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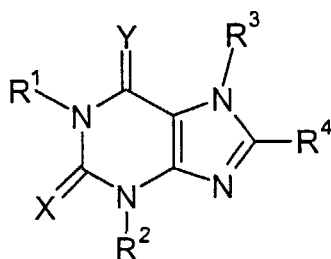
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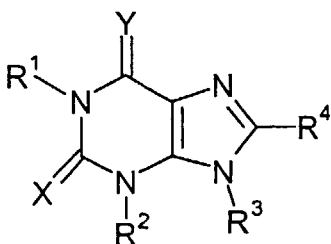
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(Ia)



(Ib)

(57) Abstract: There is disclosed the use of a compound of formula (Ia) or
(Ib) wherein R¹, R², R³, R⁴, X and Y are as defined in the specification, and
pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, in the manufacture of a medicament,
for the treatment or prophylaxis of diseases or conditions in which inhibition of
the enzyme myeloperoxidase (MPO) is beneficial. Certain novel compounds
of formula (Ia) or (Ib) and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof are dis-
closed, together with processes for their preparation. The compounds of for-
mulae (Ia) and (Ib) are MPO inhibitors and are thereby particularly useful in
the treatment or prophylaxis of neuroinflammatory disorders.

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