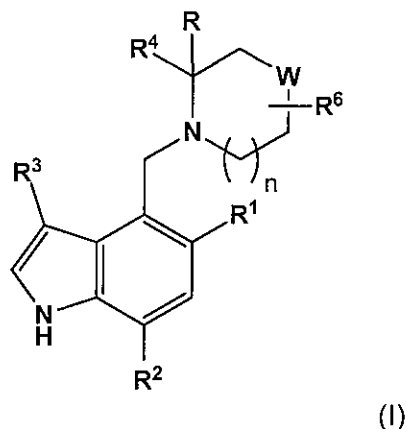


CLAIMS:

1. A compound, or salt or tautomer thereof, according to Formula (I):



Wherein

n is 0, 1 or 2;

R is hydrogen, C₁-C₄alkyl, or hydroxyC₁-C₄alkyl;

R¹ is halogen, hydroxy, C₁-C₆alkyl, C₂-C₆alkenyl, C₃-C₆cycloalkyl, C₁-C₆alkoxy, haloC₁-C₆alkyl, hydroxyC₁-C₆alkyl, aminoC₁-C₆alkyl, C₁-C₆alkoxyC₁-C₆alkyl, C₁-C₆alkoxyC₁-C₆alkoxy, C₃-C₆cycloalkylC₁-C₆alkoxy, haloC₁-C₆alkoxy, -S(O)_pC₁-C₆alkyl, -CH₂NHC(O)C₁-C₄alkyl or -OCH₂C(O)R⁷,

p is 0, 1, or 2;

R² is C₁-C₆alkyl, C₁-C₆alkoxy, hydroxyC₁-C₆alkyl or halogen;

R³ is hydrogen, halogen, cyano, C₁-C₄alkyl, haloC₁-C₄alkyl, -CH₂C(O)R⁷, phenyl or 5 or 6 member heteroaryl having 1, 2 or 3 ring heteroatoms independently selected from N, O or S, wherein the phenyl or heteroaryl is optionally substituted with 0, 1, or 2 C₁-C₄alkyl groups, and wherein alkyl and haloalkyl optionally substituted with 0 or 1 hydroxy;

R⁴ is phenyl, naphthyl or heteroaryl, where the heteroaryl is a five or six member heteroaryl having 1, 2 or 3 ring heteroatoms independently selected from N, O or S, and where the phenyl or heteroaryl is optionally substituted by R⁵ and further substituted by 0 or 1 substituents selected from halogen, C₁-C₄alkyl, C₁-C₄alkoxy, hydroxy C₁-C₄alkyl, hydroxy, and cyanomethyl;

R⁵ is -C(O)R⁸, -CH₂C(O)R⁸, R⁹, -C(O)NHSO₂C₁-C₄alkyl, -SO₂NHC(O)C₁-C₄alkyl, -SO₂N(H)_m(C₁-C₄alkyl)_{2-m}, -SO₂C₁-C₄alkyl, cyano, halogen, hydroxyC₁-C₄alkyl and 5 member heteroaryl having 1-4 ring nitrogen atoms and 0 or 1 ring sulfur or oxygen atoms;

m is 0, 1, or 2;

W is O or C(R⁶)₂;

R⁶ is independently selected at each occurrence from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxy, amino, mono- and di- C₁-C₄alkylamino, C₁-C₄alkyl, hydroxyC₁-C₄alkyl, cyanoC₁-C₄alkyl or C₁-C₄alkoxy; or

C(R⁶)₂, taken in combination, form a spirocyclic carbocycle having 3 to 6 ring atoms;

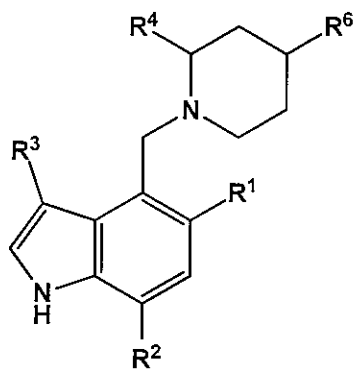
R⁷ is hydroxy, C₁-C₄alkoxy, amino or mono- and di-C₁-C₄alkylamino;

R⁸ is hydroxy, C₁-C₄alkoxy, amino or a 5 to 7 member saturated heterocycle having 1, 2, or 3 ring heteroatoms independently selected from N, O or S; or

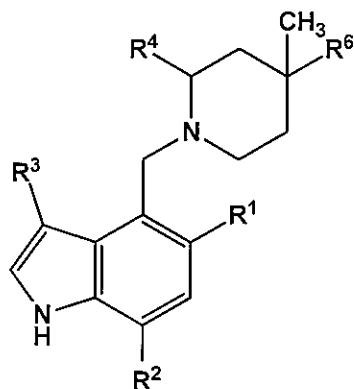
R⁸ is mono- and di-C₁-C₄alkylamino which is unsubstituted or substituted with halogen, hydroxy or C₁-C₄alkyl; and

R⁹ is a 5 membered heteroaryl having 1 to 4 ring nitrogen atoms and 0 or 1 ring oxygen or sulfur atoms, which heterocycle is optionally substituted by 0 to 2 C₁-C₄alkyl groups.

2. A compound of claim 1, or salt or tautomer thereof, wherein n is 1.
3. The compound of either claim 1 or claim 2, or a salt or tautomer thereof, wherein W is CHR⁶ or C(CH₃)R⁶.
4. The compound of any one of claims 1 to 3, or a salt or tautomer thereof, wherein R¹ is C₁-C₄alkyl, C₁-C₄alkoxy, or cyclopropyl.
5. The compound of any one of claims 1 to 4, or a salt or tautomer thereof, wherein R² is methyl.
6. The compound of any one of claims 1 to 5, or a salt or tautomer thereof, wherein R³ is hydrogen, halogen or C₁-C₄alkyl.
7. The compound of any one of claims 1 to 6, or a salt or tautomer thereof, wherein R³ is hydrogen.
8. The compound of any one of claims 1 to 7, or salt or tautomer thereof, according to Formula (IIa) or (IIb):

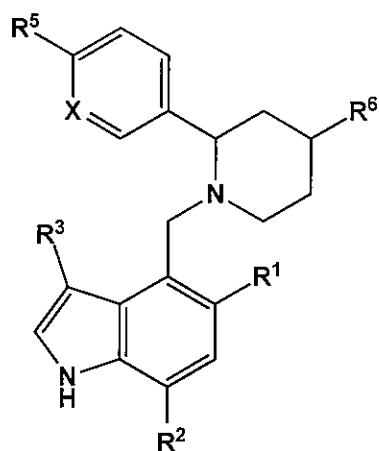


(IIa) or

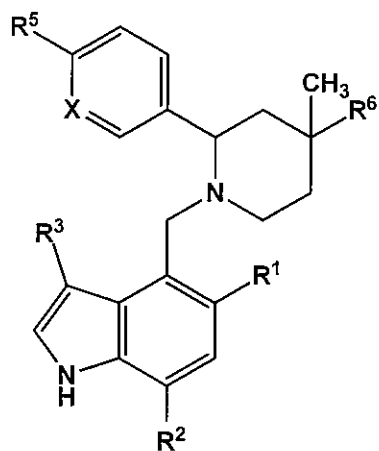


(IIb).

9. The compound of any one of claims 1 to 8, or salt or tautomer thereof, according to Formula (IIIa) or (IIIb):



(IIIa) or



(IIIb)

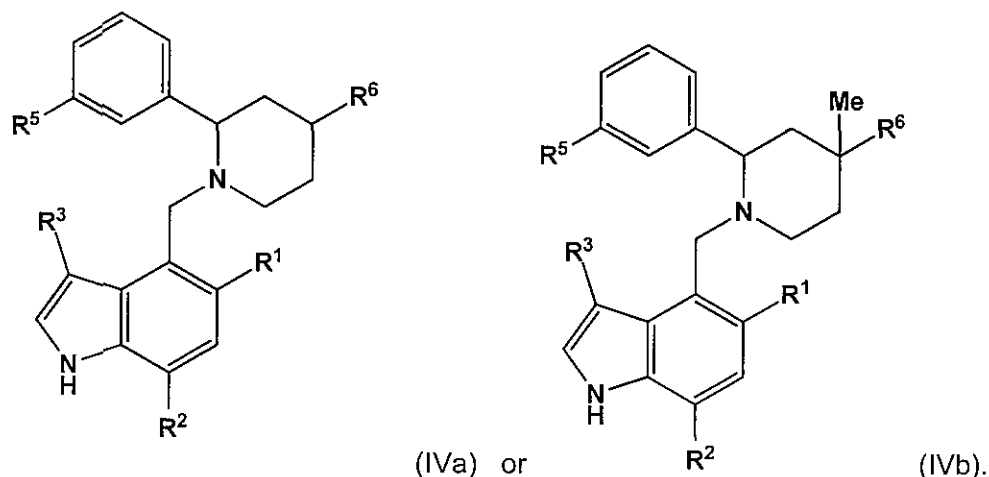
Wherein X is N or CH.

10. The compound of any one of claims 1 to 8, or a salt or tautomer thereof, wherein R⁴ is pyridin-3-yl which is substituted para to the piperidine ring with R⁵.

11. The compound of any one of claims 1 to 8, or a salt or tautomer thereof, wherein R⁴ is phenyl substituted para to the piperidine ring with R⁵ and optionally substituted with fluoro, methoxy, hydroxymethyl or hydroxy.

12. The compound of claim 11, or a salt or tautomer thereof, wherein R⁴ is phenyl substituted para to the piperidine ring with R⁵.

13. The compound of any one of claims 1 to 8, or salt or tautomer thereof, according to Formula (IVa) or (IVb):



14. The compound of any one of claims 1 to 13, or a salt or tautomer thereof, wherein R^5 is CO_2H , CONH_2 , SO_2NH_2 or tetrazolyl.

15. The compound of claim 1, or a salt or tautomer thereof, which compound is selected from the group consisting of

- 1-((5,7-dimethyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)-2-phenylpiperidin-4-ol;
- 4-((4-methoxy-2-phenylpiperidin-1-yl)methyl)-5,7-dimethyl-1H-indole;
- 5,7-dimethyl-4-((2-phenylpiperidin-1-yl)methyl)-1H-indole;
- 1-((5,7-dimethyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)-2-phenyl-piperidin-4-yl)methanol;
- 4-(1-((5,7-dimethyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)piperidin-2-yl)benzenesulfonamide;
- 3-(1-((5,7-dimethyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)piperidin-2-yl)benzenesulfonamide;
- 4-(1-((5,7-dimethyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)piperidin-2-yl)-N-methylbenzenesulfonamide;
- 3-(1-((5,7-dimethyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)piperidin-2-yl)-N-methylbenzenesulfonamide;
- 4-((2-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-methoxypiperidin-1-yl)methyl)-5,7-dimethyl-1H-indole;
- (1-((5,7-dimethyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)-2-phenylpiperidin-2-yl)methanol;
- (4-(1-((5,7-dimethyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)piperidin-2-yl)phenyl)methanol;
- 5,7-dimethyl-4-((2-(4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl)piperidin-1-yl)methyl)-1H-indole;
- 4-((2-(4-(2H-tetrazol-5-yl)phenyl)piperidin-1-yl)methyl)-5,7-dimethyl-1H-indole;
- 1-((5,7-dimethyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)-2-phenylpiperidin-4-amine;
- 4-(1-((5,7-dimethyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)piperidin-2-yl)benzamide;

4-(1-((5-chloro-7-methyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)piperidin-2-yl)benzamide;
4-(1-((5,7-dimethyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)-4-methoxypiperidin-2-yl)benzamide;
4-(4-methoxy-1-((5-methoxy-7-methyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)-4-methylpiperidin-2-yl)benzamide;
4-(1-((5,7-dimethyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)-4-hydroxypiperidin-2-yl)benzoic acid;
4-(1-((5-chloro-7-methyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)piperidin-2-yl)benzoic acid;
methyl 4-(1-((5,7-dimethyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)-4-methoxypiperidin-2-yl)benzoate;
4-(1-((5-cyclopropyl-7-methyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)piperidin-2-yl)-2-fluorobenzoic acid;
4-(1-((5-cyclopropyl-7-methyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)pyrrolidin-2-yl)benzoic acid;
5-(1-((5-cyclopropyl-7-methyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)piperidin-2-yl)picolinic acid;
4-(1-((5-cyclopropyl-7-methyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)piperidin-2-yl)-3-methoxybenzoic acid;
4-(1-((5-methoxy-7-methyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)piperidin-2-yl)benzoic acid;
5-methoxy-7-methyl-4-((2-(pyridin-4-yl)piperidin-1-yl)methyl)-1H-indole;
5-methoxy-7-methyl-4-((2-(pyridin-3-yl)piperidin-1-yl)methyl)-1H-indole;
3-fluoro-4-(1-((5-methoxy-7-methyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)piperidin-2-yl)benzoic acid;
4-(4-((5-methoxy-7-methyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)morpholin-3-yl)benzoic acid;
6-(1-((5-methoxy-7-methyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)piperidin-2-yl)nicotinic acid;
4-(1-((5-methoxy-7-methyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)-4-propoxypiperidin-2-yl)benzoic acid;
4-(4-hydroxy-1-((5-methoxy-7-methyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)piperidin-2-yl)benzoic acid;
4-(1-((5-methoxy-7-methyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)piperidin-2-yl)-3-methylbenzoic acid;
4-(1-((5-methoxy-7-methyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)-5-methylpiperidin-2-yl)benzoic acid;
4-(1-((5-methoxy-7-methyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)-4-ethylpiperidin-2-yl)benzoic acid;
2-(4-(1-((5-methoxy-7-methyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)piperidin-2-yl)phenyl)acetic acid;
2-(3-(1-((5-methoxy-7-methyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)piperidin-2-yl)phenyl)acetic acid;
5-(1-((5-cyclopropyl-7-methyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)-4-methoxypiperidin-2-yl)picolinic acid;
2-(1-((5-methoxy-7-methyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)piperidin-2-yl)thiazole-4-carboxylic acid;
2-(1-((5-methoxy-7-methyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)piperidin-2-yl)-4-methylthiazole-5-carboxylic acid;
3-(1-((5,7-dimethyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)piperidin-2-yl)benzoic acid;
4-(1-((5-methoxy-7-methyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)azepan-2-yl)benzoic acid;
4-((2-(4-(1H-pyrazol-4-yl)phenyl)piperidin-1-yl)methyl)-5-methoxy-7-methyl-1H-indole;
4-((2-(4-(1H-pyrazol-3-yl)phenyl)piperidin-1-yl)methyl)-5-methoxy-7-methyl-1H-indole;
4-(1-((5-methoxy-7-methyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)piperidin-2-yl)-1-naphthoic acid;
1-(2,2,2-trifluoro-1-(5-methoxy-7-methyl-1H-indol-4-yl)ethyl)piperidin-2-yl)benzoic acid;
2-methoxy-4-(1-((5-methoxy-7-methyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)piperidin-2-yl)benzoic acid;
2-(1-((5,7-dimethyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)-2-phenylpiperidin-4-yl)acetonitrile;

4-(1-((5-methoxy-7-methyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)-4-methylpiperidin-2-yl)benzoic acid;
4-(4-methoxy-1-((5-methoxy-7-methyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)piperidin-2-yl)benzoic acid;
5-(4-ethoxy-1-((5-methoxy-7-methyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)piperidin-2-yl)picolinic acid;
4-(1-((5-methoxy-7-methyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)-4,4-dimethylpiperidin-2-yl)benzoic acid;
4-(4-ethoxy-1-((5-methoxy-7-methyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)piperidin-2-yl)benzonitrile;
4-(1-((5,7-dimethyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)piperidin-2-yl)benzoic acid;
4-((4-ethoxy-1-((5-methoxy-7-methyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)piperidin-2-yl)benzoic acid;
4-(1-((5,7-dimethyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)-4-methoxypiperidin-2-yl)benzoic acid;
4-(1-((5,7-dimethyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)-4-ethoxypiperidin-2-yl)benzoic acid;
4-(1-((5,7-dimethyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)-4-ethoxypiperidin-2-yl)benzoic acid;
4-(1-((5-cyclopropyl-7-methyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)-4-methoxypiperidin-2-yl)benzoic acid;
4-(1-((5-cyclopropyl-7-methyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)-4-ethoxypiperidin-2-yl)benzoic acid;
4-(1-((5-cyclopropyl-7-methyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)-4-ethoxypiperidin-2-yl)benzoic acid;
4-(5-methoxy-1-((5-methoxy-7-methyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)piperidin-2-yl)benzoic acid;
4-(5-methoxy-1-((5-methoxy-7-methyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)piperidin-2-yl)benzamide;
4-(5-methoxy-1-((5-methoxy-7-methyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)piperidin-2-yl)benzoic acid;
4-(5-hydroxy-1-((5-methoxy-7-methyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)piperidin-2-yl)benzoic acid;
1-((5,7-dimethyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)-N-methyl-2-phenylpiperidin-4-amine;
(4-(1-((5,7-dimethyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)piperidin-2-yl)phenyl)methanamine;
(4-(4-methoxy-1-((5-methoxy-7-methyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)piperidin-2-yl)phenyl)methanol;
4-((2-(3-(2H-tetrazol-5-yl)phenyl)piperidin-1-yl)methyl)-5,7-dimethyl-1H-indole;
3-(1-((5,7-dimethyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)piperidin-2-yl)benzamide;
(3-(1-((5,7-dimethyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)piperidin-2-yl)phenyl)methanol;
(4-((2-(4-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)phenyl)-4-ethoxypiperidin-1-yl)methyl)-5-methoxy-7-methyl-1H-indole;
4-(4-ethoxy-1-((5-methoxy-7-methyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)piperidin-2-yl)-N-(methylsulfonyl)benzamide;
4-(4-methoxy-1-((5-methoxy-7-methyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)piperidin-2-yl)-N-methylbenzamide;
4-(4-methoxy-1-((5-methoxy-7-methyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)piperidin-2-yl)-N,N-dimethylbenzamide;
(4-(4-methoxy-1-((5-methoxy-7-methyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)piperidin-2-yl)phenyl)(morpholino)methanone;
N-(2-hydroxyethyl)-4-(4-methoxy-1-((5-methoxy-7-methyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)piperidin-2-yl)benzamide;

4-(4-methoxy-1-((5-methoxy-7-methyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)piperidin-2-yl)-N-(2-methoxyethyl)benzamide;
N-((4-(1-((5-cyclopropyl-7-methyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)piperidin-2-yl)phenyl)sulfonyl)acetamide;
4-(6-((5-methoxy-7-methyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)-6-azaspiro[2.5]octan-5-yl)benzoic acid;
4-ethyl-1-((5-methoxy-7-methyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)piperidin-2-yl)benzoic acid;
ethyl 4-((2S,4R)-1-((5-methoxy-7-methyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)-4-methylpiperidin-2-yl)benzoate;
ethyl 4-((2S,4S)-4-ethoxy-1-((5-methoxy-7-methyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)piperidin-2-yl)benzoate and salts, stereoisomers and tautomers thereof.

16. A pharmaceutical composition comprising one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers and a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of any one of claims 1-15.

17. A combination, in particular a pharmaceutical combination, comprising a therapeutically effective amount of the compound according to any one of claims 1-15 and a second therapeutically active agent.

18. A compound according to any one of claims 1-15, for use as a medicament.

19. Use of a compound according to any one of claims 1-15, for the treatment of age-related macular degeneration.

20. A compound of claim 1 which is 4-((4-ethoxy-1-((5-methoxy-7-methyl-1H-indol-4-yl)methyl)piperidin-2-yl)benzoic acid.