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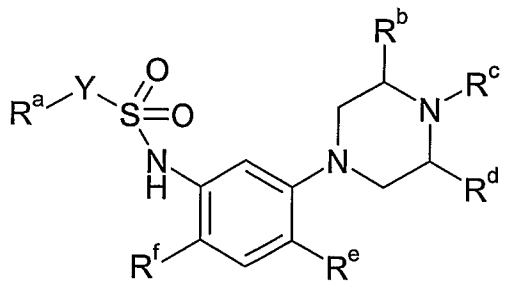
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(54) Title: PIPERAZINE DERIVATIVES USEFUL FOR THE TREATMENT OF GASTROINTESTINAL DISORDERS



(I)

(57) Abstract: The invention provides compounds of formula (I) or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein R^a, R^b, R^c, R^d, R^e, R^f and Y are as defined in the specification. The compounds are partial or full agonists at the growth hormone secretagogue (GHS) receptors . Pharmaceutical compositions comprising the compounds, methods of preparing the compounds, uses of the compounds and methods involving the compounds are also provided.

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