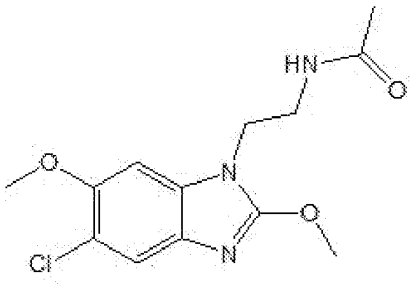
# Claims

[Claim 1] A benzimidazole compound of formula I:

[Chem.1]

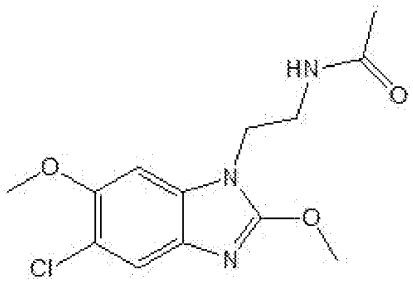



Formula I

or pharmaceutically acceptable salts, crystals, hydrates, solvates, prodrugs or metabolites thereof.

[Claim 2] A benzimidazole compound of formula I for the treatment of obesity, diabetes, non-alcoholic fatty liver disease and non-alcoholic steato-hepatitis:

[Chem.2]

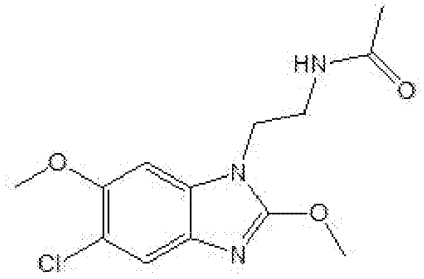



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[Claim 3] Pharmaceutical composition for the treatment of obesity, diabetes, non-alcoholic fatty liver disease and non-alcoholic steatohepatitis comprising a benzimidazole compound of formula I:

[Chem.3]




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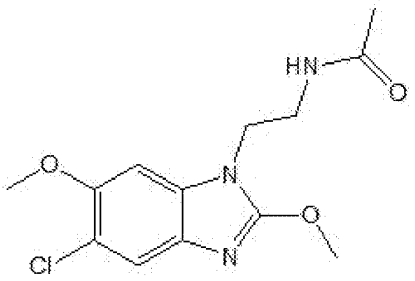
or pharmaceutically acceptable salts, crystals, hydrates, solvates, prodrugs or metabolites thereof and pharmaceutical acceptable excipients.

[Claim 4] Pharmaceutical composition, according to claim 3, comprising 0.01 a 5000 mg of the benzimidazole compound of formula I.

[Claim 5] Pharmaceutically acceptable salts of benzimidazole compound of formula I according to claim 1 chosen from the inorganic addition salts hydrochloride, hydrobromide, sulfate, nitrate, phosphate; from the organic additions salts acetate, propionate, hexanoate, heptanoate, glycolate, piruvate, lactate, malonate, malate, maleate, fumarate, tartrate, citrate, succinate, mesylate, acistrate, besylate, tosylate, xinafoate, benzoate, p-toluenesulfonate, cinnamate, p-chlorobenzenesulfonate, 2-naphtalenesulfonate, p-toluenesulphonate, camphorsulfonate, trimethylacetate, t-butylacetate, laurylsulphate, gluconate, glutarate, hydroxynaphthoate, salicylate, stearate, muconate, mandelate, 2-hydroxyethanesulfonate; and from the alkaline addition salts of metals sodium, potassium, lithium, calcium, magnesium, bismuth, bromide; and from or pharmaceutically acceptable salts with the organic bases primary, secondary or tertiary amines; and salts with the aminoacid arginine, lysine, histidine, caffeine, procaine, hydrobamine, choline, betaine, ethylenediamine, glycosamine, teobromine, purine, morpholine.

[Claim 6] Method for the treatment of obesity, diabetes, non-alcoholic fatty liver disease and non-alcoholic steatohepatitis comprising a benzimidazole compound of formula I:

[Chem.4]



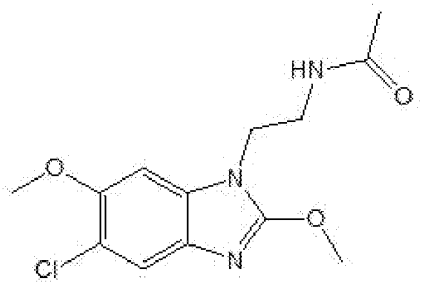

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or pharmaceutically acceptable salts, crystals, hydrates, solvates, prodrugs or metabolites thereof.

[Claim 7] Method, according to claim 6, wherein 0.01 a 5000 mg of the benzimidazole compound of formula I is administered to a needed patient.

[Claim 8] Use of a benzimidazole compound in the manufacture of a pharmaceutical composition for the treatment of obesity, diabetes, non-alcoholic fatty liver disease and non-alcoholic steatohepatitis wherein the benzimidazole compound of formula I is:

[Chem.5]




Formula I

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