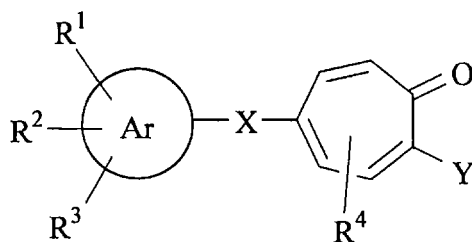




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ABSTRACT

Tropolone derivatives represented by the formula (I), which have retinoid actions and are useful as active ingredients of medicaments [R^1 to R^4 represent hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, or an alkoxy group; the ring represented by Ar represents an aryl ring or a heteroaryl ring; X represents a single bond, $-N=N-$, $-CON(R^5)-$, $-(C=C)_nCON(R^6)-$, $-N(R^7)CON(R^8)-$, $-SO_2N(R^9)-$, $-N(R^{10})-$ (R^5 to R^9 represent hydrogen atom or an alkyl group, n represents 1 to 3, R^{10} represents hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, or an acyl group), an alkylene group, an aryldiyl group, or a heterocyclic diyl group; Y represents hydrogen atom, $-OR^{11}$ (R^{11} represents hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, or an acyl group), $-NHR^{12}$ (R^{12} represents hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, an acyl group, or amino group), or a halogen atom.



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