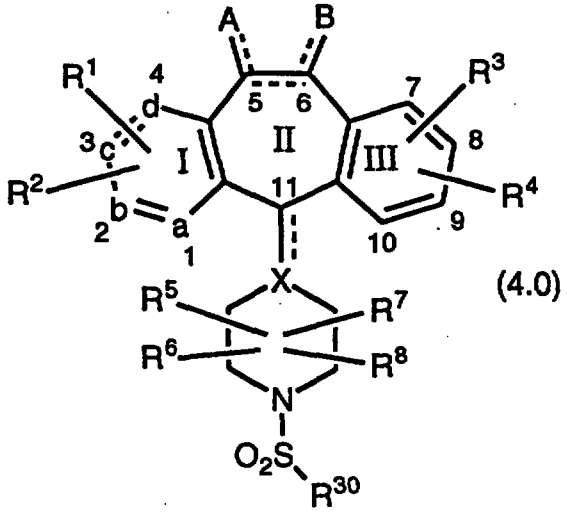
ABSTRACT

TRICYCLIC SULFONAMIDE COMPOUNDS USEFUL FOR INHIBITION OF G-PROTEIN FUNCTION AND FOR TREATMENT OF PROLIFERATIVE DISEASES

A method of inhibiting Ras function and therefore inhibiting cellular growth is disclosed. The method comprises the administration of a compound containing a tricyclic ring system to a biological system. In particular, the method inhibits cellular growth in a mammal such as a human being.

Novel compounds of the formula:



(4.0)

are disclosed.

Also disclosed are processes for making 3-substituted compounds of Formula 4.0.

Further disclosed are novel compounds which are intermediates in the processes for making the 3-substituted compounds of Formula 4.0.

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