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(-)-N"-CYANO-N-3-PYRIDYL-N'-1,2,2-TRIMETHYL- PROPYLGUANIDINE, A PROCESS FOR PREPARING THE COMPOUND, AND USE OF THE COMPOUND AS A MEDICAMENT

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(57) Claim

1. **(-)-N"-Cyano-N-3-pyridyl-N'-1,2,2-trimethylpropylguanidine or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof.**

4. **(-)-N-3-pyridinyl-N'-(1,2,2-trimethylpropyl)thiourea.**

9. A method for opening potassium channels in mammals which comprises administering an effective potassium channel opening amount of **(-)-N"-cyano-N-3-pyridyl-N'-1,2,2-trimethylpropylguanidine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.**

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"(-)-N"-Cyano-N-3-pyridyl-N'-
1,2,2-trimethyl-propylguanidine, a Process for Preparing the Compound,
and Use of the Compound as a Medicament".

The following statement is a full description of this invention, including the
best method of performing it known to me/us



"(-)-N"-Cyano-N-3-pyridyl-N'-
1,2,2-trimethyl-propylguanidine, a Process for Preparing the Compound,
and Use of the Compound as a Medicament".

This invention provides the compound (-)-N"-
5 cyano-N-3-pyridyl-N'-1,2,2-trimethylpropylguanidine,
its salts, formulations, and method for opening potas-
sium channels in mammals.

The field of potassium channels has undergone
explosive growth in the past several years. Two events
10 have had a major influence on the rapid growth of this
area. First, there has been the development of novel
electrophysiological methods including whole cell and
patch clamp techniques to characterize potassium channel
function at the whole cell and single channel level.
15 Second, there has been the recognition that new classes
of pharmacological substances can be developed to
specifically block or open such channels. For instance,
compounds are available that can specifically block the
delayed rectifier channel in cardiac muscle (e.g.
20 clofilium and sotalol) and which now serve as prototypes
for an important new class of antiarrhythmic agents, the
class III agents. More recently, certain drugs which
had previously thought to be "nonspecific vasodilators"
(e.g., pinacidil and cromakalim) were found to be
25 selective potassium channel openers (PCO's) in vascular
smooth muscle.

It is now known that some 30 different
potassium channels exist in a variety of biological
tissues. Whereas it has long been known that potassium
30 channels play a major role in neuronal excitability,
the recent availability of new probes for K channels
has helped reveal the complex and critical role these



channels play in the basic electrical and mechanical functions of a wide variety of tissues including smooth and cardiac muscle and glands.

PCO's are derived from a wide variety of structural classes. Pinacidil (N''-cyano-N-4-pyridyl-N'-1,2,2-trimethylpropylguanidine) is described in U.S. Patent No. 4,057,636 and Petersen, J. Med. Chem., 21(8), 773 (1982). A variety of alkyl groups provided anti-hypertensive activity, with the best compounds possessing branching at the carbon alpha to the nitrogen. Both 4- and 3-pyridyl isomers were potent vasodilators. The 2-pyridyl isomers were essentially inactive. In Peterson, J. Med. Chem., 21(8), 773 (1982), pinacidil is compound number 50 and the 3-pyridyl isomer is compound number 17. In this report, the minimal effective dose (MED) of pinacidil to decrease blood pressure in spontaneously hypertensive rats was 0.5 mg/kg whereas the MED of the 3-pyridyl isomer was 1 mg/kg. Pinacidil is currently undergoing clinical trials to determine its antihypertensive potential.

We have now discovered that the (-) isomer of the 3-pyridyl isomer of pinacidil is considerably more potent as a potassium channel opener than the racemate or pinacidil.

Thus, this invention provides the compound (-)-N''-cyano-N-3-pyridyl-N'-1,2,2-trimethylpropylguanidine and its pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts thereof.

According to a second embodiment of this invention, there is provided (-)-N"-cyano-N-3-pyridyl-N'-1,2,2-trimethylpropylguanidine.

According to a third embodiment of this invention, there is provided a pharmaceutical formulation comprising a compound of the first
5 or second embodiments associated with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, diluents, or excipients therefor.

According to a fourth embodiment of this invention, there is provided (-)-N-3-pyridinyl-N'-(1,2,2-trimethylpropyl)thiourea.

According to a fifth embodiment of this invention, there is
10 provided a process for preparing a compound of the first or second embodiments which comprises:

- a) resolving racemic N"-cyano-N-3-pyridyl-N'-1,2,2-trimethylpropylguanidine, or
- b) reacting (-)-N-3-pyridinyl-N'-(1,2,2-trimethylpropyl)thiourea
15 with a carbodiimide reagent and cyanamide, and
- c) optionally converting the resulting product into a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof.

According to a sixth embodiment of this invention, there is provided (-)-N"-Cyano-N-3-pyridyl-N'-1,2,2-trimethylpropylguanidine, or a
20 pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof whenever prepared by a process according to the fifth embodiment.

According to a seventh embodiment of this invention, there is provided a method for opening potassium channels in mammals which comprises administering an effective potassium channel opening amount of
25 (-)-N"-cyano-N-3-pyridyl-N'-1,2,2-trimethylpropylguanidine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.



When used herein, the compound (-)-N"-cyano-N-3-pyridyl-N'-1,2,2-trimethylpropylguanidine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, shall alternately be referred to as "the compound of this invention".

5 While this is the (-)-isomer, alternate nomenclature would regard this compound as the l-isomer. This compound is substantially enantiomerically pure, being at least 95% (-)-isomer, as compared with the known racemate which is essentially a 1:1 mixture of the (-)-
10 and (+)- isomers.

This invention includes the pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts of (-)-N"-cyano-N-3-pyridyl-N'-1,2,2-trimethylpropylguanidine. Since this
15 compound is basic in nature, it can react with any number of inorganic and organic acids to form pharmaceutically acceptable acid additions salts. Acids commonly employed to form such salts include inorganic acids such as hydrochloric, hydrobromic, hydroiodic, sulfuric and phosphoric acid, as well as organic acids
20 such as para-bromophenylsulfonic, carbonic, succinic, citric, benzoic and acetic acid, and related inorganic and organic acids. Such pharmaceutically acceptable salts thus include sulfate, pyrosulfate bisulfate, sulfite, bisulfite, phosphate, monohydrogenphosphate,
25 dihydrogenphosphate, metaphosphate, pyrophosphate, chloride, bromide, iodide, acetate, propionate, decanoate, caprylate, acrylate, formate, isobutyrate, caprate, heptanoate, propiolate, oxalate, malonate, succinate, suberate, sebacate, fumarate, maleate,
30 butyne-1,4-dioate, hexyne-1,6-dioate, benzoate,

chlorobenzoate, methylbenzoate, dinitrobenzoate, hydroxybenzoate, methoxybenzoate, phthalate, terephthalate, sulfonate, xylenesulfonate, phenylacetate, phenylpropionate, phenylbutyrate, citrate, lactate, 5 β -hydroxybutyrate, glycollate, maleate, tartrate, methanesulfonate, propanesulfonates, naphthalene-1-sulfonate, naphthalene-2-sulfonate, mandelate and the like salts. Preferred pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts include those formed with mineral acids 10 such as hydrochloric acid and hydrobromic acid, and especially those formed with organic acids such as oxalic acid and maleic acid.

A further aspect of this invention includes processes for making (-)-N''-cyano-N-3-pyridyl-N'-1,2,2-trimethylpropylguanidine. The compound of this inven- 15 tion can be prepared by applying general methods well known in the art, notably U.S. Patent 4,057,636 and Petersen, J. Med. Chem., 21 (8), 773 (1978), which references are specifically incorporated by reference 20 into this specification. (-)-N''-Cyano-N-3-pyridyl-N'-1,2,2-trimethylpropylguanidine can be prepared by resolution of the racemate by classical methods. Such methods include the formation of salts with optically active acids and also by high-pressure liquid chroma- 25 tography of the racemate over chiral columns.

Alternatively, (-)-N''-cyano-N-3-pyridyl-N'-1,2,2-trimethylpropylguanidine can be made by procedures described in the aforementioned references employing an optically active starting material. Thus, referring 30 to U.S. Patent 4,057,636, cyanamide can be reacted with

(-)-N-1,2,2-trimethylpropyl-N'-3-pyridylcarbodiimide to provide the compound of this invention. Alternatively, optically active N-1,2,2-trimethylpropyl-N'-cyanocarbodiimide or N-1,2,2-trimethylpropyl-N'-cyano carbamimidic halide can be reacted with 3-aminopyridine. In like manner, 5 optically active N-(3-pyridyl)-N'-1,2,2-trimethylpropylcarbamimidic halide or N-(3-pyridyl)-N'-1,2,2-trimethylpropylthiourea can be reacted with cyanoamide to provide (-)-N"-cyano-N-3-pyridyl-N'-1,2,2-trimethylpropyl-guanidine. We prefer this latter method, i.e., the reaction of the thiourea with cyanoamide to prepare the desired product.

10 The desired thiourea is prepared by the reaction of 3-pyridylisothiocyanate with optically active 2-amino-3,3-dimethylbutane or a salt thereof. This optically active starting material is best prepared by resolving racemic 2-amino-3,3-dimethylbutane by fractional recrystallization of the desired optically active tartaric acid salt.

15 For example, to prepare the optically active amine intermediate for preparing the compound of this invention, L(+)-tartaric acid is employed. The reaction of 3-pyridylisothiocyanate and optically active (-)-2-amino-3,3-dimethylbutane L(+)-tartrate is best accomplished by mixing approximately equal molar amounts of the two reagents in a 20 nonreactive solvent, such as tetrahydrofuran, in the presence of a nonreactive acid scavenger, such as a trialkylamine or pyridine. This reaction is performed at temperatures from about 25°C up to the reflux temperature of the reaction mixture. When heated at reflux, the transformation to the desired thiourea is usually complete in 25 approximately 18 hours.



The resulting (-)-N-3-pyridinyl-N'-(1,2,2-trimethylpropyl)thiourea is then transformed into (-)-N''-cyano-N-3-pyridyl-N'-1,2,2-trimethylpropylguanidine by treating the thiourea with a carbodiimide reagent, such as 1,3-dicyclohexylcarbodiimide, and cyanamide in a nonreactive solvent such as acetonitrile. In addition, it is preferred that a nonreactive acid scavenger, such as a trialkylamine, also be employed. Generally, slight molar excesses of the carbodiimide and cyanamide reagents are employed relative to the thiourea starting material. The reaction is generally accomplished at temperatures from about 0-50°C and the reaction is essentially complete when stirred at approximately 25°C for about 18 hours.

The following example illustrates the preparation of the compound of this invention. This method is illustrative of only and is not intended to limit the scope of this invention in any respect and should not be so construed.

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Example 1

(-)-N''-Cyano-N-3-pyridyl-N'-1,2,2-trimethylpropylguanidine

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A. Preparation of (-)-N-3-pyridinyl-N'-(1,2,2-trimethylpropyl)thiourea.

To a slurry of 9.2 g of (-)-2-amino-3,3-dimethylbutane, L(+)-tartrate in approximately 100 ml of tetrahydrofuran under a nitrogen atmosphere were added

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21 ml of triethylamine. After stirring for 15 minutes, 5 g of 3-pyridylisothiocyanate were added with stirring. The solution was heated at reflux overnight, then cooled and concentrated in vacuo. The resulting oil was
5 purified by high-pressure chromatography over silica gel. The appropriate fractions were combined and concentrated in vacuo to provide 9 g of the desired title intermediate as a thick oil.

Analysis for $C_{12}H_{19}N_3S$

10 Calc.: C, 60.72; H, 8.07; N, 17.70;
 Found: C, 59.93; H, 7.99; N, 16.34.

B. Preparation of (-)-N''-cyano-N-3-pyridyl-N'-1,2,2-trimethylpropylguanidine.

15 Three grams of the thiourea from Example 1A above, 3.9 g of 1,3-dicyclohexylcarbodiimide, and 1.06 g of cyanamide were added to approximately 50 ml of acetonitrile under a nitrogen atmosphere. Five drops of N,N-diisopropylethylamine were added and the mixture was
20 stirred at room temperature overnight. The mixture was then concentrated in vacuo and the resulting paste was triturated with 100 ml of 4:1 hexane/diethyl ether. The liquid was decanted and the residual solid was stirred in 100 ml of 0.8 N hydrochloric acid for 1 hour. The
25 solution was filtered and the filtrate was adjusted to pH 8. The resulting solid was recovered by filtration and crystallized from methanol/water to provide 1.3 g of the desired title product, m.p. 144-145°C. The optical rotation in methanol: $[\alpha]_D = -165.365^\circ$.

Analysis for $C_{13}H_{19}N_5$:

Calc.: C, 63.65; H, 7.81; N, 28.55;

Found: C, 63.88; H, 7.84; N, 28.69.

5 In the same way was prepared (+)-N"-cyano-
N-3-pyridyl-N'-1,2,2-trimethylpropylguanidine, m.p.
141-142°C. $[\alpha]_D = +161.034^\circ$ in methanol.

Analysis for $C_{13}H_{19}N_5$

Calc.: C, 63.65; H, 7.81; N, 28.55;

10 Found: C, 63.39; H, 7.99; N, 28.35.

This invention also provides a method for
opening potassium channels in mammals which comprises
administering an effective potassium channel opening
15 amount of (-)-N"-cyano-N-3-pyridyl-N'-1,2,2-trimethyl-
propylguanidine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt
thereof.

The compound of this invention is a potassium
channel agonist or "opener". As such, the compound
20 causes vasodilation, making it an effective antihyper-
tension agent, and will be useful for treating other
related conditions and disease states, such as asthma,
interstitial cystitis, urinary incontinence and other
urogenital disorders, ischemic bowel disease, gastro-
25 intestinal motility disorders, arrhythmias, peripheral
vascular disease, congestive heart failure, pulmonary
hypertension, asthma, alopecia areata, dysmenorrhea,
glaucoma, angina, and alopecia. Depending upon the
particular condition or disease to be treated, the
30 compound of this invention is administered alone or in

combination with one or more other pharmacologically active agents but in a form substantially free of (+)-N''-cyano-N-3-pyridyl-N'-1,2,2-trimethylpropylguanidine.

5 The ability for (-)-N''-cyano-N-3-pyridyl-N'-1,2,2-trimethylpropylguanidine to affect cardiac electrophysiological and vasorelaxant parameters was demonstrated in canine tissues in vitro as compared with its (+)-isomer, racemic N''-cyano-N-3-pyridyl-N'-1,2,2-trimethylpropylguanidine, and pinacidil. All four
10 compounds were tested in the canine cephalic vein assay taught by Steinberg et al., Journal of Cardiovascular Pharmacology, 12 (Suppl. 2), S30-S40 (1988). The effective concentration for relaxing phenylephrine-
15 contracted cephalic veins, otherwise known as the EC₅₀, was determined for each compound and is reported in Table I.

Table I

20	<u>Compound</u>	<u>EC₅₀ (μM)*</u> <u>Canine Cephalic Vein</u>
25	(±)-Pinacidil	0.76 ± 0.12
30	(±)-N''-cyano-N-3-pyridyl-N'-1,2,2-trimethylpropylguanidine	0.56 ± 0.14

Table I (continued)

		<u>EC₅₀ (μM)*</u>
5	<u>Compound</u>	<u>Canine Cephalic Vein</u>
10	(-)-N"-cyano-N-3- pyridyl-N'-1,2,2- trimethylpropyl guanidine	0.09 ± 0.03
15	(+)-N"-cyano-N-3- pyridyl-N'-1,2,2- trimethylpropyl- guanidine	6.41 ± 1.8
20	* ±SEM	

The compound of this invention and its pharmaceutically acceptable salts are preferably formulated prior to administration. Therefore, yet another aspect of the present invention is a pharmaceutical formulation comprising (-)-N"-cyano-N-3-pyridyl-N'-1,2,2-trimethylpropylguanidine, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, diluents or excipients. The formulation may contain the compound of this invention as the single bioactive agent or in combination with one or more other pharmacologically active drugs in a form substantially free of (+)-N"-cyano-N-3-pyridyl-N'-1,2,2-trimethylpropylguanidine.

The present pharmaceutical formulations are prepared by known procedures using well known and readily available ingredients. In making the compositions of the present invention, the active ingredient(s)

will usually be mixed with a carrier, or diluted by a carrier, or enclosed within a carrier which may be in the form of a capsule, sachet, paper or other container. When the carrier serves as a diluent, it may be a solid, 5 semisolid or liquid material which acts as a vehicle, excipient or medium for the active ingredient. Thus, the compositions can be in the form of tablets, pills, powders, lozenges, sachets, cachets, elixirs, suspensions, emulsions, solutions, syrups, aerosol (as a 10 solid or in a liquid medium), ointments containing, for example, up to 10% by weight of the active compound, soft and hard gelatin capsules, suppositories, sterile injectable solutions and sterile packaged powders. The active component typically accounts for about 1% to 15 about 95% of the formulation by weight.

Some examples of suitable carriers, excipients, and diluents include lactose, dextrose, sucrose, sorbitol, mannitol, starches, gum acacia, calcium phosphate, alginates, tragacanth, gelatin, calcium 20 silicate, microcrystalline cellulose, polyvinylpyrrolidone, cellulose, water syrup, methyl cellulose, methyl and propylhydroxybenzoates, talc, magnesium stearate and mineral oil. The formulations can additionally include lubricating agents, wetting agents, emulsifying and 25 suspending agents, preserving agents, sweetening agents or flavoring agents. The compositions of the invention may be formulated so as to provide quick, sustained or delayed release of the active ingredient after administration to the patient by employing procedures well 30 known in the art.

The compositions are preferably formulated in a unit dosage form, each dosage containing from about 5 to about 500 mg, more usually about 25 to about 300 mg, of the active ingredient. The term "unit dosage form" refers to physically discrete units suitable as unitary dosages for human subjects and other mammals, each unit containing a predetermined quantity of active material calculated to produce the desired therapeutic effect, in association with a suitable pharmaceutical carrier.

Dosages of from about 0.5 to about 300 mg/kg per day, preferably 0.5 to 20 mg/kg, of the compound of this invention may be administered although it will, of course, readily be understood that the amount of (-)-N'-cyano-N-3-pyridyl-N'-1,2,2-trimethylpropylguanidine actually to be administered will be determined by a physician, in the light of all the relevant circumstances including the condition to be treated, the choice of compound to be administered and the choice of route of administration and therefore the above preferred dosage range is not intended to limit the scope of the present invention in any way.

The following formulation examples are illustrative only and are not intended to limit the scope of the invention in any way.

Formulation 1

Hard gelatin capsules are prepared using the following ingredients:

	<u>Quantity</u> <u>(mg/capsule)</u>
5	
(-)-N"-cyano-N-3-pyridyl-N'-1,2,2-trimethylpropylguanidine hydrochloride	250
starch, dried	200
10 magnesium stearate	<u>10</u>
Total	460 mg

The above ingredients are mixed and filled into hard gelatin capsules in 460 mg quantities.

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Formulation 2

A tablet is prepared using the ingredients below:

	<u>Quantity</u> <u>(mg/tablet)</u>
20	
(-)-N"-cyano-N-3-pyridyl-N'-1,2,2-trimethylpropylguanidine	250
cellulose, microcrystalline	400
25 silicon dioxide, fumed	10
stearic acid	<u>5</u>
Total	665 mg

The components are blended and compressed to form 30 tablets each weighing 665 mg.

Formulation 3

An aerosol solution is prepared containing the following components:

	<u>Weight %</u>
5	
(-)-N''-cyano-N-3-pyridyl-N'-1,2,2-trimethylpropylguanidine sulfate	0.25
ethanol	29.75
Propellant 22	
10 (chlorodifluoromethane)	<u>70.00</u>
Total	100.00

The active compound is mixed with ethanol and the mixture added to a portion of the Propellant 22, cooled to -30°C. and transferred to a filling device. The required amount is then fed to a stainless steel container and diluted with the remainder of the propellant. The valve units are then fitted to the container.

20 Formulation 4

Tablets each containing 60 mg of active ingredient are made as follows:

25	(-)-N''-cyano-N-3-pyridyl-N'-1,2,2-trimethylpropylguanidine napsylate	60 mg
	starch	45 mg
	microcrystalline cellulose	35 mg
	polyvinylpyrrolidone	
30	(as 10% solution in water)	4 mg
	sodium carboxymethyl starch	4.5 mg
	magnesium stearate	0.5 mg
	talc	<u>1 mg</u>
	Total	150 mg

The active ingredient, starch and cellulose are passed through a No. 45 mesh U.S. sieve and mixed thoroughly. The solution of polyvinylpyrrolidone is mixed with the resultant powders which are then passed through a No. 14 mesh U.S. sieve. The granules so produced are dried at 50°C and passed through a No. 18 mesh U.S. sieve. The sodium carboxymethyl starch, magnesium stearate and talc, previously passed through a No. 60 mesh U.S. sieve, are then added to the granules which, after mixing, are compressed on a tablet machine to yield tablets each weighing 150 mg.

Formulation 5

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Capsules each containing 80 mg of medicament are made as follows:

(-)-N''-cyano-N-3-pyridyl-N'-1,2,2-trimethylpropylguanidine	80 mg
starch	59 mg
microcrystalline cellulose	59 mg
magnesium stearate	<u>2 mg</u>
Total	200 mg

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The active ingredient, cellulose, starch and magnesium stearate are blended, passed through a No. 45 mesh U.S. sieve, and filled into hard gelatin capsules in 200 mg quantities.

Formulation 6

Suppositories each containing 225 mg of active ingredient may be made as follows:

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(-)-N"-cyano-N-3-pyridyl-N'- 1,2,2-trimethylpropylguanidine	225 mg
saturated fatty acid glycerides	<u>2,000 mg</u>
Total	2,225 mg

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The active ingredient is passed through a No. 60 mesh U.S. sieve and suspended in the saturated fatty acid glycerides previously melted using the minimum heat necessary. The mixture is then poured into a suppository mold of nominal 2 g capacity and allowed to cool.

Formulation 7

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Suspensions each containing 50 mg of medication per 5 ml dose are made as follows:

(-)-N"-cyano-N-3-pyridyl-N'- 1,2,2-trimethylpropylguanidine	50 mg
sodium carboxymethyl cellulose	50 mg
syrup	1.25 ml
benzoic acid solution	0.10 ml
flavor	q.v.
color	q.v.
purified water to total	5 ml

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The medicament is passed through a No. 45 mesh U.S. sieve and mixed with the sodium carboxymethyl

cellulose and syrup to form a smooth paste. The benzoic acid solution, flavor and color are diluted with some of the water and added, with stirring. Sufficient water is then added to produce the required volume.

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Formulation 8

An intravenous formulation may be prepared as follows:

10	(-)-N''-cyano-N-3-pyridyl-N'-1,2,2-trimethylpropylguanidine hydrochloride	100 mg
	isotonic saline	1000 ml

The solution of the above ingredients is administered intravenously at a rate of 1 ml per minute to a subject in need of treatment.

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~~CLAIMS~~

The claims defining the invention are as follows:

1. (-)-N"-Cyano-N-3-pyridyl-N'-1,2,2-tri-
methylpropylguanidine or a pharmaceutically acceptable
5 acid addition salt thereof.
2. (-)-N"-Cyano-N-3-pyridyl-N'-1,2,2-tri-
methylpropylguanidine.
3. A pharmaceutical formulation comprising
a compound of Claim 1 or 2 associated with one or more
10 pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, diluents, or
excipients therefor.
4. (-)-N-3-pyridinyl-N'-(1,2,2-trimethyl-
propyl)thiourea.
5. A process for preparing a compound of
15 Claim 1 or 2 which comprises:
 - a) resolving racemic N"-cyano-N-3-pyridyl-
N'-1,2,2-trimethylpropylguanidine, or
 - b) reacting (-)-N-3-pyridinyl-N'-(1,2,2-
20 trimethylpropyl)thiourea with a carbodiimide reagent
and cyanamide, and
 - c) optionally converting the resulting
product into a pharmaceutically acceptable acid
addition salt thereof.
6. (-)-N"-Cyano-N-3-pyridyl-N'-1,2,2-tri-
25 methylpropylguanidine, or a pharmaceutically acceptable
salt thereof whenever prepared by a process according
to Claim 5.

7. A compound of claim 1 substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to Example 1.

8. A process for preparing a compound of claim 1, which process is substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to Example 1.

5 9. A method for opening potassium channels in mammals which comprises administering an effective potassium channel opening amount of (-)-N"-cyano-N-3-pyridyl-N'-1,2,2-trimethylpropylguanidine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

10 10. A pharmaceutical formulation as defined in claim 3 and substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to any one of Formulations 1 to 8.

11. A method for opening potassium channels in mammals which comprises administering to a mammal in need of potassium channel opening a formulation according to claim 10.

15 12. The method of claim 11 wherein said potassium channel opening is for the treatment of hypertension, asthma, interstitial cystitis, urogenital disorders, ischemic bowel disease, gastrointestinal motility disorders, arrhythmias, peripheral vascular disease, congestive heart failure, pulmonary hypertension, asthma, alopecia areata, dysmenorrhea, 20 glaucoma, angina, or alopecia.

13. The method of claim 12 wherein said urogenital disorder is urinary incontinence.

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