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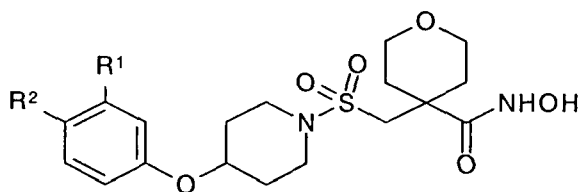
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(54) Title: HYDROXAMIC ACID DERIVATIVES



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(57) Abstract: A compound of formula (I) wherein : R¹ and R², which may be the same or different, is each a hydrogen atom or a CF₃, CF₂H or CFH₂ group, provided that when one of R¹ or R² is a hydrogen atom the other is a CF₃, CF₂H or CFH₂ group ; and the salts, solvates or hydrates thereof. The compounds are potent MMP inhibitors which advantageously do not cause tendonitis in a relevant animal model.

The compounds may be expected to be of use in medicine, especially where the avoidance of side effects such as joint pain is desired.