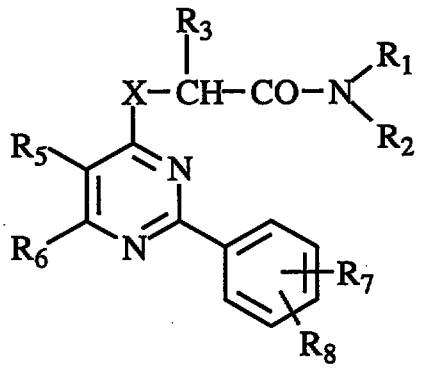
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ABSTRACT

An acetamide derivative of the formula (I):



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wherein X is –O– or $-NR_4-$, R_1 is H, lower alkyl, lower alkenyl or cyclolalkyl-lower-alkyl, R_2 is lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, substituted or unsubstituted phenyl, etc., R_3 is H, lower alkyl or hydroxy-lower alkyl, R_4 is H, lower alkyl, etc., R_5 is H, lower alkyl, lower alkenyl, hydroxy-lower alkyl, etc., R_6 is H, lower alkyl, CF_3, substituted or unsubstituted phenyl, or R_5 and R_6 may optionally combine to form $-(CH_2)n-$, R_7 is H, halogen, lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, CF_3, OH, NH_2, etc., R_8 is H, halogen, lower alkyl or lower alkoxy, or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof. The compounds of the present invention selectively act on the peripheral-type $BZ\omega_3$-receptor, and show excellent pharmacological activities, and hence, they are useful in the prophylaxis or treatment of central nervous disorders such as anxiety-related diseases, depression, epilepsy, etc.

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