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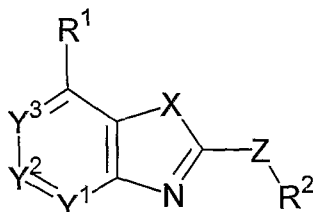
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-CONR4- or -NR4CO- (wherein alk is an optionally substituted C3-4 alkylene and R4 is a hydrogen, an optionally substituted hy-
drocarbyl or an acyl); or a salt thereof or a prodrug thereof.

(57) Abstract: There is provided a CRF receptor antagonist compris-
ing a compound of the formula (I): wherein R1 is an optionally sub-
stituted hydrocarbyl, an optionally substituted C-linked heterocyclic
group, an optionally substituted N-linked heteroaryl group, a cyano or
an acyl; R2 is an optionally substituted cyclic hydrocarbyl or an op-
tionally substituted heterocyclic group; X is oxygen, sulfur or -NR3-
(wherein R3 is a hydrogen, an optionally substituted hydrocarbyl or
an acyl); Y1, Y2 and Y3 are each an optionally substituted carbon
or a nitrogen, provided that one or less of Y1, Y2 and Y3 is nitrogen;
and Z is a bond, -CO-, oxygen, sulfur, -SO-, -SO2-, -NR4-, -NR4-alk-,