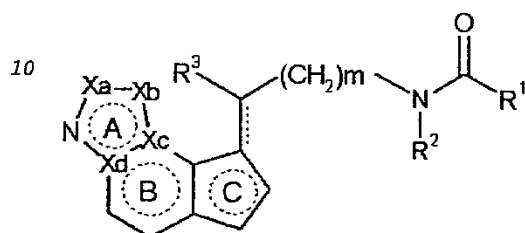


TRICYCLIC COMPOUND AND PHARMACEUTICAL USE THEREOF

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ABSTRACT

The present invention provides a compound represented by the formula



wherein R^1 is a hydrocarbon group optionally having
 15 substituent(s), amino optionally having substituent(s),
 hydroxy optionally having a substituent or a heterocyclic
 group optionally having substituent(s), R^2 is a hydrogen atom
 or a hydrocarbon group optionally having substituent(s), R^3 is
 a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a hydrocarbon group
 20 optionally having substituent(s), amino optionally having
 substituent(s), hydroxy optionally having a substituent or
 mercapto optionally having a substituent, Xa, Xb, Xc and Xd
 are each a carbon atom or a nitrogen atom, provided that any
 one or two of Xa, Xb, Xc and Xd is/are nitrogen atom(s), m is
 25 0 to 2, and rings A to C are each a ring optionally having
 substituent(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.