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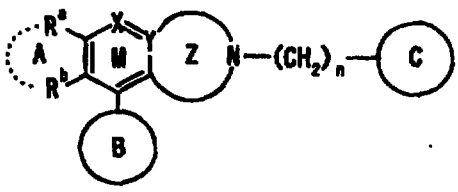
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(57) Abstract

A compound represented by formula (I), wherein ring M is a heterocyclic ring wherein formula (a) is one of –N=C<, –CO–N< or –CS–N<; R^a and R^b are bonded to each other to form Ring A, or they are the same or different and represent, independently, a hydrogen atom or a substituent on the Ring M; Ring A and Ring B represent, independently, an optionally substituted homocyclic or heterocyclic ring, with the proviso that at least one of them is an optionally substituted heterocyclic ring; Ring C is an optionally substituted homocyclic or heterocyclic ring; Ring Z is an optionally substituted nitrogen–containing heterocyclic ring; and n is an integer from 1 to 6, or a salt thereof has a tachykinin receptor antagonistic activity in vitro, and is useful for preventing or treating depression, anxiety, manic–depressive illness or psychopathy.

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