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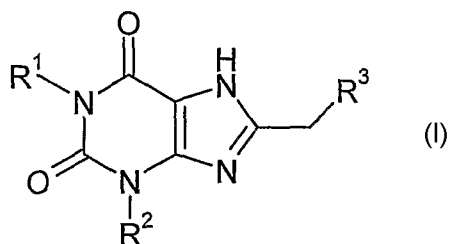
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(57) Abstract: The present invention is concerned with sulfonamide substituted xanthine derivatives of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salts or prodrugs thereof, wherein R¹, R² and R³ are as defined in the specification. Compounds of formula (I) and pharmaceutically acceptable salts or prodrugs thereof show activity as modulators of gluconeogenesis.