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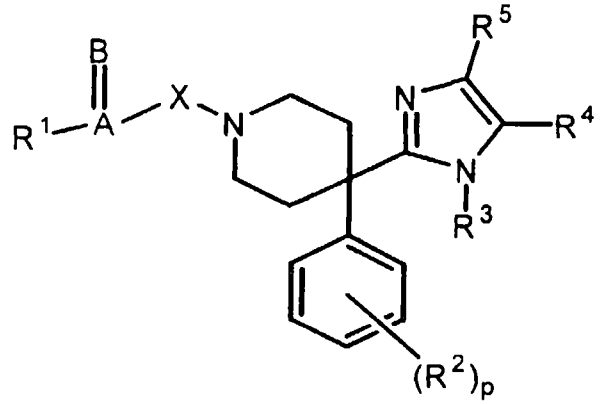
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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to novel 4-phenyl-4-[1*H*-imidazol-2-yl]-piperidine derivatives according to Formula (I), the pharmaceutically acceptable acid or base addition salts thereof, the stereochemically isomeric forms thereof, the tautomeric forms thereof and the *N*-oxide forms thereof. In particular are claimed compounds according to Formula (I) in which A=B is C=O or SO_2, X is a covalent bond, R^1 is alkyloxy, alkyloxyalkyl, Ar or NR^9R^{10}, wherein R^9 and R^{10} each independently are hydrogen or Ar; or A=B and R^1 together form a benzoxazolyl radical ; p is zero, R^3 is benzyl optionally substituted with hydroxy, alkyl or alkyloxycarbonyl and R^4 and R^5 each are hydrogen. The invention also relates to processes for the preparation of the compounds according to the invention and their use in medicine, in particular as selective non-peptide d-opioid agonists for use in the treatment of various pain conditions.

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