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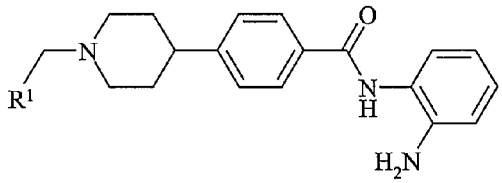
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(57) Abstract: The invention concerns benzamide compounds of formula (I), wherein R^1 is a C-linked pyrazole ring, which is optionally substituted by one or more groups selected from C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{3-4}cycloalkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy and C_{3-4} cycloalkoxy; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or pro-drug form thereof. The invention also concerns processes for the preparation of such compounds, pharmaceutical compositions containing them and their use in the manufacture of a medicament for use as an antiproliferative agent in the prevention or treatment of tumours or other proliferative conditions, which are sensitive to the inhibition of histone deacetylase (HDAC).

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