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(54) Title: N-PHENYLAMIDE AND N-PYRIDYLAMIDE DERIVATIVES, METHOD OF PREPARING THEM AND PHARMACEU- TICAL COMPOSITONS CONTAINING THEM (I) (57) Abstract The present invention relates to the compounds of formula (I) in which X, R₁, R₂ and R₃ are as defined in Claim 1. These compounds are cholesteryl acyl transferase (ACAT) inhibitors.		