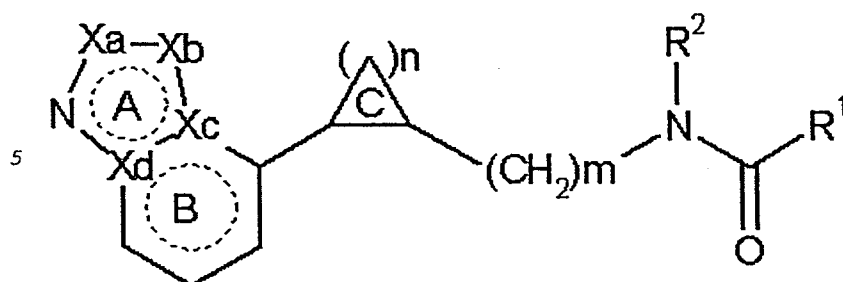


BICYCLIC COMPOUND AND PHARMACEUTICAL USE THEREOF

ABSTRACT

The present invention provides a compound represented by the formula



wherein R¹ is a hydrocarbon group optionally having
substituent(s), amino optionally having substituent(s),
hydroxy optionally having a substituent or a heterocyclic
group optionally having substituent(s); R² is a hydrogen atom
or a hydrocarbon group optionally having substituent(s); X_a
and X_b are each C, N, O or S; X_c and X_d are each C or N; m is
0-2; n is 1-3; ring A is a 5-membered ring optionally having
substituent(s); ring B is a 6-membered ring optionally having
substituent(s); and ring C is a 3- to 5-membered ring
optionally having substituent(s), provided that when X_a, X_c
and X_d are each C, then X_b is N or S, or a salt thereof, which
is useful as an agent for the prophylaxis or treatment of a
disease relating to an action of melatonin, and the like.