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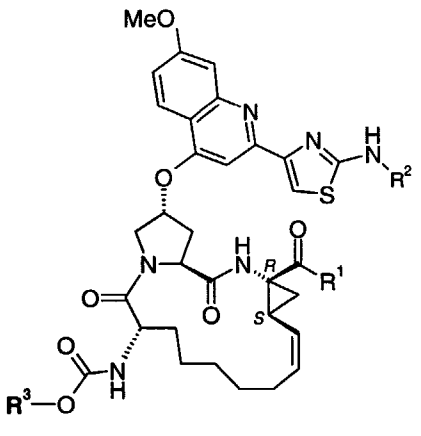
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(57) Abstract: Compounds of formula (I), wherein R^1 is hydroxy or $NHSO_2R^{1A}$ wherein R^{1A} is (C_{1-8})alkyl, (C_{3-7})cycloalkyl or $\{(C_{1-6})$alkyl-(C_{3-7})cycloalkyl$\}$, which are all optionally substituted from 1 to 3 times with halo, cyano, nitro, $O(C_{1-6})$alkyl, amido, amino or phenyl, or R^{1A} is C_6 or C_{10} aryl which is optionally substituted from 1 to 3 times with halo, cyano, nitro, (C_{1-6})alkyl, $O(C_{1-6})$alkyl, amido, amino or phenyl; R^2 is (C_{5-6})cycloalkyl and R^3 is cyclopentyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, useful as inhibitors of the HCV NS3 protease.

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