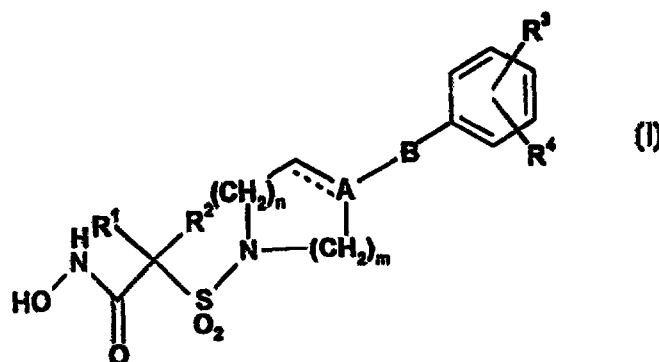




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(57) Abstract

Compounds of formula (I) or pharmaceutically or veterinarily acceptable salts thereof, or pharmaceutically or veterinarily acceptable solvates of either entity, wherein the broken line represents an optional bond; A is C or CH; B is CH₂, O or absent; R¹ and R² are each independently selected from hydrogen, C₁ to C₆ alkyl optionally substituted with C₁ to C₄ alkoxy or phenyl, and C₁ to C₆ alkenyl; or, together with the carbon atom to which they are attached, form a C₃ to C₆ cycloalkyl group which optionally incorporates a heteroatom linkage selected from O, SO, SO₂ and NR⁶ or which is optionally benzo-fused; R³ is hydrogen, halo, R⁷ or OR⁷; R⁴ is hydrogen, C₁ to C₄ alkyl, C₁ to C₄ alkoxy, trifluoromethyl or halo; R⁶ is hydrogen or C₁ to C₄ alkyl; R⁷ is an optionally substituted monocyclic or bicyclic ring system; m is 1 or 2; and n is 0, 1 or 2; with the proviso that B is not O when A is C; are MMP inhibitors useful in the treatment of, *inter alia*, tissue ulceration, wound repair and skin diseases.