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(54) Title: DOSAGE FORM FOR INTRA-ARTICULAR INJECTION COMPRISING COLCHICINE FOR USE IN THE TREAT-
MENT OF A JOINT DISEASE SUCH AS OSTEOARTHRITIS

(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a pharmaceutical composition under the form of a sterile and injectable dosage form comprising a controlled release dosage form comprising colchicine for use in the treatment of a joint disease such as osteoarthritis, Erosive Hand Osteoarthritis and any other type of chondropathy and/or for use in the treatment of a pain-associated joint disease and/or for use in the protection of joint, bone and/or cartilage, by intra-articular injection into a joint of said pharmaceutical composition, wherein the time required to release 80% by weight of the colchicine is greater than one month and wherein the colchicine is present in a concentration ranging from 1 to 27.5 mg per ml of the sterile and injectable dosage form. It further relates to a pharmaceutical composition under the form of a sterile and injectable dosage form comprising a controlled release dosage form comprising colchicine having an adapted in vitro dissolution profile. It further relates to a formulation under the form of a powder and to a pharmaceutical composition under the form of a sterile and injectable dosage form suitable for an intra-articular injection comprising colchicine, under the form of microparticles comprising a polymeric matrix and to an associated kit or article of manufacture.

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