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(54) Title: G PROTEIN-COUPLED RECEPTOR RESEMBLING GALANIN RECEPTORS

(57) Abstract: Human and rat DNAs encoding a novel G-protein coupled receptor, GPR54, as well as proteins encoded by the DNAs, are provided. Methods of identifying agonists and antagonists of GPR54 are also provided.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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US CL :435/320.1, 325; 536/23.5
According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

U.S. : 435/320.1, 325; 536/23.5

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X - A	WO 98/03548 A1 (ASTRA PHARMA, INC.) 29 January 1998 (29.01.98), especially pages 8-9.	3 --- 1-2, 4-5
X, P	LEE et al. "Discovery of a receptor related to the galanin receptors," FEBS Letters. 05 March 1999. Vol. 446, No.1, pages 103-107, especially page 103 and figures 1-3.	1-5

☐ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C. ☐ See patent family annex.

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This international report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. ☐ 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:

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:

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1. ☐ 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.:
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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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B. FIELDS SEARCHED
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BRS, STN, MEDLINE, GENBANK, PIR, EMBL, GENESEQ, EST

search terms: g-protein receptor, galanin receptor, cDNA, GPCR, GPR54

BOX II. OBSERVATIONS WHERE UNITY OF INVENTION WAS LACKING
This ISA found multiple inventions as follows:

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. In order for all inventions to be searched, the appropriate additional search fees must be paid.

Group I, claim(s) 1-5, drawn to an isolated DNA, expression vector, and recombinant host cell.
Group II, claim(s) 6-9, drawn to an isolated polypeptide.
Group III, claim(s) 10-11, drawn to a method of determining whether a substance is an agonist or antagonist by binding.
Group IV, claim(s) 12, drawn to a drawn to a method of determining whether a substance is an agonist or antagonist by functional response.
Group V, claim(s) 13, drawn to an antibody.

and it considers that the International Application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention (Rules 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3) for the reasons indicated below:

The inventions listed as Groups I-V do not relate to a single inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features because the product of claim 3 is anticipated by ASTRA PHARMA INC. (WO 98/03548. 29 January 1998. pages 7-8) and thus, does not share a special technical feature with any other group.

The special technical feature of Group I is a DNA, an expression vector, and a host cell. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.475(d), these claims are considered by the ISA/US to constitute the main invention, and none of the related groups II-V correspond to the main invention.

The products of Group II and V do not share the same or corresponding special technical feature with Group I, because they are drawn to products having materially different structures and functions, and each defines a separate invention over the art.

The methods of Groups III and IV, do not share the same or corresponding special technical feature with Group I, because the methods have materially different process steps and are practiced for materially different purposes, and each defines a separate invention over the art.

Since Groups I-V do not share a special technical feature, unity of invention is lacking.