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(57) Abstract Disclosed as endothelin converting enzyme inhibitors are the compounds of formula (I), wherein the variables have the meanings as defined hereinbefore.		