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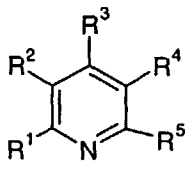
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(54) Title: FUSED PYRIDINE DERIVATIVES FOR USE AS VANILLOID RECEPTOR ANTAGONISTS FOR TREATING PAIN.



(I)

(57) Abstract: The invention provides compounds of formula (I) wherein R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4 and R^5 are as defined in the description, and the preparation thereof. The compounds of formula I are functional blockers of the human vanilloid receptor 1 (hVR1) and are useful as pharmaceuticals; in particular for treating pain.