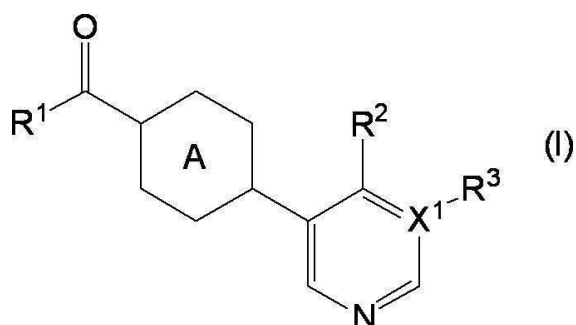


ABSTRACT

HETEROCYCLIC COMPOUND

5 An object of the present invention is to provide a compound having a superior CH₂4H inhibitory action, which is useful as an agent for the prophylaxis or treatment of epilepsy, neurodegenerative disease and the like. The present invention relates to a compound represented by the formula:



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wherein each symbol is as defined in the specification, or a salt thereof.