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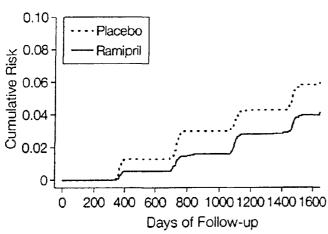
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(54) Title: USE OF ACE INHIBITORS FOR REDUCING TYPE 2 DIABETES IN HIGH RISK PATIENTS

Development of Diabetes: Ramipril vs Placebo



(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to the use of an angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor, such as ramipril, to reduce or prevent Type 2 diabetes in high risk patients. The present invention also relates the use of an angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor, such as ramipril, to reduce the decline of β -cell function, increase islet blood flow, lower aldosterone secretion, lower renal potassium wasting, increase pancreatic β-cell perfusion, reduce insulin resistance in skeletal muscles, and increase insulin-mediated glucose disposal and uptake by skeletal muscles.

No. at Risk

Placebo 2883 2867 2800 2765 2682 2645 2571 2497 1279 Ramipril 2837 2807 2772 2725 2672 2635 2571 2528 1317

The relative risk for developing diabetes among patients taking ramipril vs placebo is 0.66 (95% confidence interval, 0.51-0.85; P < .001).

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)
This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:
1. X Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
Although claims 1-19 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
2. X Claims Nos.: — because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
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3. Claims Nos.: because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).
Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)
This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:
As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:
Remark on Protest The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Present claims 1, 2, 5-10, 12, 14, 16 and 18 relate to a large number of possible compounds ("angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor"). Support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT is to be found, however, for only a very small proportion of the compounds claimed. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible.

Furthermore, present claims 12-19 relate to the treatment of diseases which are actually not well defined. The claims cover all uses relating to the terms "slowing or reversing the decline of beta-cell function" (claims 12 and 13), "increasing islet blood flow" (claims 14 and 15), "increasing pancreatic beta-cell perfusion" (claims 16 and 17) and "lowering aldosterone secretion and renal potassium wasting" (claims 18 and 19) whereas the application provides support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT for diabetes, only.

In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole scope of the claims is impossible. Independent of the above reasoning, the claims also lack clarity (Article 6 PCT). An attempt is made to define uses by reference to mechanistic terms which do not allow any practical application in the form of a defined, real treatment of a pathological condition. This lack of clarity in the present case is such as to render a meaningful search over the whole scope of the claims impossible.

Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the application which do appear to be clear, supported and disclosed, namely the use of ramipril in relation to the treatment and prevention of diabetes.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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