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(54) Title: NITRIC OXIDE SYNTHASE INHIBITORS**(57) Abstract**

The present invention relates to novel amidino compounds of formula (I), to a process for their manufacture, to pharmaceutical compositions containing them, and to their use in therapy, in particular their use as selective inhibitors of inducible nitric oxide synthase.

