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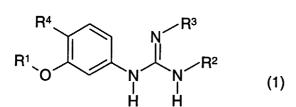
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 $-CON(R^7)R^8, SO_2R^5 \ or \ SO_2N(R^7)R^8 \ group; \ R^4 \ is \ an \ optionally \ substituted \ heteroaromatic \ group; \ and \ the \ salts, \ solvates, \ hydrates,$ tautomers, isomers, N-oxides thereof. The compounds are potent inhibitors of IMPDH and are of use as immunosuppressants, anti-cancer agents, anti-inflammatory agents, antipsoriatic and anti-viral agents.

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