if desired, converting the compound obtained into a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt.

In accordance with process varianta] DIPEA (N-ethyldisopropyl-amine) is added to a mixture of the compound of formula II and the compound of formula III in dichloromethane and the mixture is stirred at temperatures between 35-40°C. The desired compound of formula I is yielded after purification in good yields.

The salt formation is effected at 100m temperature in accordance with methods 10 which are known per se and which are familiar to any person skilled in the art. Not only salts with inorganic acids, but also salts with organic acids are possible. Hydrochlorides, hydrobromides, sulphates, nitrates, eitrates, acetates, maleates, succinates, methanesulphonates, p-toluenesulphonates and the like are examples of such salts.

The following schemes 1 and 2 and example 1 describe the processes for the 15 preparation of the compound of formula I in more detail. The starting materials of formulae III, IV and VII are known compounds or may be prepared according to methods

In the schemes the following abbreviations have been used:

PivCl pivaloyl chloride 20 THF

tetrahydrofuran N,N,N',N'-tetramethylethylene diamine TMEDA DIPEA

N-ethyldiisopropyl-amine

Scheme 2

As mentioned earlier, the compound of formula I and its pharmaceutically usable addition salts possess valuable pharmacological properties. It has been found that the compound of the present invention is an antagonist of the Neurokinin 1 (NK-1, substance 5 P) receptor.

The compound of formula I was investigated in accordance with the tests given hereinafter.

The affinity of the compound of formula I for the NK₁ receptor was evaluated at human NK₁ receptors in CHO cells infected with the human NK₁ receptor (using the Sendiki virus expression system) and rudolabelled with [1 H] substance P (final concentration 0.6 nM). Binding assay were performed in HEPES buffer (50 mM,pH 7.4) containing BSA (0.04 %), leupeptin (8 µ₈ / ml), MnCl₂ (3mM) and phosphoramidon (2 µM). Binding assays consisted of 250 µl of membrane suspension (1.28x10 5 cells / assay tube), 0.125 µl of buffer of displacing agent and 125 µl of [3 H] substance P. Displacement curves were determined with at least seven concentrations of the compound. The assay tubes were incubated for 60 min at room temperature after which time the tube contents were repidly filtered under vacuum through GPC filters prescaked for 60 min with PEI (0.3%) with 2 x 2 ml washes of HEPES buffer (50 mM, pH 7.4). The radioactivity retained on the filters was measured by scintillation counting. All assays were performed in triplicate in at least 2 separate experiments.

The compound of formula I is a potent and selective antagonist at recombinant human neurokinin, (NK₁) receptors expressed in CHO cells. It has an affinity (pK) of 9.0 for the human NK₁ receptor over 2 orders of magnitude of selectivity for the NK₁ seceptor compared to NK₂ and NK₃ receptors and compared to over 50 other binding sites that have been evaluated.

The activity in vitro was examined by studying its effect on substance P induced

Ca³⁺ influxes in CHO cells expressing the recombinant human NK₁ receptor. In these cells,
substance P causes a concentration dependent influx of Ca³⁺ which can be measured using
FLIPR technology. Increasing concentrations of 2-(3.5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl]-N
methyl-N-[6-morpholin-4-yl-4-o-todyl-pynidin-3-yl]-isobutyramide cause a rightward
shift in the concentration effect curve of substance P. Expressing these data on a Schild plot
allows the calculation of the antagonist affinity (pA₂) for this compound of 8.9 (dope of
the Schild regression = 1.1). Those data indicate that 2-(3.5-bis-trifluoromothyl-phenyl)N-methyl-N-(6-morpholin-4-yl-4-o-tolyl-pyridin-3-yl)-isobutyramide is a competitive
antagonist at human recombinant NK, receptors.

In vivo the compound of formula I antagonises foot-tapping behaviour included in Gerbils with intracerebroventricular (i.c.r.) injections of an NK_1 receptor agonist. The dose for this compound calculated to inhibit 50 % of the foot-tapping behaviour following oral administration was 0.2 mg/kg. The plauma levels required to completely antagonise this behaviour have also been measured and \hat{x} was found that a total plasma concentration of 10 ng/ml is required to completely block the foot-tapping behaviour. This antagonism persisted for x number of hours and had x functional half life of 8 hours in this model.

2-(3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-N-methyl-N-(6-morpholin-4-yl-4-o-tolylpyridin-3-yl)-isobutyramide was also tested as an antiemetic agent in Ferets. Emess was

20 induced in Ferets by various emetogens (apomorphine, morphine, ipecacuanha, cliplatin
and CuSO₄. Pretreatment with this compound (0.3 mg/leg, p.o.) 2 hours before the
emetigen, completely blocked the emetis induced by all emetogens. A full dose-response
curve was constructed against apomorphine-induced emesis and an ED₅₀ dose of 0.1
mg/leg, p.o. was calculated.

In a model of motion sickness in the sumcus maximus, the compound was found to have an ED $_{50}$ of 0.2 mg/kg, p.o.

Therefore, in conclusion, 2-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-N-methyl-N-(6-morpholin-4-yl-4-0-tolyl-pyridin-3-yl)-isobutyramide is a potent antagonist of NE₁ induced behaviours in Gerbil and blocks emesis in Ferets and suscess matrices with similar potency.

The pharmacokinetic parameters have been evaluated in both rats and dogs. In rats, the compound has a terminal half-life of 23 hours, a clearance of 4 ml/min/kg, a volume of distribution of 8 l/kg and an oral bicavailability of 50 %. In dogs the molecule had a half-life of 40 hours, a clearance of 16 ml/min/kg, a volume of distribution of 22 l/kg and an 35 oral bicavailability of 30-40 %.

The compound of formula I as well as its pharmaceutically usable acid addition salts can be used as medicaments, e.g. in the form of pharmaceutical preparations. The pharmaceutical preparations can be administered orally, e.g. in the form of tubles, coated tablets, dragees, hard and soft gelatine capsules, solutions, emulsions or suspensions. The administration can, however, also be effected rectally, e.g. in the form of suppositories, or parenterally, e.g. in the form of injection solutions.

The compound of formula I and it: pharmaceutically usable acid addition saits can be processed with pharmaceutically mert, inorganic or organic excipients for the production of tablets, costed tablets, ciragees and hard gelatine capsules. Lactose, com starch or derivatives thereof, talc, stearic acid or its saits etc can be used as such excipients e.g. for tablets, dragees and hard gelatine capsules.

Suitable excipients for soft gelatine capsules are e.g. vegetable oils, waxes, fats, semisolid and liquid polyols etc.

Suitable excipients for the manufacture of solutions and syrups are e.g. water, 15 polyols, succharose, invert sugar, glucose etc.

Suitable exciplents for injection solutions are e.g. water, altohols, polyols, glyc α ol, vegetable oils etc.

Suitable excipients for suppositories are e.g. natural or hardened oils, waxes, fats, semi-liquid or liquid polyols etc.

Moreover, the pharmaceutical preparations can contain preservatives, solublizers, stabilizers, wetting agents, emulsifiers, sweeteners, colorants, flavorants, salts for varying the osmotic pressure, buffers, masking agents or antioxidants. They can also contain still other therapeutically valuable substances

The dosage can vary within wide limits and will, of course, be fitted to the individual

25 requirements in each particular case. In general, in the case of oral administration a daily

closage of about 10 to 1000 mg per person of the compound of formula I should be

appropriate, although the above upper limit can also be exceeded when necessary.

The following Example 1 illustrate the present invention without limiting it. All temperatures are given in degrees Cdsius.

Example 1

2-(3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-N-methyl-N-(6-morpholin-4-yl-4-o-tolyl-pyridin-3-yl)-isobutyramide hydrochloride (1:1.45) a) 4-(5-Nitro-2-pyridyl)-morpholine (XII)

5 To a solution of 20 g (126 mmol) of 2-chloro-5-nitropyridine in 150 ml tetrahydrofuran were added dropwise 27 ml (315 mmol) morpholine within 10 min. The reaction mixture was refluxed for additional 2h. After cooling to room temperature, the solvent was removed in vacuo and the residue was re-dissolved in 200 ml ethyl acetate. The organic phase was washed with 200 ml 1 N sodium bicarbonate solution, dried (magnesium sulfate) and evaporated to give 27.3 g (quantitative) of the title compound as a yellow solid. M.p. 142-143°C.

b) 2,2-Dimethyl-N-(6-morpholin-4-yl-pyridin-3-yl)-propionamide (V)

To a solution of 27.3 g (126 mmol) of 4-(5-nitro-2-pyridyl)-morpholine in 600 ml methanol were added 2.5 g of 10 % of palladium on activated charcoal. The reaction mixture was hydrogenated (room temperature to ca. 45°C, 1 bar) until the theoretical amount of hydrogen was taken up (about 3h). The catalyst was filtered off and was washed twice with 100 ml portions of methanol. The filtrate was evaporated in wacut to give 12.6 g of a purple oil which consisted to ca. 95 % of the desired aniline derivative according to analysis by thin layer chromatography.

20 This crude product was dissolved in a mixture of 240 ml tetrahydrofuran and 60 ml diethyl ether. After cooling to 0°C, 26 ml (189 mmol) of triethylamine were added in one portion. Stirring was continued while 23 g (189 mmol) of pivaloyi, chloride were added dropwise within a period of 10 min. The ice bath was removed and the reaction mixture was stirred for 1h at room temperature. Then, the solvent was removed in vacuo and the residue was suspended in 200 ml 1 N sodium bicarbonate solution. The product was extracted three times with 200 ml portions of dichloremethane, direct (sodium sulfate) and evaporated.

Recrystallization of the solid residue from ethyl acetate/hexane 1:8 gave 28.6 g (86%) of the title compound as white crystalls.

MS m/e (%); 264 (M+H+, 100).

 $30 \quad \underline{c) \ N-(4-Iodo-6-morpholin-4-vl-pyridin-3-vl)-2, 2-dimethyl-propionamide (VI)}\\$

A solution of 28.4 g (108 mmol) 2,2-dimethyl-N-(6-morpholin-4-yl-pyridin-3-yl)-propionamide and 49 ml (324 mmol) N.N.N',N'-tetramethylethylenediamine under argon

in 600 ml tetrahydrofuran was cooled in 1 dry ice bath to -78°C. Within 1h, 202 ml (324 mmol) of a 1.6 N n-butyllithium solution in bearan were added dropwise. Therea cition mixture was allowed to warm up to -39°C ownight. After cooling again to -78°C. 37 g (146 mmol) iodine dissolved in 60 ml etrahydrofuran were added dropwise during 15 min. The dry ice bath was replaced by unice bath and a solution of 90 g (363 mmol) sodium thiosulfate pentahydrate in 250 ml water were added within 10 min when the temperature of the reaction mixture had reached 0°C. Then, 1000 ml diethyl ether were added and the organic layer was espected. The squaous layer was extracted twice with 500 ml dichloromethane and the combined organic layers were dried (magnesium sulfite) and o evaporated. Flash chromatography gave 15.6 g (37%) of the title compound as a light brown oil which crystallized upon starding at room temperature.

MS m/e (%): 389 (M⁺, 71), 358 (25), 304 (43), 57 (100).

d) 2,2-Dimethyl-N. (6-morpholin-4-vl-4-o-tohyl-pyridin-3-yl)-propionamide (VIII)

A mixture of 3,50 g (9,0 mmol) N. (4-io-do-6-morpholin-4-yl-pyridin-3-yl)-2,2-dimethylpropionamide, 35 ml tolucne, 18 ml 2 N todium carbonate solution, 312 mg (0.27 mmol)
tetrakik (triphenyl-phosphine)palladiran (0) and 1,34 g (99 mmol) o-tohyboronic acid was
hasted undar argon at 80°C for 12h. After cooling to room temperature, the acucous phase
was separated and washed vince with drift acetate. The combined organic layers were
vashed with 50 ml brine, dried (sodium sufface) and evaporated. Purification by flishdromatography gave 3.23 g (quantinive) of the title compound as a white foam.

MS m/e (%): 354 (M+H*, 100)

e) 6-Morpholin-4-yl-4-g-tolyl-pyridin-3-ylamine (IX)

A suspension of 2.93 g (8.28 mmol) 2.2-dimethyl-N-(6-morpholin-4-yl-4-0-tolyl-pyridin-3-yl)-propionamide in 80 ml 3 N hydrochloric acid solution and 5 ml 1-propanel vas

25 bested to 90-98°C overnight. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature,
vashed with three 20 ml portions diethyl ether and filtered over celite. The filtratewas
diluted with 20 ml water and was adjusted to pH 7-8 by addition of 7.8 % sodium
hydroxide solution under ice cooling. The product was extracted with four 100 ml portions
of dichloromethane. The combined organic layers were washed with 50 ml brine, dried

(magnesium sulfate) and evaporated to give 2.31 g (quantitative) of the title compound as

MS m/e (%): 269 (M*, 100).

$\underline{f)\ Methyl-(6-morpholin-4-yl-4-o-tolyl-pyridin-3-yl)-amine\ (II)}$

A solution of 2.24 g (8.3 mmol) 6-morpholin-4-yl-4-o-tolyl-pyridin-3-ylamine in 17 ml trimethyl orthoformate and 3 drops trifluoroacetic acid was heated for 2h at 130°C. The reaction mixture was evaporated and cried in warue for 30 min. The residual of lws. 5 dissolved in 5 ml tetrahydrofuran and was added dropwise under ice cooling to 630 mg (16.6 mmol) lithium aluminum bydride in 20 ml terrahydrofuran. The reaction mixture

(16.6 mmol) lithium aluminum hydride in 20 ml tetrahydrofuran. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1h at room temperature, cooled to 0°C again and acidified (pH 1-2) by addition of 28 % hydrochloric acid solution. After stirring for 5 min, 28 % acdium hydroxide solution was added to reach pH 10. The solution was filtered over celbe.

oraporated and purified by flash chromatography to give 1.55 g (66%) of the title

compound as a white foam. MS m/e (%): 283 (M^+ , 100).

g) 2-(3.5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-N-methyl-N-(6-morpholin-4-yl-4-o-tolyl-pyridin-3-yl)-isobutyramide (I)

- 15 A solution of 1.46 g (5.15 mmol) methyl-(6-morpholin-4-yl-4-o-tolyl-pyridin-3-yl)-amine and 1.32 ml (7.73 mmol) N-ethyl-discopropylamine in 15 ml dichloromethane was cooled in an ice bath and 1.8 g (5.67 mmal) 2-(3.5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-2-methyl-propionyl chloride were added dropwse. The reaction mixture was warmed to 35-40°C for 3h, cooled to room temperature again and was stirred with 25 ml saturated sodium.
- 20 bicarbonate solution. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with dichloromethane. The combined organic layers were dried (magnesium auffate) and evaporated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography to give 2.9 g (quantitative) of the title compound as white crystals. M.p. 131-132°C.

h) 2-(3.5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl):N-methyl-N-(6-morpholin-4-yl-4-o-telyl-pyridin-25 3-yl)-isobutyramjde hydrochloride (11.45)

To a solution of 2.9 g (5.13 mmol) 2-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-N-methyl-N-(6-morpholin-4-yl-4-o-tolyl-pyridin-5-yl)-sobutyramide in 50 ml diethyl ether were added under ice cooling 2.8 ml 3 N hydrochloric scid solution in diethyl ether. After stirring for 15 min at 6°C, the suspension was evaporated to dryness, re-suspended in 100 ml diethyl

36 ether, filtered and dried in vacuo to give 2.82 g (89%) of the title compound as white contain.

M\$ m/e (%): 566 (M+H $^{+}$, 100), 588 (M+Na $^{+}$, 11).

Example A

Tablets of the following composition are manufactured in the usual manner.

		mg/table
,	Active substance	5
	Lactose	45
	Corn starch	15
	Microcrystalline cellulose	34
	Magnesium stearate	1
.0	Tablet weight	100

Example B

 $\label{lem:capsules} \textbf{Capsules of the following composition are manufactured:}$

			mg/capsule	
	Active substance		10	
1.5	Lactose		155	
	Corn starch		30	
	Talc		5	
		Capsule fill weight	200	

The active substance, lactose and corn starch are firstly mixed in a mixer and then in

26 a comminuting machine. The mixture is returned to the mixer, the talc is added thereto
and mixed thoroughly. The mixture is filled by machine into hard gelatine capsules.

Example C

Suppositories of the following composition are manufactured:

			mg/supp.
	Active substance		15
5	Suppository mass		1285
		Total	1300

The suppository mass is melted in 1 glass or steel vessel, mixed thoroughly and cooled to 45°C. Thereupon, the finely powdered active substance is added thereto and stirred until it has dispensed completely. The mixture is poured into suppository moulds of suitable size, left to cool, the suppositories are then removed from the moulds and packed individually in wax paper or metal feil.

Claims

1. The compound of the formula

- 2. The compound according to claim 1, which is 2-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-ph-nyl)-N-methyl-N-(6-morpholin-4-yl-4-c-telyl-pyridin-3-yl)-isobutyramide.
- 3. A medicament containing the compound as claimed in claims 1 and 2 and pharmaceutically acceptable excipients.
- 4. Λ medicament according to thim ? for the treatment of diseases related to the 10 $\,$ NK-1 receptor.
 - $5.\,\mathrm{A}$ process for preparing the compound of formula I as defined in claim I, which process comprises
 - a) reacting a compound of formula

to a compound of formula

and,

if desired, converting the compound obtained into a pharmaceutically acceptable $_{\rm 5}$ $\,$ acid addition salt.

- 6. The compound according to any one of claims 1 and 2, whenever prepared by a process as claimed in claim 5 or by an equivalent method.
 - 7. The use of the compound of formula I for the treatment of diseases.
- 8. The use of the compound of formula I in accordance with claim 7 for the $$\rm 10^{\circ}$$ treatment of diseases relating to the NK-1 receptor.
 - 9. The use of the compound of formula I in any one of claims 1 and 2 for the manufacture of medicaments for the treatment of diseases relating to the NK-1 receptor.
 - 10. The use of the compound of formula I in accordance to claim 9 for the manufacture of medicaments for the treatment of depression, anxiety or emesis.
- 5 11. The invention as hereinbefore described.

Abstract

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(57) Abstract:	The invention relates to a compound of the formula which is 2-(3.5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-N-(5-morphilin 4-y)4-4 tolylpyridin -3-yl)-isoburyremide. It has been found that this compound has a high affinity to the NK I receptor and it is therefore useful inthe treatment of diseases, which relates to this receptor.							

The present invention relates to the compound of formula

and to pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts thereof.

The compound of formula I and its salts are characterized by valuable therapeutic properties. It has been found that the compound of the present invention is a highly selective antagonist of the Neurokinin 1 (NK-I, substance P) receptor. Substance P is a naturally occurring undecapeptide belonging to the tachykinin family of peptides, the latter being so-named because of their prompt contractile action on extravascular smooth muscle tissue.

10 $\,$ The receptor for substance P is a member of the superfamily of G protein-coupled receptors.

The neuropeptide receptor for substance P (NK-1) is widely distributed throughout the mammalian nervous system (especially brain and spinal ganglia), the circulatory system and peripheral tissues (especially the duodenum and jejunum) and are involved in regulating a number of diverse biological processes.

The central and peripheral actions of the mammalian tachykinin substance P have been associated with numerous inflammatory conditions including migratine, theumatoid arthritis, asthma, and inflammatory bowel disease as well as mediation of the emetic reflex and the modulation of central nervous system (CNS) disorders such as Parkinson's disease (Neurosci. Res., 1996, 7, 187-214), anxiety (Can. J. Phys., 1997, 75, 612-621) and depression (Science, 1998, 281, 1640-1645).

Evidence for the usefulness of tachykinin receptor antagonists in pain, headache, especially migraine, Alzheimer's disease, multiple sclerosis, attenuation of morphine withdrawal, cardiovascular changes, oedema, such as oedema caused by thermal injury, chronic inflammatory diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis, asthma/bronchial POP/28.08.2000

hyperreactivity and other respiratory diseases including allergic rhinitis, inflammatory diseases of the gut including ulcerative collisis and Grohn's disease, ocular injury and ocular inflammatory diseases has been reviewed in "Tachykinin Receptor and Tachykinin Receptor Antagonists", I. Auton. Pharmacol., 13, 23-93, 1993.

- Furthermore, Neurokinin 1 receptor antagonists are being developed for the treatment of a number of physiological disorders associated with an excess or imbalance of tachykinin, in particular substance F. Examples of conditions in which substance F has been implicated include disorders of the central nervous systems such as amxicty, depression and psychosis (WO 95/16679, WO 95/18124 and WO 95/23798).
- The neurokinin-1 receptor antagonists are further useful for the treatment of motion sickness and for treatment induced womiting.
- In addition, in The New England Journal of Medicine, Vol. 340, No. 3, 190-195, 1999 has been described the reduction of cisplatin-induced emesis by a selective neurokinin-1-receptor antagonist.
- 5 The usefulness of neurokinin 1 receptor antagonists for the treatment of certain forms of urinary incontinence is further described in Neuropeptides, 32(1), 1-49, (1998) and Bur. J. Pharmacol., 363(3), 297-303, (1999).
- Furthermore, US 5,972,938 describes a method for treating a psychoimmunologic or a psychosomatic disorder by administration of a tachykinin receptor, such as NK-1 receptor antagonist.
- Life Sci., (2000), 67(9), 985-1001 describes, that astrocytes express functional receptors to numerous neurotransmitten including substance P, which is an important stimulus for reactive astrocytes in CNS development, infection and injury. In brain tumors malignant glial cells originating from astrocytes are triggered by tachyknins via NE-1 receptors to release soluble mediators and to increase their proliferative rate. Therefore, otlective NK-1 receptor antagonists may be useful as a therapeutic approach to treat malignant gliomas in the treatment of cancer.
- In Nature (London) (2000), 405(6783), 180-183 is described that mice with a genetic disruption of NK-1 receptor show a loss of the rewarding properties of morphine.

 30 Consequently NK-1 receptor antagonists may be useful in the treatment of withdrawel symptoms of addictive drugs such as opintes and nicotine and reduction of their abuse/cropins.

Objects of the present invention are the compound of formula I and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, the preparation of the above-mentioned compound, medicaments containing this compound and their manufacture as well as the use of the above-mentioned compound in the control or prevention of illnesses, especially of illnesses 5 and disorders of the kind referred to earlier or in the manufacture of corresponding medicaments.

The most preferred indications in accordance with the present invention are those, which include disorders of the central nervous system, for example the treatment or prevention of certain depressive disorders, anxiety or emesis by the administration of the 10 NK-1 receptor antagonist. A major depressive episode has been defined as being a period of at least two weeks during which, for most of the day and nearly every day, there is either depressed mood or the loss of interest or pleasure in all, or nearly all activities.

As described therein, the term "phermaceutically acceptable acid addition salts" embraces salts with inorganic and organic acids, such as hydrochloric acid, nitric acid, 15 sulfuric acid, phosphoric acid, citric acid, formic acid, fumaric acid, maleic acid, acetic acid, succinic acid, tartaric acid, methanesulfonic acid, p-toluenesulfonic acid and the like.

The present compound of formula I and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts can be prepared by methods known in the urt, for example, by processes described bulcw. which process comprises

20 a) reacting the compound of formula

to the compound of formula