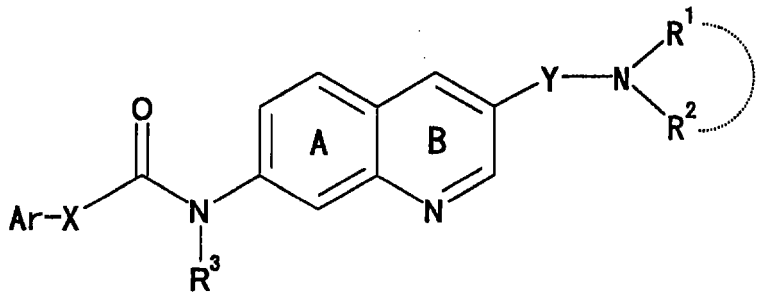
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Abstract

A compound, which has a melanin-concentrating hormone antagonistic action and useful as an agent for preventing or treating obesity, and which is represented by the formula:



(I)

wherein

Ar is a cyclic group optionally having substituent(s);

X is a bond or a spacer having a main chain of 1 to 6 atoms;

R^1 and R^2 are the same or different and each is a hydrogen atom or a hydrocarbon group optionally having substituent(s), or R^1 and R^2 may form, together with the adjacent nitrogen atom, a nitrogen-containing heterocycle optionally having substituent(s);

Y is a divalent hydrocarbon group optionally having substituent(s) (except CO);

R^3 is a hydrogen atom or a hydrocarbon group optionally having substituent(s); and

ring A and ring B may further have substituents, and when ring B further has a substituent, the substituent may be linked to R^1 to form a ring,

or a salt thereof, or a prodrug thereof, is provided.

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