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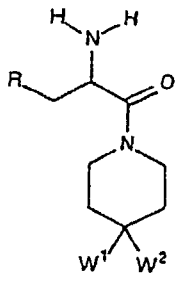
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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to compounds, which comprise a 4-substituted piperidine ring linked to a substituted or unsubstituted hydrocarbyl ring. The compounds, including all enatiomeric and diasteriomeric forms and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, have the formula: (I): Wherein preferably R is substituted aryl, W^1 is a carbocyclic unit, and W^2 is a heteroatom comprising unit. The compounds are melanocortin receptor ligands useful in the treatment of eating disorders.

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