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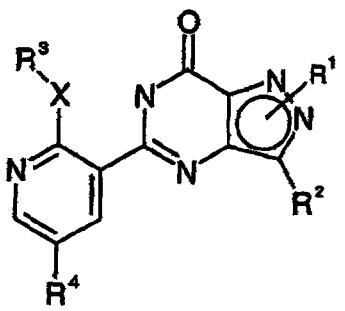
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(I)

(57) Abstract: There is provided compounds of formula (I) wherein R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4 and X have meanings given in the description, which are useful in the curative and prophylactic treatment of a medical condition for which inhibition of a cyclic guanosine 3',5'-monophosphate phosphodiesterase (e.g. cGMP PDE5) is desired.

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