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(54) Title: TRICYCLIC PYRIDIN-2-ONE ANALOGUES AS LIGANDS FOR GABA-A RECEPTORS

(57) Abstract: A class of selectively substituted fused tricyclic compounds based on a substituted pyridinone moiety are potent and functionally selective ligands for the α_2/α_3 subunit of the human GABA-A receptor and are thereby effective in the treatment of anxiety.

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