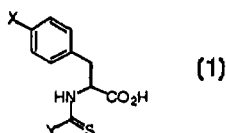




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Compounds of formula (1): and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts and esters thereof wherein X and Y are as defined in the specification, inhibit the binding of VCAM-1 to VLA-4 and are useful in treating inflammation associated with chronic inflammatory diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis (RA), multiple sclerosis (MS), asthma, and inflammatory bowel disease (I/BD).

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