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(54) Title: PROTEASE INHIBITORS (57) Abstract The present invention provides novel compounds of the Formula (I): A-B, its prodrug forms, or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein A represents a saturated, unsaturated, or a partially unsaturated bicyclic heterocyclic ring structure, and B represents an aryl or a heteroaryl group. Preferred compounds of the present invention comprise a benzimidazole or indole nucleus. The compounds of this invention are inhibitors of serine proteases, Urokinase (uPA), Factor Xa (FXa), and/or Factor VIIa (FVIIa), and have utility as anti cancer agents and/or as anticoagulants for the treatment or prevention of thromboembolic disorders in mammals.		