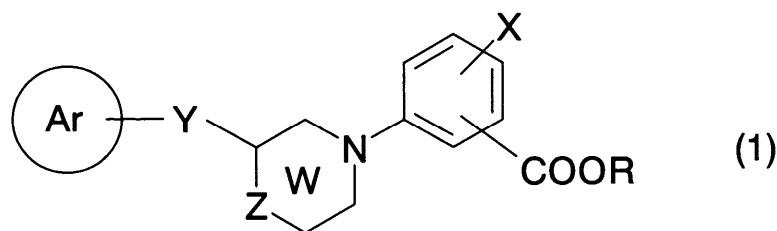


ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to cyclic amino benzoic acid derivatives which are effective in therapy of lipid metabolism abnormality, diabetes and the like as a human peroxisome proliferators-activated receptor (PPAR) agonist, in particular, as an agonist against human PPAR α isoform, and addition salts thereof, and pharmaceutical compositions containing these compounds.

A cyclic amino benzoic acid derivative represented by the general formula (1)



[wherein a ring Ar represents an aryl group which may have substituent, or the like; Y represents a C₁-C₄ alkylene, C₂-C₄ alkenylene, C₂-C₄ alkynylene, or the like; Z represents an oxygen atom, sulfur atom or -(CH₂)_n- (n represents 0, 1 or 2); X represents a hydrogen atom, halogen atom, lower alkyl group which may be substituted with a halogen atom, or the like; R represents a hydrogen atom or lower alkyl group, and -COOR substitutes for an ortho position or meta position of binding position of ring W] or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

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