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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides a pharmaceutical composition for treating or preventing sleep disorders which comprises (S)-N-[2-(1,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2H-indeno[5,4-b]furan-8-yl)ethyl]propionamide in combination with at least one active component selected from zolpidem, zopiclone, triazolam and brotizolam.

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