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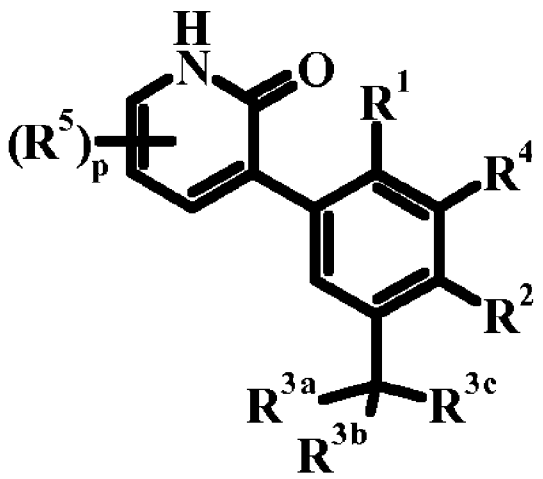
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(54) **Title**: HETEROCYCLIC ANTIVIRAL ARYLPYRIDONE DERIVATIVES



(I)

(57) **Abstract**: Compounds having the formula (I) wherein R^1, R^2, R^{3a}, R^{3b}, R^{3c}, R^4, R^5 and p 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.