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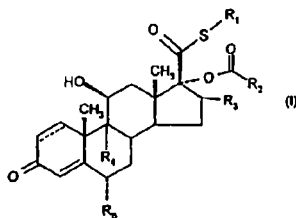
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(57) Abstract: There are provided compound of formula (I) wherein R₁ represents C₁₋₆ alkyl or C₁₋₆ haloalkyl; R₂ represents C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl or C₃₋₈ cycloalkenyl either of which may optionally be substituted by one or more groups selected from oxo, methyl, methylene and halogen; R₃ represents hydrogen, methyl (which may be in either the α or β configuration) or methylene; R₄ and R₅ are the same or different and each represents hydrogen or halogen; and (AA) represents a single or a double bond; and solvates thereof, processes for preparing them and their use in therapy.

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