



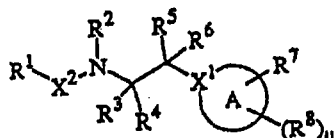
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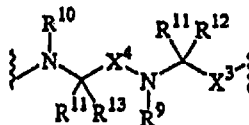
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(a)



(b)

(57) Abstract

The present invention relates to novel alkanoyl-substituted heterocyclic derivatives which are cysteine protease inhibitors; the pharmaceutically acceptable salts and *N*-oxides thereof; their uses as therapeutic agents and the methods of their making; according to Formula (I) in which: A comprises a heteromonocyclic ring containing 5 to 6 ring member atoms or a fused heteropolycyclic ring system containing 8 to 14 ring member atoms, wherein each ring contains 5 to 7 ring member atoms, X¹ is a ring member carbon atom and each ring member atom other than X¹ is a carbon atom or a heteroatom, with the proviso that (i) at least one ring member atom is a heteroatom and (ii) when A is a heteromonocyclic radical containing 5 ring member atoms, no more than two of the ring member atoms comprising A are heteroatoms; n is 0, 1, 2 or 3; X¹ is -C- or -CH-; X² is a bond or a divalent group of Formula (a) or (b); R¹ - R⁸ = as in the application.



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