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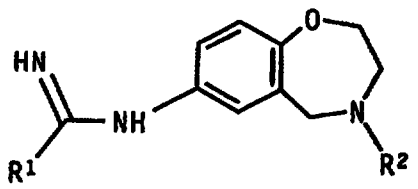
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(I)

(57) Abstract

There are provided novel compounds of formula (I) wherein R^1 represents a 2-thienyl or 3-thienyl ring and R^2 represents hydrogen or C 1 to 4 alkyl and optical isomers and racemates thereof and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof; together with processes for their preparation, compositions containing them and their use in therapy. The compounds are selective inhibitors of the neuronal isoform of nitric oxide synthase.