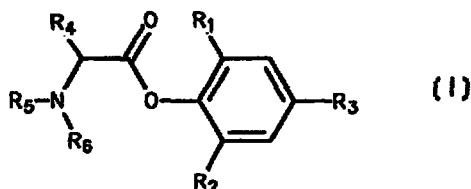




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(54) Title: α -AMINO ACID PHENYL ESTER DERIVATIVES**(57) Abstract**

The present invention relates to α -amino acid phenyl ester derivatives having general formula (I) wherein R_1 is (C_{1-3}) alkyloxy; R_2 is (C_{1-3}) alkyl, (C_{1-3}) alkyloxy or (C_{2-3}) alkenyl; R_3 is hydrogen, (C_{1-3}) alkyl, (C_{1-3}) alkyloxy or (C_{2-3}) alkenyl; R_4 is (C_{1-6}) alkyl; R_5 and R_6 are independently (C_{1-6}) alkyl, (C_{2-6}) alkenyl, (C_{2-6}) alkynyl or aralkyl, each of which may be optionally substituted with (C_{1-3}) alkyloxy, (C_{1-3}) alkyloxycarbonyl, cyano or NR_7R_8 ; R_7 and R_8 are independently (C_{1-6}) alkyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof. The invention also relates to pharmaceutical compositions comprising said derivatives, and to the use of these α -amino acid phenyl ester derivatives as hypnotics for the induction and maintenance of general anaesthesia.