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(57) Abstract: Compounds which function as modulators, particularly, openers, of human KCNQ potassium channel proteins or polypeptides, particularly, central nervous system(CNS)-located KCNQ potassium channels, and heteromultimers thereof, and their use in the treatment of migraine are provided by the present invention. One novel type of potassium channel polypeptide openers provided by the present invention is the fluorooxindole compounds, described for the first time as therapeutics for the treatment of migraine by preventing the asynchronous firing of neurons. Other KCNQ potassium channel opener compounds that are also useful in the treatments of the invention include 2,4-disubstituted pyrimidine-5-carboxamide derivatives. One or more of the compounds according to the present invention may be utilized alone, in combination, or in conjunction with other treatment modalities for reducing, ameliorating and/or alleviating migraine or diseases similar to, or mechanistically related to, migraine, e.g., cluster headache.