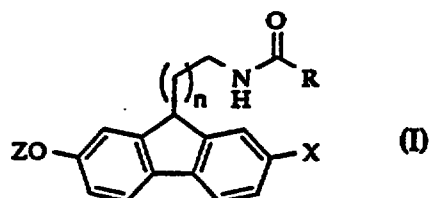


ABSTRACT

ETHYLAMIDO FLUORENES AND IMPROVED METHOD OF MAKING SAME

Novel substituted fluorene compounds of Formula I are active as melatonergic agents:



wherein:

X= H, halogen, OH or OZ;

Z= C₁₋₆ alkyl; -(CH₂)_m-CF₃ (m=0-2); CD₃; or

-(CH₂)_{m'}- (m'=1-3);

n=1 or 2; and

R= C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl, C₂₋₄ alkenyl, halogen substituted C₁₋₆ alkyl, or C₁₋₆ alkoxy substituted C₁₋₆ alkyl.

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