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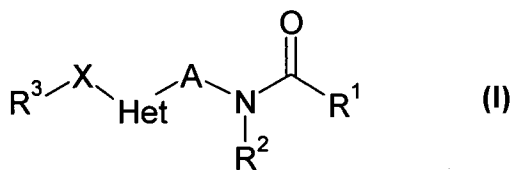
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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to N-alky-
 lamides of the formula (I), in which A, Het, X, R¹, R² and R³
 have the meanings indicated in the claims, which modulate
 the transcription of endothelial nitric oxide (NO) synthase
 and are valuable pharmacologically active compounds.
 Specifically, the compounds of the formula I upregulate the
 expression of the enzyme endothelial NO synthase and can
 be applied in conditions in which an increased expression of
 said enzyme or an increased NO level or the normalization

of a decreased NO level is desired. The invention further relates to processes for the preparation of compounds of the formula I, to
 pharmaceutical compositions comprising them, and to the use of compounds of the formula I for the manufacture of a medicament
 for the stimulation of the expression of endothelial NO synthase or for the treatment of various diseases including cardiovascular
 disorders such as atherosclerosis, thrombosis, coronary artery disease, hypertension and cardiac insufficiency, for example.