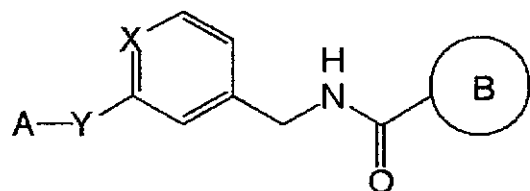


ABSTRACT

The present invention provides a novel amide compound represented by the following formula, which has a matrix
5 metalloproteinase inhibitory activity and is useful as a pharmaceutical agent.



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