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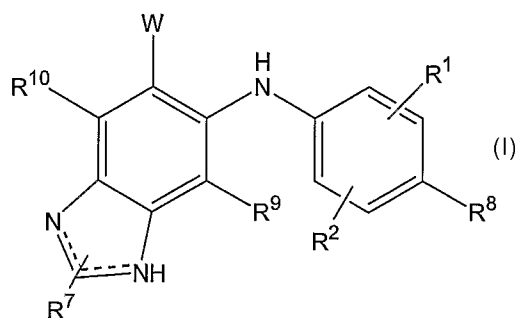
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(57) Abstract: Disclosed are compounds of the formula I and phar-
maceutically acceptable salts and prodrugs thereof, wherein W, R¹, R², R⁷,
R⁸, R⁹, and R¹⁰ are as defined in the specification. Such compounds are
MEK inhibitors and useful in the treatment of hyperproliferative diseases,
such as cancer and inflammation, in mammals. Also disclosed is a method
of using such compounds in the treatment of hyperproliferative diseases in
mammals, and pharmaceutical compositions containing such compounds.



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