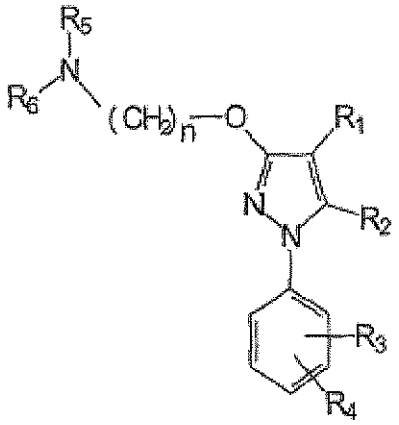
CLAIMS

1. Use of a sigma ligand in the manufacture of a medicament for the prevention and/or treatment of pain developed as a consequence of surgery, wherein the sigma ligand has the general formula (I):



(I)

wherein

R_1 is selected from the group formed by hydrogen, substituted or unsubstituted alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl, substituted or unsubstituted alkenyl, substituted or unsubstituted aryl, substituted or unsubstituted arylalkyl, substituted or unsubstituted non-aromatic heterocyclyl, substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclyl, substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclylalkyl, $-COR_8$, $-C(O)OR_8$, $-C(O)NR_8R_9$, $-CH=NR_8$, -CN, $-OR_8$, $-OC(O)R_8$, $-S(O)_t-R_8$, $-NR_8R_9$, $-NR_8C(O)R_9$, $-NO_2$, $-N=CR_8R_9$, and halogen;

R_2 is selected from the group formed by hydrogen, substituted or unsubstituted alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl, substituted or

unsubstituted alkenyl, substituted or unsubstituted aryl, substituted or unsubstituted arylalkyl, substituted or unsubstituted, aromatic or non-aromatic heterocyclyl, substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclylalkyl, $-COR_8$, $-C(O)OR_8$, $-C(O)NR_8R_9$, $-CH=NR_8$, -CN, $-OR_8$, $-OC(O)R_8$, $-S(O)_t-R_8$, $-NR_8R_9$, $-NR_8C(O)R_9$, $-NO_2$, $-N=CR_8R_9$, and halogen;

R_3 and R_4 are independently selected from the group formed by hydrogen, substituted or unsubstituted alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl,

substituted or unsubstituted alkenyl, substituted or unsubstituted aryl, substituted or unsubstituted arylalkyl, substituted or unsubstituted, aromatic or non-aromatic heterocyclyl, substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclylalkyl, $-COR_8$, $-C(O)OR_8$, $-C(O)NR_8R_9$, $-CH=NR_8$, -CN, $-OR_8$, $-OC(O)R_8$, $-S(O)_t-R_8$, $-NR_8R_9$, $-NR_8C(O)R_9$, $-NO_2$, $-N=CR_8R_9$, and halogen, or together they form an optionally substituted fused ring system;

$\mathbf{R_5}$ and $\mathbf{R_6}$ are independently selected from the group formed by hydrogen, substituted or unsubstituted alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl, substituted or unsubstituted alkenyl, substituted or unsubstituted aryl, substituted or unsubstituted arylalkyl, substituted or unsubstituted, aromatic or non-aromatic heterocyclyl, substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclylalkyl, $-COR_8$, $-C(O)OR_8$, $-C(O)NR_8R_9$, $-CH=NR_8$, -CN, $-OR_8$, $-OC(O)R_8$, $-S(O)_t-R_8$, $-NR_8R_9$, $-NR_8C(O)R_9$, $-NO_2$, $-N=CR_8R_9$, and halogen, or together form, with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, a substituted or unsubstituted, aromatic or non-aromatic heterocyclyl group;

n is selected from 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8;

t is 1,2 or 3;

$\mathbf{R_8}$ and $\mathbf{R_9}$ are each independently selected from hydrogen, substituted or unsubstituted alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl, substituted or unsubstituted alkenyl, substituted or unsubstituted aryl, substituted or unsubstituted, aromatic or non-aromatic heterocyclyl, substituted or unsubstituted alkoxy, substituted or unsubstituted aryloxy, and halogen;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, isomer, or prodrug thereof, wherein the prodrug is selected from the group consisting of biohydrolyzable amides, biohydrolyzable esters, biohydrolyzable carbamates, biohydrolyzable carbonates, biohydrolyzable ureides, and biohydrolyzable phosphates.

2. The use according to claim 1, wherein the pain is selected from acute and/or chronic pain developed as a consequence of surgery, especially superficial and/or deep pain secondary to surgical tissue injury, and/or neuropathic pain, neuralgia, allodynia, causalgia, hyperalgesia, hyperesthesia, hyperpathia, neuritis or neuropathy secondary to surgical procedure.

3. The use according to claims 1 or 2, wherein the sigma ligand is selected from a sigma receptor antagonist preferably selected from a neutral antagonist, an inverse agonist or a partial antagonist.
4. The use according to any of claims 1 to 3, wherein R_1 is selected from H, $-COR_8$ and substituted or unsubstituted alkyl.
5. The use according to any of claims 1 to 4, wherein R_2 is H or alkyl.
6. The use according to any of claims 1 to 5, wherein R_3 and R_4 together form a fused naphthyl ring system.
7. The use according to any of claims 1 to 6, wherein R_5 and R_6 together form a morpholine-4-yl group.
8. The use according to any of claims 1 to 7, wherein the sigma ligand is 4-{2-[5-methyl-1-(naphthalen-2-yl)-1H-pyrazol-3-yloxy]ethyl} morpholine, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, isomer or prodrug thereof, wherein the prodrug is selected from the group consisting of biohydrolyzable amides, biohydrolyzable esters, biohydrolyzable carbamates, biohydrolyzable carbonates, biohydrolyzable ureides, and biohydrolyzable phosphates.
9. The use according to any of claims 1 to 7, wherein the sigma ligand is 4-{2-[5-methyl-1-(naphthalen-2-yl)-1H-pyrazol-3-yloxy]ethyl} morpholine hydrochloride.