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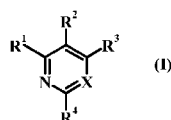
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(57) Abstract: Compounds having the formula I wherein R¹, R², R³, R⁴, and R⁵ are as defined herein are Hepatitis C virus NS5b polymerase inhibitors. Also disclosed are compositions and methods for treating an HCV infection and inhibiting HCV replication.