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(54) Title: A COMPOSITION COMPRISING A COMBINATION OF RECEPTOR AGONISTS AND ANTAGONISTS

(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a composition comprising a combination of a) at least one compound with agonist activity to the 5-HT₄ receptor and b) at least one compound with antagonist activity to the 5-HT₃ receptor and to the use of said compound in the manufacture of a medicament for therapeutic or prophylactic treatment of disorders involving airway constriction of a human or animal body, as well as methods of treatment, wherein said compounds are administered.



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A composition comprising a combination of receptor agonists and antagonists

Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to a composition comprising a combination of a) at least one compound with agonist activity to the 5-HT₄ receptor, and b) at least
5 one compound with antagonist activity to the 5-HT₃ receptor, to a composition as defined above for use as a medicament, to the use of said composition in the manufacture of a medicament for therapeutic or prophylactic treatment of disorders involving airway constriction in
10 humans or animals, and to a method of treatment of such disorders, wherein said compound is administered.

Background of the Invention

The seven main receptors of the 5-HT (serotonin; 3-(β -aminoethyl)-5-hydroxyindole) type are well known and
15 occur throughout the body, e.g. in the airways, and their relevance has mainly been reported to be of significance in conjunction with treatment of CNS, muscle and gastric disorders, as disclosed in e.g. WO 98/18458 and
US 5 246 935. In such treatments, compounds having agonist activity to a 5-HT₁ type receptor are often used. As
20 examples of other 5-HT receptors, mention can be made of receptors of the 5-HT₂, 5-HT₃, 5-HT₄, 5-HT₅, 5-HT₆ and 5-HT₇ type. For a recent review of 5-HT receptors, see Gerhardt, C.C., van Heerikhuizen, H., *Eur. J. Pharm.*, **334**,
25 1-23 (1997), which is incorporated herein by reference.

A review of typical agonists and antagonists of various 5-HT receptors is disclosed in R.A. Glennon, *Neuroscience and Biobehavioral Reviews*, **14**, 35-47 (1990), the whole content of which is incorporated herein by reference.
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SU 1 701 320 A1 discloses the use of serotonin for treatment of acute asthma attacks. This reference does not suggest any receptor mechanism for serotonin, which is a compound with both a contracting and a relaxing ef-

fect on the airways, as is further discussed herein below.

In the RBI Handbook or Receptor Classification and Signal Transduction, 3rd Edition, 1998, RBI, One Strathmore Road, Natick, MA 01760-2447, USA, Editor: Keith J. Watling are also 5-HT receptor compounds having agonist or antagonist activity to various receptors disclosed.

Disclosure of the Invention

10 The present invention is based on the novel finding that certain 5-HT receptors are of utmost importance in regulating bronchocontraction, that is determining the level of airway constriction.

As used herein, the expression "disorders involving
15 airway constriction", equivalent to the expression "bronchocontraction disorder", refers to an abnormal increase of the force development of the smooth muscle in human or animal airways, resulting in a reduced diameter in some or all of the airways of the lungs and/or the extrapulmonary airways, such as occurring in asthma, chronic ob-
20 structive pulmonary disease, emphysema and chronic bronchitis. Said expression also refers, in a wider sense, to reduction of airflow, more precisely airway diameter, caused by swelling, oedema, plasma extravasation or mu-
25 cous secretion caused by e.g. asthma or any other disorder related thereto.

The expression "has the capacity of reducing the abnormal airway constriction by at least ...%" used throughout the present patent application means that the com-
30 pound in question or the composition of compounds in combination as well as the derivatives and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, persistently reduces, in a certain degree, airway constriction caused either by (1) the underlying disease (asthma etc) or (2) the administration
35 of 5-HT or other substances capable of activating constricting 5-HT receptors, e.g. 5-HT₃ receptors. The level of constriction in the airways can, for instance, be de-

terminated by spirometric measurements of the Forced Expiratory Volume (FEV1), compared to the normal value for healthy people. Alternatively, the expiratory capacity for a patient can be compared to his own FEV1 during periods of relatively little obstructive problems.

The present invention relates in one aspect to a composition comprising a combination of compounds comprising a) one or several compounds with agonist activity to the 5-HT₄ receptor, and b) one or several compounds with antagonist activity to the 5-HT₃ receptor.

In another aspect, the present invention relates to a composition as defined above for use as a medicament.

In still another aspect it relates to the use of said composition in the manufacture of a medicament for therapeutic or prophylactic treatment of a human or animal body, wherein the medicament is intended for treatment of disorders involving airway constriction, such as asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, emphysema and chronic bronchitis.

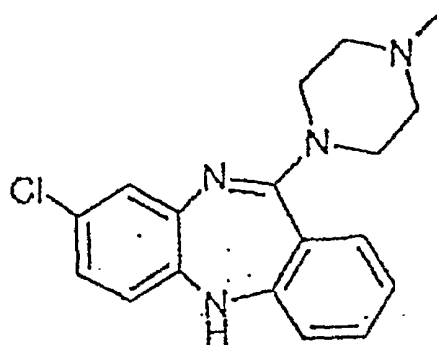
In a preferred embodiment said compound with 5-HT₄ receptor agonist activity included in the composition is 5-HT or a derivative thereof with agonist activity to the 5-HT₄ receptor. The combination of a) one or several 5-HT₄ receptor agonist(s), and b) one or several 5-HT₃ receptor antagonist(s) increases airway relaxation compared to the use of either compound alone, wherein said combination has the capacity of reducing the abnormal airway constriction by at least 30%, preferably at least 60%, and most preferably at least 90%.

According to the present invention, several known 5-HT₃ antagonist compounds are, unexpectedly, able to enhance a 5-HT-induced airway relaxation. The 5-HT₃ receptor is a ligand modulated ion channel. Several potent and specific 5-HT₃ antagonists exist today, of which ondansetron, tropisetron, granisetron, and dolasetron are commercial pharmaceuticals, but not against disorders involving airway constriction.

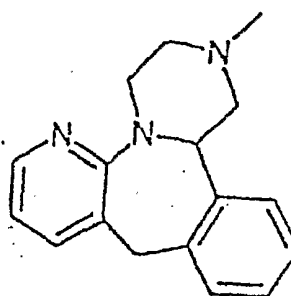
Some of the 5-HT₃ receptor antagonists are at the same time 5-HT₄ receptor agonists. However, for a substance to be active as a 5-HT₃ receptor antagonist, the distance from the aromatic center to the basic nitrogen should be about 7,5 Å and no large substituents are tolerated on the basic nitrogen. In contrast, for 5-HT₄ receptor agonists the corresponding distance is about 8 Å, and a large lipophilic group may be bound to the basic nitrogen, thereby obtaining a better binding to 5-HT₄.

The 5-HT₃ antagonists may be divided into certain classes on the basis of chemical structure. Some are un-

specific, e.g.



benzazepines, e.g. mirtazapine

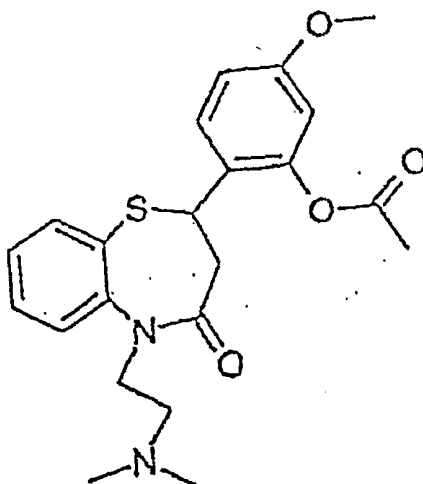


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benztiazepines, e.g. diltiazem

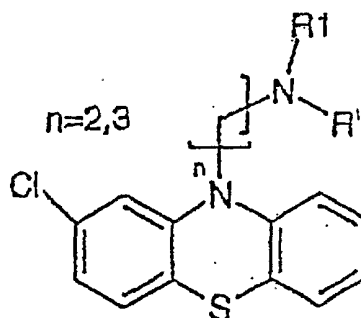
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15 and fentiazines

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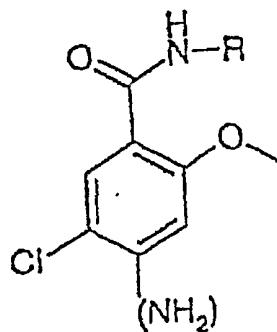
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e.g. perphenazine, chlorpromazine, stemetil.

Some are at the same time 5-HT₄ agonists, e.g. benzamides

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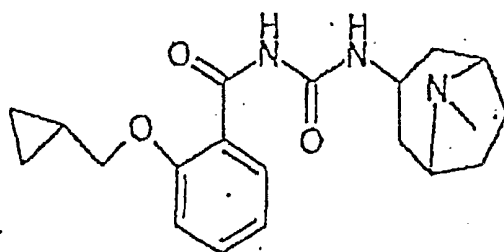
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(cisapride, zacopride,
mosapride, metoclo-
pramide, pancopride,
BRL 24924, BMY 33462)

and

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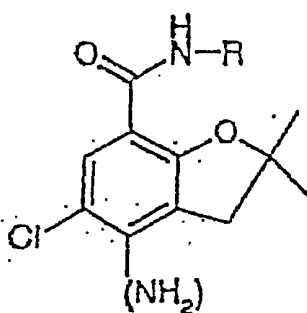


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2,3-dihydro-benzofuran-7-carboxamides

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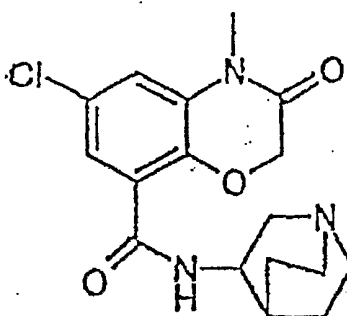


(e.g. zatosetron=LY 277359, ADR 851);

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1,4-benzoxazin-8-carboxamides

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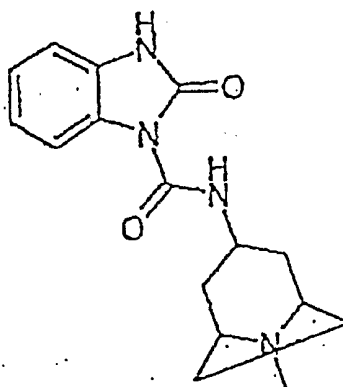
e.g. azasetron (=Y25130)

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benzimidazolones

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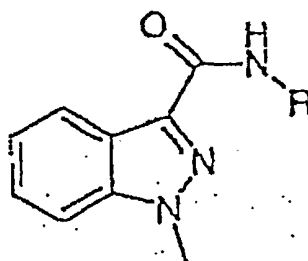
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e.g. itasetron (=DAU 6215);
indazol-3-carboxamides

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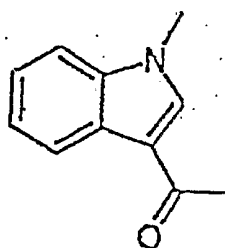
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e.g. N 3389, LY 278584, DAT 582 (= (R)AS-5370)

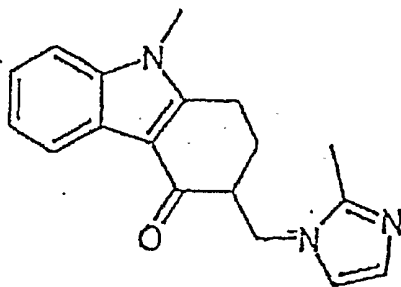
The latter group reminds most of the specific 5-HT₃
antagonists, which contains the group

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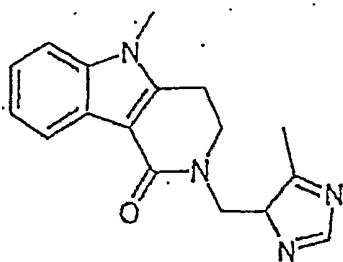
in different forms, such as

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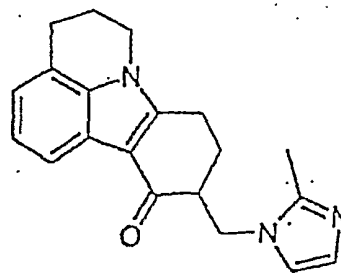


ondansetron (=GR 38032 F)

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alosetron

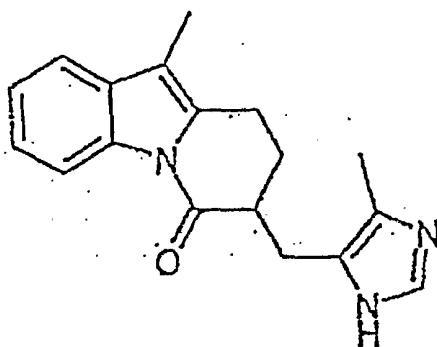


cilansetron (=KC 9946)

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In one group of substances the structure has been
20 inverted and the carbonyl group has been placed on the
indoline nitrogen

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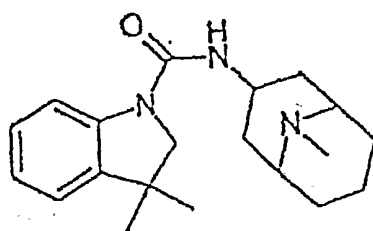
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This substance is unique by being an antagonist
against both 5-HT₃ and 5-HT₄ receptors.

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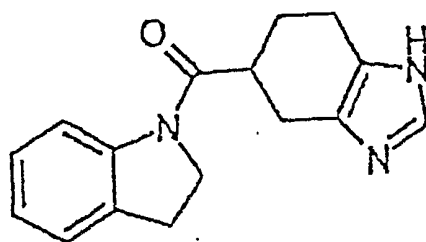
BRL 46470 A

BRL 46470A binds to two different positions of the receptor.

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A further development is the so-called bisindoles

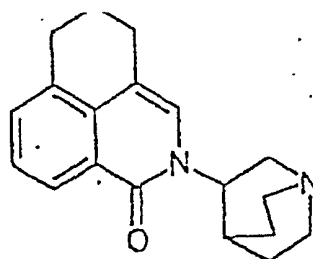
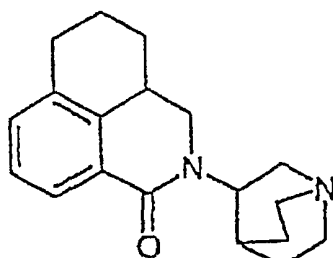
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Another group is the isoquinoline-1-ones

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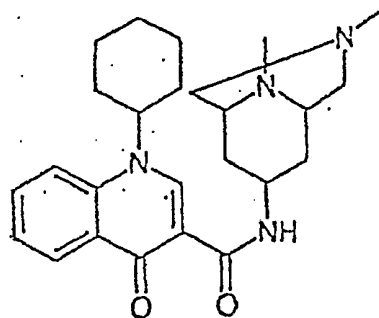
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palonosetron (=RS 25259-197)

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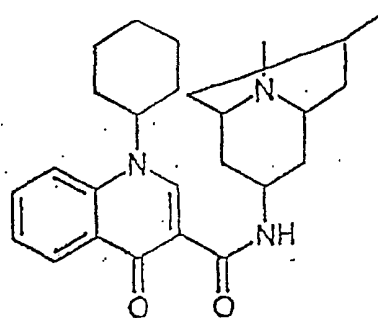
and the quinoline-3-carboxamides

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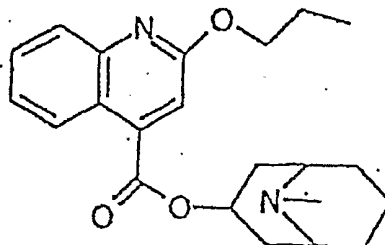


Mirisetron (=WAY 100579)

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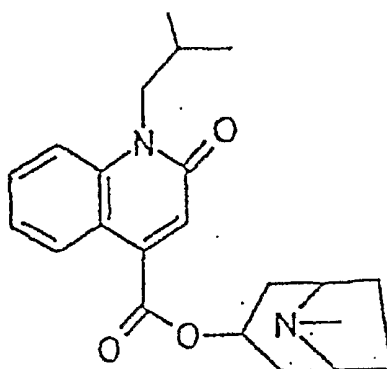
Also the quinoline-4-carboxylates are active antagonists

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10 e.g. KF 17643

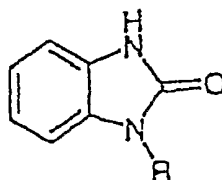
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20 e.g. KF 18259

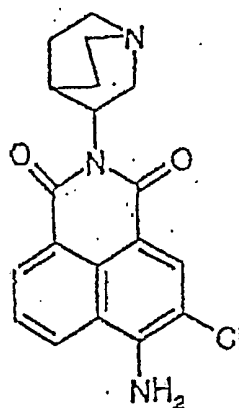
Other compounds are benzimidazolones

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e.g. droperidol (neurolidol, etc.), itasetron (DAU6215), and the naphthimides

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RS 56532

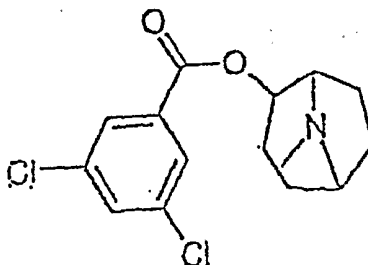
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e.g. RS 56532

A unique single structure is MDL 72222, which also is a specific 5-HT₃ antagonist

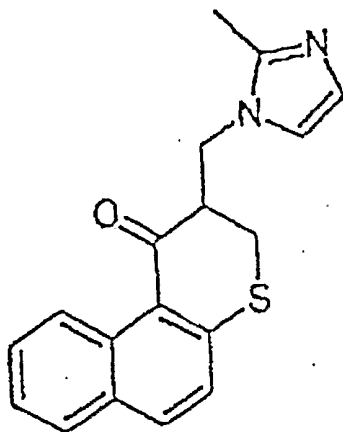
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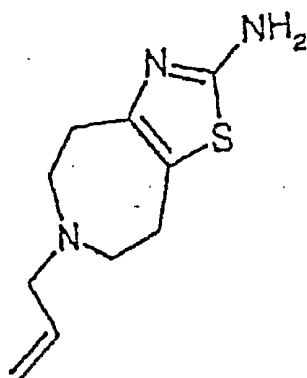
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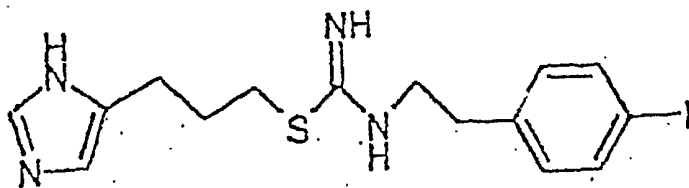
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Talipexole

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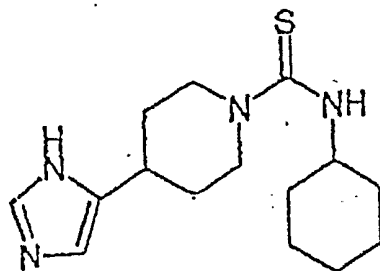
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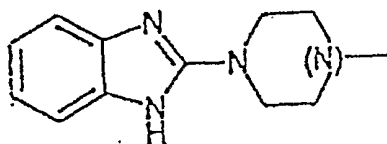
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thioperamide, and

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2-piperidin- and 2-piperazin-
benzimidazoles.

According to the present invention, the following

15 compounds can also be used as antagonists to the 5-HT₃ receptor: (R)-zacopride, 2-methyl-5HT, 3-(1-piperazinyl)-2-quinoxalinecarbonitrile, 3-(4-allylpiperazin-1-yl)-2-quinoxalinecarbonitrile, 4-Ph-N-Me-quipazine, 5-((dimethylamino)methyl)-3-(1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-1,2,4-oxadizole,

20 5,7-DHT, 5-[(dimethylamino)methyl]-3-(1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-1,2,4-oxadizole, ADR-882, Amitriptyline, Anpirtoline, AS-5370, Batanopride, BIMU 1, BRL 24682, BRL 43694, BRL 46470 (=Ricasetron), BRL 47204, Bufotenine, CF 109203 (=BIM), Cizapride, Clozapine, CP-93318,

25 Cyameazine, Cyproheptadine, Dolasetron mesilat (=MDL 73147 EF), Fluphenazone, Galdanasetron, GR 38032 F, GR 67330, Granisetron (=Kytril=BRL 43694), GR-H, GYK1-48903, ICS 205-930, Imipramine, Indalpine, KAE-393/YM-114, KB-6922, KB-6933, KB-R 6933, KF-20170, Lerisetron,

30 Lurosetron, LY 258-458, LY 278-989, LY-211-000, McNeil-A-343, MCP, MDL 72699, Mepyramine, Metergoline, Methysergide, Mianserin, MK 212, N-3256, NAN-190, N-methylquipazine, 3-(1-piperazinyl)-2-quinoxalinecarbonitrile, ONO-3051, Pancopride, Phenylbiguanide, Pitozifen, Prochlorperazine (Stemetil), QICS 205-930, R(+)zacopride,

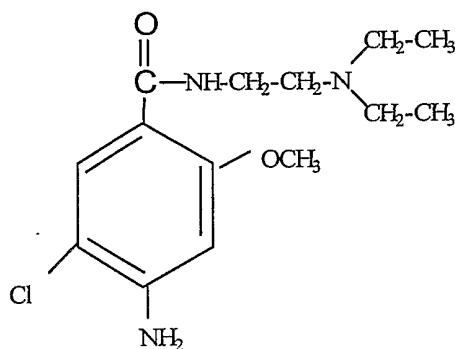
35 Renzapride, RG 12915, Ritanserin, RP 62203, RS-25259-197, RS-056812-198, RS-25259, RU 24969, S(-)Zacopride, S-

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 5 dide, VA 21 B 7, Y 2513, SEC 579, BRL 46470 A, Pizotifen, Dolasetron (=MDL 74156), Galanolactone, GR 65 630, Ifenprodil, L-683877, Litoxetine, Quipazine, QX 222, Ramose-
 tron (=YM 060), RS 56812, SDZ 216-525, Trimebutine, GR 65630, Tropisetron (=ICS 205-930=Rifenserin), Bemese-
 10 tron, L-683,877, LY-278,584 maleate and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof with the same or essentially the same relaxation enhancing effect and capability of reduc-
 ing abnormal airway constriction as specified above.

In the following, an alternative presentation of
 15 useful compounds according to the present invention and references thereto is listed.

N-substituted benzamides

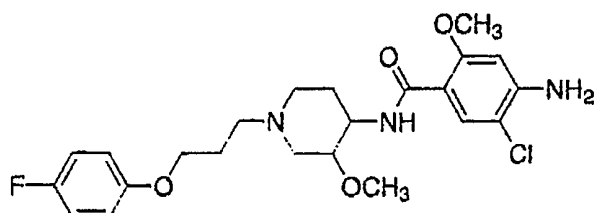
- Metoclopramide



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- QX 222. The compound is an analogue to lidocain[®], which is a N-substituted benzamide derivative.
 - Cisapride (Cizapride) cis-4-Amino-N-[1-[3-(p-fluorophenoxy)propyl]-3-methoxy-4-piperidyl]-5-chloro-o-anisamide. The compound is also a known 5-HT₄ agonist.
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cis-4-Amino-N-[1-[3-(*p*-fluorofenoxi)propyl]-3-metoxi-4-piperidyl]-5-kloro-*o*-anisamid



- Pancopride (((+)-N-(1-azabicyclo-[2,2,2]-oct-3-yl)-2-cyclopropylmethoxy-4-amino-5-chlorobenzamide) Pancopride, a potent and long-acting 5-HT₃ receptor antagonist, is orally effective against anticancer drug-evoked emesis., Fernández AG, Puig J, Beleta J, Doménech T, Bou J, Berga P, Gristwood RW, Roberts DJ; *Eur J Pharmacol* 1992 Nov 10, 222:2-3:257-64

Pancopride ((+)-N-(1-azabicyclo-[2,2,2]-oct-3-yl)-2-cyclopropylmethoxy-4-amino-5-chlorobenzamide) is a new potent and selective 5-HT₃ receptor antagonist, orally and parenterally effective against cytotoxic drug-induced emesis. In vitro, pancopride displayed high affinity (K_i = 0.40 nM) for [³H]GR65630-labelled 5-HT₃ recognition sites in membranes from the cortex of rat brains. In vivo, pancopride antagonized 5-HT-induced bradycardia in anaesthetized rats when administered i.v. 5 min (ID₅₀ = 0.56 microgram/kg) or p.o. 60 min (ID₅₀ = 8.7 micrograms/kg) before 5-HT challenge. A single oral dose (10 micrograms/kg) of pancopride produced a significant inhibition of the bradycardic reflex over an 8-h period. Pancopride dose dependently inhibited

the number of vomiting episodes and delayed the onset of vomiting induced by cisplatin in dogs (ID50 = 3.6 micrograms/kg i.v. and 7.1 micrograms/kg p.o.). Pancopride was also effective in blocking mechlor-ethamine- and dacarbazine-induced emesis. Unlike metoclopramide, pancopride was shown to lack any measurable antidopaminergic activity both in vitro and in vivo. These results support clinical data, indicating that pancopride will be a useful drug for treating cytostatic-induced emesis in humans.

- (R)-zacopride (R+ zacopride, zacopride) IUPAC name: 4-amino-N-(1-azabicyclo[2.2.2] oct-3yl)-5-chloro-2-methoxy-benzamide.

The differential activities of R (+)- and S (-)-zacopride as 5-HT3 receptor antagonists.

Barnes JM, Barnes NM, Costall B, Domeney AM, Johnson DN, Kelly ME, Munson HR, Naylor RJ, Young R; Pharmacol Biochem Behav 1990 Dec, 37:4:717-27

R(+)- and S(-)-zacopride were assessed as potential 5-HT3 receptor antagonists in behavioural and biochemical tests. The S(-)isomer was more potent than the R(+)isomer to antagonise the hyperactivity induced by the injection of amphetamine or the infusion of dopamine into the nucleus accumbens in the rat. In contrast, the R(+)isomer was more potent to reduce the aversive behaviour of mice to a brightly illuminated environment and in a marmoset human threat test, to facilitate social interaction in rats, to increase performance in a mouse habituation test and prevent a scopolamine-induced impairment, and to antagonise the inhibitory effect of 2-methyl-5-hydroxytryptamine to reduce [3H]acetylcholine release in slices of the rat entorhinal cortex. In binding assays, [3H]S(-)-zacopride and [3H]R(+)-zacopride labelled homogenous populations of high-

affinity binding sites in the rat entorhinal cortex, R(+)-zacopride compete for a further 10 to 20% of the binding of [3H]R(+)/S(-)-zacopride or [3H]R(+)-zacopride in excess of that competed for by (S)(-)-zacopride. It is concluded that both isomers of zacopride have potent but different pharmacological activities, with the possibility of different recognition sites to mediate their effects.

- 10 • BRL 24682
The compound is also a known 5-HT4 agonist.
- 15 • BRL 24924
[(+/-) - (endo)] -4-amino-5-chloro-2-methoxy-N-(1-azabicyclo-[3.3.1]-non-4-yl) benzamide hydrochloride. The compound is also a known 5-HT4 agonist.
- 20 • Mosapride ((4-amino-5-chloro-2-ethoxy-N-[[4-(4-fluorobenzyl)-2-morpholinyl]methyl] benzamide citrate.
- 25 • Renzapride= BRL 24924; see above
- SC-52491 (Azanoradamantane)
- SC-53116 ((1-S,8-S)-4-amino-5-chloro-N-[(hexahydro-1H-pyrrolizin-1-yl) methyl]-2-methoxy-benzamide hydrochloride)
- 30 • Batanopride (4-amino-5-chloro-N-[2-(diethylamino)ethyl]-2-(1-methyl-2-oxopropoxy) benzamide). Batanopride is also known by the name BMY-25801.
- 35 • WAY 100289

Indoles, Indole-1-carboxamides and Imidazole derivatives

- 2-methyl-5-HT
- 5 • 5,7-DHT= 5,7-dihydroxy-tryptamine
- Bisindoles
- Bufotenine = (5-hydroxy-N,N-dimethyltryptamine)
- 10 • BRL 46470A (endo-N-(8-methyl-8-azabicyclo
[3.2.1]oct-3-yl)-2,3-dihydro-3,3-dimethyl-indole-1-
carboxamide, hydrochloride)
- 15 • BRL 46470 (endo-N-(8-methyl-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]oct-
3yl)-2,3-dihydro-3,3-
dimethyl-indole-1-carboxamide HCl)
- BRL 47204
- 20 • FK 1052 ((+)-8,9-dihydro-10-methyl-7-[(5-methyl-1H-
imidazol-4-yl)methyl]pyrido[1,2-a]indol-6(7H)-one
hydrochloride)
- 25 Pharmacological characterization of FK1052, a dihy-
dropyridoindole derivative, as a new serotonin 3 and
4 dual receptor antagonist., Nagakura Y, Kadowaki M,
Tokoro K, Tomoi M, Mori J, Kohsaka M; J Pharmacol
Exp Ther 1993 May, 265:2:752-8
- 30 (+)-8,9-Dihydro-10-dihydro-10-methyl-7-[(5-methyl-4-
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drochloride (FK1052) is a newly designed and synthe-
sized 5-hydroxytryptamine (5-HT)₃ receptor antago-
35 nist with 5-HT₄ receptor antagonistic activity. This
compound, as well as ondansetron and granisetron,
dose-dependently inhibited the von Bezold-Jarish re-

flex, a 5-HT₃ receptor-mediated response, after intravenous (i.v.) and intraduodenal (i.d.) dosing to rats. The ID₅₀ values showed FK1052 (0.28 microgram/kg, i.v., 5.23 micrograms/kg, i.d.) to be more potent than ondansetron (5.23 micrograms/kg, i.v., 170 micrograms/kg, i.d.) and granisetron (0.70 micrograms/kg, i.v., 66 micrograms/kg, i.d.). Furthermore, bioavailabilities of the test drugs by ID₅₀ ratio (i.d./i.v.) showed that FK1052(17) was better absorbed than ondansetron(33) and granisetron(94) and possessed a similar duration of action to that of ondansetron and granisetron. We also examined the effects on 2-methyl-5-HT-, 5-HT- and 5-methoxytryptamine-induced contractions of guinea pig isolated ileum. FK1052, ondansetron and granisetron concentration-dependently inhibited 2-methyl-5-HT, a 5-HT₃ agonist-induced contraction. The pA₂ values for the 5-HT₃ receptor indicated that FK1052 (8.36) was 40 times and three times more potent than ondansetron (6.79) and granisetron (7.86), respectively. FK1052, unlike ondansetron and granisetron, inhibited the 5-HT₄-mediated component of concentration-response curve to 5-HT. Furthermore, FK1052 suppressed 5-methoxytryptamine, a 5-HT₄ agonist-induced contraction in a concentration-dependent but insurmountable manner.

- RU 24969 (5-methoxy-3(1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridin-4-yl)-1 H-indole)
- SDZ 206-792

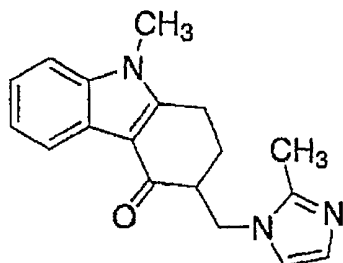
Characterisation of 5-HT₃ recognition sites in membranes of NG 108-15 neuroblastoma-glioma cells with [3H]ICS 205-930. Neijt HC, Karpf A, Schoeffter P, Engel G, Hoyer D Naunyn Schmiedeberg's Arch Pharmacol 1988 May, 337:5:493-9

1. The binding characteristics of [3H]ICS 205-930, a potent and selective 5-hydroxytryptamine 5-HT₃ receptor antagonist, were investigated in membranes prepared from murine neuroblastoma-glioma NG 108-15 cells. 2. [3H]ICS 205-930 bound rapidly, reversibly and stereoselectively to a homogeneous population of high affinity recognition sites: B_{max} = 58 +/- 3 fmol/mg protein, pK_D = 9.01 +/- 0.08 (n = 11). Non linear regression and Scatchard analysis of saturation data suggested the existence of a single class of [3H]ICS 205-930 recognition sites on NG 108-15 cells. The binding was rapid, stable and reversible. The affinity of [3H]ICS 205-930 determined in kinetic studies was in agreement with that obtained under equilibrium conditions. 3. Competition studies performed with a variety of agonists and antagonists also suggested the presence of a homogeneous population of [3H]ICS 205-930 recognition sites. All competition curves were steep and monophasic and were best fit by a 1 receptor site model. [3H]ICS 205-930 binding sites displayed the pharmacological profile of a 5-HT₃ receptor. Potent 5-HT₃ receptor antagonists showed nanomolar affinities for [3H]ICS 205-930 binding sites with the following rank order of potency: SDZ 206-830 greater than ICS 205-930 greater than SDZ 206-792 greater than BRL 43694 greater than quipazine greater than BRL 24924 greater than SDZ 210-204 greater than MDL 72222 greater than SDZ 210-205. Metoclopramide, MCP and mianserin showed submicromolar affinity.

- Ondansetron=GR 38032F=SN-307=Zofran®

Ondansetronum INN (Ondansetron)

2,3-Dihydro-9-methyl-3-[(2-methylimidazol-1-yl)methyl]karbazol-4(1H)-on



The compound is both an indole derivative and an imidazole. Other imidazole derivatives are listed below.

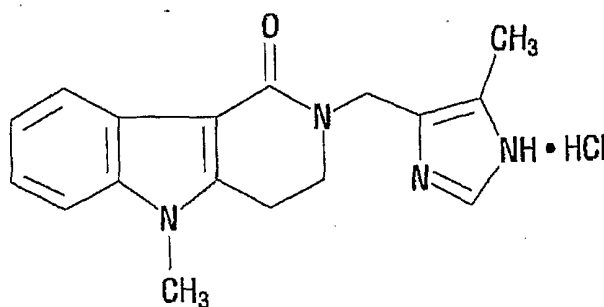
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25 • Alosetron=Lotronex (Glaxo)



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5 The pharmacological properties of the novel selective 5-HT₃ receptor antagonist, alosetron, and its effects on normal and perturbed small intestinal transit in the fasted rat., Clayton NM, Sargent R, Butler A, Gale J, Maxwell MP, Hunt AA, Barrett VJ, Cambridge D, Bountra C, Humphrey PP; Neurogastroenterol Motil 1999 Jun, 10 11:3:207-17

The purpose of this study was to investigate the pharmacological properties of the novel, selective 5-HT₃ receptor antagonist, alosetron, and its effects on 15 transit time in both the normal and perturbed small intestine of the rat. Alosetron concentration-dependently inhibited radioligand binding in membranes containing rat and human 5-HT₃ receptors with estimated pK_i values of 9.8 (n = 3) and 9.4 (n = 6), respectively. In selectivity studies alosetron had little or no significant affinity for any of the many 20 other receptors and ion channels studied. Alosetron potently antagonized the depolarization produced by 5-HT in the rat vagus nerve (estimated pK_B value of 9.8, 25 n = 25). In anaesthetized rats, i. v. administration of alosetron inhibited 2-methyl-5-HT induced bradycardia (Bezold Jarisch index) at 1 and 3 microg kg⁻¹, with an agonist dose ratio of approximately 3.0 at 1.0 microg kg⁻¹, = 3-5). Alosetron administered via the 30 duodenum also inhibited this reflex, with duration of action that was significantly longer than that seen with ondansetron (120-60 min, respectively, n = 6). Alosetron had no significant effect on normal small intestinal propulsion in the rat, but fully reversed 35 the increase in intestinal propulsion (96%, n = 3) produced by egg albumin challenge. Alosetron is a highly selective 5-HT₃ antagonist which normalizes

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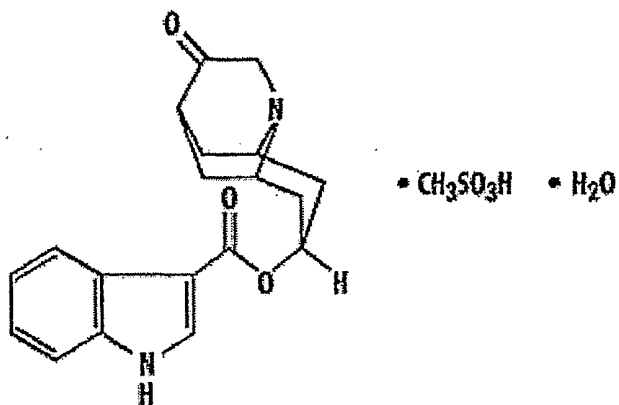
- Bemesetron

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- Dolasetron mesilat =MDL73147 EF= Anzemet.

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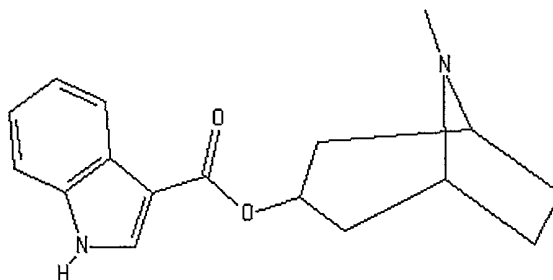
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- Tropisetron =Navoban®

IUPAC name: 1aH,5aH - Tropane - 3a - yl-3 - indole-carboxylate



- Zatosetron =LY 277359. The compound is also called LY 19617.

The effect of acute and chronic LY 277359, a selective 5-HT₃ receptor antagonist, on the number of spontaneously active midbrain dopamine neurons., Minabe Y, Ashby CR Jr, Wang RY; Eur J Pharmacol 1991 Dec 17, 209:3:151-6

In this study, we have examined the effect of acute and chronic administration of LY 277359, a putative 5-HT₃ receptor antagonist, on the number of spontaneously active dopamine cells in the substantia nigra pars compacta (SNC or A9) and ventral tegmental area (VTA or A10). This was accomplished using the standard extracellular single unit recording techniques. The acute administration of LY 277359 (0.1 or 1.0 mg/kg i.p.) produced a significant increase in the number of spontaneously active A10, but not A9, dopamine cells compared to saline controls. The acute administration of 10 mg/kg of LY 277359 did not significantly alter the number of spontaneously active dopamine cells in either area. In contrast to

its acute effects, the administration of 0.1 mg/kg per day of LY 277359 for 21 days decreased the number of spontaneously active A9 and A10 dopamine cells. However, the i.v. administration of (+/-)-apomorphine (50 micrograms/kg) did not reverse LY 277359's action, suggesting that the chronic LY 277359-induced reduction of dopamine cells was not the result of depolarization block. To test whether chronic administration of LY 277359 at a high dose would induce depolarization block of dopamine cells, rats were treated with 1.0 or 10 mg/kg LY 277359. Interestingly, the chronic administration of 1.0 mg/kg LY 277359 increased the number of A10, but not A9 dopamine cells. In contrast, chronic treatment with 10 mg/kg selectively decreased the number of spontaneously active A10 dopamine cells.

- GR65630 (3-(5-methyl-1H-imidazol-4-yl)-1-(1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-1-propanone)

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- GR67330

[3H] GR67330, a very high affinity ligand for 5-HT₃ receptors.

Kilpatrick GJ, Butler A, Hagan RM, Jones BJ, Tyers MB Naunyn Schmiedeberg's Arch Pharmacol 1990 Jul, 342:1:22-30

GR67330 potently inhibited 5-hydroxytryptamine (5-HT)-induced depolarizations of the rat isolated vagus nerve. At the higher concentrations used (0.3 nmol/l-1 nmol/l) this was accompanied by a marked reduction in the maximum response to 5-HT. The calculated pK_B value was 10.2. The binding of the tritiated derivative of GR67330 to homogenates of rat entorhinal cortex was examined. Kinetic analysis revealed that specific [3H] GR67330 (0.1 nmol/l) binding was rapid and reversible. Association and disso-

ciation rate constants were $1.48 \pm 0.36 \times 10^8$ mol/l-1 s-1 and $7.85 \pm 0.41 \times 10^{-3}$ s-1 respectively. Equilibrium saturation analysis revealed specific binding was to a single site (B_{max} 22.6 ± 0.21 fmol/mg protein) of high affinity (K_d 0.038 ± 0.003 nmol/l). At low ligand concentrations, specific binding was up to 90% of total binding. If unlabelled GR67330 was used to define non-specific binding two sites were evident (K_{d1} 0.066 ± 0.007 nmol/l, K_{d2} 20.1 ± 9.7 nmol/l; B_{max1} 31.5 ± 3.2 fmol/mg protein, B_{max2} 1110 ± 420 fmol/mg protein). [3H] GR67330 binding was inhibited potently by 5-HT₃ antagonists and agonists. Ligands for other 5-HT receptors and other neurotransmitter receptors were either only weakly active or inactive at inhibiting binding. Hill numbers for antagonist inhibition of binding were close to unity, except for quipazine which was significantly greater than one. In common with other 5-HT₃ binding studies, all 5-HT agonist tested had Hill numbers greater than one ($1.51-1.71$). GR38032 and GR65630 inhibited a greater proportion of binding than other 5-HT₃ antagonists, this additional binding was interpreted as inhibition from a second saturable site unrelated to the 5-HT₃ receptor.

- ICS 205-930 ((3 Alpha-Tropanyl)-1H-Indole-3-carboxylic acid ester)

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- QICS 205-930

- 3-Tropanyl-indole-3-carboxylate methiodide. It is also called ICS 205-930.
- Indalpine (3-[2-(4-piperidinyl)ethyl]-1H-indole)
- VA21B7 (3-[2-(4'-piperonylpiperazinyl) indolyl] carboxaldehyde)

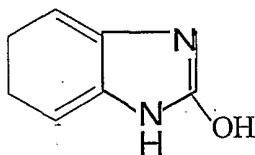
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10 The pharmacology of VA21B7: an atypical 5-HT₃ receptor antagonist with anxiolytic-like properties in animal models. Artal I, Romero G, Zazpe A, Monge A, Calderó JM, Roca J, Lasheras B, Del Río J Psychopharmacology (Berl) 1995 Jan, 117:2:137-48

15 VA21B7 (3-[2-(4'-piperonylpiperazinyl) indolyl] carboxaldehyde) was synthesized as a potential 5-HT₃ receptor antagonist. Even though VA21B7 showed a higher affinity towards 5-HT₃ receptors as compared to other receptors studied, it was not a potent
20 5-HT₃ receptor antagonist either in the periphery or in the brain. In a simple animal model of anxiety such as the two-compartment box in mice, a remarkable anxiolytic-like effect was found at doses of 2-500 micrograms/kg IP and also at low oral doses, in
25 the microgram range. These drug doses did not produce any significant effect on spontaneous motor activity of mice. The anxiolytic profile of VA21B7 was further explored using other models of anxiety in rats such as the elevated plus-maze and punished-drinking. VA21B7 was compared with standard 5-HT₃
30 receptor antagonists such as ondansetron, tropisetron and granisetron, with the 5-HT_{1A} agent buspirone and with diazepam. In the plus-maze, VA21B7 showed an anxiolytic-like profile after doses of
35 0.25-0.5 mg/kg IP or 2-4 mg/kg PO which did not modify the number of total entries into the open and closed arms of the maze. Diazepam, granisetron and

tropisetron were also effective in this test but not ondansetron and buspirone. VA21B7 was also able to release suppressed behaviour in the punished-drinking test. The dose-response curve was bell-shaped with a peak at 2-4 mg/kg. At variance with other studies, 5-HT₃ receptor antagonists also increased the number of shocks taken in this test and the dose-response curve was also bell-shaped. VA21B7 was not anticonvulsant like diazepam, its anxiolytic action in the light/dark test was not flumazenil-sensitive and there was no rebound anxiogenic effect on withdrawal from chronic VA21B7 treatment for 15 consecutive days. Moreover, VA21B7 was not amnesic like the benzodiazepines but low doses of 2-4 mg/kg reduced the memory deficits induced in rats by scopolamine. Much higher doses were necessary to decrease spontaneous motor activity in rats. Since VA21B7 appears to be well tolerated in rodents at high doses, we think that it is of potential interest as an anxiolytic in humans.

Benzimidazolones, benzimidazoles and other imidazoles

The common chemical structure of a benzimidazolone is:



- Iodophenpropit (4-(1H-imidazol-4-yl-methyl)-piperidine)
- BIMU 1 (endo-N-(8-methyl-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1.]oct-3-yl)-2,3-dihydro-3-ethyl-2-oxo-1H-benzimidazole-1-carboxamide hydrochloride)

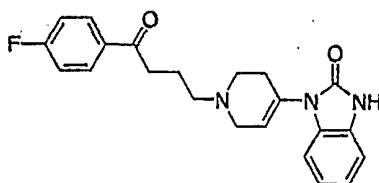
- 2-piperazin-benzimidazole
- 2-piperidin-benzimidazole
- 5 • Cilansetron (1-10-[(2-methyl-1H-imidazol-1-yl)methyl]-5,6,8,9,10,11-hexahydro-4H-pyrido [3,2,1-jk]carbazol-11-one hydrochloride)
- 10 • GK 128 (2-[(2-methylimidazol-1-yl)methyl]benzo[i]-thiochromen-1-one monohydrochloride hemihydrate
Effect of a novel 5-hydroxytryptamine₃ (5-HT₃) receptor antagonist, GK-128, on 5-HT₃ receptors mediating contractions and relaxations in guinea-pig distal colon.
- 15 Ito C, Kawamura R, Isobe Y, Tsuchida K, Muramatsu M, Higuchi S;
Gen Pharmacol 1997 Sep, 29:3:353-9
- 20 We investigated 5-hydroxytryptamine₃ (5-HT₃) receptor-mediated contractions and relaxations in the guinea-pig isolated distal colon using various 5-HT₃ receptor agonists and antagonists, including GK-128 (2-[(2-methylimidazol-1-yl)methyl]benzo[f]thiochromen-1-one monohydrochloride hemihydrate).
- 25 2. Selective 5-HT₃ receptor agonists, 2-methyl-5-HT and m-chlorophenylbiguanide, produced spantide-insensitive contraction and atropine-insensitive contraction and the relaxation. These agonists showed a small, but significant, difference of potency between contraction and relaxation. 3. GK-128 competitively blocked both 2-methyl-5-HT- and m-chlorophenylbiguanide-induced responses with similar potency. The affinities of GK-128 for spantide-insensitive contraction and atropine-insensitive contraction were ten-fold higher than for relaxation. 4. Other selective 5-HT₃ receptor antagonists, azasetron and tropisetron, also exhibited higher af-
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finity in contraction than in relaxation, but the extent of their affinity differences was smaller than that observed in GK-128. In contrast, granisetron, ramosetron and ondansetron exhibited no significant differences in their affinity values among the three responses. 5. These results suggest that the 5-HT₃ receptors which mediate contraction and relaxation in the guinea-pig distal colon may not be the same, and that GK-128 is a 5-HT₃ receptor antagonist with a stronger potency for contraction.

- Droperidol. Ingår i Dridol, Janssen-Cilag

Droperidolum INN (Droperidol)

1-[1-(3-(4-Fluorobenzoyl)propyl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydro-4-pyridyl]-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-on



- KAE-393/YM-114

15 ((R)-5-[(2,3-dihydro-1-indolyl)carbonyl]-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-benzimidazole

Comparison of the effects of trimebutine and YM114 (KAE-393), a novel 5-HT₃ receptor antagonist, on stress-induced defecation. Miyata K, Ito H, Yamano M, Hidaka K, Kamato T, Nishida A, Yuki H; Eur J Pharmacol 1993 Dec 7, 250:2:303-10

25 YM114 (KAE-393), (R)-5-[(2,3-dihydro-1-indolyl)-carbonyl]-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-benzimidazole hydrochloride, is a derivative of YM060, a potent 5-

HT3 receptor antagonist. We investigated the effects of YM114 on 5-HT3 receptors, both in vitro and in vivo, and on bowel dysfunction induced by restraint stress, 5-HT and thyrotropin-releasing hormone (TRH), and compared them with the effect of trimebutine. YM114 dose dependently inhibited the reduction in heart rate induced by 5-HT (30 micrograms/kg i.v.) in rats (ED50 = 0.31 micrograms/kg i.v.), and the potency of YM114 was almost the same as that of the racemate. The S-form of YM114 also inhibited 5-HT-induced bradycardia, but 1350 times less potent than the R-form. YM114 and its S-form inhibited [3H]GR65630 binding to N1E-115 cell membranes in a concentration-dependent manner with Ki values of 0.341 and 616 nM, respectively, showing the isomeric activity ratio (R-/S-form) of YM114 to be much greater (1800). YM114 antagonized 5-HT-induced depolarization of the nodose ganglion (EC50 = 1.39 nM). Trimebutine (1 mg/kg i.v.) failed to inhibit 5-HT-induced bradycardia, implying that it does not possess 5-HT3 receptor antagonistic activity. YM114 significantly and dose dependently prevented restraint stress-, 5-HT- and TRH-induced increases in fecal pellet output, and restraint stress- and 5-HT-induced diarrhea in rats and mice (ED50 = 6.9, 72.5, 154.6, 9.7 and 52.4 micrograms/kg p.o., respectively). Trimebutine significantly prevented stress- and 5-HT-induced diarrhea (ED50 = 29.4 and 87.3 mg/kg p.o., respectively), but only partially affected stress-, 5-HT- and TRH-induced increases in fecal pellet output. Thus, YM114 is a potent and stereoselective 5-HT3 receptor antagonist with much greater protective effects against stress-induced defecation than trimebutine.hydrochloride).

- Itasetron=DAU6215 ((3- α -tropanyl)1H-benzimidazolone-3-carboxamide chloride) Intravenous ita-

setron: establishing the effective dose range for the prophylactic control of acute emesis in cancer patients undergoing high-dose cisplatin chemotherapy., Patoia L, Del Favero A, Giglietti A, Malacarne P, Donati D, Indelli M, Bensi G, Palladino MA, Cigarini P, Kempe R, Voigt T; Clin Oncol (R Coll Radiol) 1999, 11:2:99-104

Nausea and vomiting induced by chemotherapy are a major cause of distress to patients and reduce compliance with potentially beneficial treatment. Itasetron hydrochloride is a new 5-hydroxytryptamine₃ (5-HT₃) antagonist with potent antiemetic properties. It is more potent than ondansetron in animal models and in early clinical studies it demonstrates a long half-life and does not undergo hepatic biotransformation before elimination. The aim of this open, uncontrolled study was to establish the effective dose range of itasetron hydrochloride given intravenously (i.v.) to patients due to receive high-dose cisplatin chemotherapy (50-120 mg/m²) for the first time. Thirty-nine patients were enrolled in the trial and received a single i.v. infusion of itasetron hydrochloride at a dose of 17-280 microg/kg body weight before commencing the cisplatin infusion (median dose 90-110 mg/m²). Antiemetic protection was demonstrated by doses in the range of 35-280 microg/kg. The 17 microg/kg dose was not effective. Treatment failure (>5 emetic episodes/24 hours) was reported in only six (16%) of the 38 evaluable patients over all treatment groups. Adverse events were generally mild or moderate and of a similar type and incidence to those of current 5-HT₃ antagonists. Physicians' and patients' assessments of efficacy and tolerability of itasetron hydrochloride were similar, the majority rating the treatment as 'good' or 'very good'. In conclusion,

itasetron hydrochloride is effective in the dose range 35-280 microg/kg in preventing cisplatin-induced emesis. Taken together with results from a larger dose-finding study, a dose corresponding to 35 microg/kg (equivalent to 2.5 mg itasetron, calculated as free base) has been pursued in Phase III studies with the i.v. formulation.

- Lerisetron

New 2-piperazinylbenzimidazole derivatives as 5-HT₃ antagonists. Synthesis and pharmacological evaluation. Orjales A, Mosquera R, Labeaga L, Rodes R J Med Chem 1997 Feb 14, 40:4:586-93

A series of 2-piperazinylbenzimidazole derivatives were prepared and evaluated as 5-HT₃ receptor antagonists. Their 5-HT₃ receptor affinities were evaluated by radioligand binding assays, and their abilities to inhibit the 5-HT-induced Bezold-Jarisch reflex in anesthetized rats were determined. Compound 7e (lerisetron, pK_i = 9.2) exhibited higher affinity for the 5-HT₃ receptor than did tropisetron and granisetron, while compound 7q (pK_i = 7.5) had very low affinity for this receptor, showing that substitution on the N1 atom of the benzimidazole ring is essential for affinity and activity. The effect of substitution on the aromatic ring of benzimidazole by several substituents in different positions is also discussed. A strong correlation between the 5-HT₃ antagonistic activity of the studied compounds and the position of substitution on the aromatic ring was established. Thus, while the 4-methoxy derivative 7m showed weak affinity for the 5-HT₃ receptor (pK_i = 6.7), the 7-methoxy derivative 7n exhibited the highest affinity (pK_i = 9.4). Compounds 7e and 7n are now under further investigation

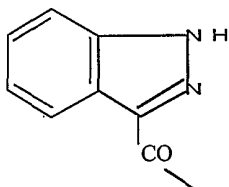
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as drugs for the treatment of nausea and emesis evoked by cancer chemotherapy and radiation.

- Lurosetron
- Mirisetron =WAY100579
- Ramosetron =YM 060. [(R)-5-[(1-methyl-3-indolyl)-carbonyl]-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-benzimidazole hydrochloride]

Indazole carboxamide derivatives

The compounds have the general structure.



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- AS5370 ((+/-)-N-[1-methyl-4-(3-methyl-benzyl)-hexahydro-1H-1,4-diazepin-6-yl]-1H-indazole-3-carboxamide dihydrochloride). The compound is also a diazepin derivative.
 - DAT582 (the compound is the R- enantimer of compound AS5370) 5-HT₃ receptor antagonist effects of DAT-582, (R) enantiomer of AS-5370.
- Yoshida N, Omoya H, Kato S, Ito T, Eur J Pharmacol 1992 Jun 17, 216:3:435-40

The serotonin 5-HT₃ receptor antagonist effects of DAT-582, the (R) enantiomer of AS-5370 ((+/-)-N-[1-methyl-4-(3-methyl-benzyl)hexahydro-1H-1,4-diazepin-6-yl]-1H-indazole-3-carboxamide dihydrochloride), and its antipode were compared with those of AS-5370

and existing 5-HT₃ receptor antagonists. In anesthetized rats, DAT-582 antagonized 2-methyl-5-HT-induced bradycardia with an ED₅₀ value of 0.25 microgram/kg i.v., whereas the (S) enantiomer was without effect even at 1000 micrograms/kg i.v. In antagonizing the bradycardia, DAT-582 was as potent as granisetron, slightly more potent than AS-5370, and 2, 5 and 18 times more potent than ondansetron, ICS 205-903 and renzapride, respectively, although it was less potent than zacopride. DAT-582 inhibited cisplatin (10 mg/kg i.v.)-induced emesis in ferrets with an ED₅₀ value of 3.2 micrograms/kg i.v. twice. The antiemetic activity of DAT-582 was more potent than that of the existing 5-HT₃ receptor antagonists examined, except zacopride. In contrast, the (S) enantiomer had little effect at 1000 micrograms/kg i.v. twice. In isolated guinea-pig ileum, DAT-582 inhibited 5-HT-induced contractions with an IC₅₀ value of 91 nM, whereas the (S) enantiomer hardly inhibited them even at 1000 nM. These results suggest that DAT-582, the (R) enantiomer of AS-5370, potently and selectively blocks 5-HT₃ receptors.

- N-3389 (N-3389 (endo-3,9-dimethyl-3,9- diazabicyclo[3,3,1]non-7-yl 1H-indazole-3-carboxamide dihydrochloride)

Antagonistic activities of N-3389, a newly synthesized diazabicyclo derivative, at 5-HT₃ and 5-HT₄ receptors., Hagihara K, Hayakawa T, Arai T, Eguchi H, Mino S, Kawase S, Eur J Pharmacol 1994 Dec 12, 271:1:159-66

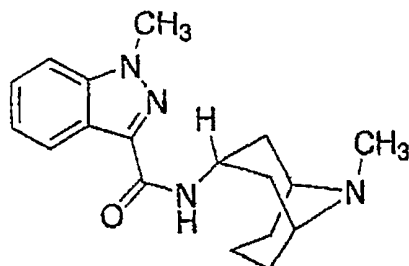
The antagonistic activities of compound N-3389 (endo-3,9-dimethyl-3,9- diazabicyclo[3,3,1]non-7-yl 1H-indazole-3-carboxamide dihydrochloride) at 5-HT₃ and 5-HT₄ receptors were examined using in vitro and

in vivo assays. N-3389 showed potent 5-HT₃ receptor antagonistic activities in a radioligand binding assay ($pK_i = 8.77$), against 2-methyl-5-HT (2-Me-5-HT)-induced bradycardia in rats ($ED_{50} = 0.73$ micrograms/kg i.v., 38 micrograms/kg p.o.) and against 2-Me-5-HT-induced contraction in longitudinal muscle myenteric plexus preparations of guinea-pig ileum ($IC_{50} = 3.2 \times 10^{-8}$ M). As a preliminary to investigating the effect of N-3389 on 5-HT₄ receptors, we examined the contraction induced by 5-HT in guinea-pig ileum preparations. We confirmed that 5-HT (10^{-8} - 10^{-5} M) induced biphasic contractions in the preparations. Furthermore, 5-HT₃ receptor antagonism inhibited the late phase of the contraction induced by high concentrations of 5-HT (3×10^{-6} - 10^{-5} M), whereas 5-HT₄ receptor antagonism inhibited the early phase of the contraction induced by low concentrations of 5-HT (10^{-8} - 10^{-6} M). N-3389 (10^{-7} - 10^{-5} M) inhibited both phases of contraction induced by 5-HT. In addition, N-3389 (3×10^{-7} - 3×10^{-6} M) was found to inhibit the increase of electrically stimulated twitch responses induced by 5-HT (10^{-8} M) longitudinal muscle myenteric plexus preparation of the guinea-pig ileum. These results suggest that N-3389 acts as a 5-HT₃ and 5-HT₄ receptor antagonist.

- BRL 43694=Kytril® =Granisetron

Granisetronum INN (Granisetron)

1-Metyl-N-(endo-9-metyl-9-azabicyklo[3.3.1]non-3-yl)-1H-indazol-3-karboxamid



Selective and functional 5-hydroxytryptamine₃ receptor antagonism by BRL 43694 (granisetron).; Sanger GJ, Nelson DR. Eur J Pharmacol 1989 Jan 10, 159:2:113-24

The activity of BRL 43694 (granisetron) was investigated using established models of 5-HT₃ receptor activity. In guinea-pig isolated ileum, BRL 43694 antagonised the contractions evoked by relatively high concentrations of 5-HT ($pA_2 = 8.1 \pm 0.2$). However, except in high concentrations, BRL 43694 did not affect the contractions of similar preparations of ileum, evoked by electrical field stimulation (cholinergically mediated), the nicotinic agonist dimethylphenyl piperazinium (DMPP) or by cholecystokinin octapeptide. Similarly, BRL 43694 did not affect electrically evoked, cholinergically mediated contractions of rat or human isolated stomach. In other models of 5-HT₃ receptor activity (rabbit isolated heart, Bezold-Jarisch reflex in anaesthetised rats), potent antagonism by BRL 43694 was demonstrated. In radioligand binding studies on rat brain membranes, BRL 43694 had little or no affinity for 5-HT_{1A}, 5-HT_{1B}, 5-HT₂ or for many other binding sites. BRL 43694 may therefore be a potent and selective 5-HT₃ receptor antagonist.

- Litoxetine=SL81.0385

Litoxetine: a selective 5-HT uptake inhibitor with concomitant 5-HT₃ receptor antagonist and antiemetic properties. Angel I, Schoemaker H, Prouteau M, Garreau M, Langer SZ.; Eur J Pharmacol 1993 Mar 2, 232:2-3:139-45

The selective 5HT uptake inhibitor, litoxetine (SL 81.0385), currently under development as an antidepressant was shown to have antiemetic properties in the ferret. Litoxetine (at 1 and 10 mg/kg i.v.) dose dependently reduced the number of retches and vomiting as well as the number of emetic episodes induced by cisplatin (10 mg/kg i.v.) and delayed the onset of emesis. Fluoxetine (at 1 or 10 mg/kg i.v.) failed to inhibit cisplatin-induced emetic responses and, in contrast, significantly increased the number of retches and vomiting and accelerated the onset of emesis. The possibility that the antiemetic effects of litoxetine may be mediated through an interaction with 5HT₃ receptors was studied using [3H]quipazine or [3H]BRL 43694 to label the 5HT₃ receptor. Litoxetine has moderate affinity for cerebral 5HT₃ receptors ($K_i = 85$ nM), while fluoxetine, similar to other 5HT uptake inhibitors, has only negligible affinity for this receptor ($K_i = 6.5$ microM). It is proposed that litoxetine inhibits cisplatin-induced emetic responses due to its moderate 5HT₃ antagonist properties. The clinical use of the majority of serotonergic antidepressants (e.g. fluoxetine, fluvoxamine etc.) is associated with gastrointestinal discomfort (particularly nausea and vomiting) as a major side-effect. If nausea and vomiting associated with the use of 5 HT uptake inhibitors are due to stimulation of 5HT₃ receptors, the concomitant 5HT₃ antagonism of litoxetine may limit the gastrointestinal side-effects of this novel antidepressant and thus offer an important advantage.

- LY 278584 ((1-methyl-N-(8-methyl-8-azabicyclo-[3.2.1.]oct-3-yl)-1H-indazole-3-carboxamide)

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Specific [3H]LY278584 binding to 5-HT₃ recognition sites in rat cerebral cortex.

Wong DT, Robertson DW, Reid LR; Eur J Pharmacol 1989
Jul 4, 166:1:107-10

5 Binding of [3H]LY278584 a 1-methyl-indazole-carbox-
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- LY-278,584 maleate, see above.

20 • LY258-458

- LY 278989

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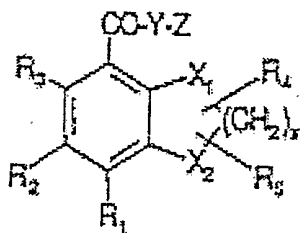
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5 • LY-211-000.

Benzofuranes, benzooxazines, benzo(di)azepines, bensothiazepines

10 A general structure for these classes of compounds is:



- 2,3-dihydro-benzofuran-7-carboxamides. X₁=C, X₂=O; five-membered ring system.

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- RG 12915 ([4-[N-(1-azabicyclo[2.2.2.]octan-3-(S)-yl)]2-chloro-cis 5a-(S)-9a-(S)-5a,6,7,8,9,9a-hexahydrobenzofurancarboxamide hydrochloride])

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- ADR 851 [4-amino-5-chloro-2,3-dihydro-N-(pyrrolidin-2-ylmethyl)benzofuran-7-carboxamide
- ADR-882

Analgesic effects of S and R isomers of the novel 5-HT₃ receptor antagonists ADR-851 and ADR-882 in rats.; Sufka KJ, Giordano J, *Eur J Pharmacol* 1991 Oct 29, 204:1:117-9

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The present study examined analgesia produced by S and R isomers of the novel 5-HT₃ receptor antagonists, ADR-851 and ADR-882 (0.1-10 mg/kg s.c.) against acute thermal, mechanical and formalin-induced inflammatory pain in rats. Neither isomer of ADR-851 or ADR-882 was analgesic in the thermal or mechanical test. Similarly, neither S or R forms of ADR-882 produced significant anti-nociception in the formalin test. In contrast, ADR-851R produced significant analgesia at 3 and 10 mg/kg doses in this test, while ADR-851S produced significant analgesia only at 1 mg/kg.

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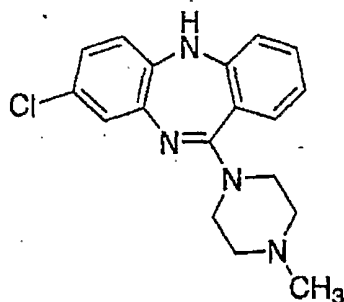
• RP 62203 (2-[3-(4-(4-fluorophenyl)-piperazinyl)-propyl]naphto[1,8- ca]isothiazole-1,1-dioxide)

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• Clozapine. Ingår i Leponex, Novartis

Clozapinum INN (Klozapin)

8-Kloro-11-(4-metyl-1-piperazinyl)-5H-dibenso[b,e][1,4]diazepin

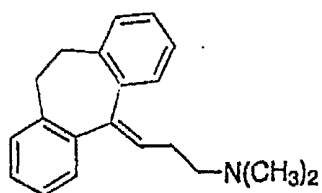


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- Amitriptyline

Amitriptylinum INN (Amitriptylin)

5-(3-Dimetylamino-propyliden)-10,11-dihydro-5H-dibens[*a,d*]cyklohepten



- Cyproheptadine. Is the active ingredient of Periac-tin, MSD

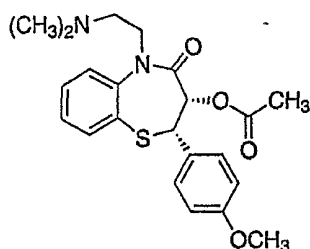
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- Diltiazem

Is the active ingredient in Cardizem, Pharmacia Cor-poration

Diltiazemum INN (Diltiazem)

(2*S*,3*S*)-3-(Acetyloxi)-5-[2-(dimetylamino)etyl]-2-(4-metoxifenyl)-2,3-dihydro-1,5-benzotiazepin-4(5*H*)-on

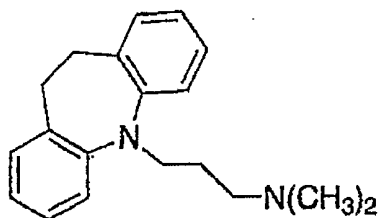


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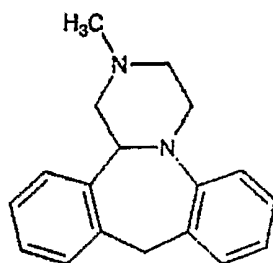
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- Imipramin

5-(3-Dimetylaminoethyl)-10,11-dihydro-5*H*-dibenzo[*b,f*]azepin



- Mianserin

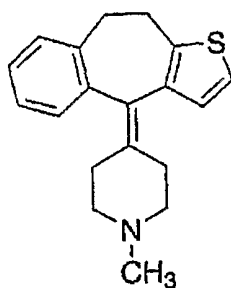


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- Mirtazapine (1,2,3,4,10,14b-hexahydro-2-methyl-pyrazino[2,1-a] pyrido [2,3-c] benzazepine)
- Pizotifen

Pizotifenum INN (Pizotifen)

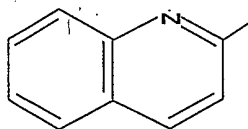
4-(1-Metyl-4-piperidyliden)-9,10-dihydro-4*H*-benso-[4,5]cyklohepta[1,2-*b*]tiofen



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Quinolines, quinolicines and isoquinolines

The common structure of quinoline is:



5 Isoquinoline and quinolizine are isomers of quinoline.

- Quinoline-3-carboxamides
- Quinoline-4-carboxylates
- 10 • Isoquinoline-1-one (isomer till quinolin-1-one)
- SEC 579
- 15 • RS 56532 ((S)-6-amino-5-chloro-2-(1-azabicyclo-[2, 2, 2]octan-3-yl) 2,3-dihydro-1H-benz[de]-isoquinoline-1,3-dione hydrochloride)
- 3-(1-piperazinyl)-2-quinoxalinecarbonitrile
- 20 • 3-(4-allylpiperazin-1-yl)-2-quinoxalinecarbonitrile
- KF 17643 (endo-8-methyl-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]oct-3-yl-2-(n-propyloxy)-4-quinolinecarboxylate)
- 25 • KF 18259 ((endo-(8-methyl-8-aza- bicyclo[3.2.1]oct-3-yl)-1-isobutyl-2-oxo-1,2-dihydro-4-quinoline-carboxylate hydrochloride)
- 30 • KF 20170 (endo-N-(8-methyl-8-aza-bicyclo[3.2.1]oct-3-yl)-4-hydroxy-3- quinolinecarboxamide

- Palonosetron=RS 25259-197
(3aS)-2-[(S)-1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-3-yl]-
2,3,3a,4,5,6-hexahydro-1-oxo-1H-benzo[de]-
isoquinoline-hydrochloride
- 5 • Quipazine (2-(1-piperazinyl)-Quinoline)
- N-methylquipazin
- 10 • 4-Ph-N-Me-quipazine
- RS-42358-197 [(S)-N-(1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-3-yl)-
2,4,5,6-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[de]isoquinolin-1-one
hydrochloride]
- 15 • RS-056812-198 (R)-N-(quinuclidin-3-yl)-2-(1-methyl-
1H-indol-3-yl)-2-oxo-acetamide
- RS-25259-197 [(3aS)-2-[(S)-1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-3-
20 yl]-2,3,3a,4,5,6-hexahydro-1-oxo-1H-benzo[de]-
isoquinoline-hydrochloride)

The interaction of RS 25259-197, a potent and selec-
tive antagonist, with 5-HT₃ receptors, in vitro.

25 Wong EH, Clark R, Leung E, Loury D, Bonhaus DW,
Jakeman L, Parnes H, Whiting RL, Eglen RM, Br J
Pharmacol 1995 Feb, 114:4:851-9

A series of isoquinolines have been identified as 5-
30 HT₃ receptor antagonists. One of these, RS 25259-197
[(3aS)-2-[(S)-1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-3-yl]-
2,3,3a,4,5,6-hexahydro-1-oxo-1H-benzo[de]iso-
quinoline-hydrochloride], has two chiral centres.
The remaining three enantiomers are denoted as
35 RS 25259-198 (R,R), RS 25233-197 (S,R) and RS 25233-
198 (R,S). 2. At 5-HT₃ receptors mediating contrac-
tion of guinea-pig isolated ileum, RS 25259-197 an-

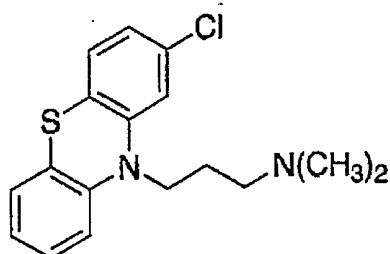
tagonized contractile responses to 5-HT in an unsurmountable fashion and the apparent affinity (pKB), estimated at 10 nM, was 8.8 ± 0.2 . In this tissue, the -log KB values for the other three enantiomers were 6.7 ± 0.3 (R,R), 6.7 ± 0.1 (S,R) and 7.4 ± 0.1 (R,S), respectively. The apparent affinities of RS 25259-197 and RS 25259-198, RS 25233-197 and RS 25233-198 at 5-HT₃ receptors in membranes from NG-108-15 cells were evaluated by a [³H]-quipazine binding assay. The -log K_i values were 10.5 ± 0.2 , 8.4 ± 0.1 , 8.6 ± 0.1 and 9.5 ± 0.1 , respectively, with Hill coefficients not significantly different from unity. Thus, at these 5-HT₃ receptors, the rank order of apparent affinities was (S,S) > (R,S) > (S,R) = (R,R). 3. RS 25259-197 displaced the binding of the selective 5-HT₃ receptor ligand, [³H]-RS 42358-197, in membranes from NG-108-15 cells, rat cerebral cortex, rabbit ileal myenteric plexus and guinea-pig ileal myenteric plexus, with affinity (pK_i) values of 10.1 ± 0.1 , 10.2 ± 0.1 , 10.1 ± 0.1 and 8.3 ± 0.2 , respectively.

Phenthiazines and Benzoxazines

- Chlorpromazine

Chlorpromazinum INN (Klorpromazin)

10-(3-Dimethylaminopropyl)-2-klorofentiazin

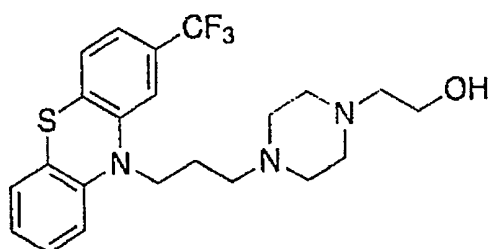


- Cyamemazine (10-(3-Dimethylamino-2-methylpropyl)phenothiazine-2-carbonitrile)

- Fluphenazin

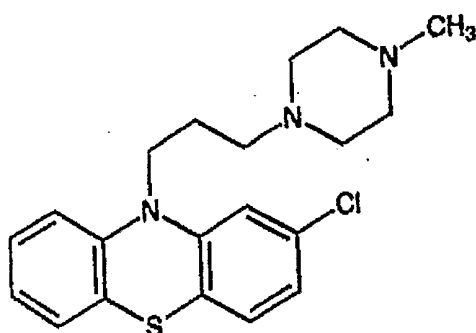
Fluphenazinum INN (Flufenazin)

10-[3-(4-(2-Hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazinyl)propyl]-2-trifluoromethylfentiazin



- Prochlorperazine=Stemetil

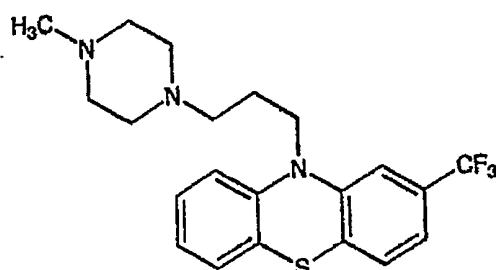
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- KB-6933 (6-amino-5-chloro-1-isopropyl-2-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)benzimidazole dimaleate)

- 10 • Perfenazine. Ingår i Trilafon. Cl istället för CF₃ i formeln för Flufenazine

- Trifluoperazine



- Azasetron=Y25130 (+/-)-N-(1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-3-yl)-6-chloro-4-methyl-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-1,4-benzoxazine-8-carboxamide monohydrochloride

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Pharmacokinetics of azasetron (Serotone), a selective 5-HT₃ receptor antagonist.

Tsukagoshi S Gan To Kagaku Ryoho 1999 Jun, 26:7:1001-8

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5-HT₃ receptor antagonists have been established in a number of clinical trials as effective agents in the management of nausea and vomiting induced by cancer chemotherapy including cisplatin. Azasetron (Serotone) is a potent and selective 5-HT₃ receptor antagonist, and classified as benzamide derivative. It has a different chemical structure from indole-type 5-HT₃ receptor antagonists such as granisetron, ondansetron, ramosetron and tropisetron. The major difference is found in the pharmacokinetic profiles. Approximately 60-70% of azasetron administered i.v. and orally is excreted in urine as the unmetabolized form. Also, orally-administered azasetron has shown to be absorbed and/or secreted by the saturable transport mechanism in the small intestine, resulting in good bioavailability as approximately 90%. In this report, the relationship between the structure of 5-HT₃ receptor antagonists (especially azasetron) and their pharmacokinetics were described.

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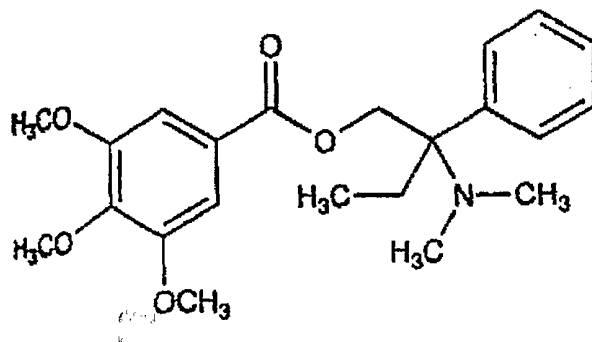
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- 5-((Dimethylamino)methyl)-3-(1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-1,2,4-oxadiazole
- 1,4-Benzoxazin-8-Carboxamide

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Other compounds, including piperidines, piperazines, alkaloides, benzoates and ureas

- Anpirtoline (6-Chloro-2-[piperidinyl-4-thio]-pyridine)
- 5 • Ritanserin
- NAN-190 (1-(2-methoxyphenyl)-4-[4-(2-phthalimido)-butyl] piperazine)
- Naphtimides.
- 10 • TFMPP (1-(3-trifluoromethylphenyl)piperazine)
- Ifenprodil (dl-erythro-4-benzyl-alpha-(4-hydroxy-phenyl)-beta-methyl-1-piperidine-ethanol tartrate) (ifenprodil tartrate)
- 15 • MCPP (Meta-chlorophenylpiperazine) (mCPP)
- MK-212 (6-chloro-2-[1-piperazinyl]-pyrazine)
- Metergoline ([[(8{BETA})-1,6-dimethylethanol-8-yl]methyl]-Carbamic acid phenylmethyl ester)
- 20 • Methysergide (1-methyl-D-lysergic acid butanolamide)
- S-apomorfin
- 25 • Tropanyl-3,5-dimethylbenzoate
- Trimebutine, ett 3,4,5-trimetoxybenzoate derivat.



- TMB-8 (8-(N,N-diethylamino)octyl 3,4,5-trimethoxybenzoate)

- 5 • Phenylbiguanide

Functional characterization of a 5-HT₃ receptor which modulates the release of 5-HT in the guinea-pig brain., Blier P, Bouchard C Br J Pharmacol 1993 Jan, 108:1:13-22

The aims of the present study were to confirm the modulation by 5-HT₃ receptors of the electrically evoked release of tritium from slices preloaded with [3H]-5-HT of guinea-pig frontal cortex, hippocampus and hypothalamus, and to assess their functional role in 5-HT release. 2. The selective 5-HT₃ agonist, 2-methyl-5-HT, introduced 8 min before the electrical stimulation, enhanced in a concentration-dependent manner the evoked release of [3H]-5-HT in the three brain regions studied. The 5-HT₃ agonists, phenylbiguanide and m-chlorophenyl-biguanide, did not enhance the release of tritium in frontal cortex and hypothalamus slices. 3. In hypothalamus slices, this response was lost when 2-methyl-5-HT was introduced 20 min before the stimulation, thus indicating that these 5-HT₃ receptors desensitize rapidly. When 2-methyl-5-HT was added 20-min before the first stimulation period to desensitize the 5-HT₃ receptors, removed for 24 min, and then re-introduced 8 min before the second stimulation period, the enhancing effect of 2-methyl-5-HT was restored, thus indicating that these 5-HT₃ receptors can rapidly regain normal sensitivity. 4. The enhancing effect of 2-methyl-5-HT was attenuated by the 5-HT₃ receptor antagonists m-chloro-phenylpiperazine = quipazine = ondansetron > or = ICS 205-930 = BRL 24924 >

MDL 72222 = zacopride. 5. The 5-HT reuptake blocker, paroxetine, enhanced the electrically evoked release of tritium when introduced 8 min before stimulation; this effect of paroxetine was blocked by ICS 205-930, thus indicating that these 5-HT₃ receptors can be activated by endogenous 5-HT. 6. In the absence of electrical stimulation, 2-methyl-5-HT (10 micromM) produced a marked enhancement of the basal release of [3H]-5-HT which was calcium-dependent and blocked by S-zacopride but not by paroxetine. 7. The enhancing effect of 2-methyl-5-HT was dependent both on the frequency of stimulation, as indicated by the attenuated effect of 120 stimulations delivered at 1 Hz instead of 5 Hz, and on the duration of the stimulation, as indicated by the more pronounced effect of pulses delivered at 5 Hz for 24 s instead of 72 s or 120 s. McNeil-A-343 (4-(m-chlorophenyl-carbamoyloxy)-2-butyryl-trimethylammonium chloride).

- MDL 72222 (1 alpha H, 3 alpha, 5 alpha H-tropan-3-yl-3,5-dichlorobenzoate)

MDL 72222: a potent and highly selective antagonist at neuronal 5-hydroxytryptamine receptors., Fozard JR Naunyn Schmiedeberg's Arch Pharmacol 1984 May, 326:1:36-44

The properties of MDL 72222 (1 alpha H, 3 alpha, 5 alpha H-tropan-3-yl-3,5-dichlorobenzoate), a novel compound with potent and selective blocking actions at certain excitatory 5-hydroxytryptamine (5-HT) receptors on mammalian peripheral neurones, are described. On the rabbit isolated heart, MDL 72222 was a potent antagonist of responses mediated through the receptors for 5-HT present on the terminal sympathetic fibres. The threshold for antagonism was approximately 0.1 nM and the negative logarithm of

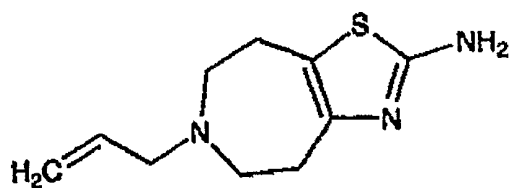
the molar concentration of MDL 72222 which reduced the chronotropic response of the isolated rabbit heart to twice an ED50 of 5-HT to that of the ED50 was 9.27. MDL 72222 was also highly selective since responses to the nicotine receptor agonist, dimethylphenylpiperazinum iodine (DMPP), were inhibited only at concentrations more than 1000 times those necessary to inhibit 5-HT. In the anaesthetized rat, MDL 72222 produced marked blockade of the Bezold-Jarisch effect of 5-HT. Again, inhibition was selective since much higher doses of MDL 72222 failed to alter the response to electrical stimulation of the efferent vagus nerves. In contrast, MDL 72222 proved only a weak and essentially non-selective antagonist of responses mediated by the 5-HT M-receptor present on the cholinergic nerves of the guinea-pig ileum. MDL 72222 does not block smooth muscle contractile responses elicited by oxytocin or mediated through 5-HT D-receptors, muscarinic or nicotinic cholinergic receptors or histamine H1-receptors except at relatively high concentrations.

- MDL 72699 MDL 72699 är kvartenära saltet av MDL 72222.
 - Mepyramine (N,N-dimethyl N'-(methoxy-4 benzyl)-N'-(pyridyl-2)ethylenediamine).
 - Galanolactone= Gingerol
- The irregularly shaped roots (rhizomes) of ginger (*zingiber officinale*) are used extensively in Chinese, Indian, and Japanese cultures where they are believed to have anti-inflammatory, analgesic, cholesterol-lowering, and antithrombotic properties. Although ginger has been evaluated for the treatment of nausea and vomiting associated with hyperemesis gravidarum, anesthesia, and chemotherapy,

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this review will focus on ginger for motion sickness.

- Talipexole



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Additional compounds

- YM 26103-2
 - 5 • YM 26308-2
 - M-840 ([3-(1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5-yl]-methyl]trimethyl-ammonium iodide)
- Ref. A mechanism of 5-HT₃ receptor mediation is involved etiologically in the psychological stress lesion the stomach of the mouse. , J Pharmacol Exp Ther, 1994 Oct, 271:1, 100-6

The role of brain amines, possibly involved in psychological stress, was evaluated and we postulate that the 5-hydroxytryptamine 5-HT₃ receptors in the central nervous system are involved in the gastric lesion formation by psychological stress. The stress was in a communication box paradigm, in which each nonshocked mouse (responder) was placed in a Plexi-
glas compartment adjacent to mice receiving electrical shocks (sender). The responder mice revealed rather depressed gastric secretion, but developed gastric lesions which are significantly attenuated by pretreatment of dl-p-chlorophenylalanine methyl ester:HCl (PCPA; 200-400 mg/kg p.o.), but not 6-hydroxydopamine (6-OH-DA; 60 micrograms/body i.c.v. or 80 mg/kg i.p. 1 hr after a 20-mg/kg i.p. dose of desipramine). Oral treatment with GR38032F (0.01-1 mg/kg), ICS205-930 (0.01-20 mg/kg), MDL72222 (0.01-1 mg/kg), metoclopramide (0.1-100 mg/kg), ketanserin (0.01-10 mg/kg) and sulpiride (32-320 mg/kg) dose-dependently attenuated the psychological stress lesion formation, and the activity was arranged in the order of their in vitro binding affinities for the 5-HT₃, but not 5-HT_{1A} or 5-HT₂ receptors. In contrast, a peripherally acting 5-HT₃ antagonist, M-840 ([3-(1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5-

yl]-methyl]trimethyl-ammonium iodide), dopamine acting compounds, haloperidol and FR64822 [N-(4-pyridylcarbamoyl)amino-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine), and antisecretory drugs, atropine and famotidine, minimally affected the lesion formation.

- SDZ ICT 322, an indole-3-carboxylic acid scopine ester

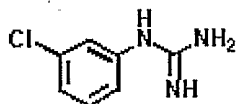
- MD-354

MD-354. We were intrigued by the novel 5-HT₃ agonist phenylbiguanide. It seemed quite selective for 5-HT₃ receptors, but displayed rather low affinity ($K_i > 1,000$ nM). In a prior study with Dr. S. Peroutka, we had investigated the SAFIR of various arylpiperazines at 5-HT₃ receptors. Arylpiperazines, as mentioned earlier, are relatively nonselective agents; however, many bind at 5-HT₃ receptors with significantly higher affinity than phenylbiguanide. We identified some structural similarities between the arylpiperazines and phenylbiguanide and, in collaboration with Milt Teitler, made a series of hybrid analogs that we hoped would bind with higher affinity than phenylbiguanide. Two such analogs were *meta*-chlorophenylbiguanide (mCPBG) and 2-naphthylbiguanide ($K_i = 10-20$ nM); both displayed significantly higher affinity than phenylbiguanide. Although we reported these compounds in abstract form, a full paper <http://www.phc.vcu.edu/rag/serotonin/-seven> on mCPBG independently appeared by another group of investigators at the same time. It was not until a few years later that we finally published a full paper on these agents. However, in the course of our studies, we identified a novel class of 5-HT₃ agonists: the arylguanides. MD-354, for example, was found to bind at 5-HT₃ receptors with high affinity (K_i ca.

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35 nM) and to display agonist actions in several assay systems.

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- S 21007 (21007 [5-(4-benzyl piperazin-1-yl)4H pyrrolo [1,2-a]thieno[3,2-e]pyrazine]).

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Interaction of S 21007 with 5-HT₃ receptors. In vitro and in vivo characterization.

Delagrangé P, Emerit MB, Merah N, Abraham C, Morain P, Rault S, Renard P, Pfeiffer B, Guardiola-Lemaître B, Hamon M; *Eur J Pharmacol* 1996 Dec 5, 316:2-3:195-203

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The interaction of S 21007 [5-(4-benzyl piperazin-1-yl)4H pyrrolo [1,2-a]thieno[3,2-e]pyrazine] with serotonin 5-HT₃ receptors was investigated using biochemical, electrophysiological and functional assays. Binding studies using membranes from N1E-115 neuroblastoma cells showed that S 21007 is a selective high affinity (IC₅₀ = 2.8 nM) 5-HT₃ receptor ligand. As expected of an agonist, S 21007 stimulated the uptake of [14C]guanidinium (EC₅₀ approximately 10 nM) in NG 108-15 cells exposed to substance P, and this effect could be prevented by the potent 5-HT₃ receptor antagonist ondansetron. In addition, like 5-HT and other 5-HT₃ receptor agonists (phenylbiguanide and 3-chloro-phenylbiguanide), S 21007 (EC₅₀ = 27 micromM) produced a rapid inward current in N1E-115 cells. The 5-HT₃ receptor agonist action of S 21007 was also demonstrated in urethane-

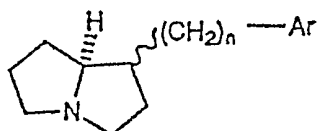
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anaesthetized rats as this drug (120 micrograms/kg i.v.) triggered the Bezold-Jarisch reflex (rapid fall in heart rate), and this action could be prevented by pretreatment with the potent 5-HT₃ receptor antagonist zacopride. Finally, in line with its 5-HT₃ receptor agonist properties, S 21007 also triggered emesis in the ferret. Evidence for 5-HT₃ receptor antagonist-like properties of S 21007 was also obtained in some of these experiments since previous exposure to this compound prevented both the 5-HT-induced current in N1E-115 cells and the Bezold-Jarisch reflex elicited by an i.v. bolus of 5-HT (30 micrograms/kg) in urethane-anaesthetized rats. These data suggest that S 21007 is a selective 5-HT₃ receptor agonist which can exhibit antagonist-like properties either by triggering a long lasting receptor desensitization or by a partial agonist activity at 5-HT₃ receptors in some tissues.

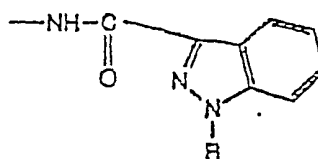
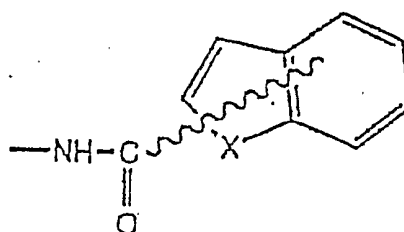
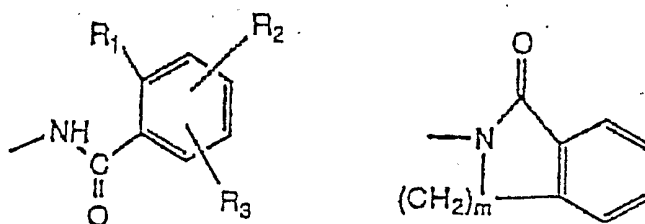
Further, in the following patent publications more compounds useful according to the present invention are presented.

N-substituted benzamides

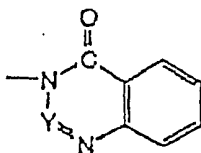
- EP0417746 (September 1990, G.D. Searle & Co) N-Aza-bicyclo/3.3.0/octane amides of aromatic acids. See also US5126343.



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof
wherein n is 0 or 1;
Ar can be



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15 R^1 is alkoxy of 1 to 6 carbon atoms; and
 R^2 and R^3 are the same or different and are hydro-
 gen, halogen, CF_3 , hydroxy, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{2-7} acryl,
 amino, amino substituted by one or two C_{1-6} alkyl
 groups, C_{2-7} acylamino, aminocarbonyl or aminosul-
 fone, optionally substituted by one or two C_{1-6} al-
 20 kyl groups, C_{1-6} alkyl sulfone or nitro groups;
 wherein X can be NR, S, or O;
 Y can be CH or N;
 R is H, alkyl or aryl; and
 m is 1 or 2.

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The structure is a benzamide with $Ar=Ph-CONH-$.

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A compound of the formula or a pharmaceutically ac-
 ceptable salt thereof wherein n is = or 1; and Ar is
 an aromatic amide moiety, which compound exhibits
 prokinetic activity and is a 5-HT₃ antagonist.

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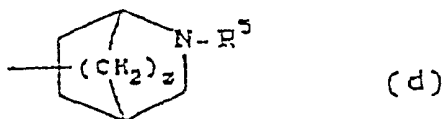
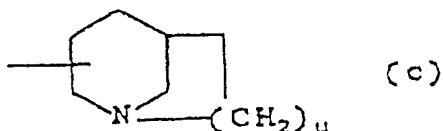
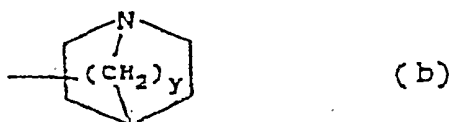
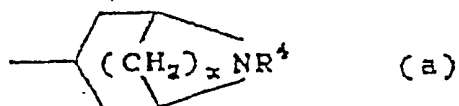
- EP0430190 (November 1990, Syntex, Inc) New tricyclic
 compounds in which
 the dashed line denotes an optional double bond;
 n is 1, 2 or 3;
 p is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

q is 0, 1 or 2;

each R^1 is independently selected from halogen, hydroxy, lower C_{1-6} alkoxy (optionally substituted with phenyl), lower C_{1-6} alkyl, nitro, amino, amino-carbonyl, (lower C_{1-6} alkyl)amino, di(lower C_{1-6} alkyl)amino, and (lower C_{1-6} alkanoyl)amino;

each R^2 is lower C_{1-6} alkyl; and

R^3 is selected from



in which

u, x, y and z are all independently an integer from 1 to 3; and

R^4 and R^5 are independently C_{1-7} alkyl, C_{3-8} cycloalkyl, C_{3-8} cycloalkyl- C_{1-2} alkyl, or a group

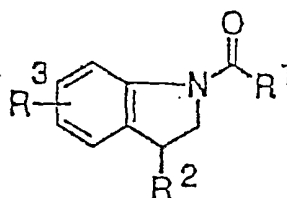
(CH₂)_tR₆ where t is 1 or 2 and R₆ is thienyl, pyrrolyl or furyl optionally further substituted by one or two substituents selected from C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkoxy, trifluoromethyl or halogen, or is phenyl optionally substituted by one or two substituents selected from C₁₋₄ alkoxy, trifluoromethyl, halogen, nitro, carboxy, esterified carboxy, and C₁₋₄ alkyl (optionally substituted by hydroxy, C₁₋₄ alkoxy, carboxy, esterified carboxy or in vivo hydrolyzable acyloxy); or
a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or an N-oxide thereof; or
an individual isomer or mixture of isomers thereof.
The present invention is directed to new pharmaceutically active compounds with 5-HT₃ receptor antagonist activity of Formula I: in which the dashed line denoted an optional double bond; n is 1, 2 or 3; p is 0, 1, 2 or 3; q is 0, 1 or 2; each R₁ is halogen, hydroxy, alkoxy (optionally substituted with phenyl), alkyl, nitro, amino, amino carbonyl, (alkyl)amino, di(alkyl)amino, and (alkanoyl)amino; each R² is alkyl; and R₃ is in which u, x, y and z are all independently an integer from 1 to 3; and R₄ and R₅ are independently alkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, or a group (CH₂)_tR₆ where t is 1 or 2 and R₆ is thienyl, pyrrolyl or furyl optionally further substituted by one or two substituents selected from alkyl, alkoxy, trifluoromethyl or halogen, or is phenyl optionally substituted by alkoxy, trifluoromethyl, halogen, nitro, carboxy, esterified carboxy, and alkyl (optionally substituted).

Indoles, Indole-1-carboxamides and Imidazole derivatives

- EP0721949 (September 1993, Tokyo Tanabe Coompany Limited) Indoline compound and 5-HT₃ receptor antagonist containing the same as active ingredient.

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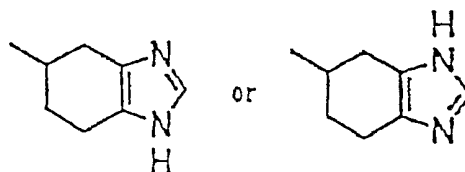
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wherein R¹ represents the group

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R² represents a phenyl group which may be substituted or an aromatic heterocyclic group, and R³ represents hydrogen, a halogen, or a lower alkyl group, hydroxyl group, lower alkoxy group, carbamoyl group or lower alkoxy carbonyl group, or a physiologically acceptable salt thereof, or its solvate.

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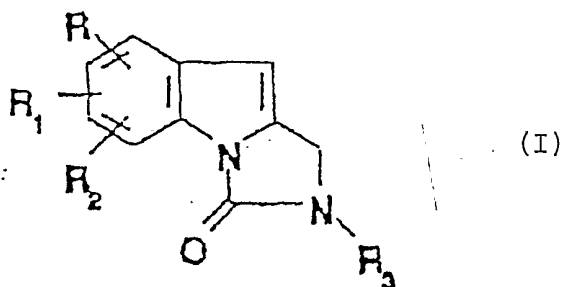
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An indoline compound represented by general formula (I); a physiologically acceptable salt thereof; solvates of these compounds; and a 5-HT₃ receptor antagonist containing the same as the active ingredient. In formula (I) R¹ represents the group (a) or (b),

R₂ represents optionally substituted phenyl or heteroaryl; and R₃ represents hydrogen, halogen, lower alkyl, hydroxy, lower alkoxy, carbamoyl or lower alkoxycarbonyl. The compound has a potent antagonism
 5 against 5-HT₃ receptors in the intestinal tract as compared with the known 5-HT₃ receptor antagonists and is excellent in the persistence of the activity. Hence it is useful for preventing or treating vomiting or nausea induced by chemotherapy or radiation,
 10 irritable bowel syndrome and diarrhea.

- EP0711299 (May 1994, Pharmacia S.p.A) Azabicycloalkyl Derivatives Of Imidazol(1,5-A)Indol-3-One As 5HT₃ Antagonists

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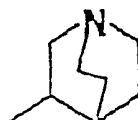


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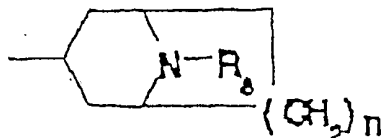
each of R, R₁ and R₂, which may be the same or different, is hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, cyano, C₁-C₆ alkyl, CF₃, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, C₁-C₆ alkylthio, formyl, C₂-C₆ alkanoyl, carboxy, C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl, nitro, -N(R₄ R₅) in which each of R₄ and R₅ independently is hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, formyl or C₂-C₆ alkanoyl; or a (R₆ R₇)N-SO₂ group, in which each of
 25 R₄ and R₇ independently is hydrogen or C₁-C₆ alkyl;
 30 R₃ is a group a)

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or b)

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wherein

n is an integer of 1 or 2 and R₈ is hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl unsubstituted or substituted by phenyl, C₂-C₄ alkenyl, C₂-C₄ alkynyl, formyl or C₂-C₆ alkanoyl; and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

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Novel 5-HT₃ receptor antagonist compounds having general formula (I) wherein each of R, R₁ and R₂, which may be the same or different, is hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, cyano, C₁-C₆ alkyl, CF₃, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, C₁-C₆ alkylthio, formyl, C₂-C₆ alkanoyl, carboxy, C₁-C₆ alkyl-carbonyl, nitro, -N(R₄ R₅) in which each of R₄ and R₅ independently is hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, formyl or C₂-C₆ alkanoyl; or a (R₆ R₇)N-SO₂ group, in which each of R₆ and R₇ independently is hydrogen or C₁-C₆ alkyl; R₃ is a group (a) or (b) wherein n is an integer of 1 or 2 and R₈ is hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl unsubstituted or substituted by phenyl, C₂-C₄ alkenyl, C₂-C₄ alkynyl, formyl or C₂-C₆ alkanoyl; and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, are provided.

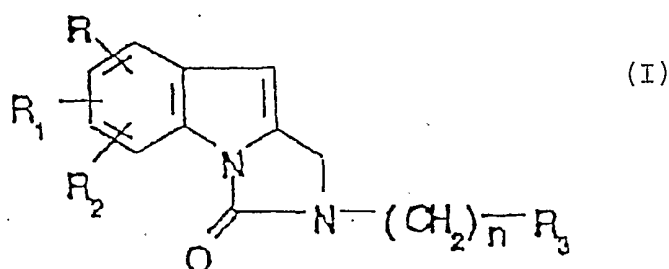
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- EP0711293 (May 1994, Pharmacia S.p.A) Imidaxolylalkyl Derivatives Of Imidazol(1,5-A)Indol-3-One And Their Use As Therapeutic Agents.

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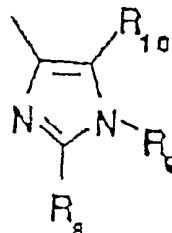
wherein

n, 1, 2 or 3 is;

each of R, R₁ and R₂, which may be the same or different, is hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, cyano C₁-C₆ alkyl, CF₃, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, C₁-C₆ alkylthio, formyl, C₂-C₆ alkanoyl, carboxy, C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl, nitro, -N(R₄)R₅ in which each of R₄ and R₅ independently is hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, formyl or C₂-C₆ alkanoyl; or a R₆(R₇)N-SO₂ group, in which each of R₆ and R₇ independently is hydrogen or C₁-C₆ alkyl; R₃ is an imidazolyl group having the formula

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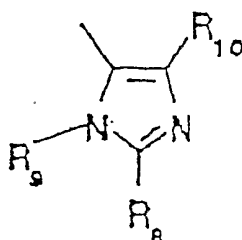
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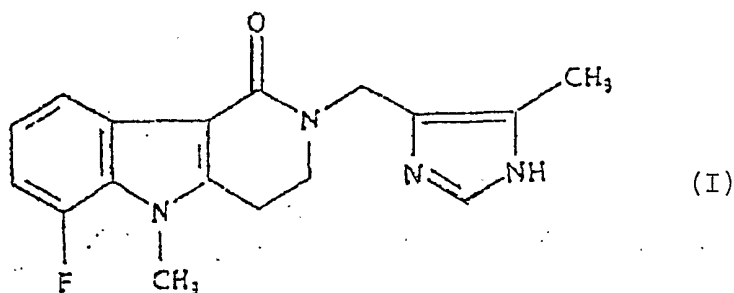
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wherein each of R₆ and R₁₀, which may be the same or different, is hydrogen or C₁-C₆ alkyl, R₉ is hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl or a nitrogen protection group chosen from triphenylmethyl, t-butyloxycarbonyl, benzy-

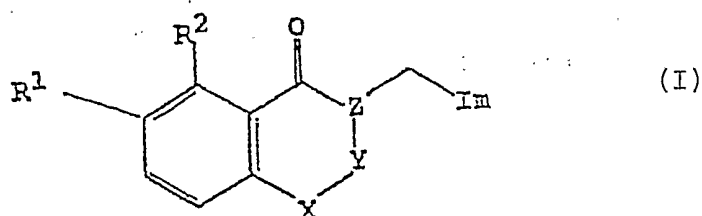
loxy carbonyl, acetyl, formyl, di(p-methoxyphenyl)-methyl and (p-methoxyphenyl)diphenylmethyl; and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

5. Novel 5-HT₃ receptor antagonist compounds having formula (I), wherein n is 1, 2 or 3; each of R, R₁ and R₂, which may be the same or different, is hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, cyano, C₁-C₆ alkyl, CF₃, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, C₁-C₆ alkylthio, formyl, C₂-C₆ alkanoyl, carboxy, C₁-C₆ alkoxy-carbonyl, nitro, -N(R₄ R₅), in which each of R₄ and R₅ independently is hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, formyl or C₂-C₆ alkanoyl; or a (R₆ R₇)N-SO₂ group, in which each of R₆ and R₇ independently is hydrogen or C₁-C₆ alkyl; R₃ is an imidazolyl group of formula (a) or (b), wherein each of R₈ and R₁₀ which may be the same or different is hydrogen or C₁-C₆ alkyl, R₉ is hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl or a nitrogen protecting group; and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, are disclosed.
- EP0581388 (July 1993, Glaxo Group Ltd) Pyridoindolone Methansulphonate as 5HT and 5HT₃ receptor antagonists.



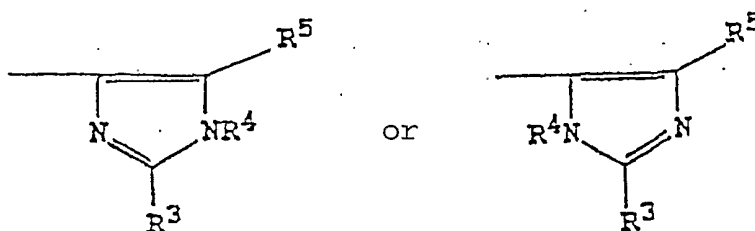
This invention relates to the novel salt 6-fluoro-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-5-methyl-2-[(5-methyl-1H-imidazol-4-yl)methyl]-1H-pyrido[4,3-b]indol-1-one methane sulphonate, to solvates of this salt, to pharmaceutical compositions containing it and to its use in medicine as 5-HT₃ receptor antagonists.

- EP0364274 (October 1989, Glaxo Group Ltd) Imidazole derivatives.



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wherein Im represents an imidazolyl group of the formula:



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and one of the groups represented by R^3 , R^4 and R^5 is a hydrogen atom, or a C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{3-7} cycloalkyl, C_{3-6} alkenyl, phenyl or phenyl C_{1-3} alkyl group, and each of the other two groups, which may

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be the same or different, represents a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-6} alkyl group;

R^1 and R^2 each represent a hydrogen atom, or together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached

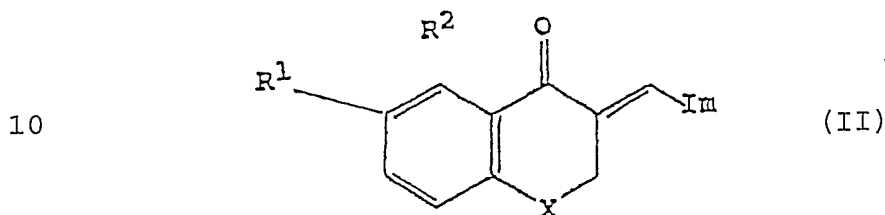
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form a phenyl ring;

X represents an oxygen or a sulphur atom, or a group NR^6 , wherein R^6 represents a C_{1-6} alkyl group;

Z-Y represents the group CH-CH₂ or C=CH;
and physiologically acceptable salts and solvates
thereof, which comprises:

- (A) for the production of a compound of formula (I)
in which Z-Y represents the group CH-CH₂, hydrogen-
ating a compound of formula (II):



or a protected derivative thereof, followed if nec-
essary by removal of any protecting groups present;
or

- (B) for the production of a compound of formula (I)
in which Z-Y represents the group C=CH, reacting a
compound of formula (II), or a protected derivative
thereof, with an organic acid or a mineral acid,
followed if necessary by removal of any protecting
groups present; or

(C) converting a compound of general formula (I)
into another compound of formula (I) using conven-
tional techniques; or

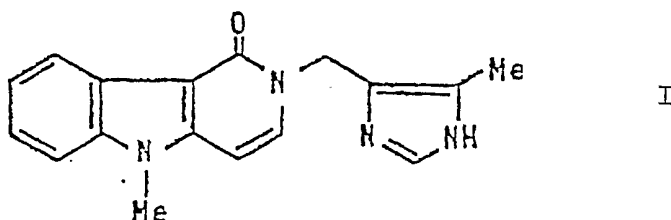
- (D) removing protecting group(s) from a protected
form of a compound of formula (I);
and when the compound of formula (I) is obtained as
a mixture of enantiomers, optionally resolving the
mixture to obtain the desired enantiomer;
and/or where the compound of formula (I) is in the
form of a free base, optionally converting the free
base into a salt.

The invention provides imidazole derivatives of the
general formula (I) wherein Im represents an imi-
dazolyl group of the formula: and one of the groups
represented by R₃, R₄ and R₅ is a hydrogen atom, or

a C1-C6 alkyl, C3-7 cycloalkyl, C3-6 alkenyl, phenyl or phenyl C1-3 alkyl group, and each of the other two groups, which may be the same or different, represents a hydrogen atom or a C1-6 alkyl group; R1 and R2 each represent a hydrogen atom, or together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached form a phenyl ring; X represents an oxygen or a sulphur atom, or a group NR6, wherein R6 represents a C1-6 alkyl group; Z-Y represents the group CH-CH2 or C=CH; and physiologically acceptable salts and solvates thereof. The compounds of formula (I) are potent and selective antagonists of 5-hydroxytryptamine at 5-HT3 receptors and are useful, for example, in the treatment of psychotic disorders, anxiety and nausea and vomiting.

- EP0392663 (March 1989, One Pharmaceutical Co Ltd) Carboline derivative as a 5-HT3 receptor antagonist.

A γ -carboline of the formula I



or pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt and/or hydrate thereof for use in a method of treatment or prophylaxis of diseases or conditions induced by the action of 5-hydroxytryptamine on 5-hydroxytryptamine 3-receptors in a mammal, including man.

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The present invention provides γ -carbolines of the formula: or non-toxic acid additional salts thereof

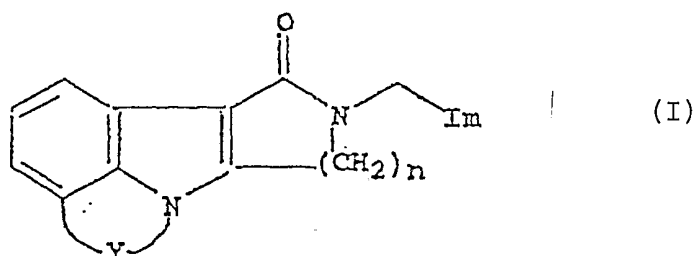
and/or hydrates thereof, for use as 5-HT₃ receptor antagonists. The present invention also provides pharmaceutical compositions comprising compounds of the formula I.

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- EP0357417 (August 1989, Glaxo Group Ltd) Lactam derivatives.

Compounds of the general formula (I)

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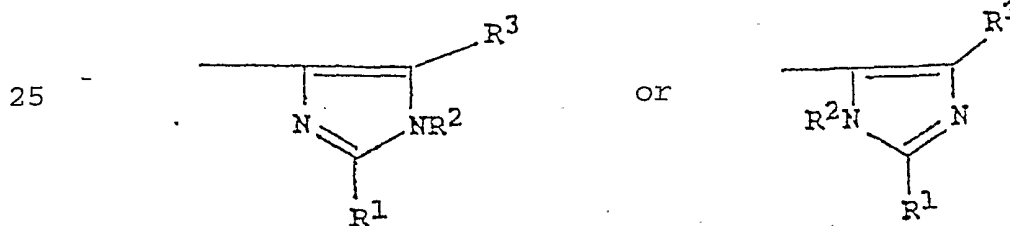


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wherein n represents 2 or 3;

Im represents an imidazolyl group of the formula:

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wherein one of the groups represented by R¹, R² and R³ is a hydrogen atom or a C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl, C₃₋₆ alkenyl, phenyl or phenyl C₁₋₃ alkyl-group, and each of the other two groups, which may be the same or different, represents a hydrogen atom or a C₁₋₆ alkyl group;

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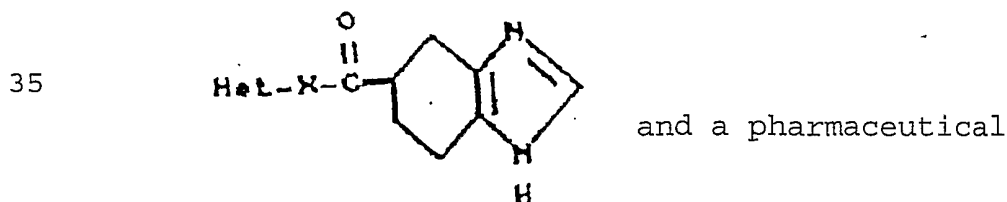
Y represents a group $-(CH_2)_m-$, wherein m represents 2, 3 or 4; or Y represents a group $-X(CH_2)_p-$, C1-6 alkyl group, and X is attached to the benzene ring moiety of the molecule;

5 and physiologically acceptable salts and solvates thereof.

The invention provides lactam derivatives of the general formula (I) wherein n represents 2 or 3; Im represents an imidazolyl group of the formula:
 10 wherein one of the groups represented by R¹, R² and R³ is a hydrogen atom or a C1-6 alkyl, C3-7 cycloalkyl, C3-6 alkenyl, phenyl or phenyl C1-3 alkyl-group, and each of the other two groups, which may
 15 be the same or different, represents a hydrogen atom or a C1-6 alkyl group; Y represents a group $-(CH_2)_m-$, wherein m represents 2, 3 or 4; or Y represents a group $-X(CH_2)_p-$, wherein p represents 2 or 3, X represents an oxygen or a sulphur atom or a group NR₄,
 20 where R₄ is a C1-6 alkyl group, and X is attached to the benzene ring moiety of the molecule; and physiologically acceptable salts and solvates thereof. The compounds of formula (I) are potent and selective antagonists of 5-hydroxytryptamine at 5-HT₃ receptors and are useful, for example in the treatment of
 25 psychotic disorders, anxiety and nausea and vomiting.

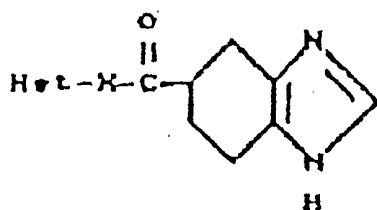
- RU2059623 Tetrahydrobenzimidazole derivatives or its
 30 pharmaceutically acceptable salt.

tetrahydrobenzimidazole derivative of the formula



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composition containing an effective amount of compound

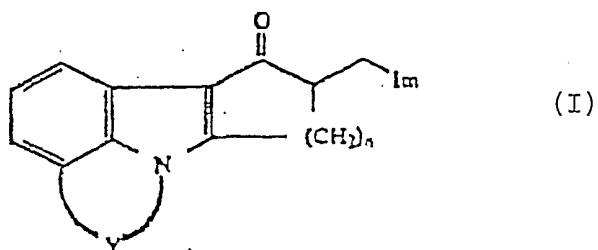


and a pharmaceutically

acceptable carrier showing activity of a 5-HT₃ receptor antagonist.

- US5,045,545 (May 1989, Glaxo Group Limited) [(Imidazol-4 (and 5)-yl)methyl] tetracyclic ketones having 5-HT₃ antagonist activity.

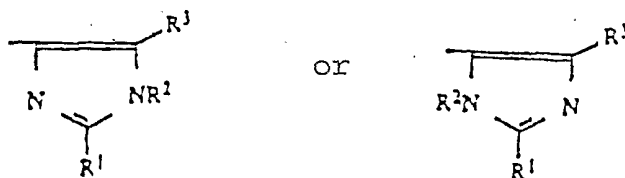
The invention relates to tetracyclic ketones of the general formula (I)



wherein

n represents 1, 2 or 3;

Im represents an imidazolyl group of the formula:



wherein one of the groups represented by R^1 , R^2 and R^3 is a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{3-7} cycloalkyl, C_{3-6} alkenyl, phenyl or phenyl C_{1-3} alkyl group, and each of the other two groups, which may
5 be the same or different, represents a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-6} alkyl group;
Y represents a group $-(CH_2)_m-$, wherein m represents 2, 3 or 4; or a group $-X(CH_2)_p-$, where p represents 2 or 3, X represents an oxygen or a sulphur atom or
10 a group NR^4 , where R^4 is a C_{1-6} alkyl group, and X is attached to the benzene ring moiety of the molecule;
and physiologically acceptable salts and solvates thereof.

15 The compounds are potent and selective antagonists of the effect of 5-HT₃ receptors and are useful, for example, in the treatment of psychotic disorders, anxiety, and nausea and vomiting.

20 The invention relates to tetracyclic ketones of the general formula (I)##STR1## wherein n represents 1, 2 or 3; Im represents an imidazolyl group of the formula: ##STR2## wherein one of the groups represented by $R^{sup.1}$, $R^{sup.2}$ and $R^{sup.3}$ is a hydrogen
25 atom or a $C_{sub.1-6}$ alkyl, $C_{sub.3-7}$ cycloalkyl, $C_{sub.3-6}$ alkenyl, phenyl or phenyl $C_{sub.1-3}$ alkyl group, and each of the other two groups, which may be the same or different, represents a hydrogen atom or a $C_{sub.1-6}$ alkyl group; Y represents a group
30 $-(CH_{sub.2})_m-$, where m represents 2, 3 or 4, or a group $-X(CH_{sub.2})_{sub.p}-$, where p represents 2 or 3, X represents an oxygen or a sulphur atom or a group $NR^{sup.4}$, where $R^{sup.4}$ is a $C_{sub.1-6}$ alkyl
35 group, and X is attached to the benzene ring moiety of the molecule; and physiologically acceptable salts and solvates thereof. The compounds are potent

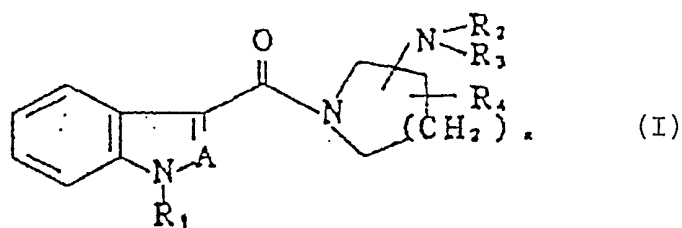
and selective antagonists of the effect of 5-HT at 5-HT₃ receptors and are useful, for example, in the treatment of psychotic disorders, anxiety, and nausea and vomiting.

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Indazole carboxamide derivatives

- EP0630893 (March 1992, Kyorin Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.) N,N'-Disubstituted Amide Derivative.

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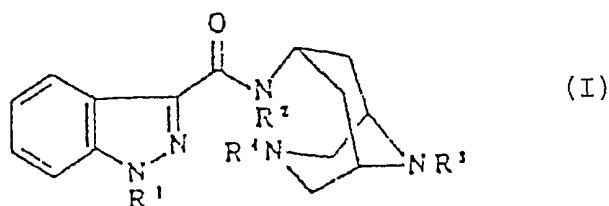
A 5-HT₃ antagonist containing a novel N,N'-disubstituted amide derivative having a potent and selective 5-HT₃ receptor antagonism, represented by general formula (I), a hydrate thereof, or an acid addition salt thereof, wherein R₁ represents hydrogen or lower alkyl; R₂ and R₃ may be the same or different from each other and each represents hydrogen, lower alkyl, lower alkenyl, aryl-substituted lower alkyl which may be substituted, acyl or lower alkoxy-carbonyl; R₄ represents hydrogen, lower alkyl or lower alkoxy; A represents CH or N; and n represents 1, 2 or 3.

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- EP0558923 (January 1992, Nisshin Flour Milling Co., Ltd.) Diazabicyclo derivatives as 5-HT₃ antagonists

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wherein

R¹ is alkyl, 3-methyl-2-butenyl, cyclopropylmethyl, 2-propynyl, cyanomethyl, 2-oxopropyl, 2-hydroxypropyl, 2-pyridylmethyl, methoxycarbonylmethyl, 2-ethoxyethyl, isobutoxycarbonyl, or 4,6-diamino-2-triazinylmethyl;

R² is hydrogen; and

R³ and R⁴ are methyl.

Diazabicyclo derivatives of formula (I) and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof: wherein R¹ is hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, oxoalkyl, alkoxy-carbonylalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, acyl, dialkylaminoalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, haloalkyl, cyanoalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl, heteroarylalkyl or arylalkyl, the aryl group and the aryl moiety being optionally substituted by alkoxy, nitro, alkyl, amino or halo; R² is hydrogen or alkyl; R³ and R⁴ may be the same or different and each is hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, acyl, alkoxyalkyl or arylalkyl wherein the aryl moiety is optionally substituted by alkoxy, nitro, alkyl, amino or halo; with the proviso that when R² is hydrogen and both R³ and R⁴ are methyl, R¹ does not represent hydrogen, alkyl, unsubstituted benzyl or dimethylaminoethyl; having 5-HT₃ receptor antagonist activity.

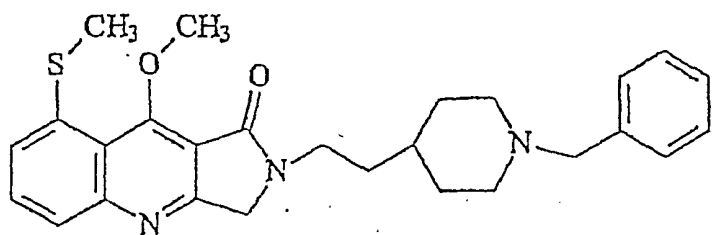
Quinolines and Isoquinolines

- WO9964421 (June 1999, Arena Pharmaceuticals, Inc) Acetylcholine enhancers.

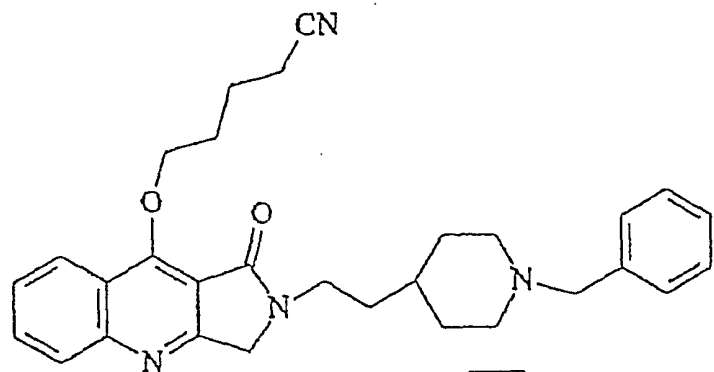
An acetylcholine enhancer selected from the group consisting of the chemical compounds represented by the following structures:

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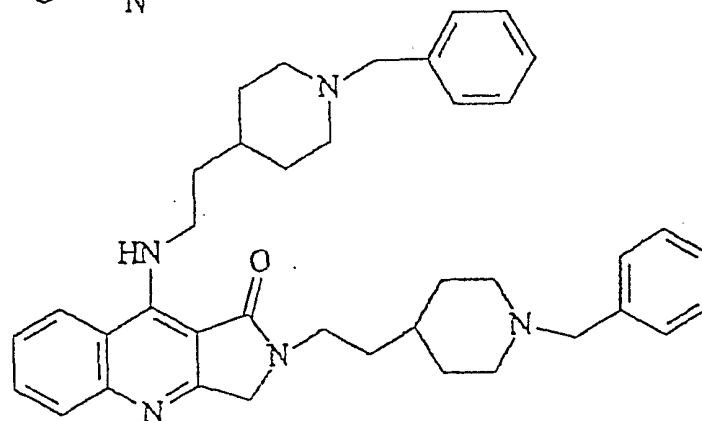
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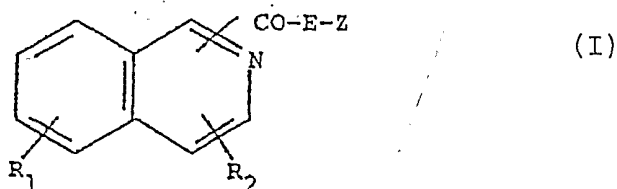


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Disclosed herein are quinoline derivatives having
dual mechanistic properties, referred to in this
patent documents as "acetylcholine enhancers", i.e.,
compounds which evidence acetylcholinesterase (AChE)
inhibition activity, and 5-HT₃ receptor antagonist
activity. A particularly preferred compound is 2-[2-
(1-benzylpiperizin-4-yl)ethyl]-2,3-dihydro-9-methoxy-
1H-pyrrolo[3,4-b]quinolin-1-one hemifumarate, refer-
red to herein as Compound A ("Cm.A").

- EP0526545 (April 1991, Beecham Group p.l.c.) Isoquin-
oline Amides And Esters As 5-HT₃ Receptor Antagonists.

A compound of formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:



10 wherein

E is NH or O,

R₁ is hydrogen, halogen, C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy, hydroxy or nitro;

15 Z is an azacyclic or azabicyclic side chain; and

i) the group CO-E-Z is in the 1-position and either R₂ is in the 3-position and is hydrogen, C₁₋₆ alkyl or C₁₋₆ alkoxy, or R₂ is in the 4-
 20 position and is hydrogen, halogen, CF₃, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₇ acyl, C₁₋₇ acylamino, phenyl optionally substituted by one or two C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkoxy or halogen groups, or amino, amino-carbonyl or aminosulphonyl, optionally substituted by one or two C₁₋₆ alkyl or C₃₋₈ cyclo-
 25 alkyl groups or by C₄₋₅ polymethylene or by phenyl, C₁₋₆ alkylsulphonyl, C₁₋₆ alkylsulphinyl, C₁₋₆ alkoxy, C₁₋₆ alkylthio, hydroxy or nitro; or

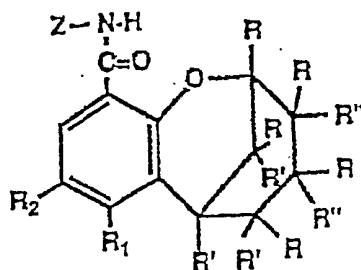
30 ii) the group CO-E-Z is in the 3-position and either R₂ is in the 1-position and is hydrogen, C₁₋₆ alkyl or C₁₋₆ alkoxy, or R₂ is in the 4-position and is hydrogen or C₁₋₆ alkoxy;

35 having 5-HT₃ receptor antagonist activity.

Isoquinoline derivatives (I) having 5-HT₃ receptor antagonist activity, a process for their preparation and their use as pharmaceuticals. In formula (I) E is NH or O, R₁ is hydrogen, halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, hydroxy or nitro; Z is an azacyclic or azabicyclic side chain, such as a group of formula (a), (b) or (c) wherein; p is 1 or 2; q is 1 to 3; r is 1 to 3; R₃ or R₄ is hydrogen or alkyl, and Y is a group -CH₂-X-CH₂- wherein X is -CH₂-, oxygen, sulphur or X is a bond; and (I) when the group CO-E-Z is in the 1-position and either R₂ is in the 3-position and is hydrogen, alkyl, or alkoxy, or R₂ is in the 4-position and is hydrogen CF₃, alkyl, acyl, acylamino (substituted) phenyl or (substituted) amino, (substituted) aminocarbonyl or (substituted) amino-sulphonyl; (II) the group CO-E-Z is in the 3-position and either R₂ is in the 1-position and is hydrogen, alkyl or alkoxy or R₂ is in the 4-position and is hydrogen or alkoxy.

- EP0628043 (February 1992, Merrell Dow Pharmaceutical Inc) 2,6-Methano-2H-Quinolizin As 5-HT₃-Receptor Antagonist

A compound of the formula:



where
R is hydrogen or alkyl;

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R_1 is hydrogen, amino, mono- and di-alkylamino, acylamino, halo or haloalkyl;

R_2 is hydrogen, halo, sulfamyl, mono- and di-alkylsulfamyl or haloalkyl;

5 R' and R'' are independently hydrogen or alkyl; vicinal R' and/or R'' groups may form a C=C double bond;

geminal R and R' and R and R'' groups may be $-(CH_2)_n-$ where n is 2 to 6;

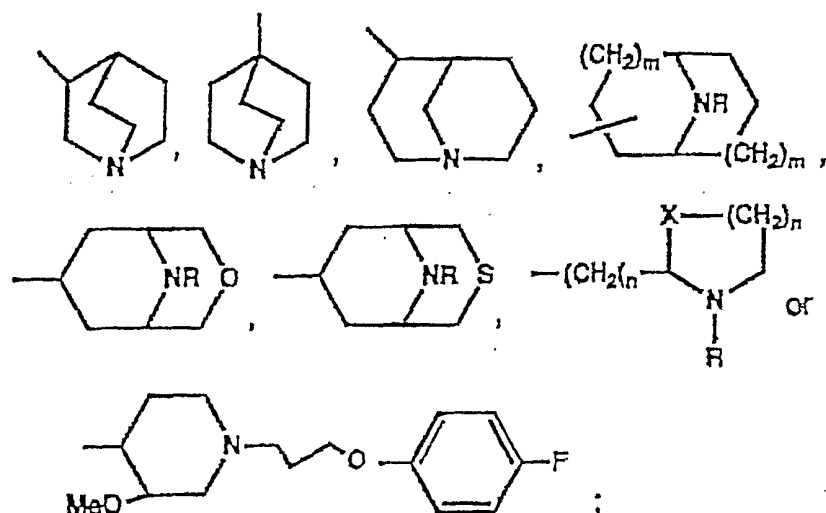
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Z is

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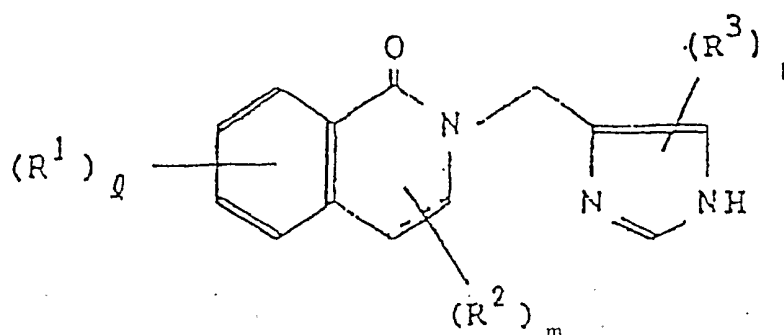


30 where m is 0-2, n is 1-2 and X is N or S; or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

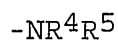
This invention relates to 5-chloro-2,3-dihydro-2,2-dimethylbenzofuran-7-carboxylic acid-octahydro-3-hydroxy-2,6-methano-2H-quinolizin-8-yl ester (I), a
35 novel 5-HT₃-receptor antagonist, its method of preparation, and to its end-use application in the

treatment of radio- and chemo-therapeutically-induced nausea and vomiting, in the treatment of pain associated with migraine, in the treatment of cognitive disorders, in treating hallucinatory endogenous psychoses of the type manifested in patients suffering from schizophrenia and mania, for irritable bowel syndrome, and to combat drug abuse.

- EP0482939 (October 1991, Ono Pharmaceuticals) Isoquinolinone derivative.



wherein each substituent R^1 is the same or different and is hydrogen, halogen, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkoxy or a group of formula:



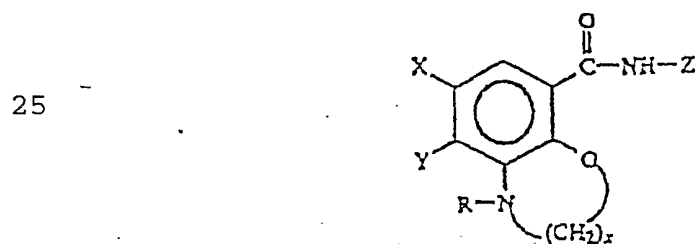
wherein R^4 is hydrogen, C_{1-4} alkyl or C_{2-4} alkanoyl and R^5 is hydrogen, C_{1-4} alkyl or benzyl;
 each substituent R^2 is the same or different and is hydrogen or C_{1-4} alkyl;
 each substituent R^3 is the same or different and is hydrogen or C_{1-4} alkyl;
 n is 1, 2, 3 or 4;
 m is 1 or 2;
 n is 1 or 2 and

== is a single bond or double bond; or a non-toxic acid addition salt thereof or a hydrate thereof.

Isoquinolinone derivatives of the formula: wherein
 5 R¹ is hydrogen, C1-4 alkyl, C1-4 alkoxy or a group
 of formula: -NR⁴R⁵ wherein R⁴ is hydrogen, halogen,
 C1-4 alkyl or C2-4 alkanoyl and R⁵ is hydrogen, C1-4
 alkyl or benzyl; R² is hydrogen or C1-4 alkyl; R³ is
 10 hydrogen or C1-4 alkyl; 1 is 1, 2, 3 or 4; m is 1 or
 2; n is 1 or 2 and --- is a single bond or double
 bond an non-toxic acid addition salts thereof and
 are useful for the prevention and/or treatment of
 diseases induced when 5-HT acts on 5-HT₃ receptors
 (especially vomiting induced by the administration
 15 of an anti-cancer agent).

Benzofuranes, Benzooxazines and Benzo(di)azepines

- US4935511 (September 1989, Rorer Pharmaceutical Corpo-
 20 ration) Benzoxazine benzooxazipine carboxamide 5-HT₃
 antagonists.



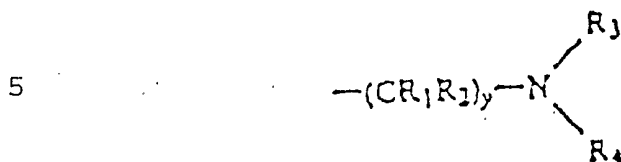
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where

X is hydrogen, halo, sulfamyl, alkylsulfamyl or al-
 kylsulfonyl;

Y is hydrogen, amino, mono- or di-alkylamino or
 35 halo;

Z is



10 3-quinuclidine, 4-quinuclidine, 4-(1-azabicyclo-[3.3.1]nonane), 3-(9-methylazabicyclo[3.3.1]nonane) or 4-[3-methoxy-1-(3-([4-fluorophenoxy]propyl)piperi-

15 dine];
R, R₁, R₂, R₃ and R₄ are independently: hydrogen or alkyl;

x is 2 or 3;

y is 1 to 4;

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

20 This invention relates to benzoxazine and benzoxazepine carboxamide compounds which exhibit 5-HT₃ antagonist properties including CNS, anti-emetic and gastric prokinetic activity and which are void of any significant D₂ receptor binding affinity.

25 This invention also relates to pharmaceutical compositions and methods for the treatment of gastrointestinal and mental disorders using said compounds.

- 30 • IL 107654 Use of substituted N-3,4-dihydro-4-oxo-2,2-pyrimidyl)amino alkyl-4-piperidinyl 2,2-dimethyl-7-benzofuran and benzopyrancarboxamide.

35 A pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt form or a stereochemically isomeric form thereof, wherein

R₁ and R₂ represent hydrogen, or

R1 and R2 taken together from a bivalent radical of formula

-CH=CH-CH=CH- (a)

-CH=C(Cl)-CH=CH- (b) or

5 -CH=CH-C(Cl)=CH- (c);

n represents 2, 3 or 4;

R3 represents hydrogen or methoxy;

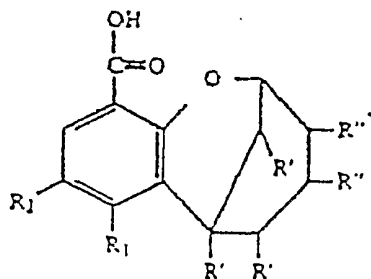
m represents 1 or 2;

10 R4 represents hydrogen, amino or C1.3alkylcarbonyl-amino; and

R5 represents hydrogen or halo,

for the manufacture of a medicament for treating 5-HT3-mediated disorders.

- 15 • US5288731 (August 1992, Rhone-Poulenc Rorer Pharmaceuticals Inc) 2,6-Methano-2H-1-Benzoxacincarboxylic acids, esters and amides.



and its stereoisomers, enantiomers, diastereoisomers and racemic mixtures with an amine of the formula

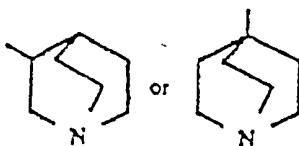
30 H₂N-Z;

where

R₁ is hydrogen, an amino or alkylamino optionally substituted with a protecting group halo or haloalkyl;

35 R₂ is hydrogen, halo, sulfamyl, mono- and di-alkyl-sulfamyl or haloalkyl;

R' and R'' are hydrogen or alkyl; and Z is:



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and its racemic mixtures and stereospecific isomers.

10 Novel compounds which are 2,6-methano-2H-1-benzoxo-
cincaboxamides having 5-HT₃-antagonist proper-
ties including unique CNS, antiemetic and gastric
prokinetic activities and which are void of any sig-
nificant D₂ receptor binding affinity, thera-
15 peutic compositions and methods of treatment of dis-
orders which result from 5-HT₃ activity using
said compounds. Processes for their preparation and
the preparation of their intermediates are also dis-
closed.

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- WO9209284 2,6-Methano-2-H-1-benzoxacincarcboxamides as 5-HT₃ antagonists.

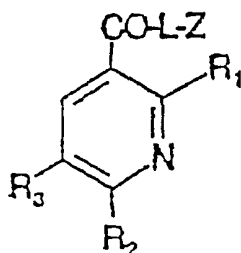
Other 5-HT₃ antagonist compounds

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- EP0611370 (October 1992, Smithkline Beecham Plc) Pyri-
dine-3-Carboxylic Acid Esters Or Amides Useful As
5-HT₃ Antagonists.

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A compound of formula (I), or a pharmaceutically ac-
ceptable salt thereof:



(I)

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wherein

5 R₁ is C₁₋₆ alkoxy, C₃₋₈ cycloalkoxy or C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl C₁₋₄ alkoxy;

R₂ is hydrogen, halo, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkoxy or amino optionally substituted by one or two C₁₋₆ alkyl groups;

10 R₃ is hydrogen, halo or C₁₋₆ alkyl;

L is O or NH; and

Z is a di-azacyclic or azabicyclic side chain; having 5-HT₃ receptor antagonist activity.

15 Compounds of formula (I) and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof wherein R₁ is C₁₋₆ alkoxy, C₃₋₈ cycloalkoxy or C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl C₁₋₄ alkoxy; R₂ is hydrogen, halo, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkoxy or amino optionally substituted by one or two C₁₋₆ alkyl groups; R₃ is hydrogen, halo or C₁₋₆ alkyl; L is O or NH; and Z is a di-azacyclic or azabicyclic side chain; having 5-HT₃ receptor antagonist activity.

- 25 • EP0607233 (October 1991, Smithkline Beecham Plc) 3,9-Diazabicyclo(3.3.1)Nonane Derivatives With 5-HT₃ Receptor Antagonist Activity

A compound of formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:



(I)

wherein

X is a phenyl group or a monocyclic 5 or 6 membered heteroaryl group, either of which group is optionally fused to a saturated or unsaturated 5-7 membered carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring;

A is a linking moiety;

Z is a carboxylic acyl group; and

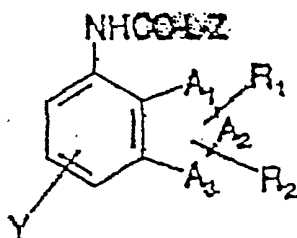
R is hydrogen or methyl;

having 5-HT₃ receptor antagonist activity.

Compounds of formula (I), and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein X is a phenyl group or a monocyclic 5 or 6 membered heteroaryl group, either of which group is optionally fused to a saturated or unsaturated 5-7 membered carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring; A is a linking moiety; Z is a carboxylic acyl group; and R is hydrogen or methyl; having 5-HT₃ receptor antagonist activity.

- WO9308185 (January 1991, Smithkline Beecham Plc) N-Aryl-N1-Azabicyclo-Ureas As 5-HT₃ Antagonists

A compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:



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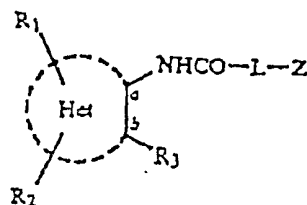
wherein

A₁, A₂, A₃ and the carbon atoms to which they are attached form a 5- or 6-membered non-aromatic heterocyclic ring containing at least one -O-, -CO- or -N-;

R_1 and R_2 are hydrogen or C_{1-6} alkyl;
 Y is hydrogen, halo, C_{1-6} alkyl or C_{1-6} alkoxy;
 L is O or NH;
 Z is an azabicyclic side chain;
 5 having 5-HT₃ receptor antagonist activity.

Compounds of formula (I) and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein A1, A2, A3 and the carbon atoms to which they are attached form a 5- or 6-membered non-aromatic heterocyclic ring containing at least one -O-, -CO- or -N-; R_1 and R_2 are hydrogen or C_{1-6} alkyl; Y is hydrogen, halo, C_{1-6} alkyl or C_{1-6} alkoxy; L is O or NH; Z is an azabicyclic side chain; having 5-HT₃ receptor antagonist activity.

- US4808588 (July 1987, Beecham Group) Heterocyclic ureas and carbonates useful as pharmaceuticals.



(I)

wherein

Het is monocyclic heteroaryl having two adjacent carbon atoms, a and b , depicted in formula (I) selected from the group consisting of pyridine, pyrimidine, pyrazine, pyrrole, imidazole, thiophene, furan, oxazole and thiazole;

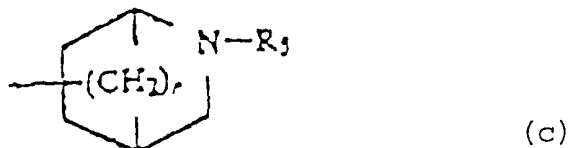
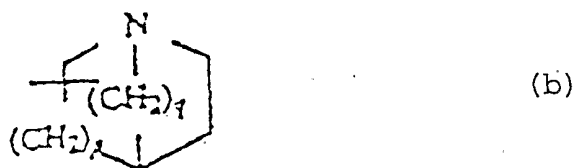
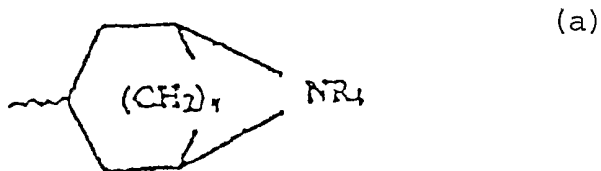
R_1 and R_2 are independently selected from hydrogen, halogen, CF_3 , C_{1-6} alkyl and C_{1-6} alkoxy;

R_3 is hydroxy, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{3-7} alkenyl-methoxy, phenoxy or phenyl C_{1-4} alkoxy in which either phenyl

moiety may be substituted by one or two C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkoxy or halo; CO₂R₆ wherein R₆ is hydrogen or C₁₋₆ alkyl, CONR₇R₈ or SO₂NR₇R₈ wherein R₇ and R₈ are independently hydrogen or C₁₋₆ alkyl or together are C₄₋₆ polymethylene, NO₂, (CH₂)_mOR₉ wherein m is 1 or 2 and R₉ is C₁₋₆ alkyl or S(O)_nR₁₀ wherein n is 0, 1 or 2 and R₁₀ is C₁₋₆ alkyl;

L is NH or O;

Z is a group of formula (a), (b) or (c):



wherein n is 2 or 3; p is 1 or 2; q is 1 to 3; r is 1 to 3; and R₄ or R₅ is C₁₋₄ alkyl.

Compounds of formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof: ##STR1## wherein: Het is monocyclic heteroaryl having two adjacent carbons atoms, a and b, depicted in formula (I); p1 R.sub.1 and R.sub.2 are independently selected from hydro-

gen, halogen, CF.sub.3, C.sub.1-6 alkyl and C.sub.1-6 Alkoxy; R.sub.3 is hydroxy, C.sub.1-6 alkoxy, C.sub.3-7 alkenyl-methoxy, phenoxy or phenyl C.sub.1-4 alkoxy in which either phenyl moiety may be substituted by one or two C.sub.1-6 alkyl, C.sub.1-6 alkoxy or halo; Co.sub.2 R.sub.6 wherein R.sub.6 is hydrogen or C.sub.1-6 alkyl, CONR.sub.7 R.sub.8 or SO.sub.2 NR.sub.7 R.sub.8 wherein R.sub.7 and R.sub.8 are independently hydrogen or C.sub.1-6 alkyl or together are C.sub.4-6 polymethylene, NO.sub.2, (CH.sub.2).sub.m OR.sub.9 wherein m is 1 or 2 and R.sub.9 is C.sub.1-6 alkyl or S(O).sub.n R.sub.10 wherein n is 0, 1 or 2 and R.sub.10 is C.sub.1-6 alkyl; L is NH or O; Z is a group of formula (a), (b) or (c); ##STR2## wherein n is 2 or 3; p is 1 or 2; q is 1 to 3; r is 1 to 3; and R.sub.4 or R.sub.5 is C.sub.1-4 alkyl; having 5-HT.sub.3 antagonist activity, a process for their preparation and their use as pharmaceuticals.

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The most preferred 5-HT₃ receptor antagonists for the present indications are tropanyl 3,5-dimethylbenzoate, MDL 72222, SDZ 216-525, ICI 169369, Zacopride, Tropisetron, Ramosetron, Ondansetron, Granisetron, Azasetron, Dolasetron, and Cilansetron.

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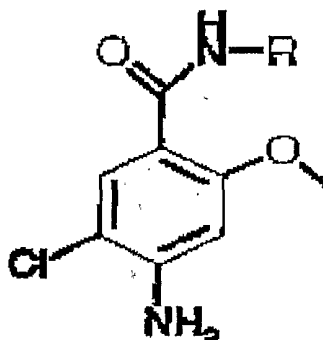
Several known substances are able to stimulate the relaxing 5-HT₄ receptor, without significantly activating the constricting 5-HT₃ receptor, thereby causing airway relaxation. Such agonist compounds are exemplified below.

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Most of the different 5-HT₄ agonists can be referred to specific groups, where each group contains a common structural element. The largest group, and also the basis for several others, are the benzamides. They all contain the structural element 4-amino-5-chloro-2-methoxy benzamide and are further developments of the first 5-HT₄ agonist, metoclopramide, with the structural formula:

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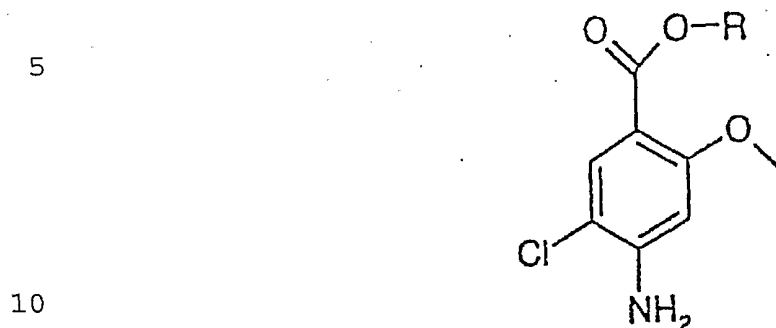
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Another common feature is a basic nitrogen in a side chain from the amide nitrogen. This basic nitrogen is often a part of a sterically locked system. Examples of substances from this group are: BRL 20627, BRL 24682, BRL 24924, Cisapride, Metoclopramide, ML-1035, Mosapride, R076186, Renzapride, RS 67506 (N-[2-[4-[3-(4-amino-5-chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)-3-oxopropyl]-1-piperidinyl]-ethyl]-methanesulfonamide monohydrochloride), Cinitapride, SB 205149, SC-49518, SC-52491, SC-53116 (4-amino-5-chloro-N-[[1S, 7aS]-hexahydro-1H-pyrrolizin-1-yl]methyl]-2-methoxybenzamide), SDZ 216,454, TKS 159, Y-34959, YM-09151, YM-47813, Zacopride, Zelmac (SDZ HTF919; tegaserod).

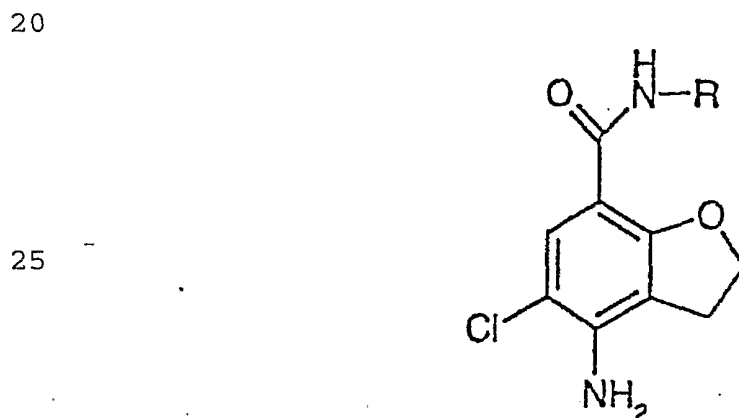
Thus, a structure-activity relation study performed indicates that a benzene ring and a basic nitrogen in the same plane as the ring and at a distance of 8 ± 1 Å from the center of the benzene ring is required. The nitrogen should be locked in that position with a view to obtaining selectivity for the 5-HT₄ receptor. A lipophilic group on the basic nitrogen also seems to be important for the agonistic action. Further, a heteroatom with a free electron pair close to the indole nitrogen in tryptamine seems to give a positive effect.

Benzoic acid esters are modifications of the benzamide theme:

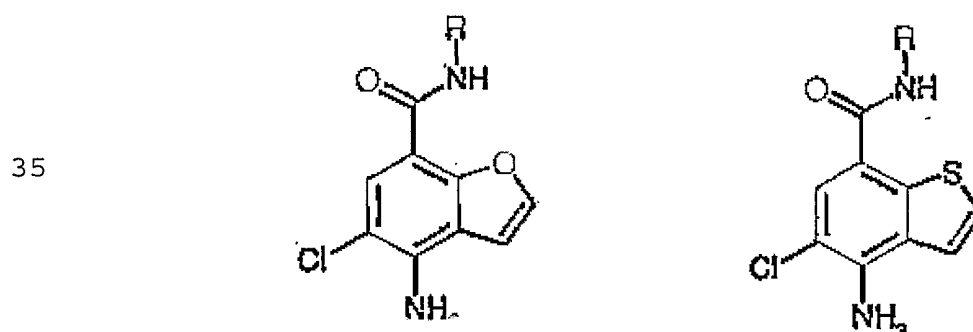


The only difference is that the amide group has been replaced with an ester group. Examples are ML 10302 (4-amino-5-chloro-2-methoxybenzoic acid-2-(1-piperidinyl)-ethylester), RS 57639, and SR 59768.

Another variant of the basic theme is to introduce the methoxy group into a ring, thereby arriving at a 2,3-dihydro-benzofuran-7-carboxamide group. Examples are ADR 932, Prucalopride (=R 093877); and SK-951.



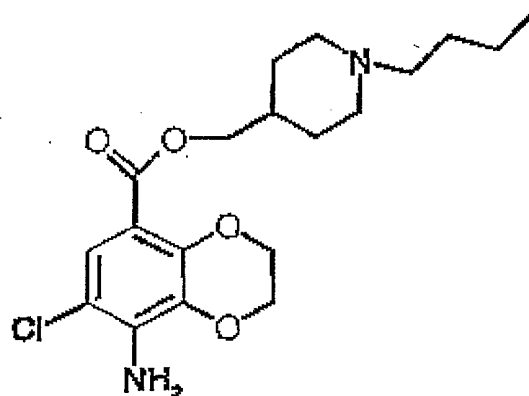
30 Benzofuranes and benzothiophenes are also contemplated,



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as well as the benzodioxan

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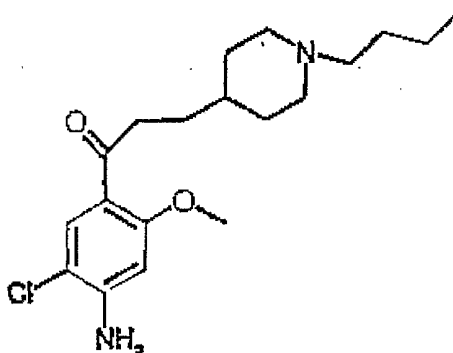
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Still another variant is based on the discovery that the benzoic acid antagonist RS 23597 (an ester) was transformed to an agonist if it was converted to a ketone

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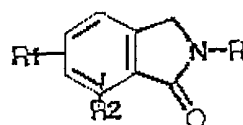
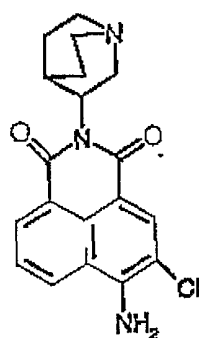


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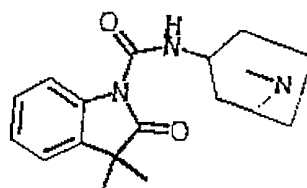
e.g. RS 67333 and RS 17017.

The basic concept also applies for naphthalimides, e.g. RS 56532.

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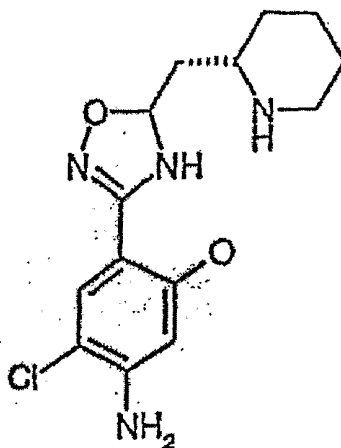


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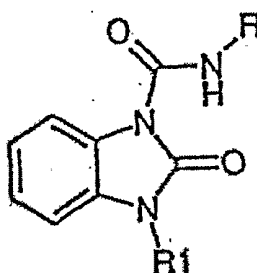
Benzindolones are also contemplated.

The amide function may also be replaced with an oxadiazol ring.



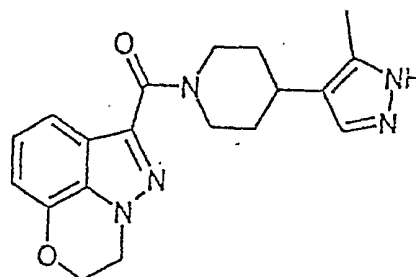
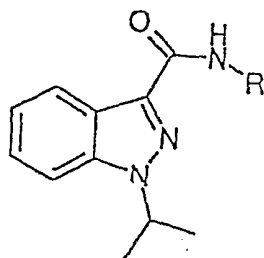
e.g. YM-53389

Benzimidazolone-1-carboxamides



e.g. BIMU 1, BIMU 8 (2,3-dihydro-N-[(3-endo)-8-methyl-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]oct-3-yl]-3-(1-methylethyl)-2-oxo-1H-benzimidazole-1-carboxamide monohydrochloride), DAU 6215, and DAU 6236, are also contemplated.

The carboamides



are also contemplated.

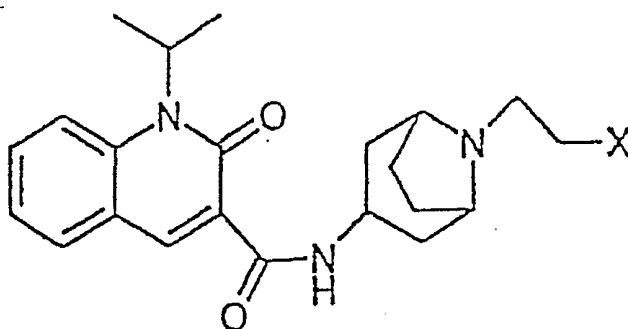
Some indols are also useful as 5-HT₄ agonists, e.g. 5-methoxytryptamine, 2-methylserotonine, and 5-hydroxy-
5 -N,N-di-methyltryptamine.

It should be noted that many of these substances may be quaternized on the nitrogen in the side chain without losing the activity.

Benzokinolinones

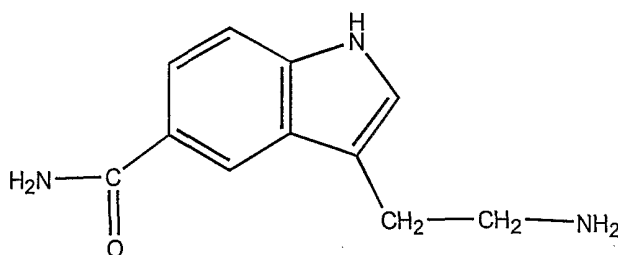
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According to the present invention, the following compounds can also be used as agonists to the 5-HT₄ receptor: 5-carboxamidotryptamine (5-CT), with the structural formula:

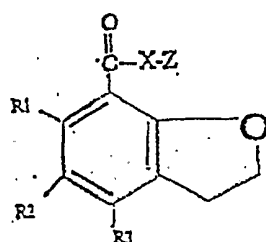


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5-HT, 3-Me-8-OH-DPAT, 8-OH-DPAT (8-hydroxy-2-dipropyl-aminotetralin), RS 23597-190, RS 67532, RU 28253, SB 204070, Bufotenine, 5-MeO-N,N,DMT, GR 113,808, α -methyl-5-HT, arylcarbamate derivatives of 1-piperidineethanol, 4-amino-5-chloro-2-methoxybenzoic acid esters, 4-amino-5-chloro-2-methoxy-N-((2S,4S)-1-ethyl-2-hydroxy-
30 methyl-4-pyrrolidinyl)benzamide (e.g. TKS 159), thiophene

carboxamide derivatives 3 (a-j), 5. azabicyclo(x.y.z) derivatives, 2-piperazinylnbenzoxazole derivatives, 2-piperazinyln-benzothiazole derivatives (e.g. VB20B7), Sandoz compound 1b, clebopride, 2-piperidinmethylethers of benzimidazole, zelmac, 2-[1-(4-piperonyl)piperazinyln]-benzothiazole, benzpyranes,

substituted dihydrobenzofuran derivatives with the following structure (see EP 0 766 680)

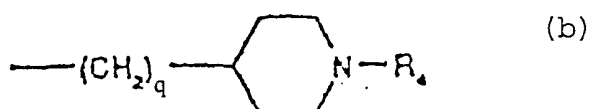


wherein

R_1 , R_2 and R_3 are, each independently, hydrogen, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, halogen, hydroxy, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, amino, C_1 - C_4 alkylamino or C_1 - C_4 di-alkylamino;

X is O, NH or CH_2 ;

Z is a group (a), (b), (c) or (d)

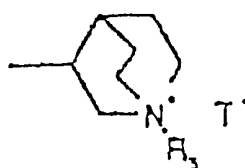


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(c)

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(d)

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wherein

n is 1, 2, 3 or 4;

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m is zero or 1;

q is zero, 1 or 2;

R₄ is hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, benzyl, cyclohexylmethyl or -CH₂-CH₂-SO₂NH-R₆ in which R₆ is C₁-C₆ alkyl or benzyl;

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R₅ is C₁-C₆ alkyl; and

T is halogen;

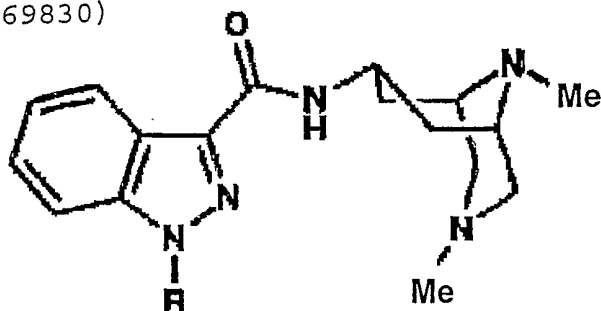
provided that, when Z is defined under (c), then X is O or CH₂; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, for use as a 5-HT₄ receptor agonist.

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Compounds with the following indazole structure:

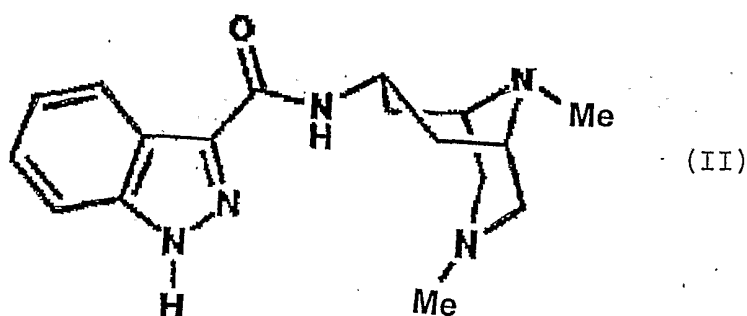
(see JP 08169830)

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(I)

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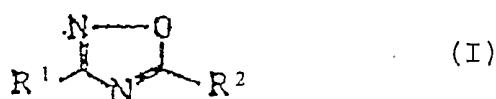
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This 5-HT₄ receptor agonist contains a new diazabicyclo derivative of formula I (R is a 4-6C cycloalkyl) or its pharmaceutically permissible salt as an active component. The compound of formula I is especially preferably

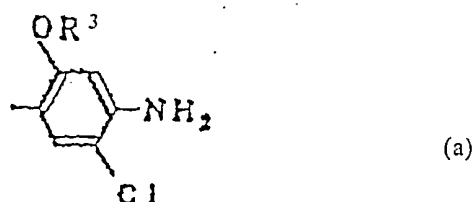
15 N-(endo-3,9-dimethyl-3,9-diazabicyclo[3,3,1]non-7-yl)-1-cyclobutylindazol-3-carboxamide. The 5-HT₄ receptor agonist is especially an agent for the yl)-1-cyclobutylindazol-3-carboxamide. The 5-HT₄ receptor agonist is

20 especially an agent for the oxidiazole derivatives (see WO95/32965)

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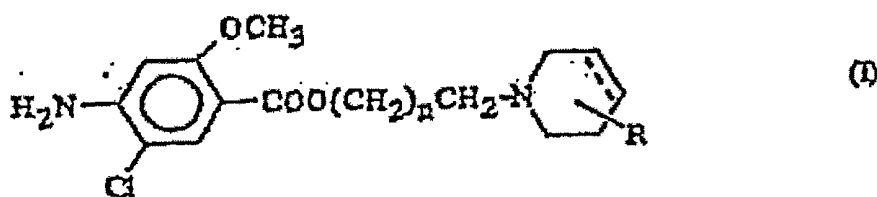


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An oxadiazole derivative represented by general formula (I) and useful as a 5-HT₄ receptor agonist, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, or a medicinal com-

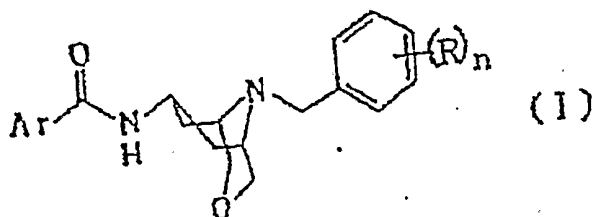
position thereof wherein one of R1 and R2 represents (a) and the other represents -A-Het; A represents a mere bond or lower alkylene; Het represents a monocyclic, fused or cross-linked heterocyclic group containing at least one
 5 nitrogen atom and bonded to A at the ring carbon atom; and R3 represents lower alkyl, lower alkenyl or lower alkynyl.

4-amino-5-chloro-2-methoxybenzoic esters (see WO95/25100)



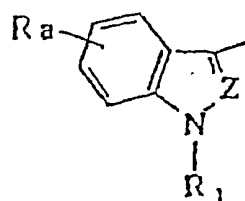
wherein n is 1 or 2, R represents a hydrogen or
 20 halogen atom or a cyano, hydroxy, (C1-C4)alkyl, (C1-C4)-alkoxy, carboxy, (C1-C4)alkoxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, mono(C1-C4)alkylaminocarbonyl, di(C1-C4)alkylamino-carbonyl, mono(C1-C4)alkylamino, di(C1-C4)alkylamino, (C1-C5)alcanoylamino or (C1-C5)alcanoyl group, and when R
 25 is a hydrogen atom the dashed line may represent a double bond, as well as pharmaceutically acceptable salts or solvates and quaternary ammonium salts for the preparation of medicaments having 5-HT4 agonistic action.

30 Oxazabicyclo derivatives (see EP 0 623 621)



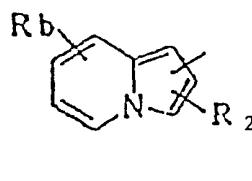
wherein R is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a
halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl group, a (C₁-C₆)alkoxy group, a ni-
tro group, a hydroxyl group or an amino group, n is
1 or 2, the R groups being the same or different
5 when n is 2, and Ar represents a radical of formula
(II), (III), (IV), (V), (VI), (VII) or (VIII)

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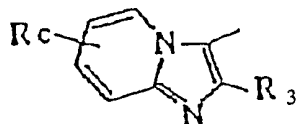
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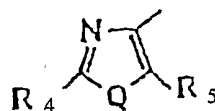


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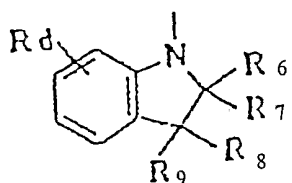
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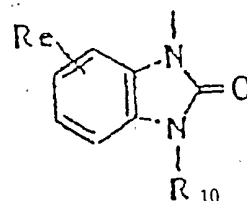
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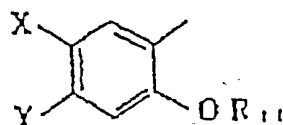
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(VIII)

wherein

10 Ra to Re are independently a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a (C₁-C₆)alkoxy group or a (C₁-C₈)alkyl group;

R₁ is a hydrogen atom, a (C₁-C₈)alkyl group, a (C₃-C₈)alkenyl group, a (C₃-C₈)alkynyl group, a (C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl group, a (C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl group, a (C₁-C₆)alkoxy(C₂-C₅)alkyl group, a (C₃-C₆)oxoalkyl group, a (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl-(C₁-C₆)alkyl group, a (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl group, a (C₁-C₆)alkanoyl group, a di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino(C₂-C₆)alkyl group, a hydroxy(C₂-C₆)alkyl group, a halo (C₁-C₆)alkyl group, a cyano(C₁-C₆)alkyl group, 4,6-diamino-2-triazinylmethyl group or a benzyl group optionally substituted by one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, (C₁-C₆) alkoxy, nitro, hydroxyl and amino;

Z is CH or N;

R₂, R₃, R₅, R₆, R₉, R₁₀ and R₁₁ are independently a hydrogen atom or a (C₁-C₆)alkyl group;

30 R₄ is a (C₁-C₆)alkyl group, a pyridyl group or a phenyl group optionally substituted by halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy or trifluoromethyl;

Q is N, S or O;

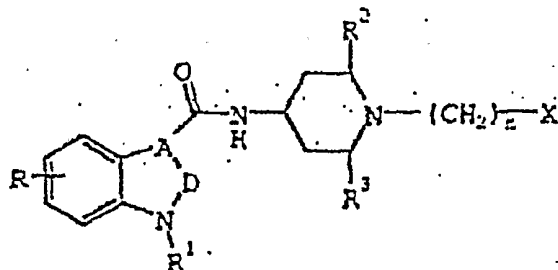
X is a halogen atom;

Y is NH₂ or a phthalimido group;

35 R₇ is a hydrogen atom;

R₈ is a hydrogen atom or a (C₁-C₄)alkyl group; or R₇ and R₈ together form a single bond.

Compounds having the following structure (see
EP 0 908 459)



wherein

A-D is C=N or N-C=O;

n is 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5;

R is hydrogen, halo, C₁-C₄ alkyl, hydroxy, C₁-C₄
alkoxy, C₁-C₄ alkylthio, cyano, trifluoromethyl,
carboxamido, mono or di(C₁-C₄ alkyl) carboxamido;

R¹ is hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl, or
substituted C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl;

R² and R³ are each hydrogen or taken together form a
bridge of 1 to 4 methylene units;

X is OR⁴ or NR⁴R⁵;

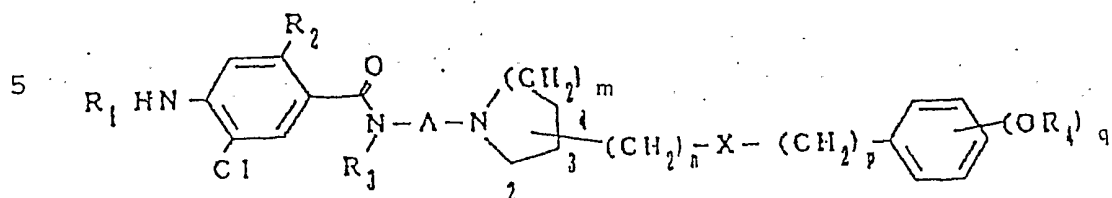
R⁴ is hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl, sub-
stituted C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted
phenyl, (C₁-C₆ alkyl)CO, benzoyl, substituted ben-
zoyl, tricyclo[3,3,1,1^{3,7}]decan-1-oyl, or S(O)₂R⁶;

R⁵ is hydrogen or R⁴ and R⁵ together with the nitro-
gen to which they are attached form a 1-pyrrolidi-
nyl, 1-piperaziny, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-isoquinoli-
nyl, 2,3-dihydro-1-indoliny, 4-morpholiiny, 1-
piperidiny, 1-hexamethyleneiminy, or phthalimidyl
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R⁶ is C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl, substituted
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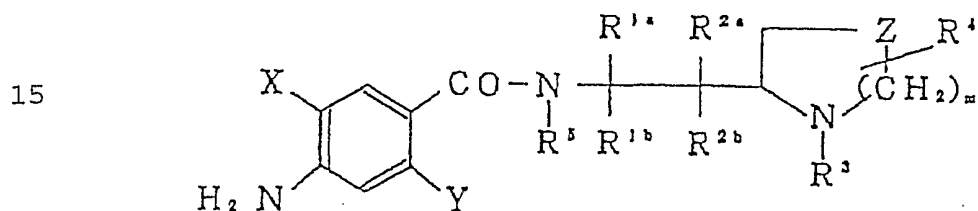
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Benzamide derivatives having the following structures



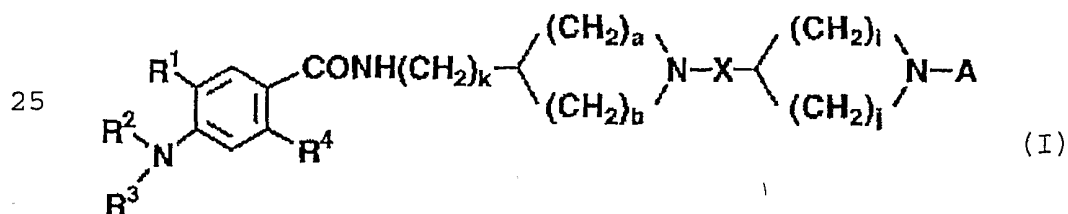
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having the substituents specified in WO 97/10207



20 having the substituents specified in WO95/18104.

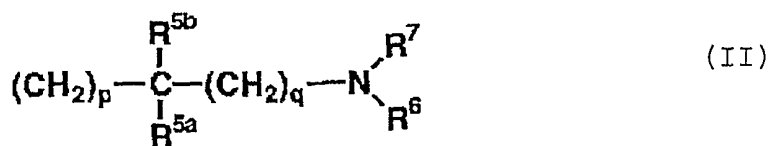
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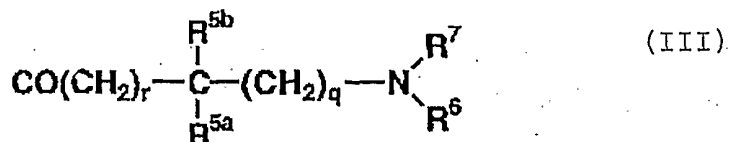


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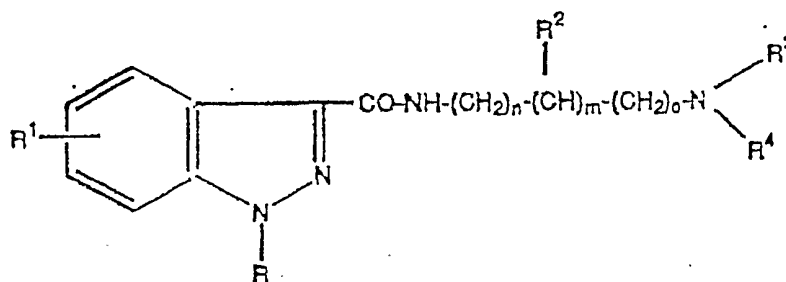
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10 This novel compound is represented by formula I [R^1 is a halogen; R^2 is H, a lower alkyl; R^3 is H, a lower alkyl, a lower alkanoyl; R^4 is a lower alkoxy; a is 1 or 2; b is 2 or 3; i is 1 or 2; j is 2 or 3; k is 0, 1, 2; X is $-(\text{CH}_2)_m-$ (m is 1 or 2); A is a group of formula II or
 15 formula III (p is 1, 2, 3; q is 0, 1, 2, 3; r is 0, 1, 2; R^{5a} is H, a lower alkyl; R^{5b} is H, a lower alkyl)], typically 4-amino-N-[1-[1-(3-aminopropyl)-4-piperidinyl-methyl]-5-chloro-2-methoxybenzamide.

20 Indazolecarboxamides (see WO 96/33713)



wherein:

R is hydrogen, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl;

35 R^1 is hydrogen, halo, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, hydroxy, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy or alkylthio, cyano, trifluoromethyl, carbox-amido, mono- or di(C_1 - C_4 alkyl)carboxamido;

m, n and o are independently 0-5, provided that the sum of m, n and o is 2-5;

R² is hydrogen or C₁-C₄ alkyl;

R³ and R⁴ combine with the nitrogen atom to which

5 they are attached to form 1-pyrrolidinyl, 1-piperazinyl, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-isoquinolinyl, 2,3-dihydro-1-indolinyl, 4-morpholinyl, 1-piperidinyl or 1-hexamethyleneiminyl, substituted with phenyl, naphthyl, (phenyl or naphthyl)(C₁-C₃ alkyl), (phenyl or naphthyl)(C₁-C₃ alkanoyl), amino, mono- or di(C₁-C₄ alkyl)amino, or a group of the formula -NH-Y-R⁵; provided that a piperazinyl or morpholinyl group may not be substituted with amino, mono- or di(C₁-C₄ alkyl)amino, or -NH-Y-R⁵;

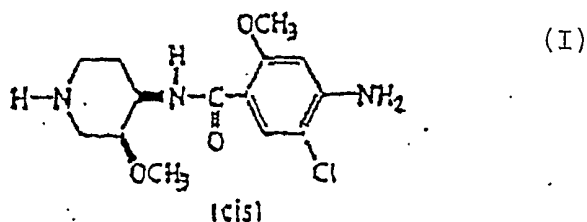
10 wherein a phenyl or naphthyl group is unsubstituted or substituted with 1-3 halo, C₁-C₃ alkyl or C₁-C₃ alkoxy groups;

Y is carbonyl, sulfonyl, aminocarbonyl or oxycarbonyl;

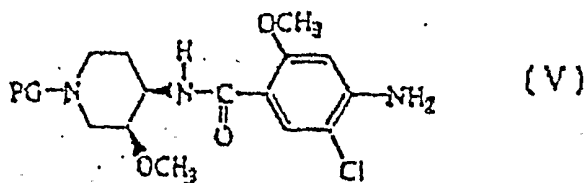
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(+)-norcisapride of formula (I) and compounds (V), and its pharmaceutically acceptable acid additions salts; compounds of formula (V), wherein the piperidine ring has the absolute configuration (3S, 4R) and PG is methyloxycarbonyl, ethyloxycarbonyl, tert-butyloxycarbonyl or phenylmethyl. (see WO 99/02496)

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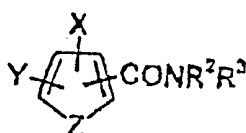
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Thiophene carboxamide, 5-HT₄ agonist

Synthesis of thiophene caboxamide derivatives as serotonin 5-HT₄ receptor agonists. Monge A, Palop J, Pérez S, Oset C, Lasheras B; *Farmaco* 1997 Feb, 52:2:89-92.

New thiophene carboxamide derivatives 3(a-j) were synthesized as serotonin 5-HT₄ receptor agonists. Preliminary results showed that the compounds 3a, 3d, 3e and 3f caused concentration dependent relaxation of carbachol-induced contraction in tunica muscularis mucosae in rat oesophagus.



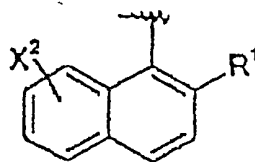
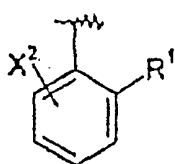
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or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein

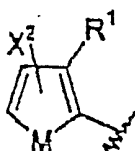
Z is oxygen, S(O)_m wherein m is 0, 1 or 2; or NQ wherein Q is hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)alkyl or phenyl; X is hydrogen, chloro, fluoro, bromo, iodo, hydroxy, nitro, cyano, (C₁-C₆)alkyl, trifluoromethyl, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy, (C₁-C₆)alkyl S(O)_a wherein a is 0, 1 or 2; or phenyl wherein the phenyl group is optionally substituted by hydrogen, halo, hydroxy, nitro, cyano, (C₁-C₆)alkyl, trifluoromethyl, (C₁-C₈)alkoxy, or (C₁-C₆)alkyl S(O)_b wherein b is 0, 1 or 2;

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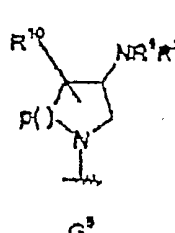
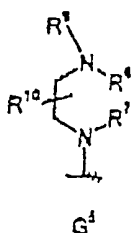
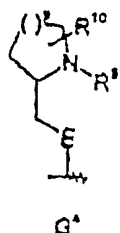
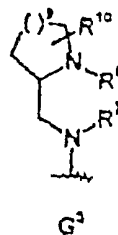
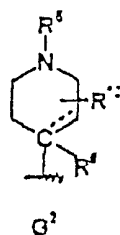
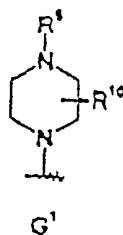
or



wherein M is oxygen or sulfur;

 X^2 is hydrogen fluoro, chloro, trifluoromethyl, (C_1-C_6) alkyl, (C_1-C_6) alkoxy or (C_1-C_6) alkyl $S(O)_c$

wherein c is 0, 1 or 2;

 R^1 is a group of formulas

wherein the broken line represents an optional double bond;

- 5 p is 1, 2 or 3;
E is oxygen or S(O)_d wherein d is 0, 1 or 2;
R⁸ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)alkyl optionally substituted with
10 (C₁-C₆)alkoxy or one to three fluorine atoms, or
[(C₁-C₄)alkyl]aryl wherein the aryl moiety is phenyl, naphthyl, or heteroaryl(CH₂)_q-, wherein the heteroaryl moiety is selected from the group consisting of pyridyl, pyrimidyl, benzoxazolyl, benzothiazolyl, benzisoxazolyl and benzisothiazolyl and q is zero,
15 one, two, three or four, and wherein said aryl and heteroaryl moieties may optionally be substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of chloro, fluoro, bromo, iodo, (C₁-C₆)alkyl, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano and (C₁-C₆)alkyl S(O)_e wherein e is 0, 1 or 2;
20 R⁷ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)alkyl, [(C₁-C₄)alkyl]aryl wherein the aryl moiety is phenyl, naphthyl, or heteroaryl-(CH₂)_r-, wherein the heteroaryl moiety is selected
25 from the group consisting of pyridyl, pyrimidyl, benzoxazolyl, benzothiazolyl, benzisoxazolyl and benzothiazolyl and r is zero, one, two, three or four, and wherein said aryl and heteroaryl moieties may optionally be substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of chloro, fluoro, bromo, iodo, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy, trifluoromethyl, -C(=O)-(C₁-C₆)alkyl, cyano and (C₁-C₆)alkyl S(O)_f, wherein f is 0, 1 or 2:
30 or R⁶ and R⁷ taken together form a 2 to 4 carbon chain;
35 R⁸ is hydrogen or (C₁-C₃)alkyl;

R⁹ is hydrogen or (C₁-C₆)alkyl;
or R⁸ and R⁹, together with the nitrogen atom to
which they are attached, form a 5 to 7 membered het-
eroalkyl ring that may contain from zero to four
5 heteroatoms selected from nitrogen, sulfur and oxy-
gen;
R¹⁰ is hydrogen or (C₁-C₆)alkyl;
R² is hydrogen, (C₁-C₄)alkyl, phenyl or naphthyl,
wherein said phenyl or naphthyl may optionally be
10 substituted with one or more substituents independ-
ently selected from chloro, fluoro, bromo, iodo,
(C₁-C₆)alkyl, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano
and (C₁-C₆)alkyl S(O)_g wherein g is 0, 1 or 2; and
R³ is -(CH₂)_tB, wherein t is zero, one, two or three
15 and B is hydrogen, phenyl, naphthyl or a 5 or 6 mem-
bered heteroaryl group containing from one to four
heteroatoms in the ring, and wherein each of the
foregoing phenyl, naphthyl and heteroaryl groups may
optionally be substituted with one or more substitu-
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oxy, cyano, hydroxy, COOH and (C₁-C₈)alkyl S(O)_h
wherein h is 0, 1 or 2.

Piperaziny1 benzothiazole, 5-HT4 agonist

VB20B7, a novel 5-HT-ergic agent with gastrokinetic activity. I. Interaction with 5-HT3 and 5-HT4 receptors. Ramirez MJ, Garcia-Garayoa E, Romero G, Monge A, Roca J, Del Rio J, Lasheras B J Pharm Pharmacol 1997 Jan, 49:1:58-65.

10 This study describes the in-vitro interaction of the gastrokinetic agent 2[1-(4-piperonyl)piperaziny1]-benzothiazole (VB20B7) with the 5-hydroxytryptamine 5-HT3 and 5-HT4 receptor subtypes, using functional as well as radioligand binding studies. The benzamide derivative cisapride was used as a comparison. In radioligand binding assays VB20B7 showed, like cisapride, a weak affinity at 5-HT3 receptors from rat cerebral cortex. The new compound lacked any affinity at other 5-HT receptors or at dopaminergic D2 receptors, whereas cisapride showed high affinity for the 5-HT4 receptors from guinea-pig hippocampus and moderate affinity at dopaminergic D2 receptors. In the non-stimulated guinea-pig ileum, the concentration-response curves to the specific 5-HT3 agonist 2-Me-5-HT and to 5-HT were shifted to the right by VB20B7. In the rat oesophagus tunica muscularis mucosae preparation (TMM), VB20B7 was evaluated for its activity at 5-HT4 receptors. VB20B7 behaved as a 5-HT4 receptor agonist, inducing a concentration-dependent relaxation of the preparation precontracted with carbachol. In this preparation, VB20B7 and cisapride were able to stimulate adenylate cyclase activity, an effect probably mediated through activation of 5-HT4 receptors, as can be inferred from the blockade by the 5-HT4 antagonist, tropisetron, of the enhanced cAMP formation. However, consistent with the lack of affinity at central 5-HT4 recep-

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tors, VB20B7 did not stimulate cAMP formation in guinea-pig hippocampal slices. VB20B7 also caused an increase in the twitch response of the transmurally stimulated guinea-pig ileum, although at a concentration higher than cisapride. This effect was blocked by desensitisation of the 5-HT₄ receptor with 5-MeOT and also by the 5-HT₄ receptor antagonist tropisetron. Both VB20B7 and cisapride increased the K(+)evoked acetylcholine release in this preparation. The results show that VB20B7 possesses affinity for 5-HT₄ receptors located in the rat TMM and guinea-pig ileum preparations, but is devoid of affinity at central 5-HT₄ receptors. In addition, VB20B7 shows low to moderate affinity at both central and peripheral (enteric) 5-HT₃ receptors. The interaction of VB20B7 with the peripheral 5-HT₄ and 5-HT₃ receptors may be relevant for the gastrokinetic effects of the new compound.

VA21B7 (3-[2-(4'-piperonylpiperazinyl)indolyl]-caboxaldehyde). The pharmacology of VA21B7:an atypical 5-HT₃ receptor antagonist with anxiolytic-like properties in animal models. Artaiiz I, Romero G, Zazpe A, Monge A, Calderó JM, Roca J, Lasheras B, Del Río J Psychopharmacology (Berl) 1995 Jan, 117:2:137-48.

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2-[4-[3-(4-aryl/heteroaryl-1-piperazineyl)propoxy]phenyl]-2H-benzotriazoles and their N-oxides as ligands for serotonin and dopamine receptors., Sparatore A, Goegan M, Cagnotto A, Sparatore F; Farmaco 1999 Jun 30, 54:6:402-10.

A small set of 2-4-[3-(4-aryl/heteroaryl-piperazinyl)propoxy]phenyl-2H-benzo tri azoles and cores-

ponding N-oxides were prepared. The synthesized compounds were able to bind on some serotonin (5-HT_{1A}, 5-HT_{2A}) and dopamine (D₂, D₃) receptors, while displaying poor or no affinity for 5-HT_{1B}, 5-HT_{2C}, 5-HT₃ and 5-HT₄ subtypes. The strong contribution of the N-oxide function for the binding on 5-HT_{1A}, D₂ and D₃ receptors is noteworthy. For 2-4-[3-[4-(2-methoxyphenyl)-1-piperazinyl]propoxy]phenyl-2H-benzotriazole-1-oxide (4b), the binding constants (K_i) were 11.9 (5-HT_{1A}) and 10.5 nM (D₃). In a general pharmacological screening, the 2-4-[3-(4-phenyl-1-piperazinyl)propoxy]phenyl-2H-benzotriazole (3a) exhibited only very weak activities, with the exception of protecting mice from cyanide-induced hypoxia.

Arylcarbamates

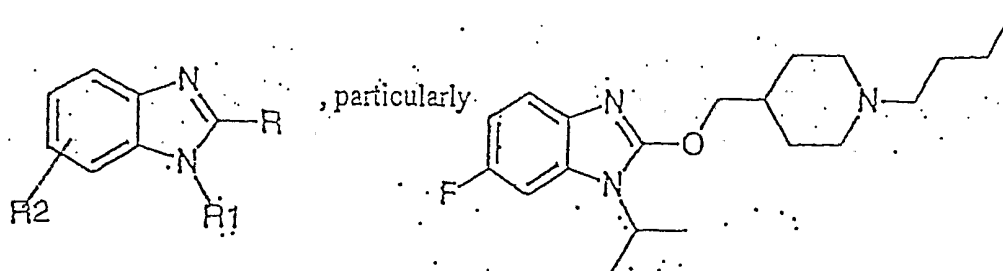
Arylcarbamate derivatives of 1-piperidineethanol as potent ligands for 5-HT₄ receptors. Soulier JL, Yang D, Brémont B, Croci T, Guzzi U, Langlois M; J Med Chem 1997 May 23, 40:11:1755-61.

A series of carbamate derivatives (7) of 2-(1-piperidinyl)ethyl 4-amino-5-chloro-2-methoxybenzoates, which have been described as potent agonists and antagonists of 5-HT₄ receptors, were synthesized. They were evaluated using radioligand binding assays with [³H]GR 113808, a 5-HT₄ receptor selective ligand, in the rat striatum and the electrically stimulated myenteric plexus longitudinal muscle of the guinea pig. In contrast to the previously described ester derivatives, a drop in the affinity for 5-HT₄ receptors was observed and the compounds were inactive as agonists in the guinea pig ileum preparation. Unexpectedly, the ortho-substituted carbamates 8b,c (R' =H, RO=MeO or EtO, R''=H) had nanomolar affinity for 5-HT₄ receptors (K_i = 8.9 +/-0.5 and

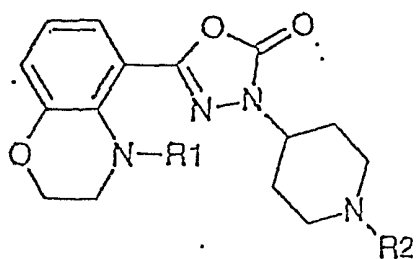
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2.6 +/- 0.4 nM, respectively). As reported previously, the cis- or trans-3,5-dimethyl substitution of piperidine (8n,o) was particularly favorable (K_i = 1.1 +/- 0.6 nM for both isomers). 8c is an antagonist equipotent to the 5-HT₄ receptor antagonist SDZ 205-557 (1).

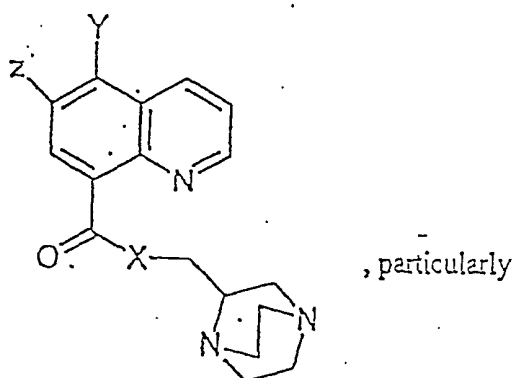
The most interesting 5-HT₄ receptor agonists for the present indications are VB20B7, RS67333, BIMU 1, BIMU 8, 5-methoxytryptamine, Zacopride, RS56532, Mosapride, Pan-copride, Itasetron, BRL 24924, and SC 53116.

Further 5-HT₄ agonist structures useful according to the present invention

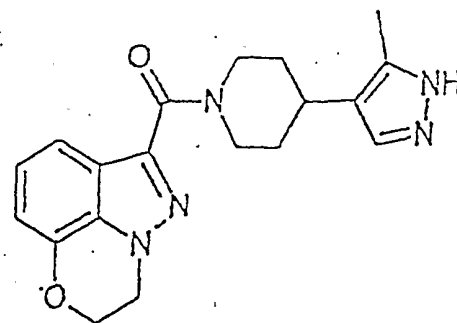
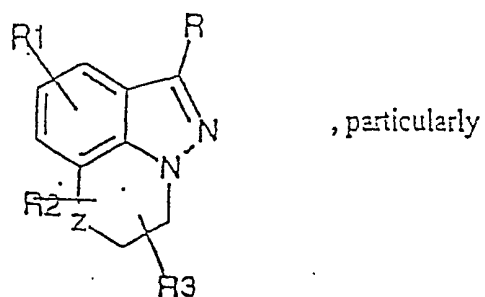
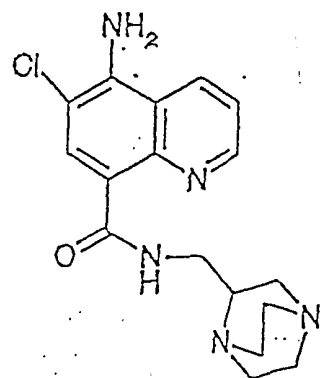
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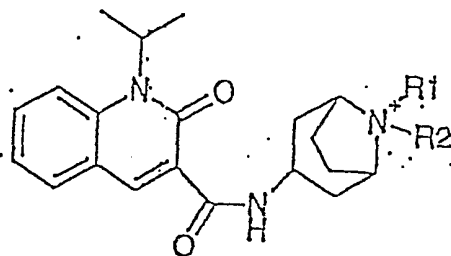
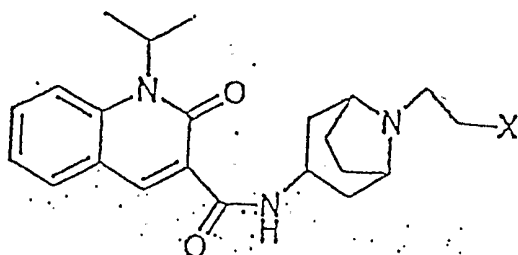
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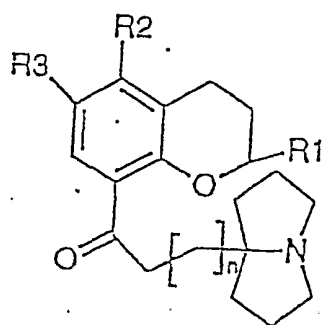
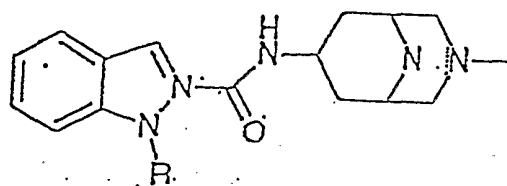
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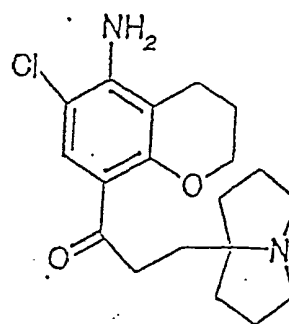
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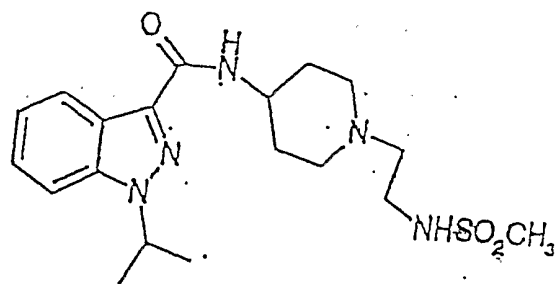
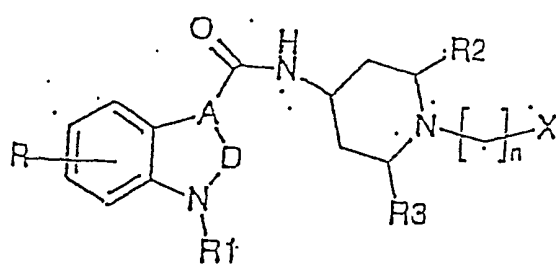
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bensopyranes.



The present invention relates to a composition comprising a combination of compounds comprising a) at least one compound with agonist activity to the 5-HT₄ receptor, and b) at least one compound with antagonist activity to the 5-HT₃ receptor, e.g. for use as a medicament. The present invention also relates to the use of said composition for the manufacture of a medicament intended for treatment of disorders involving airway constriction, as defined above, whereby said composition has the strong bronchorelaxing effect of 5-HT but substantially no constrictor effect. The administration of the composition can be simultaneous or sequential. The compounds with agonist activity to the 5-HT₄ receptor included in said composition may also be unspecific, e.g. 5-HT.

In said combination of compounds with 5-HT₄ agonist and 5-HT₃ antagonist activity, the relative amount of either compound may vary. Typically, the 5-HT₄ agonist is given in a somewhat larger concentration than the 5-HT₃ antagonist.

The most preferred compositions according to the present invention are the following, in each example named in the following order:

- 25 - 5-HT₄-receptor agonist, 5-HT₃-receptor antagonist,
 - VB20B7 and tropanyl 3,5-dimethylbenzoate
 - VB20B7 and MDL 72222
 - RS67333 and tropanyl 3,5-dimethylbenzoate
 - RS67333 and MDL 72222
- 30 - Zacopride and tropanyl 3,5-dimethylbenzoate
 - Zacopride and MDL 72222
 - RS56532 and tropanyl 3,5-dimethylbenzoate
 - RS56532 and MDL 72222
 - Itasetron and tropanyl 3,5-dimethylbenzoate
- 35 - Itasetron and MDL 72222
 - VB20B7 and SDZ 216-525
 - RS67333 and SDZ 216-525

- RS67333 and 3-(1-piperazinyl)-2-quinoxalinecarbo-
- nitrile
- VB20B7 and 3-(1-piperazinyl)-2-quinoxalinecarbonit-
- rile
- 5 - RS67333 and tropanyl 3,5-dimethylbenzoate
- RS67333 and VB20B7
- RS67333 and 5-((dimethylamino)methyl)-3-(1-methyl-
- 1H-indol-3-yl)-1,2,4-oxadiazole, and
- VB20B7 and 5-((dimethylamino)methyl)-3-(1-methyl-1H-
- 10 - indol-3-yl)-1,2,4-oxadiazole

The most preferred combinations are

- VB20B7 and tropanyl 3,5-dimethylbenzoate
- RS67333 and tropanyl 3,5-dimethylbenzoate
- 15 - Zacopride and tropanyl 3,5-dimethylbenzoate
- VB20B7 and 3-(1-piperazinyl)-2-quinoxalinecarbonit-
- rile
- RS67333 and VB20B7
- VB20B7 and 5-((dimethylamino)methyl)-3-(1-methyl-1H-
- 20 - indol-3-yl)-1,2,4-oxadiazole

The present invention also relates to a method for treatment of disorders involving airway constriction, wherein said method comprises the administration to a hu-

25 - man or animal patient of a therapeutically effective amount of a composition comprising a combination of a) a compound with agonist activity to the 5-HT₄ receptor, and b) a compound with antagonist activity to the 5-HT₃ re-

30 - ceptor. Preferably, said method relates to the treatment of asthma, chronic bronchitis, emphysema and chronic ob-

- structive pulmonary disease.

Brief Description of the Drawing

Fig. 1 depicts the effects of 5-HT and the selective 5-HT₄ agonist RS 67333 on the spontaneous tone in a human

35 - airway preparation in vitro. Note that 5-HT only gives a transient relaxation, while the selective 5-HT₄ agonist causes a strong sustained relaxation effect.

Detailed Description of the Invention

As appears from Fig. 1, the contractile component often manifests itself as a reduction or a complete elimination of the 5-HT induced relaxation, rather than in an increase of force from the control (pre-exposure) level. In the case of "specific" agonists to the 5-HT₄ receptor, this sustained relaxing effect is achieved because the contractile 5-HT₃ receptor is not affected; only the relaxing 5-HT₄ receptor is activated. In the case of antagonists to the 5-HT₃ receptor, this effect is achieved due to direct blocking of the 5-HT₃ receptor, whereby the unspecific agonists to the 5-HT₄ receptor, such as 5-HT, can act without also causing contraction by the 5-HT₃ receptor.

It should be noted that the medicament prepared according to present invention in each embodiment may optionally include two or more of the above outlined compounds.

Further, in the embodiment when the compound having 5-HT₃ antagonist activity is administered, optionally together with complementary serotonin or derivatives thereof, a serotonin uptake inhibitor can be added with a view to amplifying the relaxing effect, e.g. fluoxetine, citalopram, paroxetine, sertraline, and fluvoxamine

The typical daily dose of the medicament prepared according to the invention varies within a wide range and will depend on various factors such as the individual requirement of each patient and the route of administration.

Said medicament may be prepared as a composition adapted either for administration via the respiratory tract or for oral, intravenous, intramuscular, intrathecal, topical, intraperitoneal or subcutaneous administration, in association with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, diluents or adjuvants that are well known in the art.

Moreover, said medicament is preferably administered via the respiratory tract in the form of e.g. an aerosol or an air-suspended fine powder. However, in some cases useful alternative administration forms are tablets, capsules, powders, microparticles, granules, syrups, suspensions, solutions, transdermal patches or suppositories.

The subject-matter of the present invention was inter alia deduced from animal experiments, where a specific behavior of the airway smooth muscle called "spontaneous tone" was examined. The spontaneous tone, which involves a spontaneous continuous contraction in the airway smooth muscle, was studied due to a suspicion that defective regulation of the spontaneous tone could be an important cause of the bronchoconstriction observed in asthmatic patients.

The examinations of the spontaneous tone were performed in accordance with the methods disclosed in the thesis "*Regulation of spontaneous tone in guinea pig trachea*" by S. Skogvall, Department of Physiological Sciences, Lund University, 1999, which is incorporated herein by reference. As evidenced by these examinations, the airways normally display a highly regular type of oscillating tone if exposed to physiological conditions, and this oscillating tone can be reversibly affected by administration of various substances. When the epithelium is removed, the preparations instead displays a strong, smooth type of tone.

In short, the animal experiments in said thesis showed that the spontaneous tone to a large degree is controlled by powerful regulating factors released from a specific type of airway epithelium cells, so called neuroepithelial endocrine (NEE) cells.

Later experiments, not included in the thesis, have revealed that one of the regulating factors is serotonin (5-HT), which activates 5-HT₁, 5-HT₃, 5-HT₄, 5-HT₅, 5-HT₆ and 5-HT₇ as well as 5-HT₂ receptors, in particular 5-HT₂, 5-HT₃, and 5-HT₄ receptors.

Additional experiments have shown that when a small dose (1 μ M) serotonin (5-HT) was added to denuded guinea-pig airway smooth muscle preparations displaying a strong, smooth spontaneous tone, the average force level was increased significantly, i.e. a transient contraction was observed. A contractile effect of serotonin (5-HT) on airways (smooth muscle) has previously been reported, see e.g. Skogvall, S., Korsgren, M., Grampp, W., *J. Appl. Phys.*, 86:789-798, 1999. However, when a large dose (100 μ M) of 5-HT was used, the spontaneous tone was, after a transient contraction, significantly suppressed to a level of about half the force observed in control (drug-free) conditions. The spontaneous tone returned to approximately its normal pre-treatment level when the preparations were again exposed to control, drug-free conditions. Thus, it has now surprisingly been shown that serotonin causes a contraction of guinea-pig airways at low concentrations and relaxation at high concentrations, i.e. a dual effect.

Similar experiments have also been performed on human airway preparations from patients undergoing lobectomy or pulmectomy due to lung cancer. In humans, 5-HT was even more potent in relaxing the airway smooth muscle than in guinea pig: even as low a concentration as 1 μ M 5-HT induced a significant relaxation in preparations displaying a spontaneous tone.

Human airways are generally considered to display only a weak contraction when exposed to 5-HT. Nevertheless, examinations on spontaneous tone on human in vitro preparations have shown that 5-HT indeed causes a contraction also in this tissue. However, this contraction takes a longer time to develop than in guinea pig and the contractile effect is seen as a termination of the relaxation, rather than an increase of tone from the baseline (pre-treatment). The relaxation, which has a maximum after 10-15 min, disappears gradually during the following 30-45 min (see Fig 1). In guinea pig trachea, the

first 5-HT-induced effect is a contraction which reaches a maximum after approximately 10 min, and this is followed, within approximately 30 min, by a considerable reduction of tone, i.e. a relaxation below the pre-treatment level. The transient nature of the 5-HT relaxation in human airways is most likely caused by a simultaneous activation of the fast relaxing 5-HT₄ receptor, and an activation of the slower contracting receptor, which in human airways surprisingly has been found to be the 5-HT₃ receptor. This is clear, because activation of the relaxing 5-HT₄ receptor by a substance that lacks 5-HT₃ receptor activating properties (such as RS 67333), results in a relaxation that is persistent and not transient (see Fig. 1).

It has previously been suggested that 5-HT may be useful in the treatment of bronchoobstructive diseases. In SU 1 701 320 it is suggested that the 5-HT, i.e. serotonin, may be of use as an addition to standard beta2 receptor stimulation for the treatment of acute asthma attacks. However, from the presently described experiments it seems clear that 5-HT alone is unsuitable, i.e. not effective or useful, for the treatment of said diseases, e.g. asthmatic disorders, because of the only transient relaxing effect by 5-HT (see Fig. 1).

Also, reports from other groups indicate that 5-HT if anything tends to induce a weak bronchoconstriction rather than a relaxation in asthmatics (see e.g. Dupont et al. 1999, Eur Resp J 14:642-649 and Takahashi et al. 1995, Am J Respir Crit Care Med 152:377-380, which are incorporated herein by reference). If instead, according to the present invention, a composition comprising a combination of compounds that stimulates the relaxing 5-HT₄ receptor and blocks the contracting 5-HT₃ receptor is given, the relaxing effect is persistent, and not transient. The action of this combination at two different receptors causes a greater airway relaxation than an action at only one receptor. I should be noted that more

than one of the 5-HT₄ receptor agonists and more than one of the 5-HT₃ receptor antagonists may be included in such a composition. A reduced effect, however still satisfactory is attained, by the administration of only the 5-HT₃ receptor antagonist.

In summary, it has now been discovered that agonist action on the 5-HT₄ receptor results in a relaxing effect, whereas agonist action on 5-HT₃ receptors results in a contractile effect. In conclusion, the dual effect of 5-HT is most likely a result of its agonist action on the relaxing 5-HT₄ receptor as well as on the contracting 5-HT₃ receptor.

It was also deduced from these experiments that compounds having agonist activity to the 5-HT₄ receptor, while having only low or no agonist activity to a 5-HT₃ receptor, therefore are useful as agents for treatment of disorders involving airway constriction, as defined above.

In the above mentioned experiments it has been shown that compounds having antagonist activity to a 5-HT₃ receptor are useful as agents for treatment of disorders involving airway constriction, since they are capable of blocking the contractile effect of a compound having agonist activity to a 5-HT₃ receptor. Administration of serotonin, a serotonin reuptake inhibitor or any other substance having 5-HT₄ receptor agonist activity in combination with a 5-HT₃ receptor antagonist results in a much better relaxation of the bronchi, compared to administration of only one of those compounds.

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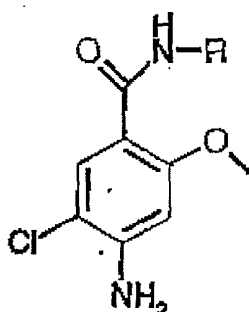
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CLAIMS

1. A composition comprising a combination of a) at least one compound with agonist activity to the 5-HT₄ receptor, and b) at least one compound with antagonist activity to the 5-HT₃ receptor.

2. A composition according to claim 1, wherein said composition has the capacity of reducing pathological airway constriction by at least 30%, preferably at least 60%, and most preferably at least 90%, and wherein said combination is chosen from the following groups of 5-HT₄ agonists and 5-HT₃ antagonists, or derivatives or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof:

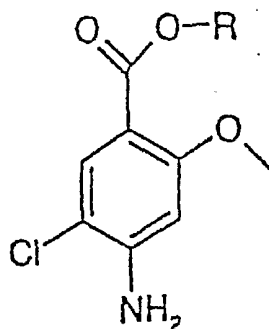
a) 5-HT₄ receptor agonists: serotonin (5-HT), benzamides containing the structural element 4-amino-5-chloro-2-methoxy benzamide based on metoclopramide, with the structural formula:



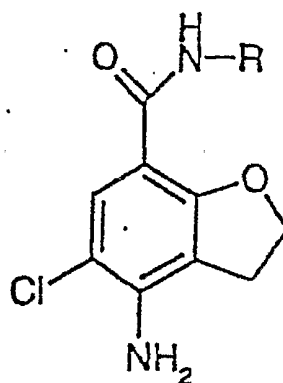
having a basic nitrogen in a side chain from the amide nitrogen, said basic nitrogen often being a part of a sterically locked system, preferably BRL 20627, BRL 24682, BRL 24924, Cisapride, Metoclopramide, ML-1035, Mosapride, R076186, Renzapride, RS 67506, Cinitapride, SB 205149, SC-49518, SC-52491, SC-53116, SDZ 216,454, TKS 159, Y-34959, YM-09151, YM-47813, Zacopride, and Zelmac (SDZ HTF919; tegaserod);

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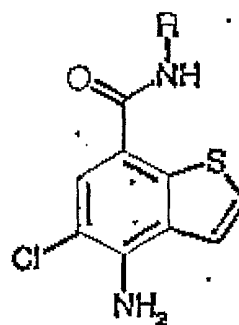
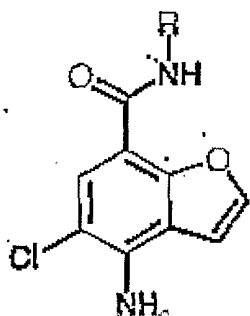
benzoic acid esters:



preferably ML 10302, RS 57639, and SR 59768;

a 2,3-dihydro-benzofuran-7-carboxamide compound,
preferably ADR 932, Prucalopride (=R 093877), and SK-951;

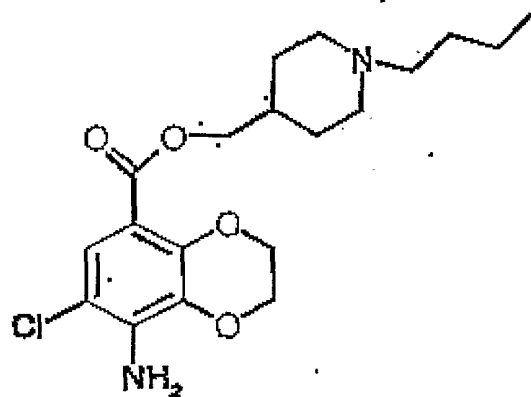
benzofuranes and benzothiophenes,



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the benzodioxan

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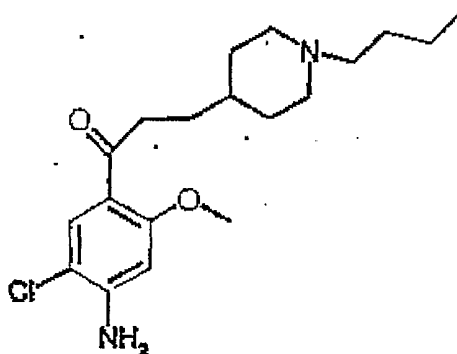


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the benzoic acid antagonist RS 23597 (an ester)
transformed to an agonist by conversion to a ketone

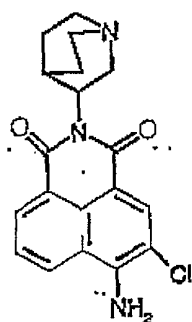
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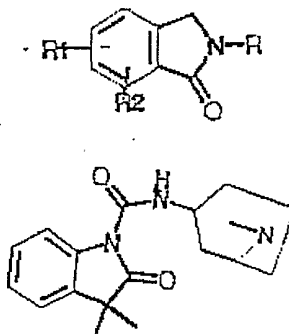
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e.g. preferably RS 67333 and RS 17017;
naphthalimides, preferably RS 56532;

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benzindolone;

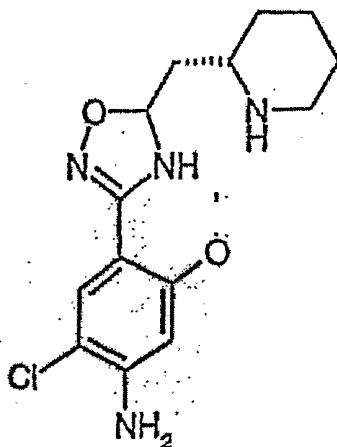
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compounds in which the amide function has been replaced with an oxadiazol ring;

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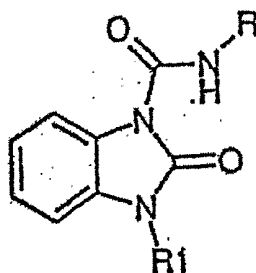


preferably YM-53389;

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benzimidazolone-1-carboxamides

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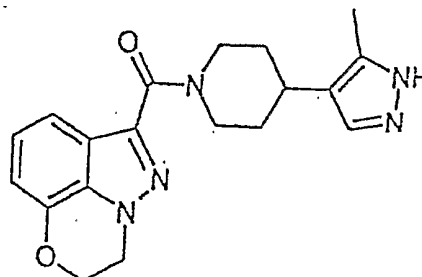
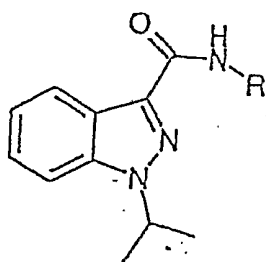


preferably BIMU 1, BIMU 8, DAU 6215, and DAU 6236;

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the carboamides

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indols, preferably 5-methoxytryptamine, 2-methyl-serotonine, and 5-hydroxy-N,N-di-methyltryptamine;

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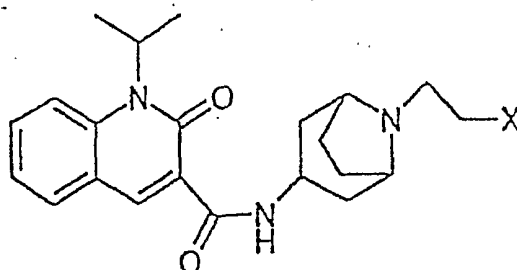
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compounds quaternized on the nitrogen in the side chain:

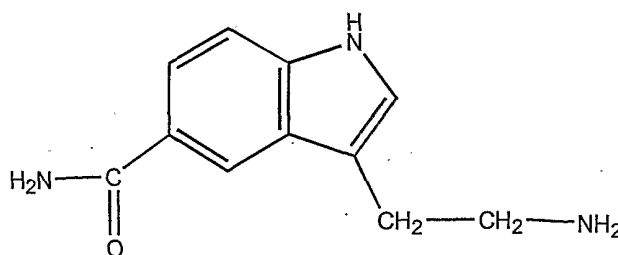
benzokinolinones

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5-carboxamidotryptamine (5-CT), with the structural formula:



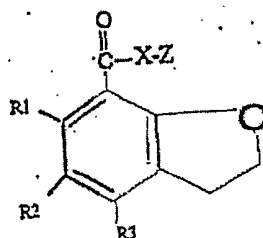
- 15 5-HT, 3-Me-8-OH-DPAT, 8-OH-DPAT (8-hydroxy-2-dipropyl-aminotetralin), RS 23597-190, RS 67532, RU 28253, SB 204070, Bufotenine, 5-MeO-N,N,DMT, GR 113,808, α -methyl-5-HT, arylcarbamate derivatives of 1-piperidine-ethanol, 4-amino-5-chloro-2-methoxybenzoic acid esters,
- 20 4-amino-5-chloro-2-methoxy-N-((2S,4S)-1-ethyl-2-hydroxy-methyl-4-pyrrolidinyl)benzamide, thiophene carboxamide derivatives 3 (a-j), 5-azabicyclo(x.y.z) derivatives, 2-piperazinylbenzoxazole derivatives, 2-piperazinylbenzothiazole derivatives (e.g. VB20B7), Sandoz compound 1b,
- 25 clebopride, 2-piperidinmethylethers of benzimidazole, zelmac, 2-[1-(4-piperonyl)piperazinyl]benzothiazole, benzpyranes,

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substituted dihydrobenzofuran derivatives with the following structure:

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wherein R1-R3, X and Z are groups that can be substituted;

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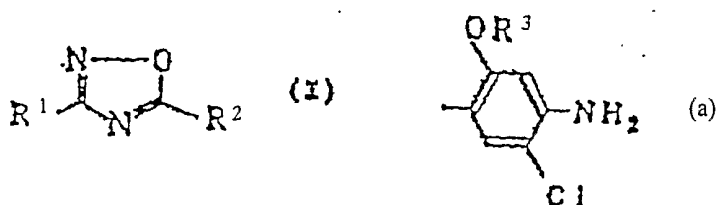
compounds with the following indazole structure:

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oxidiazole derivatives

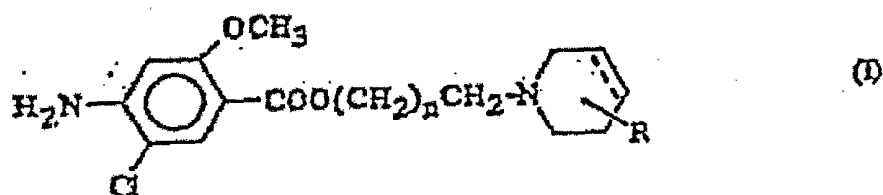
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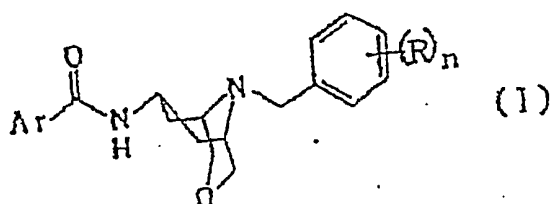
4-amino-5-chloro-2-methoxybenzoic esters

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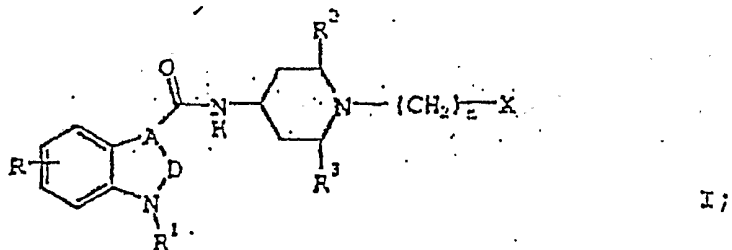
oxazabicyclo derivatives

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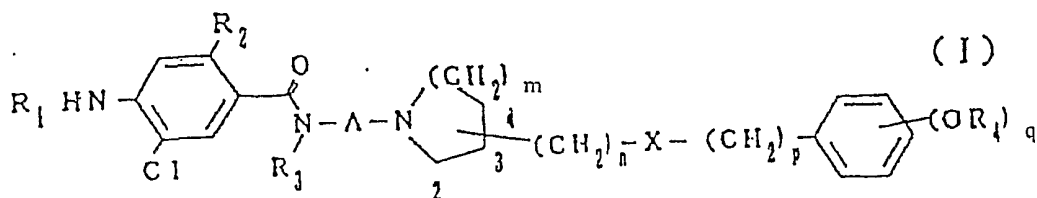
compounds having the following structure

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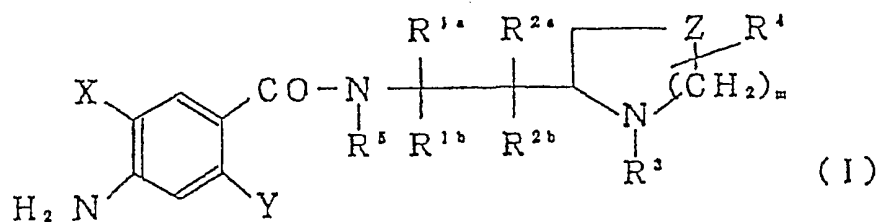


10 benzamide derivatives having the following structures

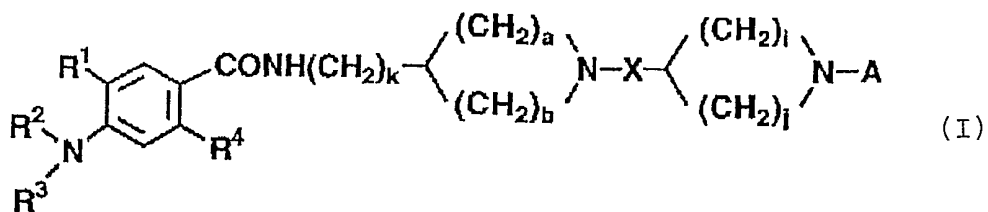
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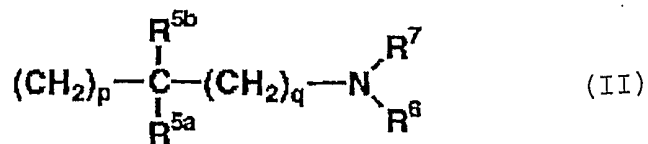
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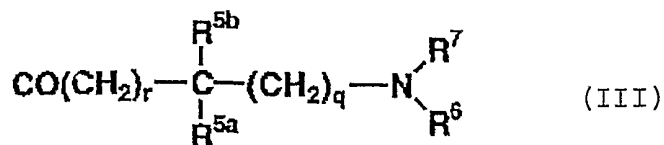
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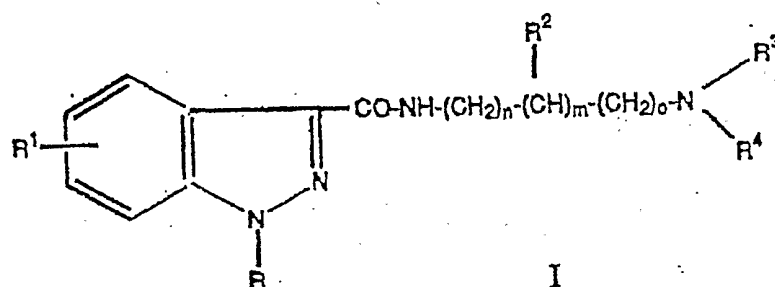
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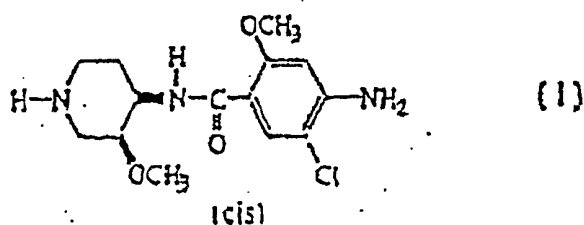
indazolecarboxamides



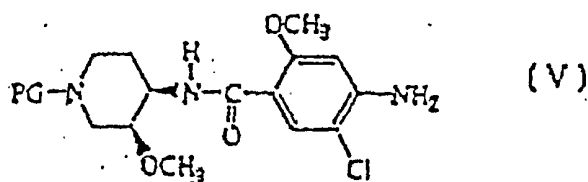
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(+)-norcisapride of formula (I) and compounds (V),
 and its pharmaceutically acceptable acid additions salts;
 compounds of formula (V) wherein the piperidine ring has
 the absolute configuration (3S, 4R) and PG is methyloxy-
 15 carbonyl, ethyloxycarbonyl, tert-butyloxycarbonyl or
 phenylmethyl;

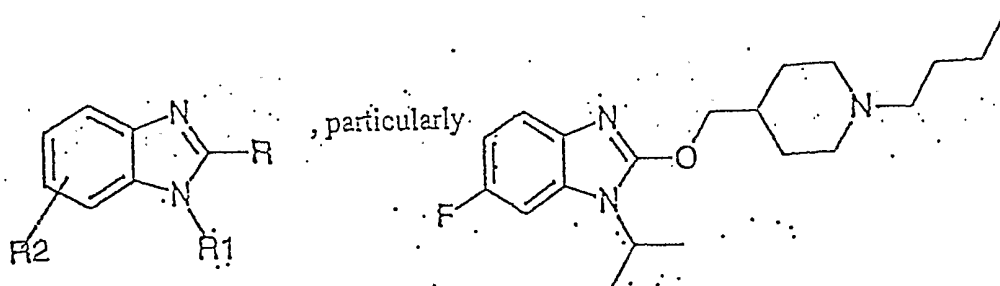
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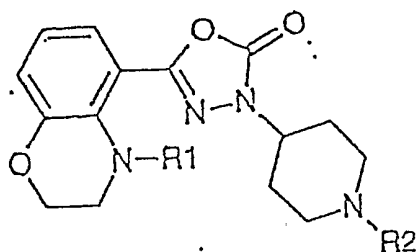
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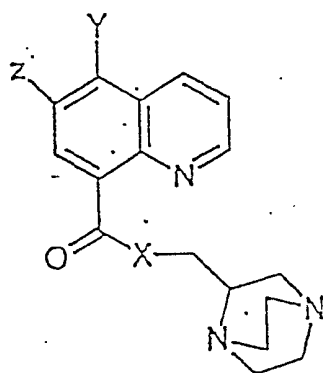
Further 5-HT₄ agonist structures useful according to the present invention



2-piperidinmethylethers
of bensimidazol

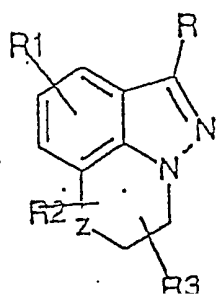
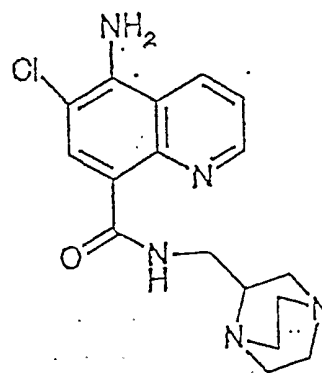


oxadiazalon based
substance

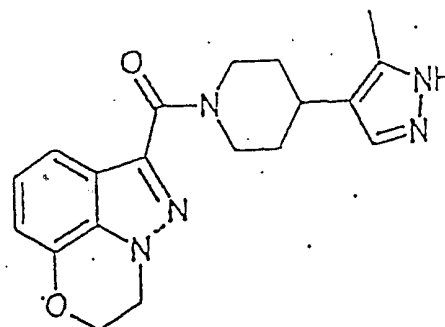


kinolines

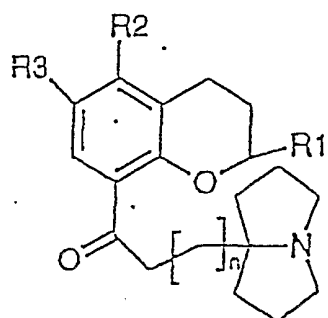
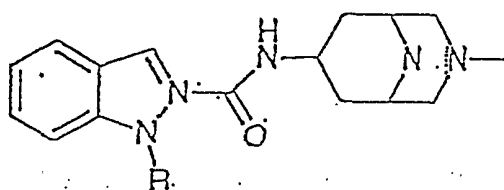
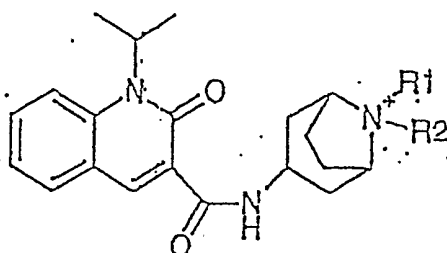
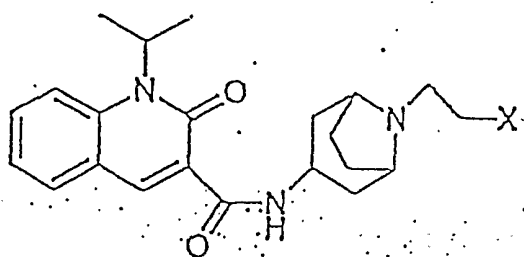
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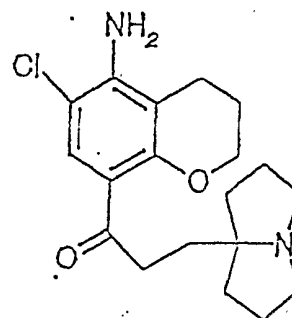
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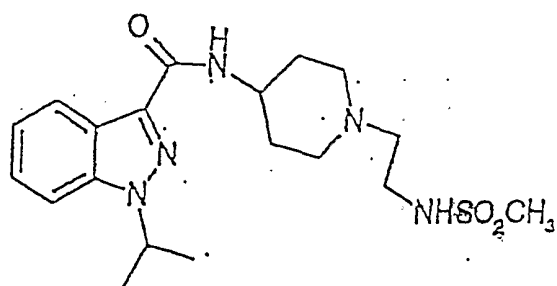
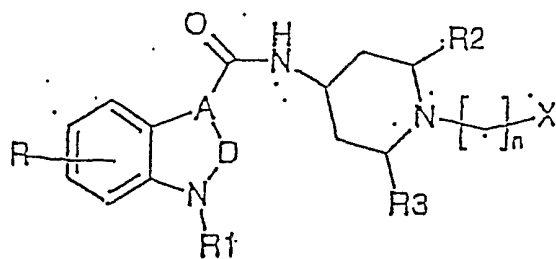
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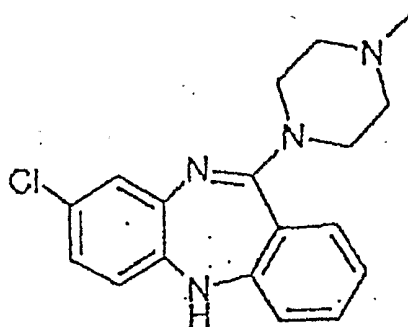
bensopyranes.



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b) 5-HT₃ receptor antagonists

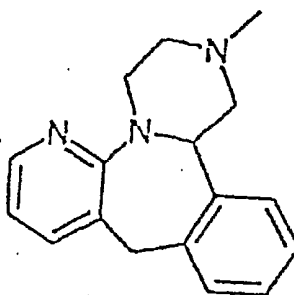
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benzazepines, preferably mirtazapine

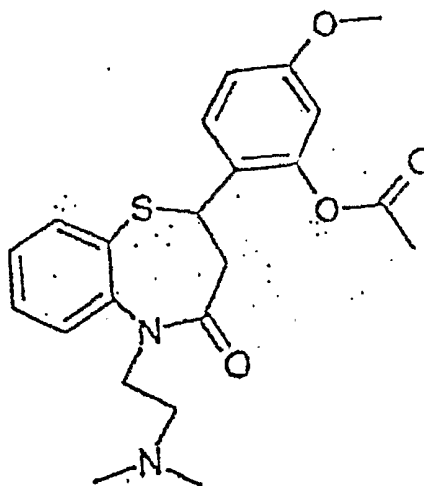
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benztiazepines, preferably diltiazem

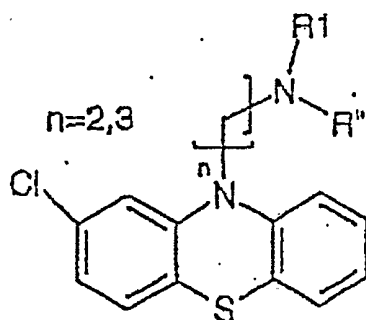
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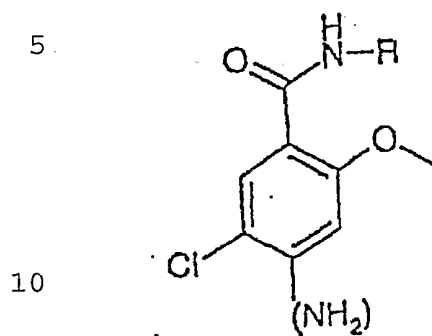
and fentiazines

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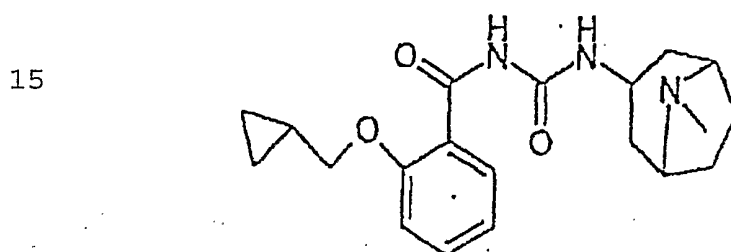
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preferably perphenazine, chlorpromazine, stemetil;
compounds also having 5-HT₄ receptor agonist activity, preferably benzamides



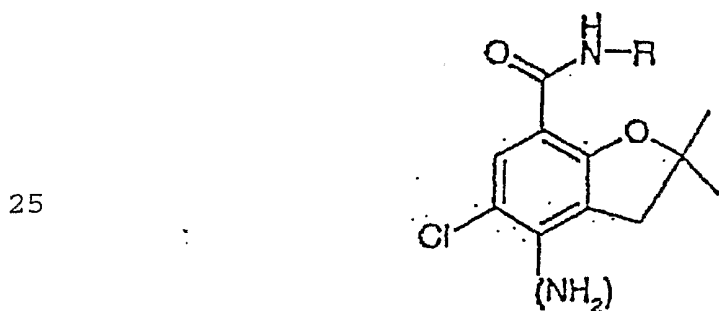
(cisapride, zacopride,
mosapride, metoclo-
pramide, pancopride,
BRL 24924, BMY 33462)

and



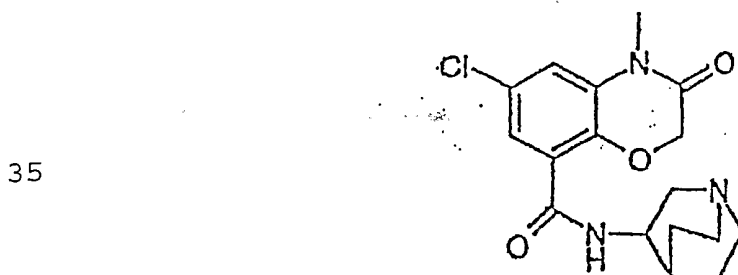
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20 2,3-dihydro-benzofuran-7-carboxamides



(preferably zatosetron=LY 277359, ADR 851);

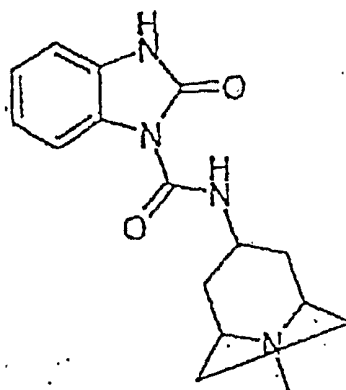
30 1,4-benzoxazin-8-carboxamides



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preferably azasetron (=Y25130);
benzimidazolones

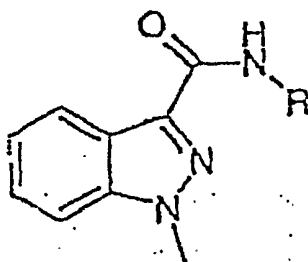
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preferably itaset
indazol-3-carboxamides

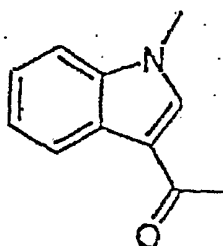
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preferably N 3389, LY 278584, DAT 582 (= (R)AS-5370);
wherein the latter group reminds most of the specific 5-HT₃ antagonists, which contains the group

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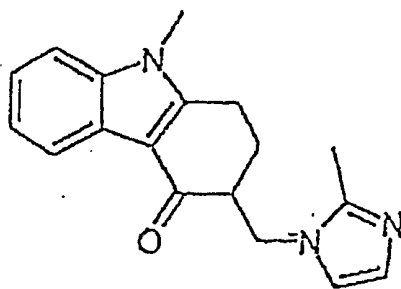
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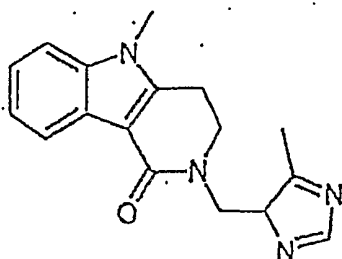
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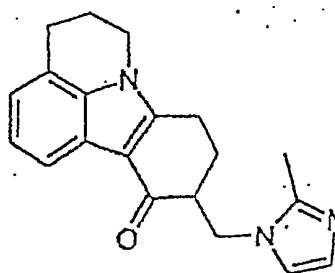
ondansetron

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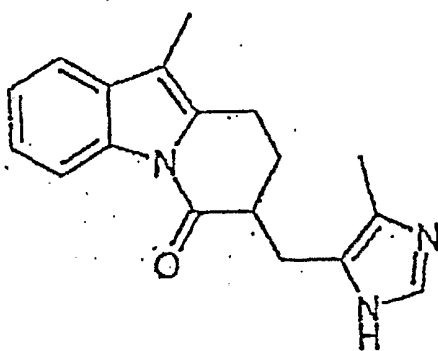
alosetron



cilansetron (=KC 9946)

substances the structure of which has been inverted and
the carbonyl group has been placed on the indoline nitro-
gen

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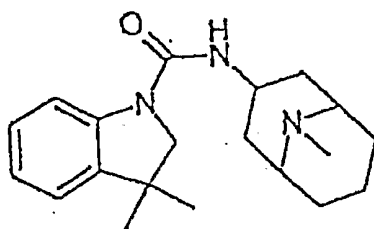
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also being an antagonist against both 5-HT₃ and 5-HT₄ re-
ceptors,

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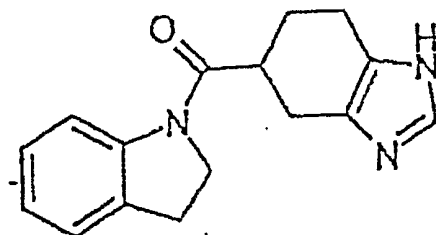
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bisindoles

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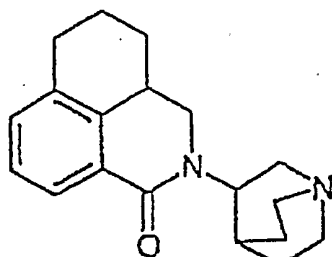


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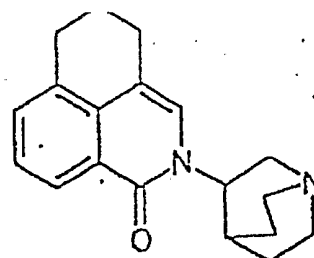
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isoquinoline-1-ones

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palonosetron (=RS 25259-197)

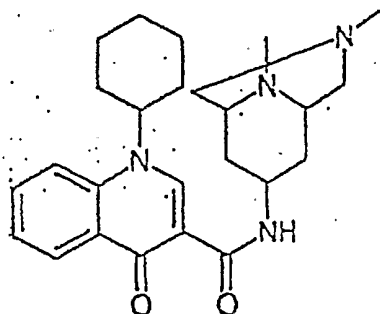


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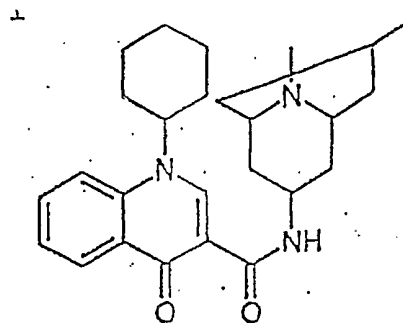
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and the quinoline-3-carboxamides

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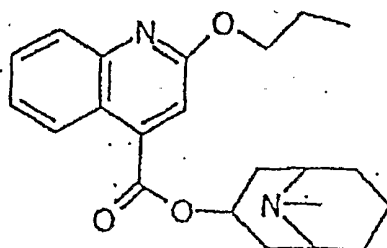
Mirisetron (=WAY 100579),

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quinoline-4-carboxylates

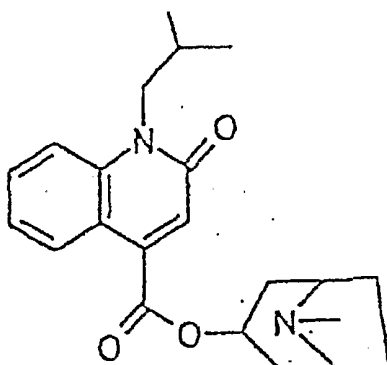
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10 preferably KF 17643

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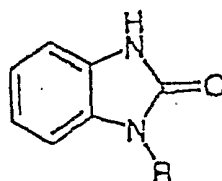
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preferably KF 18259;

25 benzimidazolones

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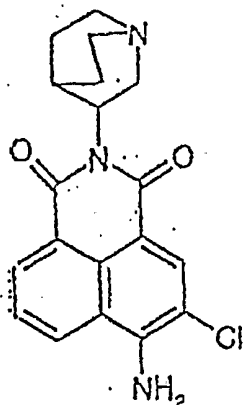


preferably droperidol (neurolidol), itasetron (DAU6215),
and the naphtimides

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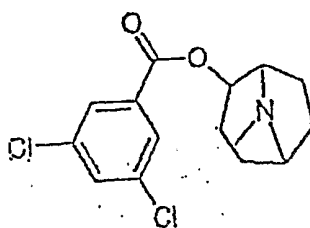
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preferably RS 56532;

MDL 72222, which also is a specific 5-HT₃ antagonist;

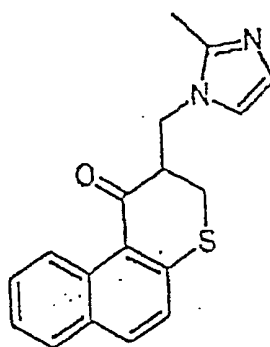
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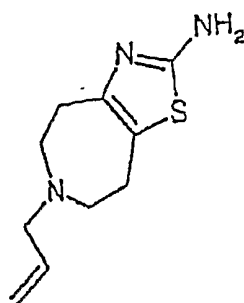
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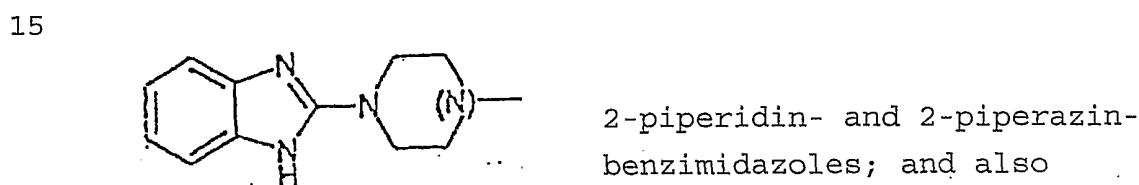
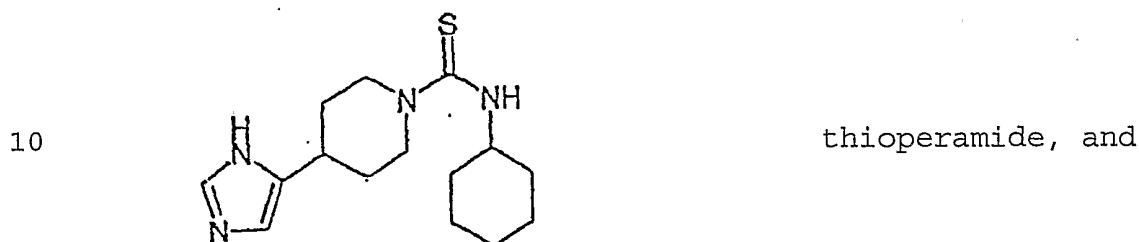
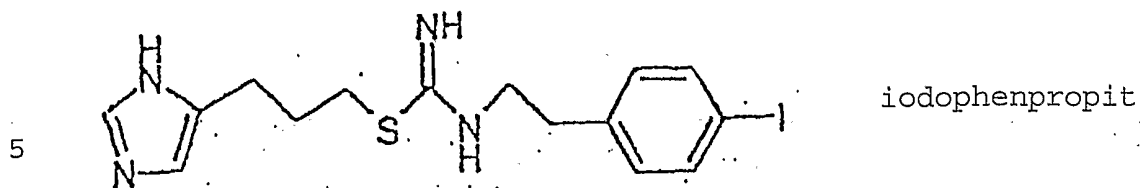
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Talipexole

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noxalinecarbonitrile, 4-Ph-N-Me-quipazine, 5-((dimethyl-
amino)methyl)-3-(1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-1,2,4-oxadizole,
5,7-DHT, 5-[(dimethylamino)methyl]-3-(1-methyl-1H-indol-
25 3-yl)-1,2,4-oxadizole, ADR-882, Amitriptyline, Anpirto-
line, AS-5370, Batanopride, BIMU 1, BRL 24682, BRL 43694,
BRL 46470 (=Ricasetron), BRL 47204, Bufotenine, CF 109203
(=BIM), Cizapride, Clozapine, CP-93318, Cyameazine,
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ICS 205-930, Imipramine, Indalpine, KAE-393/YM-114, KB-
6922, KB-6933, KB-R 6933, KF-20170, Ketanserin, Leri-
setron, Lurosetron, LY 258-458, LY 278-989, LY-211-000,
35 McNeil-A-343, MCPP, MDL 72699, Mepyramine, Metergoline,
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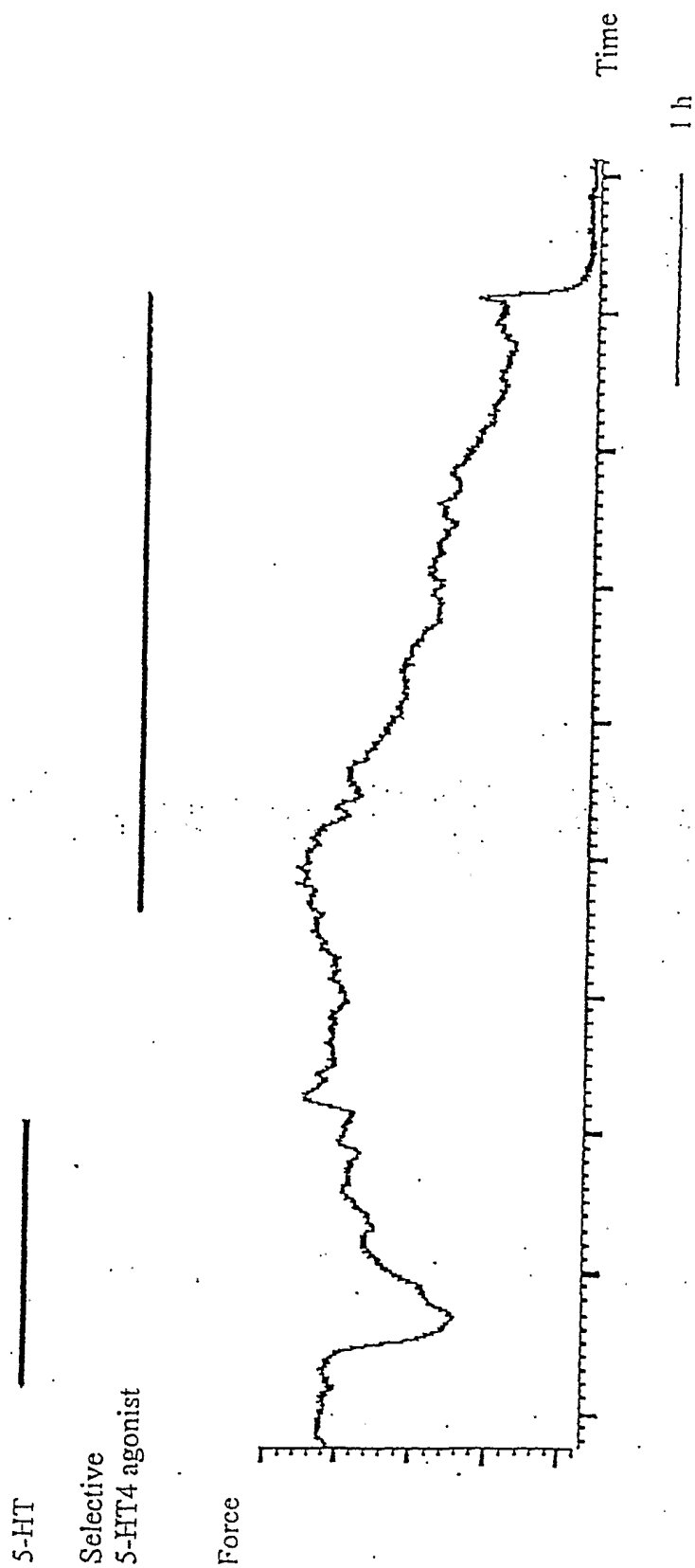
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3. Composition according to claim 2, wherein it comprises a combination of compounds selected from one of 20 the following combinations of 5-HT₄-receptor agonists and 5-HT₃-receptor antagonists, wherein the 5-HT₄ receptor agonist is mentioned first:

- VB20B7 and tropanyl 3,5-dimethylbenzoate
- VB20B7 and MDL 72222
- 25 - RS67333 and tropanyl 3,5-dimethylbenzoate
- RS67333 and MDL 72222
- Zacopride and tropanyl 3,5-dimethylbenzoate
- Zacopride and MDL 72222
- RS56532 and tropanyl 3,5-dimethylbenzoate
- 30 - RS56532 and MDL 72222
- Itasetron and tropanyl 3,5-dimethylbenzoate
- Itasetron and MDL 72222
- VB20B7 and SDZ 216-525
- RS67333 and SDZ 216-525
- 35 - RS67333 and 3(1-piperazinyl)-2-quinoxalinecarbo-
- nitrile

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Fig 1



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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC7: A61K 31/395, A61K 31/4045, A61P 11/06, A61P 11/08

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)

IPC7: A61K, A61P

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

SE,DK,FI,NO classes as above

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

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Box I.1

Claim 6 relates to a method of treatment of the human or animal body by surgery or by therapy/a diagnostic method practised on the human or animal body/Rule 39.1(iv). Nevertheless, a search has been executed for this claim. The search has been based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.

Box I.2

Claim 1 and depending parts of claims 4-6 relate to a composition of compounds defined by reference to a desirable characteristic or property, namely that at least one compound has agonist activity to the 5-HT₄ receptor and that at least one compound has antagonist activity to the 5-HT₃ receptor. The mentioned claims cover all compounds having this characteristic or property. Claim 2 (which is dependent of claim 1) and depending parts of claims 4-6 are restricted to specific compounds. However, these claims relate to a very great number of structurally different compounds whereas the application provides support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT for only a very limited number of such compounds. In the present case, claims 1-2 and 4-6 so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible.

Further expressions such as "compound with agonist activity to the 5-HT₄ receptor", "compound with antagonist activity to a 5-HT₃ receptor" and "disorders involving airway constriction" are not clear and concise. It is impossible to compare the parameters the applicant has chosen to employ with what is set out in the prior art.

Consequently, the search has mainly been carried out for those parts which appear to be clear, supported and disclosed, namely claim 3 and those parts of claims 4-6 relating to claim 3.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims relating to inventions in which no international search report has been established will not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search during any Chapter II procedure.

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

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

1. ☒ Claims Nos.: **6**
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
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2. ☒ Claims Nos.: **1-2, 4-6**
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:
see next sheet
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:

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.:
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