WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A phosphate or sulfonate salt of 4-methyl-N-[3(4-methyl-imidazol-1-yl)-5-trifluoromethyl-phenyl]-3-3(4-pyridin-3-yl-pyrimidin-2-ylamino)-benzamide.

2. The salt of Claim 1, wherein the salt is a monophosphate salt of 4-methyl-N-[3-(4-methyl-imidazol-1-yl)-5-trifluoromethyl-phenyl]-3-(4-pyridin-3-yl-pyrimidin-2-ylamino)-benzamide.

3. The salt of Claim 1, wherein the salt is a diphosphate salt of 4-methyl-N-[3-(4-methyl-imidazol-1-yl)-5-trifluoromethyl-phenyl]-3-(4-pyridin-3-yl-pyrimidin-2-ylamino)-benzamide.

4. The salt of Claim 1, wherein the salt is a sulfate salt of 4-methyl-N-[3-(4-methyl-imidazol-1-yl)-5-trifluoromethyl-phenyl]-3-(4-pyridin-3-yl-pyrimidin-2-ylamino)-benzamide.

5. The salt of Claim 1, wherein the salt is a methane sulfonate salt of 4-methyl-N-[3-(4-methyl-imidazol-1-yl)-5-trifluoromethyl-phenyl]-3-(4-pyridin-3-yl-pyrimidin-2-ylamino)-benzamide.

6. The salt of Claim 1, wherein the salt is an ethane sulfonate salt of 4-methyl-N-[3-(4-methyl-imidazol-1-yl)-5-trifluoromethyl-phenyl]-3-(4-pyridin-3-yl-pyrimidin-2-ylamino)-benzamide.

7. The salt of Claim 1, wherein the salt is a benzene sulfonate salt of 4-methyl-N-[3-(4-methyl-imidazol-1-yl)-5-trifluoromethyl-phenyl]-3-(4-pyridin-3-yl-pyrimidin-2-ylamino)-benzamide.

8. The salt of Claim 1, wherein the salt is a p-toluene sulfonate salt of 4-methyl-N-[3-(4-methyl-imidazol-1-yl)-5-trifluoromethyl-phenyl]-3-(4-pyridin-3-yl-pyrimidin-2-ylamino)-benzamide.

9. A method of preparing a salt of 4-methyl-N-[3-(4-methyl-imidazol-1-yl)-5-trifluoromethyl-phenyl]-3-(4-pyridin-3-yl-pyrimidin-2-ylamino)-benzamide comprising the step of: reacting 4-methyl-N-[3-(4-methyl-imidazol-1-yl)-5-trifluoromethyl-phenyl]-3-(4-pyridin-3-yl-pyrimidin-2-ylamino)-benzamide free base with an acid of formula HB in a solvent, wherein the acid is selected from the group consisting of phosphoric acid, sulfuric acid, sulfonic acid, methane sulfonic acid, ethane sulfonic acid, benzene sulfonic acid, p-toluene sulfonic acid, citric acid, fumaric acid, gentisic acid, malonic aicd, maleic acid, and tartaric acid.

10. A pharmaceutical composition comprising:

(a) a therapeutically effective amount of a salt according to claim 1; and

(b) at least one pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent, vehicle or excipient.

11. Use of a phosphate or a sulfonate salt according to any one of claims 1 to 8 for the preparation of a medicament for the treatment of a disease which responds to an inhibition of protein kinase activity.

What is claimed is:

1. A salt of 4-methyl-N-[3-(4-methyl-imidazol-1-yl)-5-trifluoromethyl-phenyl]-3-(4-pyridin-3-yl-pyrimidin-2-ylamino)-benzamide, which is 4-methyl-N-[3-(4-methyl-imidazol-1-yl)-5-trifluoromethyl-phenyl]-3-(4-pyridin-3-yl-pyrimidin-2-ylamino)-benzamide monohydrochloride.

2. A method of preparing 4-methyl-N-[3-(4-methyl-imidazol-1-yl)-5-trifluoromethyl-phenyl]-3-(4-pyridin-3-yl-pyrimidin-2-ylamino)-benzamide monohydrochloride monohydrate comprising the steps of:

(a) combining 4-methyl-N-[3-(4-methyl-imidazol-1-yl)-5-trifluoromethyl-phenyl]-3-(4-pyridin-3-yl-pyrimidin-2-ylamino)-benzamide free base and hydrochloric acid in methanol under a nitrogen atmosphere;

(b) heating the reaction mixture to a temperature ranging from about 42-50° C.;

(c) stirring the reaction mixture;

(d) filtering the reaction mixture while maintaining the temperature above 40° C. to obtain a clear solution;

(e) cooling the clear solution to about 30° C. while stirring under nitrogen atmosphere;

(f) seeding the solution;

(g) cooling the seeded solution to about 23° C.;

(h) stirring the solution to obtain a suspension;

(i) cooling the suspension to about −10° C.;

(j) stirring the suspension;

(k) filtering solids;

(l) rinsing solids with cold methanol; and

(m) drying the solids at about 50-55° C. and 10-20 torr to obtain 4-methyl-N-[3-(4-methyl-imidazol-1-yl)-5-trifluoromethyl-phenyl]-3-(4-pyridin-3-yl-pyrimidin-2-ylamino)-benzamide monohydrochloride monohydrate salt.

3. A pharmaceutical composition comprising:

(a) a therapeutically effective amount of a salt according to claim **1**; and

(b) at least one pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent, vehicle or excipient.

4. A salt according to claim **1** which is 4-methyl-N-[3-(4-methyl-imidazol-1-yl)-5-trifluoromethyl-phenyl]-3-(4-pyridin-3-yl-pyrimidin-2-ylamino)-benzamide monohydrochloride monohydrate.