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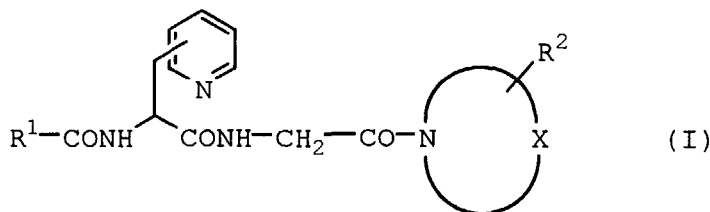
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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a compound of the formula (I) wherein R¹ is benzofuranyl substituted by halogen, or styryl substituted by halogen; R² is substituted hydroxy, substituted mercapto or substituted sulfonyl; and X is or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof. The compound (I) of the present invention and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof possess a strong inhibitory activity on the production of nitric oxide (NO), and are useful for prevention

and/or treatment of NO-mediated diseases in human being and animals.