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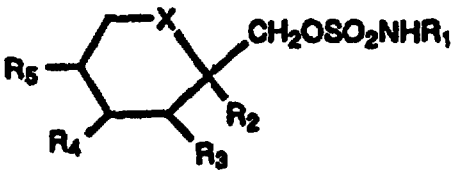
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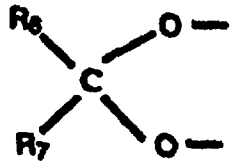
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(I)



(II)

(57) Abstract

The present invention describes a method for treating neuropathic pain comprising administering to a mammal afflicted with such condition a therapeutically effective amount for treating such condition of a compound of formula (I), wherein: X is CH_2 or oxygen; R_1 is hydrogen or alkyl; and R_2, R_3, R_4 and R_5 are independently hydrogen or lower alkyl and, when X is CH_2, R_4 and R_5 may be alkene groups joined to form a benzene ring and, when X is oxygen, R_2 and R_3 and/or R_4 and R_5 together may be a methylenedioxy group of formula (II), wherein R_6 and R_7 are the same or different and are hydrogen, lower alkyl or are alkyl and are joined to form a cyclopentyl or cyclohexyl ring, particularly topiramate.