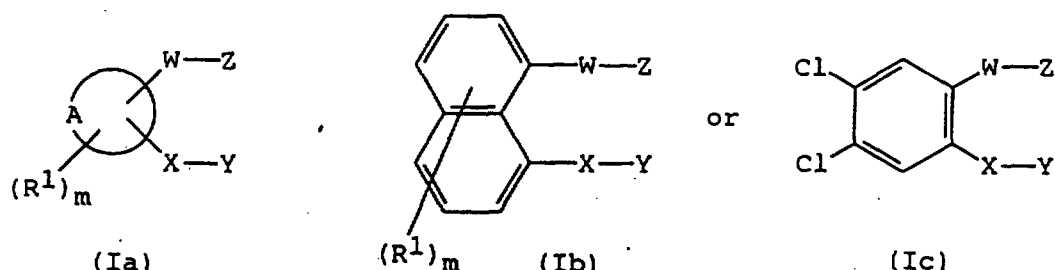
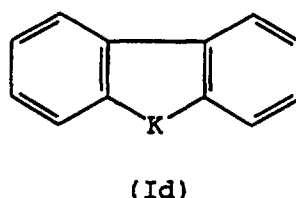


ABSTRACT

Compounds of the formula



5 wherein A represents a group having two fused rings, or a group of the formula



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$R^1_{(m)}$ represents up to 6 substituents,

10 K represents $-O-$, $-S-$, $-CH_2-$, $-N(R^2)-$ or $-N(COR^2)-$, in which R^2 is H or C_1 to C_3 alkyl,

W is a carbonyl, sulphonyl or sulphinyl group, and X is a carbonyl, sulphonyl or sulphinyl group, provided that at
15 least one of W and X contains carbonyl,

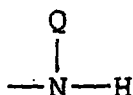
Y is $R^3-N(R^4)-$ or $R^{3'}-O-$ (wherein R^3 is H or C_1 to C_{15} hydrocarbyl, one or more hydrogen atoms of the hydrocarbyl moiety optionally being replaced by halogen atoms, and up
20 to two carbon atoms of the hydrocarbyl moiety optionally being replaced by a nitrogen, oxygen or sulphur atom, $R^{3'}$ is C_6 to C_{15} hydrocarbyl, one or more hydrogen atoms of the hydrocarbyl moiety optionally being replaced by halogen atoms, and up to two carbon atoms of the hydrocarbyl moiety
25 optionally being replaced by a nitrogen, oxygen or sulphur atom, and R^4 is H, C_1 to C_3 alkyl, carboxymethyl or esterified carboxymethyl), provided that Y does not contain

a -O-O- group, and

Z is selected from

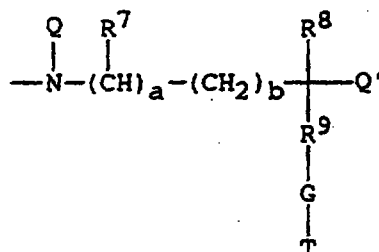
- 5 i) $-O-R^5$
 wherein R^5 is H, C_1 to C_5 alkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, benzyl or substituted benzyl;

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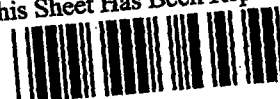


- 10 wherein Q is H, C_1 to C_5 hydrocarbyl, or $-R^6-U$, wherein R^6 is a bond or C_1 to C_5 alkylene and U is aryl, substituted aryl, heterocyclic, substituted heterocyclic or cycloalkyl,

- 15 iii)



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wherein a is 0 or 1 and b is from 0 to 3,

R^7 is H or methyl,

20 R^8 is H or methyl; or R^8 is $CH_2=$ and Q' is absent; or R^7 and R^8 are linked to form a 3- to 7-membered ring,

R^9 is a bond or C_1 to C_5 hydrocarbylene,

25 G is a bond, -CHOH- or -C(O)-

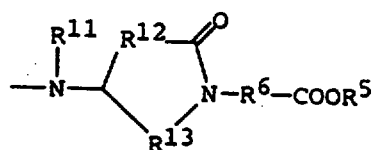
Q' is as recited above for Q or $-R^6-(C(O))_d-L-(C(O))_e-R^5$ (wherein R^5 and R^6 are as defined above, L is O, S or

-N(R¹⁰)-, in which R¹⁰ is as defined above for R⁴, and d and e are 0 or 1, provided that d+e<2); or Q' and R⁸, together with the carbon atom to which they are attached, form a 3- to 7-membered ring,

Q is as defined above; or Q and R⁸ together form a group of the formula -(CH₂)_f-V-(CH₂)_g- wherein V is -S-, -S(O)-, -S(O)₂-, -CH₂-, -CHOH- or -C(O)-, f is from 0 to 2 and g is from 0 to 3; or, when Q' is -R⁶-U and U is an aromatic group, Q may additionally represent a methylene link to U, which link is ortho to the R⁶ link to U,

T is H, cyano, C₁ to C₄ alkyl, -CH₂OH, carboxy, esterified carboxy, amidated carboxy or tetrazolyl; or

iv)



wherein R⁵ and R⁶ are as defined above, R¹¹ is as defined above for R⁴, and R¹² and R¹³ are independently a bond or C₁ to C₃ alkylene, provided that R¹² and R¹³ together provide from 2 to 4 carbon atoms in the ring,

and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts are ligands at CCK and/or gastrin receptors.

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