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(57) **Abstract:** The use of a compound known in the art as a p38 kinase inhibitor in the treatment of a glomerular disease.



## LOSMAPIMOD FOR USE IN TREATING GLOMERULAR DISEASE

Field of the Invention

5           This invention relates to a new pharmaceutical use of a compound which is known in the art as a p38 kinase inhibitor. More specifically this invention relates to the use of a nicotinamide derivative in the treatment of one or more glomerular disease(s) or conditions exhibiting glomerular pathology.

Background of the Invention

10           Many diseases affect kidney function by attacking the glomeruli, the clusters of looping blood vessels within the kidney where blood is cleaned/filtered. Glomerular diseases are those in which the glomeruli are no longer fulfilling this function. Damage to the glomeruli affects the kidney's ability to filter fluids and wastes properly. This leads to blood (hematuria) and/or protein (proteinuria) in the urine. Glomerular diseases are  
15 often associated with the signs and symptoms of nephrotic syndrome and predispose to acute renal failure, or progressive chronic kidney disease culminating in end-stage renal disease with dialysis or kidney transplantation.

            Glomerular diseases include many conditions with a variety of differing causes but which can broadly categorised into two major categories namely, glomerulonephritis  
20 (inflammation of the tissue in the kidney that serve as a filter) and glomerulosclerosis (hardening or scarring of the blood vessels within the kidney).

            Diabetic nephropathy, one of the leading causes of kidney failure in the USA, is a form of glomerular disease which is considered to be both a systemic disease, since diabetes itself is a systemic disease, and also a sclerotic diseases, because the specific  
25 damage done to the kidneys is associated with scarring.

            Focal segmental glomerulosclerosis (FSGS) describes scarring in scattered regions of the kidney, typically limited to one part of the glomerulus and to a minority of glomeruli in the affected region. This condition may result from specific genetic mutations, systemic conditions, toxins or may develop as an idiopathic kidney disease.

30           Glomerular hypertension (or hypertensive renal disease) is a glomerular disease in which damage to the kidney is associated with chronic high blood pressure.

            Current treatments for such diseases include medications that seek to control blood pressure and blood cholesterol e.g. angiotension converting enzyme inhibitors (ACE inhibitors), angiotension receptor blockers (ARBs) or statins. Despite current  
35 treatment, there still exists a need for novel therapies to halt progression of chronic kidney disease and/or treat the signs and symptoms of nephritic syndrome.

Patent application WO03/068747 (SmithKline Beecham Corporation) discloses a series of nicotinamide derivatives that are useful as p38 inhibitors. The compound 6-(5-cyclopropylcarbamoyl-3-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-N-(2,2-dimethylpropyl)-nicotinamide is specifically described therein. The statement of non-proprietary name adopted by the  
5 USAN Council for this compound is losmapimod.

#### Summary of the Invention

In a first aspect there is provided the compound 6-(5-cyclopropylcarbamoyl-3-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-N-(2,2-dimethylpropyl)-nicotinamide or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof for use in the treatment of a glomerular disease.

10 In a second aspect there is provided a pharmaceutical formulation comprising the compound 6-(5-cyclopropylcarbamoyl-3-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-N-(2,2-dimethylpropyl)-nicotinamide or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof for use in the treatment of a glomerular disease.

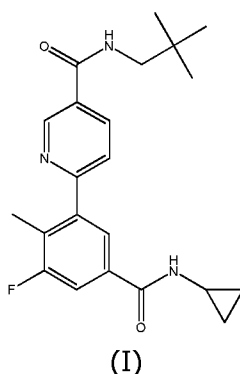
In a third aspect there is provided a combination product comprising 6-(5-  
15 cyclopropylcarbamoyl-3-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-N-(2,2-dimethylpropyl)-nicotinamide or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and one or more other therapeutic agents which are suitable for the treatment of a glomerular disease.

In a fourth aspect there is provided a method for treating a glomerular disease in a subject in need thereof which comprises administering to said subject the  
20 compound 6-(5-cyclopropylcarbamoyl-3-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-N-(2,2-dimethylpropyl)-nicotinamide or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

In a fifth aspect there is provided the use of 6-(5-cyclopropylcarbamoyl-3-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-N-(2,2-dimethylpropyl)-nicotinamide or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof in the manufacture of a medicament for use in the treatment of a  
25 glomerular disease.

#### Detailed Description of the Invention

According to the present invention there is provided the compound 6-(5-cyclopropylcarbamoyl-3-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-N-(2,2-dimethylpropyl)-nicotinamide, that is to say, the compound having the formula (I)



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof for use in the treatment of a glomerular disease.

In one embodiment the glomerular disease is glomerulonephritis.

In one embodiment the glomerular disease is glomerulosclerosis.

5 In a particular embodiment the glomerular disease is focal segmental glomerulosclerosis (FSGS).

In a particular embodiment the glomerular disease is diabetic nephropathy.

In a particular embodiment the glomerular disease is glomerular hypertension.

10 In a further particular embodiment the glomerular disease is selected from the group consisting of systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), IgA nephropathy, Goodpasture Syndrome, membranous nephropathy, hereditary renal disease, infection related glomerular disease, chronic pyelonephritis, Alport's Syndrome, periarteritis nodosa nephritis associated with amyloidosis, glomerular disease caused by HIV and toxins.

The compound 6-(5-cyclopropylcarbamoyl-3-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-N-(2,2-dimethylpropyl)-nicotinamide or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof may be prepared according to procedures described in patent application WO03/068747 (as example 36).

15 Pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the compound 6-(5-cyclopropylcarbamoyl-3-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-N-(2,2-dimethylpropyl)-nicotinamide are non toxic salts and include examples described in patent application WO03/068747, the contents of which is incorporated by reference. For a review of suitable pharmaceutically acceptable salts see also Berge *et al.*, J. Pharm. Sci., 66:1-19, (1977).

In one embodiment the compound 6-(5-cyclopropylcarbamoyl-3-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-N-(2,2-dimethylpropyl)-nicotinamide is in the form of a free base.

25 Whilst it is possible for the compound 6-(5-cyclopropylcarbamoyl-3-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-N-(2,2-dimethylpropyl)-nicotinamide or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof to be administered as the raw chemical it would typically be administered in the form of a pharmaceutical composition. 6-(5-cyclopropylcarbamoyl-3-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-N-(2,2-dimethylpropyl)-nicotinamide or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt may therefore be formulated for administration in any suitable manner that is known to those skilled in the art. It may, for example, be formulated for topical administration, transdermal administration, administration by inhalation, oral administration or parenteral administration (e.g. intravenously, intravascularly or subcutaneously). Suitable methods for formulating 6-(5-cyclopropylcarbamoyl-3-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-N-(2,2-dimethylpropyl)-nicotinamide or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt include those described in patent application WO03/068747 and / or the methods that are familiar to

those skilled in the art, which are described in Remington: The Science and Practice of Pharmacy, 21<sup>st</sup> Edition 2006.

In a further aspect there is provided a pharmaceutical formulation comprising the compound 6-(5-cyclopropylcarbamoyl-3-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-N-(2,2-dimethylpropyl)-  
5 nicotinamide or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof for use in the treatment of a glomerular disease.

In one embodiment there is provided a pharmaceutical formulation comprising the compound 6-(5-cyclopropylcarbamoyl-3-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-N-(2,2-dimethylpropyl)-nicotinamide or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof for use in the  
10 treatment of focal segmental glomerulosclerosis (FSGS).

In one embodiment the pharmaceutical formulation is adapted for oral administration.

In a particular embodiment 6-(5-cyclopropylcarbamoyl-3-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-N-(2,2-dimethylpropyl)-nicotinamide or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof is  
15 administered orally with a dosage in the range 1 mg twice per day (bid) to 30 mg twice per day (bid), particularly 2.5 mg twice per day (bid) to 15mg twice per day (bid), even more particularly 7.5mg twice per day (bid) or 15mg twice per day (bid).

The present invention also provides for a method for treating a glomerular disease in a subject in need thereof which comprises administering the compound 6-(5-cyclopropylcarbamoyl-3-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-N-(2,2-dimethylpropyl)-nicotinamide or  
20 a pharmaceutically acceptable salt.

Suitably the subject in need thereof is a mammal, particularly a human.

In one embodiment there is provided a method for treating a glomerular disease in a subject in need thereof which comprises administering to said subject a  
25 therapeutically effective amount of the compound 6-(5-cyclopropylcarbamoyl-3-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-N-(2,2-dimethylpropyl)-nicotinamide or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

In a particular embodiment there is provided a method for treating focal segmental glomerulosclerosis (FSGS) in a subject in need thereof which comprises  
30 administering to said subject a therapeutically effective amount of the compound 6-(5-cyclopropylcarbamoyl-3-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-N-(2,2-dimethylpropyl)-nicotinamide or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

As used herein, the term "therapeutically effective amount" means that amount of a 6-(5-cyclopropylcarbamoyl-3-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-N-(2,2-dimethylpropyl)-  
35 nicotinamide that will elicit the biological or medical response of a tissue, system, animal or human that is being sought, for instance, by a researcher or clinician. Furthermore,

the term "therapeutically effective amount" means any amount which, as compared to a corresponding subject who has not received such amount, results in improved treatment, healing, prevention, or amelioration of a disease, disorder, or side effect, or a decrease in the rate of advancement of a disease or disorder. The term also includes within its  
5 scope amounts effective to enhance normal physiological function.

Also provided is the use of 6-(5-cyclopropylcarbamoyl-3-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-N-(2,2-dimethylpropyl)-nicotinamide or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof in the manufacture of a medicament for use in the treatment of a glomerular disease.  
In a particular embodiment there is provided the use of 6-(5-cyclopropylcarbamoyl-3-  
10 fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-N-(2,2-dimethylpropyl)-nicotinamide or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof in the manufacture of a medicament for use in the treatment of focal segmental glomerulosclerosis (FSGS). It will be appreciated that 6-(5-cyclopropylcarbamoyl-3-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-N-(2,2-dimethylpropyl)-nicotinamide or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof may be employed alone or in combination  
15 with other therapeutic agents which are suitable for the treatment of a glomerular disease.

Therefore, the present invention further provides a combination product comprising 6-(5-cyclopropylcarbamoyl-3-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-N-(2,2-dimethylpropyl)-nicotinamide or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and one or more other  
20 therapeutic agents which are suitable for the treatment of a glomerular disease.

In a particular embodiment there is provided a combination product comprising 6-(5-cyclopropylcarbamoyl-3-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-N-(2,2-dimethylpropyl)-nicotinamide or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and one or more other therapeutic agents which are suitable for the treatment of focal segmental  
25 glomerulosclerosis (FSGS).

6-(5-Cyclopropylcarbamoyl-3-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-N-(2,2-dimethylpropyl)-nicotinamide and the other therapeutically active agent(s) may be administered together or separately and, when administered separately, this may occur simultaneously or sequentially in any order. The amounts of 6-(5-cyclopropylcarbamoyl-3-fluoro-2-methyl-  
30 phenyl)-N-(2,2-dimethylpropyl)-nicotinamide or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and the other pharmaceutically active agent(s) and the relative timings of administration will be selected in order to achieve the desired combined therapeutic effect.

It will be clear to a person skilled in the art that, where appropriate, the other  
35 therapeutic ingredient(s) may be used in the form of salts, (e.g. as alkali metal or amine salts or as acid addition salts), or prodrugs, or as esters (e.g. lower alkyl esters), or as solvates (e.g. hydrates) to optimise the activity and/or stability and/or physical

characteristics (e.g. solubility) of the therapeutic ingredient. It will be clear also that where appropriate, the therapeutic ingredients may be used in optically pure form.

In one embodiment there is provided a combination product comprising 6-(5-cyclopropylcarbamoyl-3-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-N-(2,2-dimethylpropyl)-nicotinamide, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, together with an ACE inhibitor, ARB or a statin.

In a further embodiment there is provided a combination product comprising 6-(5-cyclopropylcarbamoyl-3-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-N-(2,2-dimethylpropyl)-nicotinamide, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, together with a corticosteroid or a calcineurin inhibitor (e.g. tacrolimus).

The following example illustrates the invention.

### **Example 1**

#### **A pharmaceutical formulation of 6-(5-cyclopropylcarbamoyl-3-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-N-(2,2-dimethylpropyl)-nicotinamide (losmapimod) suitable for oral administration**

A representative formulation for use in this invention is shown in the table below.

| <b>Component</b>   | <b>mg /tablet</b> | <b>%<br/>w/w</b> |
|--|-------------------|------------------|
| Intragranular  |                   |                  |
| 6-(5-cyclopropylcarbamoyl-3-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-N-(2,2-dimethylpropyl)-nicotinamide (micronized) | 7.5               | 5.0              |
| Lactose Monohydrate  | 67.9              | 45.3             |
| Microcrystalline Cellulose   | 30.0              | 20.0             |
| Sodium Starch Glycolate  | 4.5               | 3.0              |
| Povidone   | 4.5               | 3.0              |
| Extragranular  |                   |                  |
| Microcrystalline Cellulose   | 30.0              | 20.0             |
| Sodium Starch Glycolate  | 4.5               | 3.0              |
| Magnesium Stearate   | 1.125             | 0.75             |
| Core Compression Weight  | 150 mg            |                  |
| Film Coat  |                   |                  |
| Opadry White OY-S-28876  | 4.5               | 3.0              |

**Example 2****An efficacy, safety and tolerability study relating to losmapimod in the  
5 treatment of primary (idiopathic) focal segmental glomerulosclerosis (FSGS)**

This evaluation may be carried out by treatment of FSGS patients having nephrotic range proteinuria (urinary protein/creatinine [Up/c] ratio > 3) and a history of steroid resistance, including relapse of proteinuria after steroid treatment (n = approximately 20). Losmapimod is orally administered twice daily over a 24-week  
10 treatment phase (7.5 mg BID for 2 weeks followed by 15 mg BID for 22 weeks). The primary efficacy endpoint of proteinuria is evaluated by the measurement of the Up/c ratio, assessed from a first morning urine sample, with a responder being a patient with a 50% proteinuria reduction from baseline at the end of treatment. Safety and tolerability is monitored by clinical laboratory evaluations (including liver function tests  
15 and serum creatinine), vital signs, ECGs, and adverse events.

All publications, including but not limited to patents and patent applications, cited in this specification are herein incorporated by reference as if each individual publication were specifically and individually indicated to be incorporated by reference herein as  
20 though fully set forth.



**Claims:**

1. The compound 6-(5-cyclopropylcarbamoyl-3-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-N-(2,2-dimethylpropyl)-nicotinamide or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof for use in the treatment of a glomerular disease.
- 5 2. The compound according to claim 1 in which the glomerular disease is focal segmental glomerulosclerosis (FSGS).
3. The compound according to claim 1 in which the glomerular disease is diabetic nephropathy.
4. The compound according to claim 1 in which the glomerular disease is glomerular  
10 hypertension.
5. The compound according to claim 1 in which the glomerular disease is selected from the group consisting of systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), IgA nephropathy, Goodpasture Syndrome, membranous nephropathy, hereditary renal disease, infection related glomerular disease, chronic pyelonephritis, Alport's Syndrome, periarteritis  
15 nodosa nephritis associated with amyloidosis, glomerular disease caused by HIV and toxins.
6. The compound according to any one of claims 1 – 5 which is in the form of a free base.
7. A pharmaceutical formulation comprising the compound 6-(5-  
20 cyclopropylcarbamoyl-3-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-N-(2,2-dimethylpropyl)-nicotinamide or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof for use in the treatment of a glomerular disease.
8. A pharmaceutical formulation according to claim 7 which is adapted for oral administration.
- 25 9. A combination product comprising 6-(5-cyclopropylcarbamoyl-3-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-N-(2,2-dimethylpropyl)-nicotinamide or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and one or more other therapeutic agents which are suitable for the treatment of a glomerular disease.
10. A method for treating a glomerular disease in a subject in need thereof which  
30 comprises administering to said subject the compound 6-(5-cyclopropylcarbamoyl-3-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-N-(2,2-dimethylpropyl)-nicotinamide or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
11. The use of 6-(5-cyclopropylcarbamoyl-3-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-N-(2,2-dimethylpropyl)-nicotinamide or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof in the  
35 manufacture of a medicament for use in the treatment of a glomerular disease.

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