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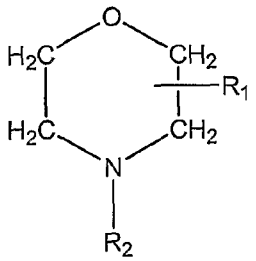
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(57) Abstract: A compound of formula I: wherein R_1 is a straight or branched alkyl group containing 8 to 16 carbon atoms at the 2- or 3-position of the morpholino ring, and R_2 is a straight or branched alkyl group containing 2 to 10 carbon atoms, substituted with a hydroxy group except in the alpha-position, the sum of the carbon atoms in the groups R_1 and R_2 being at least 10 and preferably 10 to 20, is used to prevent biofilm formation on a surface. The compounds are particularly useful as coatings or treatments for medical devices, including stents, catheters and wire guides.