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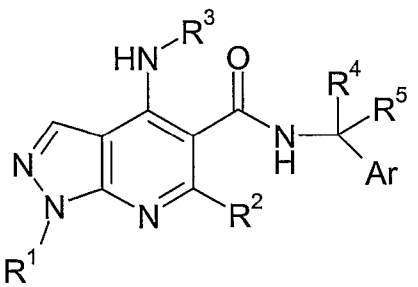
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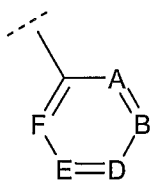
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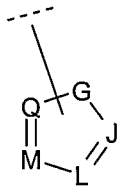
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(I)



(x)



(z)

(57) Abstract: The invention provides a compound of formula (I) or a salt thereof, wherein Ar has the sub-formula (x) or (z) and wherein R^3 is optionally substituted C_{3-8}cycloalkyl, optionally substituted C_{5-7} cycloalkenyl, an optionally substituted heterocyclic group (aa), (bb) or (cc), or a bicyclic group (ee); and wherein R^4 is H, C_{1-3} alkyl, C_{1-2}fluoroalkyl, cyclopropyl, CH_2OR^{4a}, CH(Me)OR^{4a}, or CH2CH2OR^{4a}; and R^5 is *inter alia* H, C_{1-8}alkyl, C_{1-8}fluoroalkyl, C_{3-8} cycloalkyl, certain substituted alkyl groups, -$(CH2)_n^{13}$- Het, or optionally substituted phenyl or CH_2-Ph; or R^4 and R^5 taken together are -$(CH_2)p^1$- or (CH_2)p3 X^5 (CH2)p^4- ; provided that at least one of R^4 and R^5 is not a hydrogen atom (H). The invention also provides the use of the compounds as inhibitors of phosphodiesterase type IV (PDE4) and/or for the treatment and/or prophylaxis of inflammatory and/or allergic diseases such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), asthma, rheumatoid arthritis, allergic rhinitis or atopic dermatitis.

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