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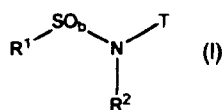
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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to compounds with the formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein: R¹ is selected from the group consisting of (C₁-C₆)alkyl, -(CR³R⁴)₃-(C₃-C₁₂)cycloalkyl, -(CR³R⁴)₃-(C₆-C₁₂)aryl, and -(CR³R⁴)₃-(4-10)-membered heterocyclyl; b and k are each independently selected from 1 and 2; j is selected from the group consisting of 0, 1, and 2; t, u, p, q, and v are each independently selected from the group consisting of 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5; T is a

(6-10)-membered heterocyclyl containing at least one nitrogen atom; R² is selected from the group consisting of H, (C₁-C₆)alkyl, -(CR³R⁴)₃-(C₃-C₁₂)cycloalkyl, -(CR³R⁴)₃-(C₆-C₁₂)aryl, and -(CR³R⁴)₃-(4-10)-membered heterocyclyl; each R³ and R⁴ is independently selected from H and (C₁-C₆)alkyl, the carbon atoms of T, R¹, R², R³ and R⁴ may each be optionally, substituted by I to 5 R⁵ groups; R⁵ is defined in the claims; The compounds of the present invention are 11 β-hsd-1 inhibitors, and are therefore believed to be useful in the treatment of diabetes, obesity, glaucoma, osteoporosis, cognitive disorders, immune disorders, depression, hypertension, and metabolic diseases.

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