THE USE OF SOLID CARRIER PARTICLES TO IMPROVE THE PROCESSABILITY OF A PHARMACEUTICAL AGENT

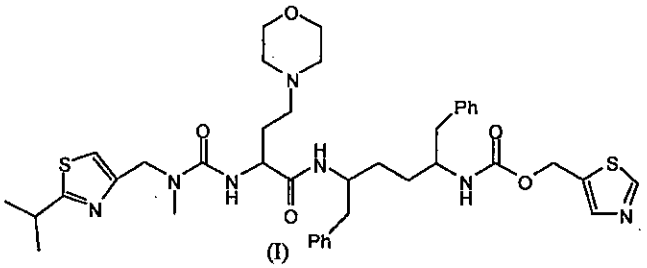
Priority of Invention

This application claims priority to United States Provisional Patent Application Number 61/049,935 filed 02 May 2008; to United States Provisional Patent Application Number 61/150,655 filed 06 February 2009; and to United States Provisional Patent Application Number 61/150,652 filed 06 February 2009. The entire content of each of these applications is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Background of the Invention

International patent application publication number WO 03/037379 discusses the use of granular materials based on pyrogenically produced silicone dioxide in certain specific pharmaceutical compositions. Adsorbates consisting of the granular materials and a further substance (e.g. a pharmaceutically active constituent) are also discussed.

International patent application publication number WO 2008/010921 describes compounds and pharmaceutical compositions that improve the pharmacokinetics of a co-administered drug by inhibiting cytochrome P450 monooxygenase. One such inhibitor is the compound of formula (I).



(I)

Unfortunately, the solid state properties of the compound of formula (I) make it difficult to handle and process on a large scale. For example, its low glass transition temperature, hygroscopicity, and lack of crystallinity, as well as its non free-flowing nature make it particularly difficult to process and to formulate (e.g. as a tablet).

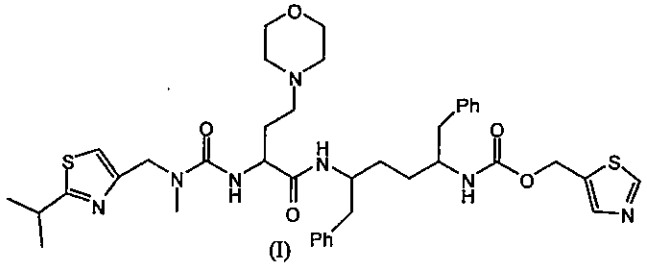
There is currently a need for improved formulations of the compound of formula (I), and a need for improved methods for processing and formulating the compound of formula (I) on a

commercial scale. Such improved processes and methods will eliminate one or more of the current difficulties associated with processing and formulating the compound.

Summary of the Invention

When the compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof is combined with certain specific solid carrier particles (e.g. silica derivatives), the resulting combination possesses unexpectedly improved physical properties. For example, in spite of the fact that both the compound of formula (I) and the starting colloidal silicon dioxide materials in Example 2 are hygroscopic in nature, the resulting combination has comparatively low hygroscopicity. Additionally, the resulting combination is a free-flowing powder, with high loading values for the compound of formula (I), acceptable physical and chemical stability, rapid drug release properties, and excellent compressibility. Thus, the resulting combination can readily be processed into solid dosage forms (e.g. tablets), which possess good drug release properties, low tablet friability, good chemical and physical stability, and a low amount of residual solvents. The compositions of the invention represent a significant advance that facilitates the commercial development of the compound of formula (I) for use in treating viral infections such as HIV.

Accordingly, in one embodiment, the invention provides a composition comprising, a plurality of solid carrier particles that each have a surface and/or pores; and a compound of formula (I):



(I)

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of thereof in the pores or on the surface of the solid carrier particles.

In another embodiment the invention also provides a method comprising combining a compound of formula (I), a suitable solvent, and a plurality of solid carrier particles to provide a

mixture. Such a mixture is useful for preparing pharmaceutical formulations that comprise the compound of formula (I).

In another embodiment the invention provides a tablet comprising: 1) a compound of formula (I) and 2) a plurality of solid carrier particles.

In another embodiment the invention provides a pharmaceutical composition that comprise a plurality of solid carrier particles; a compound of formula (Ia); tenofovir disoproxil fumarate; emtricitabine; and elvitegravir.

In another embodiment, the invention provides methods and intermediate mixtures that are useful for preparing the compositions of the invention.

The invention also provides a method for inhibiting cytochrome P-450 comprising administering a pharmaceutically acceptable composition of the invention to a mammal (e.g. a human) in need of such treatment.

The invention provides a composition of the invention for use in medical therapy (e.g. for use in inhibiting cytochrome p-450 in a mammal), as well as the use of a composition of the invention for the manufacture of a medicament useful for inhibiting cytochrome P-450 in a mammal, such as a human.

In another embodiment the invention also provides compositions prepared by the methods described herein.

Brief Description of the Figures

FIG. 1 Illustrates the preparation of a pharmaceutical formulation of the invention as well as processing methods of the invention.

FIG.2 Shows water uptake data from Example 2 for a representative composition of the invention.

FIG.3 Shows compressibility data from Example 3 for a representative composition of the invention.

FIG. 4 Illustrates the preparation of a pharmaceutical formulation of the invention as well as processing methods of the invention.

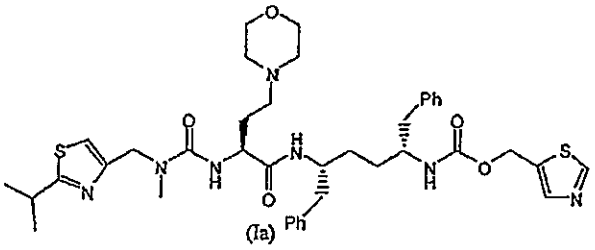
FIG. 5 Illustrates the preparation of a pharmaceutical formulation of the invention as well as processing methods of the invention.

FIG. 6 Illustrates the preparation of additional a pharmaceutical formulations of the invention as well as additional processing methods of the invention.

Detailed Description of the Invention

It will be appreciated by those skilled in the art that compounds of formula (I) may exist in and be isolated in optically active and racemic forms. Some compounds may exhibit polymorphism. It is to be understood that the present invention encompasses any racemic, optically-active, polymorphic, or stereoisomeric form, or mixtures thereof, of a compound of formula (I), which possess the useful properties described herein, it being well known in the art how to prepare optically active forms (for example, by resolution of the racemic form by recrystallization techniques, by synthesis from optically-active starting materials, by chiral synthesis, or by chromatographic separation using a chiral stationary phase.

In one embodiment of the invention, the compound of formula (I) that is incorporated into the compositions of the invention is enriched with a stereoisomer of formula (Ia):



(Ia)

which is thiazol-5-ylmethyl (2R,5R)-5-((S)-2-(3-((2-isopropylthiazol-4-yl)methyl)-3-methylureido)-4-morpholinobutanamido)-1,6-diphenylhexan-2-ylcarbamate. In one embodiment the compound of formula (I) has an enriched concentration of 85 ± 5% of the stereoisomer of formula (Ia). In another embodiment the compound of formula (I) has an enriched concentration of 90 ± 5% of the stereoisomer of formula (Ia). In another embodiment the compound of formula (I) has an enriched concentration of 95 ± 2% of the stereoisomer of formula (Ia). In another embodiment the compound of formula (I) has an enriched concentration of 99 ± 1% of the stereoisomer of formula (Ia). In another embodiment the compound of formula (I) is the pure the stereoisomer of formula (Ia).

Solid Carriers

The compound of formula (I) can be combined with any suitable solid carrier, provided the resulting combination has physical properties that allow it to be more easily formulated than the parent compound. For example, suitable solid carriers include kaolin, bentonite, hectorite, colloidal magnesium-aluminum silicate, silicon dioxide, magnesium trisilicate, aluminum hydroxide, magnesium hydroxide, magnesium oxide and talc. In one embodiment of the invention, the solid carrier can comprise calcium silicate (such as Zeopharm), or magnesium aluminometasilicate (such as Neusilin). As used herein, "loaded" on a solid carrier includes, but is not limited to a compound of formula (I) being coated in the pores and on the surface of a solid carrier.

Suitable silica derivatives for use in the compositions of the invention and methods for preparing such silica derivatives include those that are described in international patent application publication number WO 03/037379 and the references cited therein. Typically, these silica derivatives comprise a granular hydrophilic fumed silica that has a mean particle diameter of 10 to 120 micron and a BET surface area of 40 to 400 m^2/g (determined according to DIN 66 131 with nitrogen). The silica derivatives also typically have a pore volume of about 0.5 to 2.5 mL/g, wherein less than about 5% of the overall pore volume has a pore diameter of less than about 5 nm, the remainder being mesopores and macropores. Additionally, the silica derivatives typically have a pH in the range of about 3.6 to about 8.5 and a tamped density of about 220 to about 700 g/L.

A specific silica material that is particularly useful in the compositions and methods of the invention is AEROPERL® 300 (fumed silica), which is available from Evonik Degussa AG, Dusseldorf, Germany. However, other materials having physical and chemical properties similar to the silica materials described herein can also be used.

In one embodiment of the invention the silica particles have a mean grain diameter of 20-40 micron. In one embodiment of the invention the silica particles have a BET surface area of at least 150 m^2/g. In one embodiment of the invention the silica particles have a BET surface area of at least 200 m^2/g. In one embodiment of the invention the silica particles have a BET surface area of at least 250 m^2/g. In one embodiment of the invention the silica particles have a BET surface area of at least 275 m^2/g.

In the compositions of the invention, the compound of formula (I) is typically coated in the pores and on the surface of the fumed silica particles. It has been determined that up to about 60% (w/w) of the compound of formula (I) can typically be loaded on these silica particles. This high

loading capacity is beneficial for pharmaceutical applications. In one embodiment of the invention the weight percentage of the compound of formula (I) to the silica particles is 20% ± 15%. In one embodiment of the invention the weight percentage of the compound of formula (I) to the silica particles is 50% ± 10%. In one embodiment of the invention the weight percentage of the compound of formula (I) to the silica particles is 45% ± 15%. In one embodiment of the invention the (weight of the compound of Formula II) divided by the (weight of the solid carrier, e.g. the silica derivative) in a composition is from about 0.8 to about 1.2. In another embodiment of the invention the (weight of the compound of Formula II) divided by the (weight of the solid carrier, e.g. the silica derivative) in a composition is 1.0 ± 0.5.

The compositions of the invention that are suitable for administration as pharmaceuticals will typically comprise one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipients.

Loading

The compound of formula (I) can be loaded on the solid carrier using any suitable method. For example the compound of formula (I) can be loaded on the solid carrier by:

a) spraying a solution of the compound (e.g. a solution of the compound in an alcohol solvent such as ethanol) onto the solid carrier, for example, as described in Example 1 below;

b) combining the compound of formula (I), a suitable solvent (e.g. a volatile solvent such as dichloromethane), and the solid carrier; evaporating the solvent; and isolating the resulting solid material; or

c) combining the compound of formula (I) and a suitable volatile solvent (e.g. a halogenated hydrocarbon such as dichloromethane), and the solid carrier; adding an antisolvent (e.g. a highly non-polar solvent such as hexanes or heptane) and isolating the resulting solid material (as illustrated in Example 4).

Figure 1 illustrates the preparation of a pharmaceutical formulation that comprises a compound of formula (I) according to a method of the invention. The compound of formula (I) can be combined with a suitable solvent and a plurality of silica particles to provide a mixture. Optionally, the compound of formula (I) can be combined with the suitable solvent with concurrent mixing. Typically, the weight percentage of the compound of formula (I) to the silica particles prior to combining is about is 50% ± 10%. In one embodiment of the invention the weight percentage of

the compound of formula (I) to the silica particles prior to combining is about 20% ± 10%. In another embodiment of the invention the weight percentage of the compound of formula (I) to the silica particles prior to combining is about 30% ± 10%. Any solvent in which the compound of formula (I) is soluble can be used. Typically, the solvent comprises a volatile organic solvent, such as, for example, a (C_1-C_6) alcohol (e.g. ethanol).

As illustrated in Example 4 below, a compound of formula (I) can also be loaded into a silica material by dissolving the compound in a suitable solvent to provide a solution comprising Compound I; adding silica particles to the solution to provide a mixture; optionally agitating or stirring the mixture; adding an antisolvent to the mixture; and isolating the solid mixture that comprises the compound of formula (I) on the silica particles. Suitable solvents include organic solvents such as ketones (e.g. acetone), alcohols (e.g. ethanol) and halogenated hydrocarbons (e.g. dichloromethane). Suitable antisolvents include highly non-polar solvents (e.g. hexane or heptane). The final solid mixture can be isolated by any suitable separation technique (e.g. filtration).

One or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipients can be combined with the mixture to provide a second mixture. These pharmaceutically acceptable excipients can include fillers, binders, and disintegrants. In order to improve the processability of the mixture in the subsequent aqueous granulation process, it can be beneficial to select fillers and disintegrants that are compatible with this aqueous process. For example microcrystalline cellulose (filler) and croscarmellose sodium (disintegrant) were found to be particularly compatible with the subsequent aqueous granulation process. Hydroxypropyl cellulose (binder) was also found to be particularly compatible with the subsequent granulation process. In one embodiment of the invention the weight percentage of microcrystalline cellulose to the total weight of the second mixture is about 50% ± 20%. In one embodiment of the invention the weight percentage of hydroxypropyl cellulose to the total weight of the second mixture is 2% ± 1%. In one embodiment of the invention the weight percentage of croscarmellose sodium is 5% ± 2%. Following addition of the pharmaceutically acceptable excipients, the second mixture can be mixed, for example, using a mechanical mixer, such as a high shear granulator (Niro-Fielder, model PMA-25).

Water can be added to the second mixture to provide a wet granulate, which can subsequently be de-agglomerated, e.g. with a 20 mesh sieve. Drying, for example using a fluid bed dryer (Fluid Air, model 20), provides a dried material that comprises solid particles. In one

embodiment the dried material has less than about 10.0% moisture content as determined by loss on drying (LOD). In another embodiment the dried material has less than about 5.0% moisture content as determined by loss on drying (LOD). In another embodiment the dried material has less than about 1.0% moisture content as determined by loss on drying (LOD). The size of these particles can be reduced, e.g. using a 40 mesh sieve or a suitable mill (Quadro CoMil, model 197/S) to provide a third mixture.

A suitable pharmaceutically acceptable lubricant/glidant (e.g. magnesium stearate, stearic acid, calcium stearate, zinc stearate, or pregelatinized starch) can be combined with the third mixture to provide a fourth mixture. In one embodiment the weight percentage of magnesium stearate to the total weight of the fourth mixture is 1% ± 0.5%.

In one embodiment, the invention provides a composition prepared by the methods described herein. The invention also provides a product prepared by any of the process steps described herein.

Pharmaceutical formulations comprising the compound of formula (I)

In one embodiment the invention provides pharmaceutical compositions comprising a compound of formula (I) that can be administered to a mammalian host, such as a human patient, in a variety of forms adapted to the chosen route of administration (e.g. orally).

Thus, the compositions of the invention may be administered in combination with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable ingredients such as an inert diluent or an assimilable edible carrier. They may be enclosed in hard or soft shell gelatin capsules, may be compressed into tablets, or may be incorporated directly with the food of the patient's diet. For oral therapeutic administration, the active compound may be combined with one or more excipients and used in the form of ingestible tablets, buccal tablets, troches, capsules, elixirs, suspensions, syrups, wafers, and the like. Such compositions and preparations will typically contain at least 0.1% of active compound. The percentage of the compositions and preparations may, of course, be varied and may conveniently be between about 2 to about 60% of the weight of a given unit dosage form. The amount of active compound in such therapeutically useful compositions is such that an effective dosage level will be obtained.

The tablets, troches, pills, capsules, and the like may also contain the following: binders such as hydroxypropyl cellulose, povidone, or hydroxypropyl

methylcellulose; fillers, such as microcrystalline cellulose, pregelatinized starch, starch, mannitol, or lactose monohydrate; a disintegrating agent such as croscarmellose sodium, cross-linked povidone, or sodium starch glycolate; a lubricant such as magnesium stearate, stearic acid, or other metallic stearates; and a sweetening agent such as sucrose, fructose, lactose or aspartame or a flavoring agent such as peppermint, oil of wintergreen, or cherry flavoring may be added. When the unit dosage form is a capsule, it may contain, in addition to materials of the above type, a liquid carrier, such as a vegetable oil or a polyethylene glycol. Various other materials may be present as coatings or to otherwise modify the physical form of the solid unit dosage form. For instance, tablets, pills, or capsules may be coated with gelatin, polymers, wax, shellac or sugar and the like. Of course, any material used in preparing any unit dosage form will typically be pharmaceutically acceptable and substantially non-toxic in the amounts employed. In addition, the compositions of the invention may be incorporated into sustained-release preparations and devices.

The compositions of the invention can also be administered topically, e.g., transdermally, buccally, or sublingually. Accordingly, the invention also provides pharmaceutical compositions that are formulated for such routes of topical administration.

Useful dosages of the compounds of formula I can be determined by comparing their *in vitro* activity, and *in vivo* activity in animal models. Methods for the extrapolation of effective dosages in mice, and other animals, to humans are known to the art.

The amount of a composition of the invention required for use in treatment will vary with the route of administration, the nature of the condition being treated and the age and condition of the patient and will be ultimately at the discretion of the attendant physician or clinician.

In general, however, a suitable dose of the compound of formula (I) will be in the range of from about 0.05 to about 100 mg/kg, e.g., from about 0.05 to about

50 mg/kg of body weight per day, preferably in the range of 0.05 to 10 mg/kg/day, most preferably in the range of 0.05 to 5 mg/kg/day.

The compound is conveniently formulated in unit dosage form; for example, containing about 5 to 500 mg, about 5 to 250 mg, or about 10 to 100 mg of the compound of formula (I). In one embodiment, the invention provides a composition comprising about 5, about 25, or about 100 mg of a compound of formula (I) formulated in a unit dosage form that further comprises a solid carrier particles (e.g. silica particles), and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers.

The ability of a compound of formula (I) to inhibit cytochrome P-450 can be evaluated as described in international patent application publication number WO 2008/010921.

Combination Formulations

As discussed in international patent application publication number WO 2008/010921, the compound of formula (I) improves the pharmacokinetics of a co-administered drug, *e.g.*, by inhibiting cytochrome P-450 monooxygenase. Accordingly, in another embodiment, the pharmaceutical compositions of the invention can further comprise at least one additional therapeutic agent.

The additional therapeutic agent can be any agent having a therapeutic effect when used in combination with the compound of the present invention. For example, the additional therapeutic agent used in combination with the compound of formula (I) can be any agent that is accessible to oxidative metabolism by cytochrome P450 enzymes, especially cytochrome P450 monooxygenase, *e.g.*, 1A2, 2B6, 2C8, 2C19, 2C9, 2D6, 2E1, 3A4, 5, 7, etc.

In one example, the additional therapeutic agent can be any anti-viral agent, *e.g.*, anti-HIV, anti-HCV, etc., anti-bacterial agent, anti-fungal agent, immuno-modulator, *e.g.*, immunosuppressant, anti-neoplastic agent, chemotherapeutic agent, agents useful for treating cardiovascular conditions, neurological conditions, etc.

In another example, the additional therapeutic agent can be any proton pump inhibitor, anti-epileptics, NSAID, oral hypoglycemic agent, angiotensin II receptor

antagonist, sulfonylurea, beta blocker, antidepressant, antipsychotic, or anesthetic, or a combination thereof.

In another example, the additional therapeutic agent can be any 1) macrolide antibiotic, *e.g.,* clarithromycin, erythromycin, telithromycin, 2) anti-arrhythmic, *e.g.,* quinidine=>3-OH, 3) benzodiazepine, *e.g.,* alprazolam, diazepam=>3OH, midazolam, triazolam, 4) immune modulator, *e.g.,* cyclosporine, tacrolimus (FK506), 5) HIV antiviral, *e.g.,* indinavir, nelfinavir, ritonavir, saquinavir, 6) prokinetic, *e.g.,* cisapride, 7) antihistamine, *e.g.,* astemizole, chlorpheniramine, terfenidine, 8) calcium channel blocker, *e.g.,* amlodipine, diltiazem, felodipine, lercanidipine, nifedipine, nisoldipine, nitrendipine, verapamil, 9) HMG CoA reductase inhibitor, *e.g.,* atorvastatin, cerivastatin, lovastatin, simvastatin, or 10) steroid 6beta-OH, *e.g.,* estradiol, hydrocortisone, progesterone, testosterone.

In another example, the additional therapeutic agent can be alfentanyl, aprepitant, aripiprazole, buspirone, cafergot, caffeine, TMU, cilostazol, cocaine, codeine- N-demethylation, dapsone, dextromethorphan, docetaxel, domperidone, eplerenone, fentanyl, finasteride, gleevec, haloperidol, irinotecan, LAAM, lidocaine, methadone, nateglinide, ondansetron, pimozide, propranolol, quetiapine, quinine, salmeterol, sildenafil, sirolimus, tamoxifen, paclitaxel, terfenadine, trazodone, vincristine, zaleplon, or zolpidem or a combination thereof.

In one specific embodiment, the invention provides a pharmaceutical composition comprising, 1) a compound of formula (I), 2) a plurality of solid carrier particles, and 3) at least one additional therapeutic agent selected from the group consisting of HIV protease inhibiting compounds, HIV non-nucleoside inhibitors of reverse transcriptase, HIV nucleoside inhibitors of reverse transcriptase, HIV nucleotide inhibitors of reverse transcriptase, HIV integrase inhibitors, non-nucleoside inhibitors of HCV, CCR5 inhibitors, and combinations thereof, and 4) a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

In one specific embodiment, the invention provides a pharmaceutical composition comprising, 1) a compound of formula (I), 2) a plurality of silica

particles that each have a surface and pores, and that have a mean particle diameter of 10 to 120 micron and a BET surface area of 40 to 400 m^2/g, and 3) at least one additional therapeutic agent selected from the group consisting of HIV protease inhibiting compounds, HIV non-nucleoside inhibitors of reverse transcriptase, HIV nucleoside inhibitors of reverse transcriptase, HIV nucleotide inhibitors of reverse transcriptase, HIV integrase inhibitors, non-nucleoside inhibitors of HCV, CCR5 inhibitors, and combinations thereof, and 4) a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

In another embodiment, the present invention provides pharmaceutical compositions comprising 1) a compound of formula (I), 2) a plurality of solid carrier particles, and 3) at least one additional therapeutic agent selected from the group consisting of amprenavir, atazanavir, fosamprenavir, indinavir, lopinavir, ritonavir, nelfinavir, saquinavir, tipranavir, brecanavir, darunavir, TMC-126, TMC-114, mozenavir (DMP-450), JE-2147 (AG1776), L-756423, RO0334649, KNI-272, DPC-681, DPC-684, GW640385X, DG17, PPL-100, DG35, AG 1859, capravirine, emivirine, delaviridine, efavirenz, nevirapine, (+) calanolide A, etravirine, GW5634, DPC-083, DPC-961, DPC-963, MIV-150, TMC-120, TMC-278 (rilpivirene), BILR 355 BS, VRX 840773, UK-453061, RDEA806, zidovudine, emtricitabine, didanosine, stavudine, zalcitabine, lamivudine, abacavir, amdoxovir, elvucitabine, alovudine, MIV-210, Racivir (±-FTC), D-d4FC, phosphazide, fozivudine tidoxil, apricitibine AVX754, amdoxovir, KP-1461, and fosalvudine tidoxil (formerly HDP 99.0003), tenofovir disoproxil fumarate, adefovir dipivoxil, GS-9131, curcumin, derivatives of curcumin, chicoric acid, derivatives of chicoric acid, 3,5-dicaffeoylquinic acid, derivatives of 3,5-dicaffeoylquinic acid, aurintricarboxylic acid, derivatives of aurintricarboxylic acid, caffeic acid phenethyl ester, derivatives of caffeic acid phenethyl ester, tyrphostin, derivatives of tyrphostin, quercetin, derivatives of quercetin, S-1360, zintevir (AR-177), L-870812, L-870810, MK-0518 (raltegravir), elvitegravir, BMS-538158, GSK364735C, BMS-707035, MK-2048, BA 011, enfuvirtide, sifuvirtide, FB006M, TRI-1144, AMD-070, SP01A, BMS-

488043, BlockAide/ CR, immunitin, benzimidazole derivatives, benzo-1,2,4-thiadiazine derivatives, phenylalanine derivatives, aplaviroc, vicriviroc, and maraviroc, cyclosporine, FK-506, rapamycin, paclitaxel, taxotere, clarithromycin, A-77003, A-80987, MK-639, saquinavir, VX-478, AG1343, DMP-323, XM-450, BILA 2011 BS, BILA 1096 BS, BILA 2185 BS, BMS 186,318, LB71262, SC-52151, SC-629 (N,N-dimethylglycyl-N-(2-hydroxy-3-(((4-methoxyphenyl)sulphonyl)(2-methylpropyl)amino)-1 -(phenylmethyl)propyl)-3-methyl-L-valinamide), KNI-272, CGP 53437, CGP 57813 and U-103017; and 4) a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient.

In another embodiment, the present invention provides pharmaceutical compositions comprising 1) a compound of formula (I), 2) a plurality of silica particles that each have a surface and pores, and that have a mean particle diameter of 10 to 120 micron and a BET surface area of 40 to 400 m^2/g, and 3) at least one additional therapeutic agent selected from the group consisting of amprenavir, atazanavir, fosamprenavir, indinavir, lopinavir, ritonavir, nelfinavir, saquinavir, tipranavir, brecanavir, darunavir, TMC-126, TMC-114, mozenavir (DMP-450), JE-2147 (AG1776), L-756423, RO0334649, KNI-272, DPC-681, DPC-684, GW640385X, DG17, PPL-100, DG35, AG 1859, capravirine, emivirine, delaviridine, efavirenz, nevirapine, (+) calanolide A, etravirine, GW5634, DPC-083, DPC-961, DPC-963, MIV-150, TMC-120, TMC-278 (rilpivirene), BILR 355 BS, VRX 840773, UK-453061, RDEA806, zidovudine, emtricitabine, didanosine, stavudine, zalcitabine, lamivudine, abacavir, amdoxovir, elvucitabine, alovudine, MIV-210, Racivir (±-FTC), D-d4FC, phosphazide, fozivudine tidoxil, apricitibine AVX754, amdoxovir, KP-1461, and fosalvudine tidoxil (formerly HDP 99.0003), tenofovir disoproxil fumarate, adefovir dipivoxil, GS-9131, curcumin, derivatives of curcumin, chicoric acid, derivatives of chicoric acid, 3,5-dicaffeoylquinic acid, derivatives of 3,5-dicaffeoylquinic acid, aurintricarboxylic acid, derivatives of aurintricarboxylic acid, caffeic acid phenethyl ester, derivatives of caffeic acid phenethyl ester, tyrphostin, derivatives of tyrphostin, quercetin, derivatives of

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In another embodiment, the present invention provides pharmaceutical compositions comprising 1) a compound of formula (I), 2) a plurality of silica particles that each have a surface and pores, and that have a mean particle diameter of 10 to 120 micron and a BET surface area of 40 to 400 m^2/g, and 3) two or three additional therapeutic agents. For example, additional therapeutic agents selected from the classes of HIV protease inhibitors, HIV non-nucleoside inhibitors of reverse transcriptase, HIV nucleoside inhibitors of reverse transcriptase, HIV nucleotide inhibitors of reverse transcriptase, and HIV integrase inhibitors. The two

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In another embodiment, the invention provides pharmaceutical compositions that comprise a plurality of solid carrier particles, and a ternary combination of agents selected from Formula (I)/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate/GS-9131, Formula (I)/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate/emtricitabine, Formula (I)/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate/elvitegravir, Formula (I)/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate/efavrenz, Formula (I)/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate/atazanavir, Formula (I)/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate/darunavir, Formula (I)/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate/raltegravir, Formula (I)/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate/rilpivirine, Formula (I)/GS-9131/emtricitabine, Formula (I)/GS-9131/elvitegravir, Formula (I)/GS-9131/efavrenz, Formula (I)/GS-9131/atazanavir, Formula (I)/GS-9131/darunavir, Formula (I)/GS-9131/raltegravir, Formula (I)/GS-9131/rilpivirine, Formula (I)/emtricitabine/elvitegravir, Formula (I)/emtricitabine/efavrenz, Formula (I)/emtricitabine/atazanavir, Formula (I)/emtricitabine/darunavir, Formula (I)/emtricitabine/raltegravir, Formula (I)/emtricitabine/rilpivirine, Formula (I)/elvitegravir/efavrenz, Formula (I)/elvitegravir/atazanavir, Formula (I)/elvitegravir/darunavir, Formula (I)/elvitegravir/raltegravir, Formula (I)/elvitegravir/rilpivirine, Formula (I)/efavrenz/atazanavir, Formula (I)/efavrenz/darunavir, Formula (I)/efavrenz/raltegravir, Formula (I)/efavrenz/rilpivirine, Formula (I)/atazanavir/darunavir, Formula (I)/atazanavir/raltegravir, Formula (I)/atazanavir/rilpivirine, Formula (I)/darunavir/raltegravir, Formula (I)/darunavir/rilpivirine, and Formula (I)/raltegravir/rilpivirine.

In another embodiment, the invention provides pharmaceutical compositions that comprise a plurality of silica particles that each have a surface and pores, and that have a mean particle diameter of 10 to 120 micron and a BET surface area of 40 to 400 m^2/g, and a ternary combination of agents selected from Formula (I)/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate/GS-9131, Formula (I)/tenofovir disoproxil

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In another embodiment, the invention provides pharmaceutical compositions that comprise a plurality of solid carrier particles, and a quaternary combination of agents selected from Formula (I)/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate/GS-9131/emtricitabine, Formula (I)/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate/GS-9131/elvitegravir, Formula (I)/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate/GS-9131/efavrenz, Formula (I)/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate/GS-9131/atazanavir, Formula (I)/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate/GS-9131/darunavir, Formula (I)/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate/GS-9131/raltegravir, Formula (I)/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate/GS-9131/rilpivirine, Formula (I)/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate/emtricitabine/elvitegravir, Formula (I)/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate/emtricitabine/efavrenz, Formula (I)/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate/emtricitabine/atazanavir, Formula (I)/tenofovir disoproxil

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In another embodiment, the invention provides pharmaceutical compositions that comprise a plurality of silica particles that each have a surface and pores, and that have a mean particle diameter of 10 to 120 micron and a BET surface area of 40

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Combination Methods of Treatment

In one embodiment, the compositions of the invention that comprise a compound of formula (I) can be used alone, e.g., for inhibiting cytochrome P450 monooxygenase. In another embodiment, the compositions of the invention can be used in combination with other active therapeutic ingredients or agents. Preferably, the other active therapeutic ingredients or agents are metabolized or accessible to the oxidative metabolism by cytochrome P450 enzymes, *e.g.*, monooxygenase enzymes such as 1A2, 2B6, 2C8, 2C19, 2C9, 2D6, 2E1, 3A4, 5, 7, etc.

It is also contemplated that the compositions of the invention that comprise a compound of formula (I) can be administered with any other active therapeutic agent or ingredient which is appreciably metabolized by cytochrome P450 monooxygenase enzymes, e.g. cytochrome P450 monooxygenase 3A, thereby reducing the amount or rate at which the other active therapeutic agent or ingredient is metabolized, whereby the pharmacokinetics of the other active therapeutic agent or ingredient is improved. Such improvements can include elevating the blood plasma levels of the other therapeutic agent or ingredient or maintaining a more therapeutically effective blood plasma level of the other therapeutic active agent or ingredient compared to blood plasma levels of the other therapeutic agent or ingredient administered without the compositions of the invention that comprise a compound of formula (I).

Co-administration of a compound of formula (I) with one or more other active therapeutic agents generally refers to simultaneous or sequential

administration of a compound of formula (I) and one or more other active therapeutic agents, such that therapeutically effective amounts of the compound of formula (I) and one or more other active therapeutic agents are both present in the body of the patient.

Co-administration includes administration of unit dosages of the compounds of formula (I) before or after administration of unit dosages of one or more other active therapeutic agents, for example, administration of the compounds of formula (I) within seconds, minutes, or hours of the administration of one or more other active therapeutic agents. For example, a unit dose of a compound of formula (I) can be administered first, followed within seconds or minutes by administration of a unit dose of one or more other active therapeutic agents. Alternatively, a unit dose of one or more other therapeutic agents can be administered first, followed by administration of a unit dose of a compound of formula (I) within seconds or minutes. In some cases, it may be desirable to administer a unit dose of a compound of formula (I) first, followed, after a period of hours (e.g., 1 to 12 hours), by administration of a unit dose of one or more other active therapeutic agents. In other cases, it may be desirable to administer a unit dose of one or more other active therapeutic agents first, followed, after a period of hours (e.g., 1 to 12 hours), by administration of a unit dose of a compound of formula (I).

In yet another embodiment, the present invention provides a method for improving the pharmacokinetics of a drug which is metabolized by cytochrome P450 monooxygenase, comprising administering to a patient treated with said drug, a therapeutically effective amount of a composition of the invention that comprise a compound of formula (I) and a plurality of solid carrier particles.

In yet another embodiment, the present invention provides a method for improving the pharmacokinetics of a drug which is metabolized by cytochrome P450 monooxygenase, comprising administering to a patient treated with said drug, a therapeutically effective amount of a composition of the invention that comprise a compound of formula (I) and a plurality of silica particles that each have a surface

and pores, and that have a mean particle diameter of 10 to 120 micron and a BET surface area of 40 to 400 m^2/g.

In yet another embodiment, the present application provides a method for improving the pharmacokinetics of a drug which is metabolized by cytochrome P450 monooxygenase, comprising administering to a patient treated with said drug, a therapeutically effective amount of a composition of the invention that comprise a compound of formula (I) and a plurality of solid carrier particles.

In yet another embodiment, the present application provides a method for improving the pharmacokinetics of a drug which is metabolized by cytochrome P450 monooxygenase, comprising administering to a patient treated with said drug, a therapeutically effective amount of a composition of the invention that comprise a compound of formula (I) and a plurality of silica particles that each have a surface and pores, and that have a mean particle diameter of 10 to 120 micron and a BET surface area of 40 to 400 m^2/g.

In yet another embodiment, the present application provides a method for improving the pharmacokinetics of a drug which is metabolized by cytochrome P450 monooxygenase 3A, comprising administering to a patient treated with said drug, a composition of the invention that comprise a compound of formula (I) and a plurality of solid carrier particles.

In yet another embodiment, the present application provides a method for improving the pharmacokinetics of a drug which is metabolized by cytochrome P450 monooxygenase 3A, comprising administering to a patient treated with said drug, a composition of the invention that comprise a compound of formula (I) and a plurality of silica particles that each have a surface and pores, and that have a mean particle diameter of 10 to 120 micron and a BET surface area of 40 to 400 m^2/g.

In yet another embodiment, the present application provides a method for increasing blood plasma levels of a drug which is metabolized by cytochrome P450 monooxygenase, comprising administering to a patient treated with said drug, a composition of the invention that comprise a compound of formula (I) and a

plurality of solid carrier particles.

In yet another embodiment, the present application provides a method for increasing blood plasma levels of a drug which is metabolized by cytochrome P450 monooxygenase, comprising administering to a patient treated with said drug, a composition of the invention that comprise a compound of formula (I) and a plurality of silica particles that each have a surface and pores, and that have a mean particle diameter of 10 to 120 micron and a BET surface area of 40 to 400 m^2/g.

In yet another embodiment, the present application provides a method for increasing blood plasma levels of a drug which is metabolized by cytochrome P450 monooxygenase, comprising administering to a patient treated with said drug, a composition of the invention that comprise a compound of formula (I) and a plurality of solid carrier particles.

In yet another embodiment, the present application provides a method for increasing blood plasma levels of a drug which is metabolized by cytochrome P450 monooxygenase, comprising administering to a patient treated with said drug, a composition of the invention that comprise a compound of formula (I) and a plurality of silica particles that each have a surface and pores, and that have a mean particle diameter of 10 to 120 micron and a BET surface area of 40 to 400 m^2/g.

In yet another embodiment, the present application provides a method for increasing blood plasma levels of a drug which is metabolized by cytochrome P450 monooxygenase 3A, comprising administering to a patient treated with said drug, a composition of the invention that comprise a compound of formula (I) and a plurality of solid carrier particles.

In yet another embodiment, the present application provides a method for increasing blood plasma levels of a drug which is metabolized by cytochrome P450 monooxygenase 3A, comprising administering to a patient treated with said drug, a composition of the invention that comprise a compound of formula (I) and a plurality of silica particles that each have a surface and pores, and that have a mean particle diameter of 10 to 120 micron and a BET surface area of 40 to 400 m^2/g.

In yet another embodiment, the present application provides a method for inhibiting cytochrome P450 monooxygenase 3A in a patient comprising administering to a patient in need thereof an amount of a composition of the invention that comprises a compound of formula (I) and a plurality of solid carrier particles, effective to inhibit cytochrome P450 monooxygenase 3A.

In yet another embodiment, the present application provides a method for inhibiting cytochrome P450 monooxygenase 3A in a patient comprising administering to a patient in need thereof an amount of a composition of the invention that comprises a compound of formula (I) and a plurality of silica particles that each have a surface and pores, and that have a mean particle diameter of 10 to 120 micron and a BET surface area of 40 to 400 m^2/g, effective to inhibit cytochrome P450 monooxygenase 3A.

In yet another embodiment, the present application provides a method for treating an HIV infection comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a composition of the invention that comprise a compound of formula (I) and a plurality of solid carrier particles, in combination with a therapeutically effective amount of one or more additional therapeutic agents selected from the group consisting of HIV protease inhibiting compounds, HIV non-nucleoside inhibitors of reverse transcriptase, HIV nucleoside inhibitors of reverse transcriptase, HIV nucleotide inhibitors of reverse transcriptase, HIV integrase inhibitors, and CCR5 inhibitors.

In yet another embodiment, the present application provides a method for treating an HIV infection comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a composition of the invention that comprise a compound of formula (I) and a plurality of silica particles that each have a surface and pores, and that have a mean particle diameter of 10 to 120 micron and a BET surface area of 40 to 400 m^2/g, in combination with a therapeutically effective amount of one or more additional therapeutic agents selected from the group consisting of HIV protease inhibiting compounds, HIV non-nucleoside inhibitors of

reverse transcriptase, HIV nucleoside inhibitors of reverse transcriptase, HIV nucleotide inhibitors of reverse transcriptase, HIV integrase inhibitors, and CCR5 inhibitors.

In yet another embodiment, the present application provides a method for treating an HIV infection comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a composition of the invention that comprise a compound of formula (I) and a plurality of solid carrier particles, in combination with a therapeutically effective amount of one or more additional therapeutic agents selected from the group consisting of amprenavir, atazanavir, fosamprenavir, indinavir, lopinavir, ritonavir, nelfinavir, saquinavir, tipranavir, brecanavir, darunavir, TMC-126, TMC-114, mozenavir (DMP-450), JE-2147 (AG1776), L-756423, RO0334649, KNI-272, DPC-681, DPC-684, and GW640385X, DG17, PPL-100, DG35, AG 1859, capravirine, emivirine, delaviridine, efavirenz, nevirapine, (+) calanolide A, etravirine, GW5634, DPC-083, DPC-961, DPC-963, MIV-150, TMC-120, TMC-278 (rilpivirene), efavirenz, BILR 355 BS, VRX 840773, UK-453061, RDEA806, zidovudine, emtricitabine, didanosine, stavudine, zalcitabine, lamivudine, abacavir, amdoxovir, elvucitabine, alovudine, MIV-210, racivir (±-FTC), D-d4FC, emtricitabine, phosphazide, fozivudine tidoxil, apricitibine (AVX754), amdoxovir, KP-1461, fosalvudine tidoxil (formerly HDP 99.0003), tenofovir disoproxil fumarate, adefovir dipivoxil, curcumin, derivatives of curcumin, chicoric acid, derivatives of chicoric acid, 3,5-dicaffeoylquinic acid, derivatives of 3,5-dicaffeoylquinic acid, aurintricarboxylic acid, derivatives of aurintricarboxylic acid, caffeic acid phenethyl ester, derivatives of caffeic acid phenethyl ester, tyrphostin, derivatives of tyrphostin, quercetin, derivatives of quercetin, S-1360, zintevir (AR-177), L-870812, L-870810, MK-0518 (raltegravir), elvitegravir, BMS-538158, GSK364735C, BMS-707035, MK-2048, and BA 011, enfuvirtide, sifuvirtide, FB006M, and TRI-1144, AMD-070, an entry inhibitor, SP01A, BMS-488043, BlockAide/ CR, a G6PD and NADH-oxidase inhibitor, immunitin, aplaviroc, vicriviroc, maraviroc, PRO-140, INCB15050, PF-232798

(Pfizer), CCR5mAb004, BAS-100, SPI-452, REP 9, SP-01A, TNX-355, DES6, ODN-93, ODN-112, VGV-1, PA-457 (bevirimat), Ampligen, HRG214, Cytolin, VGX-410, KD-247, AMZ 0026, CYT 99007A-221 HIV, DEBIO-025, BAY 50-4798, MDX010 (ipilimumab), PBS 119, ALG 889, and PA-1050040 (PA-040).

In yet another embodiment, the present application provides a method for treating an HIV infection comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a composition of the invention that comprise a compound of formula (I) and a plurality of silica particles that each have a surface and pores, and that have a mean particle diameter of 10 to 120 micron and a BET surface area of 40 to 400 m^2/g, in combination with a therapeutically effective amount of one or more additional therapeutic agents selected from the group consisting of amprenavir, atazanavir, fosamprenavir, indinavir, lopinavir, ritonavir, nelfinavir, saquinavir, tipranavir, brecanavir, darunavir, TMC-126, TMC-114, mozenavir (DMP-450), JE-2147 (AG1776), L-756423, RO0334649, KNI-272, DPC-681, DPC-684, and GW640385X, DG17, PPL-100, DG35, AG 1859, capravirine, emivirine, delaviridine, efavirenz, nevirapine, (+) calanolide A, etravirine, GW5634, DPC-083, DPC-961, DPC-963, MIV-150, TMC-120, TMC-278 (rilpivirene), efavirenz, BILR 355 BS, VRX 840773, UK-453061, RDEA806, zidovudine, emtricitabine, didanosine, stavudine, zalcitabine, lamivudine, abacavir, amdoxovir, elvucitabine, alovudine, MIV-210, racivir (±-FTC), D-d4FC, emtricitabine, phosphazide, fozivudine tidoxil, apricitibine (AVX754), amdoxovir, KP-1461, fosalvudine tidoxil (formerly HDP 99.0003), tenofovir disoproxil fumarate, adefovir dipivoxil, curcumin, derivatives of curcumin, chicoric acid, derivatives of chicoric acid, 3,5-dicaffeoylquinic acid, derivatives of 3,5-dicaffeoylquinic acid, aurintricarboxylic acid, derivatives of aurintricarboxylic acid, caffeic acid phenethyl ester, derivatives of caffeic acid phenethyl ester, tyrphostin, derivatives of tyrphostin, quercetin, derivatives of quercetin, S-1360, zintevir (AR-177), L-870812, L-870810, MK-0518 (raltegravir), elvitegravir, BMS-538158, GSK364735C, BMS-707035, MK-2048, and BA 011, enfuvirtide, sifuvirtide,

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In yet another embodiment, the present application provides a method for treating an HCV infection comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a composition of the invention that comprise a compound of formula (I) and a plurality of solid carrier particles, in combination with a therapeutically effective amount of one or more additional therapeutic agents selected from the group consisting of pegylated rIFN-alpha 2b, pegylated rIFN-alpha 2a, rIFN-alpha 2b, rIFN-alpha 2a, consensus IFN alpha (infergen), reaferon, intermax alpha, r-IFN-beta, infergen + actimmune, IFN-omega with DUROS, locteron, albuferon, rebif, Oral interferon alpha, IFNalpha-2b XL, AVI-005, PEG-Infergen, and pegylated IFN-beta, rebetol, copegus, viramidine (taribavirin), NM-283, valopicitabine, R1626, PSI-6130 (R1656), HCV-796, BILB 1941, XTL-2125, MK-0608, NM-107, R7128 (R4048), VCH-759, PF-868554, GSK625433, SCH-503034 (SCH-7), VX-950 (telaprevir), BILN-2065, BMS-605339, ITMN-191, MX-3253 (celgosivir), UT-231B, IDN-6556, ME 3738, LB-84451, MitoQ, benzimidazole derivatives, benzo-1,2,4-thiadiazine derivatives, phenylalanine derivatives, A-831, A-689, zadaxin, nitazoxanide (alinea), BIVN-401 (virostat), PYN-17 (altirex), KPE02003002, actilon (CPG-10101), KRN-7000, civacir, GI-5005, ANA-975, XTL-6865, ANA 971, NOV-205, tarvacin, EHC-18, NIM811, DEBIO-025, VGX-410C, EMZ-702, AVI 4065, Bavituximab, Oglufanide, and VX-497 (merimepodib).

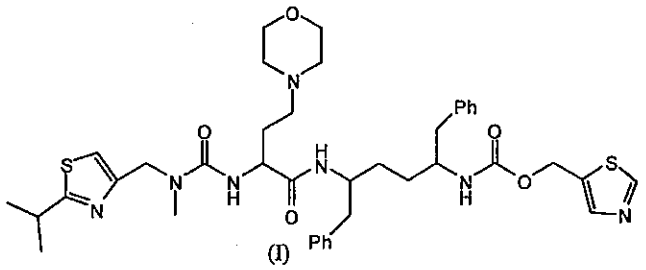
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therapeutically effective amount of a composition of the invention that comprise a compound of formula (I) and a plurality of silica particles that each have a surface and pores, and that have a mean particle diameter of 10 to 120 micron and a BET surface area of 40 to 400 m^2/g, in combination with a therapeutically effective amount of one or more additional therapeutic agents selected from the group consisting of pegylated rIFN-alpha 2b, pegylated rIFN-alpha 2a, rIFN-alpha 2b, rIFN-alpha 2a, consensus IFN alpha (infergen), reaferon, intermax alpha, r-IFN-beta, infergen + actimmune, IFN-omega with DUROS, locteron, albuferon, rebif, Oral interferon alpha, IFNalpha-2b XL, AVI-005, PEG-Infergen, and pegylated IFN-beta, rebetol, copegus, viramidine (taribavirin), NM-283, valopicitabine, R1626, PSI-6130 (R1656), HCV-796, BILB 1941, XTL-2125, MK-0608, NM-107, R7128 (R4048), VCH-759, PF-868554, GSK625433, SCH-503034 (SCH-7), VX-950 (telaprevir), BILN-2065, BMS-605339, ITMN-191, MX-3253 (celgosivir), UT-231B, IDN-6556, ME 3738, LB-84451, MitoQ, benzimidazole derivatives, benzo-1,2,4-thiadiazine derivatives, phenylalanine derivatives, A-831, A-689, zadaxin, nitazoxanide (alinea), BIVN-401 (virostat), PYN-17 (altirex), KPE02003002, actilon (CPG-10101), KRN-7000, civacir, GI-5005, ANA-975, XTL-6865, ANA 971, NOV-205, tarvacin, EHC-18, NIM811, DEBIO-025, VGX-410C, EMZ-702, AVI 4065, Bavituximab, Oglufanide, and VX-497 (merimepodib).

Specific embodiments of the invention

Specific embodiments identified herein are for illustration; they do not in any way exclude other embodiments of the invention.

In one specific embodiment the invention provides a method comprising combining the compound of formula (I):



(I)

a suitable solvent, and a plurality of solid carrier particles to provide a first mixture;

optionally mixing the first mixture;

optionally adding one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipients (e.g. a filler, a binder and a disintegrant) to the mixture to provide a second mixture;

optionally adding another therapeutic agent to the mixture;

optionally mixing the second mixture;

optionally adding water to the second mixture to provide a wet granulate;

optionally de-agglomerating the wet granulate;

optionally drying to provide a dried material that comprises solid particles;

optionally reducing the size of the solid particles to provide a third mixture; and

optionally combining the third mixture and a pharmaceutically acceptable lubricant to provide a fourth mixture.

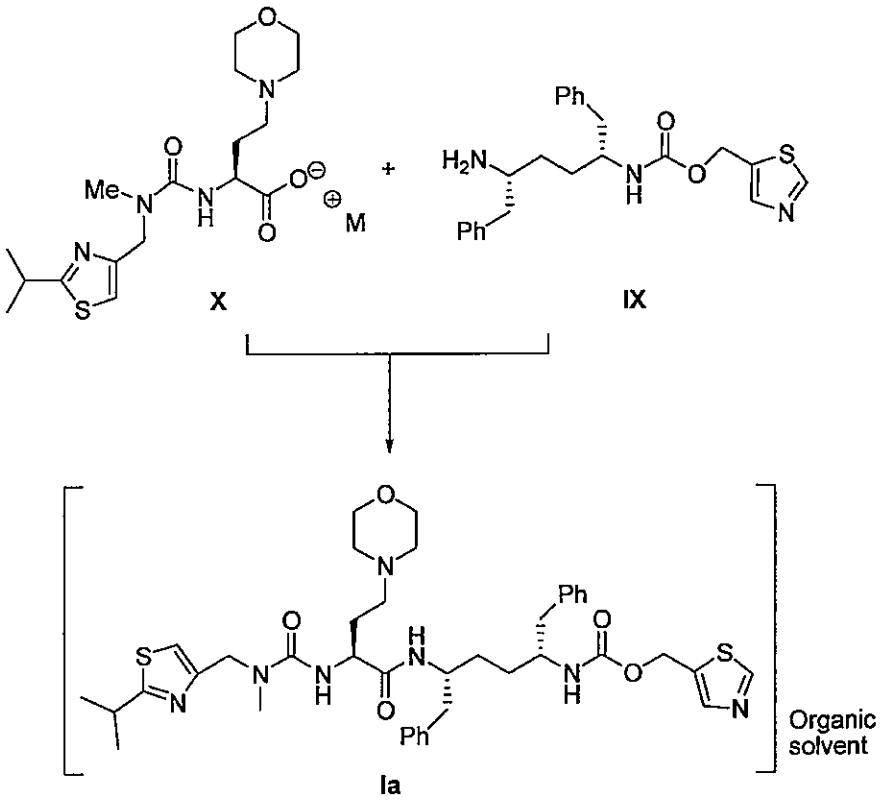
In one specific embodiment the invention provides the first, second, third, or fourth mixture described above.

In one specific embodiment the invention provides a composition comprising, a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of thereof, and a plurality of silica particles that each have a surface and pores, and that have a mean particle diameter of about 10 to about 120 micron and a BET surface area of about 40 to about 400 m^2/g.

The invention will now be illustrated by the following non-limiting Examples.

Preparation of a Compound of Formula (Ia)

A compound of formula (Ia) or a salt thereof can be prepared by coupling an acid salt of formula **X** wherein M is a counterion with an amine of formula **IX** to form the corresponding amide of formula (Ia) as described in International Patent Application Publication Number WO 2008/103949 (for example, see page 254).



This amide forming reaction can be carried out under standard conditions. For example, it can be carried out in a suitable organic solvent (e.g. tetrahydrofuran or dichloromethane) in the presence of a suitable coupling agent (e.g. EDC•HCl and HOBt). Other suitable amide coupling reagents and conditions are known in the field. The reaction can typically be carried out at a temperature from about -30 °C to about 20 °C. The final reaction solution containing the compound of formula (Ia) in dichloromethane (DCM) can be directly utilized in the processes illustrated in Figure 6 to provide representative compositions of the invention, or the

dichloromethane solution of the compound can be combined with ethanol and the resulting mixture can be distilled to remove the dichloromethane, leaving a solution of the compound of formula (Ia) in ethanol. This ethanol solution can be combined with the silicon dioxide particles and evaporated (as illustrated in the left column of Figure 6) to provide a composition comprising the compound of formula (Ia) loaded on silicon dioxide particles. Alternatively, the dichloromethane solution of the compound can be combined with silicon dioxide particles, an antisolvent can be added, and the resulting mixture can be filtered and dried (as illustrated in the right column of Figure 6) to provide a composition comprising the compound of formula (Ia) loaded on silicon dioxide particles.

Example 1. **Preparation of a Representative Composition of the Invention**

A solution of the compound of formula (Ia) in ethanol, prepared as described above, was used in the following preparation.

1. Weigh 374 g compound solution (0.64M) and the excipients: 195.5 g colloidal silicon dioxide, 103.7 g microcrystalline cellulose, 10.2 g hydroxypropyl cellulose, 25.5 g croscarmellose sodium, and 5.1 g magnesium stearate. Correct the weight of compound based on the solution concentration and impurities content with a concomitant reduction in the weight of microcrystalline cellulose.
2. Add colloidal silicon dioxide to a 3-L high shear granulator and spray compound solution onto the colloidal silicon dioxide over 6 to 8 minutes while mixing the powder bed at 150 rpm impeller speed.
3. Blend for an additional 2 minutes to evenly distribute the compound solution within the colloidal silicon dioxide mixture.
4. Add microcrystalline cellulose, hydroxypropyl cellulose and croscarmellose sodium to the high shear granulator/mixer and blend for 1 minute.
5. Wet granulate the blend mixture. Add purified water while mixing with the impeller at 150 rpm and the chopper at 1800 rpm to form a suitable

granulation (approximately 250 to 300 g water). After water addition, wet mass with the same impeller and chopper settings for 1 minute. Add additional water and perform extra wet massing, as required, to complete granule formation.

6. Pass the wet granulation through a mill or sieve to de-agglomerate any large lumps.
7. Transfer the wet granulation to the fluid-bed dryer and dry the granules at an inlet temperature of 75 °C. Dry the granules to not more than 1.0% moisture content as determined by loss on drying (LOD).
8. Pass the dried granulation through a mill with impeller rotating at 1250 rpm with a 0.032 inch round opening mill screen.
9. Add the milled, dried granulation to a suitably sized tumble blender.
10. Add magnesium stearate to the milled dried granulation and blend for 3 minutes to yield the final powder blend.
11. Compress final powder blend into tablets using a tablet press.

Example 2. **Evaluation of Water Uptake for a Representative Composition of the Invention**

The water uptake for AEROPERL® 300 (fumed silica), the Compound, and a sample of AEROPERL® 300 (fumed silica) loaded with 50.0% (w/w) of the Compound was measured as described below.

The compound of formula (I) was dissolved in ethanol and this solution was poured onto a sample of fumed silica that was equal in weight to the amount of the compound of formula (I). The resulting mixture was thoroughly mixed and the solvent was evaporated to provide the compound/AEROPERL® 300 (fumed silica) material used for the uptake study below.

The hygroscopicity of the samples was measured by dynamic vapor sorption (DVS) on a DVS Advantage-1 instrument from Surface Measurement Systems (SMS, Allentown, PA). In a DVS experiment the mass increase/decrease of a

sample is measured at various relative humidity (RH) levels at a constant temperature. The instrument consists of a microbalance with one pan containing the sample (typically about 5-10 mg of sample) and an empty pan as a reference, and a water vapor generator to produce the desired relative humidity level. All experiments were run at a constant temperature of 25 °C. For all experiments the samples were initially dried under a continuous flow of dry nitrogen for 1 hour to establish the dry mass m_0. The relative humidity was then increased to 75% and the increase in mass was recorded as the samples take up water. All experiments were run until equilibrium in mass was reached at 75% R.H. (typically 10-25 hours).

As seen in Figure 2 hygroscopicity of AEROPERL® 300 (fumed silica) and the Compound is significantly higher than hygroscopicity of the compound/AEROPERL® 300 (fumed silica) mixture. At 75% RH the Compound and Aeroperl adsorbed 4.8 and 9.3% (by weight) water, respectively. At the same conditions Aeroperl loaded with the Compound adsorbed only 2.4% moisture.

Example 3. **Evaluation of Compressibility for a Representative Composition of the Invention**

The compressibility of a composition of the invention, a sample of AEROPERL® 300 (fumed silica) loaded with 50.0% (w/w) of the Compound, was compared to the compressibility of a similar composition lacking the Compound. The compressibility was determined using a hydraulic laboratory press (Fred Carver, Inc., Wabash, IN, USA) with a single set of 3/8 inch round, flat-faced, beveled-edge tooling. The powder blends were compressed into compacts weighing approximately 300 mg and compressed into tablets at compression forces ranging from 500 to 2000 lb force.

Compact mass was determined using a top loading balance (Sartorius, Göttingen, Germany), compact thickness was determined using a micrometer (Absolute Digimatic, Mitutoyo, Tokyo, Japan), and compact hardness was determined using a hardness tester (VK 200, Varian, Inc., Palo Alto, CA, USA).

Tensile strength (MPa) was calculated from the mean values for ten compacts using the following equation:

$$\text{Tensile Strength (MPa)} = \frac{2 \cdot H \cdot C}{\pi \cdot T \cdot D \cdot 1000}$$

Where: H = compact hardness in kp (kilopond, 1 kp is equal to the force of 1 kg)

$C = 9.807 \times 10^{-2}\ Pa \cdot kg^{-1} \cdot cm^2$

T = compact thickness in cm

D = compact diameter in cm

The compound of formula (I) was loaded onto fumed silica as described in Example 1, and the resulting material was used for the compressibility study.

The compressibility of the composition containing the Compound had far superior compressibility over the composition lacking the Compound (i.e., placebo) as shown in Figure 3. The placebo composition had poor compressibility as indicated by the low tensile strength ranging from 0.6 to 1.2 MPa over the compression force range from 500 to 2000 lb. Tablets with low tensile strength lack the internal strength necessary to maintain tablet integrity during large scale tablet manufacturing and subsequent handling steps such as tablet film-coating. The composition containing the Compound had and unexpected increase in compressibility as indicated by the increase in tensile strength from 2.7 to 7.1 MPa over the compression force range from 500 to 2000 lb. This marked improvement in tensile strength allows for obtaining suitable tablet tensile strength and maintaining tablet integrity during large scale manufacturing operations.

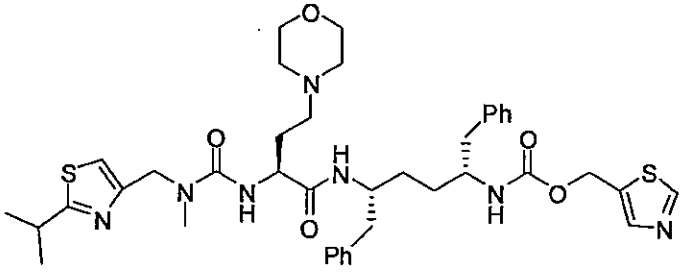
Example 4. **Preparation of Compound I on Aeroperl**

To a solution of the compound of formula (Ia) (60 g) in dichloromethane (300 mL) was charged Aeroperl (60 g) and the mixture was agitated for at least 30 minutes. After this period, heptane (1.8 L) was slowly charged over one hour. The resulting slurry was agitated for about 1 hour and the solids were isolated by filtration. The product layer was washed with heptane (500 mL). The resulting product solid was dried under vacuum at room temperature for about 24 hours. The

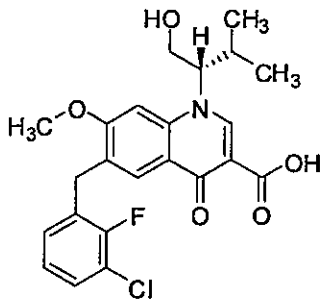
compound of formula (I) on Aeroperl (about 50 wt%) was isolated as a white powder (112 g product, 92.5 % yield).

Example 5. **Representative Formulations of the Invention**

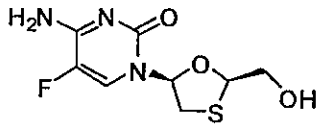
The following illustrates representative pharmaceutical dosage forms of the invention comprising compounds of formulae Ia, II, III, and IV.



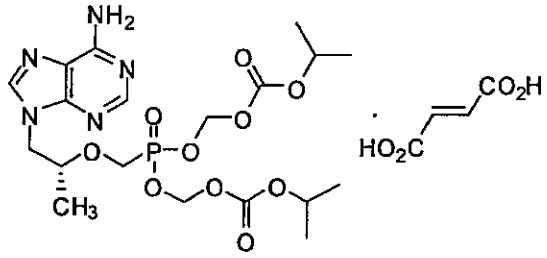
Ia



II



III



IV

Components	Compound of Formula Ia 75 mg Formulation		Compound of Formula Ia 100 mg Formulation	
	% w/w	mg/tablet	% w/w	mg/tablet
Compound of Formula III	16.5	200.0	15.5	200.0
Salt of Formula IV	24.7	300.0	23.3	300.0
Compound of Formula II	12.4	150.0	11.7	150.0
Compound of Formula Ia	6.2	75.0	7.8	100.0
Colloidal Silicon Dioxide	7.1	86.3	8.9	115.0
Lactose Monohydrate	0.9	10.9	0.8	10.9

Microcrystalline Cellulose	20.9	253.8	20.9	269.0
Hydroxypropyl Cellulose	0.6	7.5	0.6	7.5
Hydroxypropyl Cellulose	0.4	4.5	0.5	6.0
Sodium Lauryl Sulfate	0.9	11.3	0.9	11.3
Croscarmellose Sodium	7.7	93.1	7.5	96.8
Magnesium Stearate	1.7	20.1	1.6	20.9
Total	100	1212	100	1287

Example 6. **Representative Formulations of the Invention**

The following illustrates representative pharmaceutical dosage forms of the invention comprising compounds of formulae Ia, II, III, and IV..

	Compound of Formula Ia 150 mg Formulation	
Components	**% w/w**	**mg/tablet**
Compound of Formula III	13.9	200.0
Salt of Formula IV	20.9	300.0
Compound of Formula II	10.4	150.0
Compound of Formula Ia	10.4	150.0
Colloidal Silicon Dioxide	12.0	172.5
Lactose Monohydrate	0.8	10.9
Microcrystalline Cellulose	20.8	299.5
Hydroxypropyl Cellulose	0.5	7.5
Hydroxypropyl Cellulose	0.6	9.0
Sodium Lauryl Sulfate	0.8	11.3
Croscarmellose Sodium	7.3	104.3
Magnesium Stearate	1.6	22.4
Total	100	1437

Example 7. **Representative Compositions of the Invention**

In one embodiment, the invention provides a composition comprising a compound of formula (Ia) and a compound of formula (II), and a plurality of silica particles that each have a surface and pores, and that have a mean particle diameter of about 10 to about 120 micron and a BET surface area of about 40 to about 400 m^2/g, wherein the ratio of the compound of formula (Ia) to the compound of formula (II) is 1 ± 0.5 by weight.

Example 8. **Representative Compositions of the Invention**

In one embodiment, the invention provides a composition comprising 150 mg ± 10% of the compound of Formula Ia; 150 mg ± 10% of the compound of Formula II; 200 mg ± 10% of the compound of Formula III; and 300 mg ± 10% of the compound of Formula IV.

Example 9. **Preparation of a Representative Tablet Formulation of the Invention**

The manufacturing procedure for a fixed dose combination tablet containing the compounds of Formulas Ia, II, III and IV include the following steps: 1) fluid-bed granulation and drying of the compound of Formula II, 2) high-shear granulation and fluid-bed drying of the compound of Formula Ia, 3) dry granulation of the compound of Formula III and dry granulation of the salt of Formula IV, 4) milling of the dry granulation of the compound of Formula III and milling of the dry granulation of the salt of Formula IV, 5) blending of the compound of Formula III and the salt of Formula IV, 6) blending of the compound of Formula Ia and the compound of Formula II, 7) bilayer compression with one layer consisting of the blend of the compounds of Formula Ia and Formula II and the other layer consisting of the blend of the compounds of Formula III and Formula IV to form a tablet, 8) coating of the tablet and 9) packaging of the coated tablet. The compound of formula (Ia) was loaded onto fumed silica in step 2) above using the high-shear granulation and fluid-bed drying process described in Example 1.

The in-process weight control for a bilayer tablet was superior compared to a trilayer tablet configuration. Bilayer weight control for the layer containing the compounds of Formula Ia and Formula II was between 100.2% and 100.8% of the mean target layer weight. Mean weights for the total tablet was between 99.5% and 100.7% of the mean target tablet weight. The relative standard deviation (RSD) value for the layer containing the compounds of Formula Ia and Formula II was between 1.4% and 2.2%, while the RSD for the total tablet was between 0.7% and 1.2%. These low RSD values indicate very low weight variability during the bilayer tablet compression process. The friability at the start and end of the compression process was 0.0%. No chipped, capped, or broken tablets were observed during bilayer compression.

Example 10. **Preparation of a Representative Composition of the Invention**

A representative composition of the invention having silicon dioxide as the solid carrier was prepared as described below.

1. Weigh 7.7 g compound solution (in ethanol) and the excipients: 3.83 g silicon dioxide, 2.03 g microcrystalline cellulose, 0.2 g hydroxypropyl cellulose, 0.5 g croscarmellose sodium, and 0.1 g magnesium stearate. Correct the weight of compound based on the solution concentration and impurities content with a concomitant reduction in the weight of microcrystalline cellulose.
2. Add silicon dioxide (syloid 244) to a mortar and pour compound solution onto the silicon dioxide over 1-2 minutes while mixing the powder with pestle.
3. Mix for an additional 2 minutes to evenly distribute the compound solution within the silicon dioxide mixture.
4. Add microcrystalline cellulose, hydroxypropyl cellulose and croscarmellose sodium to the mortar and mix for 1 minute.

5. Wet granulate the blend mixture. Add purified water while mixing with pestle to form a suitable granulation (approximately 7.5 g water).
6. Pass the wet granulation through a sieve to de-agglomerate any large lumps.
7. Transfer the wet granulation to a shelf drier and dry the granules at 50 °C. Dry the granules to not more than 1.0% moisture content as determined by loss on drying (LOD).
8. Pass the dried granulation through a sieve.
9. Add the milled, dried granulation to a suitably sized tumble blender.
10. Add magnesium stearate to the milled dried granulation and blend for 1 minute to yield the final powder blend.
11. Compress final powder blend into tablets using a tablet press.

Additional representative compositions of the invention were also prepared using a procedure similar to the one described above, except replacing the silicon dioxide used therein with talc, Aerosil 200, or Aerosli 200 VV.

Example 11. **Preparation of a Representative Composition of the Invention**

A representative composition of the invention was prepared as described below and as illustrated in Figure 4.

1. Weigh 74.4 g compound I loaded in Aeroperl (prepared as described in Example 4) and the excipients: 20.1 g microcrystalline cellulose, 5.02 g croscarmellose sodium, and 0.5 g magnesium stearate. Correct the weight of compound based on the % loading of compound onto silica and impurities content with a concomitant reduction in the weight of microcrystalline cellulose.
2. Add compound I in Aeroperl, microcrystalline cellulose and croscarmellose sodium to a blender. Blend for 5 minutes.
3. Add magnesium stearate and blend for 3 minutes.

4. Dry granulate blend using roller compactor. Use following parameters: gap = 1.5 mm, force of 3.0 kN and screen size 0.8 mm
5. Pass the granulation through a mill or sieve to break larger granules.
6. Compress final powder blend into tablets using a tablet press.

Example 12. **Preparation of a Representative Composition of the Invention**

A representative composition of the invention can be prepared as described below and as illustrated in Figure 5. Weigh 40.9 g compound I loaded in Aeroperl (prepared as described in Example 4) and the excipients: 15.8 g microcrystalline cellulose, 3.0 g croscarmellose sodium, and 0.3 g magnesium stearate. Correct the weight of compound based on the % loading of compound onto silica and impurities content with a concomitant reduction in the weight of microcrystalline cellulose.

1. Add compound I in Aeroperl, microcrystalline cellulose and croscarmellose sodium to a blender. Blend for 5 minutes.
2. Add magnesium stearate and blend for 3 minutes.
3. Compress final powder blend into tablets using a tablet press.

Example 13. **Representative Formulations of the Invention**

The following illustrate representative pharmaceutical dosage forms, containing a compound of formula I ('Compound X'), for therapeutic or prophylactic use in humans.

Tablet 1	mg/tablet
Compound X	10.0
Silicon Dioxide (AEROPERL® 300 (fumed silica)	115.0
Microcrystalline cellulose (Avicel PH101)	151.0
Hydroxypropyl Cellulose (Klucel LF)	6.0
Croscarmellose sodium (Ac-Di-Sol)	15.0
Magnesium stearate (Hyqual)	3.0
	300.0

Tablet 2	mg/tablet
Compound X	25.0
Silicon Dioxide AEROPERL® 300 (fumed silica)	115.0
Microcrystalline cellulose (Avicel PH101)	136.0
Hydroxypropyl Cellulose (Klucel LF)	6.0
Croscarmellose sodium (Ac-Di-Sol)	15.0
Magnesium stearate (Hyqual)	3.0
	300.0

Tablet 3	mg/tablet
Compound X	100.0
Silicon Dioxide AEROPERL® 300 (fumed silica)	115
Microcrystalline cellulose (Avicel PH101)	61.0
Hydroxypropyl Cellulose (Klucel LF)	6.0
Croscarmellose sodium (Ac-Di-Sol)	15.0
Magnesium stearate (Hyqual)	3.0
	300.0

Tablet 4	mg/tablet
Compound X	150.0
Silicon Dioxide (e.g. Syloid 244)	172.5
Microcrystalline cellulose (Avicel PH101)	91.5
Hydroxypropyl Cellulose (Klucel LF)	9.0
Croscarmellose sodium (Ac-Di-Sol)	22.5
Magnesium stearate (Hyqual)	4.5
	450.0

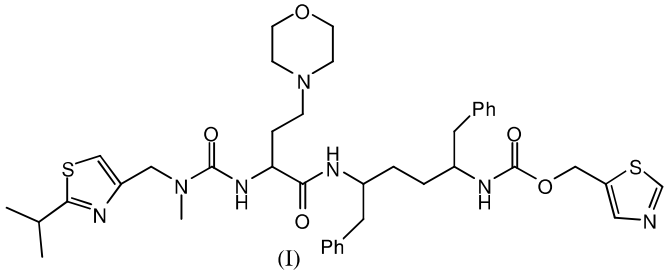
The above formulations may be obtained by conventional procedures well known in the pharmaceutical art.

All publications, patents, and patent documents are incorporated by reference herein, as though individually incorporated by reference. The invention has been described with reference to various specific and preferred embodiments and techniques. However, it should be understood that many variations and modifications may be made while remaining within the spirit and scope of the invention.

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1) A composition comprising, a plurality of solid silicon dioxide carrier particles; and a compound of formula (I):



(I)

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof on or within the solid silicon dioxide carrier particles.

2) The composition of claim 1 wherein compressibility of the composition is greater than the compressibility of the plurality of solid carrier particles.

3) The composition of claim 1 wherein the hygroscopicity of the silicon dioxide carrier particles and the compound is higher than the hygroscopicity of the compound/silicon dioxide carrier particles mixture.

4) The composition of claim 1 wherein the plurality of solid silicon dioxide carrier particles have a mean particle diameter of about 10 to about 120 micron and a BET surface area of about 40 to about 400 m^2/g.

5) The composition of claim 3 wherein the silicon dioxide particles are hydrophilic fumed silica.

6) The composition of any one of claims 4-5 wherein the silica particles have a mean grain diameter of 20-40 micron.

7) The composition of any one of claims 4-6 wherein the silica particles have a BET surface area of at least 150 m^2/g.

8) The composition of any one of claims 4-6 wherein the compound of formula (I) is coated in the pores and/or on a surface of the silica particles.

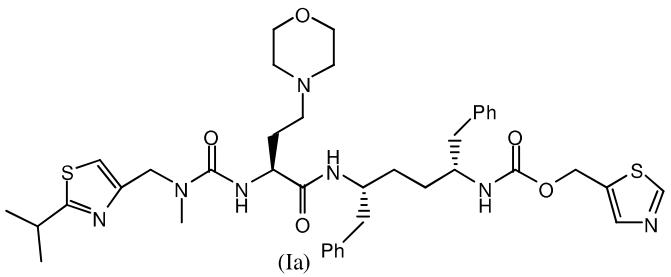
9) The composition of any one of claims 1-6 wherein the weight percentage of the compound of formula (I) to the solid carrier particles is 50% ± 10%.

10) The composition of any one of claims 1 to 10 which is a pharmaceutical composition that further comprises one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipients.

11) The composition of claim 10 which is formulated for oral administration.

12) The composition of claim 11 which is a tablet.

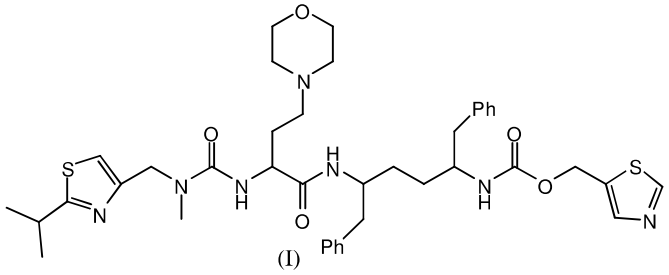
13) The composition of any one of claims 1-12 wherein the compound of formula (I) has an enriched concentration of 99 ± 1% of the stereoisomer of formula (Ia):



(Ia)

14) The composition of claim 13, comprising 150 mg ± 10% of the compound of formula (Ia).

15) A method comprising combining the compound of formula (I):



(I)

a suitable solvent, and a plurality of solid silicon dioxide carrier particles to provide a mixture.

16) The method of claim 15 wherein compressibility of the mixture is greater than the compressibility of the plurality of solid carrier particles.

17) The method of claim 15 wherein the hygroscopicity of the silicon dioxide carrier particles and the compound is higher than the hygroscopicity of the compound/silicon dioxide carrier particles mixture.

18) The method of claim 15 wherein the plurality of solid silicon dioxide carrier have a mean particle diameter of about 10 to about 120 micron and a BET surface area of about 40 to about 400 m^2/g.

19) The method of claim 18 wherein the silicon dioxide particles are hydrophilic fumed silica.

20) The method of claims 18 or 19 wherein the silica particles have a mean grain diameter of 20-40 micron.

21) The method of any one of claims 18-20 wherein the silica particles have a BET surface area of at least 150 m^2/g.

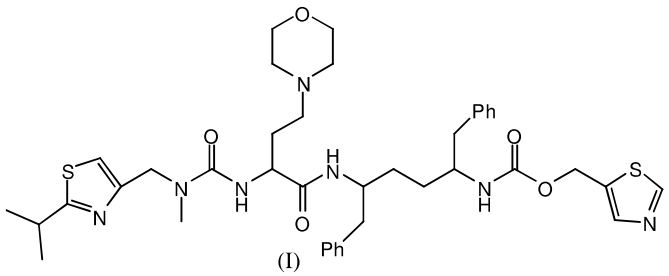
22) The method of any one of claims 18-21 wherein the weight of the compound of formula (I) divided by the weight of the silica particles is 1.0 ± 0.5.

23) The method of any one of claims 18-22 wherein the solvent is a (C_1-C_6) alcohol.

24) The method of any one of claims 18-22 wherein the solvent comprises ethanol.

25) A product prepared by the method described in any one of claims 15-24.

26) A tablet comprising: 1) a compound of formula (I):



(I)

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and 2) a plurality of solid silicon dioxide carrier particles.

27) The tablet of claim 26 wherein compressibility of the tablet is greater than the compressibility of the plurality of solid carrier particles.

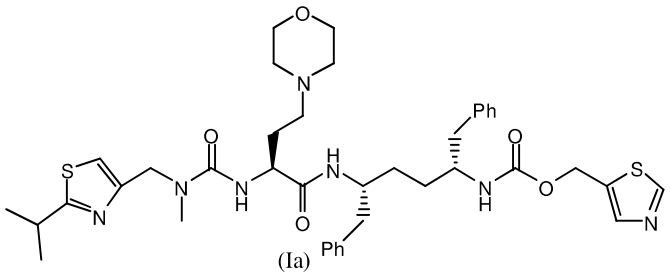
28) The tablet of claim 26 wherein the hygroscopicity of the silicon dioxide carrier particles and the compound is higher than the hygroscopicity of the compound/silicon dioxide carrier particles mixture.

29) The tablet of claim 26 wherein the plurality of solid silicon dioxide carrier particles have a mean particle diameter of about 10 to about 120 micron and a BET surface area of about 40 to about 400 m^2/g.

30) The tablet of any one of claim 26 to 29 that further comprises another therapeutic agent.

31) The tablet of claim 26 that further comprises 3) microcrystalline cellulose; 4) hydroxypropyl cellulose; 5) croscarmellose sodium; and 6) magnesium stearate.

32) The tablet of any one of claims 26-31 wherein the compound of formula (I) has an enriched concentration of 99 ± 1% of the stereoisomer of formula (Ia):



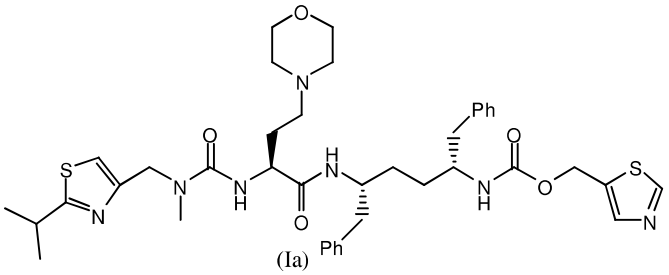
(Ia)

33) The tablet of any one of claims 29-32which comprises about 10 mg of the compound of formula (I); about 115 mg of the silica particles; about 151 mg microcrystalline cellulose; about 6 mg hydroxypropyl cellulose; about 15 mg croscarmellose sodium; and about 3 mg magnesium stearate.

34) The tablet of any one of claims 29-32 which comprises about 25 mg of the compound of formula (I); about 115 mg of the silica particles; about 136 mg microcrystalline cellulose; about 6 mg hydroxypropyl cellulose; about 15 mg croscarmellose sodium; and about 3 mg magnesium stearate.

35) The tablet of any one of claims 29-32 which comprises about 100 mg of the compound of formula (I); about 115 mg of the silica particles; about 61 mg microcrystalline cellulose; about 6 mg hydroxypropyl cellulose; about 15 mg croscarmellose sodium; and about 3 mg magnesium stearate.

36) A pharmaceutical composition that comprises a plurality of solid silicon dioxide carrier particles; a compound of formula (Ia):



(Ia)

at least one additional therapeutic agent selected from the group consisting of HIV protease inhibiting compounds, HIV non-nucleoside inhibitors of reverse transcriptase, HIV nucleoside inhibitors of reverse transcriptase, HIV nucleotide inhibitors of reverse transcriptase, HIV integrase inhibitors, non-nucleoside inhibitors of HCV, CCR5 inhibitors, and combinations thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

37) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 36, wherein the additional therapeutic agent is darunavir.

38) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 36, wherein the additional therapeutic agent is atazanavir.

39) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 36 wherein compressibility of the composition is greater than the compressibility of the plurality of solid carrier particles.

40) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 36 wherein the hygroscopicity of the silicon dioxide carrier particles and the compound is higher than the hygroscopicity of the compound/silicon dioxide carrier particles mixture.

41) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 36, wherein the additional therapeutic agent is emtricitabine.

42) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 36, wherein the additional therapeutic agent is tenofovir disoproxil fumarate.

43) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 36, wherein the additional therapeutic agent is elvitegravir.

44) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 36 comprising a ternary combination of the compound of Formula (Ia)/ tenofovir disoproxil fumarate/ emtricitabine.

45) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 36 comprising a ternary combination of the compound of Formula (Ia)/ tenofovir disoproxil fumarate/ elvitegravir.

46) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 36 comprising a ternary combination of the compound of Formula (Ia)/ emtricitabine/ elvitegravir.

47) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 36 comprising a quaternary combination of the compound of Formula (Ia)/ tenofovir disoproxil fumarate/ emtricitabine/ elvitegravir.

48) The pharmaceutical composition of any one of claims 36-47 wherein the plurality of solid silicon dioxide carrier particles have a mean particle diameter of about 10 to about 120 micron and a BET surface area of about 40 to about 400 m^2/g.

49) The composition of claim 45 wherein the silicon dioxide particles are hydrophilic fumed silica.

50) The composition of any one of claims 36-49 wherein the silica particles have a mean grain diameter of 20-40 micron.

51) The composition of any one of claims 36-50 wherein the silica particles have a BET surface area of at least 150 m^2/g.

52) The composition of any one of claims 36-51 wherein the compound of formula (Ia) is coated in pores and/or on a surface of the silica particles.

53) The composition of any one of claims 36-52 wherein the ratio of the weight of the compound of formula (Ia) to the weight of the silica particles is $1 \pm 0.05\%$.

54) The composition of any one of claims 36-53 which is formulated for oral administration.

55) The composition of claim 54 which is formulated as a tablet.