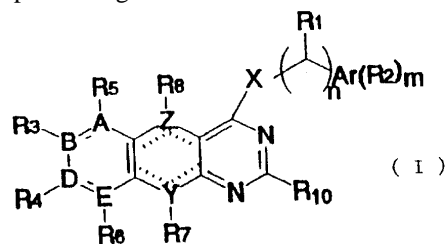**96-0211**

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wherein

1) Y and Z are both C (carbon), both N or one N and the other C, in which case the ring structure is a linearly fused 6,6 (5 or 6) tricycle, or

2) one of Y and Z is C=C, C=N, whereupon the other one of Y or Z is simply a bond between the two aromatic rings, then the ring structure is a nonlinear 6,6 (5 or 6) tricycle, or

3) one of Y and Z is N, O or S whereupon the other one of Y or Z is simply a bond between the two aromatic rings, then the ring structure is a fused 6,5 (5 or 6) tricycle;

A, B, D and E can all be carbon, or up to two of them can be nitrogen, whereupon the remaining atoms must be carbon, or any two contiguous positions in A-E can be a single heteroatom N, O or S, forming a five membered fused ring, in which case one of the two remaining atoms must be carbon, and the other can be either carbon or nitrogen; X = O, S, NH or NR^9 such that R^9 - lower alkyl, OH, NH_2, lower alkoxy or lower monoalkylamino; m = 0-3, and Ar is phenyl, thienyl, furanyl, pyrrolyl, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, imidazolyl, pyrazinyl, oxazolyl, thiazolyl, naphthyl, benzothienyl, benzofuranyl, indolyl, quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl and quinazolinyl are claimed.