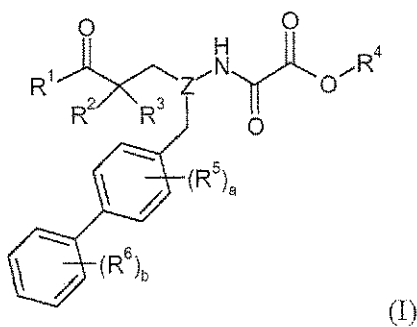


NEPRILYSIN INHIBITORS

Abstract

- 5 In one aspect, the invention relates to compounds having the formula: (I) where $R^1 - R^6$, a, b, and Z are as defined in the specification, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof. These compounds have neprilysin inhibition activity. In another aspect, the invention relates to pharmaceutical compositions comprising such compounds; methods of using such compounds; and processes and intermediates for preparing such compounds.

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