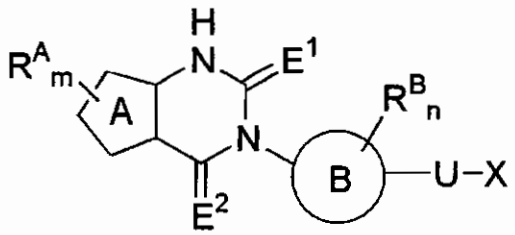
ABSTRACT

The present invention provides a compound useful as an agent for the prevention or treatment of a sex hormone-dependent disease or the like. That is, the present invention provides a fused heterocyclic derivative represented by the following general formula (I), a pharmaceutical composition containing the same, a medicinal use thereof and the like. In the formula (I), ring A represents 5-membered cyclic unsaturated hydrocarbon or 5-membered heteroaryl; R^A represents halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, carboxy, alkoxy, carbamoyl, alkylcarbamoyl or the like; ring B represents aryl or heteroaryl; R^B represents halogen, alkyl, carboxy, alkoxy, carbamoyl, alkylcarbamoyl or the like; E^1 and E^2 represent an oxygen atom or the like; U represents a single bond or alkylene; X represents a group represented by Y, $-SO_2-Y$, -O-(alkylene)-Y, -O-Z in which Y represents Z, amino or the like; Z represents cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl or the like; or the like.



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