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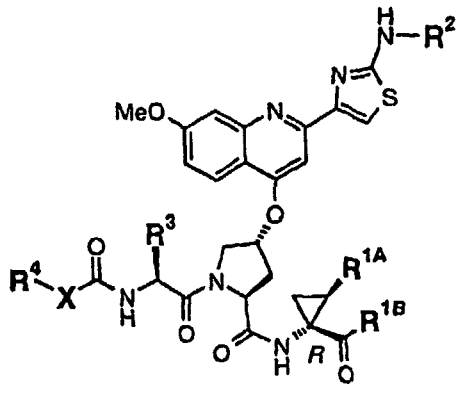
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(I)

(57) Abstract: Disclosed herein are compounds of formula (I), wherein R^1 is hydroxy or $NHSO_2R^{1A}$ wherein R^{1A} is (C_{1-8})alkyl, (C_{3-7})cycloalkyl or $\{(C_{1-6})$alkyl-(C_{3-7})cycloalkyl$\}$, which are all optionally substituted from 1 to 3 times with halo, cyano, nitro, O-(C_{1-6})alkyl, amido, amino or phenyl, or R^{1A} is C_6 or C_{10} aryl which is optionally substituted from 1 to 3 times with halo, cyano, nitro, (C_{1-6})alkyl, O-$(C_{1\,6})$alkyl, amido, amino or phenyl; R^2 is (C_{4-6})cycloalkyl; R^3 is t-btuyl or (C_{5-6})cycloalkyl and R^4 is (C_{4-6})cycloalkyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof. The compounds are useful as inhibitors of HCV NS3 protease for the treatment of Hepatitis C.

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