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(54) Title: NEW NITROMETHYL KETONES, PROCESS FOR PREPARING THEM AND COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING THEM (57) Abstract The compounds of formula (I) in which: A represents C₆-C₁₀ aryl or an optionally aromatic three- to ten-membered heterocycle; X represents halogen, cyano, C₁-C₇ alkyl, trifluoromethyl, C₂-C₇ alkoxy or trifluoromethoxy; p is chosen from 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5; Z represents a bond, -CO-NH-, -SO₂-NH-, C₂-C₇ alkenylene, sulfur, sulfinyl, or sulfonyl; n represents 0 or 1; R₁, R₂, R₃, E, are as defined in Claim 1, are aldose reductase inhibitors. $R_3 - Z - (CR_1R_2)_p - (E)_n - \underset{\substack{ \\ X}}{A} - CO - CH_2 - NO_2 \quad (I)$		