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MEDICAMENT AND TREATMENT FOR HERPES SIMPLEX

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Abstract (en)
[origin: WO2006095178A1] A medicament for use in the treatment of viral infections, such as herpes simplex, that are transmitted anterogradely through the nervous system. Viruses, such as herpes simplex, may lie asymptotically dormant or latent in nerve cell bodies of the CNS, but when reactivated, by whatever cause, are transported anterogradely along nerve cell axons to a surface of the body, where symptoms of the infection arise. A common form of herpes simplex infection lies dormant or latent in the trigeminal nerve ganglion until reactivated by stress, premenstrual tension or a range of other triggers. The herpes simplex virus (HSV) typically travels along trigeminal nerve axons to the lips, where it leads to symptoms such as cold sores. Herpes simplex infections may also take a more serious form in which the virus travels along nerve cells to the area of the eye socket. Here, HSV may cause symptoms such as ulceration of the cornea, with a potential serious effect on a patient's vision. The active ingredient of the medicament is an alkaloid such as colchicine, vinblastine, vincristine, a cytochalasin or derivatives thereof.

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