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(57) Abstract		
The present invention relates to benzimidazole derivatives of formula (I) wherein: R¹ represents H, C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₃₋₅ cycloalkyl; R² represents H, C₁₋₄ alkyl; or R¹ and R² together form with the nitrogen a 4 or 5 membered heterocyclic ring; R³ represents BR⁴ or R⁴ wherein B represents a bridging group -C(O)NH-, -C(O)NC₁₋₄alkyl-, or -C(O)O- and R⁴ represents H, C₁₋₄alkyl, C₂₋₆alkenyl or halo (preferably fluoro); and each n is an integer independently selected from 0, 1, or 2 (preferably 0 or 1); and geometric isomers or mixtures thereof; and physiologically functional derivatives thereof, and their use in medical therapy particularly for the treatment or prophylaxis of virus infections such as those caused by herpes viruses. The invention also relates to their preparation and pharmaceutical formulations containing them.		
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