-6}alkyl substituted with both hydroxy and aryloxy; C_{3-6}alkenyl; C_{3-6}alkenyl substituted with aryl; or, L represents a radical of formula -Alk-Y-Het^1 (a-1), -Alk-NH-CO-Het^2 (a-2) or -Alk-Het^3 (a-3); provided that 6,11-dihydro-11-(4-piperidinylidene)-5H-imidazo[2,1-b][3]benzazepine is ecxluded, which are useful antiallergic compounds.

Compositions comprising said compounds, methods of using and processes for preparing the same.