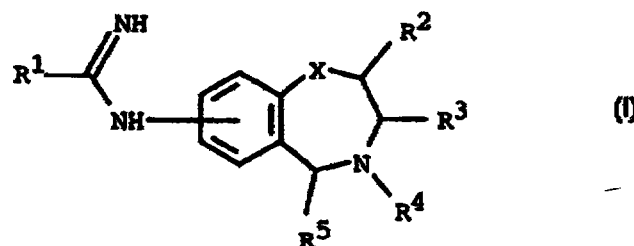


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There are provided novel compounds of formula (I), wherein X, R¹, R², R³, R⁴ and R⁵ are as defined in the specification and optical isomers and racemates thereof and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof; together with processes for their preparation, compositions containing them and their use in therapy.