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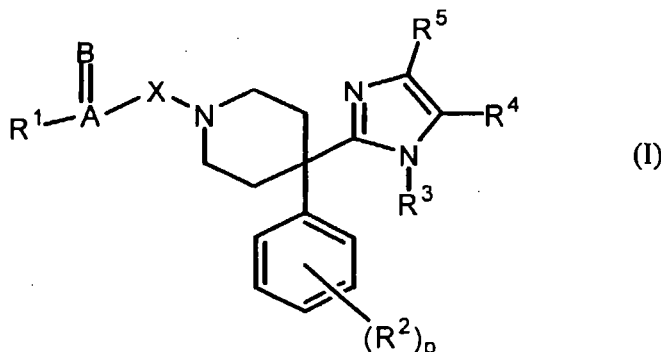
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(54) Title: SUBSTITUTED 4-PHENYL-4-(1H-IMIDAZOL-2-YL)-PIPERIDINE DERIVATIVES FOR REDUCING ISCHAEMIC DAMAGE



(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to an agent for reducing ischaemic damage to an organ, in particular to a heart and a brain, pharmaceutical compositions comprising said agent and the use of said agent for the treatment of ischaemic diseases to the heart and the brain. The agent comprises a substituted 4-phenyl-4-[1H-imidazol-2-yl]-piperidine derivative according to Formula (I) the pharmaceutically acceptable acid or base addition salts thereof, the stereochemically isomeric forms thereof, the tautomeric forms thereof, the N-oxide forms thereof and the prodrugs thereof. In particular are claimed

the compounds according to Formula (I) in which A=B is C=O or SO₂, X is a covalent bond, R¹ is alkyl, alkoxy, alkyloxyalkyl, Ar or NR⁹R¹⁰, wherein R⁹ and R¹⁰ each independently are hydrogen or Ar; or A=B and R¹ together form a benzoxazolyl radical; p is zero, R³ is benzyl optionally substituted with hydroxy, alkyl or alkyloxycarbonyl and R⁴ and R⁵ each are hydrogen. The use of said agents has important clinical ramifications with regard to the reduction of ischaemic damage to an organ in a mammal, in particular to a heart and/or a brain, the prevention of coronary artery diseases in a mammal by inducing a cardioprotective effect and the treatment and prevention of stroke.

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