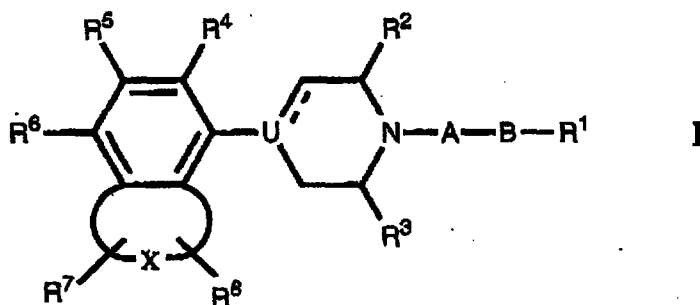


ABSTRACT

Fused benzo compounds of Formula I

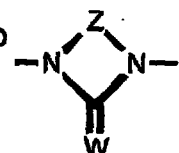
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wherein A is a 2 to 6 membered hydrocarbon spacer group

B is a polar divalent group selected from SO, SO₂, and a group

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U is C, N or CH;

X is a divalent 3 - 4 membered chain optionally comprising one or more heteroatoms; R¹ is an aliphatic hydrocarbon group, arylalkyl or diphenylalkyl;

15 R² and R³ are hydrogen or alkyl or together form an ethylene or propylene bridge;

R⁴, R⁵, and R⁶ are hydrogen or substituents;

R⁷ and R⁸ are hydrogen or substituents including, a group -COOR⁹ and a group -CONR¹⁰R¹¹;

are 5-HT_{1A} receptor ligands useful in the treatment of CNS disorders.

20 Pharmaceutical compositions comprising the compounds and their use for the manufacture of a pharmaceutical preparation are also disclosed.

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