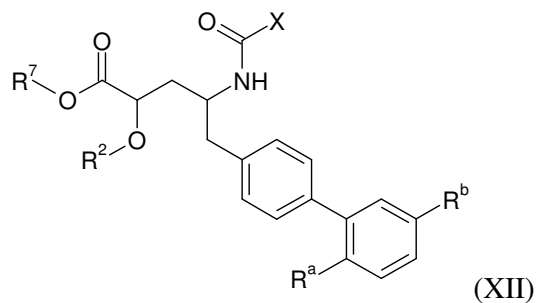


NEPRILYSIN INHIBITORS

Abstract

5 In one aspect, the invention relates to compounds having the formula XII:



where R^a , R^b , R^2 , R^7 , and X are as defined in the specification, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof. The compounds described herein are prodrugs of compounds having neprilysin inhibition activity. In another aspect, the invention relates to

10 pharmaceutical compositions comprising these compounds; methods of using these compounds; and processes and intermediates for preparing these compounds.

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