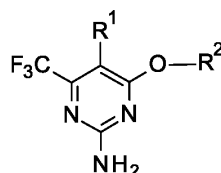


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WE CLAIM:

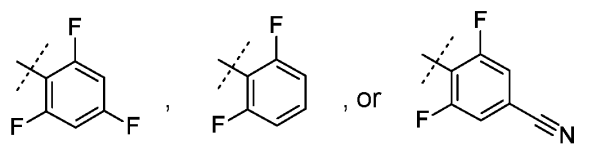
1. A compound of the formula:



wherein  $R^1$  is hydrogen or methyl; and

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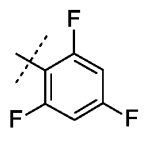
$R^2$  is:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. The compound according to claim 1 wherein  $R^1$  is hydrogen, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
3. The compound according to claim 1 wherein  $R^1$  is methyl, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
4. The compound according to claim 1 wherein  $R^2$  is:

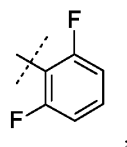
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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

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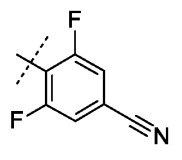
5. The compound according to claim 1 wherein  $R^2$  is:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

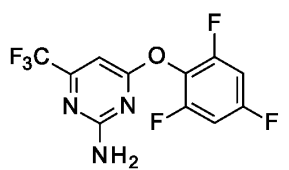
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6. The compound according to claim 1 wherein R<sup>2</sup> is:



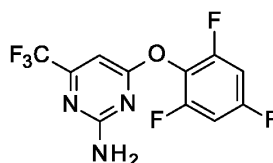
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

- 5 7. The compound according to claim 1 wherein the compound is:

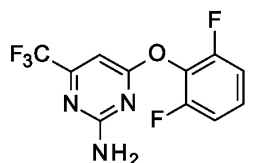


or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

8. The compound according to claim 7 which is:

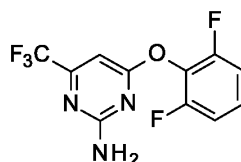


- 10 9. The compound according to claim 1 wherein the compound is:



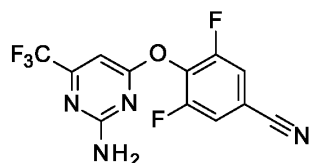
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

10. The compound according to claim 9 which is:



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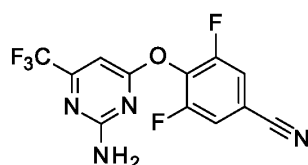
11. The compound according to claim 1 wherein the compound is:



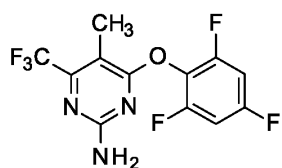
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

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12. The compound according to claim 11 which is:



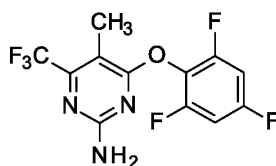
13. The compound according to claim 1 wherein the compound is:



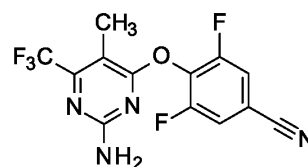
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

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14. The compound according to claim 13 which is:



15. The compound according to claim 1 wherein the compound is:

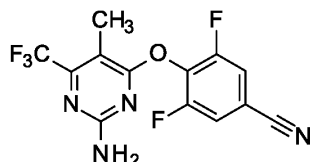


or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

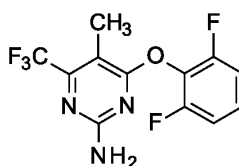
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16. The compound according to claim 15 which is:



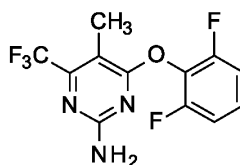
17. The compound according to claim 1 wherein the compound is:



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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

18. The compound according to claim 17 wherein the compound is:



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19. A method of treating pain in a patient, comprising administering to a patient in need of such treatment an effective amount of a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 18, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

20. A method of treating chronic pain in a patient, comprising administering to a patient in need of such treatment an effective amount of a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 18, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

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21. A method of treating chronic lower back pain in a patient, comprising administering to a patient in need of such treatment an effective amount of a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 18, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

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22. A method of treating diabetic peripheral neuropathic pain in a patient, comprising administering to a patient in need of such treatment an effective

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amount of a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 18, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

- 5 23. A method of treating osteoarthritis pain in a patient, comprising administering to a patient in need of such treatment an effective amount of a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 18, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
24. A compound or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to any one of claims 1 to 18 for use in therapy.
- 10 25. A compound or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to any one of claims 1 to 18 for use in treating pain.
26. A compound or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, according to any one of claims 1 to 18 for use in treating chronic pain.
27. A compound or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, according to any one of claims 1 to 18 for use in treating chronic lower back pain.
- 15 28. A compound or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, according to any one of claims 1 to 18 for use in treating diabetic peripheral neuropathic pain.
29. A compound or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, according to any one of claims 1 to 18 for use in treating osteoarthritis pain.
- 20 30. The use of a compound, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, according to any one of claims 1 to 18 for the manufacture of a medicament for treating pain.
31. The use of a compound, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, according to any one of claims 1 to 18 for the manufacture of a medicament for treating chronic pain.
- 25 32. The use of a compound, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, according to any one of claims 1 to 18 for the manufacture of a medicament for treating chronic lower back pain.
- 30 33. The use of a compound, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, according to any one of claims 1 to 18 for the manufacture of a medicament for treating diabetic peripheral neuropathic pain.

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34. The use of a compound, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,  
according to any one of claims 1 to 18 for the manufacture of a medicament  
for treating osteoarthritis pain.
- 5 35. A pharmaceutical composition, comprising a compound or a pharmaceutically  
acceptable salt thereof, according to any one of claims 1 to 18 with one or  
more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, diluents, or excipients.
- 10 36. A process for preparing a pharmaceutical composition, comprising admixing a  
compound or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to any one  
of claims 1 to 18 with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers,  
diluents, or excipients.