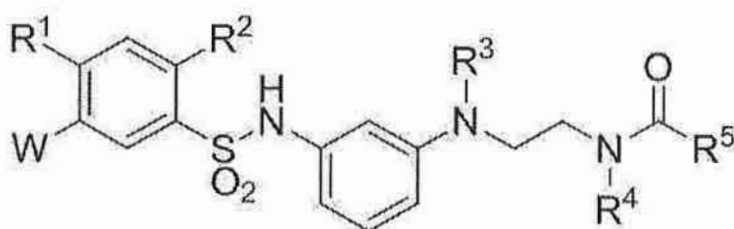


Abstract

SULFONAMIDE DERIVATIVE OR PHARMACEUTICALLY ACCEPTABLE ACID ADDITION SALT THEREOF

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The present invention aims to provide a novel low-molecular-weight compound having an orexin agonist activity, which is expected to be useful as a superior agent for the treatment or prophylaxis of narcolepsy. The present invention
10 provides a compound showing superior orexin agonist activity which is represented by the formula (I)



(I)

wherein each symbol is as defined in the DESCRIPTION,
and a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof,
15 as well as an orexin agonist containing the compound or a
pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof.