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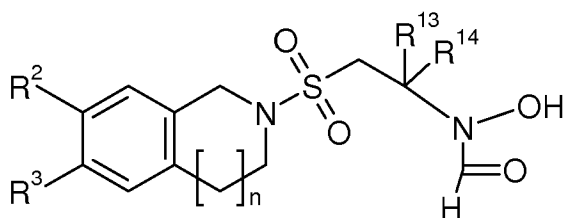
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groups are as defined in the description, and use thereof
in particular for the treatment and/or prophylaxis
of autoimmune disorders, inflammatory diseases,
cardiovascular diseases, neurodegenerative diseases,
cancer, respiratory diseases and fibrosis, including
multiple sclerosis, arthritis, emphysema, chronic
obstructive pulmonary disease, liver and pulmonary
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