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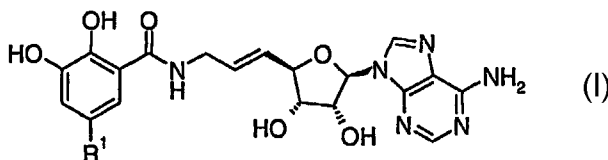
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(57) Abstract: Objects of the present invention are the compounds of formula (I) wherein R¹ is H, CN, halogen, COR²; -S(O)_xR², C₁₋₁₂-alkyl, C₂₋₁₂-alkenyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkyl, a heterocyclyl group, an aryl group, a heteroaryl group, C₃₋₈-cycloalkyl(C₁₋₃)alkyl, a

heterocyclyl-(C₁₋₃)alkyl group, an aryl(C₁₋₃)alkyl or a heteroaryl(C₁₋₃)alkyl group; the alkyl, alkenyl, alkoxy, cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl group, aryl and heteroaryl groups may all be optionally substituted; R² is -N(R³, R^{3'}), C₁₋₆-alkyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, aryl, heteroaryl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkyl(C₁₋₃)alkyl, a heterocyclyl(C₁₋₃)alkyl group, an aryl(C₁₋₃)alkyl or a heteroaryl(C₁₋₃)alkyl group, the C₁₋₆-alkyl, C₃₋₈-cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, aryl, heteroaryl may all be optionally substituted; R³ and R^{3'} are independently hydrogen or (C₁₋₃)-alkyl; x is 0, 1 or 2; and the ester thereof which are hydrolyzable under physiological conditions and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, the use of compounds of formula (I) and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts for the manufacture of medicaments for the treatment of diseases, related to the COMT inhibition, their manufacture, medicaments based on a compound in accordance with the invention and their production as well as the use of compounds of formula (I) in the control or prevention of diseases such as depression, schizophrenia, Parkinson's disease, and to improve cognition.

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