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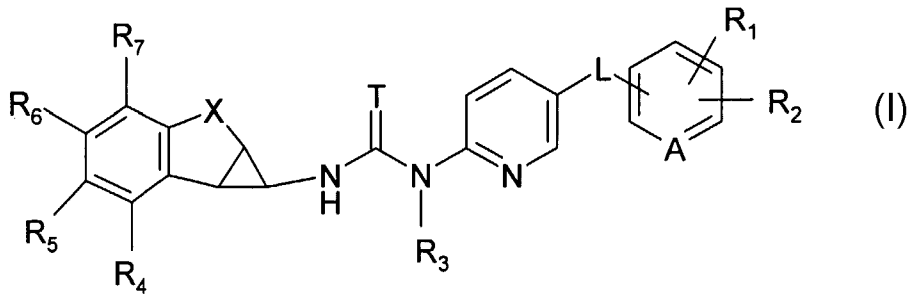
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(57) Abstract: Compounds of the formula Z: where; A is CH or N; R_1 is a substituent to a carbon atom in the ring containing A selected from -S(=O)$_p$Ra, where Ra is -C_1-C_4 alkyl, -ORx, -NRxRx, -NHNRxRx, - NHNHC(=O)ORx, -NRxOH; -C(=O)-Rb, where Rb is -CT-C4-alkyl, ORx, -NRxRx, -NHNRxRx, -NHC$_1$-C$_3$-alkyl-C(=O)Orx -NRxRc, where Rc is H, C_1-C_4 alkyl, -NRxRx; -C(=0)Rd, -CN, S(=O)pRx where Rd is Rd is C1-C4-alkyl, -ORx, -NRxRx C_1-C_3-alkyl-O-Cl-C3alkylC(=O)ORx, -C_1-C_3-alkyl-COORx; -C_1-C_3alkyl-OH or C_1-C_4 alkyl ethers or esters thereof (O-C_1-C_3alkyl)q-O-Rx a 5 or 6 membered aromatic ring having 1-3 hetero atoms p is 1 or 2; Rx is independently selected from H, C_1-C_4 alkyl or acetyl; or a pair of Rx can together with the adjacent N atom form a ring; L is -0-, -S(=O),- or -CH_2-, where r is 0, 1 or 2; R_3-R_7 are substituents as defined in the specification; X is -(CR_8R_8')n-D-(CR_8R_8')m-; D is a bond, -NR_9-, -0-, -S-, -S(=0)- or -S(=0)$_2$-; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts and prodrugs thereof, have utility as HIV antivirals.

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