15. A method for treating or preventing in a mammal a condition selected from the group consisting of acute neurological and psychiatric disorders; stroke; cerebral ischemia; spinal cord trauma; cognitive impairment; head trauma; perinatal hypoxia; cardiac arrest; hypoglycemic neuronal damage; dementia; Alzheimer's disease; Huntington's Chorea; amyotrophic lateral sclerosis; ocular damage; retinopathy; cognitive disorders; idiopathic and drug-induced Parkinson's disease; muscular spasms and disorders associated with muscular spasticity; epilepsy; convulsions; migraine; urinary incontinence; substance tolerance; substance withdrawal; psychosis; schizophrenia; negative symptoms associated with schizophrenia; autism; bipolar disorder; depression; cognitive impairment associated with depression; cognitive impairment associated with cancer therapy; anxiety; mood disorders; inflammatory disorders; sepsis; cirrhosis; cancer and/or tumors associated with immune response escape; trigeminal neuralgia; hearing loss; tinnitus; macular degeneration of the eye; emesis; brain edema; pain; tardive dyskinesia; sleep disorders; attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder; attention deficit disorder; disorders that comprise as a symptom a deficiency in attention and/or cognition; and conduct disorder; which method comprises administering to the mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of any one of claims 1 to 13, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

16. The method according to claim 15 wherein the condition is dementia; cognitive deficit symptoms of Alzheimer's disease; attention deficit symptoms of Alzheimer's disease; multi-infarct dementia, alcoholic dementia or other drug-related dementia, dementia associated with intracranial tumors or cerebral trauma, dementia associated with Huntington's disease or Parkinson's disease, or AIDS-related dementia; delirium; amnestic disorder; post-traumatic stress disorder; mental retardation; a learning disorder; attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder; age-related cognitive decline; cognitive deficits associated with psychoses; or cognitive deficits associated with schizophrenia.

15. A compound of any one of claims 1 to 13, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof for use in the treatment or prevention of a condition selected from the group consisting of acute neurological and psychiatric disorders; stroke; cerebral ischemia; spinal cord trauma; cognitive impairment; head trauma; perinatal hypoxia; cardiac arrest; hypoglycemic neuronal damage; dementia; Alzheimer's disease; Huntington's Chorea; amyotrophic lateral sclerosis; ocular damage; retinopathy; cognitive disorders; idiopathic and drug-induced Parkinson's disease; muscular spasms and disorders associated with muscular spasticity; epilepsy; convulsions; migraine; urinary incontinence; substance tolerance; substance withdrawal; psychosis; schizophrenia; negative symptoms associated with schizophrenia; autism; bipolar disorder; depression; cognitive impairment associated with depression; cognitive impairment associated with cancer therapy; anxiety; mood disorders; inflammatory disorders; sepsis; cirrhosis; cancer and/or tumors associated with immune response escape; trigeminal neuralgia; hearing loss; tinnitus; macular degeneration of the eye; emesis; brain edema; pain; tardive dyskinesia; sleep disorders; attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder; attention deficit disorder; disorders that comprise as a symptom a deficiency in attention and/or cognition; and conduct disorder.

16. Use of a compound of any one of claims 1 to 13, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment or prevention of a condition selected from the group consisting of acute neurological and psychiatric disorders; stroke; cerebral ischemia; spinal cord trauma; cognitive impairment; head trauma; perinatal hypoxia; cardiac arrest; hypoglycemic neuronal damage; dementia; Alzheimer's disease; Huntington's Chorea; amyotrophic lateral sclerosis; ocular damage; retinopathy; cognitive disorders; idiopathic and drug-induced Parkinson's disease; muscular spasms and disorders associated with muscular spasticity; epilepsy; convulsions; migraine; urinary incontinence; substance tolerance; substance withdrawal; psychosis; schizophrenia; negative symptoms associated with schizophrenia; autism; bipolar disorder; depression; cognitive impairment associated with depression; cognitive impairment associated with cancer therapy; anxiety; mood disorders; inflammatory disorders; sepsis; cirrhosis; cancer and/or tumors associated with immune response escape; trigeminal neuralgia; hearing loss; tinnitus; macular degeneration of the eye; emesis; brain edema; pain; tardive dyskinesia; sleep disorders; attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder; attention deficit disorder; disorders that comprise as a symptom a deficiency in attention and/or cognition; and conduct disorder.

17. The use according to claim 15 or claim 16, wherein the condition is dementia; cognitive deficit symptoms of Alzheimer's disease; attention deficit symptoms of Alzheimer's disease; multi-infarct dementia, alcoholic dementia or other drug-related dementia, dementia associated with intracranial tumors or cerebral trauma, dementia associated with Huntington's disease or Parkinson's disease, or AIDS-related dementia; delirium; amnestic disorder; post-traumatic stress disorder; mental retardation; a learning disorder; attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder; age-related cognitive decline; cognitive deficits associated with psychoses; or cognitive deficits associated with schizophrenia.