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(54) Title: PYRAZOLE COMPOUNDS USEFUL AS PROTEIN KINASE INHIBITORS

(57) Abstract: This invention describes novel pyrazole compounds of formula III:wherein Ring D is a 5-7 membered monocyclic ring or 8-10 membered bicyclic ring selected from aryl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl or carbocyclyl; R^x and R^y are taken together with their intervening atoms to form a fused, unsaturated or partially unsaturated, 5-8 membered carbocyclo ring; and R^2 and $R^{2'}$ are as described in the specification. The compounds are useful as protein kinase inhibitors, especially as inhibitors of aurora-2 and GSK-3, for treating diseases such as cancer, diabetes and Alzheimer's disease.