Title: PRODRUG OF AN ICE INHIBITOR

Abstract: This invention described an ICE inhibitor prodrug (I) having good bioavailability. Compound of formula (I) is useful for treating IL-1 mediated diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis, inflammatory bowel disease, Crohn’s disease, ulcerative colitis, inflammatory peritonitis, septic shock, pancreatitis, traumatic brain injury, organ transplant rejection, osteoarthritis, asthma, psoriasis, Alzheimer’s disease, myocardial infarction, congestive heart failure, Huntington’s disease, atherosclerosis, atopic dermatitis, leukemias and related disorders, myelodysplastic syndrome, uveitis or multiple myeloma.
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