CLAIMS

1. Use of~~Injectable pharmaceutical composition comprising~~ chloroprocaine or salts ~~and/or derivatives~~ thereof, for the manufacture of an injectable solution which is free of preservatives and antioxidants and has a pH from 3 to 4 for~~use in~~ central loco-regional anesthesia by intrathechal administration of at least a dose of 15-80 mg per day repeated for a time period of 2 to 10 days.

2. ~~The injectable pharmaceutical composition for u~~Use as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that said chloroprocaine salt is chloroprocaine HCl.

3. ~~The composition for u~~Use as claimed in claim 1 or 2, characterized in that it comprises the intrathecal administration of a daily dose of 30~~5~~-60~~150~~ mg of chloroprocaine or a salt thereof.

4. ~~The composition for u~~Use as claimed in any one of the claims 1-3, characterized in that the intrathecal administration comprises the administration of a daily dose repeated for a period of 3 to 7 days.

5. ~~The composition for u~~Use as claimed in any one of the claims 1-4, characterized in that it comprises chloroprocaine HCl, sodium chloride, sterile water and hydrochloric acid.

~~6. The composition for use as claimed in any one of the claims 1-5, characterized in that it is free of preservatives and/or antioxidants.~~

6~~7~~. ~~The composition for u~~Use as claimed in any one of the claims 1-5~~6~~, characterized in that it comprises 5-15 mg of chloroprocaine HCl/ml of water, 4-12 mg of NaCl, and HCl in an amount sufficient to reach a pH of 3.0-4.0.

7~~8~~. Use~~The composition~~ as claimed in any one of the claims 1-6~~7, for use~~ in central loco-regional anesthesia in combination with adrenaline by intrathecal administration in repeated doses.

8~~9~~. Use~~The composition~~ as claimed in any one of the claims 1-7~~8, for use~~ in central loco-regional anesthesia in combination with an analgesic drug by intrathecal administration in repeated doses.

9~~10~~. ~~The composition for u~~Use as claimed in claim 8~~9~~, characterized in that said analgesic drug is selected from acetaminophen, NSAIDs, corticosteroids and opiate drugs.