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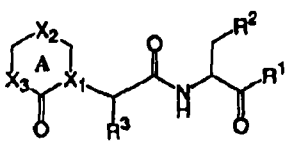
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(57) Abstract: This invention provides novel compounds, and pharmaceutically acceptable derivatives thereof, that are useful as caspase inhibitors. These compounds have the general formula (I): where R^1, R^2, and R^3 are as described herein, Ring A contains zero to two double bonds, each X is independently selected from nitrogen or carbon, at least on X is Ring A is a nitrogen, Ring A is optionally substituted as described, and may be fused to a saturated or unsaturated five to seven membered ring containing zero to three heteroatoms, and provided that when X_3 is a carbon, a substituent on X_3 is attached by an atom other than nitorgen.

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