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TITLE OF THE INVENTION

10 DEXIBUPROFEN/ANTACID/SIMETHICONE COMBINATIONS

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

15 The non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAID) have been utilized in the treatment of pain/ inflammation and a number of other symptoms including stiffness that are associated with painful conditions affecting muscles, bones, and joints. NSAIDs have been prescribed to relieve back pain, gout, menstrual pain, headaches, mild pain following surgery, and

20 pain from soft tissue injuries such as sprains and strains. NSAIDs are within the broader class of non-narcotic analgesics which also includes aspirin and acetaminophen. Non-narcotic analgesics are considered to exert their effect by blocking the

25 production of prostaglandins at the site of pain, irritation or injury so that the pain signal does not reach the brain.

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Ibuprofen (2-(4-isobutylphenyl)propionic acid) is a well known and commonly employed NSAID. Recently, it has been found that a faster onset of pain relief and an enhanced analgesic response can be obtained by the utilization of the single enantiomer (S)-ibuprofen (also known as (+)-ibuprofen or dexibuprofen) rather than the racemic mixture of ibuprofen. See U.S. Patent 4,877,620.

Antacids are commonly prescribed to treat excess acid buildup in the stomach, duodenum or esophagus. Damage to the mucus lining surrounding these tissues may occur which also enables destructive action of the stomach acids on the underlying tissue. Commonly known antacids include aluminum hydroxide, calcium carbonate, magnesium hydroxide and sodium bicarbonate. Simethicone may optionally be used to treat flatulence.

Combinations of ibuprofen with antacids and simethicone have been disclosed. EPO App. No. 0 465 235 A1 discloses a combination of ibuprofen and an antacid and optionally simethicone. It is known that the potential of most NSAIDs to irritate the stomach is less than that of an analgesic such as aspirin. There is a need to employ a compound with faster acting and enhanced analgesic capability such as (S)-ibuprofen lysinate substantially free of (R)-ibuprofen in combination with an antacid to treat and prevent the pain and discomfort associated with headaches, indigestion, sour stomach, heartburn or other gastrointestinal disorders. The present invention provides both faster onset and enhanced relief of aches and pains associated with the head and stomach to provide broad and concurrent symptomatic relief.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

This invention claims pharmaceutical compositions for use in the treatment of pain and inflammation and the treatment of mild stomach and esophagus disorders. The composition comprises:

5 (i) an analgesically and anti-inflammatory effective amount of a salt of (S)-ibuprofen substantially free of (R)-ibuprofen wherein the salt is selected from (S)-ibuprofen-(S)-lysine and

10 (S)-ibuprofen-(R)-lysine; and

(ii) an amount effective in the treatment of indigestion, sour stomach, heartburn, and other gastrointestinal disorders of at least one antacid; and

15 (iii) an amount effective in the treatment of flatulence of simethicone.

This invention is also directed to a method of treating pain and inflammation and concurrently treating indigestion, sour stomach, heartburn, and

20 other gastrointestinal disorders in mammals, including humans, in need thereof, comprising administering to such organism:

(i) an analgesically and anti-inflammatory effective

25 amount of a salt of (S)-ibuprofen substantially free of (R)-ibuprofen wherein the salt is selected from (S)-ibuprofen-(S)-lysine and (S)-ibuprofen-(R)-lysine; and

(ii) an amount effective in the treatment of

30 indigestion, sour stomach, heartburn, and other gastrointestinal disorders of at least one antacid; and

(iii) an amount effective in the treatment of flatulence of simethicone.

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This invention is further directed to a method of eliciting an onset hastened and enhanced response for the treatment of pain and inflammation and the treatment of gastrointestinal or esophagus disorders in mammals, including humans, in need thereof, comprising administering to such organism:

5 (i) an analgesically and anti-inflammatory effective amount of a salt of (S)-ibuprofen substantially free of (R)-ibuprofen wherein the salt is selected from

10 (S)-ibuprofen-(S)-lysine and (S)-ibuprofen-(R)-lysine; and

(ii) an amount effective in the treatment of indigestion, sour stomach, heartburn, and other gastrointestinal disorders of at least one antacid;

15 and

(iii) an amount effective in the treatment of flatulence of simethicone.

Substantially free of (R)-ibuprofen means that the ratio of (S)-ibuprofen to (R)-ibuprofen is

20 at least 90:10.

Salts of (S)-ibuprofen include pharmaceutically acceptable salts such as alkali metals (sodium or potassium), alkaline earth metals (calcium), or salts with other metals such as

25 magnesium, aluminum, iron, zinc, copper, nickel or cobalt.

Pharmaceutically acceptable salts of (S)-ibuprofen further include the amino acid salts, particularly the basic amino acids such as lysine or

30 arginine. Specifically included within the composition of the instant invention is (S)-ibuprofen-(S)-lysine and (S)-ibuprofen-(R)-lysine.

The term mammals or mammalian organism

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includes but is not limited to man, dog, cat, horse and cow.

The term treatment encompasses the complete range of therapeutically positive effects associated with pharmaceutical medication including reduction
5 of, alleviation of and relief from the symptoms or illness which affect the organism.

(S)-ibuprofen may be prepared following the procedures disclosed in U.S. Patent 4,877,620. Metal
10 salts of ibuprofen may be obtained by contacting a hydroxide, or carbonate with ibuprofen. Amino acid salts of ibuprofen may be obtained by contacting an amino acid in solution with ibuprofen. U.S. Patent
15 No. 4,994,604 describes a process for the formation and resolution of (S)-ibuprofen-(S)-lysine that employs preferential crystallization to separate a pair of diastereomeric salts,
(S)-ibuprofen-(S)-lysine and
(R)-ibuprofen-(S)-lysine. The basic procedure
20 involves (a) contacting (R),(S)-ibuprofen and (S)-lysine in an aqueous-organic solvent mixture; (b) separating any suspended solid from the mixture; and (c) cooling the clear mixture until the mixture is supersaturated with respect to each of the
25 (S)-ibuprofen-(S)-lysine and (R)-ibuprofen-(S)-lysine salts; (d) contacting the supersaturated mixture with a slurry of (S)-ibuprofen-(S)-lysine in an aqueous-organic solvent; and (e) separating the formed crystalline (S)-ibuprofen-(S)-lysine.

30 Specifically, the racemic ibuprofen starting material is mixed with an organic solvent that is miscible with water. The (S)-lysine is mixed with water and the ibuprofen and lysine solutions are combined.

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The mixture is agitated for a time period sufficient to crystallize all the salts, if any, in excess of the solubility limit. The suspended salts are separated to obtain a clear mother liquor which is generally saturated with respect to the diastereomeric salts (S)-ibuprofen-(S)-lysine and (R)-ibuprofen-(S)-lysine. Filtration may be employed to effect the separation. The liquor is then cooled to a temperature at which it is supersaturated with respect to each of the diastereomeric salts. It is preferred that the liquor be cooled to the point at which maximum supersaturation is obtained with respect to each salt without nucleation of either crystallizable species. Typically the temperature of the mother liquor must be lowered by about 5°C to reach maximum supersaturation without precipitation of either salt. However, the degree of cooling will depend on the particular solvent composition. The supersaturated liquor is then passed into a vessel containing a slurry of (S)-ibuprofen-(S)-lysine, hereafter referred to as the (S,S) salt, in the same solvent system employed above for the mixture of racemic ibuprofen and (S)-lysine. In the presence of the (S,S) salt crystals acting as a seed, the supersaturation of the (S,S)-salt in the feed liquor is released by the growth of further crystals of the (S,S)-salt. Conversely, there is little or no change in the (R)-ibuprofen-(S)-lysine supersaturation because the growth rate of the (R,S) crystals is essentially zero in the absence of any initial (R,S) salt seed. The (S,S) crystals are then separated by filtration or centrifugation and washed with aqueous-organic solvent to yield (S)-ibuprofen-(S)-lysine of purity approximating 98%.

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The pharmaceutical compositions of the present invention are useful in the rapid and enhanced treatment of pain and inflammation and in the treatment of various mild gastrointestinal disorders including indigestion, sour stomach, and heartburn and flatulence. In particular, the (S)-ibuprofen-(S)-lysinate combined with an antacid such as aluminum hydroxide/magnesium hydroxide containing an anti-foaming agent such as simethicone is useful for the treatment of pain, inflammation, and the various gastrointestinal disorders such as indigestion, sour stomach, or heartburn and flatulence. The utilization of (S)-ibuprofen-(S)-lysine in an analgesic/antacid/simethicone combination offers significant advantages over the combination of racemic ibuprofen or (S)-ibuprofen and an antacid.

The lysine salt of (S)-ibuprofen provides a faster onset of pain and inflammation relief and an enhanced degree of relief compared to racemic ibuprofen. These benefits contribute to overall enhanced and faster relief of symptoms associated with headaches and other aches and pains that often accompany gastrointestinal disorders when the (S)-ibuprofen lysinate is combined with an antacid and simethicone.

The absence or reduction of (R)-ibuprofen also provides significant benefits. The allergic contraindications sometimes associated with ibuprofen administration are absent or reduced in a (R)-ibuprofen-free or substantially-free composition. An additional advantage may be that less metabolic energy will be used to convert the

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inactive (R)-ibuprofen to the active (S)-ibuprofen. In addition, a reduced burden may be placed on the urogenital system since administration of the pure (S)-ibuprofen salt eliminates the need to excrete the (R)-ibuprofen or its metabolites. The absence of the (R)-enantiomer also reduces or eliminates the incorporation of this molecule into fatty tissue. The renal burden and renal toxicities sometimes associated with racemic ibuprofen therapy may be reduced or eliminated in a (S)-ibuprofen salt composition that is substantially free of the (R) enantiomer.

Antacids are well known in the treatment of ulcers and other gastrointestinal disorders and may be used in combination with (S)-ibuprofen salts. Antacids used for the treatment of gastrointestinal pain and discomfort fall into four major groups: aluminum compounds; magnesium compounds, calcium buffers, or sodium buffers. Antacids are used to neutralize stomach or gastrointestinal acids and to relieve associated pain and discomfort. Antacids are well tolerated and thus advantageously may be used in the present invention in combination with (S)-ibuprofen. A rapid acting and faster onset analgesic such as (S)-ibuprofen-(S)-lysinate with a potent or mild antacid provides a combination which simultaneously and selectively provides relief from headaches, pain, inflammation, and discomfort and injury to the stomach, esophagus, or duodenum from excess production of gastric acid.

The absence of inactive enantiomers, particularly (R)-ibuprofen provides for significant size and weight advantages in a combination dosage

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form, particularly a sustained release dosage form. Where a sustained release dosage of ibuprofen may have required 800 to 1000 mg, the employment of (S)-ibuprofen reduces the weight to 400 to 500 mg, and provides for a more practical size tablet for an
5 ibuprofen/antacid combination.

An effective amount of an (S)-ibuprofen salt for use in a unit dose composition of this invention may range from 50-800 mg (S)-ibuprofen
10 salt. The preferred amount of (S)-ibuprofen is about 100 to 400 mg. The amount of a salt such as (S)-ibuprofen-(S)-lysinate is determined based on the amount of (S)-ibuprofen contained therein.

The antacid employed herein may be
15 selected from any of the commercially available or known antacids or combinations thereof such as aluminum hydroxide, calcium carbonate, magnesium hydroxide or sodium bicarbonate. The combination of aluminum hydroxide/magnesium hydroxide is
20 advantageously used in the present invention in combination with (S)-ibuprofen-(S)-lysine. The amount of the antacid used in the present invention in humans may range from 5 mg to 1500 mg depending upon the specific antacid employed. When the
25 composition is administered in the form of a tablet or capsule, the amount of antacid may vary from about 20 to 1,500 mg per tablet/capsule. When the composition is administered in the form of an elixir, syrup or suspension the amount of the antacid may
30 vary from about 5 mg to 150 mg per mL of composition. Advantageously, the composition if in tablet or capsule form contains about 200-400 mg aluminum hydroxide, 200-400 mg magnesium hydroxide,

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and 1-40 mg of simethicone and is administered in combination with 100 to 400 mg of (S)-ibuprofen. More advantageously, the ratio of magnesium hydroxide to aluminum hydroxide in the above composition is 5 1:1. A composition in elixir, syrup or suspension form advantageously comprises aluminum hydroxide in the amount of about 40-80 mg per ml of liquid and simethicone in the amount of about 4 to 8 mg. The combination claimed in the instant invention is 10 advantageously administered orally.

Additional foaming agents besides simethicone may also be added to the composition of the instant invention. Foaming agents act to relieve symptoms associated with excess gas that often 15 accompany gastrointestinal disturbance. Foaming agents such as sodium alginate may be added to create a foam that acts as a physical barrier to block stomach acids from backing up into the esophagus thereby preventing heartburn. The composition of the 20 instant invention may further comprise an anti-ulcerative agent such as sucralfate, misoprostol and the like. The composition of the instant invention may also further comprise a pro-motility agent to improve gastro/esophageal peristalsis and 25 relieve the symptoms of indigestion. Such a pro-motility agent is selected from metoclopramide hydrochloride, cisapride and the like.

The present composition may be administered in the form of tablets, caplets, gelcaps, capsules, 30 elixirs, syrups, or suspensions. For oral administration, the active ingredients may be admixed with a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent such as lactose, starch, sucrose, cellulose, magnesium

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stearate, dicalcium phosphate, calcium sulfate,
mannitol, and, in a liquid composition, ethyl
alcohol. Acceptable binders such as PVP, starch,
gelatin, natural sugars, corn sweeteners, natural and
5 synthetic gums such as acacia, sodium alginate,
carboxymethylcellulose, polyethylene glycol and
waxes, may also be admixed with the active
components. Where necessary, lubricants such as
magnesium stearic acid talc, boric acid, sodium
10 benzoate, sodium acetate and sodium chloride, and
disintegrators such as docusate sodium, sodium starch
glycolate or cross-linked PVP may also be included.

The active components may also be
formulated in sustained release formulations. These
15 formulations may be employed in oral, dermal, rectal
or vaginal administrations. Such sustained release
formulations also include layered formulations which
provide for distinct release ratio and thus may be
more effective in allowing for short and long term
20 relief

The following examples illustrate the
compositions of the present invention and as such are
not to be considered as limiting the invention set
forth in the claims.

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EXAMPLE 1(S)-Ibuprofen lysinate/antacid Tablet

	(S)-ibuprofen-(S)-lysine	342 mg
30	Aluminum Hydroxide	250 mg
	Magnesium Hydroxide	250 mg
	PVP	15 mg
	Avicel PH101	40 mg
	Magnesium Stearate	4 mg

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EXAMPLE 2(S)-Ibuprofen lysinate/antacid/anti-gas Tablet

	(S)-ibuprofen-(S)-lysine	342 mg
5	Aluminum Hydroxide	250 mg
	Magnesium Hydroxide	250 mg
	PVP	15 mg
	Avicel PH101	40 mg
	Magnesium Stearate	4 mg
10	Simethicone	30 mg

EXAMPLE 3(s)-Ibuprofen lysinate/antacid Sustained Release

	(S)-ibuprofen-(S)-lysine	400 mg
15	Aluminum Hydroxide	250 mg
	Magnesium Hydroxide	250 mg
	PVP	30 mg
	Avicel PH101	80 mg
	Magnesium Stearate	8 mg
20	Methocel E10MCR	66 mg
	Methocel K100MLV	200 mg

EXAMPLE 4(S)-Ibuprofen/antacid/anti-gas Sustained Release

25	(S)-ibuprofen-(S)-lysine	400 mg
	Aluminum Hydroxide	250 mg
	Magnesium Hydroxide	250 mg
	PVP	30 mg
	Avicel PH101	80 mg
30	Magnesium Stearate	8 mg
	Methocel E10MCR	66 mg
	Methocel K100MLV	200 mg
	Simethicone	30 mg

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EXAMPLE 5(S)-Ibuprofen-(S)-lysine/Antacid Solution

	(S)-ibuprofen-(S)-lysine	342 mg
	Aluminum Hydroxide	300 mg
5	g.s. syrup	5 ml

EXAMPLE 6(S)-Ibuprofen-(S)-lysine/Antacid/Anti-Gas Solution

	(S)-ibuprofen-(S)-lysine	342 mg
10	Aluminum Hydroxide	250 mg
	Magnesium Hydroxide	250 mg
	g.s. syrup	5 ml
	Simethicone	30 mg

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EXAMPLE 7(S)-Ibuprofen-(S)-lysine/Antacid/Anti-Gas Solution

	(S)-ibuprofen-(S)-lysine	342 mg
	Aluminum Hydroxide	200 mg
	Magnesium Hydroxide	200 mg
20	g.s. syrup	5 ml
	Simethicone	30 mg

EXAMPLE 8(s)-Ibuprofen-(S)-lysine/Antacid/Anti-Gas Solution

25	(S)-ibuprofen-(S)-lysine	342 mg
	Aluminum Hydroxide	400 mg
	Magnesium Hydroxide	400 mg
	g.s. syrup	5 ml
	Simethicone	30 mg

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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 5 1. A pharmaceutical composition for use in
the treatment of pain and inflammation and the
treatment of gastrointestinal disorders such as
indigestion, sour stomach and heartburn in mammals,
including humans comprising:
- 10 (i) an analgesically and anti-inflammatory
effective amount of a salt of (S)-ibuprofen
substantially free of (R)-ibuprofen wherein the salt
is selected from (S)-ibuprofen-(S)-lysine and
(S)-ibuprofen-(R)-lysine; and
- 15 (ii) an amount effective in the treatment of
indigestion, sour stomach, heartburn, and other
gastrointestinal disorders of at least one antacid;
and
- (iii) an amount effective in the treatment of
flatulence of simethicone.
- 20 2. The composition according to Claim 1
comprising at least 50 mg of the salt of
(S)-ibuprofen.
- 25 3. A composition of Claim 1 wherein the
antacid is selected from; aluminum hydroxide,
magnesium hydroxide, sodium bicarbonate, calcium
carbonate, magnesium carbonate, magnesium oxide,
magnesium trisilicate or combinations thereof.
- 30 4. The composition of Claim 3 wherein the
antacid is aluminum hydroxide in combination with
magnesium hydroxide.

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5. The composition of Claim 4 wherein the antacid is aluminum hydroxide/magnesium hydroxide in a ratio of 1:1.

5 6. A method of treating pain and inflammation and the treating gastrointestinal disorders such as indigestion, sour stomach and heartburn, in a mammalian organism in need of such treatment, comprising administering to such organism:

10 (i) an analgesically and anti-inflammatory effective amount of (S)-ibuprofen, or a salt thereof, substantially free of (R)-ibuprofen;

(ii) an amount effective in the treatment of gastrointestinal disorders or associated symptoms of at least one of the antacids.

15 (iii) an amount effective in the relief of flatulence of simethicone.

20 7. A method according to Claim 6 wherein the composition administered to a mammalian organism in need thereof comprises:

(i) an analgesically and anti-inflammatory effective amount of (S)-ibuprofen-(S)-lysine;

(ii) an amount effective in the neutralization of gastric acid of an antacid;

25 (iii) an amount effective in the treatment of flatulence of simethicone.

30 8. A method of eliciting an onset enhanced and hastened response for the treatment of pain and inflammation and the treatment of gastrointestinal disorders such as indigestion, sour stomach and heartburn in a mammalian organism in need of such treatment, comprising administering to such organism;

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(i) an analgesically and anti-inflammatory effective amount of (S)-ibuprofen, or a salt thereof, substantially free of (R)-ibuprofen;

5 (ii) an amount effective in the treatment of gastrointestinal disorders or associated symptoms of at least one of the antacids;

(iii) an amount effective in the treatment of flatulence of simethicone.

10 9. A method according to Claim 8 wherein the composition administered to a mammalian organism in need thereof comprises:

(i) an analgesically and anti-inflammatory effective amount of (S)-ibuprofen-(S)-lysine;

15 (ii) an amount effective in the neutralization of gastric acid of a combination of magnesium hydroxide/aluminum hydroxide in a ratio of 1:1;

20 (iii) an amount effective in the treatment of flatulence of simethicone.

25 10. A method of reducing the side effects associated with the administration of a racemic ibuprofen/antacid combination which comprises the administration of (S)-ibuprofen, or a salt thereof, substantially free of (R)-ibuprofen, and at least one of the antacids and simethicone.

30 11. A method according to Claim 10 wherein the composition administered to a mammalian organism in need thereof comprises:

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(i) an analgesically and anti-inflammatory effective amount of (S)-ibuprofen-(S)-lysine;

(ii) an amount effective in the neutralization of gastric acid of an antacid;

5 (iii) an amount effective in the treatment of flatulence of simethicone.

10 12. A method of reducing the size and weight of a pharmaceutically effective amount of a racemic ibuprofen/antacid combination dosage form which comprises combining (S)-ibuprofen, or a salt thereof, substantially free of (R)-ibuprofen and at least one of the antacids and simethicone.

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	US, A, 4,994,604 (Tung et al.) 19 February 1991. See entire document.	1, 2
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