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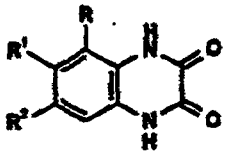
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(I)

(57) Abstract

The invention provides compounds of formula (I) and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein R is a 5-membered ring heteroaryl group containing 3 or 4 nitrogen heteroatoms which is linked to the quinoxalinedione ring by a ring carbon or nitrogen atom, or is a 6-membered ring heteroaryl group containing from 1 to 3 nitrogen heteroatoms which is linked to the quinoxalinedione ring by a ring carbon atom, either of said groups being optionally benzo-fused and optionally substituted, including in the benzo-fused portion, by 1 or 2 substituents each independently selected from C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_2-C_4 alkenyl, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl, halo, hydroxy, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyloxy, -COOH, C_1-C_4 alkoxycarbonyl, $-CONR^3R^4$, $-NR^3R^4$, $-S(O)_p(C_1$-C_4 alkyl), $-SO_2NR^3R^4$, aryl, aryloxy, aryl(C_1-C_4)alkoxy and het, said C_1-C_4 alkyl being optionally substituted by C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl, halo, hydroxy, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, halo(C_1-C_4)alkoxy, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyloxy, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl(C_1-C_4)alkoxy, -COOH, C_1-C_4 alkoxycarbonyl, $-CONR^3R^4$, $-NR^3R^4$, $-S(O)_p(C_1$-C_4 alkyl), $-SO_2$(aryl), $-SO_2NR^3R^4$, morpholino, aryl, aryloxy, aryl(C_1-C_4)alkoxy or het, and said C_2-C_4 alkenyl being optionally substituted by aryl; R^1 and R^2 are each independently selected from H, fluoro, chloro, bromo, C_1-C_4 alkyl and halo(C_1-C_4)alkyl; R^3 and R^4 are either each independently selected from H and C_1-C_4 alkyl or, when taken together, are C_5-C_7 alkylene; p is 0, 1 or 2; together with the preparation of, compositions containing, the uses of and intermediates used in the synthesis of, such compounds. The compounds are useful as NMDA receptor antagonists for treating acute neurodegenerative and chronic neurological disorders.