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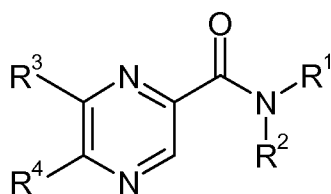
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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to compounds of the formula (I) wherein R<sup>1</sup> to R<sup>4</sup> are as defined in the description and claims, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof. The compounds are useful for the treatment and/or prophylaxis of diseases which are associated with the modulation of CB<sub>2</sub> receptors.

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