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TITLE OF THE INVENTION

USE OF ANGIOTENSIN II ANTAGONISTS TO TREAT SYMPTOMATIC HEART FAILURE

5 BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Angiotensin-converting-enzyme (ACE) inhibitors have been shown to reduce morbidity and mortality in patients with chronic heart failure and systolic left ventricular dysfunction as well as in patients post myocardial infarction. (See The CONSENSUS Trial Study Group.

10 Effects of enalapril on mortality in severe congestive heart failure. Results of the Cooperative North Scandinavian Enalapril Survival Study (CONSENSUS). N Engl J Med 1987; 316: 1429-1435; The SOLVD Investigators. Effect of enalapril on survival in patients with reduced left ventricular ejection fractions and congestive heart failure. N Engl J

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35 week mortality and ventricular function after acute myocardial

infarction. Lancet 1994; 343: 1115-1122; ISIS Collaborative Group
OU. ISIS-4: Randomized study of oral isosorbide mononitrate in over
50,000 patients with suspected acute myocardial infarction. Circulation
1993; 88: I394.) The benefits of ACE inhibitors have been attributed to
5 blockade of angiotensin II production and/or to a decrease in the
breakdown of bradykinin. (See Pitt B, Chang P, Timmermans P.
Angiotensin II receptor antagonists in heart failure: Rationale and design
of the Evaluation of Losartan in the Elderly (ELITE) Trial.
Cardiovascular Drugs and Therapy 1995; 9: 693-700; and Gavras I.
10 Bradykinin-mediated effects of ACE inhibition. Kidney Int 1992; 42:
1020-1029.) Bradykinin has been shown to have beneficial effects
associated with the release of nitric oxide and prostacyclin which may
contribute to the hemodynamic effects of ACE inhibition. Bradykinin
may, however, also be responsible for certain adverse effects associated
15 with use of ACE inhibitors, such as cough, angioedema, renal
dysfunction, and hypotension. (See Pitt B, Chang P, Timmermans P.
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R, et al. and the Losartan Cough Study Group. Effects of modulators of
the renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system on cough. J Hypertension
1994; 12: 1387-1393.) These adverse effects may account in part for
30 the fact that ACE inhibitors are used in less than 30 percent of patients
with heart failure in spite of their proven clinical benefit. (See Stafford
RS, Saglam D, Blumenthal D. Low rates of angiotensin-converting
enzyme inhibitor use in congestive heart failure. Circulation 1996; 94:
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The development of orally-active, nonpeptidic angiotensin II type 1 receptor antagonists such as losartan, has provided the opportunity to block the angiotensin II type 1 receptor specifically without increasing bradykinin levels. (See Timmermans P, Wong PC, Chiu AT, et al. Angiotensin II receptors and angiotensin II receptor antagonists. Pharmacol Reviews 1993; 45: 205-251.) Since angiotensin II may be produced by alternate pathways, losartan may offer additional advantages over treatment with ACE inhibitors where blockade of the effects of angiotensin II may be incomplete. (See Miura S, Ideishi M, Sakai T, et al. Angiotensin II formation by an alternative pathway during exercise in humans. J Hypertension 1994; 12: 1177-1181; Urata H, Kinoshita A, Misono KS, Bumpus FM, Husain A. Identification of a highly specific chymase as the major angiotensin II-forming enzyme in the human chymase. J Biol Chem 1990; 265: 22348-22357; Urata H, Strobel F, Ganten D. Widespread tissue distribution of human chymase. J Hypertension 1994; 12: S17-S22; Aldigier JC, Huang H, Dalmay F, et al. Angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibition does not suppress plasma angiotensin II increase during exercise in humans. J Cardiovasc Pharmacol 1993; 21: 289-295.) Losartan is indicated for the treatment of hypertension in many countries and in earlier studies in patients with symptomatic heart failure, oral losartan produced beneficial hemodynamic effects both acutely and with chronic dosing. (See Crozier I, Ikram H, Awan N, et al. Losartan in heart failure: Hemodynamic effects and tolerability. Circulation 1995; 91: 691-697; and Gottlieb SS, Dickstein K, Fleck E, et al. Hemodynamic and neurohormonal effects of the angiotensin II antagonist losartan in patients with congestive heart failure. Circulation 1993; 88: 1602-1609.)

The Evaluation of Losartan In The Elderly (ELITE) Study was conducted to compare effects on renal function, morbidity/mortality, and tolerability of long-term treatment with losartan versus captopril, in older patients with symptomatic heart failure.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

A method for reducing mortality by administering to a symptomatic heart failure patient a therapeutically effective amount of

an angiotensin II antagonist. A method for reducing sudden cardiac death by administering to a symptomatic heart failure patient a therapeutically effective amount of an angiotensin II antagonist. A method for reducing mortality and sudden cardiac death by administering to a symptomatic heart failure patient a therapeutically effective amount of an angiotensin II antagonist is disclosed. A method for preventing sudden cardiac death by administering to a symptomatic heart failure patient a therapeutically effective amount of an angiotensin II antagonist. A method for reducing hospitalization by administering to a symptomatic heart failure patient a therapeutically effective amount of an angiotensin II antagonist.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES

Figure 1. ELITE Study Profile.

(* While on study therapy; and ** Withdrawn from assigned therapy, but still followed up for the intention-to-treat analysis of secondary endpoint.)

Figure 2. Kaplan-Meier Survival Curves among Patients with Chronic Heart Failure in the Losartan and Captopril Groups.

(Patients in the losartan group had a 46 percent lower risk of death (RR= risk reduction) than patients in the captopril group (P=0.035). Patients were followed for 48 weeks.)

Figure 3. Effect of Losartan on Death in Various Subgroups.

(= One losartan-treated patient did not have EF measured; and == Based on patient history. For each subgroup, the percentage of risk reduction (RR) with losartan is plotted (solid squares). Horizontal lines represent 95 percent confidence intervals. The size of each square is proportional to the percentage of events in the subgroup. The light square at the bottom of the panel represents the overall result for death. The bold vertical line corresponds to a finding of no effect. The RRs in individual subgroups are generally consistent with the overall RR, except for females. Interaction tests for the effect of losartan on mortality in gender was significant at the 10 percent level (p=0.053).

Tests for interaction in the other subgroups were not significant. NYHA denotes New York Heart Association)

Figure 4. Changes in New York Heart Association Functional Class.(*P≤0.001. Percent of patients with change in New York Heart Association (NYHA) Functional Class at week 48 versus Baseline.)

Figure 5. Comparison of twelve-week mortality data from the SOLVD study, the losartan exercise studies (U.S. and international combined), and the ELITE study.

(pbo – placebo; enal – enalapril; los = losartan; capt = captopril).

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

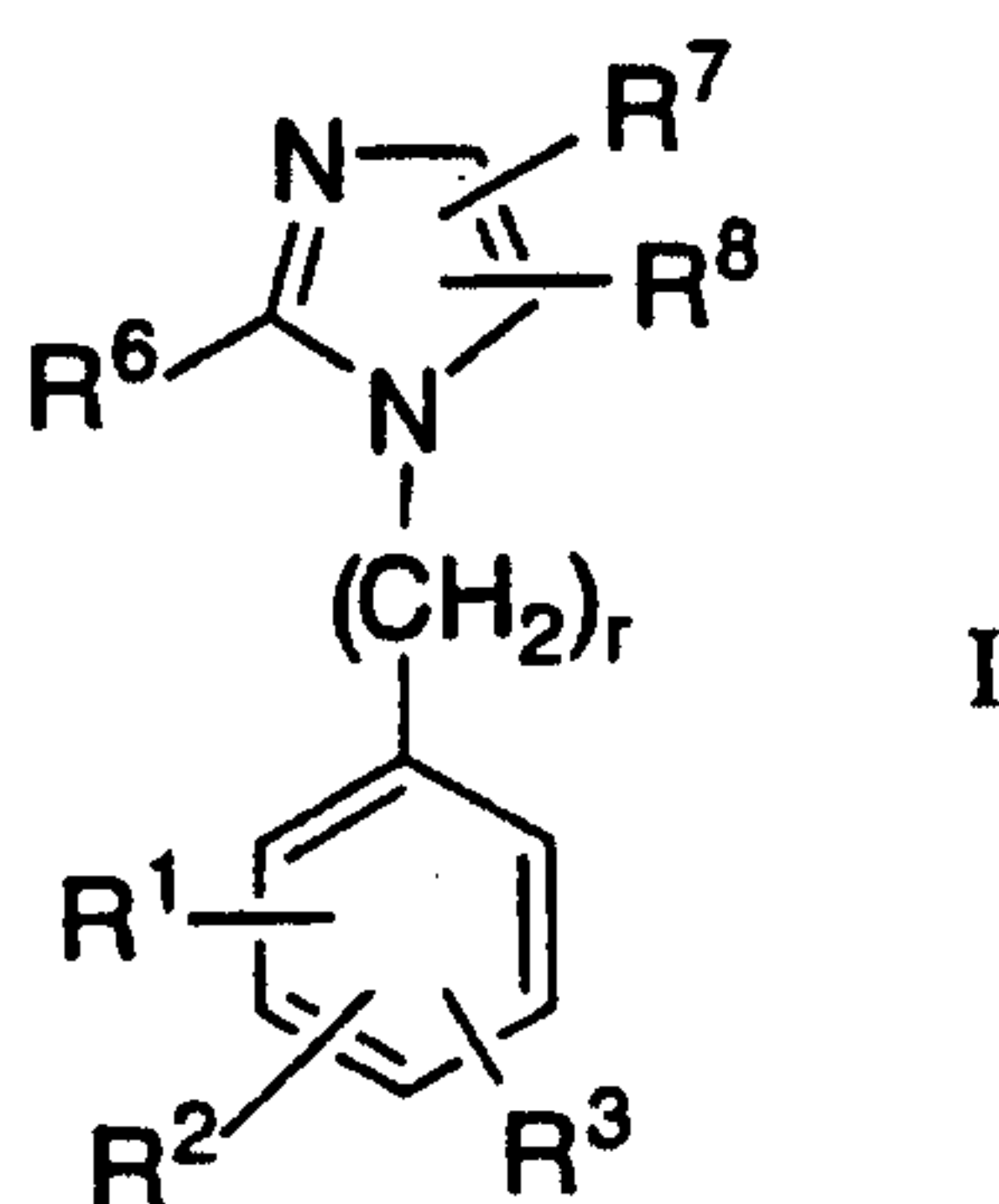
This invention concerns a method for reducing mortality by administering to a symptomatic heart failure patient a therapeutically effective amount of an angiotensin II antagonist.

An embodiment of this invention is the method for reducing mortality by administering to a symptomatic heart failure patient a therapeutically effective amount of an angiotensin II receptor antagonist selected from the group consisting of: candesartan cilexetil, eprosartan, irbesartan, losartan, tasosartan, telmisartan, valsartan, 3-(2'-(tetrazol-5-yl)-1,1'-biphen-4-yl)methyl-5,7-dimethyl-2-ethyl-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine, 4[2-ethyl-4-methyl-6-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydroimidazol{1,2-a}pyridine-2-yl]-benzimidazol-1-yl]-methyl-1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxylic acid (BIBR363), 2-butyl-6-(1-methoxy-1-methylethyl)-2-[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-ylmethyl]guinazolin-4(3H)-one (CL329167), 3-[(2'-carboxybiphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-2-cyclopropyl-7-

-1-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine (E4177), 2-butyl-4-chloro-1-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]-1H-imidazole-5-carboxylic acid-1-(ethoxycarbonyl-oxy)ethyl ester potassium salt (HN65021), dipotassium 2-butyl-4-(methylthio)-1-[[2-[[[(propylamino)carbonyl]-amino]sulfonyl](1,1'-biphenyl)-4-yl]methyl]-1H-imidazole-5-carboxylate (HOE720), methyl-2-[[4-butyl-2-methyl-6-oxo-5[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]-1-(6H)-pyrimidinyl]methyl]-3-thiophencarboxylate (LRB081), 5-[(3,5-dibutyl-1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)methyl]-2-[1H-tetrazol-5-ylphenyl]pyridine (SC52458), 6-butyl-2-(2-phenylethyl)-5-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-methyl]pyrimidin-4-(3H)-one D,L lysine salt (SL910102), 5-methyl-7-n-propyl-8-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]methyl]-[1,2,4]-triazolo[1,5-c]pyrimidin-2(3H)-one (UP2696), 2,7-diethyl-5-[[2'-(5-tetrazolyl)biphenyl-4-yl]methyl]-5H-pyrazolo[1,5-b][1,2,4]triazole potassium salt (YM358), 2-[2-butyl-4,5-dihydro-4-oxo-3-[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-4-biphenylmethyl]-3H-imidazol[4,5-c]pyridine-5-ylmethyl]-benzoic acid, ethyl ester, potassium salt (EMD66397), 3-methoxy-2,6-dimethyl-4-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl]methoxy]pyridine (ME3221), 2-ethoxy-1-[[2'-(5-oxo-2,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]methyl]-1H-benzimidazole-7-carboxylic acid (TAK536), 1-[N-(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl-methyl)-N-valerolylamino-methyl]cyclopentane-1-carboxylic acid (CGP49870), 7-methyl-2n-propyl-3-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]methyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine (E4188), 2-[5-[(2-ethyl-5,7-dimethyl-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine-3-yl)methyl]-2-quinoliny]sodium benzoate (GA0050), 2-butyl-6-chloro-4-hydroxymethyl-5-methyl-3-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]methyl]pyridine (KT3579), 2-[[[2-butyl-1-[(4-carboxyphenyl)methyl]-1H-imidazol-5-yl]methyl]amino]benzoic acid tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]methyl]pyrimidin-6-one (LF70156), 4(S)-[4-(carboxymethyl)phenoxy]-N-[2(R)-[4-(2-sulfobenzamido)imidazol-1-yl]octanoyl]-L-proline (LY301875), 1-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-4-butyl-1,3-dihydro-3-[[6-[2-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)phenyl]-

3-pyridinyl)methyl]-2H-imidazol-2-one (SC54629), 5,8-ethano-5,8-dimethyl-2-n-propyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-1-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-1H,4H-1,3,4a,8a-tetrazacyclopentanaphthalene-9-one (U96849), 4-[1-[2'-(1,2,3,4-tetrazol-5-yl)biphen-4-yl)methylamino]-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-triflylquinazoline (WAY126227), 2-(2-chlorobenzoyl)imino-5-ethyl-3-[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl-1,3,4-thiadiazoline (WK1260), 2-[5-ethyl-3-[2-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl-1,3,4-thiazoline-2-ylidene]aminocarbonyl-1-cyclopentenecarboxylic acid dipotassium salt (WK1492), and 2-butyl-4-[N-methyl-N-(3-methylcrotonoyl)amino]-1-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-1H-imidazole-5-carboxylic acid 1-ethoxycarbonyloxyethyl ester (YM31472). The preferred angiotensin II receptor antagonists useful in this method are: candesartan, cilexetil, eprosartan, irbesartan, losartan, tasosartan, telmisartan, valsartan and 3-(2'-(tetrazol-5-yl)-1,1'-biphen-4-yl)methyl-5,7-dimethyl-2-ethyl-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine.

Another embodiment of the invention is the method for reducing mortality by administering to a symptomatic hear failure patient a therapeutically effective amount of an imidazole angiotensin II receptor antagonist of formula I

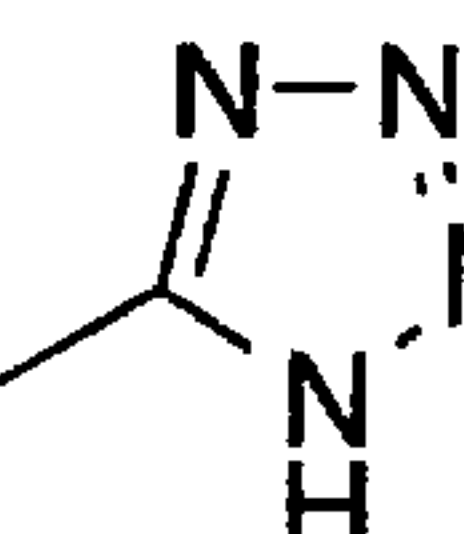


wherein:

R¹ is:



R² is H; Cl; Br; I; F; NO₂; CN; alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms; acyloxy of 1 to 4 carbon atoms; alkoxy of 1 to 4 carbon atoms; CO₂H; CO₂R⁹; HNSO₂CH₃; NHSO₂CF₃;

CONHOR¹²; SO₂NH₂; ; aryl; or furyl;

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R³ is H; Cl, Br, I or F; alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms or alkoxy of 1 to 4 carbon atoms;

R⁴ is CN, NO₂ or CO₂R¹¹;

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R⁵ is H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6 carbon atoms alkenyl or alkynyl of 2 to 4 carbon atoms;

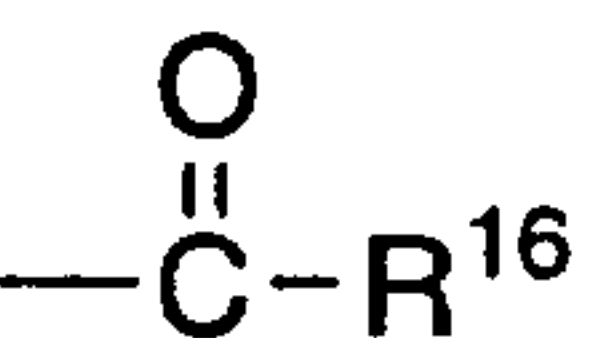
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R⁶ is alkyl of 2 to 10 carbon atoms, alkenyl or alkynyl of 3 to 10 carbon atoms or the same groups substituted with F or CO₂R¹⁴; cycloalkyl of 3 to 8 carbon atoms, cycloalkylalkyl, of 4 to 10 carbon atoms; cycloalkylalkenyl or cycloalkylalkynyl 5 to 10 carbon atoms; (CH₂)_sZ(CH₂)_mR⁵ optionally substituted with F or CO₂R¹⁴; benzyl substituted on the phenyl ring with 1 or 2 halogens, alkoxy of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms or nitro;

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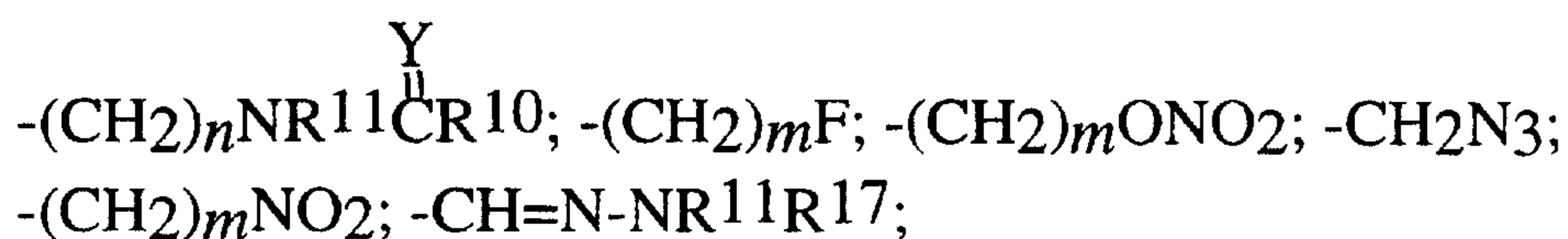
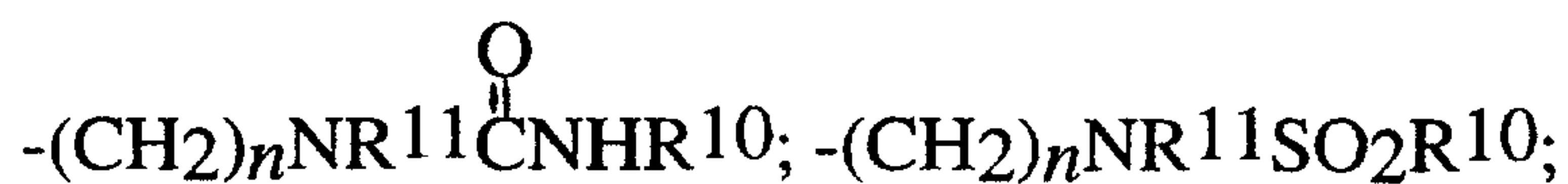
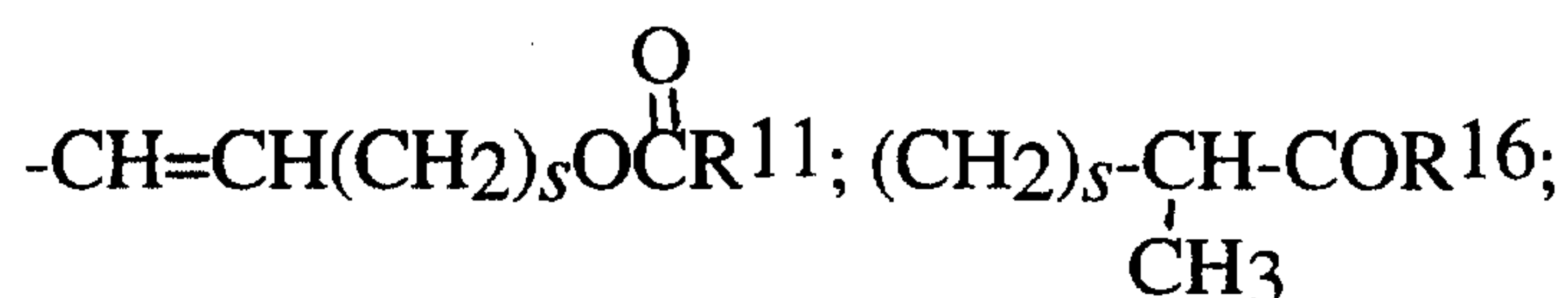
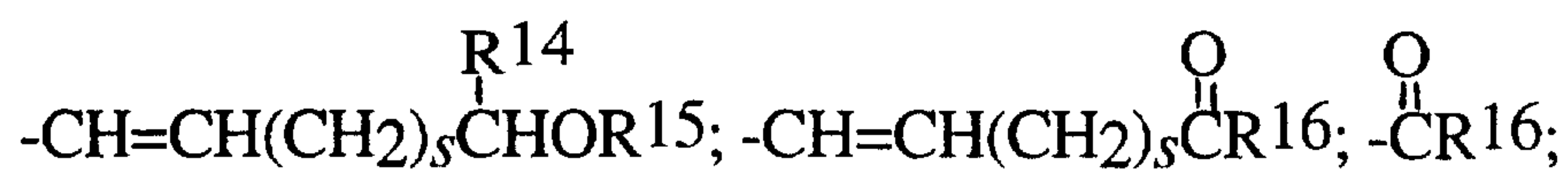
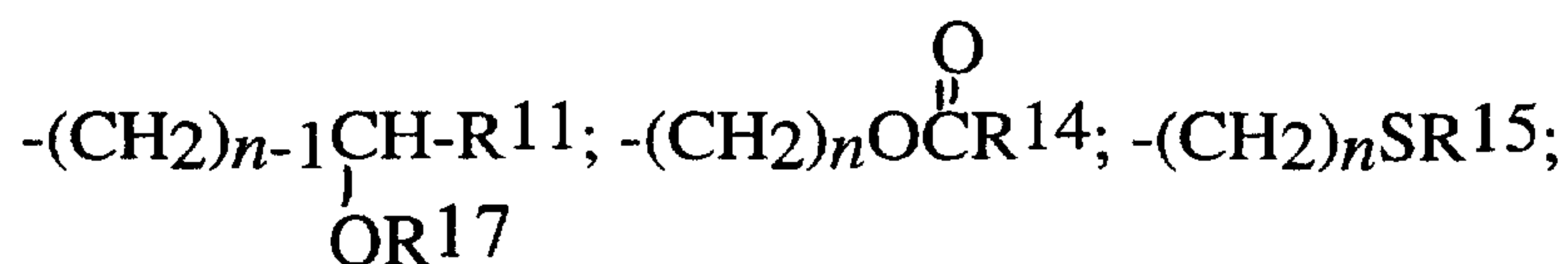
R⁷ is H, F, Cl, Br, I, NO₂, C_vF_{2v+1}, where v=1-6, C₆F₅; CN;

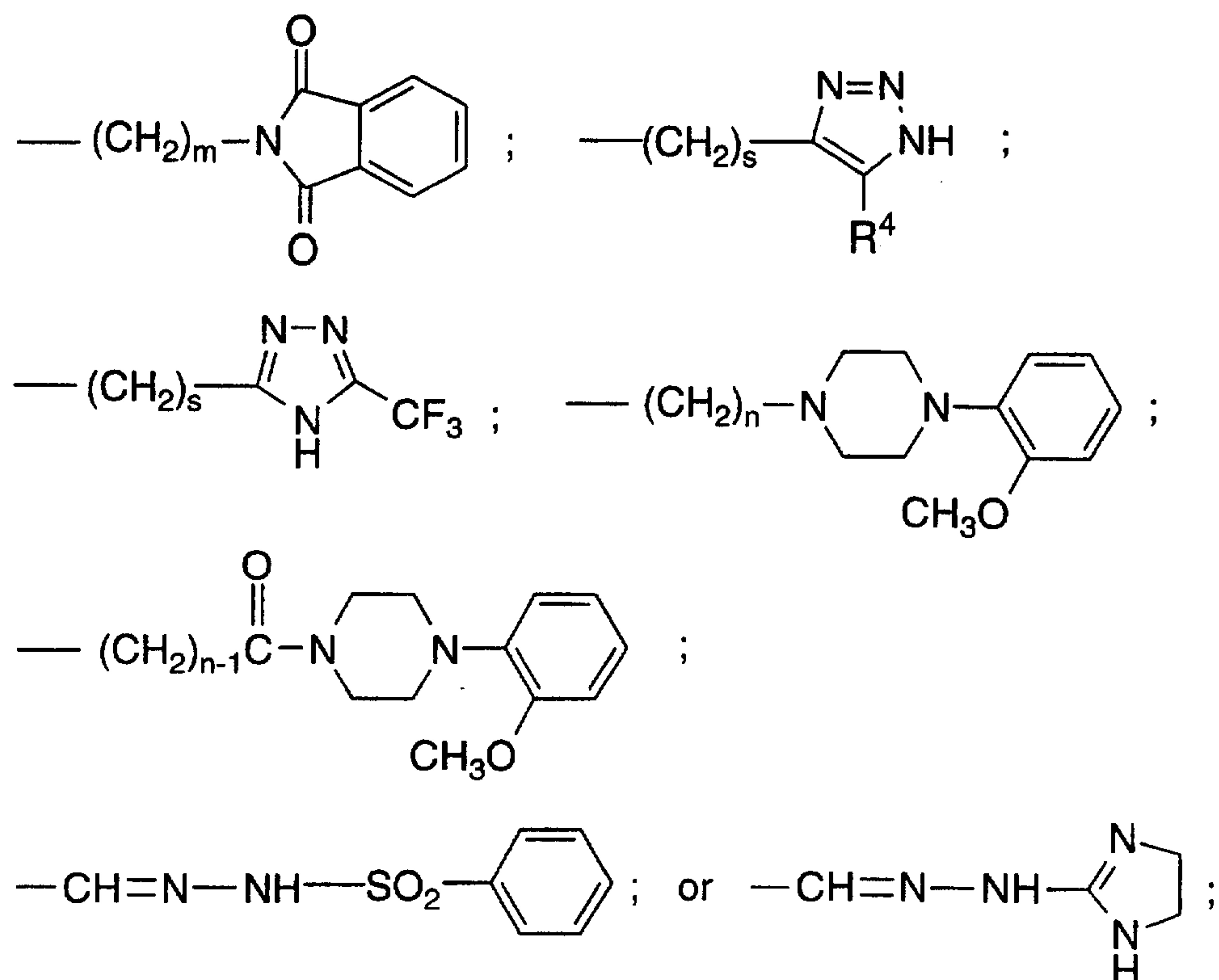
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; straight or branched alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms; phenyl or phenylalkyl, where alkyl is 1 to 3 carbon atoms; or substituted phenyl or substituted phenylalkyl, where alkyl is 1 to 3 carbon atoms, substituted with one or two substituents selected from alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, F, Cl, Br, OH, OCH₃, CF₃, and COOR, where R is H, alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or phenyl;

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R⁸ is H, CN, alkyl of 1 to 10 carbon atoms, alkenyl of 3 to 10 carbon atoms, or the same groups substituted with F; phenylalkenyl wherein the aliphatic portion is 2 to 6 carbon atoms; $-(CH_2)_m$ -imidazol-1-yl; $-(CH_2)_m$ -1,2,3-triazolyl optionally substituted with one or two group selected from CO₂CH₃ or alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms; $-(CH_2)_s$ tetrazolyl;





R⁹ is: $\begin{array}{c} \text{R}^{24} \quad \text{O} \\ | \quad \parallel \\ \text{---CH---O---C---R}^{21} \end{array}$;

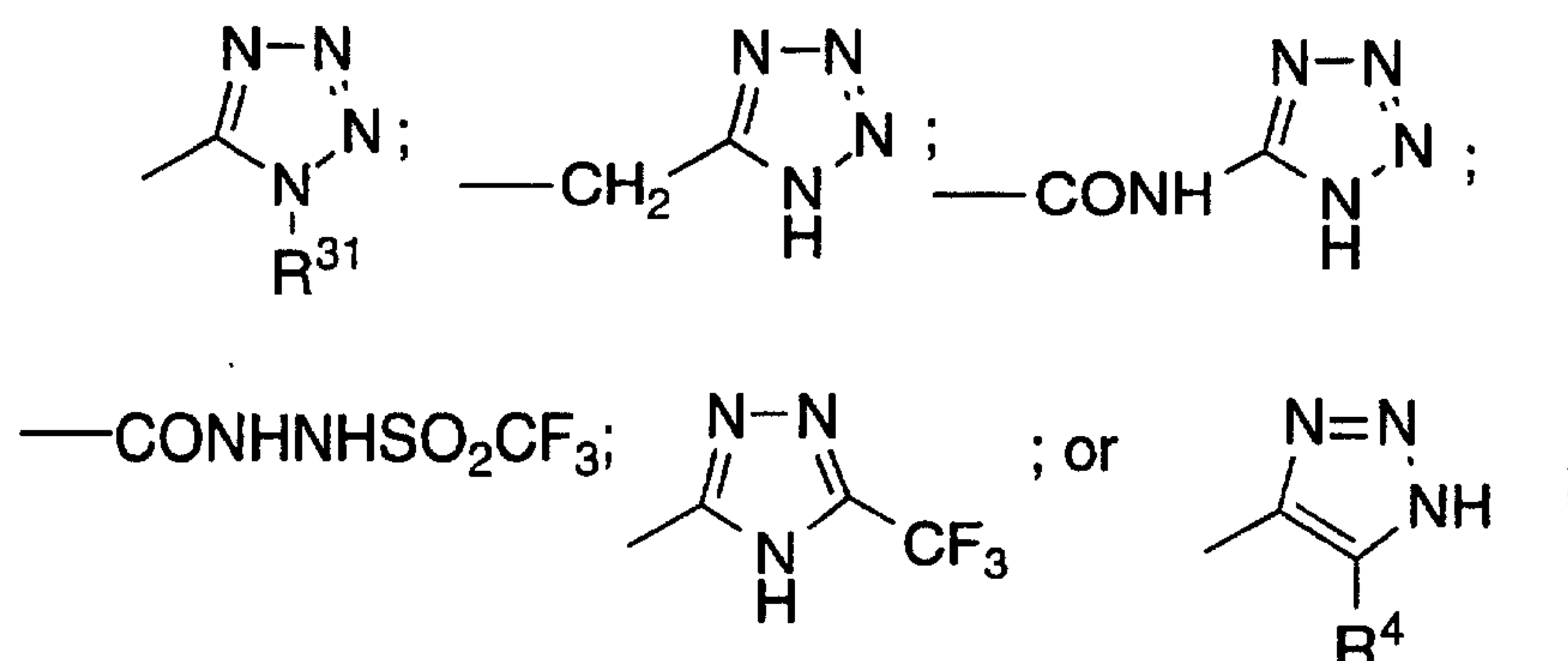
5 R¹⁰ is alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms or perfluoroalkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, 1-adamantyl, 1-naphthyl, 1-(1-naphthyl)ethyl, or (CH₂)_pC₆H₅;

10 R¹¹ is H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6 carbon atoms, phenyl or benzyl;

R¹² is H, methyl or benzyl;

R¹³ is -CO₂H; -CO₂R⁹; -CH₂CO₂H, -CH₂CO₂R⁹;

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 -PO₃H₂; -C(CF₃)₂OH; -NHSO₂CH₃; -NHSO₂CF₃;
 -NHCOCF₃; -CONHOR¹²; -SO₂NH₂;



R¹⁴ is H, alkyl or perfluoroalkyl of 1 to 8 carbon atoms,
cycloalkyl of 3 to 6 carbon atoms, phenyl or benzyl;

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R¹⁵ is H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6
carbon atoms, phenyl, benzyl, acyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms,
phenacyl;

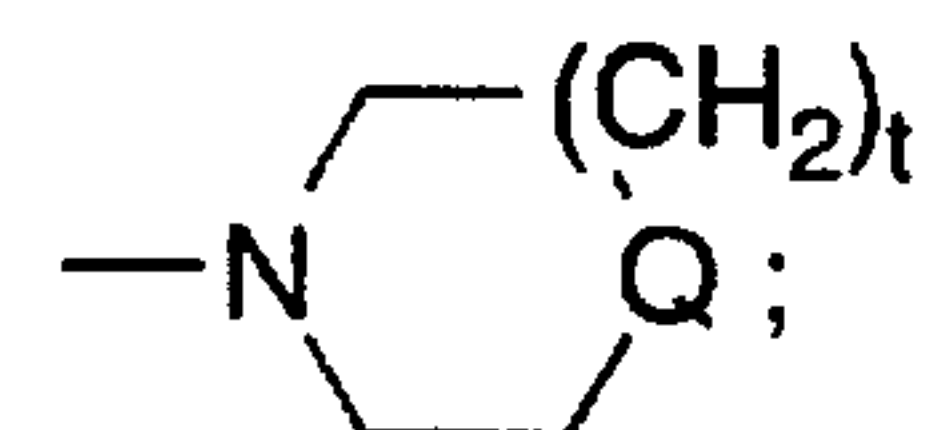
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carbon atoms, (CH₂)_pC₆H₅, OR¹⁷, or NR¹⁸R¹⁹;

R¹⁷ is H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6
carbon atoms, phenyl or benzyl;

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R¹⁸ and R¹⁹ independently are H, alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms,
phenyl, benzyl, α-methylbenzyl, or taken together with the
nitrogen form a ring of the formula



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Q is NR²⁰, O or CH₂;

R²⁰ is H, alkyl of 1-4 carbon atoms, or phenyl;

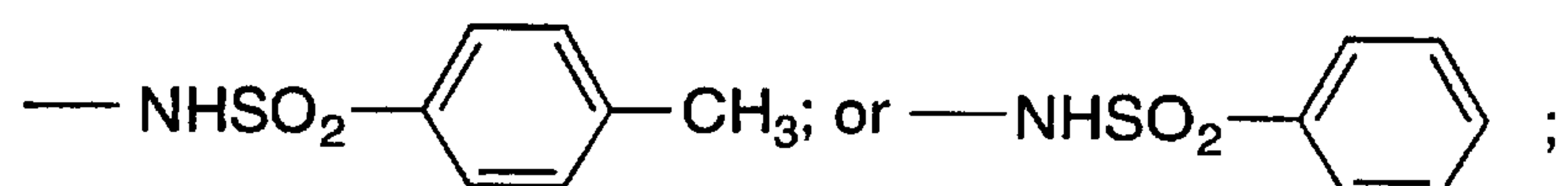
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R²¹ is alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, -NR²²R²³, or -
CHCH₂CO₂CH₃;
|
NH₂

R22 and R23 independently are H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, benzyl, or are taken together as $(\text{CH}_2)_u$, where u is 3-6;

5 R24 is H, CH_3 or $-\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$;

R25 is $\text{NR}^{27}\text{R}^{28}$, OR^{28} , NHCONH_2 , NHCSNH_2 ,



10 R26 is hydrogen, alkyl with from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, benzyl, or allyl;

R27 and R28 are independently hydrogen, alkyl with from 1 to 5 carbon atoms, or phenyl;

15 R29 and R30 are independently alkyl of 1-4 carbon atoms or taken together are $-(\text{CH}_2)_q-$;

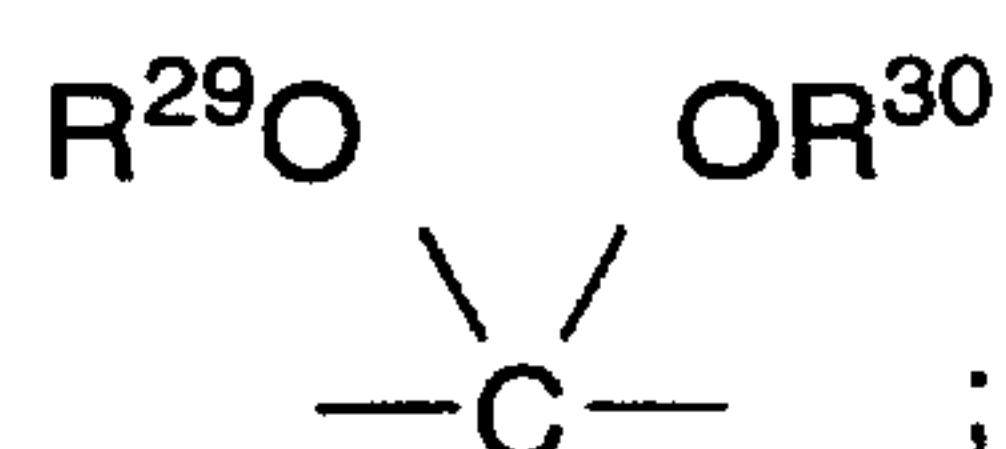
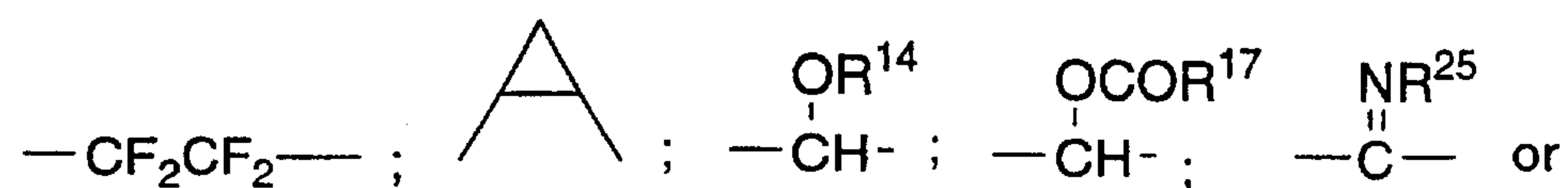
R31 is H, alkyl or 1 to 4 carbon atoms, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$ or $-\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{R}^{32}$;

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X is a carbon-carbon single bond, $-\text{CO}-$, $-\text{CH}_2-$, $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{S}-$, $-\text{NH}-$, $-\text{N}-$, $-\text{CON}-$, $-\text{NCO}-$, $-\text{OCH}_2-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{O}-$, $-\text{SCH}_2-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{S}-$,
 $\begin{array}{ccc} | & | & | \\ \text{R}^{26} & \text{R}^{23} & \text{R}^{23} \end{array}$

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$-\text{NHC}(\text{R}^{27})(\text{R}^{28})-$, $-\text{NR}^{23}\text{SO}_2-$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{NR}^{23}-$, $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$, $-\text{CF}=\text{CF}-$, $-\text{CH}=\text{CF}-$, $-\text{CF}=\text{CH}-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-$, $-\text{C}(\text{R}^{27})(\text{R}^{28})\text{NH}-$,



Y is O or S;

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Z is O, NR¹¹, or S;

m is 1 to 5;

n is 1 to 10;

p is 0 to 3;

5 q is 2 to 3;

r is 0 to 2;

s is 0 to 5;

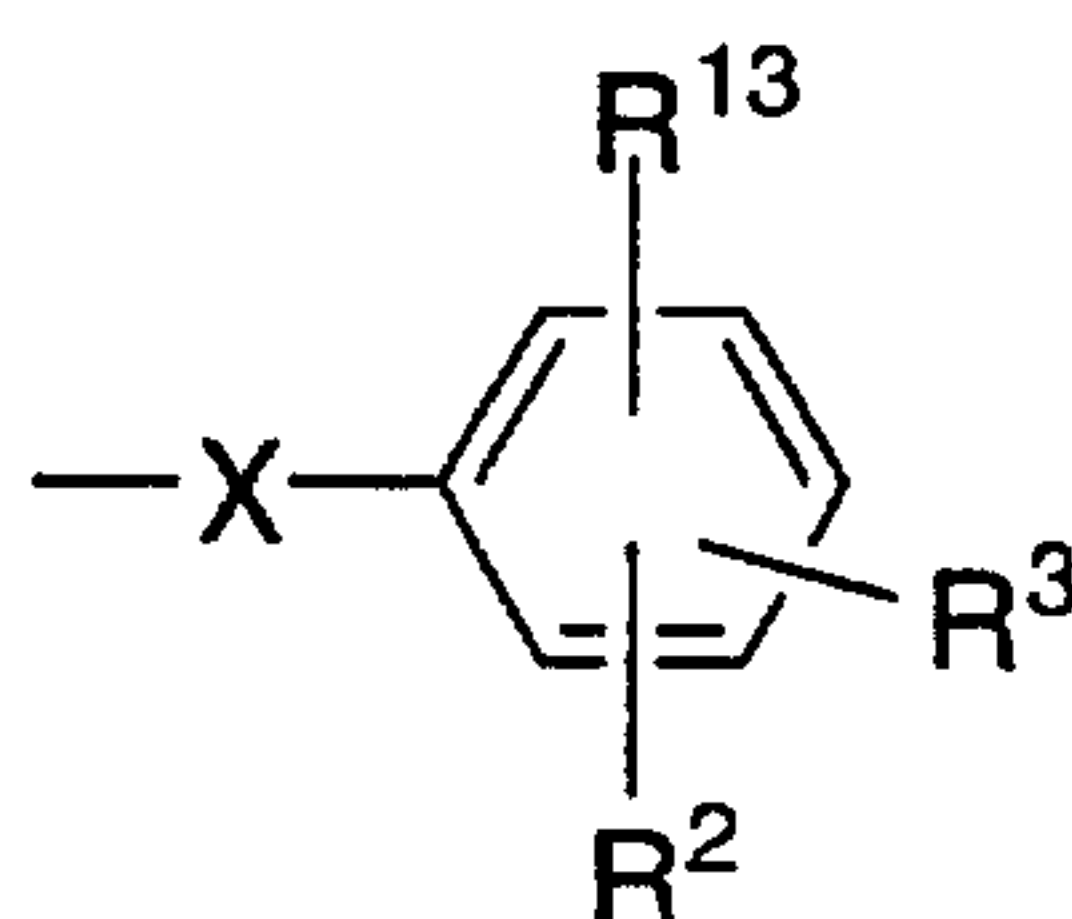
t is 0 or 1;

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts of these compounds;

10 provided that:

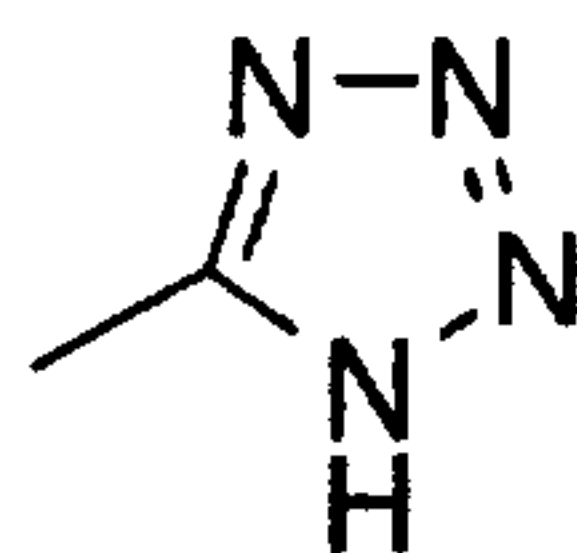
(1) the R¹ group is not in the ortho position;

(2) when R¹ is



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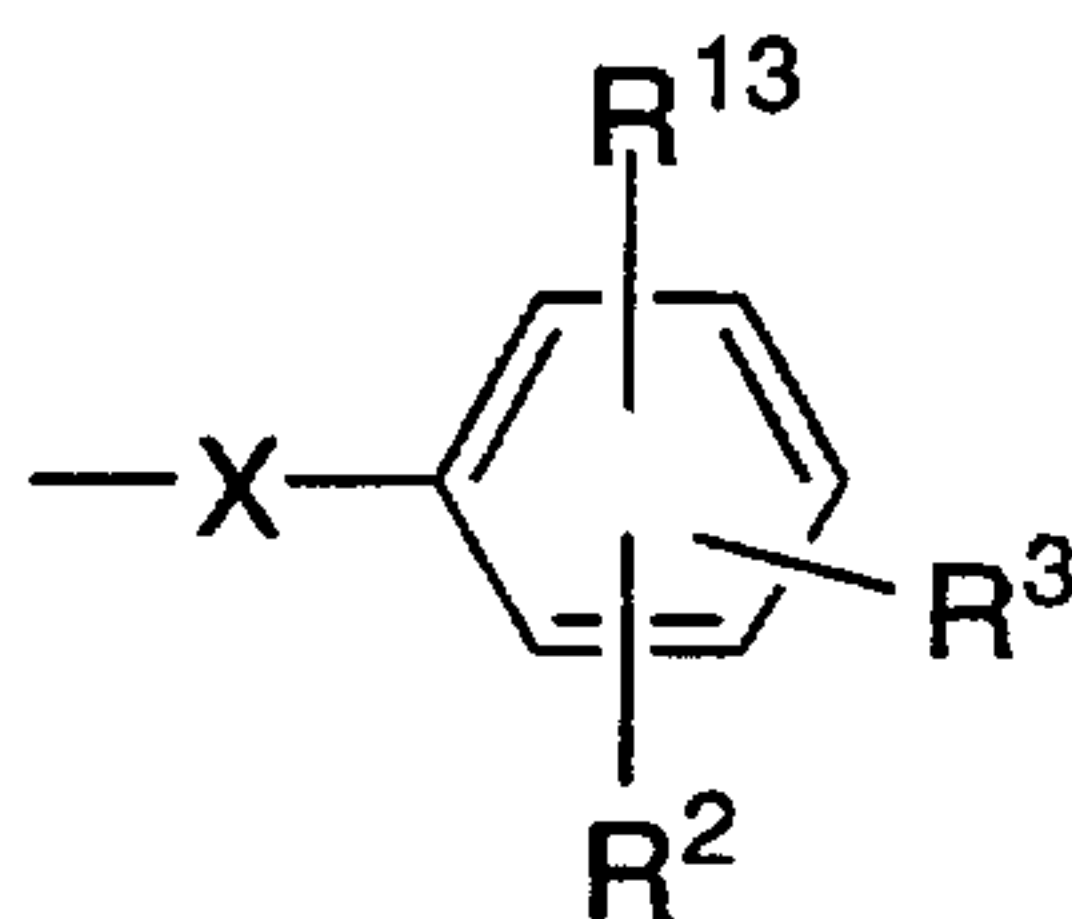
X is a single bond, and R¹³ is CO₂H, or



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then R¹³ must be in the ortho or meta position; or when R¹ and X are as above and R¹³ is NHSO₂CF₃ or NHSO₂CH₃, R¹³ must be ortho;

(3) when R¹ is



and X is other than a single bond, then R^{13} must be ortho except when $X=NR^{23}CO$ and R^{13} is $NHSO_2CF_3$ or $NHSO_2CH_3$, then R^{13} must be ortho or meta;

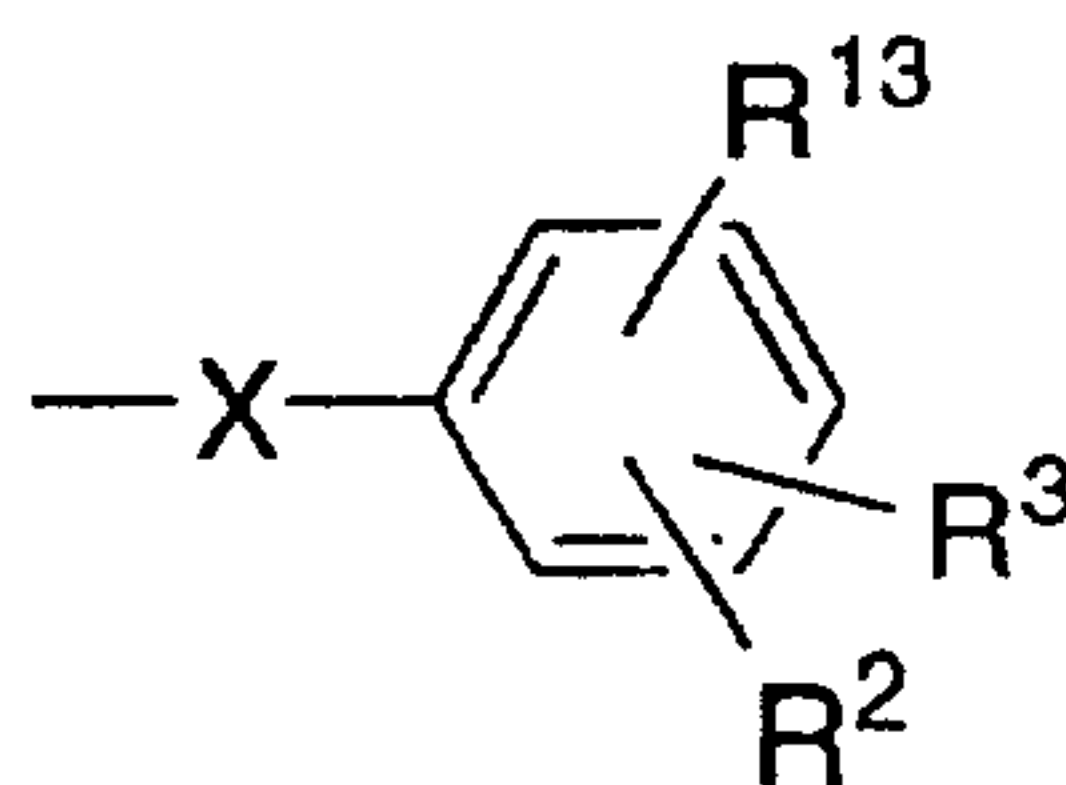
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(4) when R^1 is 4- CO_2H or a salt thereof, R^6 cannot be S-alkyl;

(5) when R^1 is 4- CO_2H or a salt thereof, the substituent on the 4-position of the imidazole cannot be CH_2OH , CH_2OCOCH_3 , or CH_2CO_2H ;

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(6) when R^1 is



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X is $-OCH_2-$, and R^{13} is 2- CO_2H , and R^7 is H then R^6 is not C_2H_5S ;

(7) when R^1 is

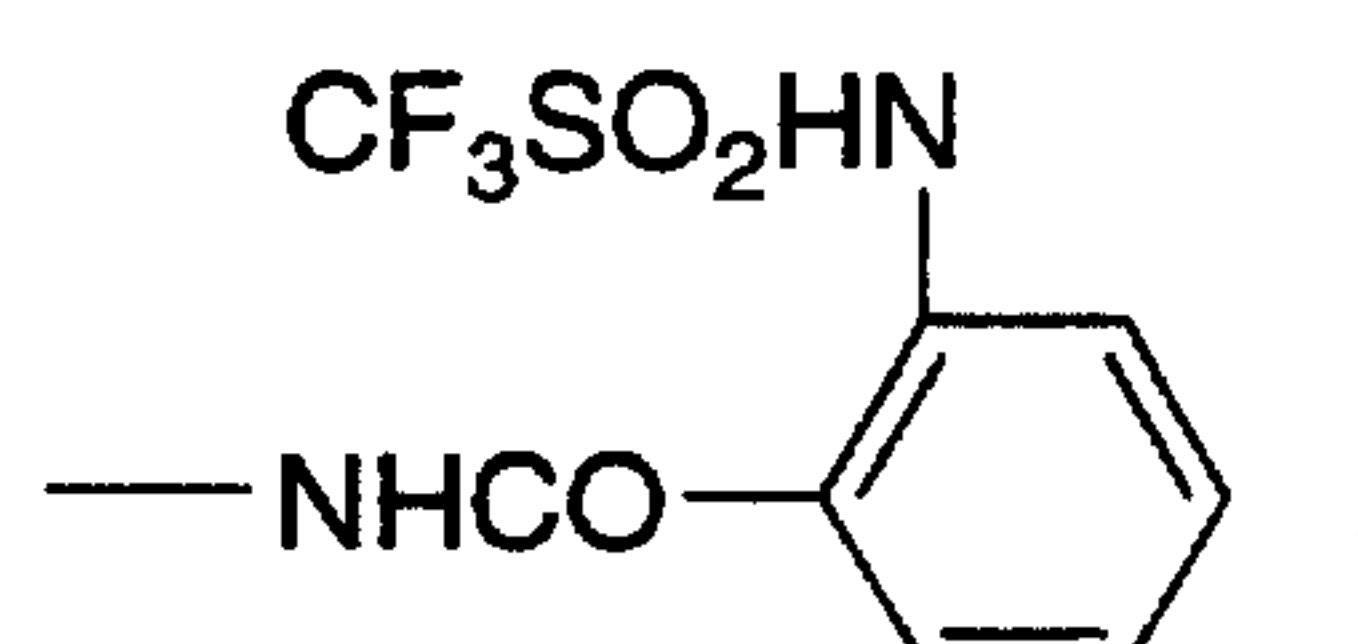
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and R⁶ is n-hexyl then R⁷ and R⁸ are not both hydrogen;

(8) when R¹ is

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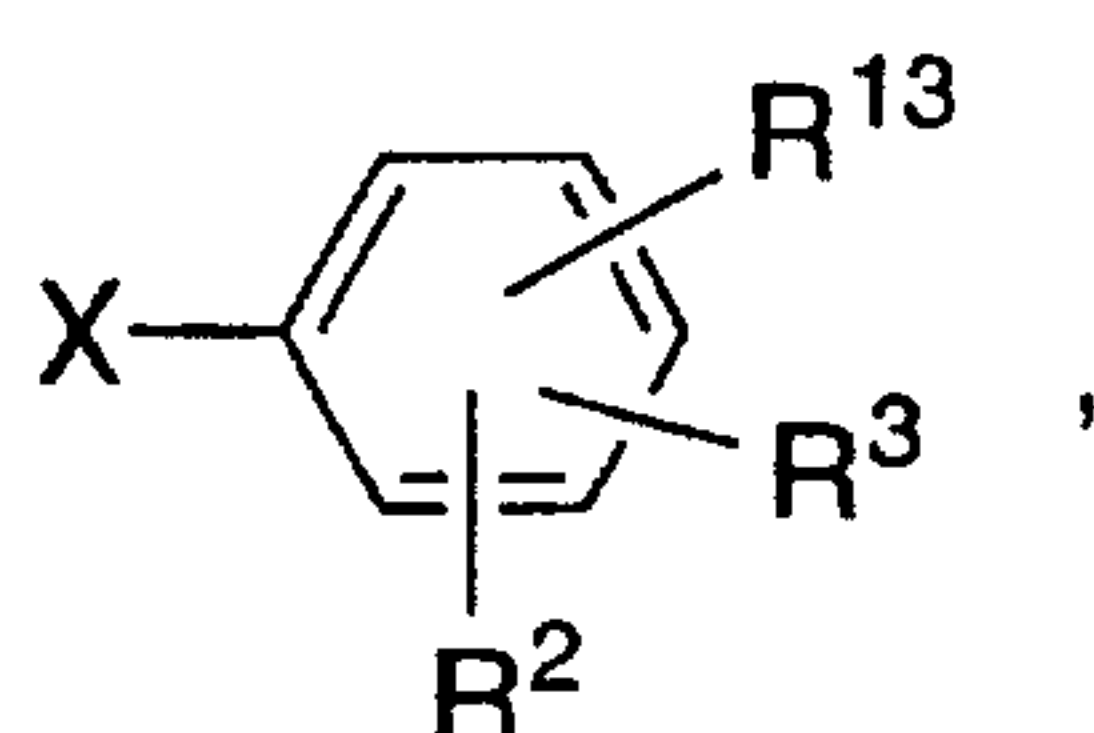


R⁶ is not methoxybenzyl;

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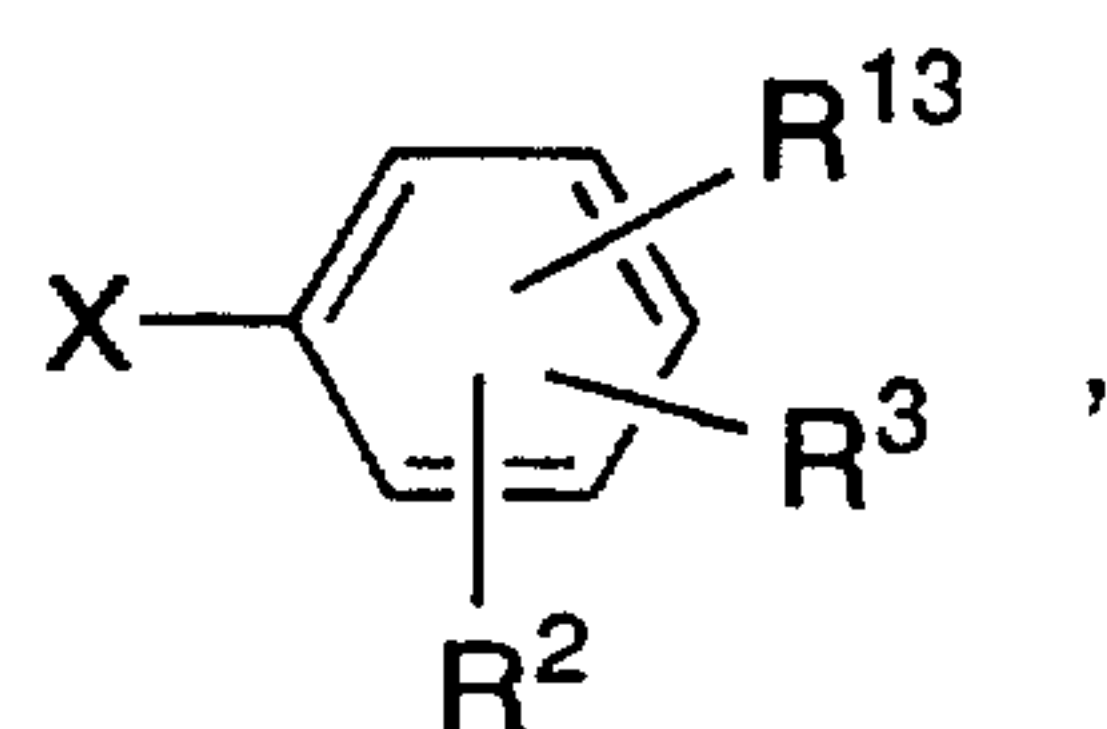
(9) the R⁶ group is not $\text{-CH}(\text{F})\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ or CH_2OH ;

(10) when r=0, R¹ is



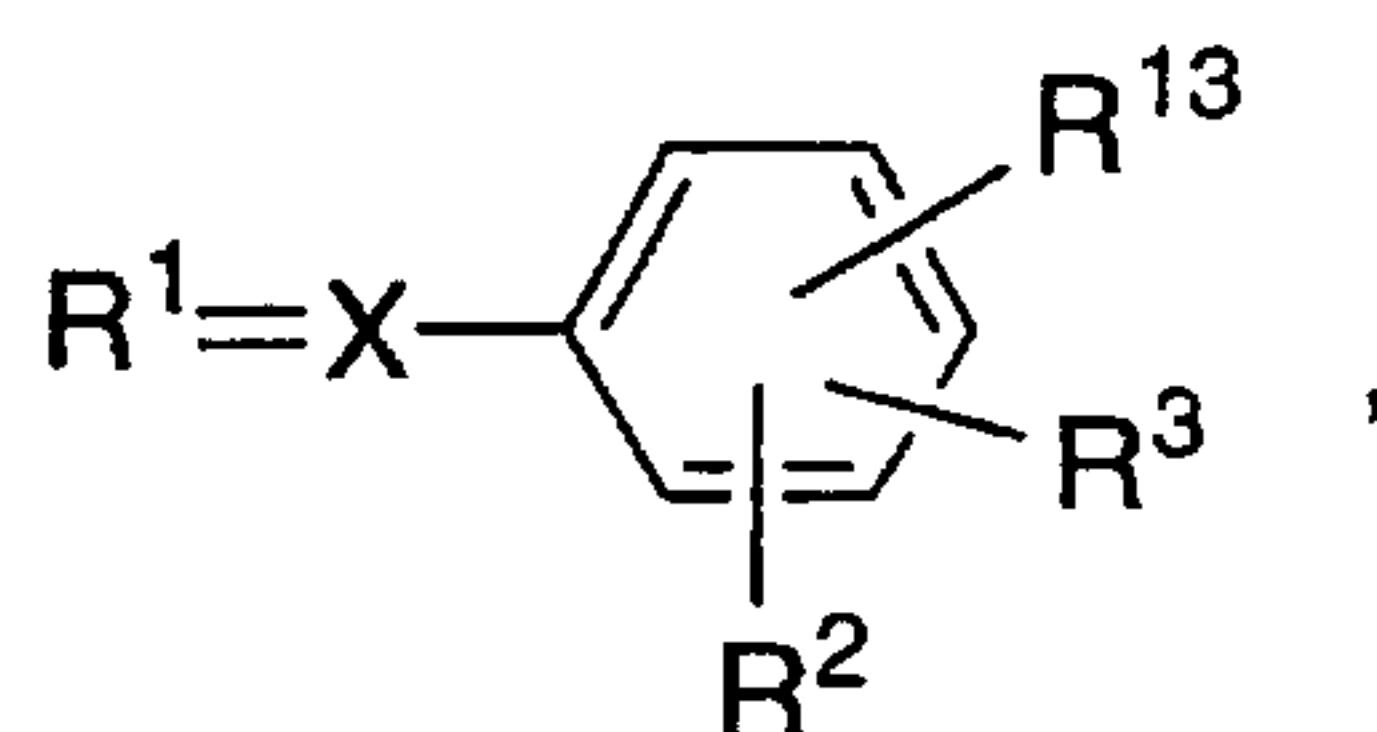
X is $-\text{NH}-\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{\parallel}{\text{C}}}-$, R¹³ is 2-NHSO₂CF₃, and R⁶ is n-propyl, then R⁷ and R⁸ are not -CO₂CH₃;

5 (11) when r=0, R¹ is



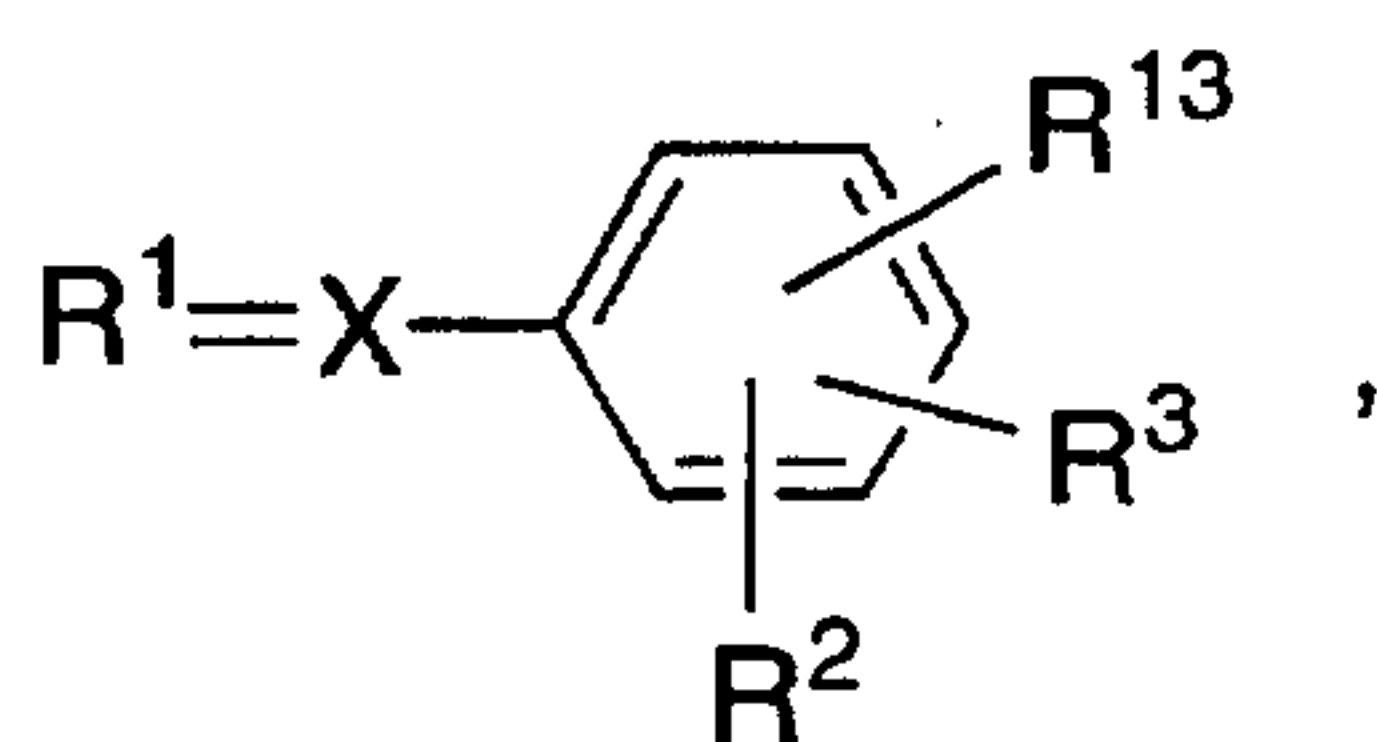
10 X is $\text{NH}-\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{\parallel}{\text{C}}}-$, R¹³ is 2-COOH, and R⁶ is n-propyl, then R⁷ and R⁸ are not -CO₂CH₃;

(12) when r=1,



15 X is a single bond, R⁷ is Cl, and R⁸ is -CHO, then R¹³ is not 3-(tetrazol-5-yl);

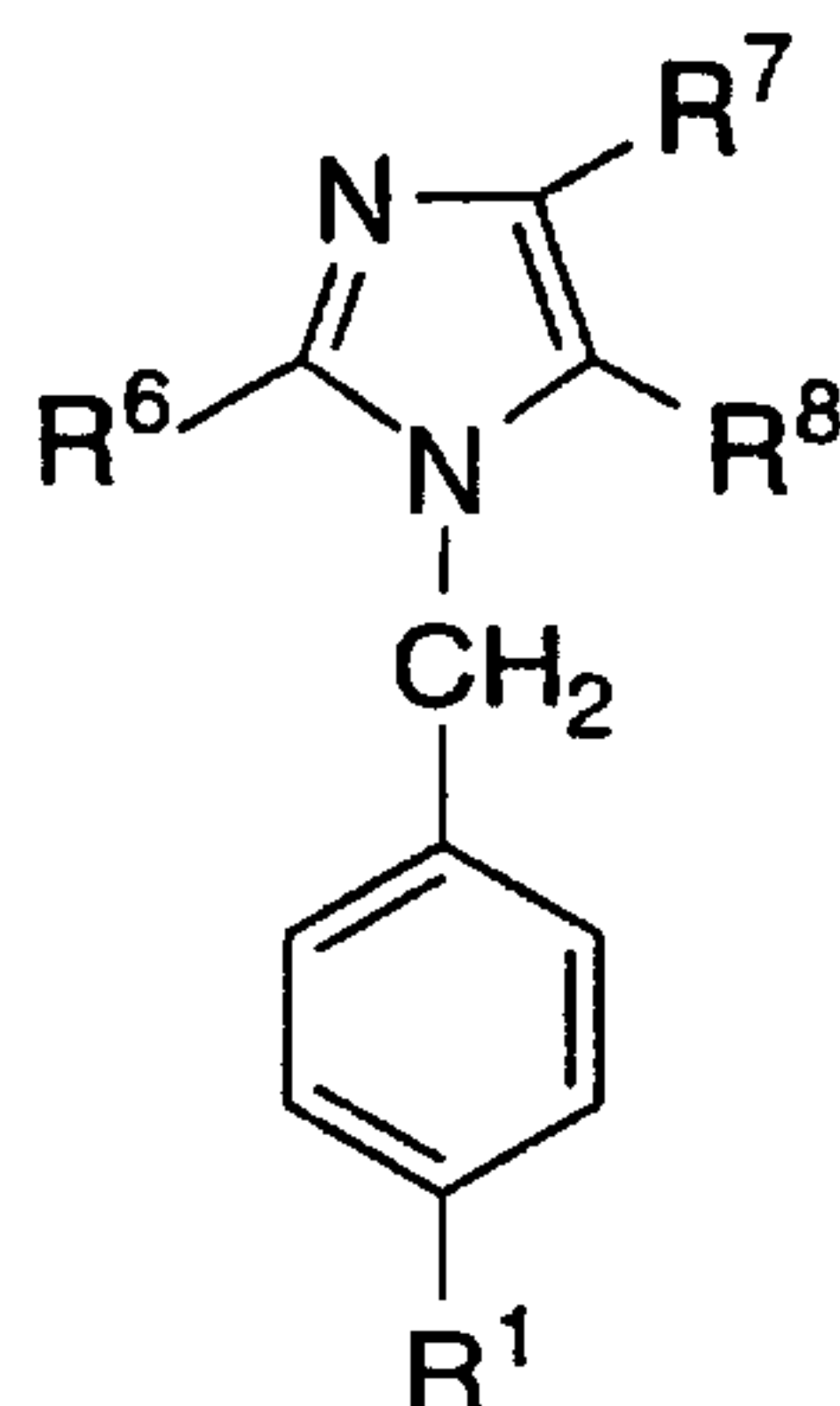
(13) when r=1,



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X is a single bond, R⁷ is Cl, and R⁸ is -CHO, then R¹³ is not 4-(tetrazol-5-yl).

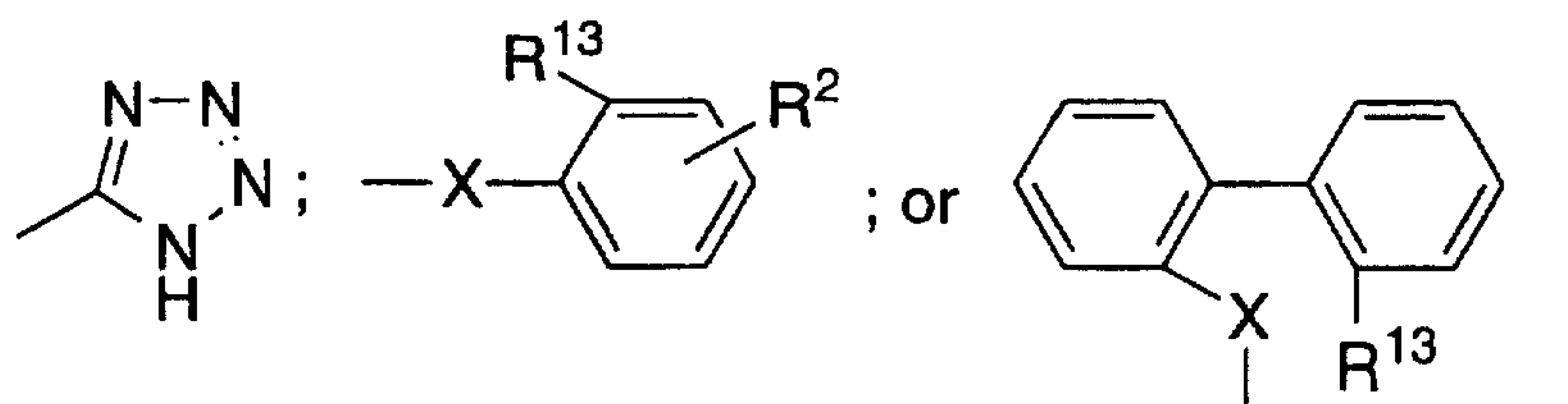
A preferred embodiment of the invention is the method as recited above, using the imidazole angiotensin II receptor antagonist of formula I:



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wherein:

R¹ is -CO₂H; -NHSO₂CF₃;



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R⁶ is alkyl of 3 to 10 carbon atoms, alkenyl of 3 to 10 carbon atoms, alkynyl of 3 to 10 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 8 carbon atoms, benzyl substituted on the phenyl ring with up to two groups selected from alkoxy of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, halogen, alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, and nitro;

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R⁸ is phenylalkenyl wherein the aliphatic portion is 2 to 4 carbon atoms, -(CH₂)_m-imidazol-1-yl, -(CH₂)_m-1,2,3-triazolyl optionally substituted with one or two groups selected from CO₂CH₃ or alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms,

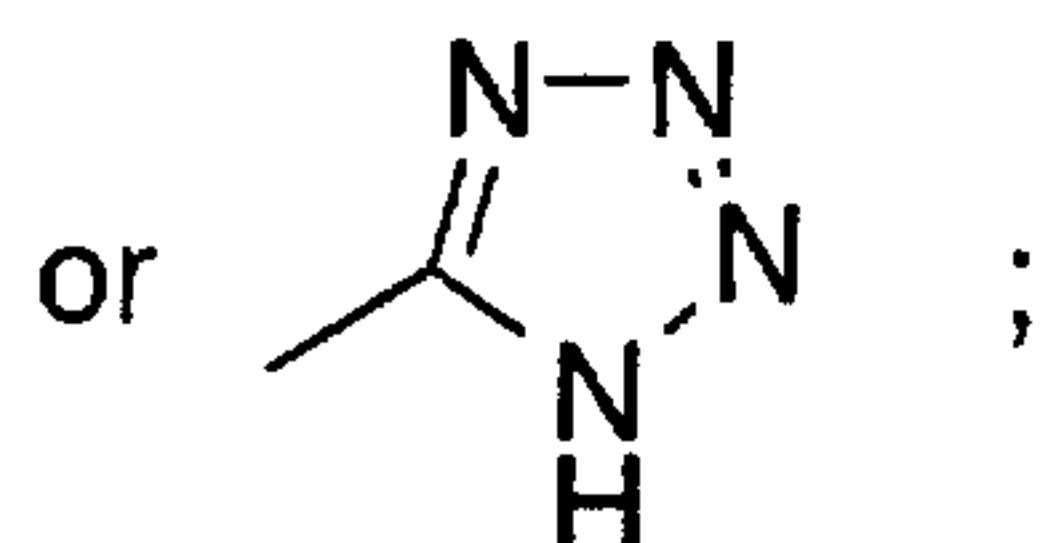
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$(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{-tetrazolyl}$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{OR}^{11}$; $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{O}\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{CR}^{14}$;
 $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}(\text{CH}_2)_s\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{CR}^{16}$, $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}(\text{CH}_2)_s\overset{\text{R}^{14}}{\underset{|}{\text{C}}}\text{HOR}^{15}$;
 $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{CR}^{16}$; $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{NH}\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{COR}^{10}$; $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{NHSO}_2\text{R}^{10}$;
 $-(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{F}$; $-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{CR}^{16}$;

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R¹³ is $-\text{CO}_2\text{H}$, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^9$, NHSO_2CF_3 ; SO_3H ;



R¹⁶ is H, alkyl of 1 to 5 carbon atoms, OR¹⁷, or NR¹⁸R¹⁹;

15

X is carbon-carbon single bond, $-\text{CO}-$, $-\text{CON}-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-$, $-\text{NCO}-$,
 $-\text{OCH}_2-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{O}-$, $-\text{SCH}_2-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{S}-$, $-\text{NHCH}_2-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{NH}-$ or
 $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts of these
 compounds.

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A further preferred embodiment of the invention is the method as recited above, using the imidazole angiotensin II receptor antagonist of formula I:

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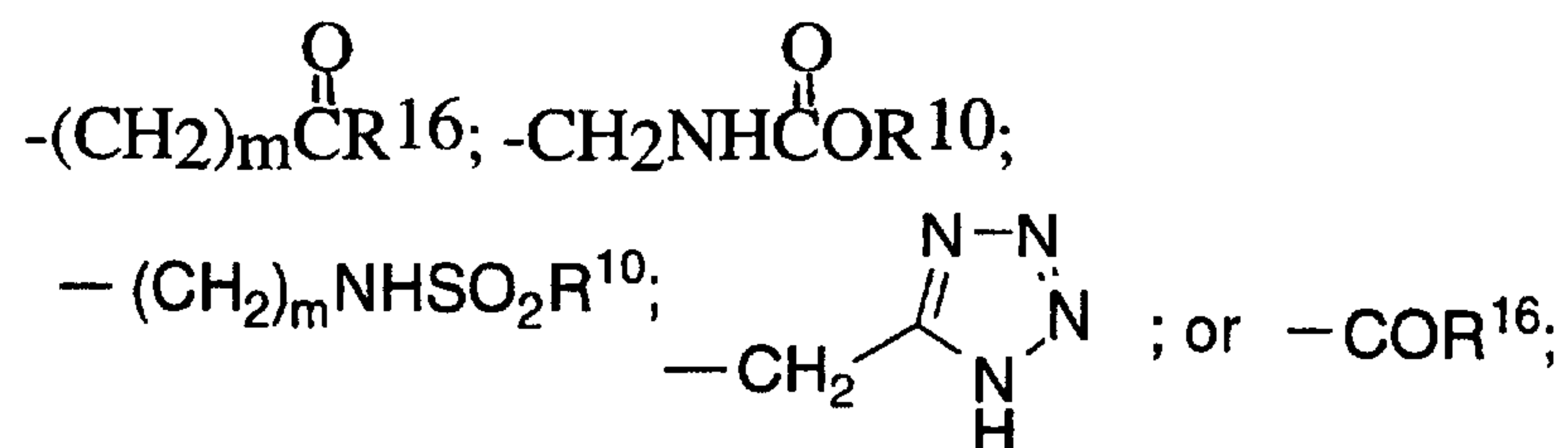
R² is H, alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, halogen, or alkoxy of 1 to 4 carbon atoms;

R⁶ is alkyl, alkenyl or alkynyl of 3 to 7 carbon atoms;

R⁷ is H, Cl, Br, $\text{C}_v\text{F}_{2v+1}$, where $v=1-3$, or $-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{CR}^{16}$;

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R^8 is $-(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{OR}^{11}$; $-(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{O}\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{CR}^{14}$; $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-\overset{\text{R}^{14}}{\underset{|}{\text{C}}}\text{HOR}^{15}$;



5 R¹⁰ is CF₃, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms or phenyl;

R¹¹ is H, or alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms;

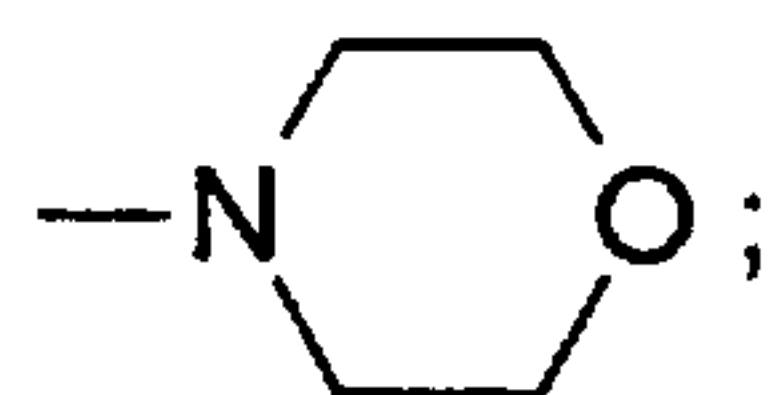
R¹³ is CO₂H; CO₂CH₂OCOC(CH₃)₃; NHSO₂CF₃;



R¹⁴ is H, or alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms;

15 R¹⁵ is H, alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or acyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms;

R¹⁶ is H, alkyl of 1 to 5 carbon atoms; OR¹⁷; or



20 m is 1 to 5;

X is single bond, -O-; -CO-; -NHCO-; or -OCH₂-;
and pharmaceutically acceptable salts.

25 A preferred embodiment of this invention is the method as recited above, using an imidazole angiotensin II receptor antagonist selected from the group consisting of:

- 2-Butyl-4-chloro-1-[(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-5-(hydroxymethyl)imidazole.
- 2-Butyl-4-chloro-1-[(2'-carboxybiphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-5-(hydroxymethyl)imidazole.
- 5 2-Butyl-4-chloro-1-[(2'-carboxybiphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-5-[(methoxycarbonyl)aminomethyl]imidazole.
- 2-Butyl-4-chloro-1-[(2'-carboxybiphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-5-[(propoxycarbonyl)aminomethyl]imidazole.
- 10 2-Butyl-4-chloro-1-[(2'-carboxybiphenyl-4-yl)methyl]imidazole-5-carboxaldehyde.
- 2-Butyl-1-[(2'-carboxybiphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-imidazole-5-carboxaldehyde.
- 2-(1E-Butenyl)-4-chloro-1-[(2'-carboxybiphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-5-(hydroxymethyl)imidazole.
- 15 2-(1E-Butenyl)-4-chloro-1-[(2'-carboxybiphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-imidazole-5-carboxaldehyde.
- 2-Propyl-4-chloro-1-[(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-5-(hydroxymethyl)imidazole.
- 2-Propyl-4-chloro-1-[(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-imidazole-5-carboxaldehyde.
- 20 2-Butyl-4-chloro-1-[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-imidazole-5-carboxaldehyde.
- 2-(1E-Butenyl)-4-chloro-1-[(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-5-(hydroxymethyl)imidazole.
- 25 2-(1E-Butenyl)-4-chloro-1-[(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]imidazole-5-carboxaldehyde.
- 2-Butyl-4-chloro-1-[(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-imidazole-5-carboxylic acid.
- 2-Propyl-4-chloro-1-[(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-imidazole-5-carboxylic acid.
- 30 2-Propyl-4-trifluoromethyl-1-[(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]imidazole-5-carboxylic acid.
- 2-Propyl-4-trifluoromethyl-1-[(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-5-(hydroxymethyl)imidazole.
- 35 2-Butyl-4-trifluoromethyl-1-[(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-

- yl)methyl]imidazole-5-carboxylic acid.
- 2-Propyl-4-trifluoromethyl-1-[(2'-(carboxybiphenyl-4-yl)methyl)-imidazole-5-carboxaldehyde.
- 2-Propyl-4-pentafluoroethyl-1-[(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-5-(hydroxymethyl)imidazole.
- 2-Propyl-1-[(2-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]imidazole-4,5,-dicarboxylic acid.
- 2-Propyl-4-pentafluoroethyl-1-[(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]imidazole-5-carboxylic acid.
- 2-Propyl-4-pentafluoroethyl-[(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]imidazole-5-carboxaldehyde,
- or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

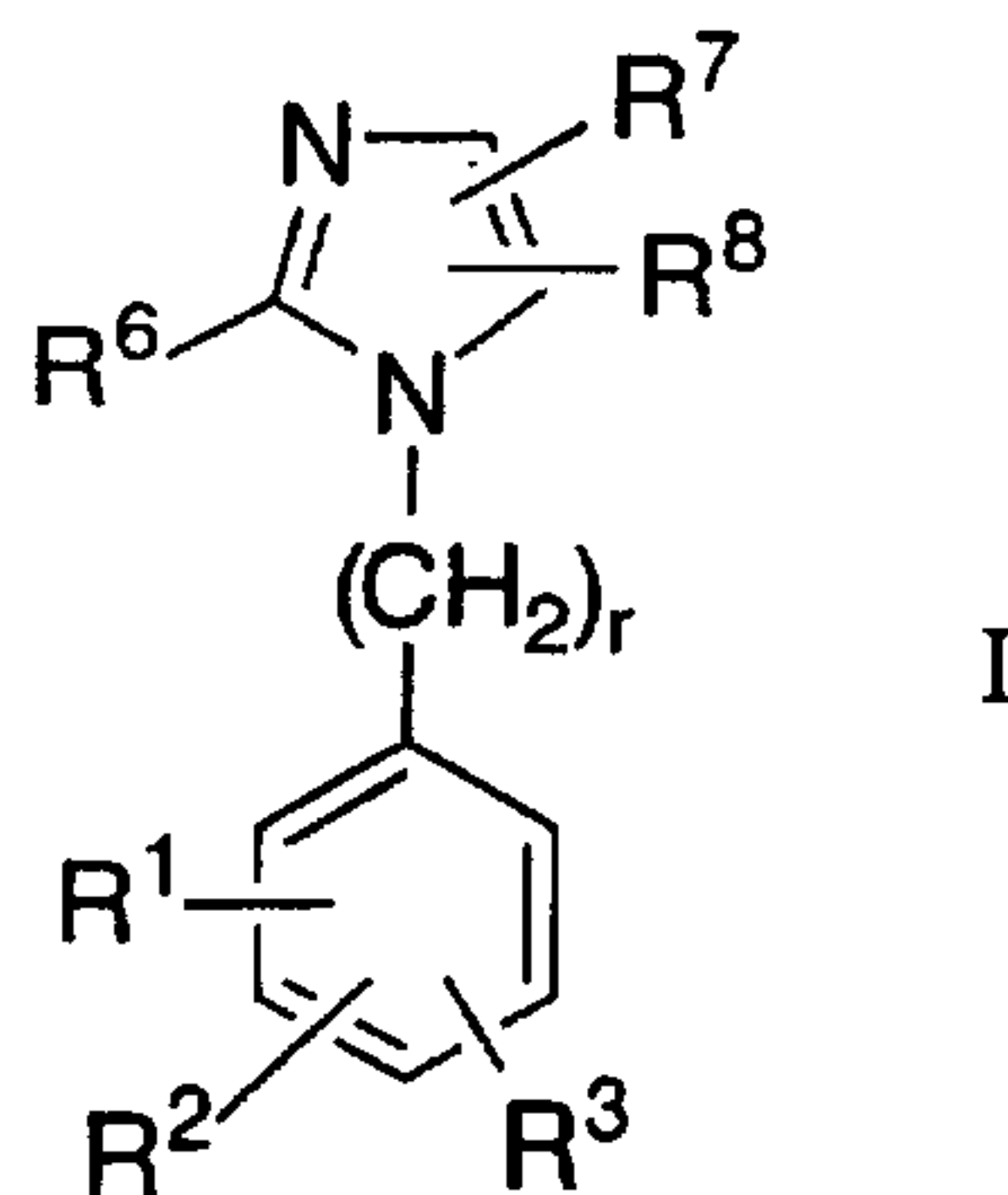
- A more preferred embodiment of the invention is the method as recited above, using the imidazole angiotensin II receptor antagonist of formula I:
- 2-Butyl-4-chloro-1-[(2'-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]methyl]-5-(hydroxymethyl)imidazole (also known as losartan); and
- 2-Butyl-4-chloro-1-[(2'-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]methylimidazole-5-carboxylic acid (also known as EXP-3174) or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof. The most preferred embodiment is the method, as recited above, wherein the symptomatic heart failure patient is age 65 or older.

- This invention also relates to a method for reducing sudden cardiac death by administering to a symptomatic heart failure patient a therapeutically effective amount of an angiotensin II antagonist.

- An embodiment of this invention is the method for reducing sudden cardiac death by administering to a symptomatic heart failure patient a therapeutically effective amount of an angiotensin II receptor antagonist selected from the group consisting of: candesartan cilexetil, eprosartan, irbesartan, losartan, tasosartan, telmisartan, valsartan, BMS-184698, 3-(2'-(tetrazol-5-yl)-1,1'-biphen-4-yl)methyl-5,7-dimethyl-2-ethyl-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine, BAY106734, BIBR363, CL329167, E4177, EMD73495, HN65021, HR720, HOE720, LRB081, SC52458, SL910102, UP2696, YM358, EMD66397, ME3221, TAK536, BMS184698, CGP42112A, CGP49870, CP148130, E4188,

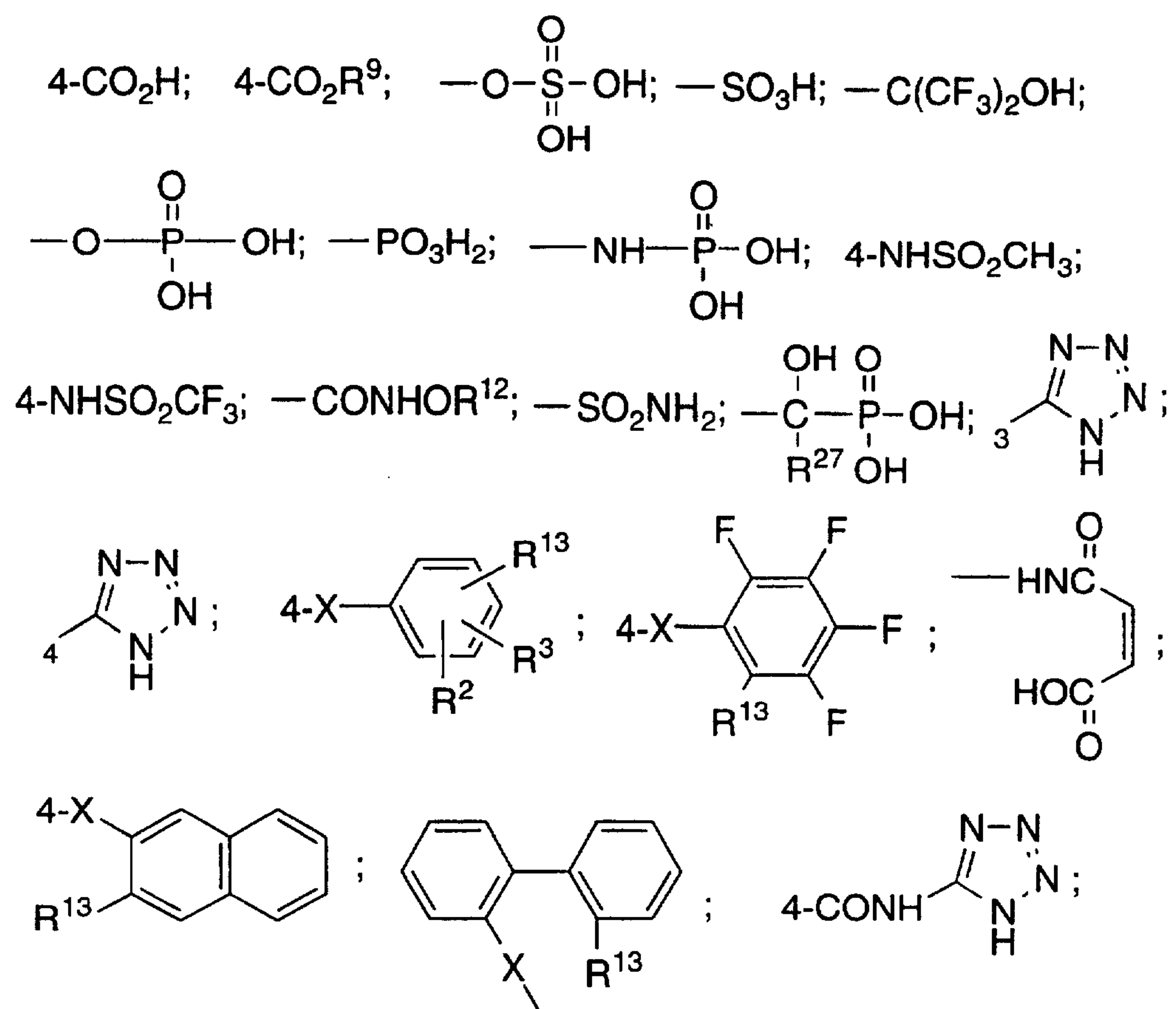
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 5 antagonists useful in this method are: candesartan cilexetil, eprosartan, irbesartan, losartan, tasosartan, telmisartan, valsartan, BMS-184698 and 3-(2'-(tetrazol-5-yl)-1,1'-biphen-4-yl)methyl-5,7-dimethyl-2-ethyl-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine.

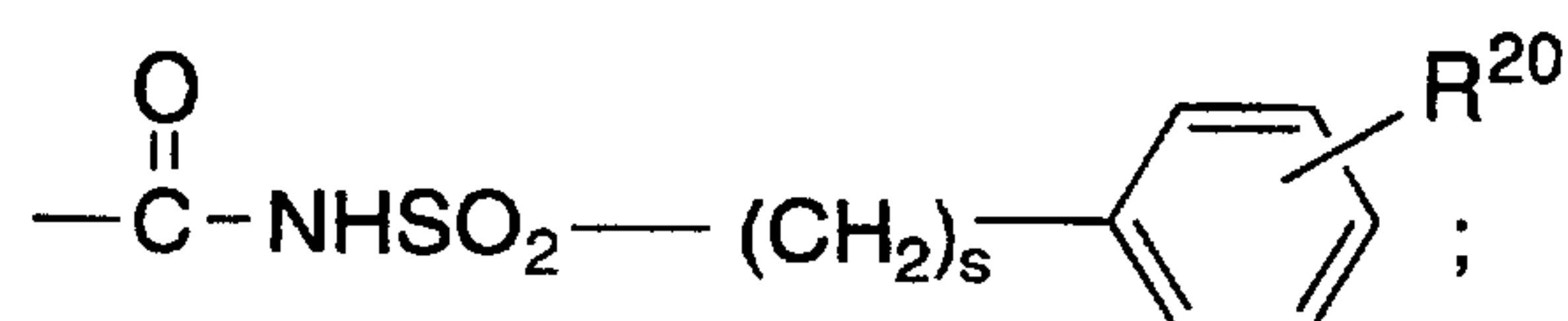
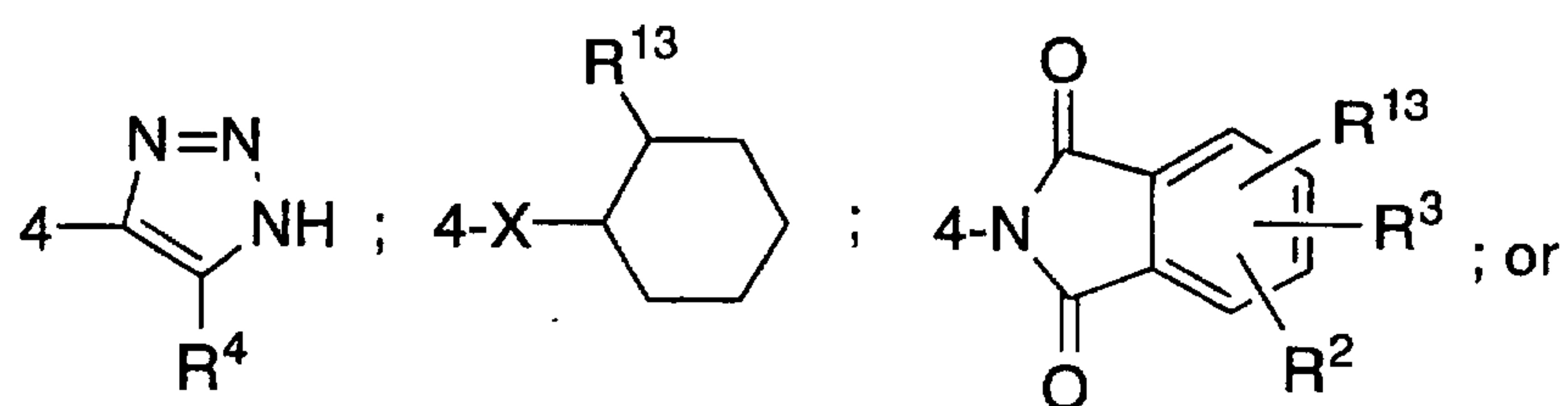
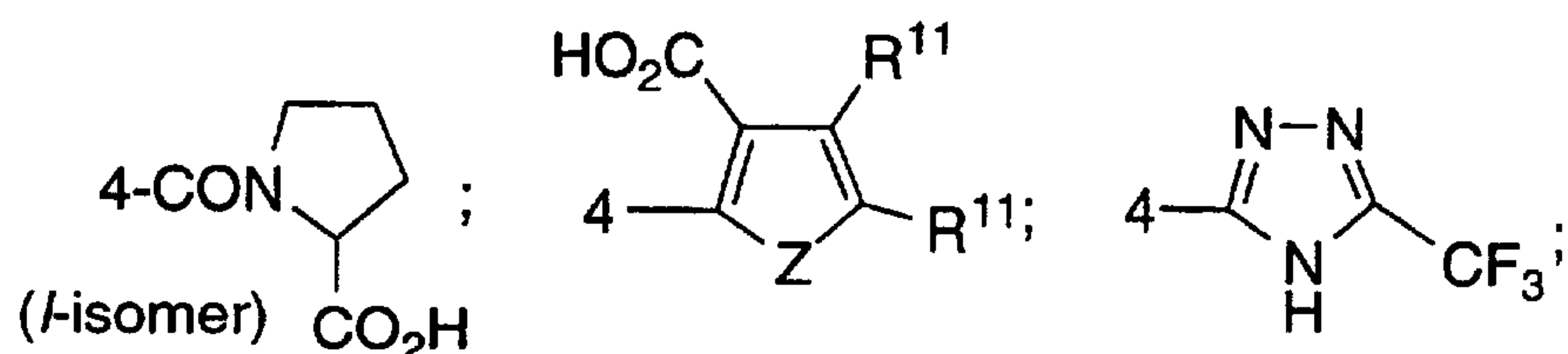
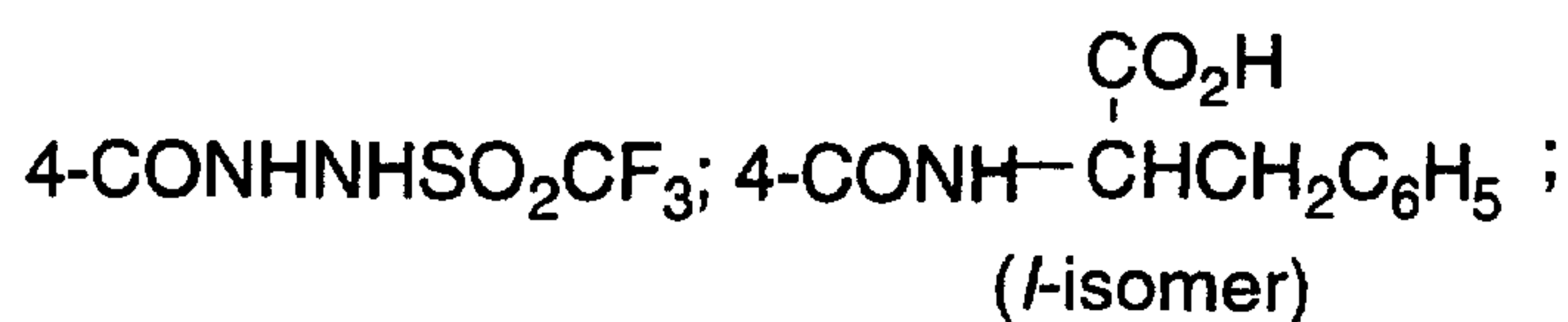
Yet another embodiment of the invention is a method for
 10 reducing sudden cardiac death by administering to a symptomatic heart failure patient a therapeutically effective amount of an angiotensin II receptor antagonist of formula I



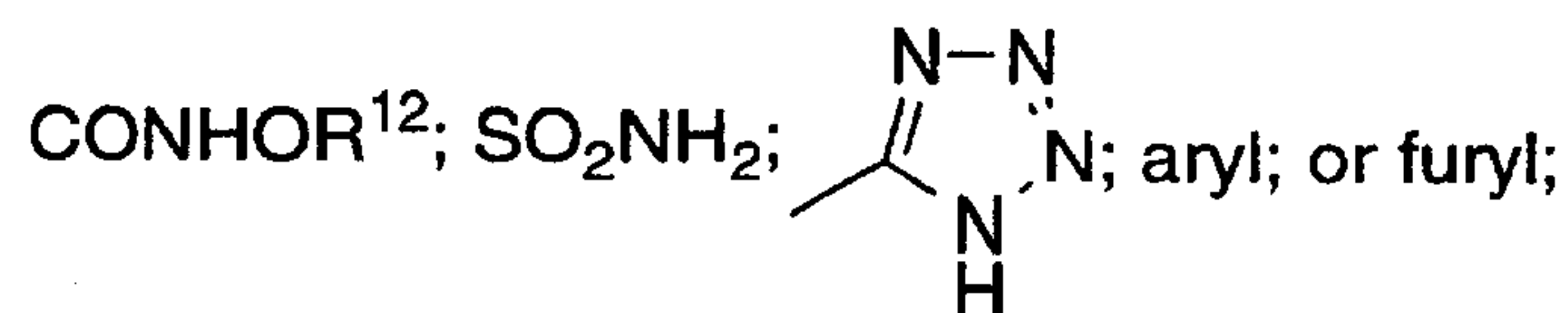
wherein:

15 R^1 is:





R² is H; Cl; Br; I; F; NO₂; CN; alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms;
acyloxy of 1 to 4 carbon atoms; alkoxy of 1 to 4 carbon
atoms; CO₂H; CO₂R⁹; HNSO₂CH₃; NHSO₂CF₃;



R³ is H; Cl, Br, I or F; alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms or alkoxy of
1 to 4 carbon atoms;

R⁴ is CN, NO₂ or CO₂R¹¹;

R⁵ is H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6 carbon
atoms alkenyl or alkynyl of 2 to 4 carbon atoms;

R⁶ is alkyl of 2 to 10 carbon atoms, alkenyl or alkynyl of 3 to 10
carbon atoms or the same groups substituted with F or
CO₂R¹⁴; cycloalkyl of 3 to 8 carbon atoms,
cycloalkylalkyl, of 4 to 10 carbon atoms; cycloalkylalkenyl

or cycloalkylalkynyl 5 to 10 carbon atoms;
 $(\text{CH}_2)_s\text{Z}(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{R}^5$ optionally substituted with F or
 CO_2R^{14} ; benzyl substituted on the phenyl ring with 1 or 2
 halogens, alkoxy of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, alkyl of 1 to 4
 carbon atoms or nitro;

R^7 is H, F, Cl, Br, I, NO_2 , $\text{C}_v\text{F}_{2v+1}$, where $v=1-6$, C_6F_5 ; CN;

$\text{—}\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{\text{||}}{\text{C}}}\text{—R}^{16}$; straight or branched alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon
 atoms; phenyl or phenylalkyl, where alkyl is 1 to 3 carbon
 atoms; or substituted phenyl or substituted phenylalkyl,
 where alkyl is 1 to 3 carbon atoms, substituted with one or
 two substituents selected from alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms,
 F, Cl, Br, OH, OCH_3 , CF_3 , and COOR , where R is H, alkyl
 of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or phenyl;

R^8 is H, CN, alkyl of 1 to 10 carbon atoms, alkenyl of 3 to 10
 carbon atoms, or the same groups substituted with F;
 phenylalkenyl wherein the aliphatic portion is 2 to 6 carbon
 atoms; $-(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{-imidazol-1-yl}$; $-(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{-1,2,3-triazolyl}$
 optionally substituted with one or two group selected from
 CO_2CH_3 or alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms; $-(\text{CH}_2)_s$
 tetrazolyl;

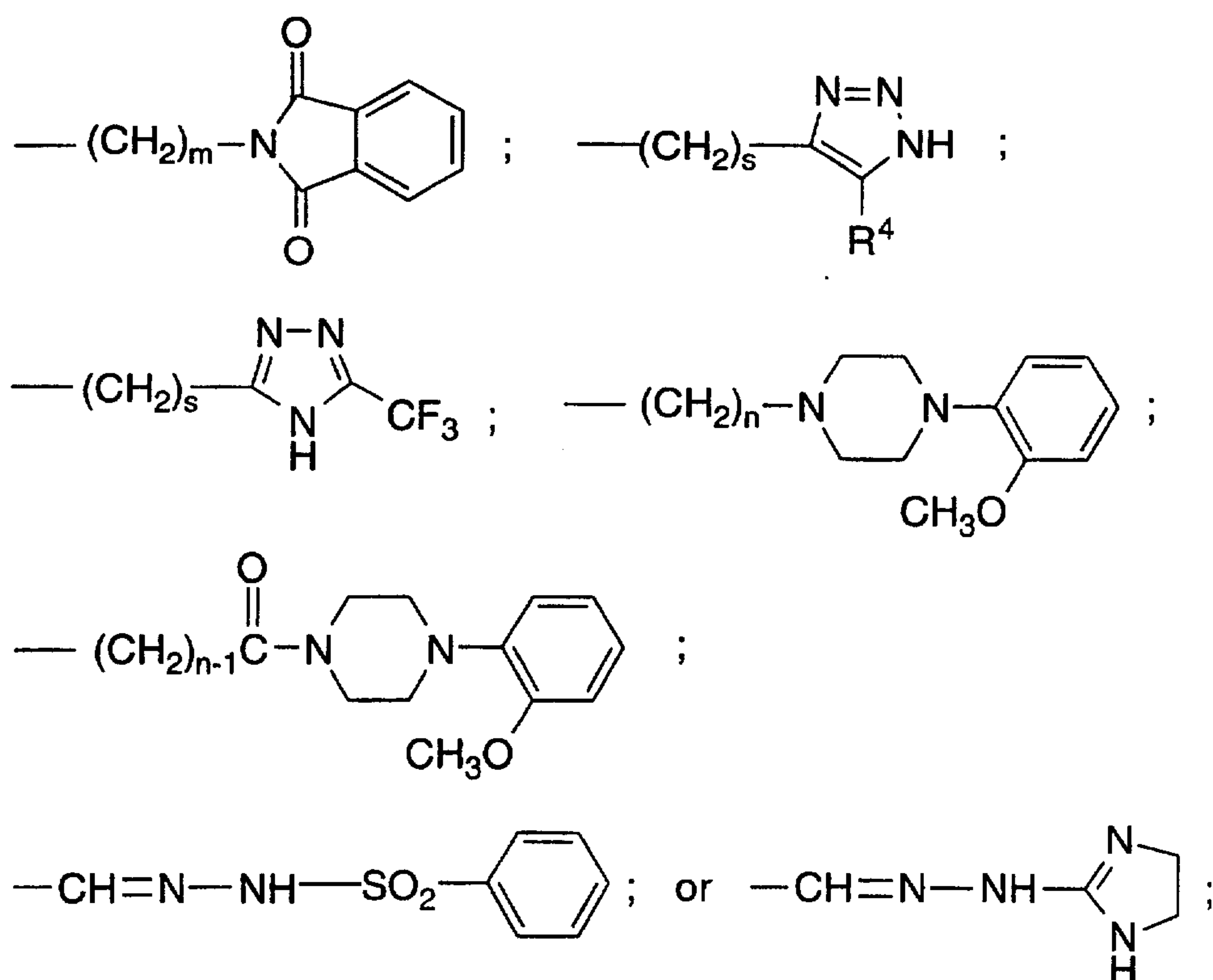
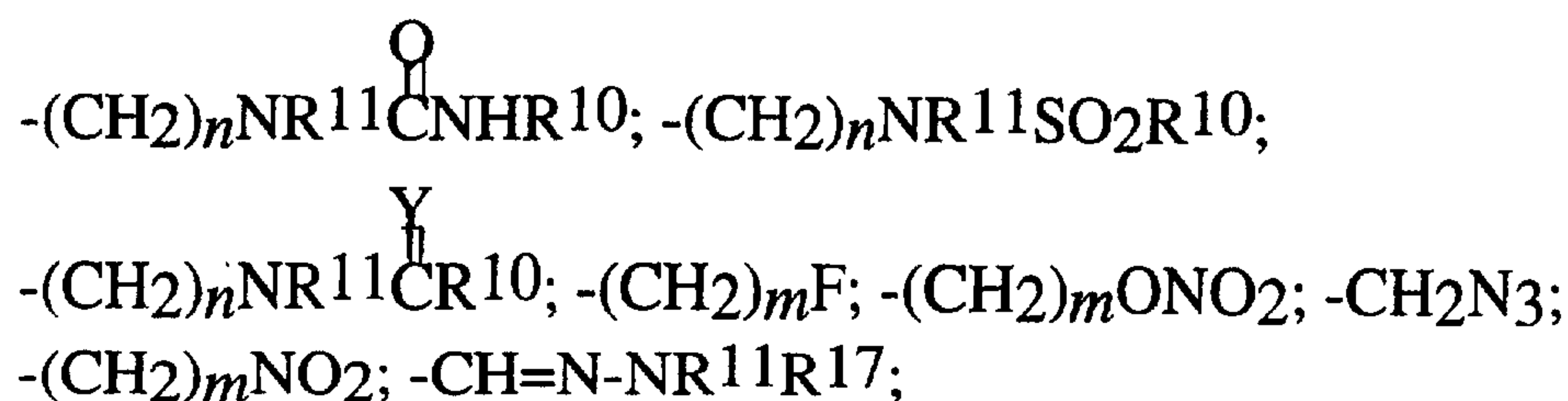
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$-\text{CH}=\text{CH}(\text{CH}_2)_s\overset{\text{R}^{14}}{\underset{|}{\text{CH}}}\text{OR}^{15}$; $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}(\text{CH}_2)_s\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{\text{||}}{\text{C}}}\text{R}^{16}$; $-\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{\text{||}}{\text{C}}}\text{R}^{16}$;

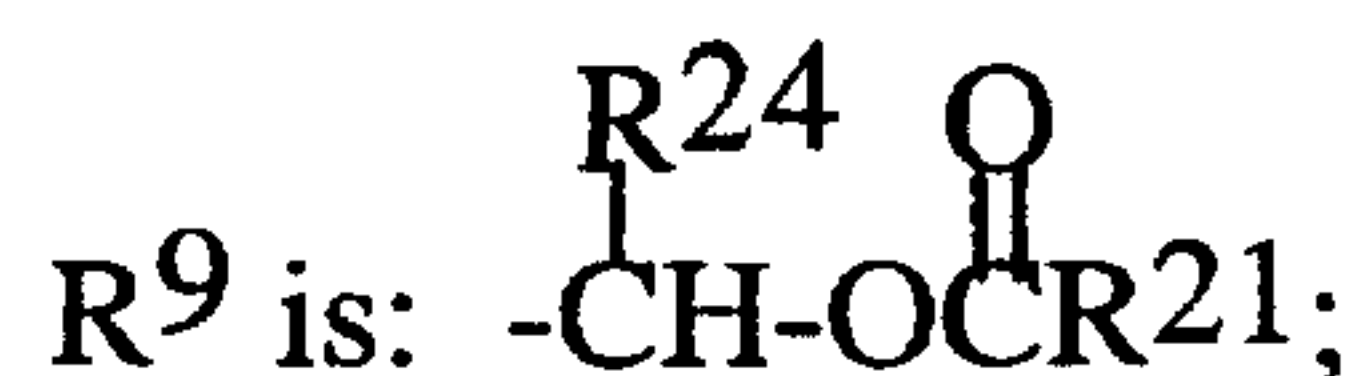
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$-(\text{CH}_2)_n\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{\text{||}}{\text{C}}}\text{R}^{16}$; $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{OCNHR}^{10}$; $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{NR}^{11}\overset{\text{Y}}{\underset{\text{||}}{\text{C}}}\text{OR}^{10}$;

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R^{10} is alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms or perfluoroalkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, 1-adamantyl, 1-naphthyl, 1-(1-naphthyl)ethyl, or $(\text{CH}_2)_p\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$;

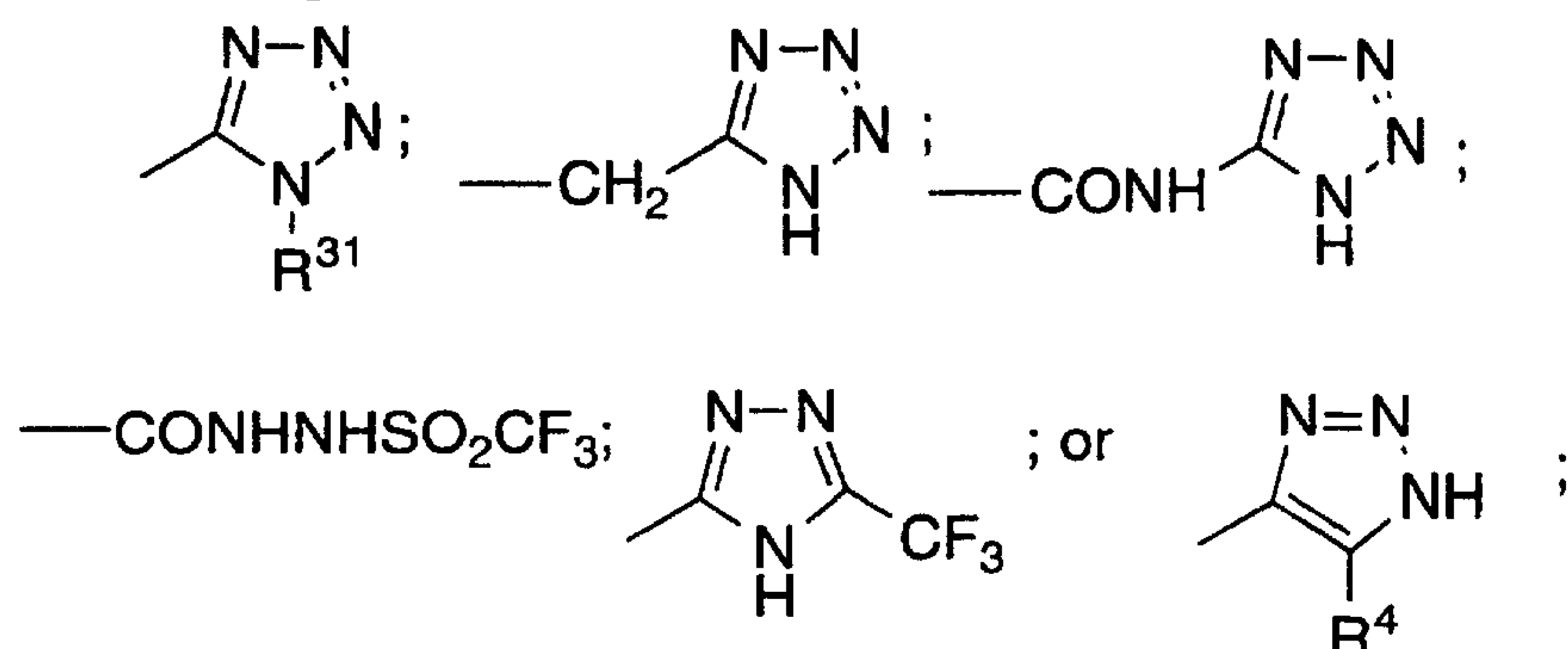
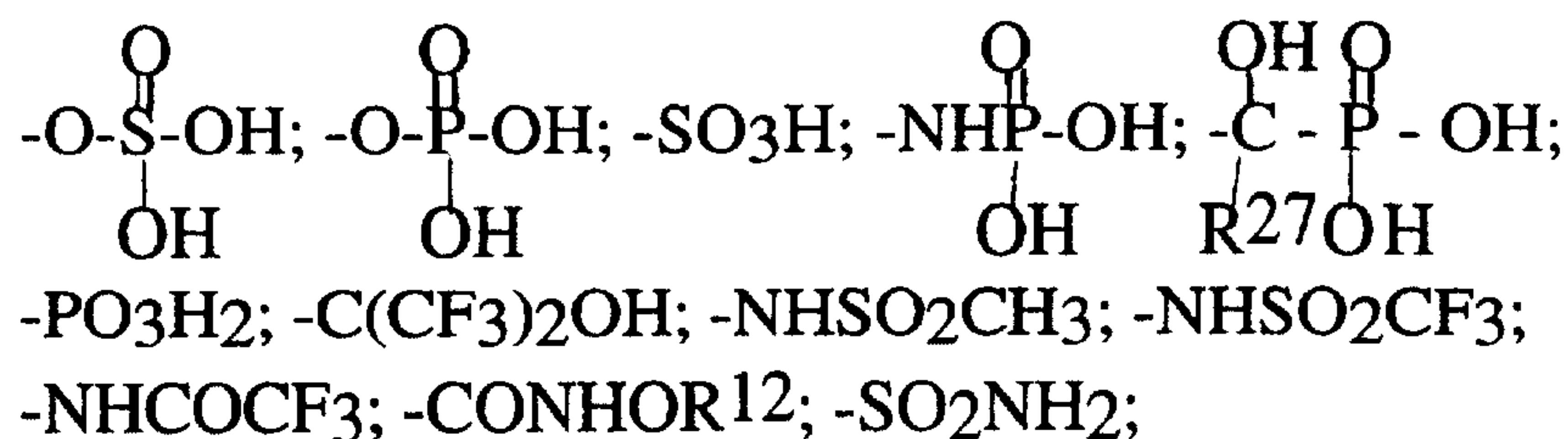
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R^{11} is H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6 carbon atoms, phenyl or benzyl;

R^{12} is H, methyl or benzyl;

R13 is -CO₂H; -CO₂R⁹; -CH₂CO₂H, -CH₂CO₂R⁹;

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R14 is H, alkyl or perfluoroalkyl of 1 to 8 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6 carbon atoms, phenyl or benzyl;

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R15 is H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6 carbon atoms, phenyl, benzyl, acyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, phenacyl;

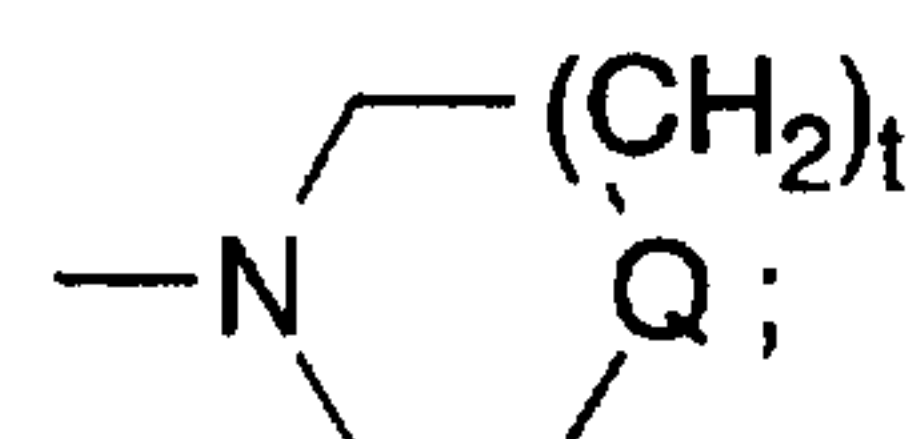
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R16 is H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6 carbon atoms, (CH₂)_pC₆H₅, OR¹⁷, or NR¹⁸R¹⁹;

R17 is H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6 carbon atoms, phenyl or benzyl;

R18 and R19 independently are H, alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, phenyl, benzyl, α-methylbenzyl, or taken together with the nitrogen form a ring of the formula

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Q is NR²⁰, O or CH₂;

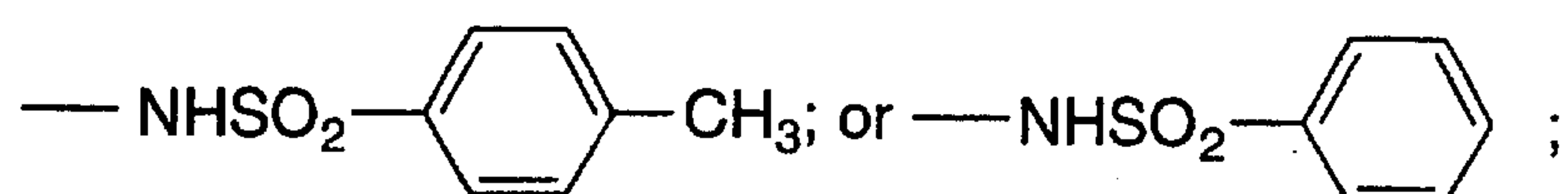
R20 is H, alkyl of 1-4 carbon atoms, or phenyl;

R21 is alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, -NR22R23, or -
 5 $\begin{array}{c} \text{CHCH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_3 \\ | \\ \text{NH}_2 \end{array}$

R22 and R23 independently are H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms,
 benzyl, or are taken together as $(\text{CH}_2)_u$, where u is 3-6;

R24 is H, CH₃ or -C₆H₅;

R25 is NR27R28, OR28, NHCONH₂, NHCSNH₂,



R26 is hydrogen, alkyl with from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, benzyl, or
 allyl;

R27 and R28 are independently hydrogen, alkyl with from 1 to 5
 carbon atoms, or phenyl;

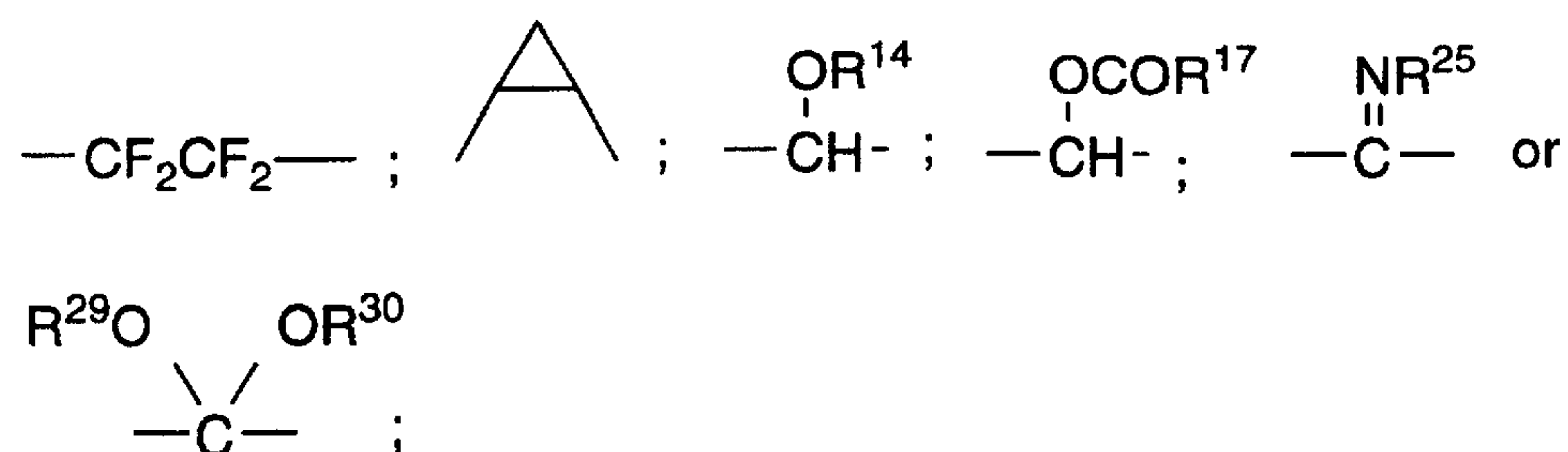
R29 and R30 are independently alkyl of 1-4 carbon atoms or
 taken together are $-(\text{CH}_2)_q-$;

R31 is H, alkyl or 1 to 4 carbon atoms, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$ or -
 25 $\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{R}^{32}$;

X is a carbon-carbon single bond, -CO-, -CH₂-, -O-, -S-, -NH-, -
 $\begin{array}{c} \text{N-} \\ | \\ \text{R}^{26} \end{array}$ -, $\begin{array}{c} \text{-CON-} \\ | \\ \text{R}^{23} \end{array}$ -, $\begin{array}{c} \text{-NCO-} \\ | \\ \text{R}^{23} \end{array}$ -, -OCH₂-, -CH₂O-, -SCH₂-, -CH₂S-,
 30 -NHC(R²⁷)(R²⁸)-, -NR²³SO₂-, -SO₂NR²³-, -CH=CH-, -
 CF=CF-, -CH=CF-, -CF=CH-, -CH₂CH₂-, -C(R²⁷)(R²⁸)NH-,

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Y is O or S;

Z is O, NR¹¹, or S;

5 m is 1 to 5;

n is 1 to 10;

p is 0 to 3;

q is 2 to 3;

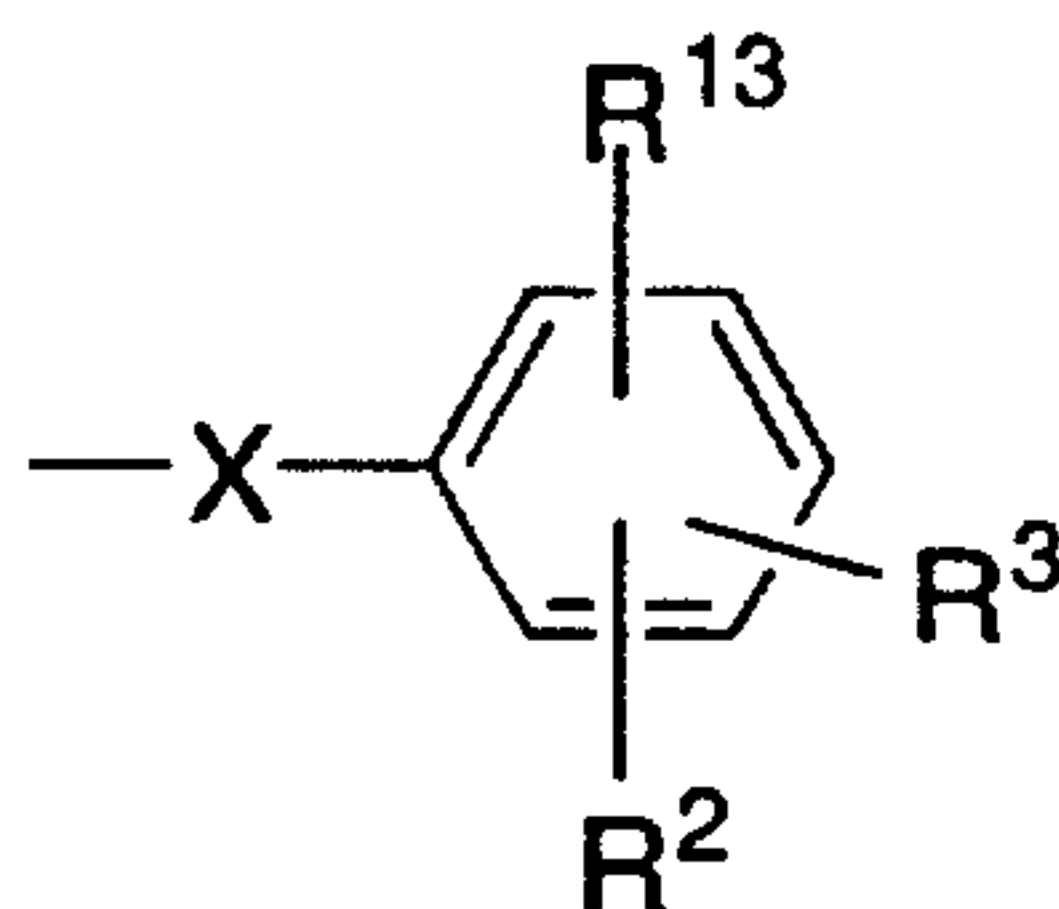
r is 0 to 2;

10 s is 0 to 5;

t is 0 or 1;

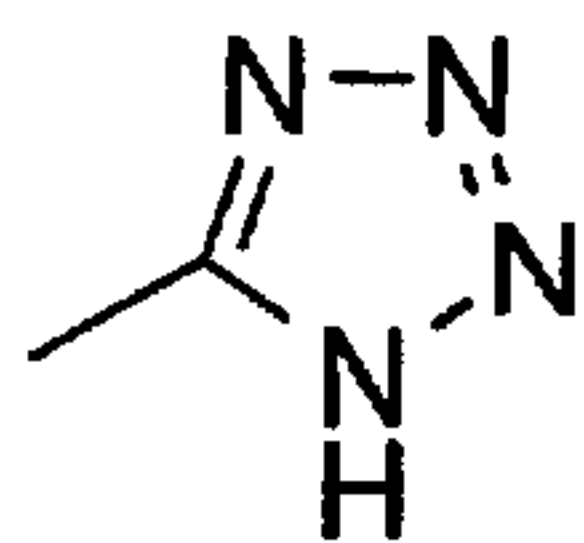
and pharmaceutically acceptable salts of these compounds;

provided that:

15 (1) the R¹ group is not in the ortho position;(2) when R¹ is

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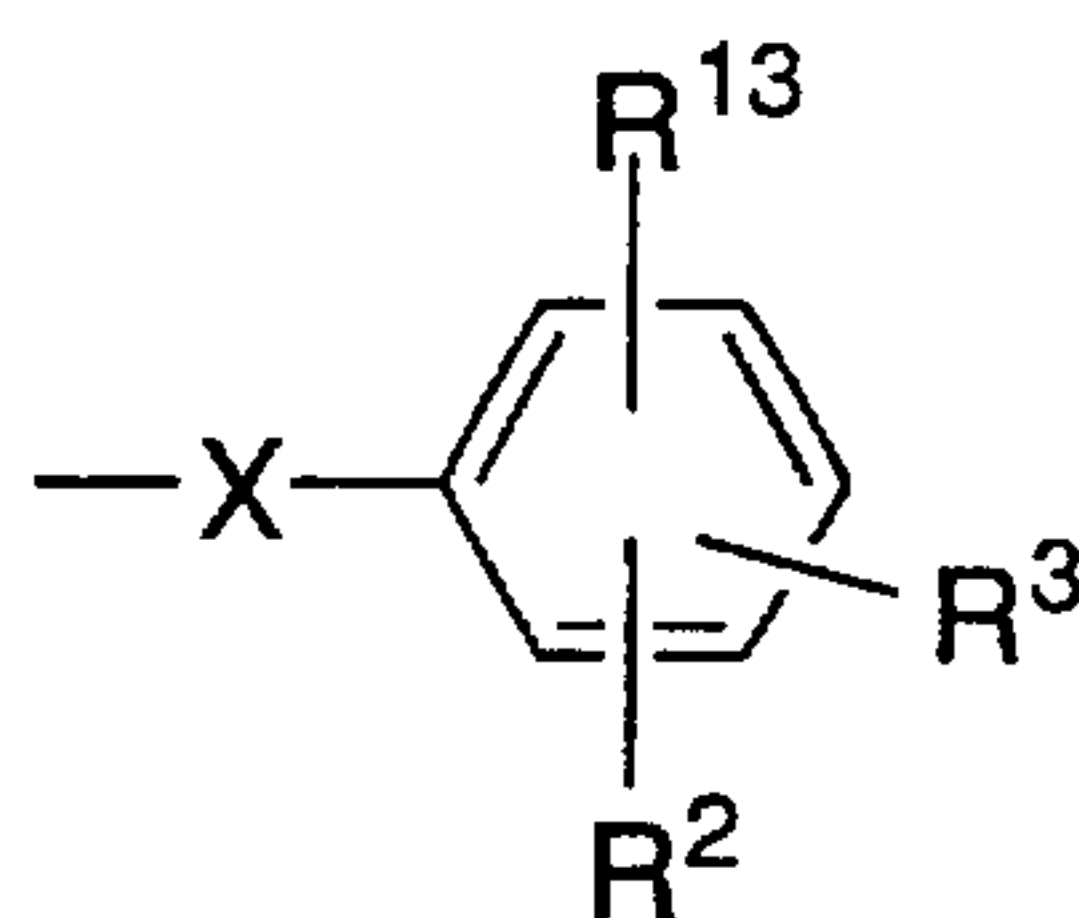
X is a single bond, and R¹³ is CO₂H, or



then R¹³ must be in the ortho or meta position; or when R¹ and X are as above and R¹³ is NHSO₂CF₃ or NHSO₂CH₃, R¹³ must be ortho;

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(3) when R¹ is



and X is other than a single bond, then R¹³ must be ortho except when X=NR²³CO and R¹³ is NHSO₂CF₃ or NHSO₂CH₃, then R¹³ must be ortho or meta;

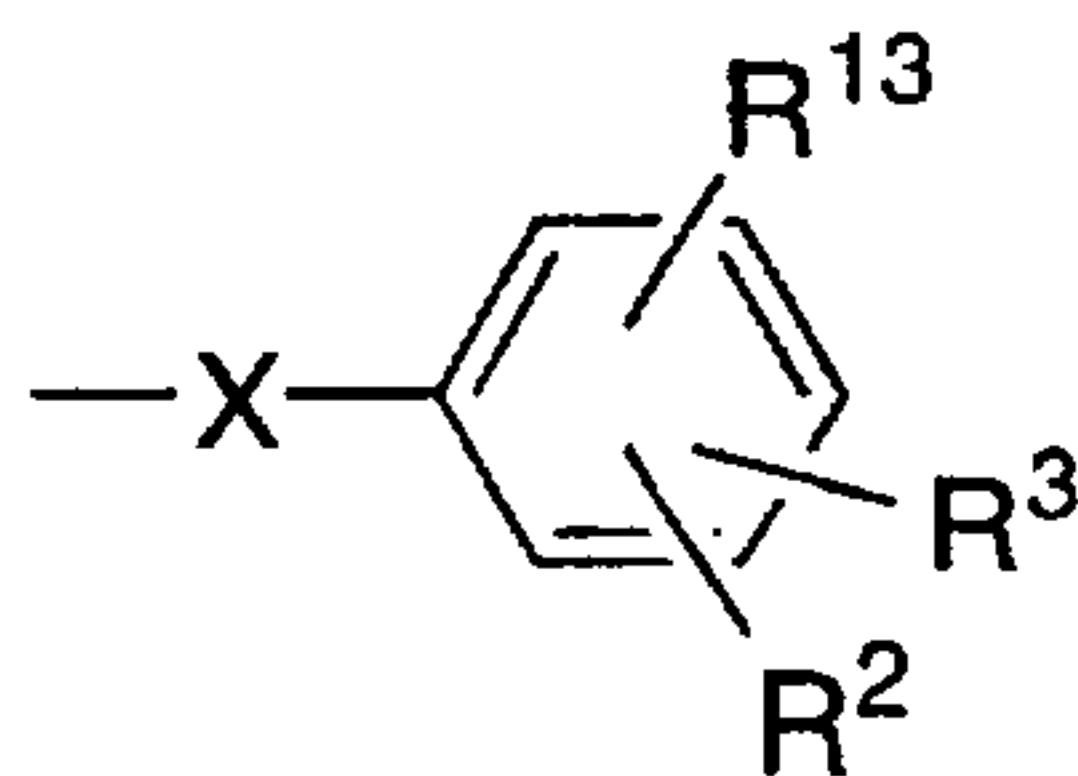
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(4) when R¹ is 4-CO₂H or a salt thereof, R⁶ cannot be S-alkyl;

(5) when R¹ is 4-CO₂H or a salt thereof, the substituent on the 4-position of the imidazole cannot be CH₂OH, CH₂OCOCH₃, or CH₂CO₂H;

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(6) when R¹ is



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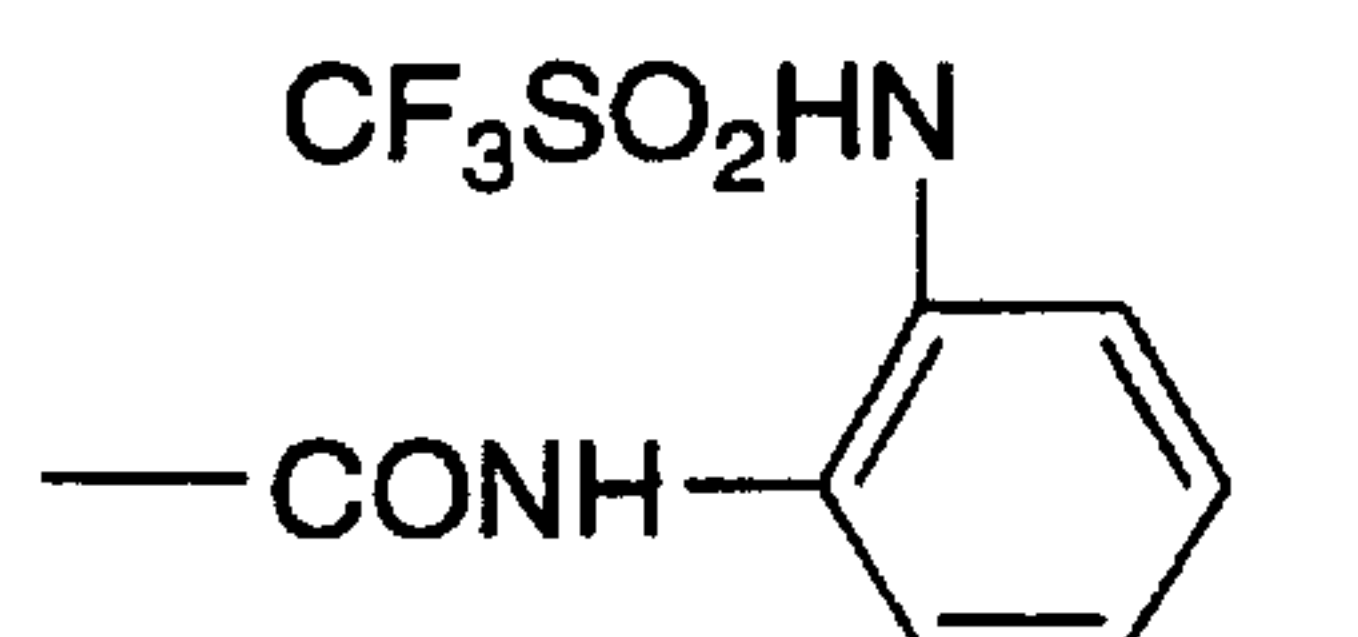
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X is $-\text{OCH}_2-$, and R^{13} is $2\text{-CO}_2\text{H}$, and R^7 is H then R^6 is not $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{S}$;

(7) when R^1 is

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and R^6 is n-hexyl then R^7 and R^8 are not both hydrogen;

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(8) when R^1 is

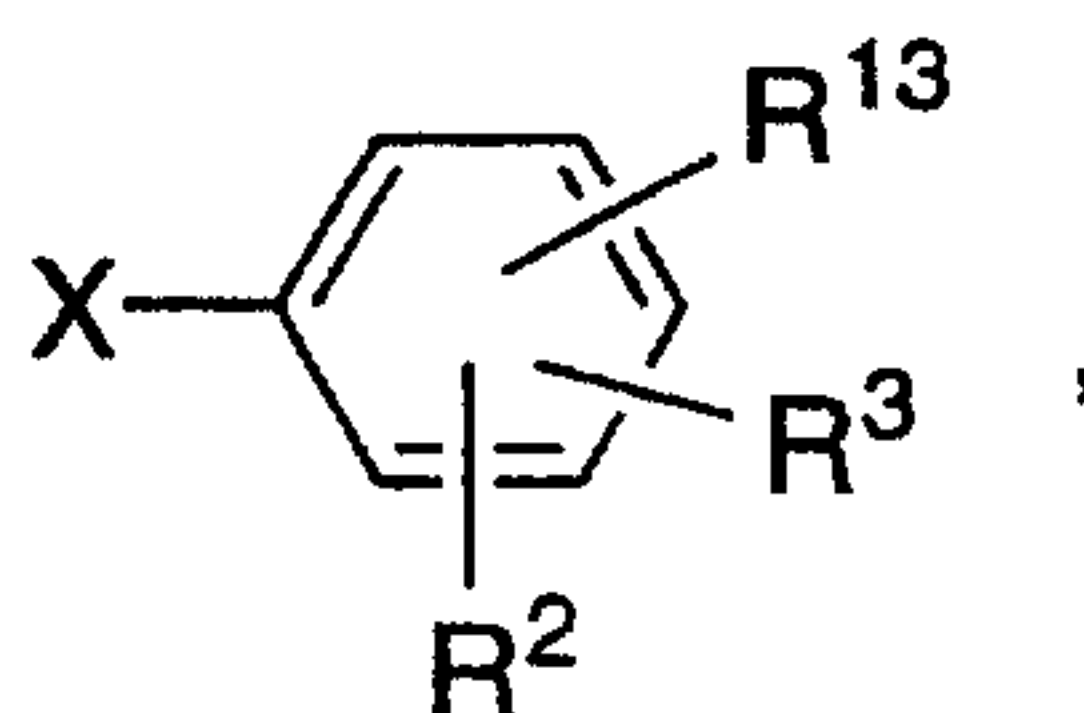


R^6 is not methoxybenzyl;

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(9) the R^6 group is not $-\underset{\text{F}}{\text{CH}}\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ or CH_2OH ;

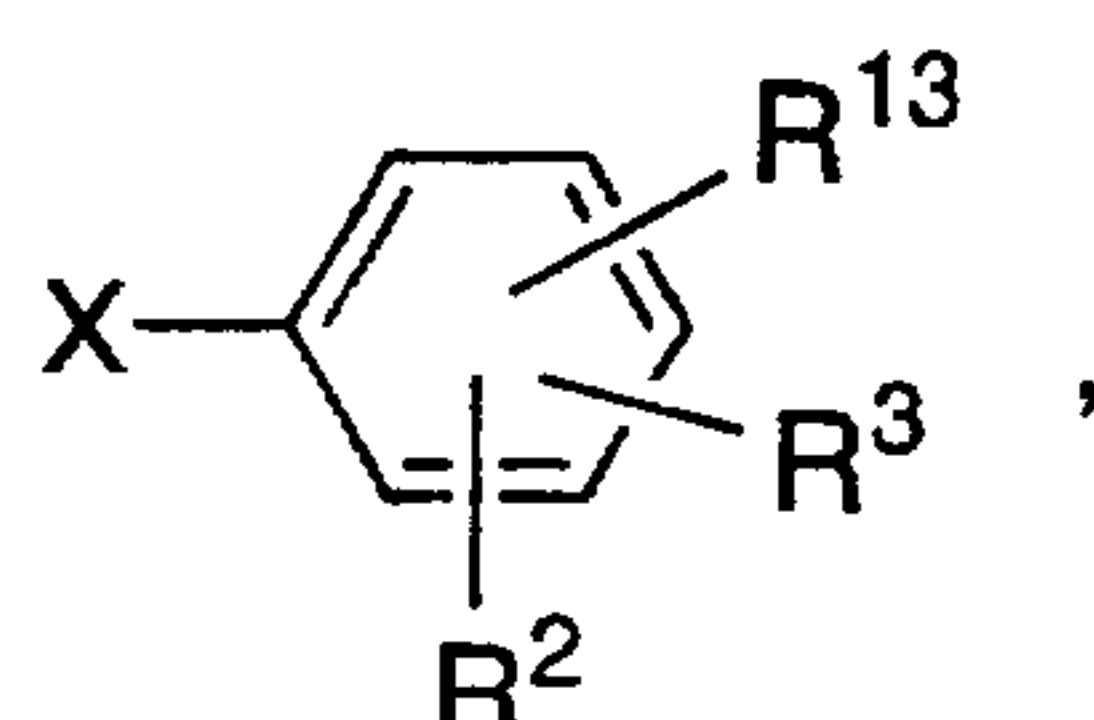
(10) when $r=0$, R^1 is



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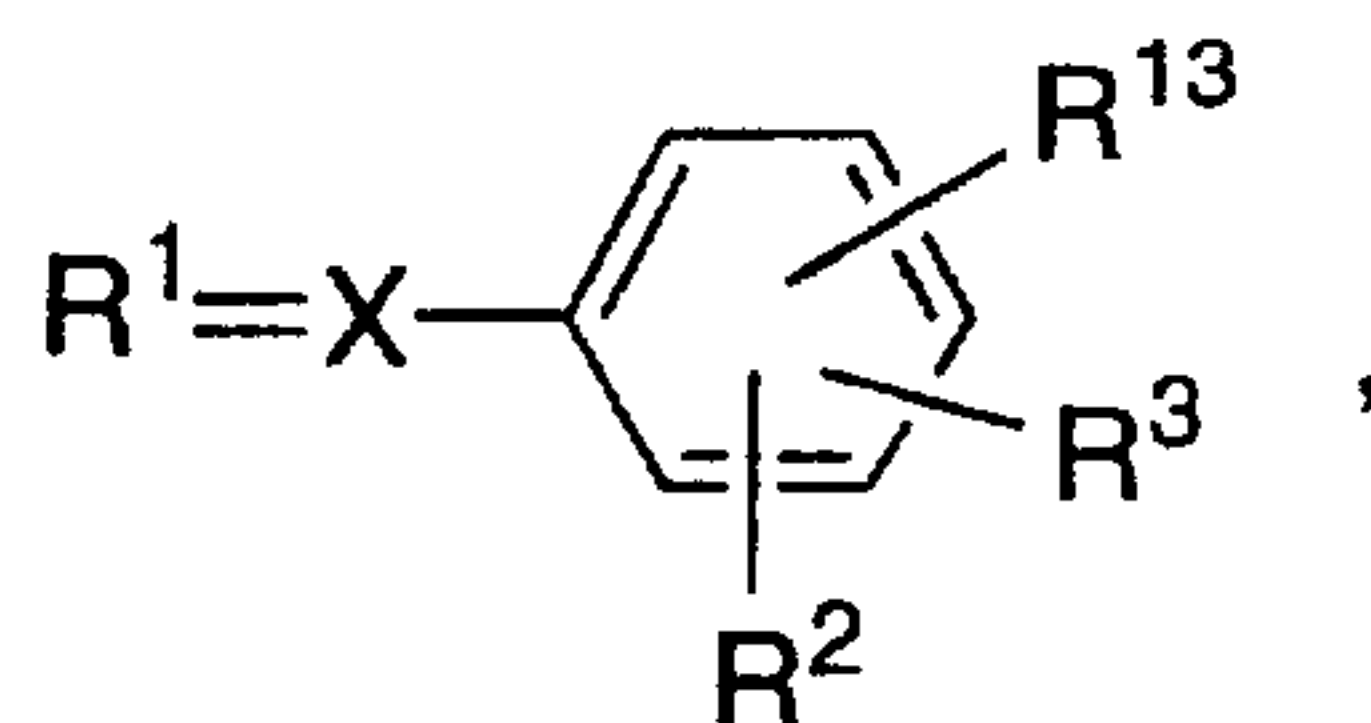
X is $-\text{NH}-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-$, R¹³ is 2-NHSO₂CF₃, and R⁶ is n-propyl, then R⁷ and R⁸ are not -CO₂CH₃;

5 (11) when r=0, R¹ is



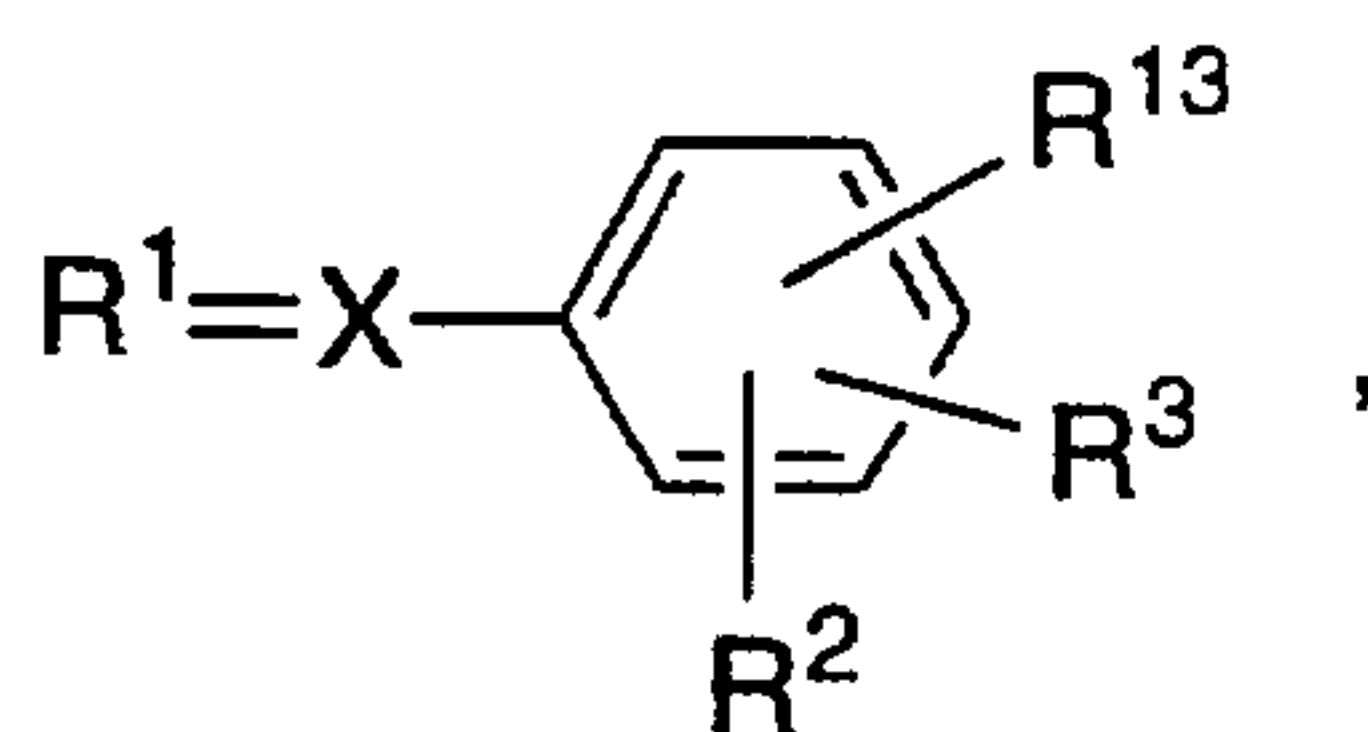
10 X is $\text{NH}-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-$,
R¹³ is 2-COOH, and R⁶ is n-propyl, then R⁷ and R⁸ are not -CO₂CH₃;

(12) when r=1,



15 X is a single bond, R⁷ is Cl, and R⁸ is -CHO, then R¹³ is not 3-(tetrazol-5-yl);

(13) when r=1,



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X is a single bond, R⁷ is Cl, and R⁸ is -CHO, then R¹³ is not 4-(tetrazol-5-yl).

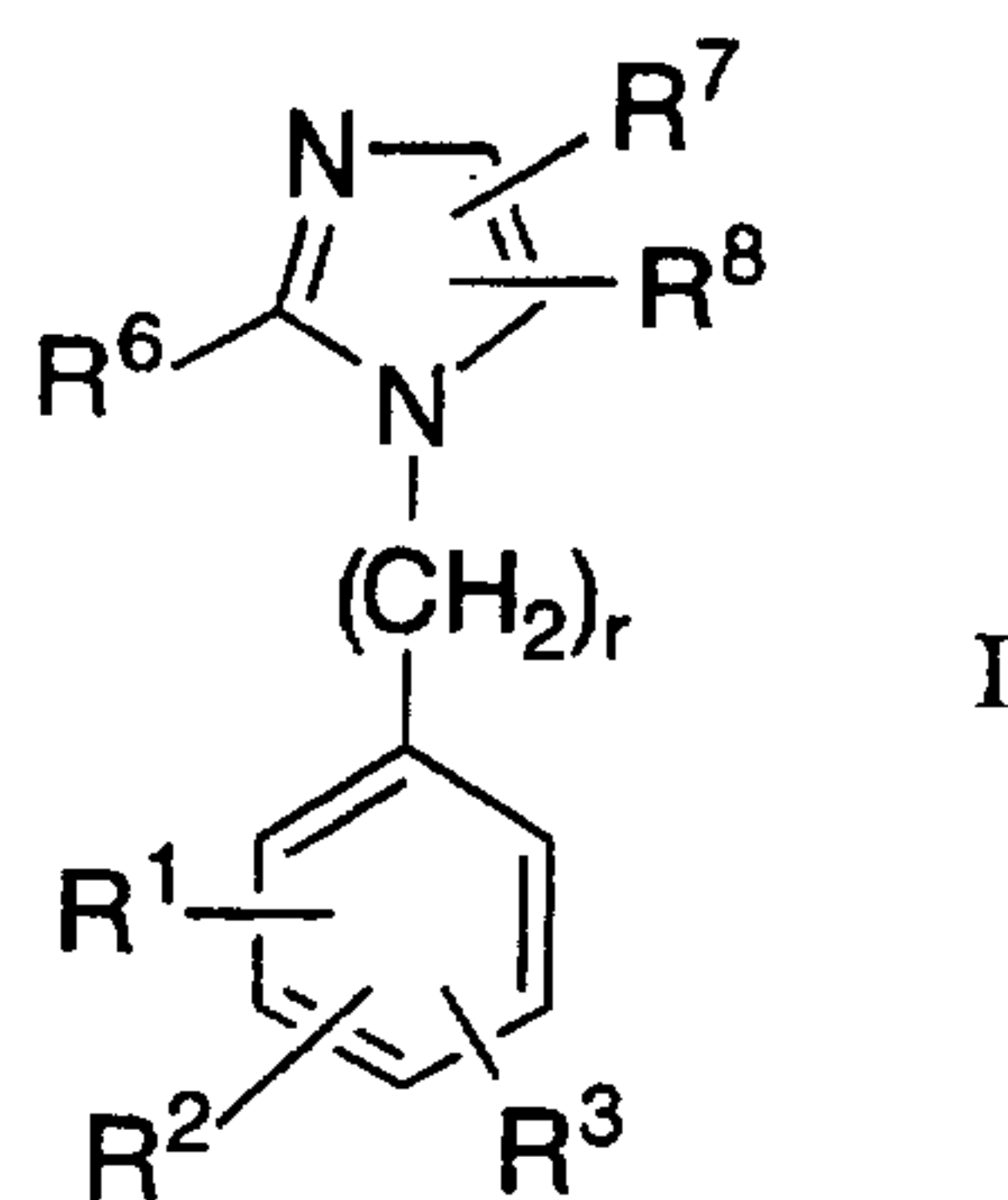
A preferred embodiment of the method as recited above, wherein the angiotensin II receptor antagonist is losartan or EXP-3174 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof. The most preferred embodiment is the method, as recited above, wherein the symptomatic heart failure patient is age 65 or older.

This invention also concerns a method for reducing mortality and sudden cardiac death by administering to a symptomatic heart failure patient a therapeutically effective amount of an angiotensin II receptor antagonist.

10 An embodiment of this invention is the method for reducing mortality and sudden cardiac death by administering to a symptomatic heart failure patient a therapeutically effective amount of an angiotensin II receptor antagonist selected from the group consisting of: candesartan cilexetil, eprosartan, irbesartan, losartan, tasosartan, telmisartan, valsartan, BMS-184698, 3-(2'-(tetrazol-5-yl)-1,1'-biphen-4-yl)methyl-5,7-dimethyl-2-ethyl-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine, BAY106734, BIBR363, CL329167, E4177, EMD73495, HN65021, HR720, HOE720, LRB081, SC52458, SL910102, UP2696, YM358, EMD66397, ME3221, TAK536, BMS184698, CGP42112A, CGP49870, CP148130, E4188, EMD66684, EXP9954, FR1153332, GA0050, KT3579, LF70156, LRB057, LY266099, LY301875, PD123177, PD126055, SC51757, SC54629, U96849, UK77778, WAY126227, WK1260, WK1492, YH1498, and YM31472. The preferred angiotensin II receptor antagonists useful in this method are:

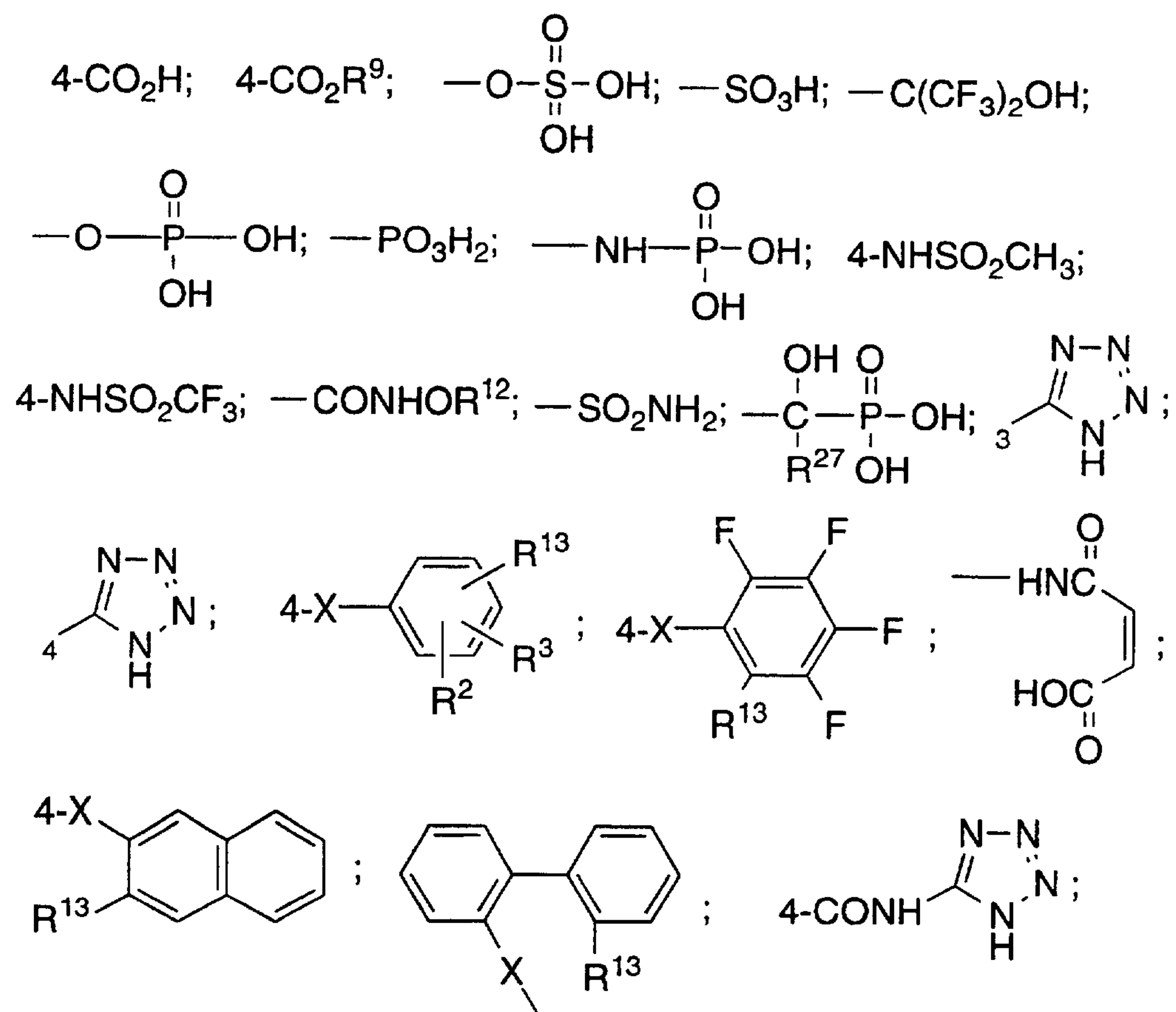
25 candesartan cilexetil, eprosartan, irbesartan, losartan, tasosartan, telmisartan, valsartan, BMS-184698 and 3-(2'-(tetrazol-5-yl)-1,1'-biphen-4-yl)methyl-5,7-dimethyl-2-ethyl-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine.

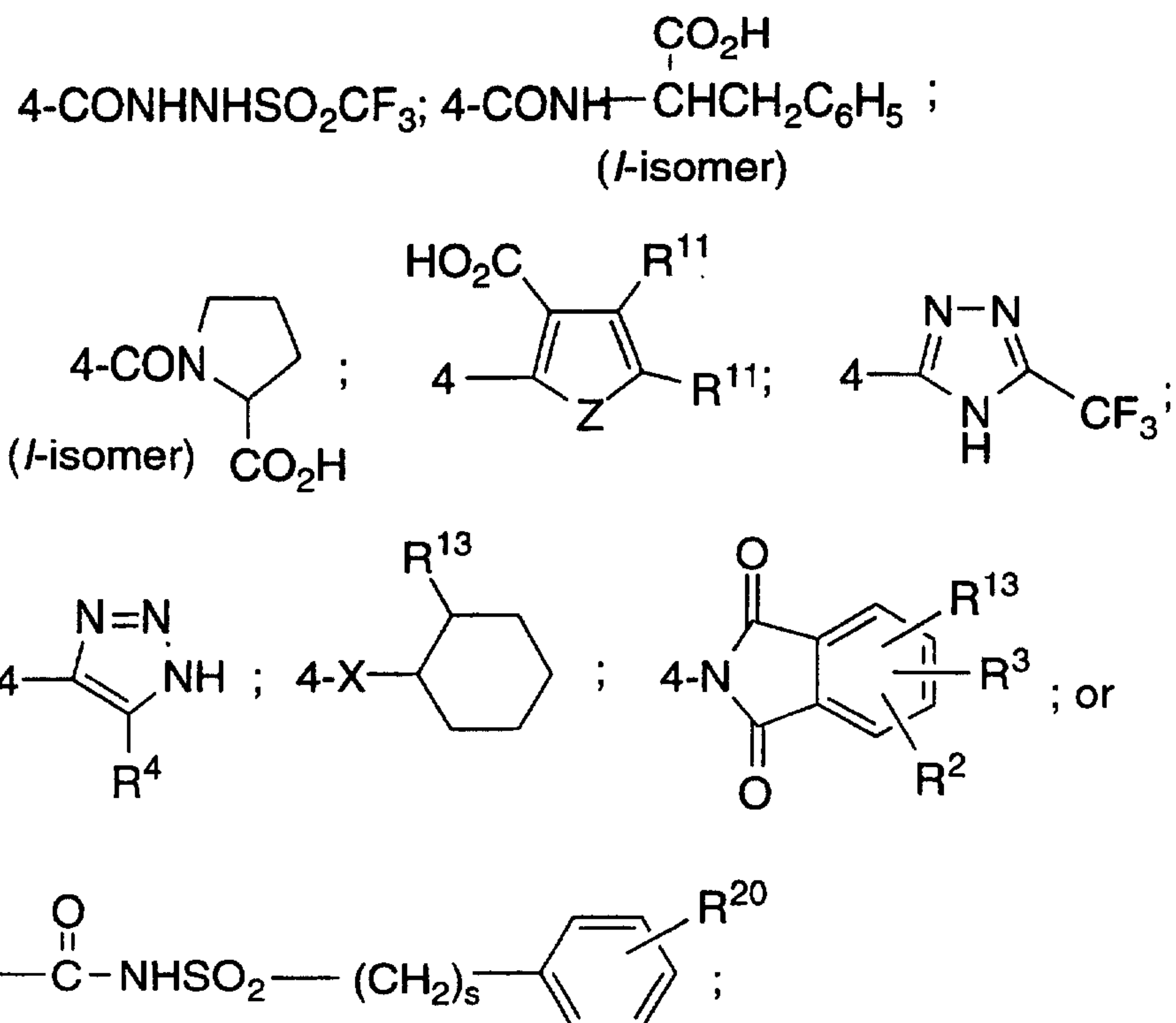
Yet another embodiment of the invention is a method for reducing mortality and sudden cardiac death by administering to a symptomatic heart failure patient a therapeutically effective amount of an angiotensin II antagonist formula I



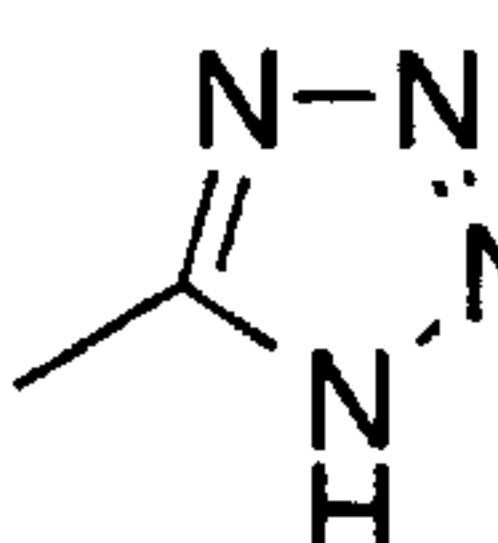
wherein:

R¹ is:





R² is H; Cl; Br; I; F; NO₂; CN; alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms; acyloxy of 1 to 4 carbon atoms; alkoxy of 1 to 4 carbon atoms; CO₂H; CO₂R⁹; HNSO₂CH₃; NHSO₂CF₃;

CONHOR¹²; SO₂NH₂; ; aryl; or furyl;

R³ is H; Cl, Br, I or F; alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms or alkoxy of 1 to 4 carbon atoms;

R⁴ is CN, NO₂ or CO₂R¹¹;

R⁵ is H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6 carbon atoms alkenyl or alkynyl of 2 to 4 carbon atoms;

R⁶ is alkyl of 2 to 10 carbon atoms, alkenyl or alkynyl of 3 to 10 carbon atoms or the same groups substituted with F or CO₂R¹⁴; cycloalkyl of 3 to 8 carbon atoms, cycloalkylalkyl, of 4 to 10 carbon atoms; cycloalkylalkenyl

or cycloalkylalkynyl 5 to 10 carbon atoms;
 $(\text{CH}_2)_s\text{Z}(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{R}^5$ optionally substituted with F or
 CO_2R^{14} ; benzyl substituted on the phenyl ring with 1 or 2
 halogens, alkoxy of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, alkyl of 1 to 4
 carbon atoms or nitro;

R^7 is H, F, Cl, Br, I, NO_2 , $\text{C}_v\text{F}_{2v+1}$, where $v=1-6$, C_6F_5 ; CN;

$\text{—}\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{\parallel}{\text{C}}}\text{—R}^{16}$; straight or branched alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon
 atoms; phenyl or phenylalkyl, where alkyl is 1 to 3 carbon
 atoms; or substituted phenyl or substituted phenylalkyl,
 where alkyl is 1 to 3 carbon atoms, substituted with one or
 two substituents selected from alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms,
 F, Cl, Br, OH, OCH_3 , CF_3 , and COOR , where R is H, alkyl
 of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or phenyl;

R^8 is H, CN, alkyl of 1 to 10 carbon atoms, alkenyl of 3 to 10
 carbon atoms, or the same groups substituted with F;
 phenylalkenyl wherein the aliphatic portion is 2 to 6 carbon
 atoms; $-(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{-imidazol-1-yl}$; $-(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{-1,2,3-triazolyl}$
 optionally substituted with one or two group selected from
 CO_2CH_3 or alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms; $-(\text{CH}_2)_s$
 tetrazolyl;

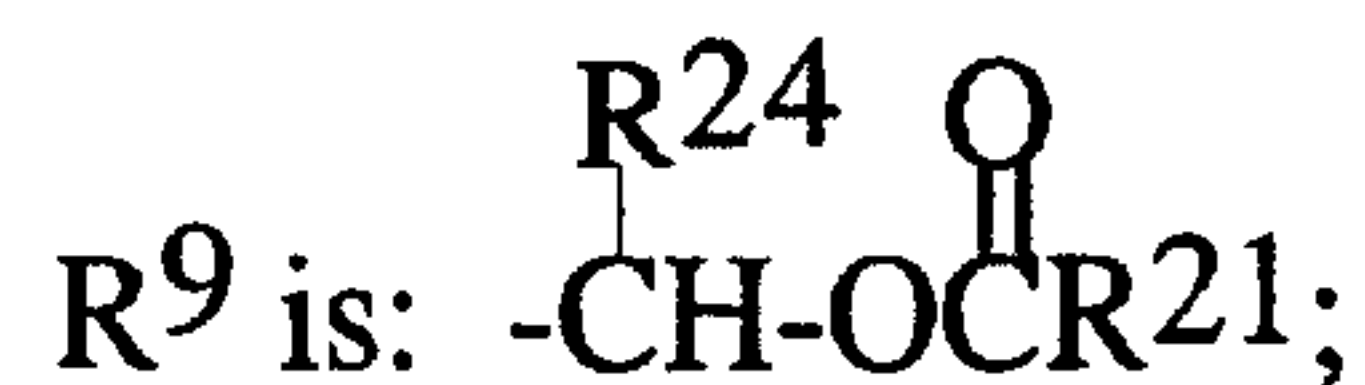
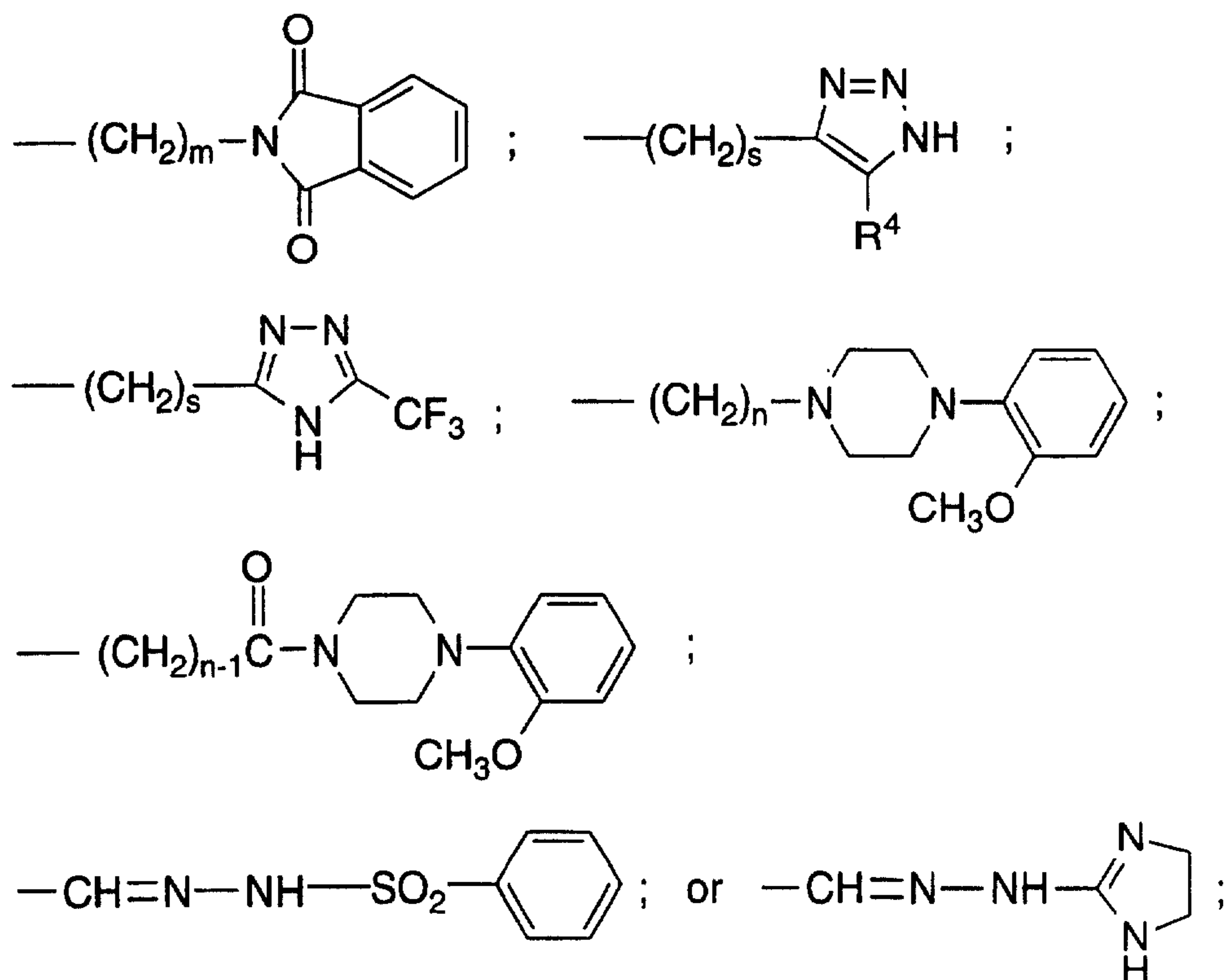
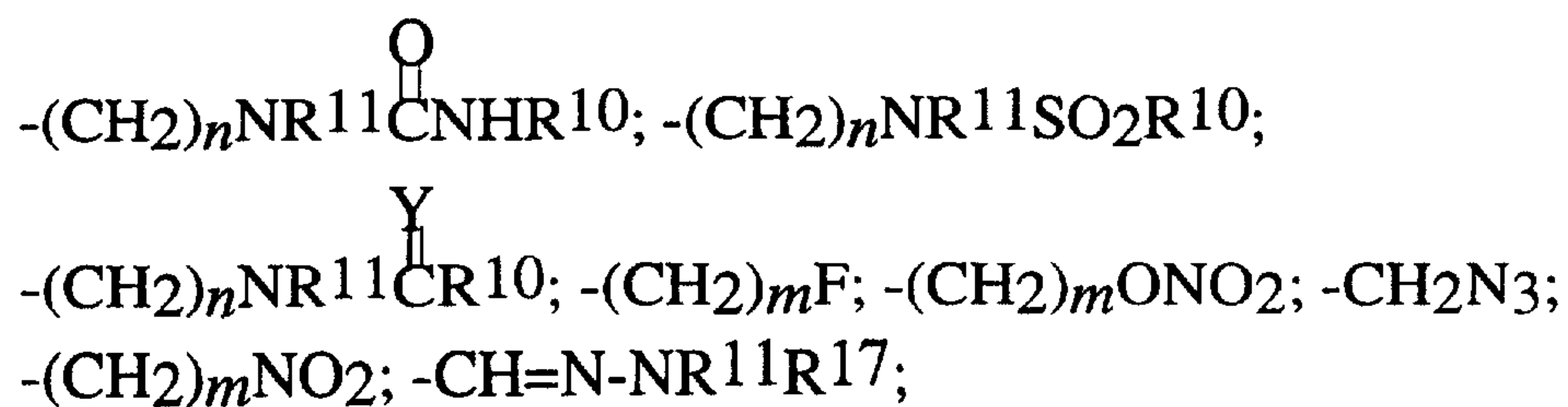
$-(\text{CH}_2)_{n-1}\underset{\underset{\text{OR}^{17}}{|}}{\text{CH}}\text{-R}^{11}$; $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{\parallel}{\text{O}}}\text{CR}^{14}$; $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{SR}^{15}$;

$-\text{CH}=\text{CH}(\text{CH}_2)_s\overset{\text{R}^{14}}{\underset{|}{\text{CH}}}\text{OR}^{15}$; $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}(\text{CH}_2)_s\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{\parallel}{\text{C}}}\text{R}^{16}$; $-\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{\parallel}{\text{C}}}\text{R}^{16}$;

$-\text{CH}=\text{CH}(\text{CH}_2)_s\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{\parallel}{\text{O}}}\text{CR}^{11}$; $(\text{CH}_2)_s\underset{\underset{\text{CH}_3}{|}}{\text{CH}}\text{-COR}^{16}$;

$-(\text{CH}_2)_n\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{\parallel}{\text{C}}}\text{R}^{16}$; $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{OCNHR}^{10}$; $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{NR}^{11}\overset{\text{Y}}{\underset{\parallel}{\text{C}}}\text{OR}^{10}$;

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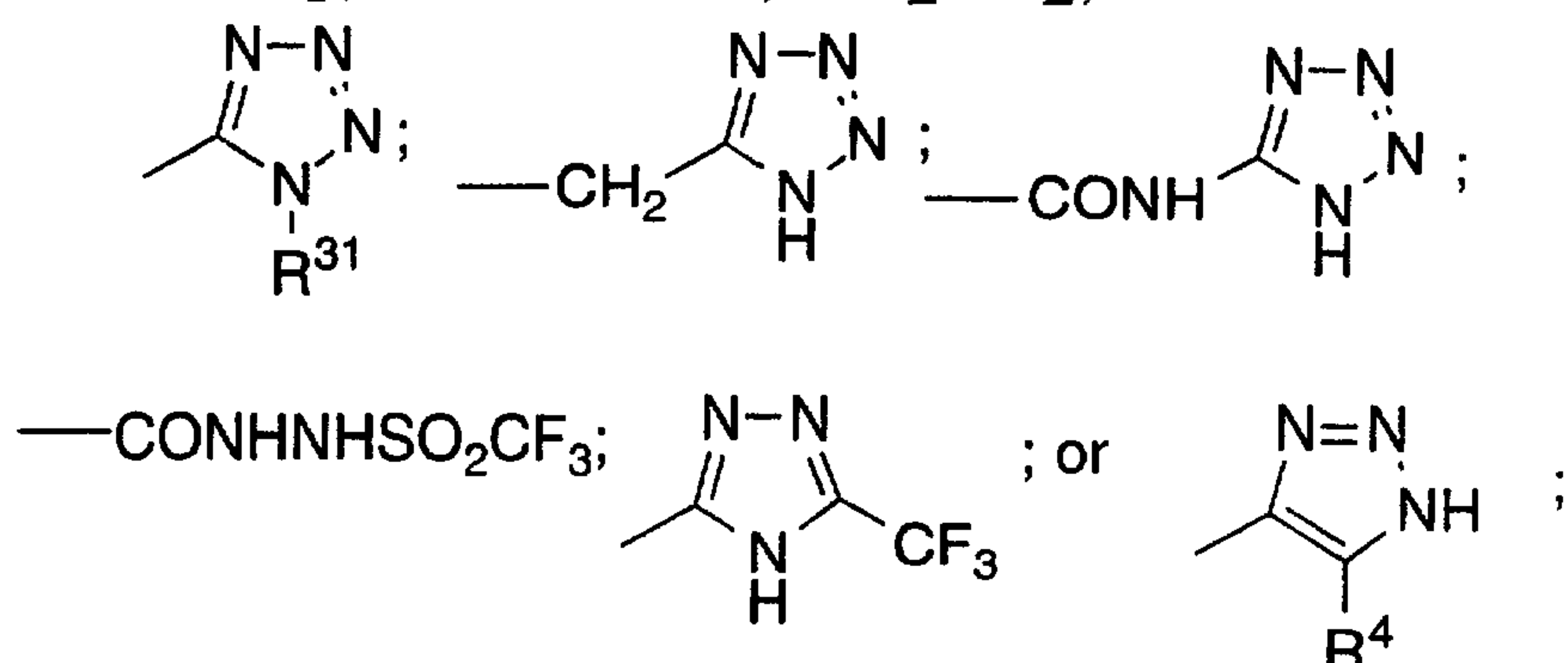
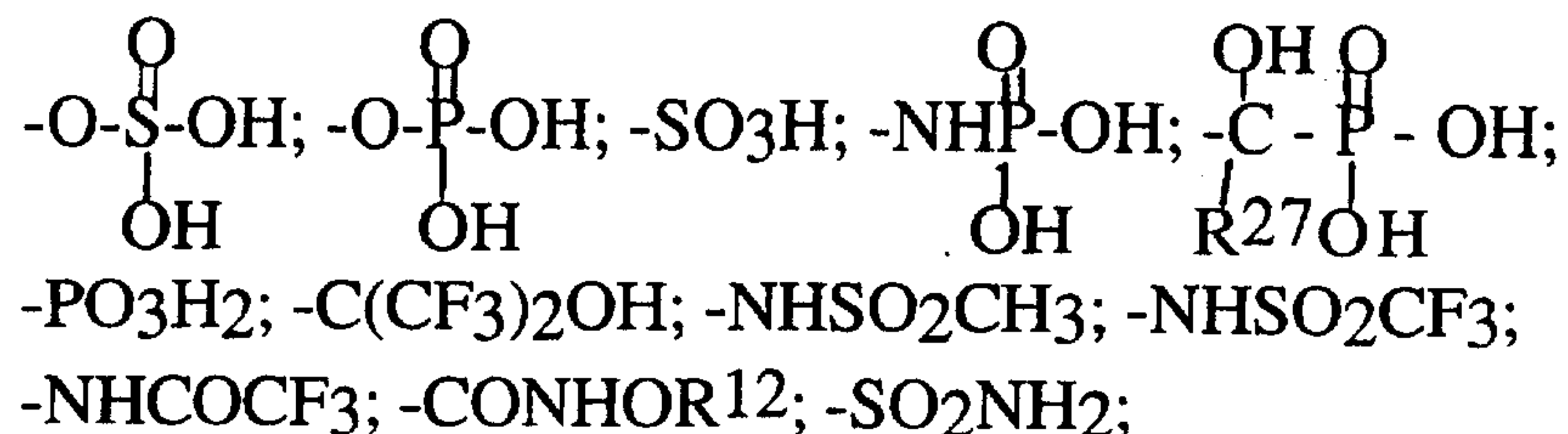
10 R¹⁰ is alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms or perfluoroalkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, 1-adamantyl, 1-naphthyl, 1-(1-naphthyl)ethyl, or (CH₂)_pC₆H₅;

15 R¹¹ is H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6 carbon atoms, phenyl or benzyl;

R¹² is H, methyl or benzyl;

R13 is -CO₂H; -CO₂R⁹; -CH₂CO₂H, -CH₂CO₂R⁹;

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R¹⁴ is H, alkyl or perfluoroalkyl of 1 to 8 carbon atoms,
cycloalkyl of 3 to 6 carbon atoms, phenyl or benzyl;

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R¹⁵ is H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6
carbon atoms, phenyl, benzyl, acyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms,
phenacyl;

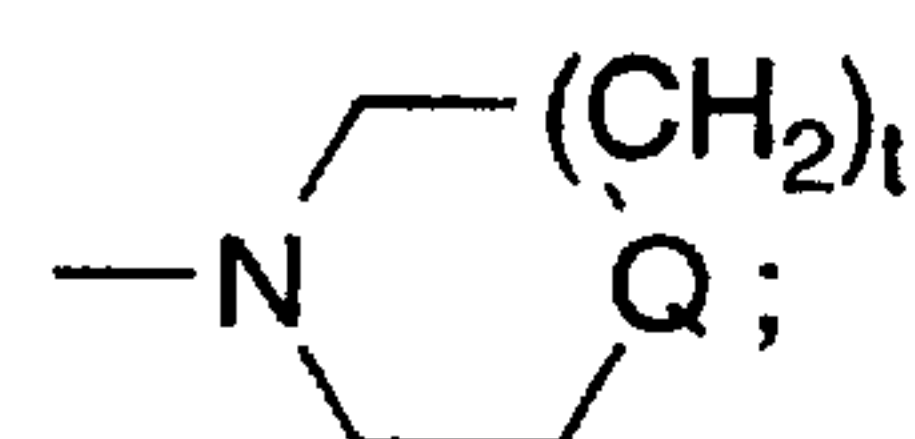
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R¹⁶ is H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6
carbon atoms, (CH₂)_pC₆H₅, OR¹⁷, or NR¹⁸R¹⁹;

R¹⁷ is H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6
carbon atoms, phenyl or benzyl;

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R¹⁸ and R¹⁹ independently are H, alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms,
phenyl, benzyl, α-methylbenzyl, or taken together with the
nitrogen form a ring of the formula



Q is NR²⁰, O or CH₂;

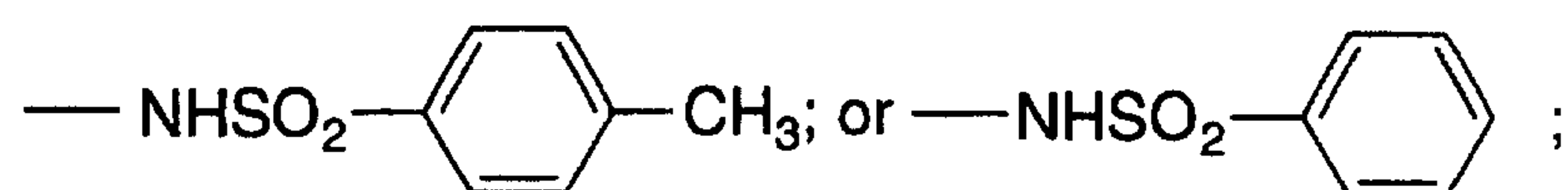
R20 is H, alkyl of 1-4 carbon atoms, or phenyl;

R21 is alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, -NR22R23, or -
 $\begin{array}{c} \text{CHCH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_3 \\ | \\ \text{NH}_2 \end{array}$

R22 and R23 independently are H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, benzyl, or are taken together as $(\text{CH}_2)_u$, where u is 3-6;

R24 is H, CH₃ or -C₆H₅;

R25 is NR27R28, OR28, NHCONH₂, NHCSNH₂,



R26 is hydrogen, alkyl with from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, benzyl, or allyl;

R27 and R28 are independently hydrogen, alkyl with from 1 to 5 carbon atoms, or phenyl;

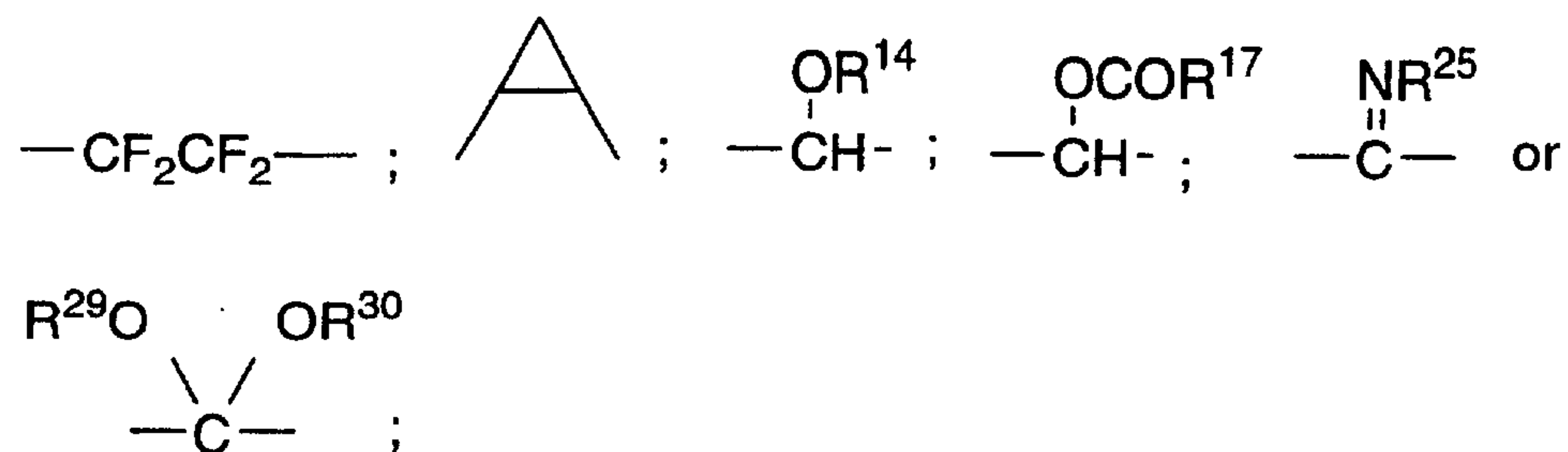
R29 and R30 are independently alkyl of 1-4 carbon atoms or taken together are $-(\text{CH}_2)_q-$;

R31 is H, alkyl or 1 to 4 carbon atoms, -CH₂CH=CH₂ or -CH₂C₆H₄R32;

X is a carbon-carbon single bond, -CO-, -CH₂-, -O-, -S-, -NH-, -N-,
 $\begin{array}{c} \text{—CON—} \quad \text{—NCO—} \quad \text{—OCH}_2\text{—} \quad \text{—CH}_2\text{O—} \quad \text{—SCH}_2\text{—} \quad \text{—CH}_2\text{S—} \\ | \quad \quad | \quad \quad | \quad \quad | \quad \quad | \\ \text{R26} \quad \text{R23} \quad \text{R23} \end{array}$
 -NHC(R27)(R28)-, -NR23SO₂-, -SO₂NR23-, -CH=CH-, -CF=CF-, -CH=CF-, -CF=CH-, -CH₂CH₂-, -C(R27)(R28)NH-,

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Y is O or S;

Z is O, NR¹¹, or S;

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n is 1 to 10;

p is 0 to 3;

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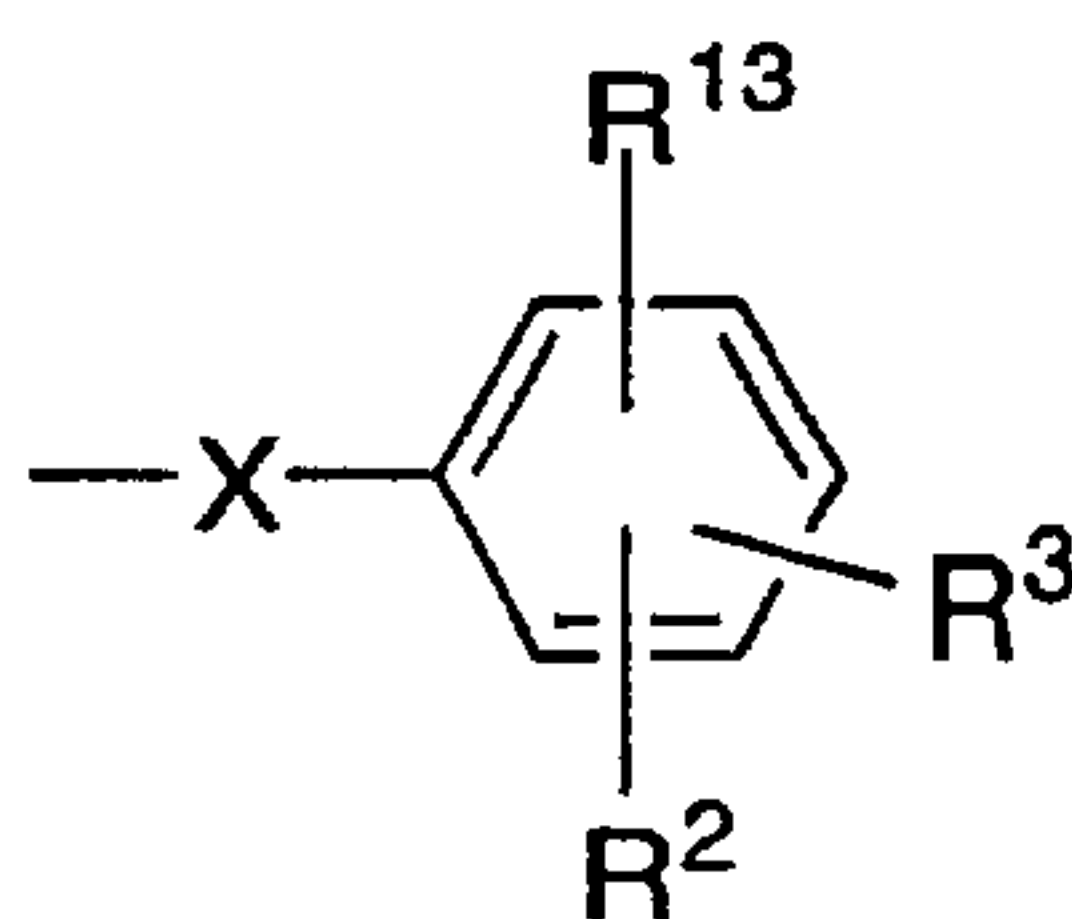
r is 0 to 2;

10 s is 0 to 5;

t is 0 or 1;

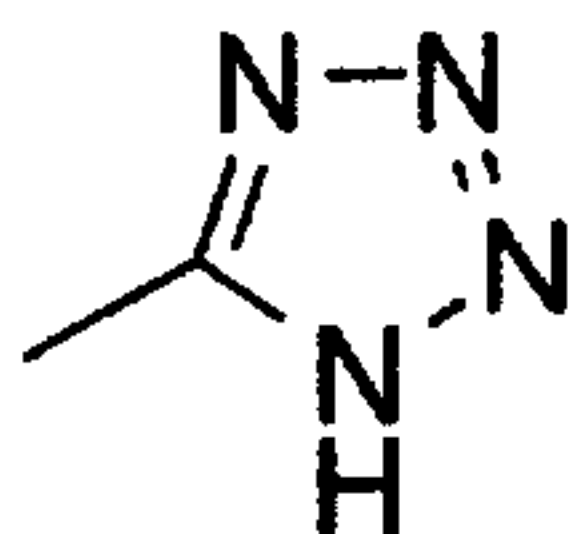
and pharmaceutically acceptable salts of these compounds;

provided that:

15 (1) the R¹ group is not in the ortho position;(2) when R¹ is

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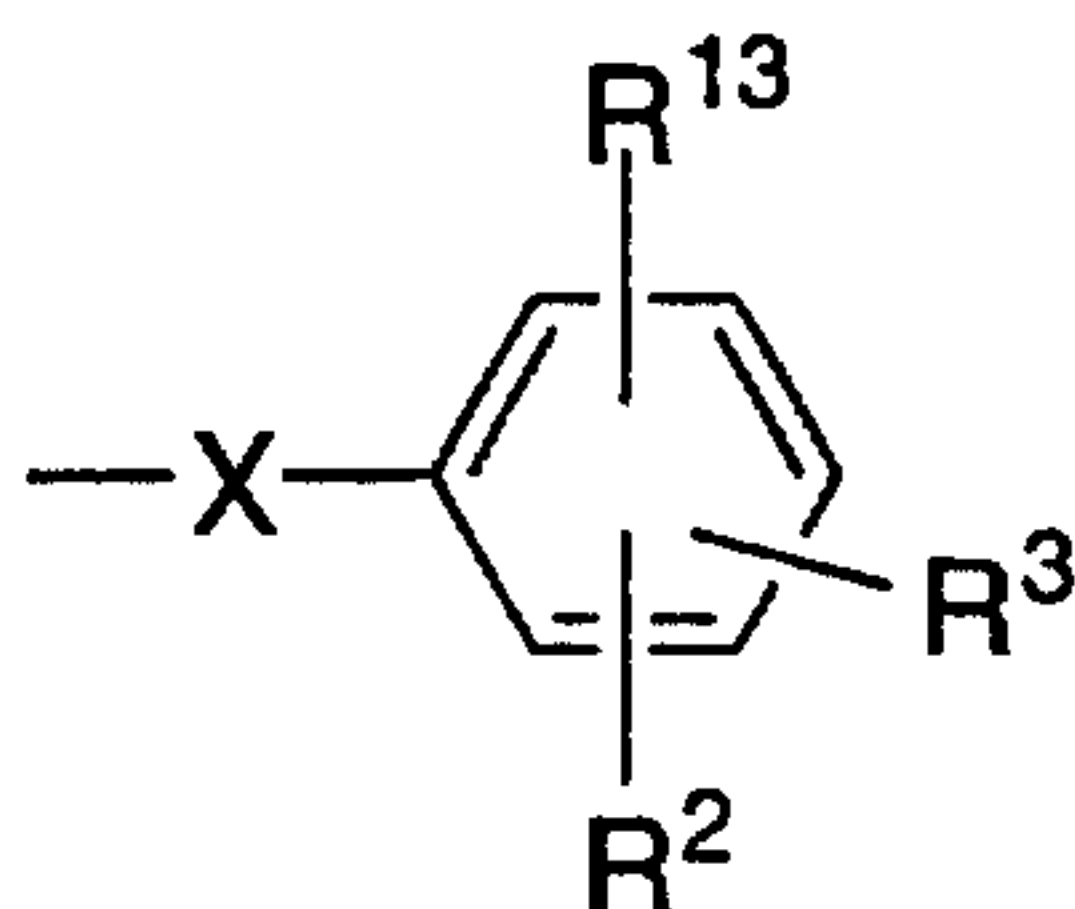
X is a single bond, and R¹³ is CO₂H, or



then R¹³ must be in the ortho or meta position; or when R¹ and X are as above and R¹³ is NHSO₂CF₃ or NHSO₂CH₃, R¹³ must be ortho;

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(3) when R¹ is



and X is other than a single bond, then R¹³ must be ortho except when X=NR²³CO and R¹³ is NHSO₂CF₃ or NHSO₂CH₃, then R¹³ must be ortho or meta;

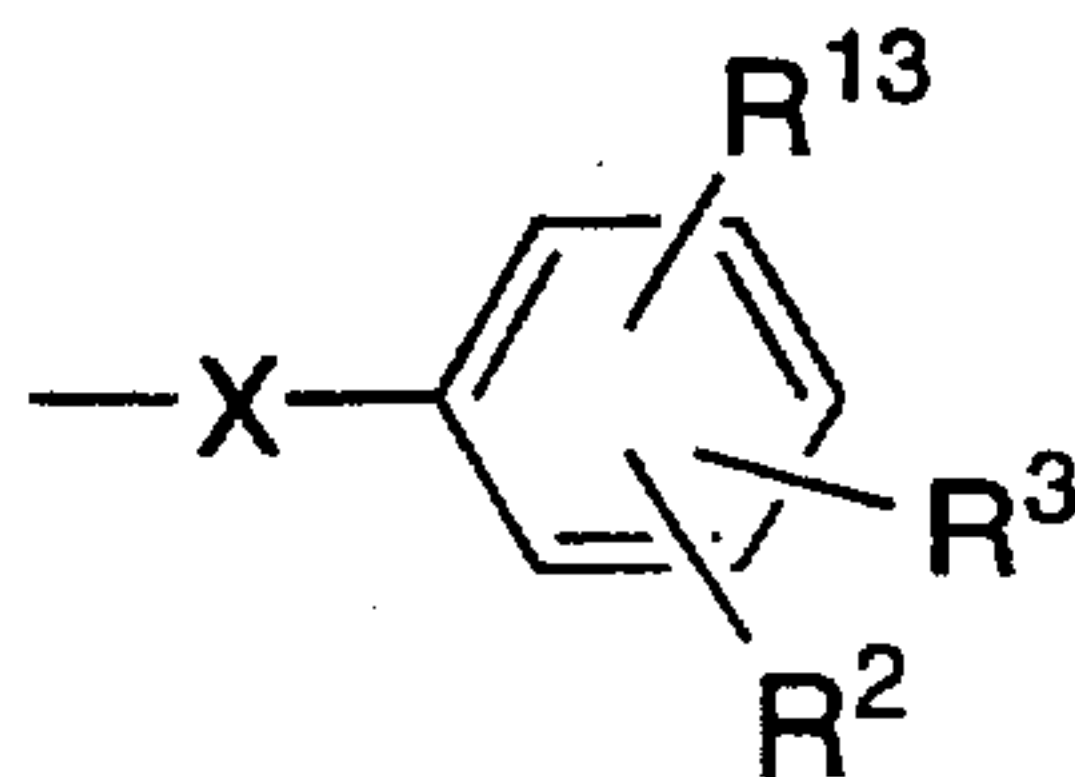
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(4) when R¹ is 4-CO₂H or a salt thereof, R⁶ cannot be S-alkyl;

(5) when R¹ is 4-CO₂H or a salt thereof, the substituent on the 4-position of the imidazole cannot be CH₂OH, CH₂OCOCH₃, or CH₂CO₂H;

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(6) when R¹ is



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X is -OCH₂-, and R¹³ is 2-CO₂H, and R⁷ is H then R⁶ is not C₂H₅S;

(7) when R¹ is

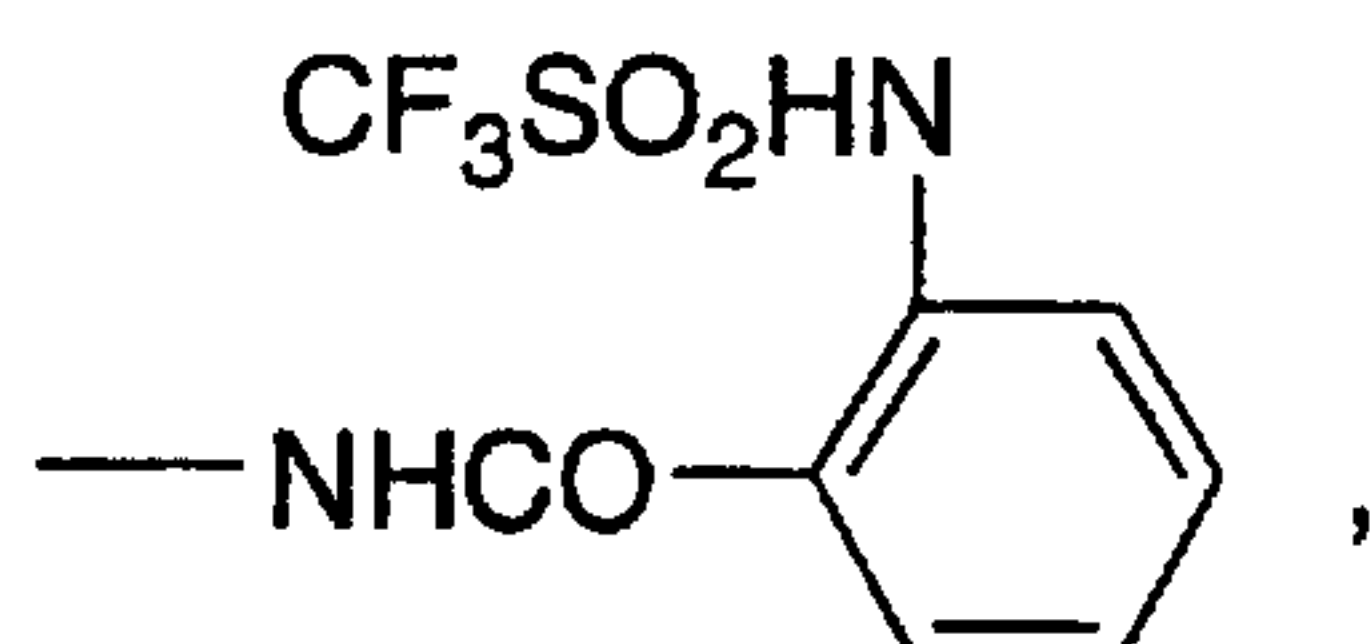
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and R⁶ is n-hexyl then R⁷ and R⁸ are not both hydrogen;

(8) when R¹ is

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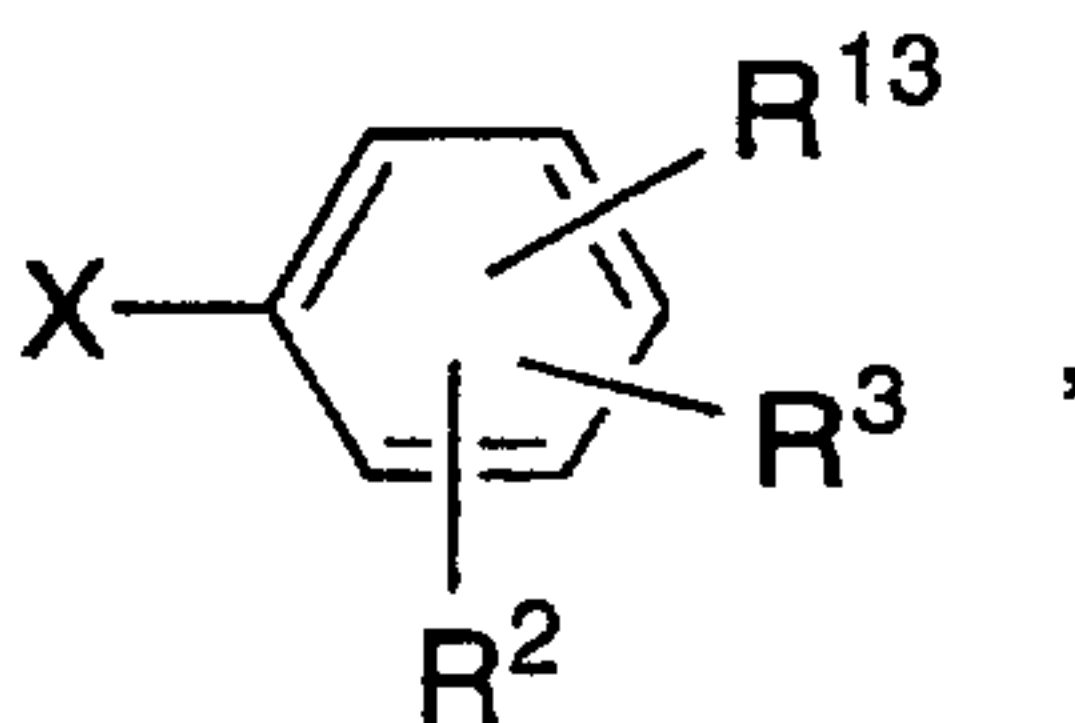


R⁶ is not methoxybenzyl;

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(9) the R⁶ group is not -CHCH₂CH₂CH₃ or CH₂OH;
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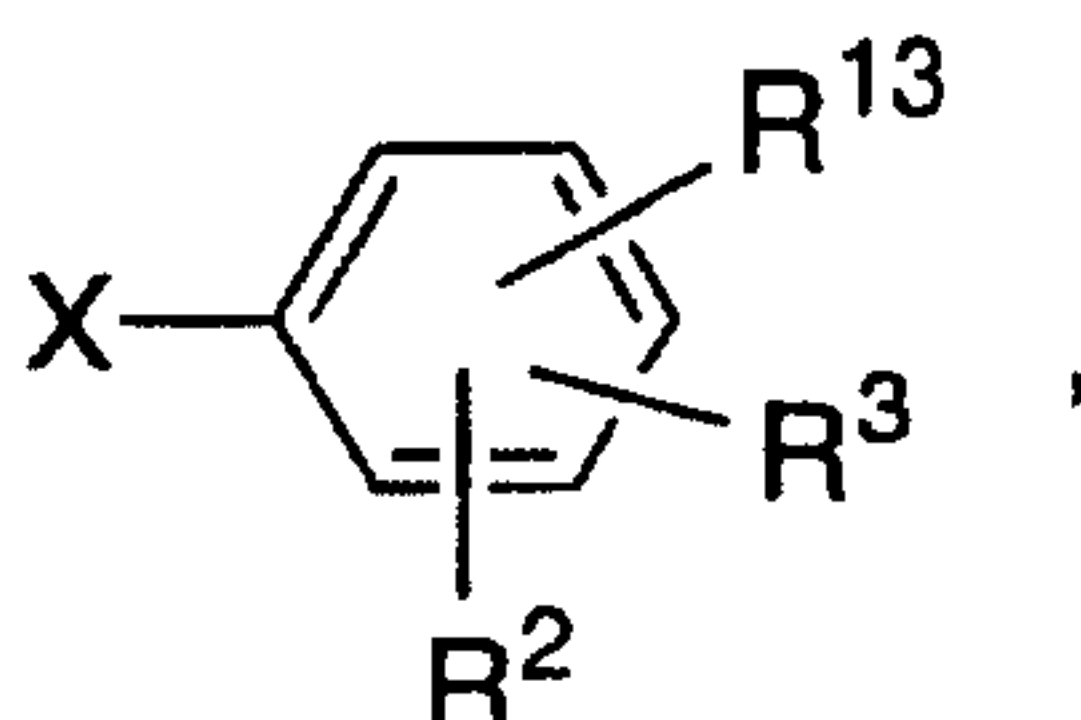
(10) when r=0, R¹ is



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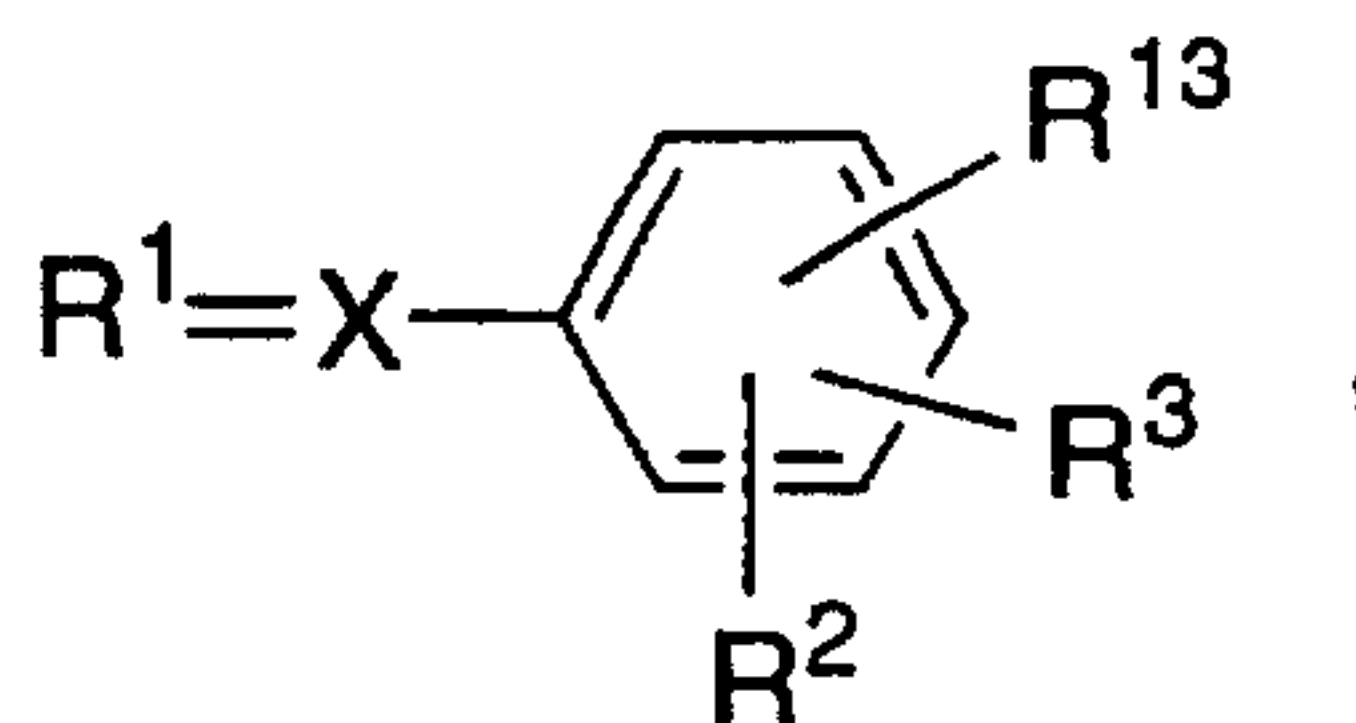
X is $-\text{NH}-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-$, R¹³ is 2-NHSO₂CF₃, and R⁶ is n-propyl, then R⁷ and R⁸ are not -CO₂CH₃;

5 (11) when r=0, R¹ is



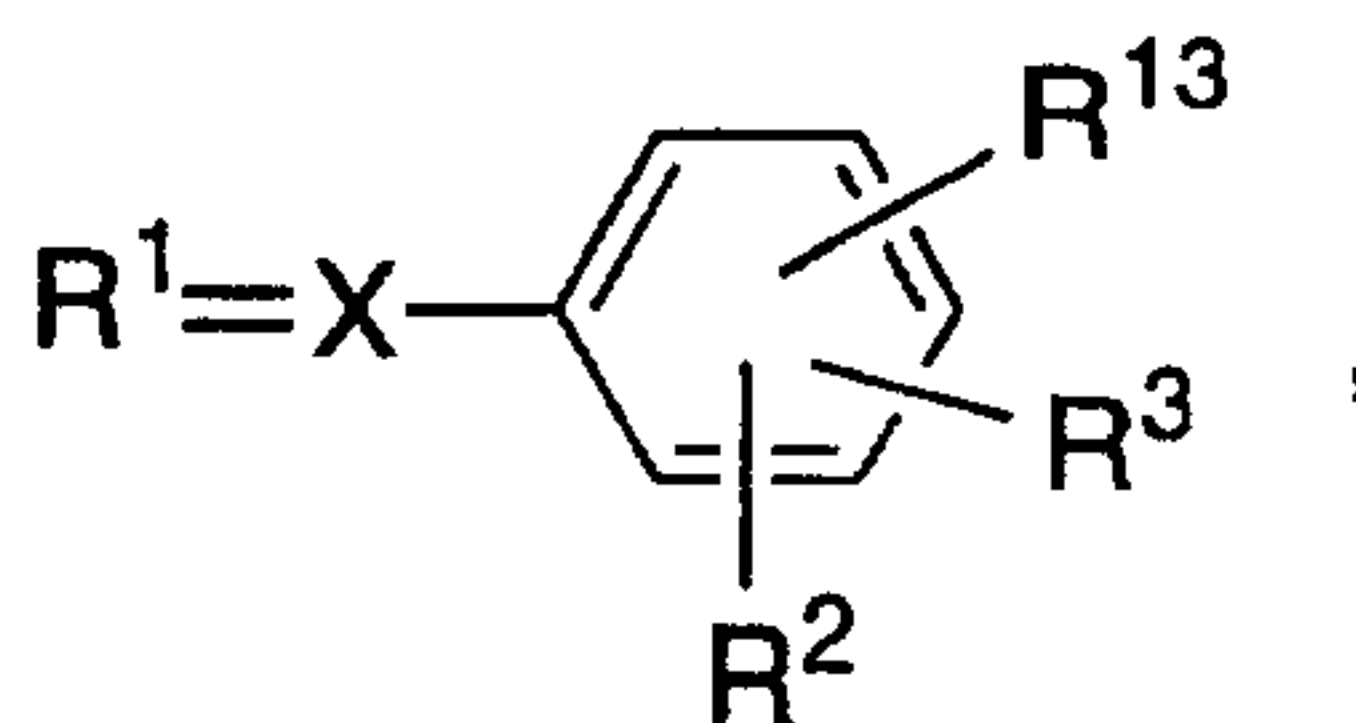
10 X is $\text{NH}-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-$, R¹³ is 2-COOH, and R⁶ is n-propyl, then R⁷ and R⁸ are not -CO₂CH₃;

(12) when r=1,



15 X is a single bond, R⁷ is Cl, and R⁸ is -CHO, then R¹³ is not 3-(tetrazol-5-yl);

(13) when r=1,



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X is a single bond, R⁷ is Cl, and R⁸ is -CHO, then R¹³ is not 4-(tetrazol-5-yl).

A preferred embodiment of the invention is the method as recited above, wherein the angiotensin II receptor antagonist is losartan or EXP-3174 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof. The most preferred embodiment is the method, as recited above, wherein the
5 symptomatic heart failure patient is age 65 or older.

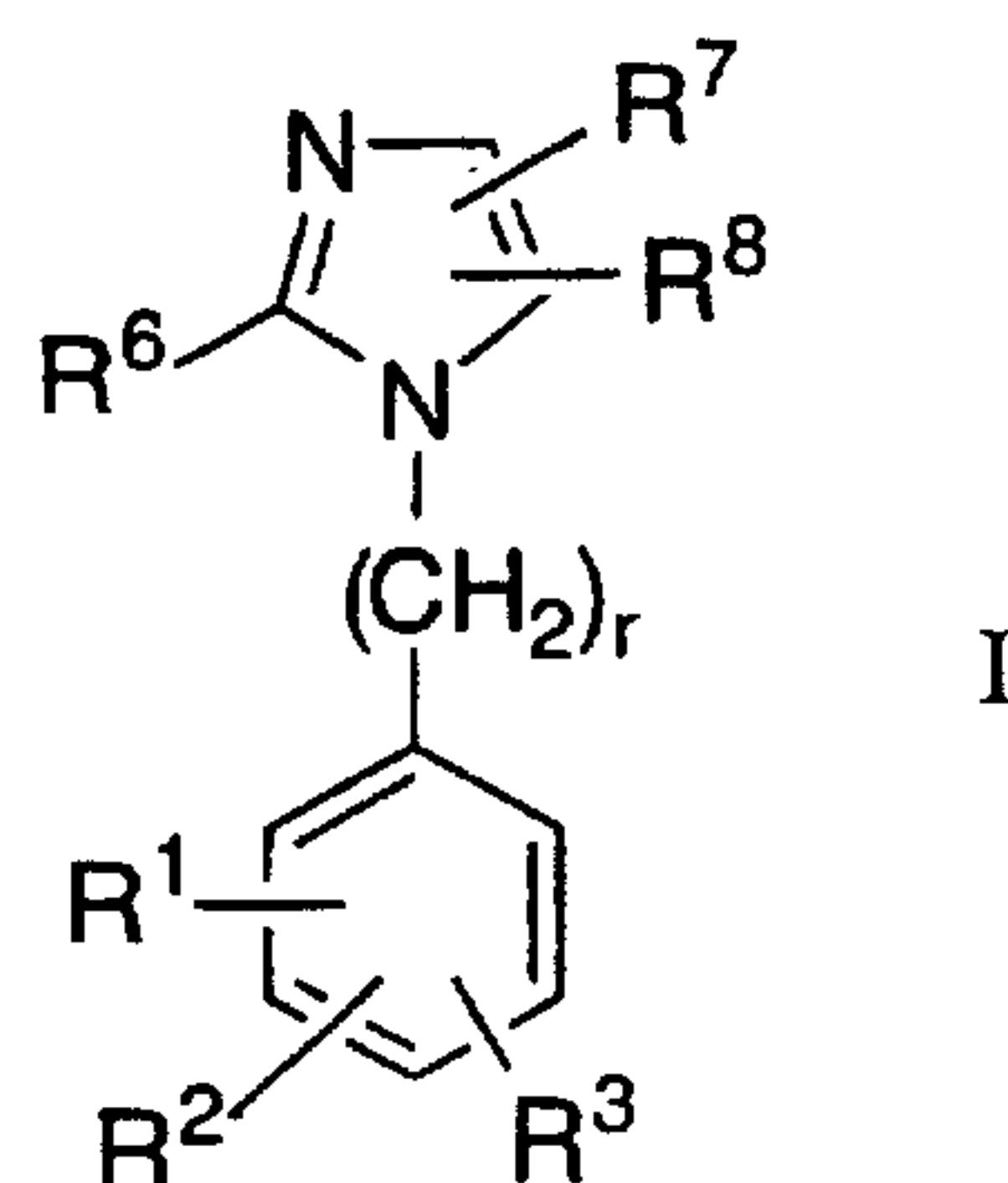
Additionally, the invention concerns a method for preventing sudden cardiac death by administering to a symptomatic heart failure patient a therapeutically effective amount of an angiotensin II receptor antagonist.

10 An embodiment of this invention is the method for preventing sudden cardiac death by administering to a symptomatic heart failure patient a therapeutically effective amount of an angiotensin II receptor antagonist selected from the group consisting of: candesartan
cilexetil, eprosartan, irbesartan, losartan, tasosartan, telmisartan,
15 valsartan, BMS-184698, 3-(2'-(tetrazol-5-yl)-1,1'-biphen-4-yl)methyl-5,7-dimethyl-2-ethyl-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine, BAY106734, BIBR363, CL329167, E4177, EMD73495, HN65021, HR720, HOE720, LRB081, SC52458, SL910102, UP2696, YM358, EMD66397, ME3221, TAK536, BMS184698, CGP42112A, CGP49870, CP148130, E4188,
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25 irbesartan, losartan, tasosartan, telmisartan, valsartan, BMS-184698 and 3-(2'-(tetrazol-5-yl)-1,1'-biphen-4-yl)methyl-5,7-dimethyl-2-ethyl-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine.

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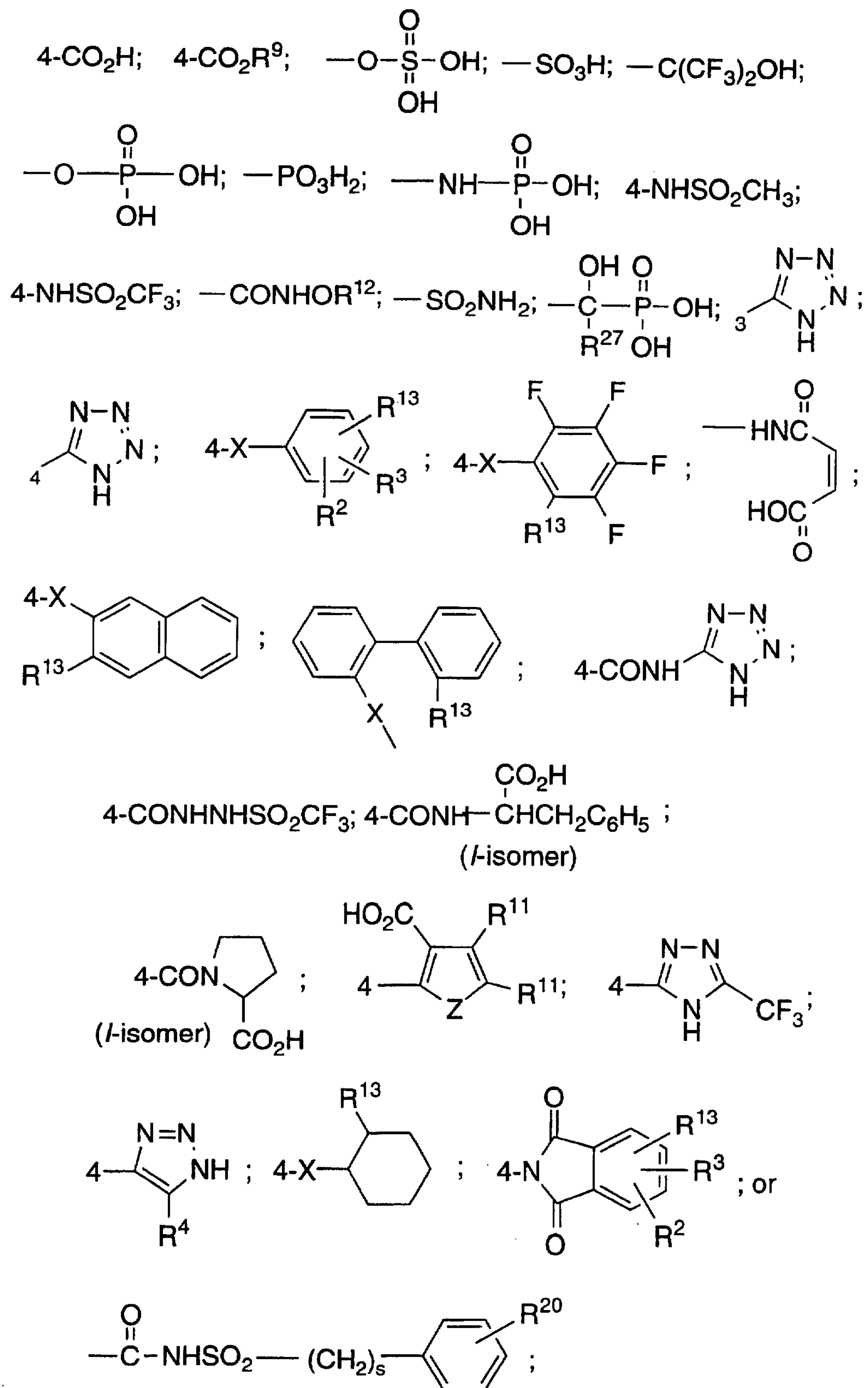
Yet another embodiment of the invention is a method for preventing sudden cardiac death by administering to a symptomatic heart failure patient a therapeutically effective amount of an angiotensin II receptor antagonist of formula I



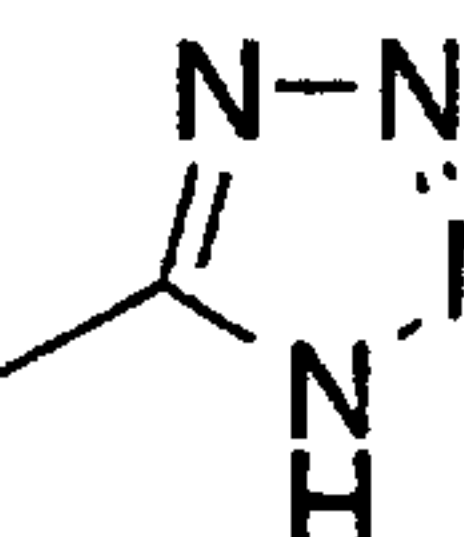
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wherein:

R¹ is:



R² is H; Cl; Br; I; F; NO₂; CN; alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms;
acyloxy of 1 to 4 carbon atoms; alkoxy of 1 to 4 carbon
atoms; CO₂H; CO₂R⁹; HNSO₂CH₃; NHSO₂CF₃;

CONHOR¹²; SO₂NH₂;  N; aryl; or furyl;

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R³ is H; Cl, Br, I or F; alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms or alkoxy of
1 to 4 carbon atoms;

R⁴ is CN, NO₂ or CO₂R¹¹;

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R⁵ is H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6 carbon
atoms alkenyl or alkynyl of 2 to 4 carbon atoms;

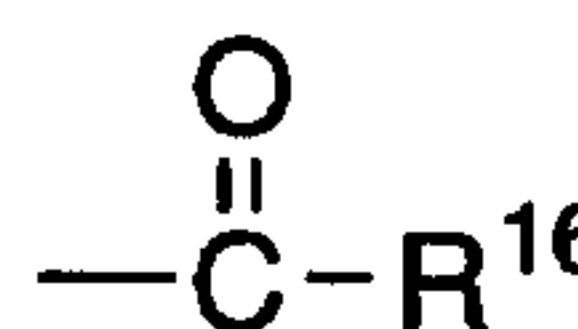
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R⁶ is alkyl of 2 to 10 carbon atoms, alkenyl or alkynyl of 3 to 10
carbon atoms or the same groups substituted with F or
CO₂R¹⁴; cycloalkyl of 3 to 8 carbon atoms,
cycloalkylalkyl, of 4 to 10 carbon atoms; cycloalkylalkenyl
or cycloalkylalkynyl 5 to 10 carbon atoms;
(CH₂)_sZ(CH₂)_mR⁵ optionally substituted with F or
CO₂R¹⁴; benzyl substituted on the phenyl ring with 1 or 2
halogens, alkoxy of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, alkyl of 1 to 4
carbon atoms or nitro;

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R⁷ is H, F, Cl, Br, I, NO₂, C_vF_{2v+1}, where v=1-6, C₆F₅; CN;

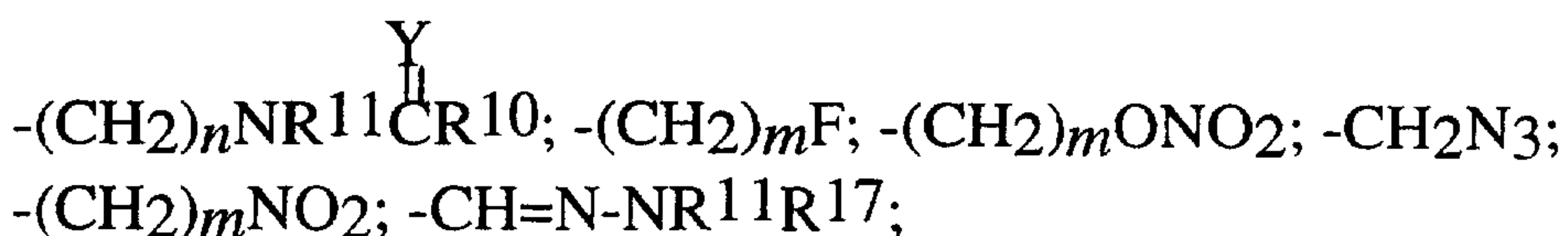
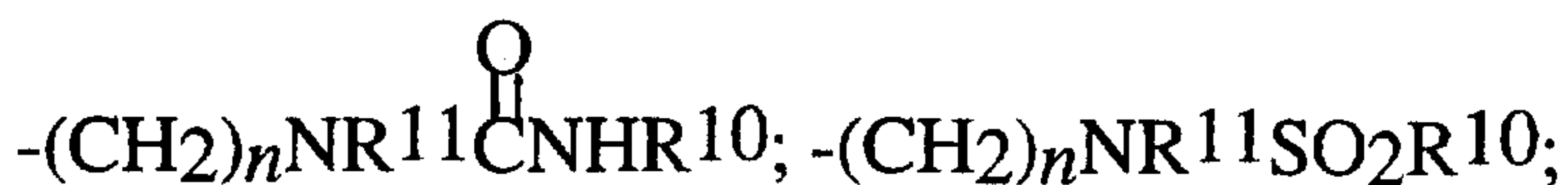
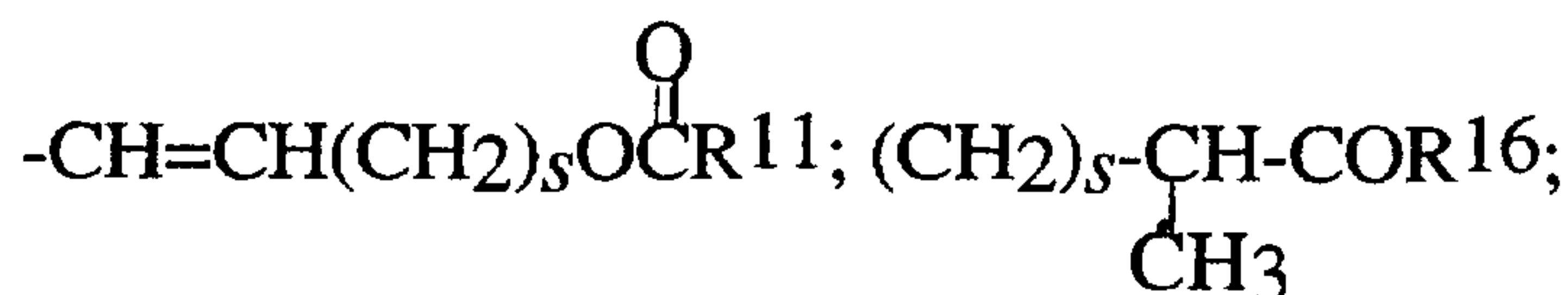
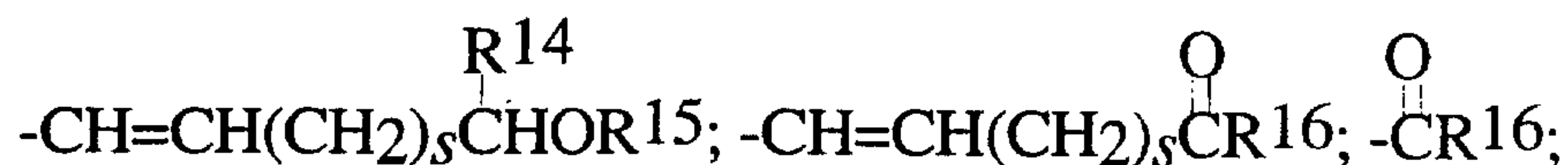
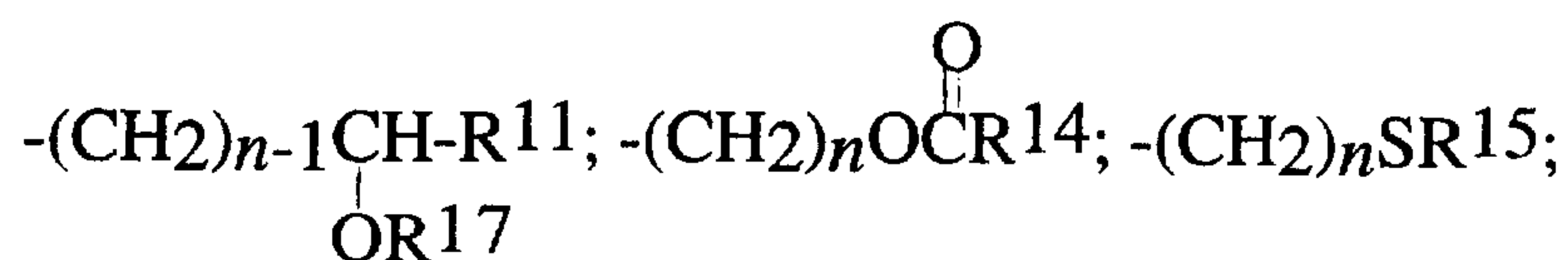
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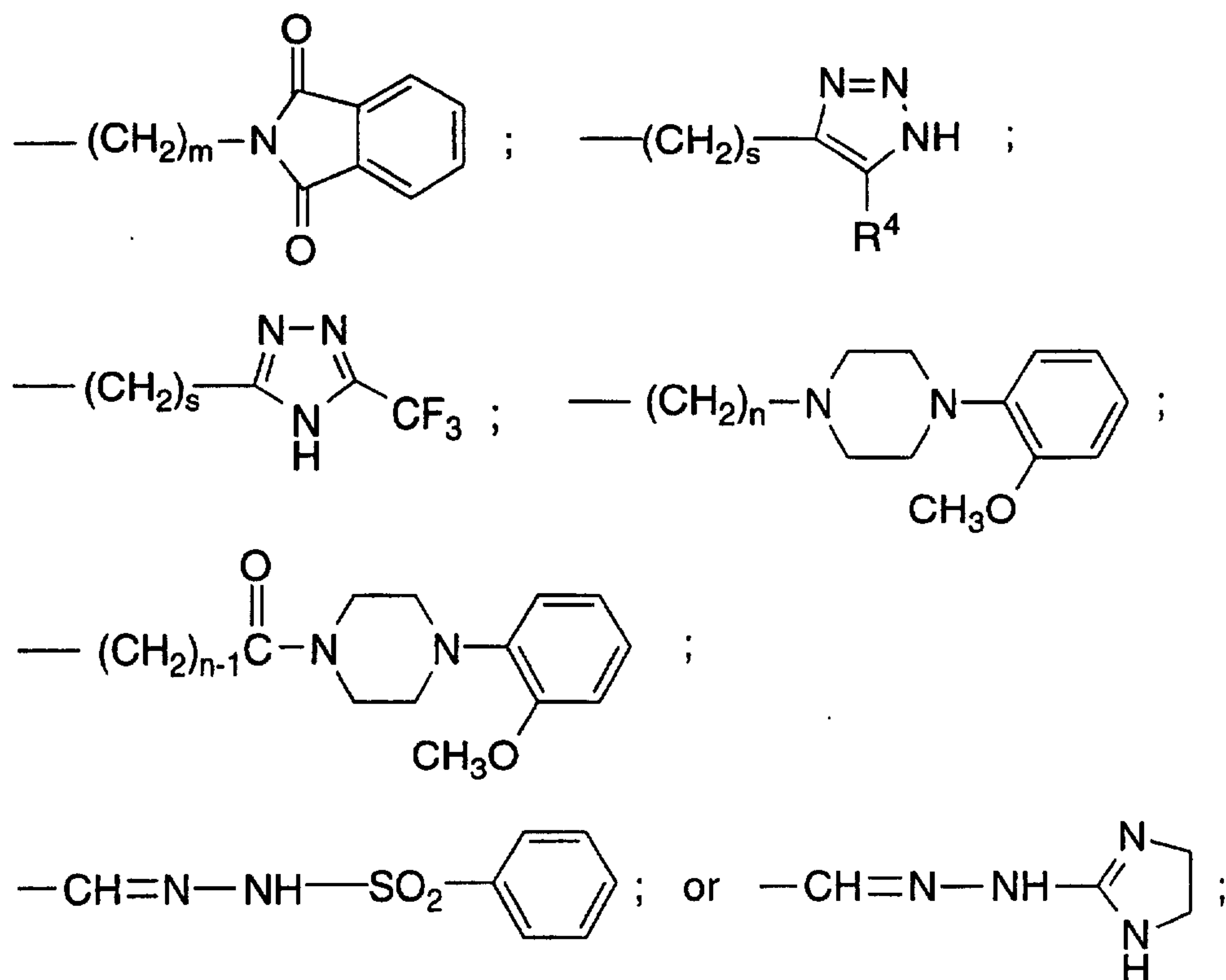
 ; straight or branched alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon
atoms; phenyl or phenylalkyl, where alkyl is 1 to 3 carbon
atoms; or substituted phenyl or substituted phenylalkyl,

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where alkyl is 1 to 3 carbon atoms, substituted with one or
two substituents selected from alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms,
F, Cl, Br, OH, OCH₃, CF₃, and COOR, where R is H, alkyl
of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or phenyl;

R⁸ is H, CN, alkyl of 1 to 10 carbon atoms, alkenyl of 3 to 10 carbon atoms, or the same groups substituted with F; phenylalkenyl wherein the aliphatic portion is 2 to 6 carbon atoms; $-(CH_2)_m$ -imidazol-1-yl; $-(CH_2)_m$ -1,2,3-triazolyl optionally substituted with one or two group selected from CO₂CH₃ or alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms; $-(CH_2)_s$ tetrazolyl;





R⁹ is: $\begin{array}{c} \text{R}^{24} \quad \text{O} \\ | \quad \parallel \\ \text{---CH---O---C---R}^{21} \end{array}$;

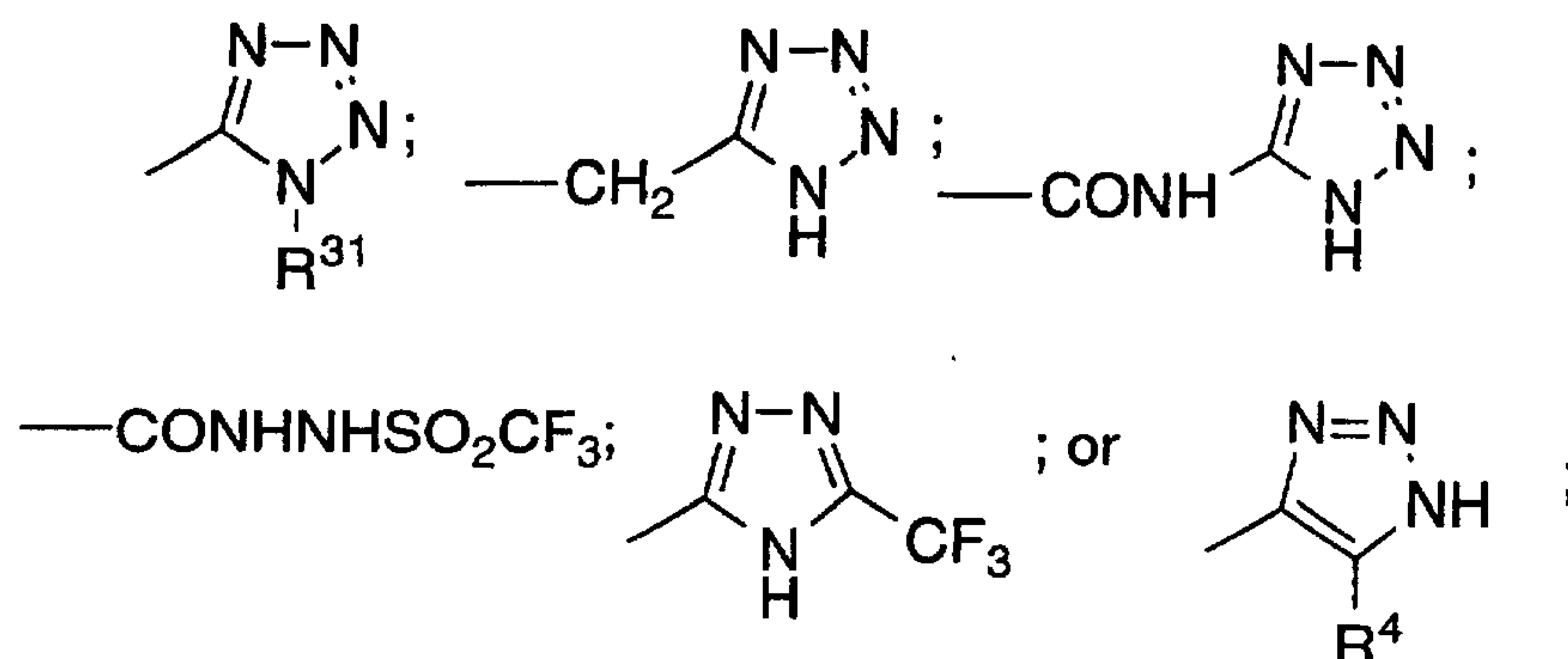
5 R¹⁰ is alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms or perfluoroalkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, 1-adamantyl, 1-naphthyl, 1-(1-naphthyl)ethyl, or (CH₂)_pC₆H₅;

10 R¹¹ is H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6 carbon atoms, phenyl or benzyl;

R¹² is H, methyl or benzyl;

R¹³ is -CO₂H; -CO₂R⁹; -CH₂CO₂H, -CH₂CO₂R⁹;

15 $\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \quad \text{O} \quad \text{O} \quad \text{OH} \quad \text{O} \\ \parallel \quad \parallel \quad \parallel \quad \parallel \quad \parallel \\ \text{---O---S---OH; ---O---P---OH; ---SO}_3\text{H; ---NH---P---OH; ---C---P---OH; } \\ | \quad | \quad | \quad | \quad | \\ \text{OH} \quad \text{OH} \quad \text{OH} \quad \text{R}^{27} \quad \text{OH} \end{array}$
 -PO₃H₂; -C(CF₃)₂OH; -NH₂SO₂CH₃; -NH₂SO₂CF₃;
 -NHCOCF₃; -CONHOR¹²; -SO₂NH₂;



R¹⁴ is H, alkyl or perfluoroalkyl of 1 to 8 carbon atoms,
cycloalkyl of 3 to 6 carbon atoms, phenyl or benzyl;

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R¹⁵ is H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6
carbon atoms, phenyl, benzyl, acyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms,
phenacyl;

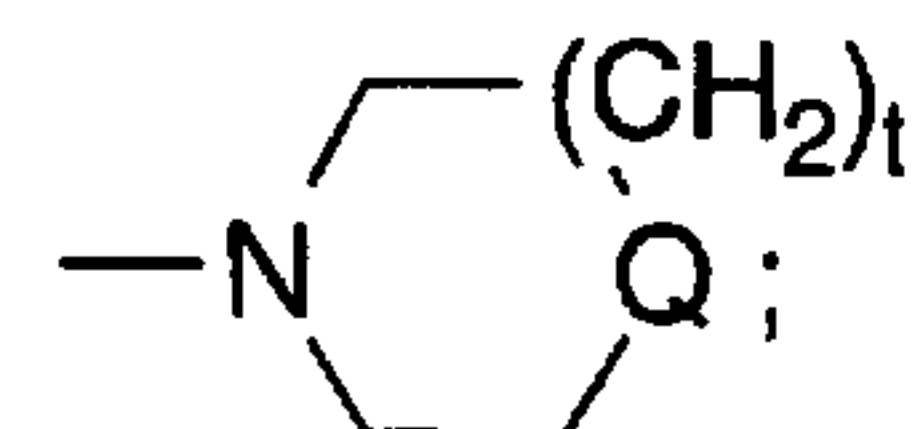
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R¹⁶ is H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6
carbon atoms, (CH₂)_pC₆H₅, OR¹⁷, or NR¹⁸R¹⁹;

R¹⁷ is H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6
carbon atoms, phenyl or benzyl;

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R¹⁸ and R¹⁹ independently are H, alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms,
phenyl, benzyl, α-methylbenzyl, or taken together with the
nitrogen form a ring of the formula



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Q is NR²⁰, O or CH₂;

R²⁰ is H, alkyl of 1-4 carbon atoms, or phenyl;

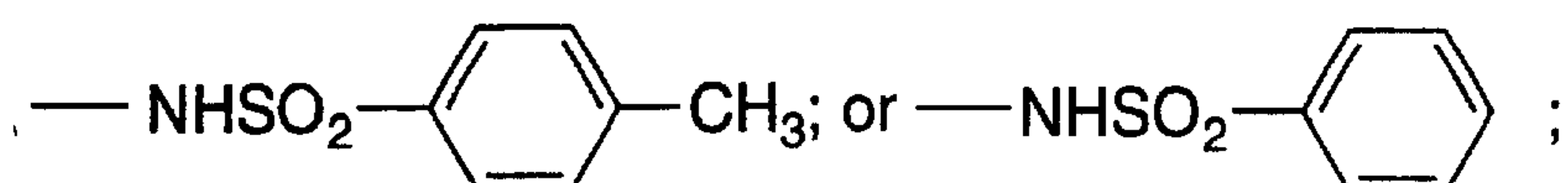
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R²¹ is alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, -NR²²R²³, or -
CHCH₂CO₂CH₃;
|
NH₂

R22 and R23 independently are H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, benzyl, or are taken together as $(\text{CH}_2)_u$, where u is 3-6;

5 R24 is H, CH₃ or -C₆H₅;

R25 is NR²⁷R²⁸, OR²⁸, NHCONH₂, NHCSNH₂,



10 R26 is hydrogen, alkyl with from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, benzyl, or allyl;

R27 and R28 are independently hydrogen, alkyl with from 1 to 5 carbon atoms, or phenyl;

15 R29 and R30 are independently alkyl of 1-4 carbon atoms or taken together are $-(\text{CH}_2)_q-$;

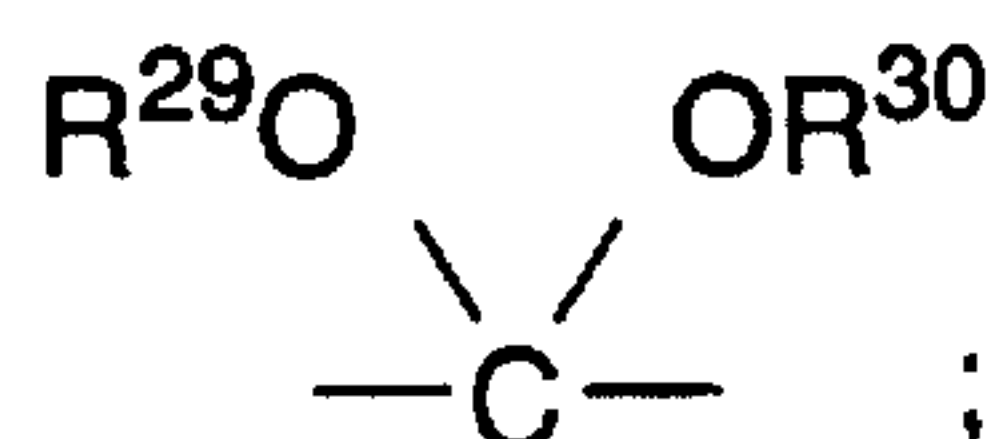
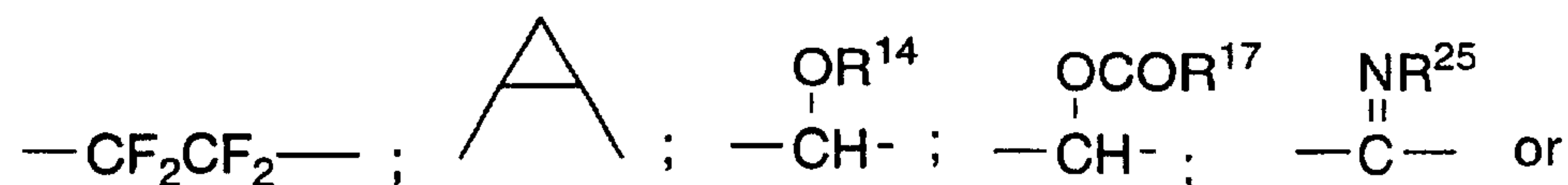
R31 is H, alkyl or 1 to 4 carbon atoms, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$ or $-\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{R}^{32}$;

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X is a carbon-carbon single bond, $-\text{CO}-$, $-\text{CH}_2-$, $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{S}-$, $-\text{NH}-$, $-\text{N}-$, $-\text{CON}-$, $-\text{NCO}-$, $-\text{OCH}_2-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{O}-$, $-\text{SCH}_2-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{S}-$,
 $\begin{array}{c} \text{R}^{26} \quad \text{R}^{23} \quad \text{R}^{23} \\ | \quad | \quad | \\ -\text{NHC}(\text{R}^{27})(\text{R}^{28})- \end{array}$

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$-\text{NHC}(\text{R}^{27})(\text{R}^{28})-$, $-\text{NR}^{23}\text{SO}_2-$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{NR}^{23}-$, $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$, $-\text{CF}=\text{CF}-$, $-\text{CH}=\text{CF}-$, $-\text{CF}=\text{CH}-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-$, $-\text{C}(\text{R}^{27})(\text{R}^{28})\text{NH}-$,



Y is O or S;

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Z is O, NR¹¹, or S;

m is 1 to 5;

n is 1 to 10;

p is 0 to 3;

5 q is 2 to 3;

r is 0 to 2;

s is 0 to 5;

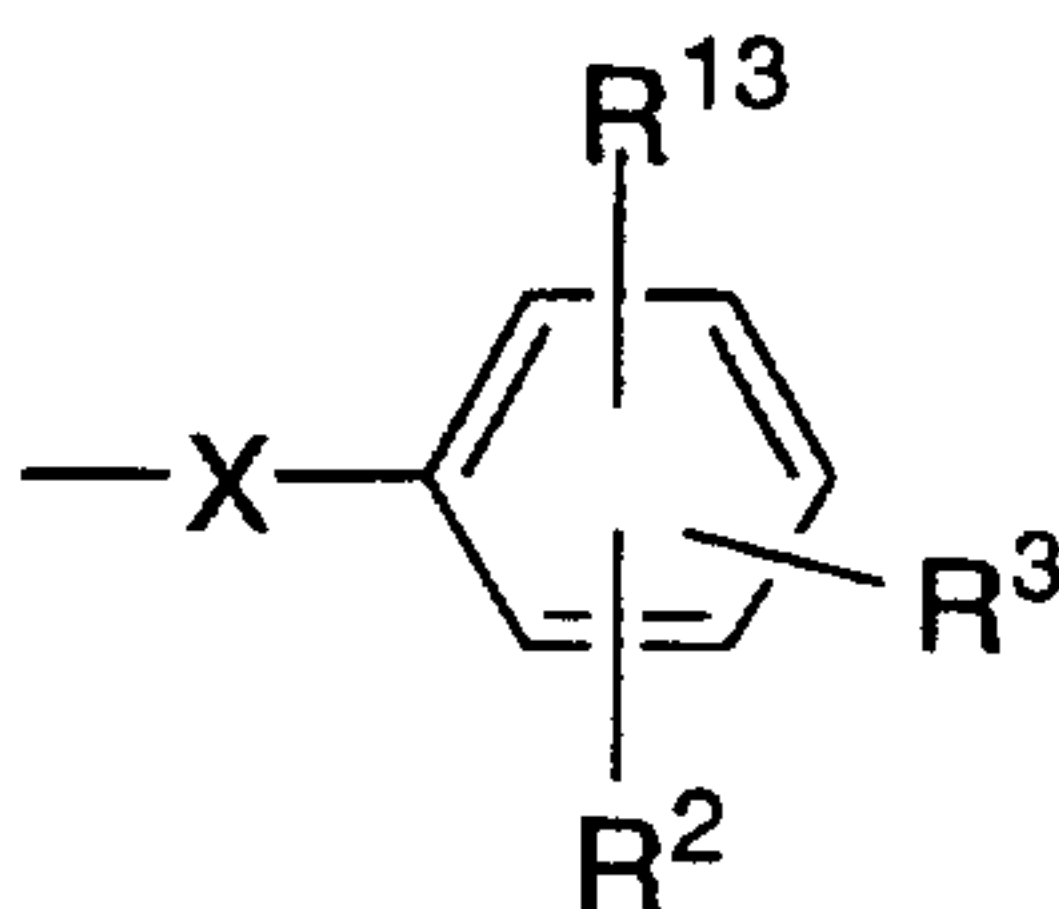
t is 0 or 1;

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts of these compounds;

10 provided that:

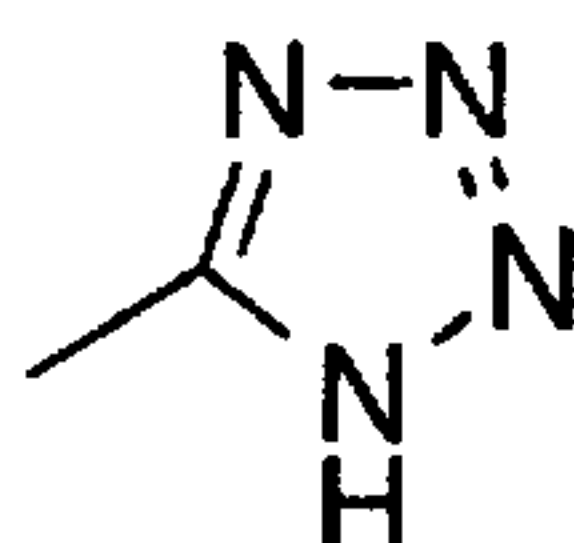
(1) the R¹ group is not in the ortho position;

(2) when R¹ is



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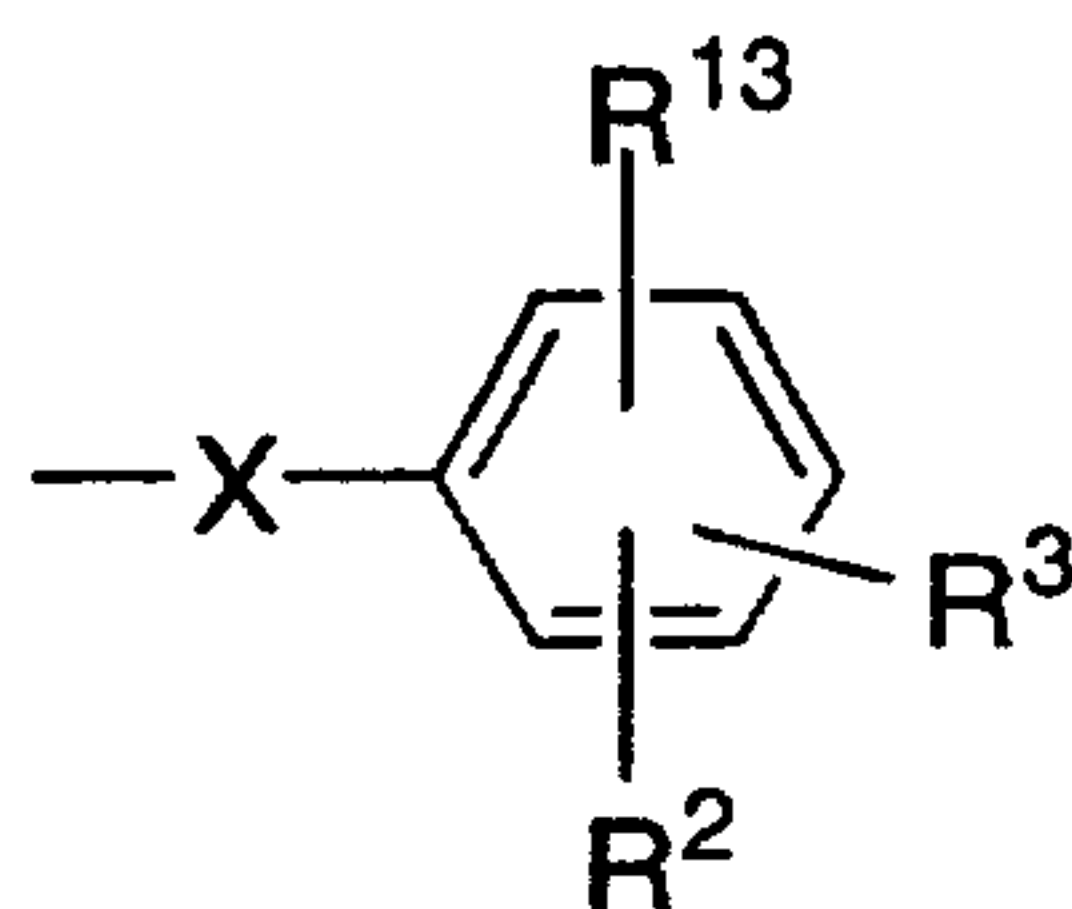
X is a single bond, and R¹³ is CO₂H, or



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then R¹³ must be in the ortho or meta position; or when R¹ and X are as above and R¹³ is NHSO₂CF₃ or NHSO₂CH₃, R¹³ must be ortho;

(3) when R¹ is



and X is other than a single bond, then R^{13} must be ortho except when $X=NR^{23}CO$ and R^{13} is $NHSO_2CF_3$ or $NHSO_2CH_3$, then R^{13} must be ortho or meta;

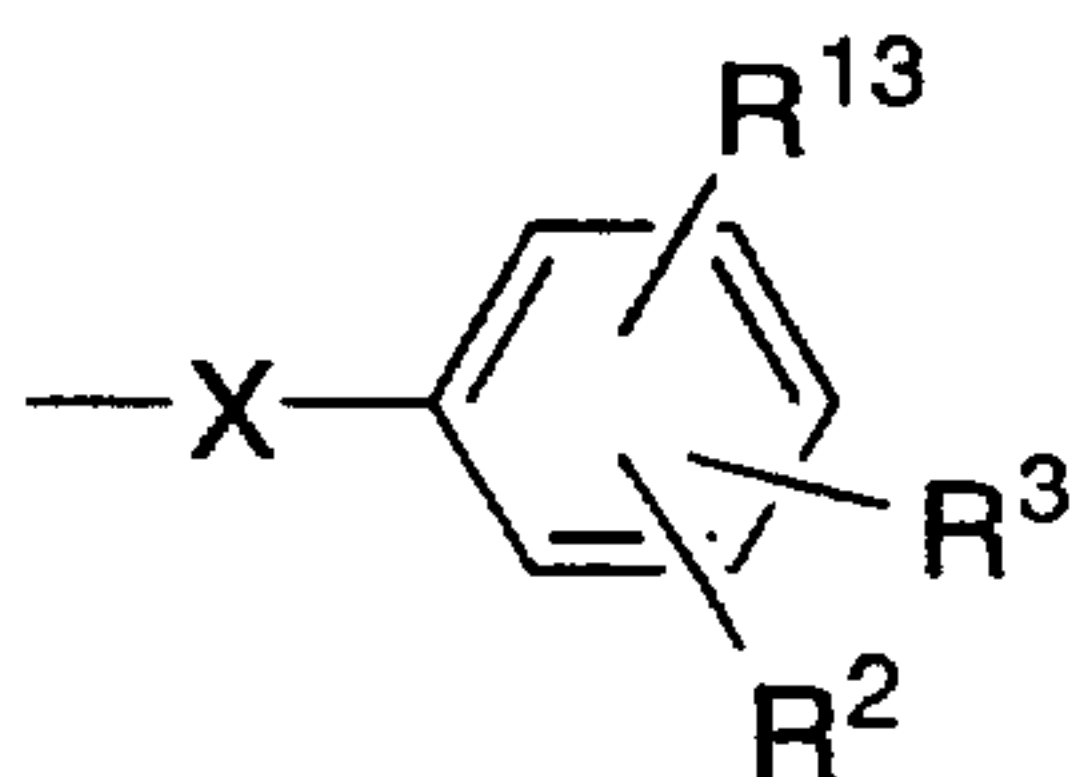
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(4) when R^1 is 4- CO_2H or a salt thereof, R^6 cannot be S-alkyl;

(5) when R^1 is 4- CO_2H or a salt thereof, the substituent on the 4-position of the imidazole cannot be CH_2OH , CH_2OCOCH_3 , or CH_2CO_2H ;

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(6) when R^1 is

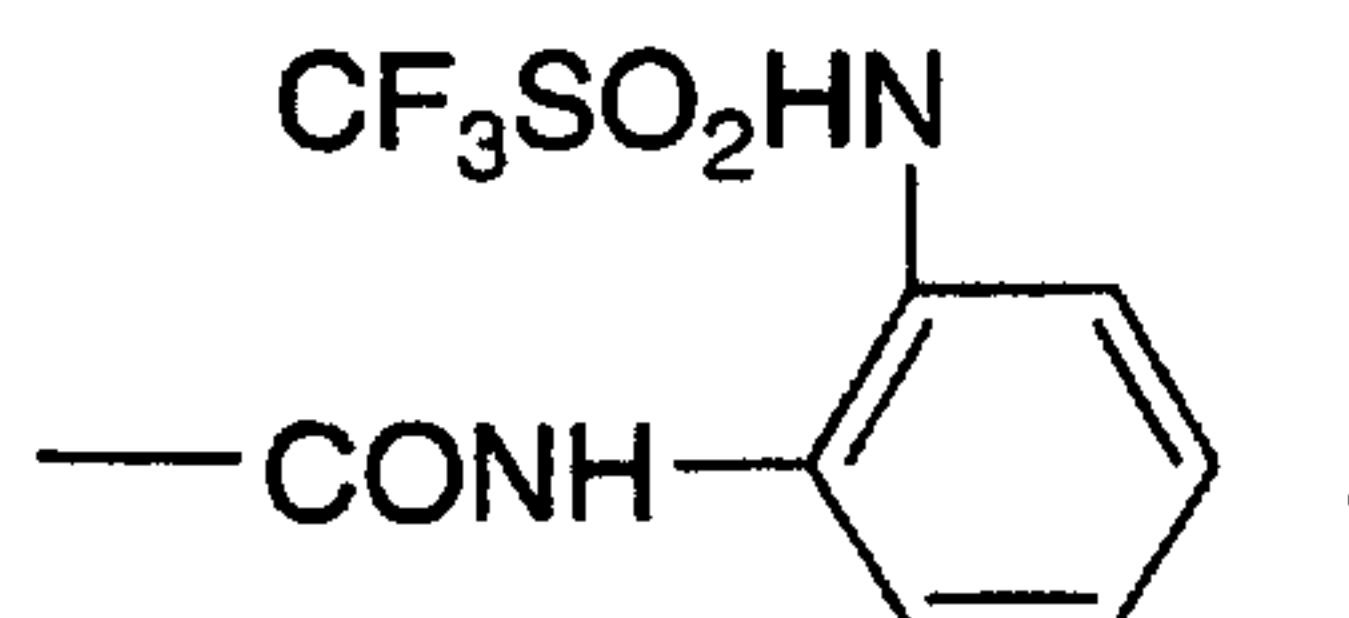


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X is $-OCH_2-$, and R^{13} is 2- CO_2H , and R^7 is H then R^6 is not C_2H_5S ;

(7) when R^1 is

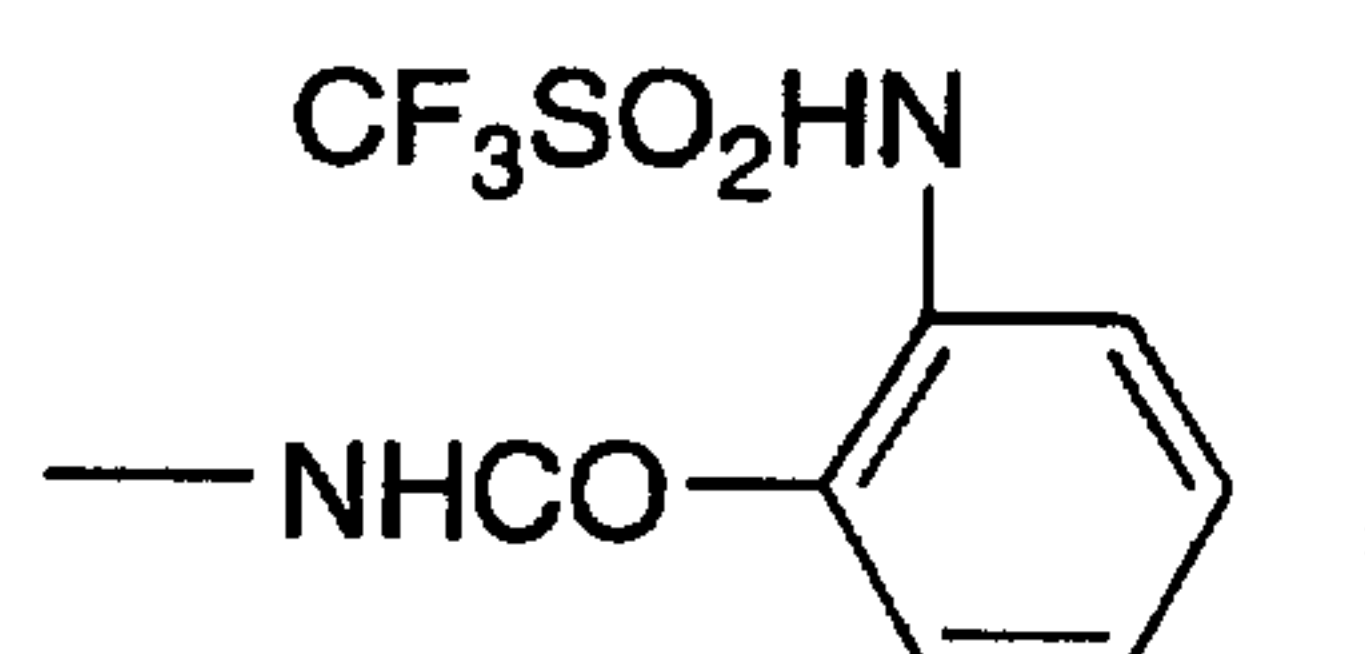
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and R⁶ is n-hexyl then R⁷ and R⁸ are not both hydrogen;

(8) when R¹ is

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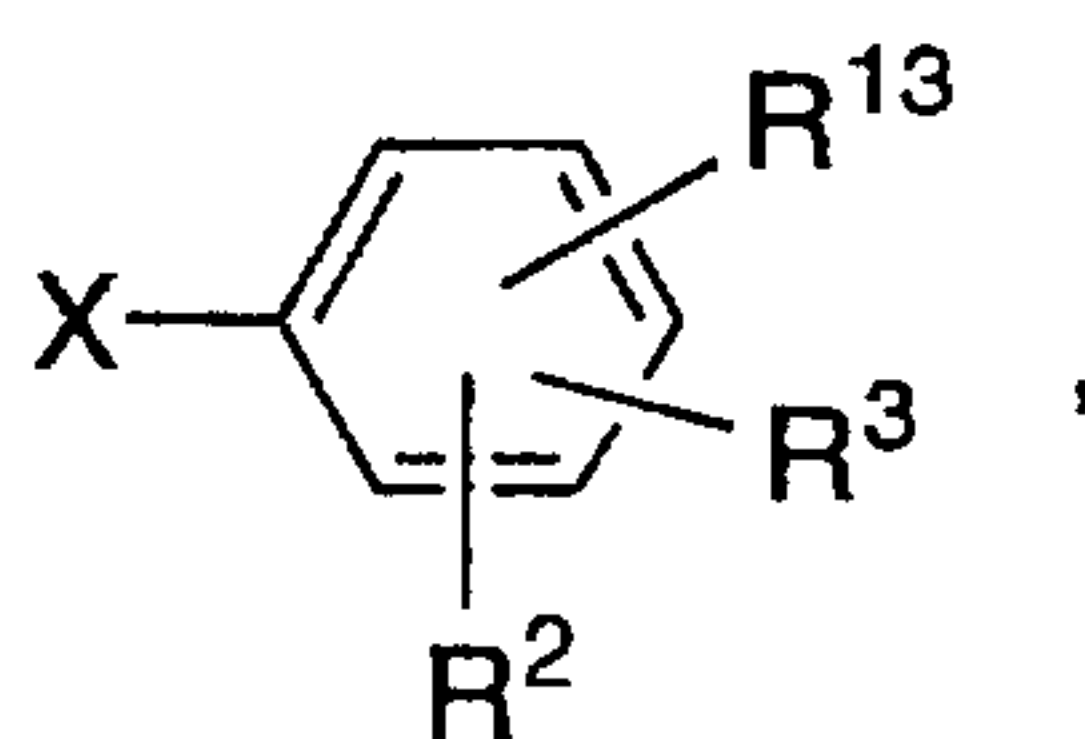


R⁶ is not methoxybenzyl;

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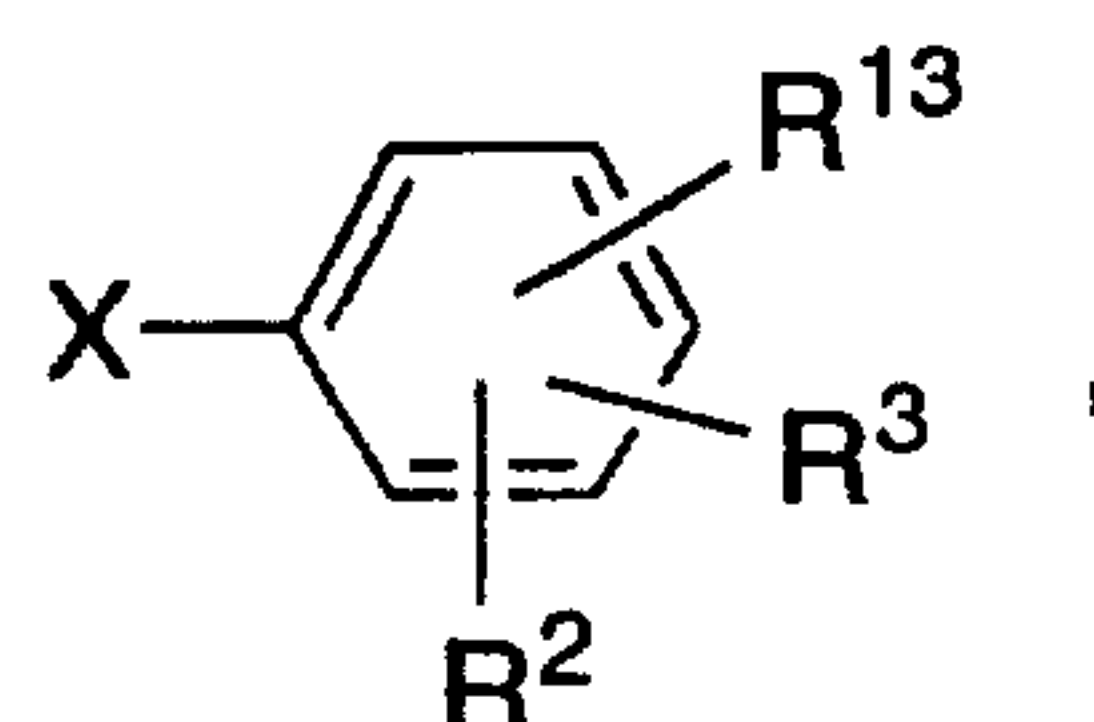
(9) the R⁶ group is not $\text{-CH}(\text{F})\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ or CH₂OH;

(10) when r=0, R¹ is



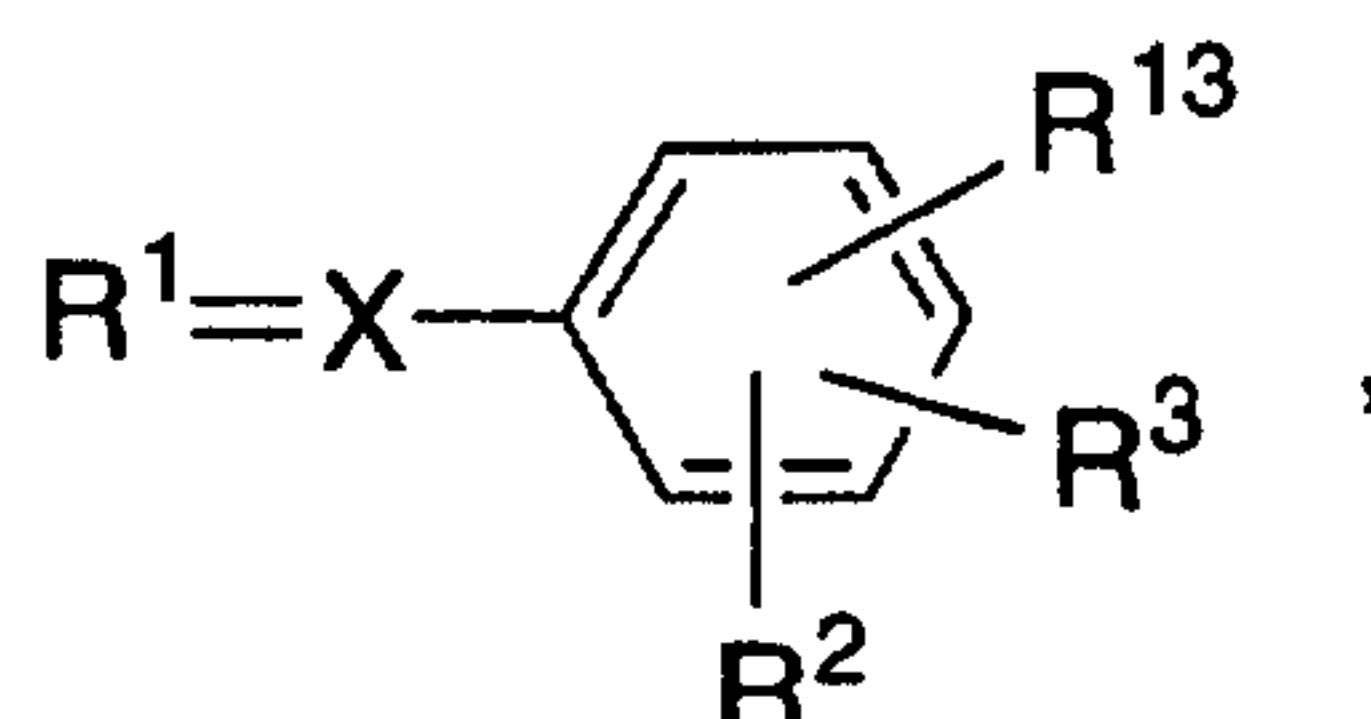
X is $-\text{NH}-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-$, R¹³ is 2-NHSO₂CF₃, and R⁶ is n-propyl,
then R⁷ and R⁸ are not -CO₂CH₃;

5 (11) when r=0, R¹ is



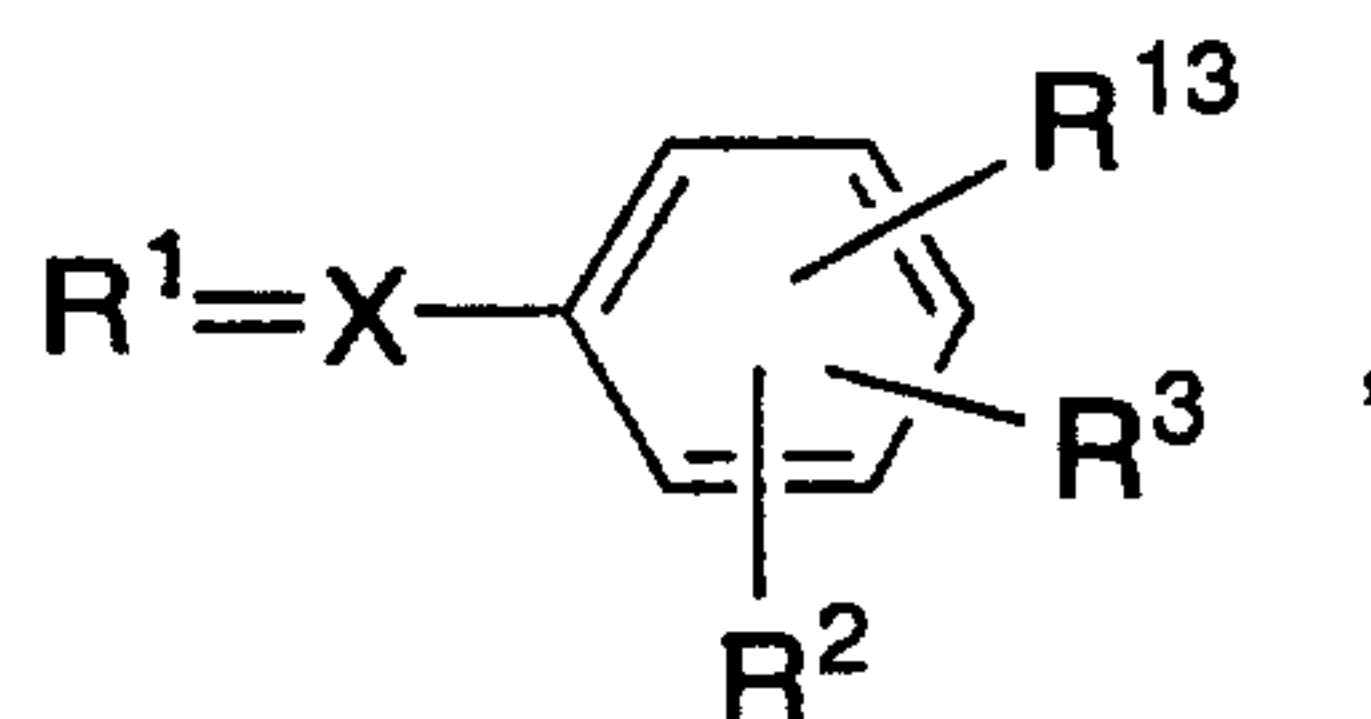
10 X is $\text{NH}-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-$,
R¹³ is 2-COOH, and R⁶ is n-propyl, then R⁷ and R⁸ are
not -CO₂CH₃;

(12) when r=1,



15 X is a single bond, R⁷ is Cl, and R⁸ is -CHO, then R¹³ is
not 3-(tetrazol-5-yl);

(13) when r=1,



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X is a single bond, R⁷ is Cl, and R⁸ is -CHO, then
R¹³ is not 4-(tetrazol-5-yl).

A preferred embodiment of the invention is the method as recited above, wherein the angiotensin II receptor antagonist is losartan or EXP-3174 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof. The most preferred embodiment is the method, as recited above, wherein the symptomatic heart failure patient is age 65 or older.

EXAMPLE 1

ELITE Study

Patients and methods

The ELITE study was a prospective double-blind, randomized, parallel, captopril-controlled clinical trial conducted at 125 centers in the United States, Europe and South America. The study was approved by institutional review boards at each site; all patients gave written informed consent. An independent Data and Safety Monitoring Committee monitored the progress of the study. See Pitt B, Chang P, Timmermans P. Angiotensin II receptor antagonists in heart failure: Rationale and design of the Evaluation of Losartan in the Elderly (ELITE) Trial. Cardiovascular Drugs and Therapy 1995; 9: 693-700.

Patient Population

Patients were 65 years or older (two thirds 70 years or older) with symptomatic heart failure (New York Heart Association Class II-IV), decreased left ventricular ejection fraction of 40 percent or less, and had no history of prior ACE inhibitor therapy. A detailed description of enrollment and exclusion criteria and study design has been presented previously. See Pitt B, Chang P, Timmermans P. Angiotensin II receptor antagonists in heart failure: Rationale and design of the Evaluation of Losartan in the Elderly (ELITE) Trial. Cardiovascular Drugs and Therapy 1995; 9: 693-700.

Randomization and Study Therapy

Following a two-week placebo run-in, patients were randomized to 48 weeks of active therapy, either to captopril 6.25 mg titrated to 12.5 mg, 25 mg and then 50 mg three times daily (plus placebo for losartan) or to losartan 12.5 mg, titrated to 25 mg and then

50 mg once daily (plus placebo for captopril). Titration generally occurred at 7-day intervals as tolerated. Treatment with all other concomitant cardiovascular therapies was permitted with the exception of open-label ACE inhibitors. Randomized patients were stratified by age (less than 70 and 70 years or greater).

Evaluation of Patients

Clinical assessments were performed weekly during titration and at three-month intervals thereafter. Laboratory evaluations were performed at weeks three, six, and twelve, and at three month intervals thereafter.

Study Endpoints

The primary endpoint of the study was a safety measure of the development of renal dysfunction, defined as an increase in serum creatinine ≥ 0.3 mg/dL from baseline that was confirmed by a repeat measurement in 5 to 14 days of the first determination, during continued treatment. All-cause mortality and heart failure hospitalizations were each prespecified endpoints, and the composite of death and/or heart failure hospitalizations was added as the secondary endpoint by protocol amendment based on data from two placebo-controlled 12 week exercise studies (of approximately 350 patients each), demonstrating a beneficial effect on this endpoint. See Example 2) Hypotension-related symptoms, clinically important serum potassium increases (≥ 0.5 mEq/L), and cough, all originally secondary endpoints, were moved to tertiary endpoints. All deaths (including cause of death) and hospitalizations were adjudicated by an independent Clinical Endpoint Adjudication Committee, blinded to study treatment (see *panel* for mortality classification). Other prospectively-defined measures included myocardial infarction/hospitalization for unstable angina, worsening of heart failure, New York Heart Association functional classification, discontinuation from the study due to study drug intolerance, changes in neurohormonal profile.

Panel: Mortality Classification

- Sudden Cardiac Death: Death occurring without warning or within 1 hour of symptoms
- 5 • Death due to Progressive Heart Failure: Death preceded by worsening signs and/or symptoms of heart failure, including cardiogenic shock
- 10 • Fatal Myocardial Infarction: Death associated with autopsy-verified myocardial infarction or death within 28 days of a hospital-verified acute myocardial infarction provided no other cardiac or non-cardiac cause of death is found
- Death due to Other Cardiac Causes: Death due to other cardiac causes, such as arrhythmia
- Death due to Other Vascular Causes: Death due to vascular events such as stroke, pulmonary embolus, ruptured aneurysm, etc.
- 15 • Death due to non-cardiovascular causes: Death not due to any cardiac or vascular events

Statistical Methods

20 The power and sample-size estimates for this study have been described. See Pitt B, Chang P, Timmermans P. Angiotensin II receptor antagonists in heart failure: Rationale and design of the Evaluation of Losartan in the Elderly (ELITE) Trial. Cardiovascular Drugs and Therapy 1995; 9: 693-700. Analysis of renal dysfunction (increases in serum creatinine) was based upon a modified intent-to-treat

25 population; i.e., all patients were analyzed according to their randomization group, and an endpoint was declared only if initial and confirmatory elevations occurred while on double-blind therapy. Patients who discontinued from the study without meeting this endpoint were censored in the time-to-event analysis at the time of study

30 discontinuation.

Analyses of deaths and heart failure hospitalizations (adjudicated endpoints) were based on an intent-to-treat population; all patients discontinued prematurely were followed through the specified 48-week period of the study. Patients not meeting the endpoint were

35 censored in the time-to-event analysis either at the time of study completion (for patients who completed) or at the end of the 48-week follow-up period (for patients who discontinued).

For all time-to-event data, survival analyses were based upon the log-rank test. The effect of treatment group in the model was tested controlling for the stratification factor (age category [less than 70 or 70 years and older]). The time to *first* event was used for each
5 endpoint. Risk reductions were based upon Mantel-Haenszel adjusted (for age category) relative risk estimates.

The primary endpoint was tested at the 5% level of significance. No multiplicity adjustments were made for the test of the secondary endpoint or for other tests of interest; unadjusted p-values are
10 presented.

Over approximately a two-year recruitment period, 722 patients enrolled, 352 were randomized to losartan and 370 to captopril (Figure 1). The two treatment groups were similar with respect to all baseline characteristics (Table 1). Concomitant therapies during the
15 study were similar between the two treatment groups; diuretics were used in over 70 percent of patients, digitalis in over 55% of patients and non-ACE inhibitor vasodilatory drugs (including hydralazine and nitrates) in over 50 percent of patients in both treatment groups. Three
20 hundred patients (85 percent) were titrated to the target dose of losartan 50mg once daily, and 321 patients (84 percent) in the captopril group were titrated to the target dose of 50mg three times a day. Seventy-five percent of losartan-treated patients remained on the targeted dose of 50mg daily (mean daily dose 42.6 mg per day), and 71 percent of
25 captopril patients remained on the targeted dose of 50mg three times a day (mean daily dose 122.7 mg per day).

Table 1. Baseline Clinical Characteristics and Drug Therapy, According to Treatment Group

CHARACTERISTIC		LOSARTAN (n=352)	CAPTOPRIL (n=370)
		<i>number (percent) of patients</i>	
Sex			
	Male	234 (66.5)	248 (67.0)
	Female	118 (33.5)	122 (33.0)
Age (years)			
	<70	95 (27.0)	119 (32.2)
	≥70	257 (73.0)	251 (67.8)
	Mean (S.D.)	74 (5.8)	73 (6.1)
Race			
	Caucasian	320 (90.9)	326 (88.1)
	Black	16 (4.6)	18 (4.9)
	Other	16 (4.6)	26 (7.0)
Etiology of Heart Failure [†]			
	Ischemic Heart Disease	242 (68.8)	250 (67.6)
	Non-Ischemic Heart Disease	110 (31.3)	120 (32.4)
NYHA Functional Class ^{††}			
	II	231 (65.6)	237 (64.1)
	III	116 (33.0)	126 (34.1)
	IV	5 (1.4)	7 (1.9)
Drug Therapy			
	Diuretics	260 (73.9)	275 (74.3)
	Digitalis	199 (56.5)	209 (56.5)
	Hydralazine	12 (3.4)	12 (3.2)
	Nitrates	180 (51.1)	191 (51.6)
	Calcium Channel Blockers	123 (34.9)	121 (32.7)
	Potassium Supplement	91 (25.9)	89 (24.1)
	Anticoagulants	60 (17.0)	69 (18.6)
	Beta-Blockers	55 (15.6)	63 (17.0)
	Antiarrhythmics	37 (10.5)	39 (10.5)
Secondary Diagnoses [†]			
	Myocardial Infarction	184 (52.3)	177 (47.8)
	Hypertension	201 (57.1)	212 (57.3)
	Atrial Fibrillation	86 (24.4)	82 (22.2)
	Diabetes mellitus	94 (26.7)	89 (24.1)
	Renal Insufficiency	21 (6.0)	26 (7.0)
	Stroke	32 (9.1)	37 (10.0)
	Current smoker (cigarettes)	39 (11.1)	45 (12.2)
		<i>mean (S.D.)</i>	
Ejection Fraction (%)		31 (7.2)	30 (7.6)
Serum Creatinine (mg/dl) ^{†††}		1.2 (0.4)	1.2 (0.4)
Serum Potassium (mEq/L) ^{†††}		4.3 (0.4)	4.3 (0.5)
Heart Rate (beats per minute)		73 (11.7)	74 (10.4)
Blood Pressure			
	Systolic (mmHg)	137 (17.6)	137 (19.1)
	Diastolic (mmHg)	79 (9.4)	79 (10.6)
Weight (kg)		76 (33.1)	74 (33.8)

Key to Table 1:

† Based on patient history.

†† NYHA denotes New York Heart Association.

5 ††† To convert to micromoles per liter, multiply by 88.4; mEq/L is the equivalent of millimoles per liter.

Renal Dysfunction

There was no significant difference between losartan and captopril in terms of persistent increases (i.e., confirmed by a repeat measurement during continued treatment) in serum creatinine ≥ 0.3 mg/dL from baseline (10.5 percent versus 10.5 percent, $p=0.629$; Table 2). Single rises of serum creatinine ≥ 0.3 mg/dL were documented in 92 losartan-treated patients (26.1 percent) and 110 captopril-treated patients (29.7 percent), with a trend towards fewer events occurring in losartan-treated patients (14 percent risk reduction, 95 percent confidence intervals -0.09 to 0.32; $p=0.060$). Of these patients with single rises of serum creatinine ≥ 0.3 mg/dL, 68 percent had confirmation measurements performed while on active therapy per protocol; 55 percent of the patients who had these confirmation measurements met the endpoint.

Death and/or Heart Failure Hospitalizations

Follow-up data on death and hospitalizations were complete except for one losartan-treated patient who was discontinued after one dose of study medication. During the course of the study, death and/or heart failure hospitalizations occurred in 33 of 352 losartan-treated patients (9.4 percent) compared to 49 of 370 captopril-treated patients (13.2 percent) ($p=0.075$). This decrease in death and/or heart failure hospitalizations observed with losartan versus captopril was entirely due to a 46 percent decrease in total mortality (17 versus 32 patients [$p=0.035$]; Table 3). The cumulative survival curves (intent-to-treat) separated early and remained so throughout the 48-week study period (Figure 2). The observed decrease in total mortality was primarily due to a reduction in sudden cardiac death (five versus 14 patients, $p=0.043$); only one patient died of progressive heart failure in each treatment group (Table 3). Fatal myocardial infarction occurred in one

losartan-treated patient versus four in the captopril arm. The effect of losartan versus captopril on mortality was generally a consistent observation across the different subgroups (Figure 3), except in a subpopulation of female patients (9 of 118 losartan-treated versus 8 of 122 captopril-treated female patients died).

Fewer losartan-treated patients were hospitalized overall for any reason during the 48-week study observation period than captopril-treated patients (86 [24.4 percent] versus 119 [32.2 percent]; $p=0.018$). The incidence of heart failure hospitalizations however was not different between treatment groups (both 5.7 percent) (Table 3).

Functional Status and Norepinephrine Levels

New York Heart Association functional class improved similarly with losartan and captopril treatment ($p \leq 0.001$ versus baseline for each treatment group); 80 percent of losartan-treated patients and 82 percent of captopril-treated patients were classified as New York Heart Association Class I or II at the end of the study versus 66 percent of losartan-treated patients and 64 percent of captopril-treated patients at baseline (Figure 4). With regard to plasma norepinephrine levels, a three percent decrease from a geometric mean baseline of 469 pg/mL was observed at 48 weeks with losartan treatment, as compared to a five percent increase from a geometric mean baseline of 424 pg/mL with captopril ($p = \text{NS}$ between treatment groups).

Table 2. Frequency of Increases in Serum Creatinine in All Patients and by Age

EVENT	AGE		TREATMENT	N	CRUDE EVENT RATE <i>number (percent) of patients</i>	RISK REDUCTION	
	CATEGORY	†				(95% CI) ††	P-VALUE †††
≥0.3 mg/dl Increase (confirmed within 5-14 Days)	Overall		Losartan	352	37 (10.5)	0.02 (-0.51, 0.36)	0.629
			Captopril	370	39 (10.5)		
	<70 years		Losartan	95	8 (8.4)	0.00 (-1.44, 0.59)	
			Captopril	119	10 (8.4)		
	≥70 years		Losartan	257	29 (11.3)	0.02 (-0.59, 0.40)	
			Captopril	251	29 (11.6)		

† Treatment comparisons were performed for overall group only.

†† Risk Reduction is the reduced risk of experiencing the related endpoint on losartan compared to captopril (a negative number denotes an increase in risk); overall estimates control for age category; CI denotes confidence interval.

††† P-value based upon log-rank test (survival analysis) with age category included as a stratification factor in the model.

Table 3. Mortality/Heart Failure Hospitalizations and Cause of Death

VARIABLE	LOSARTAN n=352	CAPTOPRIL n=370	RISK REDUCTION (95% CI) [†]	P-VALUE ^{††}
Death and/or Hospitalization for Heart Failure	33 (9.4)	49 (13.2)	0.32 (- 0.04, 0.55)	0.075
Total Mortality	17 (4.8)	32 (8.7)	0.46 (0.05, 0.69)	0.035
Cardiovascular				
Sudden Death	5 (1.4)	14 (3.8)	0.64 (0.03, 0.86)	0.043
Progressive Heart Failure	1 (0.3)	1 (0.3)	-0.11 (-20.23, 0.94)	0.930
Fatal Myocardial Infarction	1 (0.3)	4 (1.1)	0.76 (- 0.83, 0.97)	0.172
Other Vascular	5 (1.4)	5 (1.4)	-0.03 (- 2.63, 0.71)	0.958
Non-cardiovascular	5 (1.4)	8 (2.2)	0.35 (- 0.94, 0.78)	0.434
Hospitalization for Heart Failure	20 (5.7)	21 (5.7)	0.04 (- 0.74, 0.47)	0.894

[†] Risk Reduction is the reduced risk of the related endpoint on losartan compared to captopril (a negative number denotes an increase in risk); estimates control for age category; CI denotes confidence interval.

^{††} P-value based upon log-rank test (survival analysis) with age category included as a stratification factor in the model.

ELITE is the first long-term (48 weeks) study to compare the effect of treatment with losartan, an angiotensin II type 1 receptor antagonist, to an ACE inhibitor (captopril) in patients with symptomatic heart failure and systolic left ventricular dysfunction. Captopril was
5 chosen as the comparative ACE inhibitor in this study because it had been suggested to have less adverse renal effects than longer-acting ACE inhibitors. (See Packer, M., Lee, W.H., Yushak, M., Medina, N.: Comparison of Captopril and Enalapril in patients with severe chronic heart failure. N Engl J Med; 315: 847-853.) The incidence of persistent
10 renal dysfunction, as defined by a persisting increase in serum creatinine of 0.3 mg/dL (the primary endpoint), was not different between losartan- and captopril-treated patients (both 10.5%). The observation overall that both losartan and captopril were relatively well tolerated with regard to renal function was evident, given that less than 2% of
15 patients discontinued for this reason in either group. This is of clinical relevance for treating older patients with heart failure.

The results of this study demonstrate that treatment with losartan resulted in a 46% reduction in all-cause mortality compared to captopril, a drug with demonstrated survival benefit in several studies.
20 (See Pfeffer MA, Braunwald E, Moye LA, et al. on behalf of the SAVE Investigators. Effect of captopril on mortality and morbidity in patients with left ventricular dysfunction after myocardial infarction. Results of the Survival and Ventricular Enlargement Trial. N Engl J Med 1992; 327: 669-677; Fonarow GC, Chelimsky-Fallick C, Warner Stevenson L, et al. Effect of direct vasodilation with hydralazine versus angiotensin-
25 converting enzyme inhibition with captopril on mortality in advanced heart failure: the Hy-C trial. J Am Coll Cardiol 1992; 19: 842-850; and ISIS Collaborative Group OU. ISIS-4: Randomized study of oral isosorbide mononitrate in over 50,000 patients with suspected acute
30 myocardial infarction. Circulation 1993; 88: I394.) The cumulative survival benefit of losartan was observed early during the study, persisted throughout the 48-week treatment period, and was consistent among all subgroups except in female patients. It should be noted that the number of female patients enrolled in this study was relatively small;
35 and the mortality benefit could not be demonstrated in this study. The

greater drop-out rate in the captopril-treated patients did not account for the beneficial effects of losartan on total mortality; the treatment difference in total mortality was primarily due to those who remained on active therapy.

5 An improvement in survival with losartan of similar magnitude has also been observed in two placebo-controlled 12-week exercise studies. See Klinger G, Jaramillo N, Ikram H, et al. Effects of losartan on exercise capacity, morbidity and mortality in patients with symptomatic heart failure. J Am Coll Cardiol 1996 (in press);
10 (Abstract). The three-month control group mortality rates in the exercise studies and the present study were comparable to the placebo and enalapril mortality rates respectively in the Studies of Left Ventricular Dysfunction (SOLVD) trial (Figure 5). See The SOLVD Investigators. Effect of enalapril on survival in patients with reduced
15 left ventricular ejection fractions and congestive heart failure. N Engl J Med 1991; 325: 293-302. Despite the limitations of cross-study comparisons, treatment with losartan in the exercise studies and the present study was associated with comparably low mortality rates which were less than the observed mortality rates for both placebo and
20 enalapril in SOLVD.

 Prior to the use of ACE inhibitors, progressive heart failure accounted for approximately 50% of deaths due to heart failure. See Applefield MM. Chronic congestive heart failure: Where have we been? Where are we heading? Am J Med 1986; 80: 73-77. In patients
25 with mild to moderate heart failure treated with an ACE inhibitor, death due to progressive heart failure has diminished so that sudden cardiac death is currently the predominant mode of death. For example, in the recently discontinued Survival With Oral *d*-Sotalol (SWORD) trial, in which patients with mild to moderate heart failure or left ventricular
30 dysfunction were randomized to *d*-Sotalol or placebo on a background of usual therapy including an ACE inhibitor, arrhythmic death accounted for approximately two-thirds of total mortality in the placebo group, while progressive heart failure for only one-sixth. See Waldo AL, Camm AJ, deRuyter H, et al. for the SWORD Investigators. Effect
35 of *d*-sotalol on mortality in patients with left ventricular dysfunction

after recent and remote myocardial infarction. Lancet 1996; 348: 7-12. In the present study, sudden cardiac death was also the most prominent cause of death in the captopril-treated patients. Of interest, the observed reduction in mortality on losartan compared to captopril-treated patients in the present study was primarily due to a reduction in sudden cardiac death (see Table 3). Few patients died due to progressive heart failure or to fatal myocardial infarction in either treatment group, although numerically, fatal myocardial infarction deaths occurred less with losartan.

10 The mechanism by which losartan reduces sudden cardiac death in comparison to captopril is uncertain. Whether the reduction in sudden cardiac death was due to more complete blockade of angiotensin II effects or an intrinsic antiarrhythmic/antifibrillatory property of losartan remains to be determined. ACE activity may not be completely
15 suppressed by the presently studied captopril dosing regimen (target dose of 50 mg three times daily), which is a regimen considered to have a mortality benefit. See Cohn JN. The management of chronic heart failure. N Engl J Med 1996; 335: 490-498. In addition angiotensin II may also be formed by non-ACE-dependent pathways. (See Miura S,
20 Ideishi M, Sakai T, et al. Angiotensin II formation by an alternative pathway during exercise in humans. J Hypertension 1994; 12: 1177-1181; Urata H, Kinoshita A, Misono KS, Bumpus FM, Husain A. Identification of a highly specific chymase as the major angiotensin II-forming enzyme in the human chymase. J Biol Chem 1990; 265: 22348-
25 22357; Urata H, Strobel F, Ganten D. Widespread tissue distribution of human chymase. J Hypertension 1994; 12: S17-S22; and Aldigier JC, Huang H, Dalmay F, et al. Angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibition does not suppress plasma angiotensin II increase during exercise in humans. J Cardiovasc Pharmacol 1993; 21: 289-295.) It is possible that
30 more complete blockade of angiotensin II effects by losartan may result in more complete suppression of catecholamines at the tissue level. See Brasch H, Sieroslowski L, Dominiak P. Angiotensin II increases norepinephrine release from atria by acting on angiotensin subtype 1 receptors. Hypertension 1993; 22: 699-704. Furthermore, bradykinin,
35 which is known to release norepinephrine, is not elevated with direct

angiotensin II blockade compared with ACE inhibitor therapy. (See
Minisi AJ, Thames MD. Distribution of left ventricular sympathetic
afferents demonstrated by reflex responses to transmural myocardial
ischemia and to intracoronary and epicardial bradykinin. *Circulation*
5 1993; 87: 240-246; and Timmermans P, Wong PC, Chiu AT, et al.
Angiotensin II receptors and angiotensin II receptor antagonists.
Pharmacol Reviews 1993; 45: 205-251.) A small decrease in mean
plasma norepinephrine was observed in the present study with losartan
compared to captopril. Plasma catecholamine levels may not, however,
10 reflect local cardiac tissue levels, and resting values may not reflect
transient increases during stress or ischemia.

In this study, heart failure status appeared to improve to a
similar degree in both treatment groups. New York Heart Association
15 functional class improved significantly and to a comparable extent from
baseline following long-term treatment with both losartan and captopril
(Figure 4). The rate of hospitalization for heart failure in patients
treated with losartan was also similar to that observed in patients treated
with captopril. Another similarity was the low incidence of death due to
20 progressive heart failure (less than one percent for both losartan and
captopril-treated patients), suggesting a similar beneficial effect for both
treatments. Overall hospitalizations were however less frequent with
losartan treatment versus captoril.

In conclusion, in older patients with symptomatic heart
25 failure, losartan was better tolerated compared to captopril, with fewer
patients discontinuing therapy due to adverse effects or being
hospitalized, but was not different from captopril in causing persistent
renal dysfunction defined as a sustained increase in serum creatinine.
The effects on progressive heart failure hospitalization and
30 improvement in New York Heart Association functional class were
similar in the two treatment groups. There was, however, a decrease in
all-cause mortality observed with losartan compared to captopril
treatment, mainly due to a reduction in sudden cardiac death. These
findings suggest that treatment with losartan may offer important

therapeutic benefits compared to an ACE inhibitor, and may have far reaching implications for the treatment of patients with heart failure.

EXAMPLE 2

5 Exercise Study—Protocols A & B

Protocols A & B were, multicenter, double-blind, randomized, parallel, placebo-controlled studies to investigate the effects of losartan on the exercise capacity and clinical status of patients over the age of 18 with symptomatic heart failure.

10 Approximately three hundred and fifty (350) patients with symptomatic heart failure (NYHA Functional Class II-IV, at least 50% Class III-IV) and left ventricular ejection fraction $\leq 40\%$ were randomized to receive either losartan or placebo once daily for 12 weeks in each study. Following a minimum 15-day baseline placebo
15 period, during which a minimum of 5 and maximum of 8 sets of baseline exercise tests (treadmill exercise test and 6-minute walk test) were performed, patients were randomized to treatment with losartan or placebo in a 2:1 ratio, respectively. According to the protocol's, patients must not have received an ACE-inhibitor for at least 6 weeks prior to
20 the third baseline exercise test visit. Treatment with an ACE-inhibitor was not allowed at any time during these studies.

This report summarizes the results of the Meta-analysis performed (as proposed in the Data Analysis Plan) on the observed mortality and congestive heart failure (CHF) hospitalization across these
25 two studies. The mortality and CHF hospitalization were not pre-defined endpoints in the protocols but it was intended that they be analyzed as a part of safety. Thus results from these analyses should not be interpreted as a test of significance as there were no predefined hypotheses corresponding to these safety parameters. However, these
30 results can simply be regarded as a measure of the disparity between the losartan and placebo groups with respect to the observed results across the two studies. Odds ratio's with 95% confidence intervals have been provided for these variables.

Peto-modified Mantel-Haenszel (Fleiss, J.L., Statistical
35 Methods for Rates and Proportions, Wiley, NY, 1981.) method was used

to carry out the Meta-analysis of death and CHF hospitalization rates in the two 12 week exercise studies. This method assumes homogeneity across the studies and provides a test for heterogeneity. Results of the Meta-analysis are displayed in Tables 4-6.

5 A total of three hundred and fifty one (351) patients were enrolled in the protocol A study; 237 patients were randomized to receive losartan and 114 patients were randomized to receive placebo. There were 4 (3.5%) deaths in the placebo group as compared to 4 (1.7%) in the losartan group during the double-blind therapy or as
10 related to serious adverse events (AE) during double-blind. Additionally there were 10 (8.8%) CHF hospitalizations in the placebo group as compared to 10 (4.2%) in the losartan group during the double-blind therapy or as related to serious AE during double-blind. One patient included in the losartan group discontinued due to
15 worsening HF and was hospitalized 2 days after discontinuation from double-blind period.

Table 4 provides the odds ratio for the Death and CHF hospitalization in the protocol A exercise study. The odds of dying in the placebo group are 2.1 times the odds of dying in the losartan group
20 while the odds of CHF hospitalization in the placebo group are 2.2 times the odds of CHF hospitalization in the losartan group. However, since 1.0 is included in both the 95% confidence intervals the possibility that the odds of dying (or CHF hospitalization) in the placebo group is the same as odds of dying (or CHF hospitalization) in the losartan group can
25 not be excluded (see Table 4).

A total of three hundred and eighty five (385) patients were enrolled in the protocol B exercise study; 254 patients were randomized to receive losartan and 131 patients were randomized to receive placebo. There were 9 (6.9%) deaths in the placebo group as compared to 3
30 (1.2%) in the losartan group during the double-blind therapy or as related to serious AE during double-blind. Additionally there were 7 (5.3%) CHF hospitalizations in the placebo group as compared to 5 (2.0%) in the losartan group during the double-blind therapy or as related to serious AE during double-blind.

Table 5 provides the odds ratio for the Death and CHF hospitalization in the protocol B exercise study. The odds of dying in the placebo group are 5.6 times the odds of dying in the losartan group while the odds of CHF hospitalization in the placebo group are 2.7 times the odds of CHF hospitalization in the losartan group. The 95% confidence interval for odds ratio of death was (1.61, 19.34). This implies that the odds of dying in the placebo group are greater than the odds of dying in the losartan group. However, since 1.0 is included in the 95% confidence interval for odds ratio of CHF hospitalization, the possibility that the odds of CHF hospitalization in the placebo group is same as the odds of CHF hospitalization in the losartan group can not be excluded (see Table 5).

Since the results from protocols A and B are consistent, a safety Meta-analysis as proposed in the Data Analysis Plan has been performed. Homogeneity between the two studies with respect to odds ratio's for death and CHF hospitalization was found.

Table 6 provides the results of the Meta-analysis of the two 12 week exercise studies. The odds of dying in the placebo group are 3.5 times the odds of dying in the losartan group while the odds of CHF hospitalization in the placebo group are 2.4 times the odds of CHF hospitalization in the losartan group. The 95% confidence intervals for odds ratio's with respect to death and CHF hospitalization are (1.43, 8.77) and (1.19, 4.76), respectively. Thus the odds of dying in the placebo group are significantly greater than the odds of dying in the losartan group. Similarly the odds of CHF hospitalization in the placebo group are significantly greater than the odds of CHF hospitalization in the losartan group.

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TABLE 4
CLINICAL EVENTS—PROTOCOL A

	PBO (N=131)	Losartan (N=254)	Odds Ratio	95% Confidence Intervals	
				Lower	Upper
Death ^b	3.5%	1.7%	2.1	0.56	7.96
CHF Hospitalization (during DB)	8.8%	4.2% ^a	2.2	0.90	5.28

b : during double-blind therapy or was related to SAE during double-blind

- 5 a : one patient discontinued due to worsening HF and was hospitalized 2 days after discontinuation from double-blind.

TABLE 5
CLINICAL EVENTS — PROTOCOL B

	PBO (N=131)	Losartan (N=254)	Odds Ratio	95% Confidence Intervals	
				Lower	Upper
Death ^b	6.9%	1.2%	5.6*	1.61	19.34
CHF Hospitalization (during DB)	5.3%	2.0%	2.7	0.89	8.39

b: during double-blind therapy or was related to Serious AE during double-blind

*: odds are greater for placebo group as compared to losartan group

TABLE 6—Meta-Analysis[@]
CLINICAL EVENTS—PROTOCOLS A & B

	PBO (N=245)	Losartan (N=491)	Odds Ratio	95% Confidence Intervals	
				Lower	Upper
Death ^b	5.3%	1.4%	3.5*	1.43	8.77
CHF Hospitalization (during double-blind)	6.9%	3.1% ^a	2.4*	1.19	4.76

@: Peto-modified Mantel-Haenszel method

5 b: during double-blind therapy or was related to Serious AE during double-blind

a: one patient discontinued due to worsening HF and was hospitalized 2 days after discontinuation from double-blind.

*: odds are greater for placebo group as compared to losartan group

CLAIMS:

1. Use of an angiotensin II (AT₁) receptor antagonist in the manufacture of a medicament for reducing mortality in a symptomatic heart failure patient.

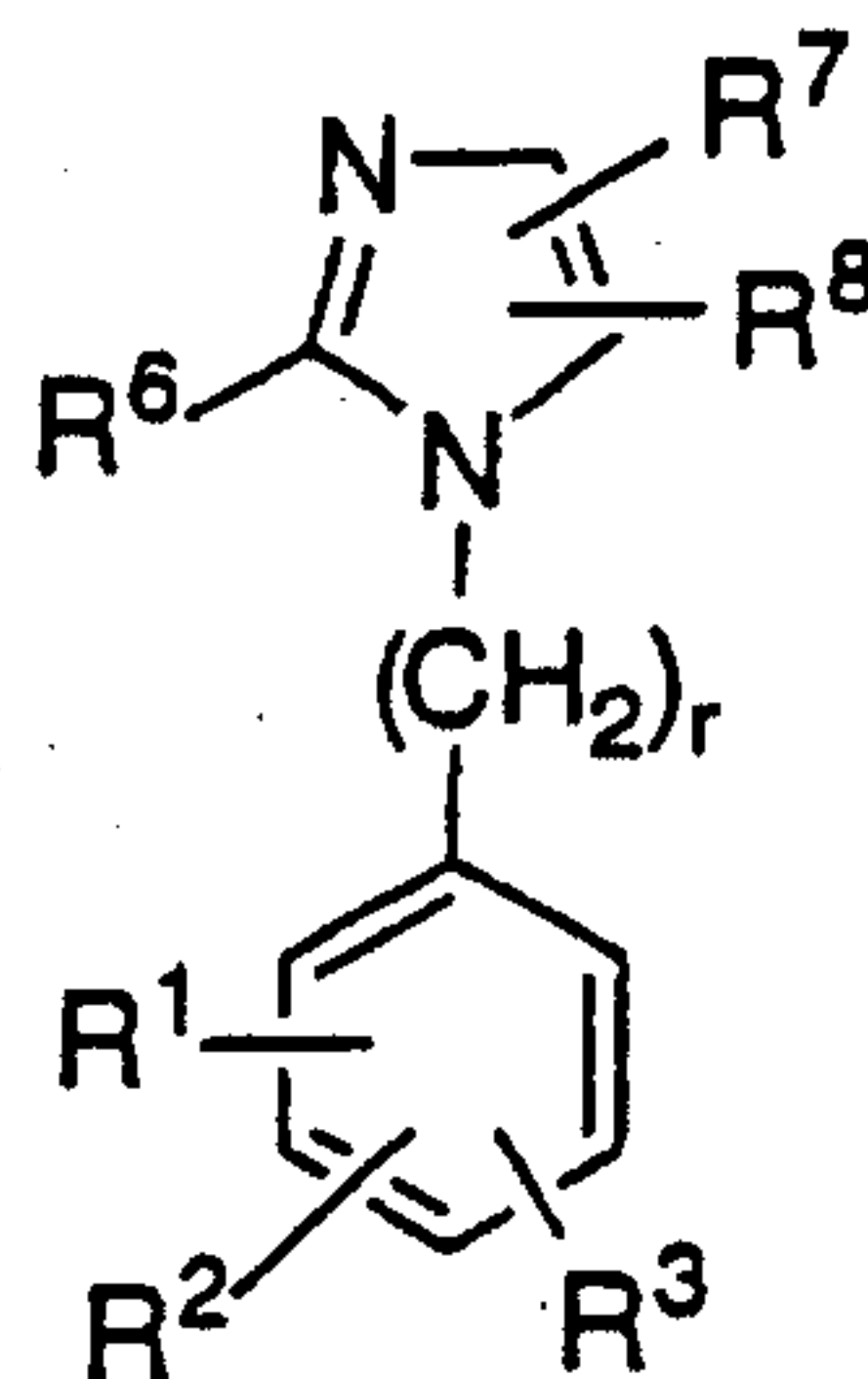
2. Use of an angiotensin II (AT₁) receptor antagonist selected from the group consisting of: candesartan cilexetil, eprosartan, irbesartan, losartan, tasosartan, telmisartan, valsartan, 3-(2'-(tetrazol-5-yl)1,1'-biphen-4-yl)methyl-5,7-dimethyl-2-ethyl-3H-imidazo[4,5b]pyridine, 4[2-ethyl-4-methyl-6-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydroimidazol{1,2-a}pyridine-2-yl]-benzimidazol-1-yl]-methyl-1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxylic acid, 2-butyl-6-(1-methoxy-1-methylethyl)-2-[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-ylmethyl]guinazolin-4(3H)-one, 3-[(2'-carboxybiphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-2-cyclopropyl-7-methyl-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine, 2-butyl-4-chloro-1-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]-1H-imidazole-5-carboxylic acid-1-(ethoxycarbonyl-oxy)ethyl ester potassium salt, dipotassium 2-butyl-4-(methylthio)-1-[[2-[[[(propylamino)carbonyl]-amino]sulfonyl](1,1'-biphenyl)-4-yl]methyl]-1H-imidazole-5-carboxylate, methyl-2-[[4-butyl-2-methyl-6-oxo-5[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]-1-(6H)-pyrimidinyl]methyl]-3-thiophencarboxylate, 5-[(3,5-dibutyl-1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)methyl]-2-[1H-tetrazol-5-ylphenyl]pyridine, 6-butyl-2-(2-phenylethyl)-5-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-methyl]pyrimidin-4-(3H)-one D,L lysine salt, 5-methyl-7-n-propyl-8-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]methyl]-[1,2,4]-triazolo[1,5-c]pyrimidin-2(3H)-one, 2,7-diethyl-5-[[2'-(5-tetrazolyl)biphenyl-4-

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ester in the manufacture of a medicament for reducing mortality in a symptomatic heart failure patient.

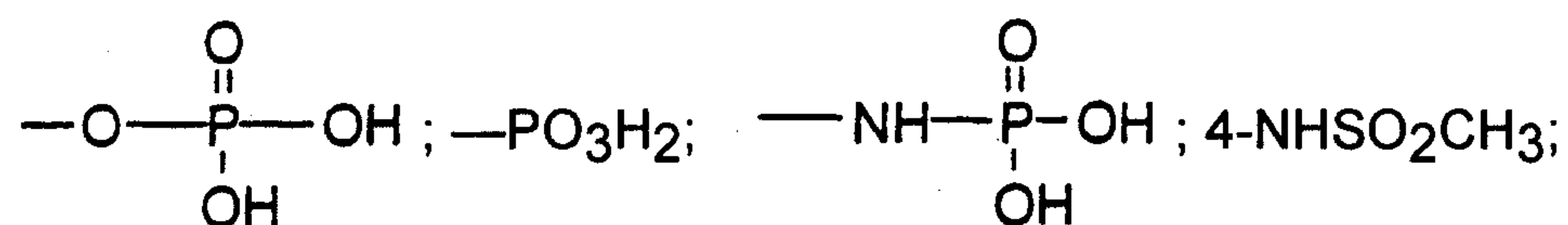
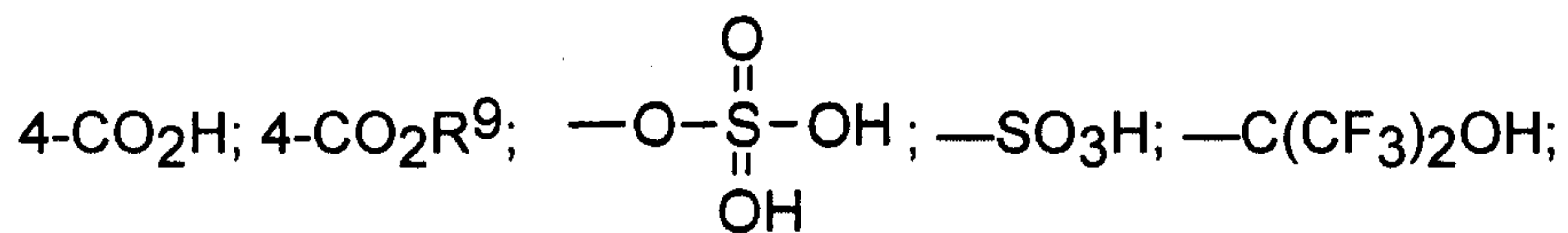
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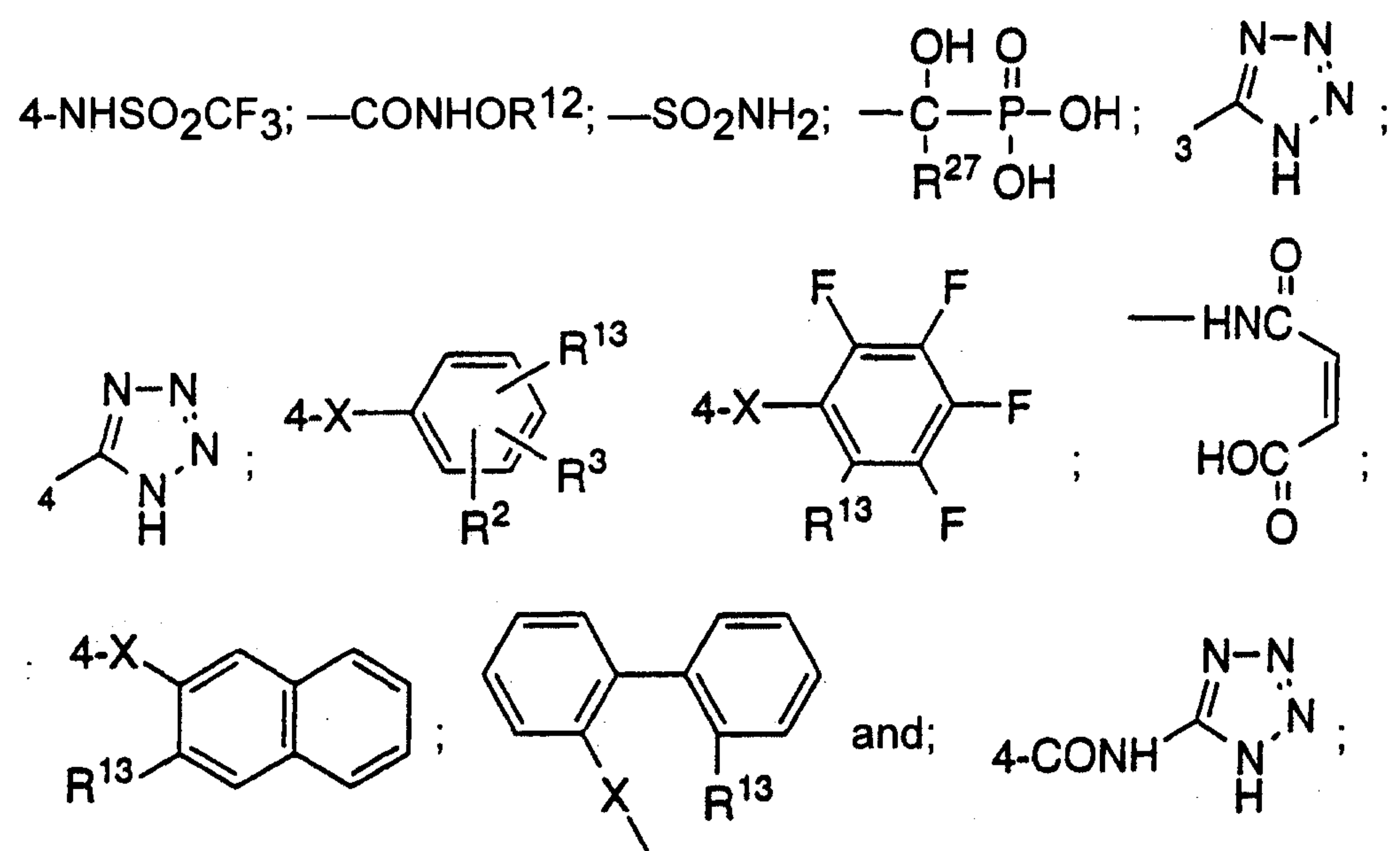
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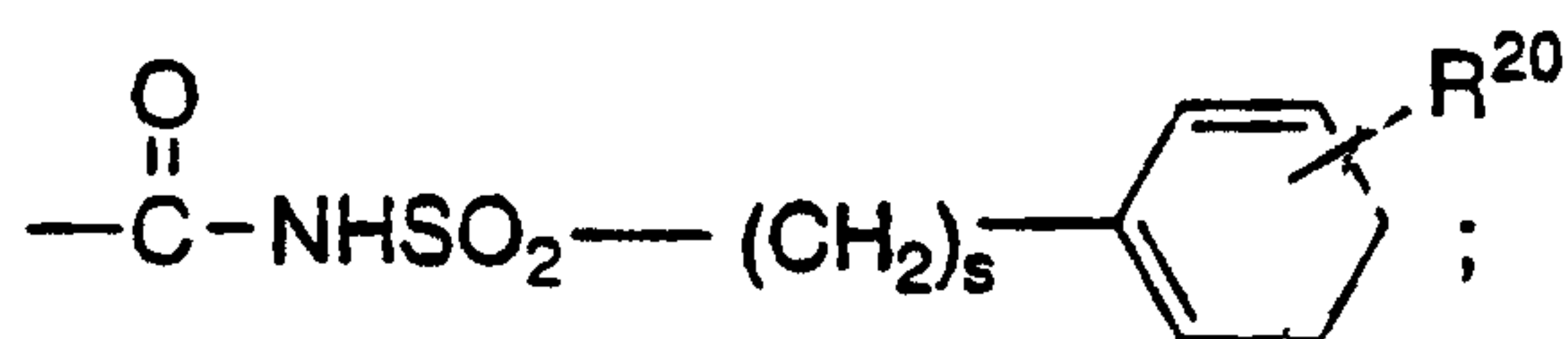
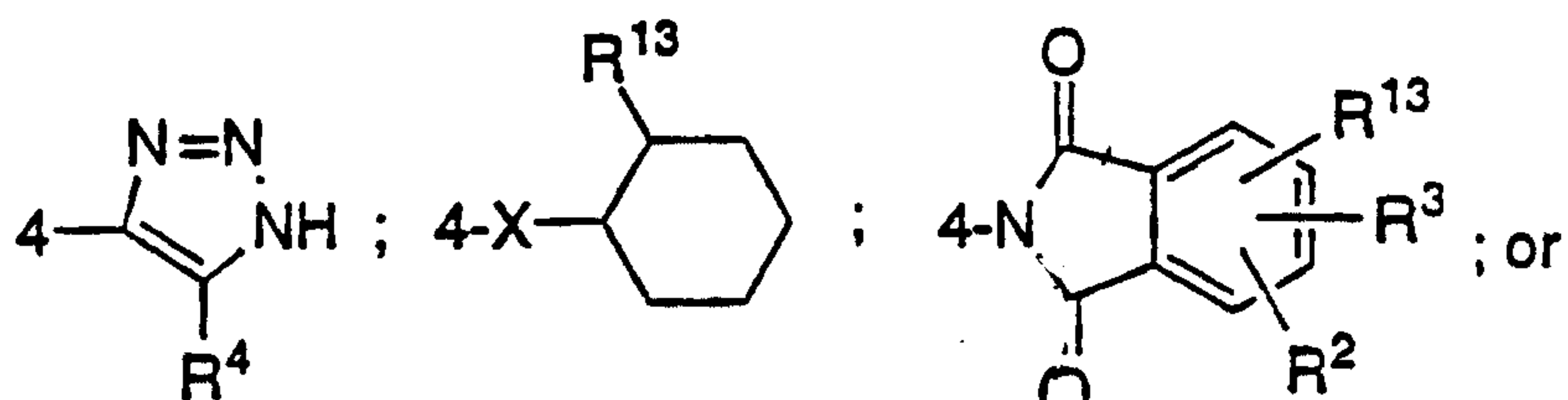
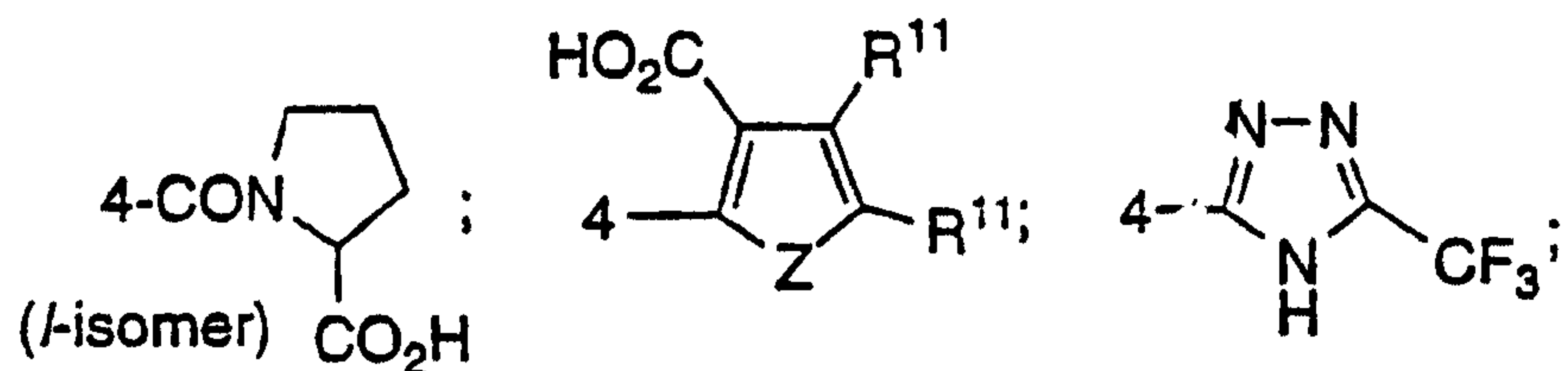
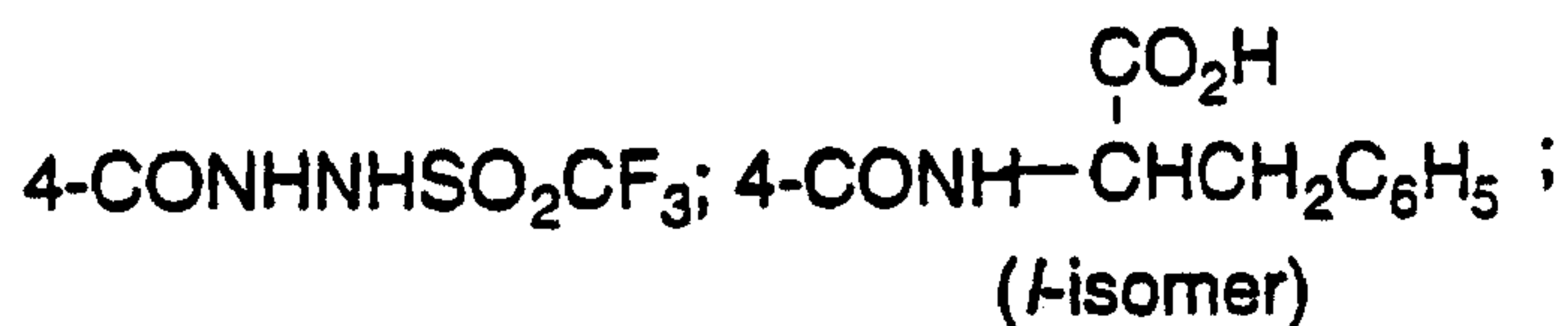


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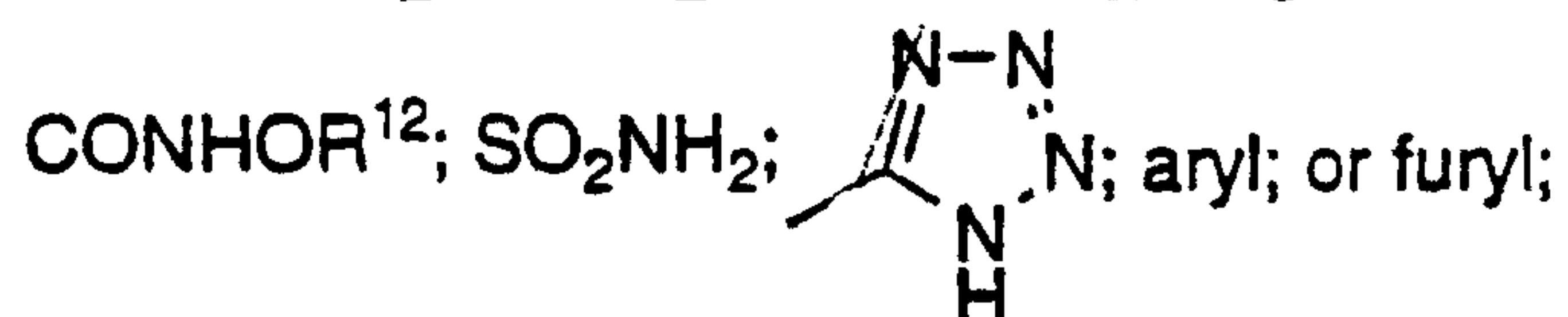
R¹ is selected from the group consisting of:







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R³ is H; Cl, Br, I or F; alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms or alkoxy of 1 to 4 carbon atoms;

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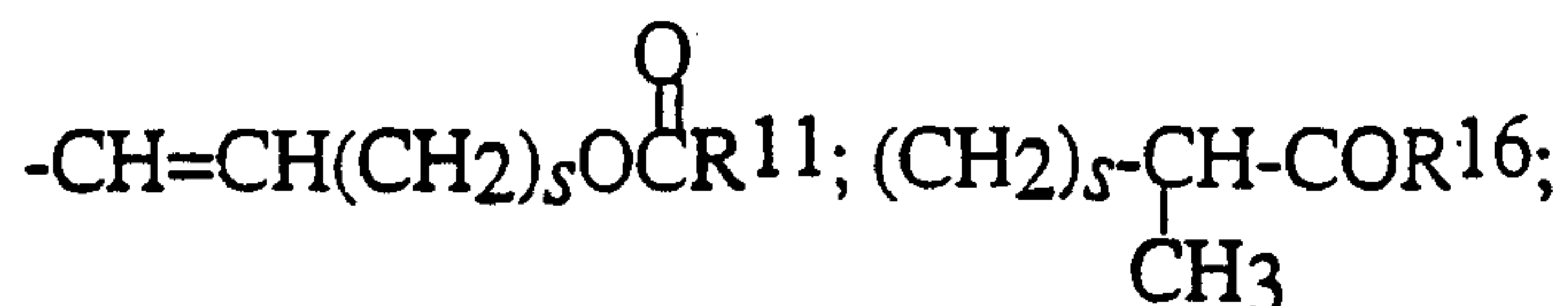
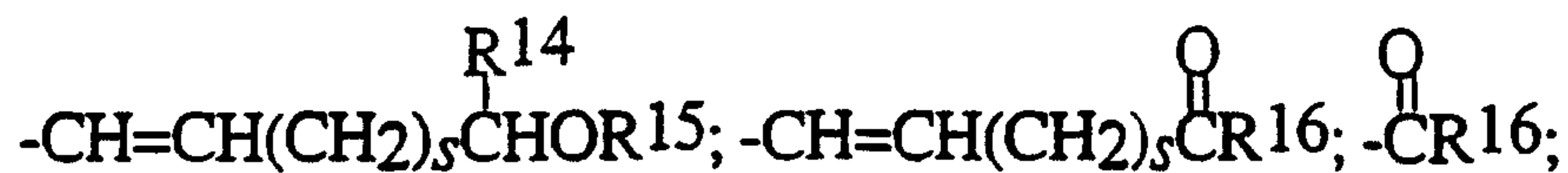
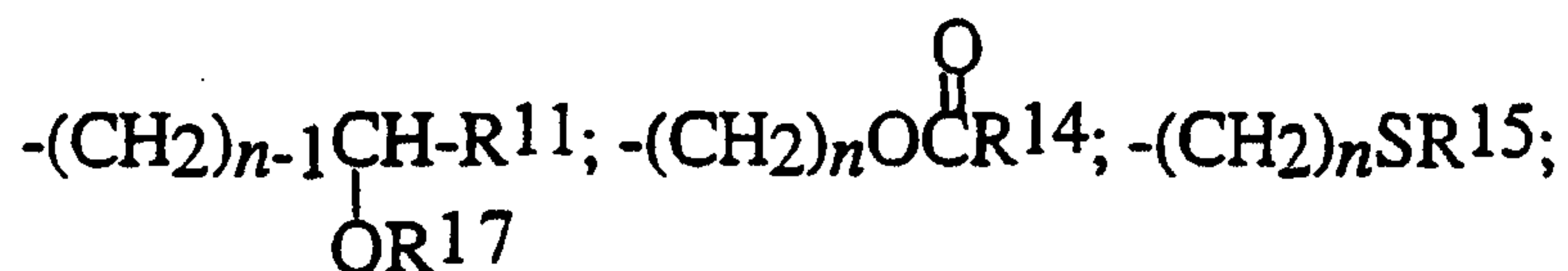
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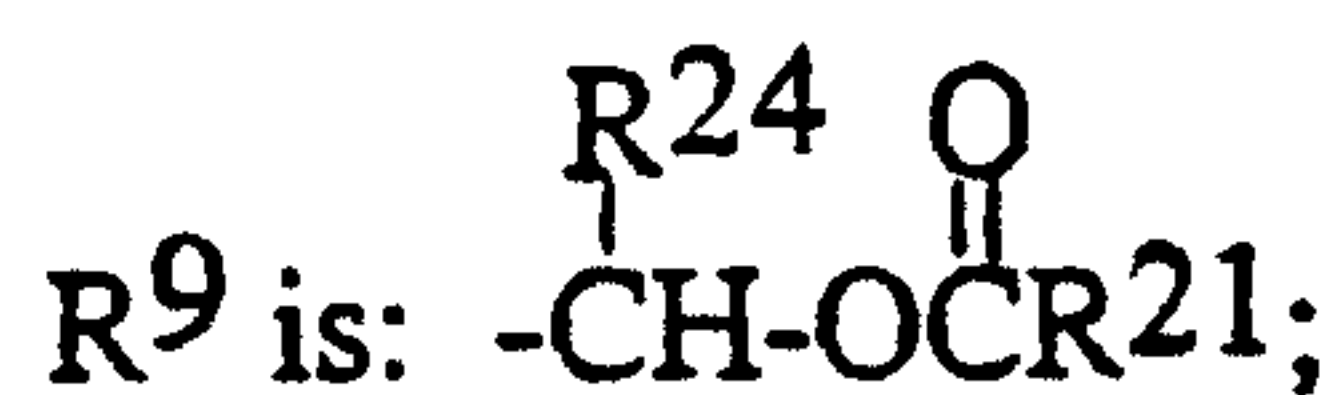
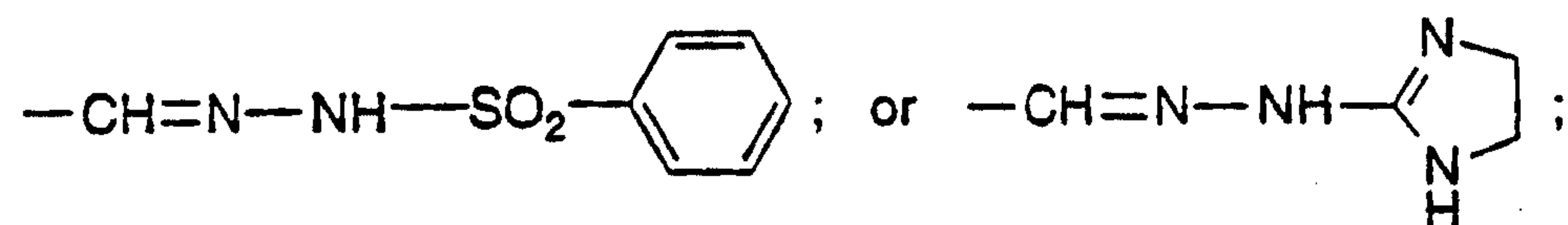
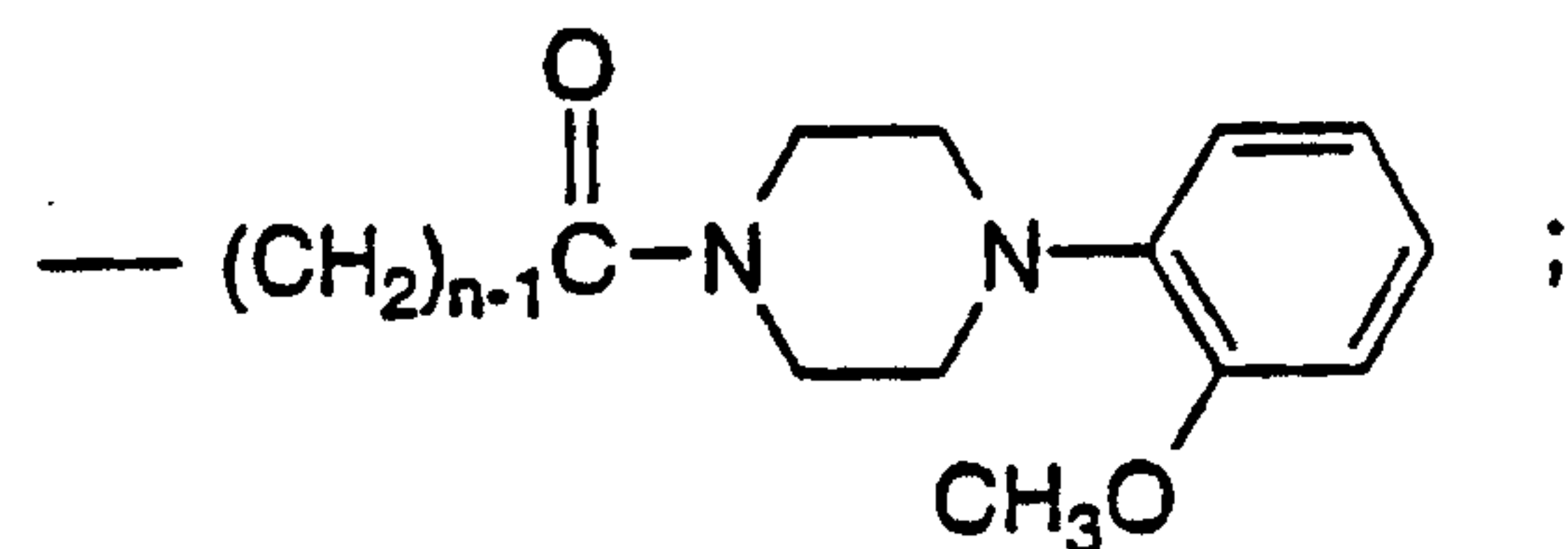
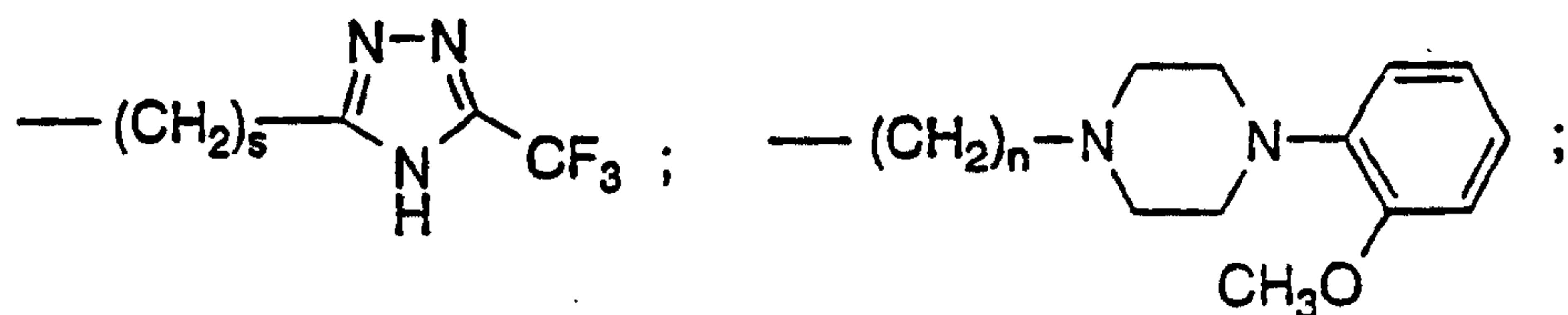
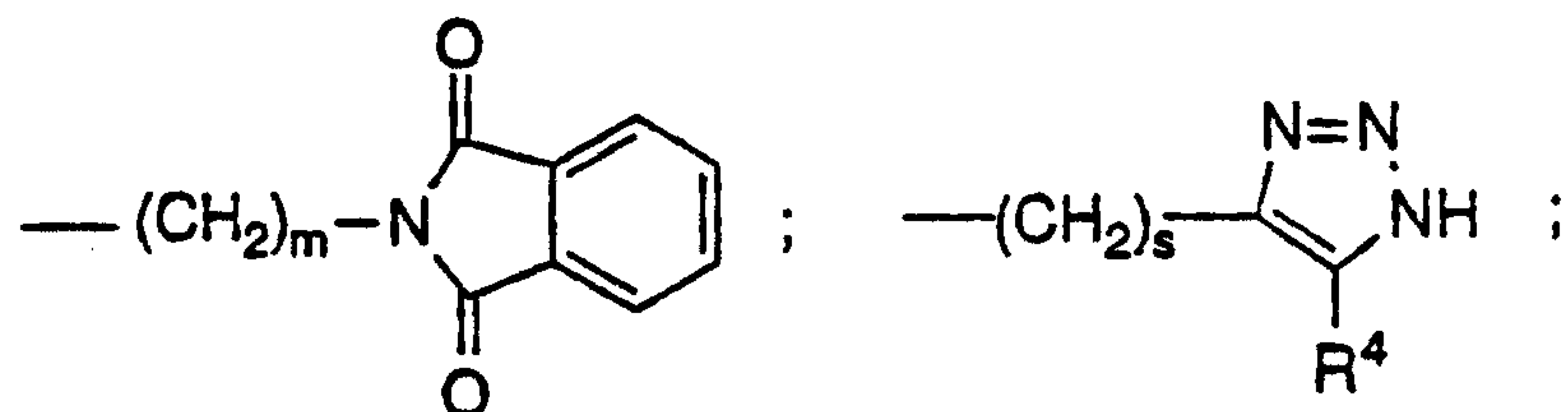
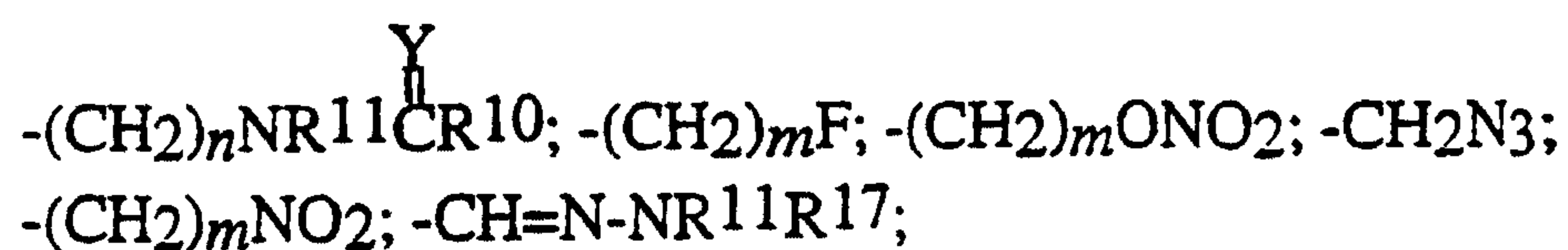
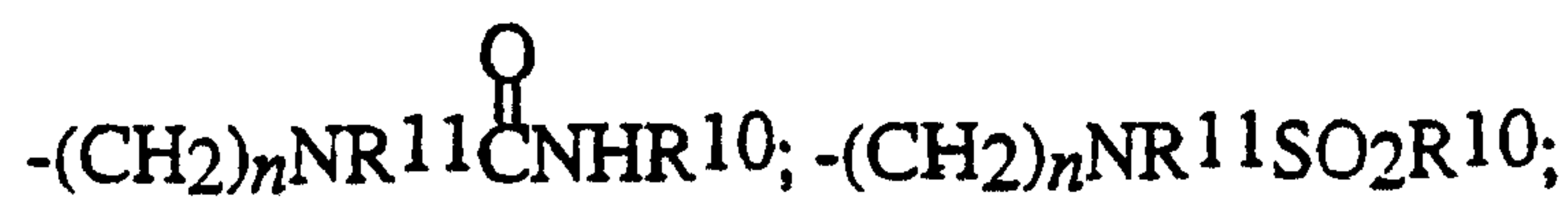
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R^7 is H, F, Cl, Br, I, NO_2 , $\text{C}_v\text{F}_{2v+1}$, where $v=1-6$, C_6F_5 ; CN;

$\text{—}\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{\text{||}}{\text{C}}}\text{—R}^{16}$; straight or branched alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms; phenyl or phenylalkyl, where alkyl is 1 to 3 carbon atoms; or substituted phenyl or substituted phenylalkyl, where alkyl is 1 to 3 carbon atoms, substituted with one or two substituents selected from alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, F, Cl, Br, OH, OCH_3 , CF_3 , and COOR , where R is H, alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or phenyl;

R^8 is H, CN, alkyl of 1 to 10 carbon atoms, alkenyl of 3 to 10 carbon atoms, or the same groups substituted with F; phenylalkenyl wherein the aliphatic portion is 2 to 6 carbon atoms; $-(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{-imidazol-1-yl}$; $-(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{-1,2,3-triazolyl}$ optionally substituted with one or two group selected from CO_2CH_3 and alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms; $-(\text{CH}_2)_s\text{tetrazolyl}$;



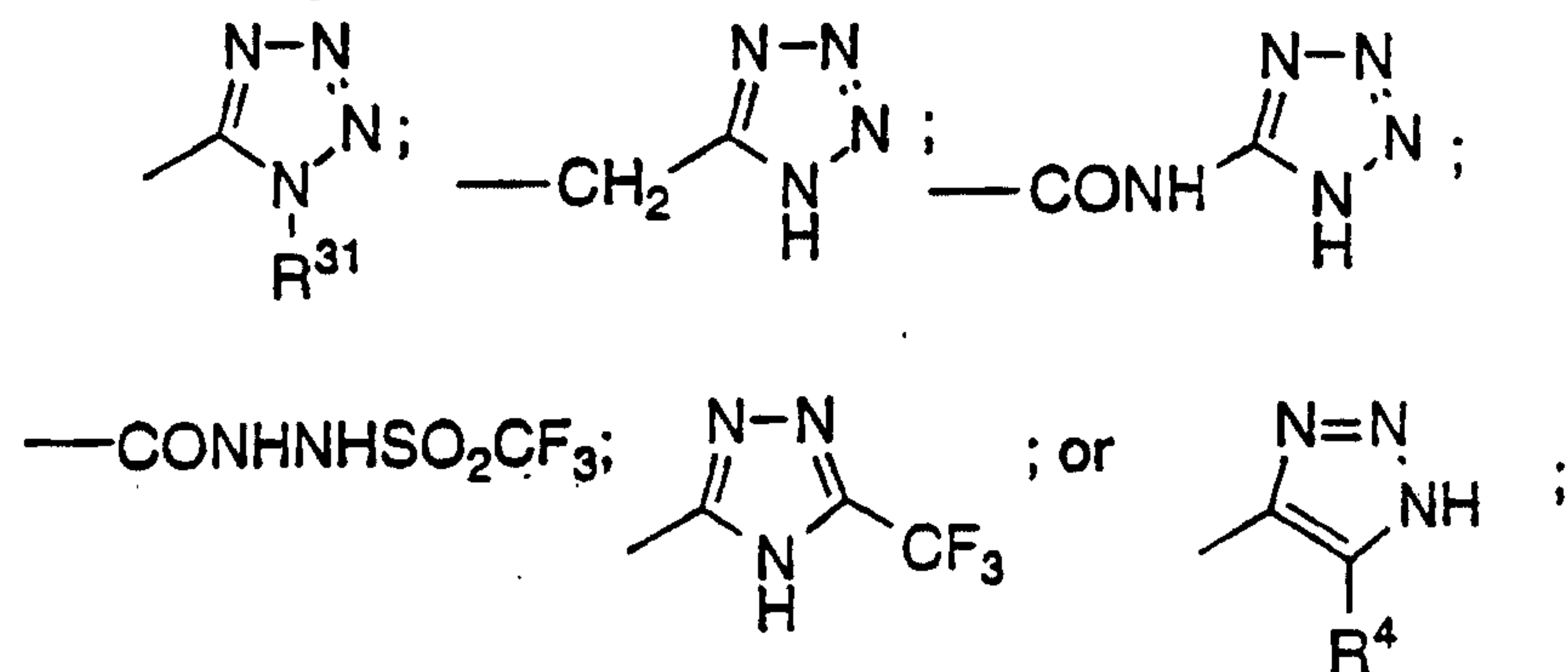
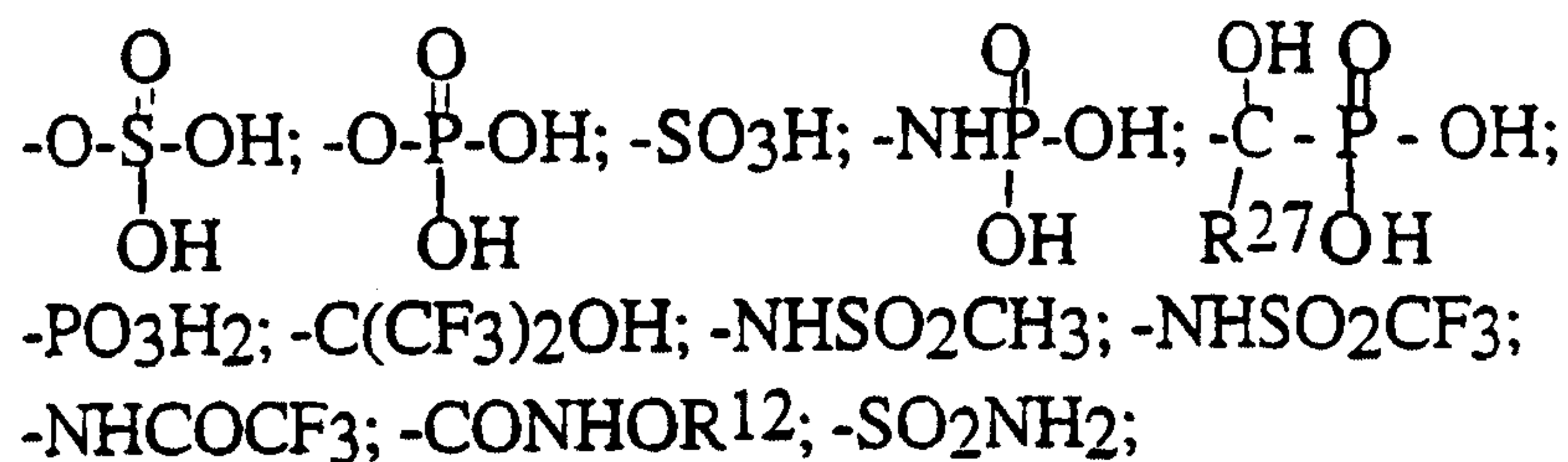


R^{10} is alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms or perfluoroalkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, 1-adamantyl, 1-naphthyl, 1-(1-naphthyl)ethyl, or $(\text{CH}_2)_p\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$;

R^{11} is H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6 carbon atoms, phenyl or benzyl;

R^{12} is H, methyl or benzyl;

R13 is $-\text{CO}_2\text{H}$; $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^9$; $-\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{H}$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{R}^9$;



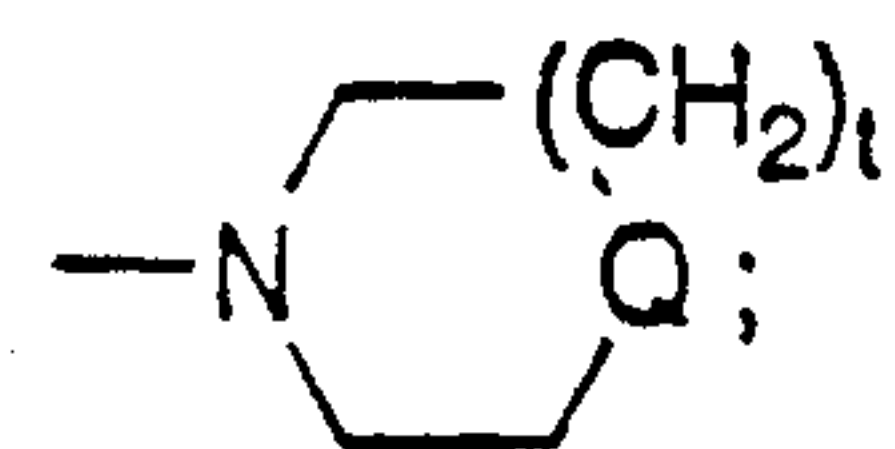
R14 is H, alkyl or perfluoroalkyl of 1 to 8 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6 carbon atoms, phenyl or benzyl;

R15 is H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6 carbon atoms, phenyl, benzyl, acyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, and phenacyl;

R16 is H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6 carbon atoms, $(\text{CH}_2)_p\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$, OR^{17} , or $\text{NR}^{18}\text{R}^{19}$;

R17 is H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6 carbon atoms, phenyl or benzyl;

R18 and R19 independently are H, alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, phenyl, benzyl, α -methylbenzyl, or taken together with the nitrogen form a ring of the formula



Q is NR^{20} , O or CH_2 ;

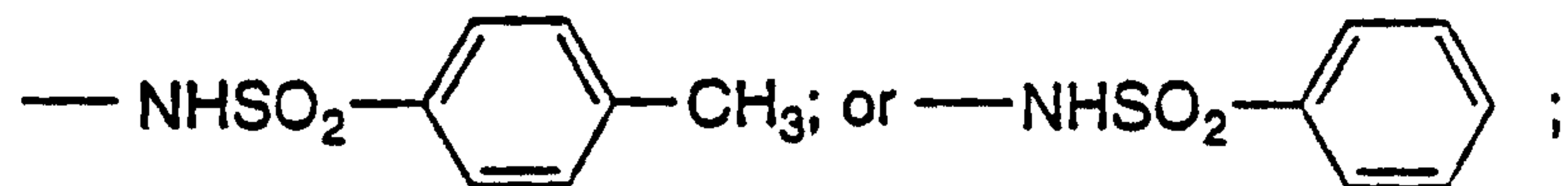
R20 is H, alkyl of 1-4 carbon atoms, or phenyl;

R21 is alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, -NR22R23, or -
 $\begin{array}{c} \text{CHCH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_3 \\ | \\ \text{NH}_2 \end{array}$

R22 and R23 independently are H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, benzyl, or are taken together as $(\text{CH}_2)_u$, where u is 3-6;

R24 is H, CH_3 or $-\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$;

R25 is NR27R28, OR28, NHCONH_2 , NHCSNH_2 ,



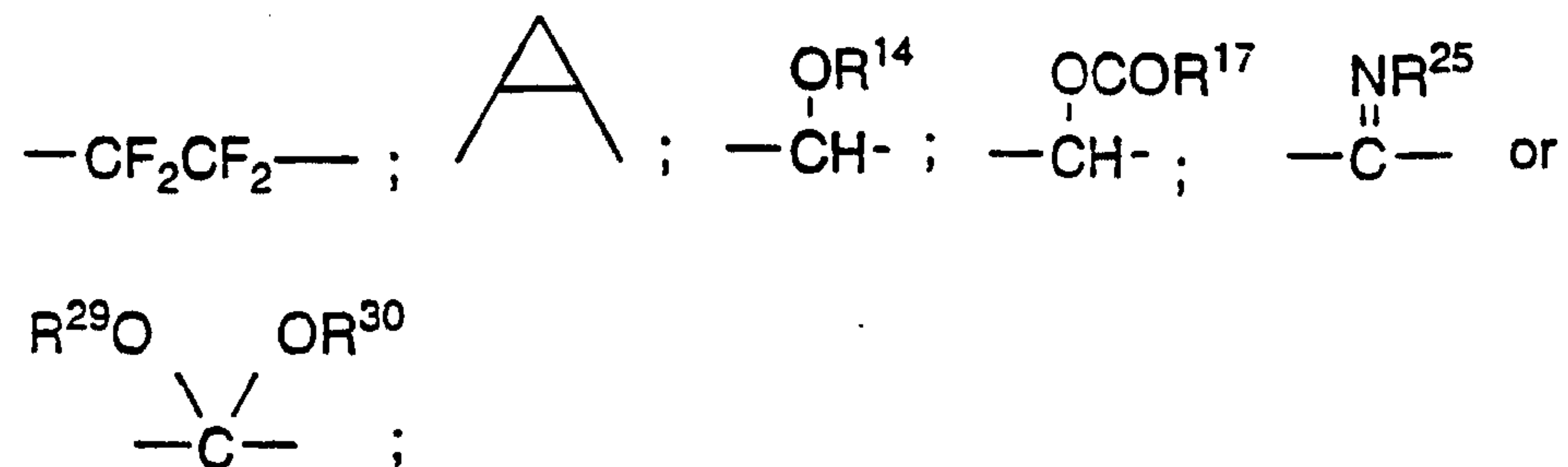
R26 is hydrogen, alkyl with from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, benzyl, or allyl;

R27 and R28 are independently hydrogen, alkyl with from 1 to 5 carbon atoms, or phenyl;

R29 and R30 are independently alkyl of 1-4 carbon atoms or taken together are $-(\text{CH}_2)_q$;

R31 is H, alkyl or 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$,

X is a carbon-carbon single bond, $-\text{CO}-$, $-\text{CH}_2-$, $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{S}-$, $-\text{NH}-$, $-\text{N}-$, $-\text{CON}-$, $-\text{NCO}-$, $-\text{OCH}_2-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{O}-$, $-\text{SCH}_2-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{S}-$,
 $\begin{array}{c} \text{R}_{26} \quad \text{R}_{23} \quad \text{R}_{23} \\ | \quad | \quad | \\ -\text{NHC}(\text{R}_{27})(\text{R}_{28})-, -\text{NR}_{23}\text{SO}_2-, -\text{SO}_2\text{NR}_{23}-, -\text{CH}=\text{CH}-, - \\ \text{CF}=\text{CF}-, -\text{CH}=\text{CF}-, -\text{CF}=\text{CH}-, -\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-, -\text{C}(\text{R}_{27})(\text{R}_{28})\text{NH}-, \end{array}$



Y is O or S;

Z is O, NR¹¹, or S;

m is 1 to 5;

n is 1 to 10;

p is 0 to 3;

q is 2 to 3;

r is 0 to 2;

s is 0 to 5;

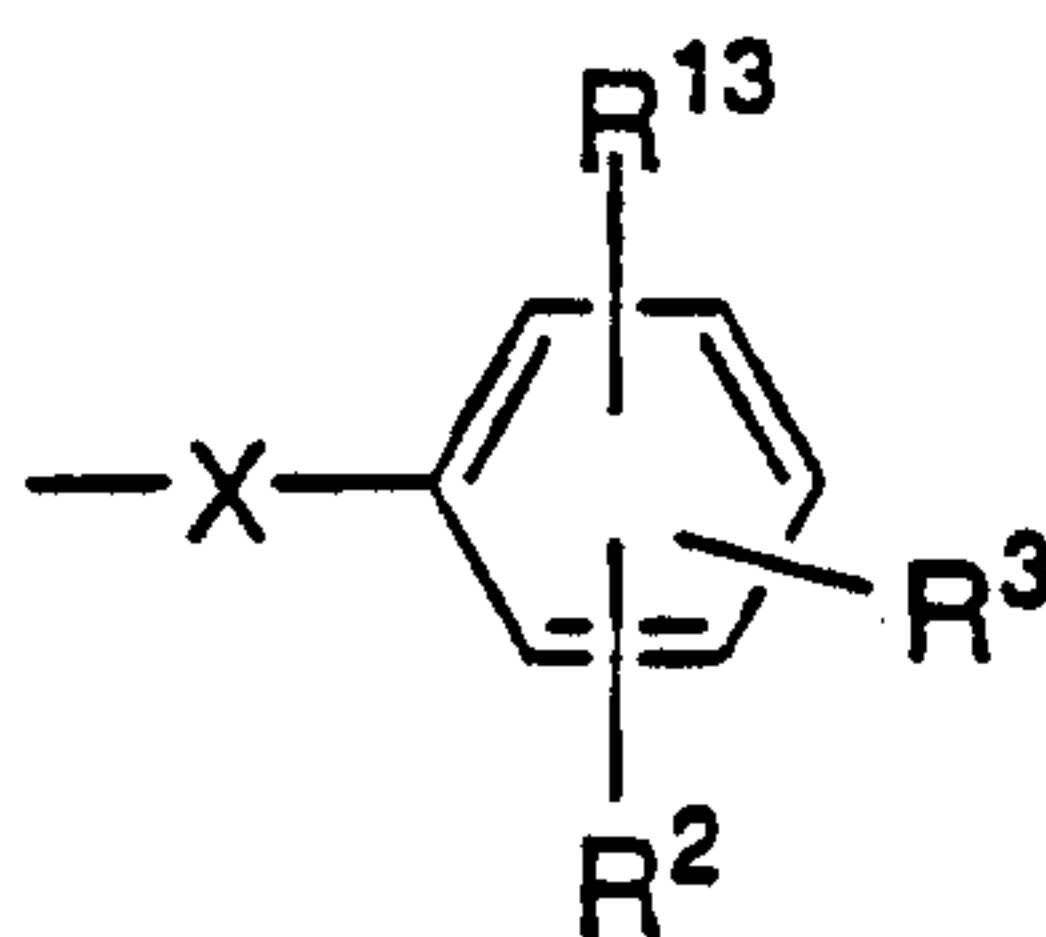
t is 0 or 1;

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts of these compounds;

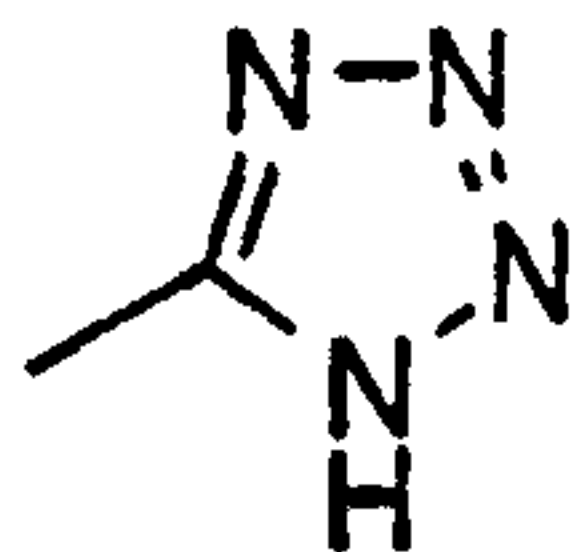
provided that:

(1) the R¹ group is not in the ortho position;

(2) when R¹ is

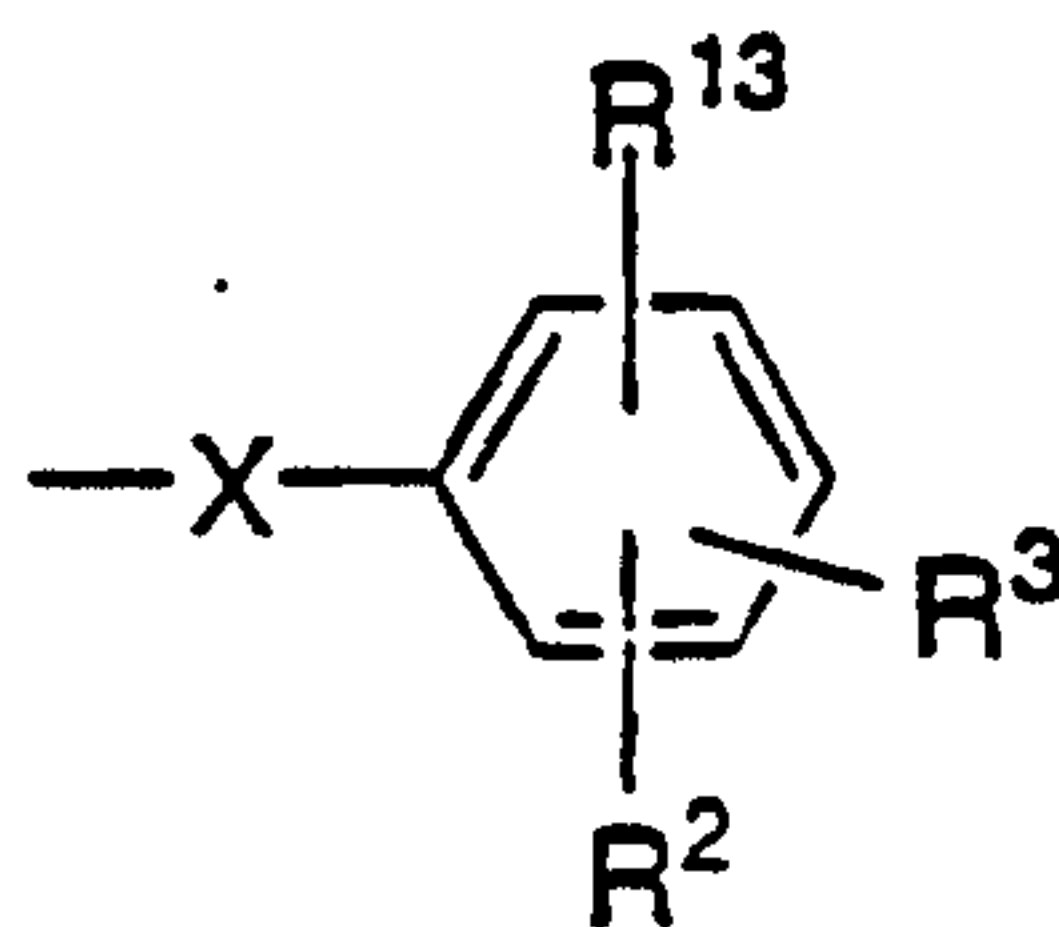


X is a single bond, and R¹³ is CO₂H, or



then R¹³ must be in the ortho or meta position; or when R¹ and X are as above and R¹³ is NHSO₂CF₃ or NHSO₂CH₃, R¹³ must be ortho;

(3) when R¹ is

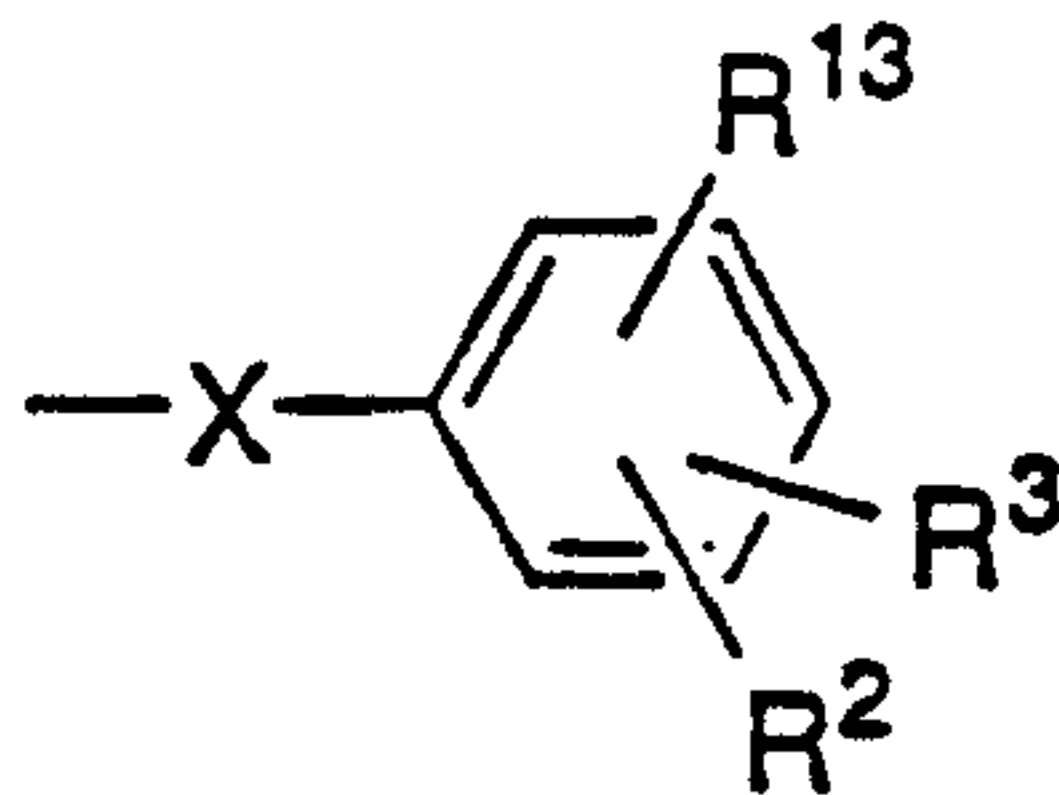


and X is other than a single bond, then R¹³ must be ortho except when X=NR²³CO and R¹³ is NHSO₂CF₃ or NHSO₂CH₃, then R¹³ must be ortho or meta;

(4) when R¹ is 4-CO₂H or a salt thereof, R⁶ cannot be S-alkyl;

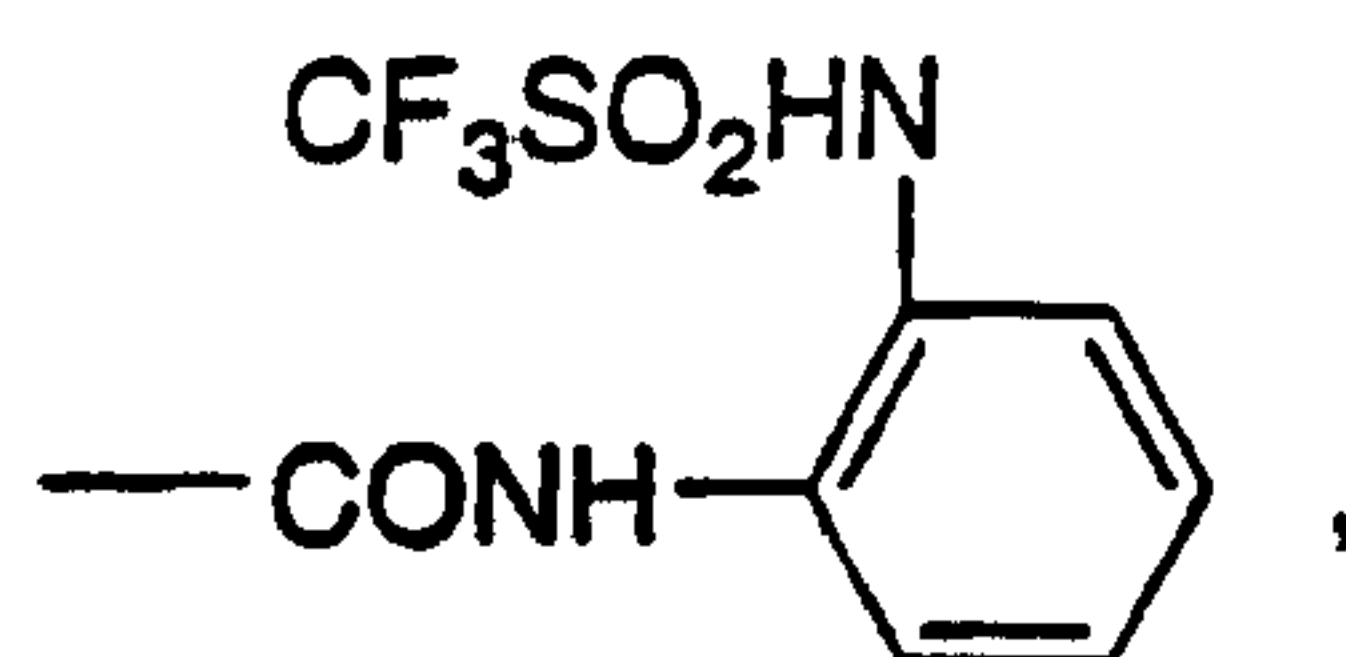
(5) when R¹ is 4-CO₂H or a salt thereof, the substituent on the 4-position of the imidazole cannot be CH₂OH, CH₂OCOCH₃, or CH₂CO₂H;

(6) when R¹ is



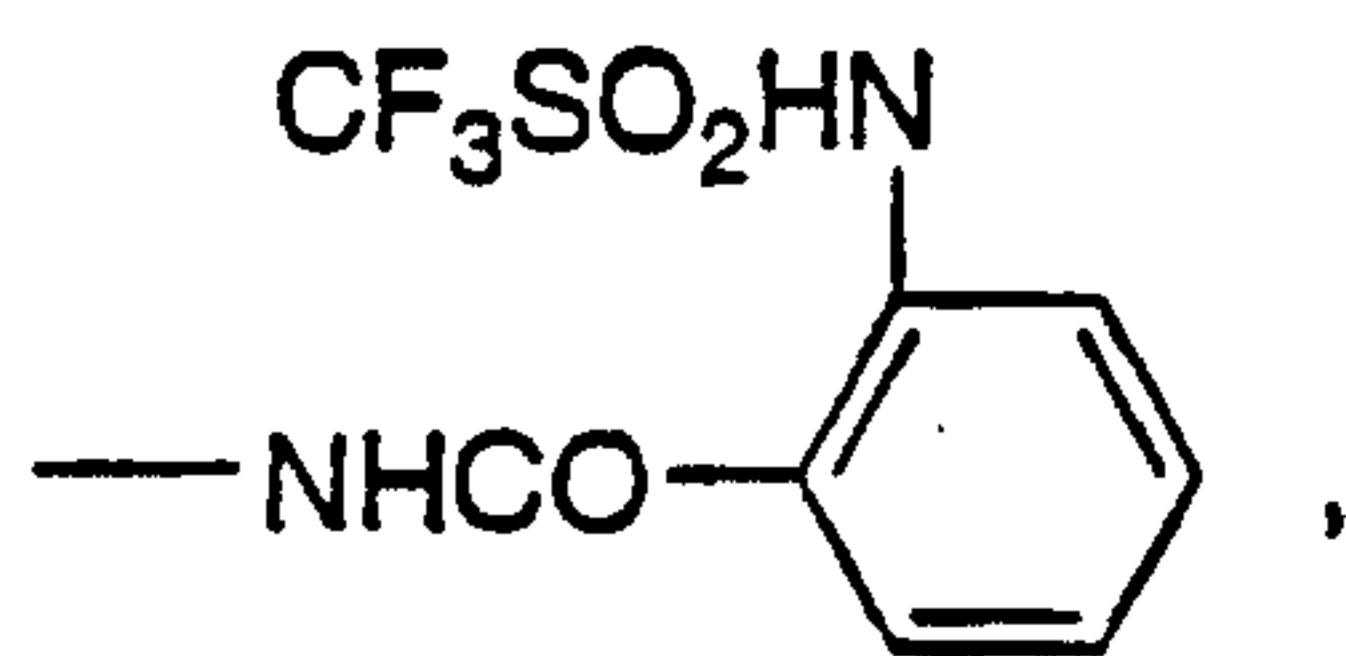
X is $-\text{OCH}_2-$, and R^{13} is 2- CO_2H , and R^7 is H then R^6 is not $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{S}$;

(7) when R^1 is



and R^6 is n-hexyl then R^7 and R^8 are not both hydrogen;

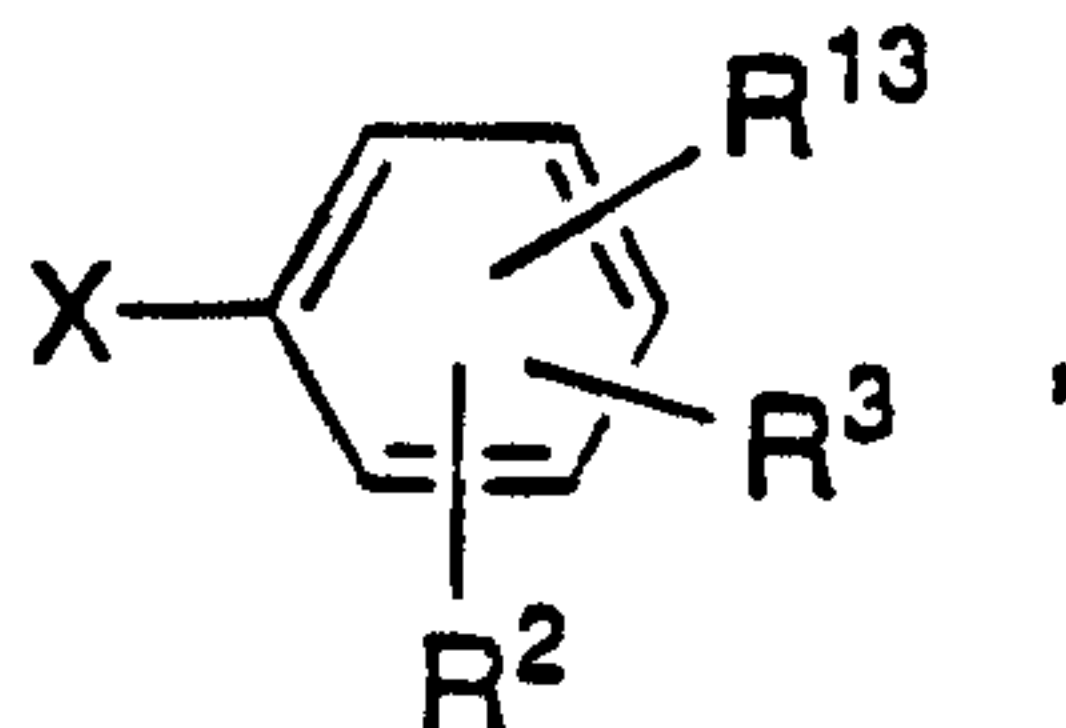
(8) when R^1 is



R^6 is not methoxybenzyl;

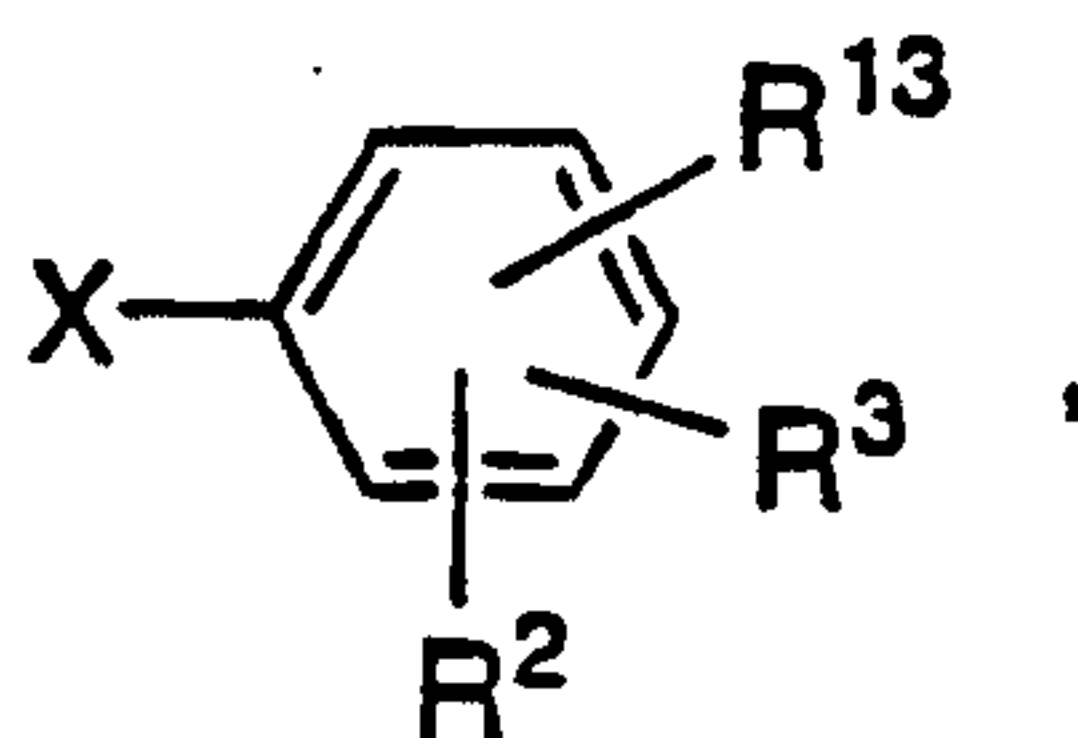
(9) the R^6 group is not $-\underset{\text{F}}{\text{CH}}\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ or CH_2OH ;

(10) when $r=0$, R^1 is



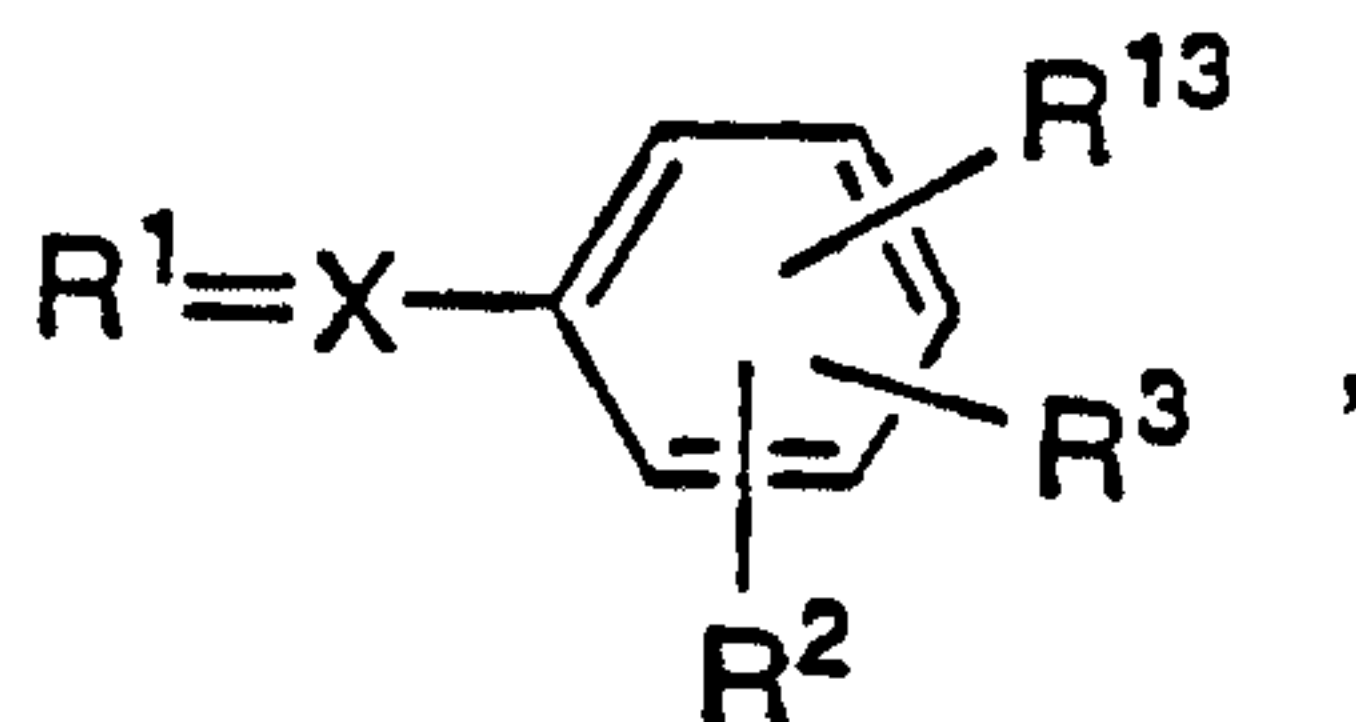
X is $-\text{NH}-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-$, R13 is 2-NHSO₂CF₃, and R6 is n-propyl, then R7 and R8 are not -CO₂CH₃;

(11) when $r=0$, R1 is



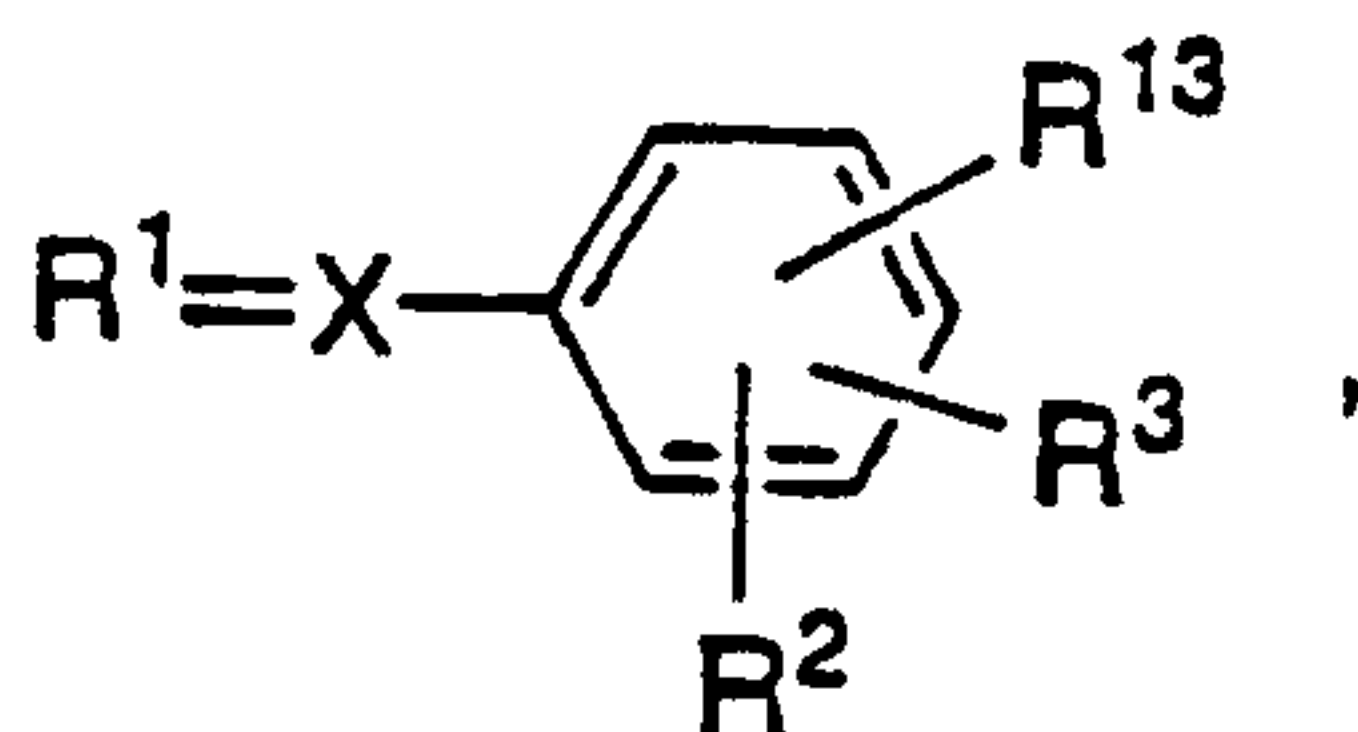
X is $\text{NH}-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-$, R13 is 2-COOH, and R6 is n-propyl, then R7 and R8 are not -CO₂CH₃;

(12) when $r=1$,



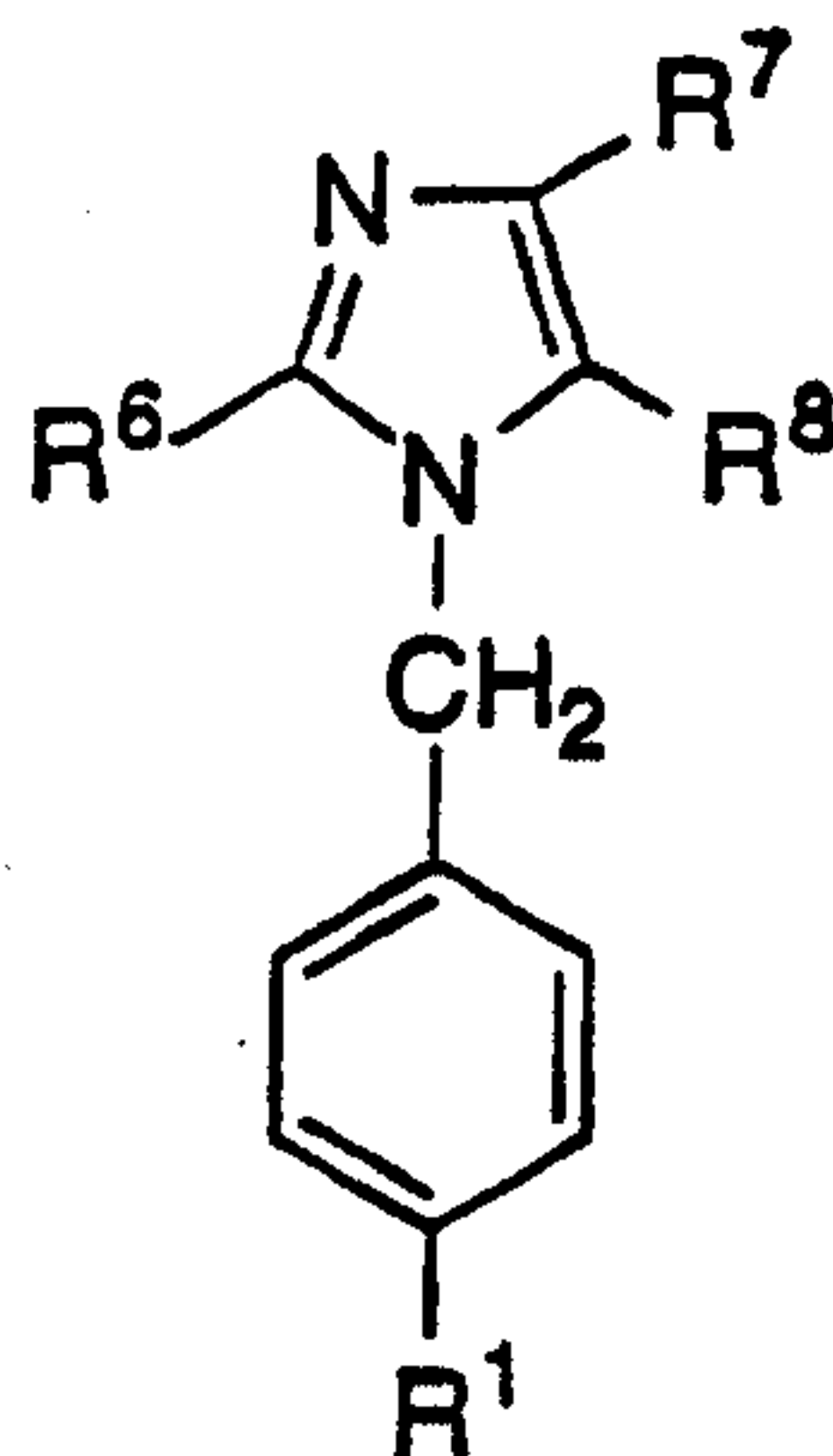
X is a single bond, R7 is Cl, and R8 is -CHO, then R13 is not 3-(tetrazol-5-yl);

(13) when $r=1$,



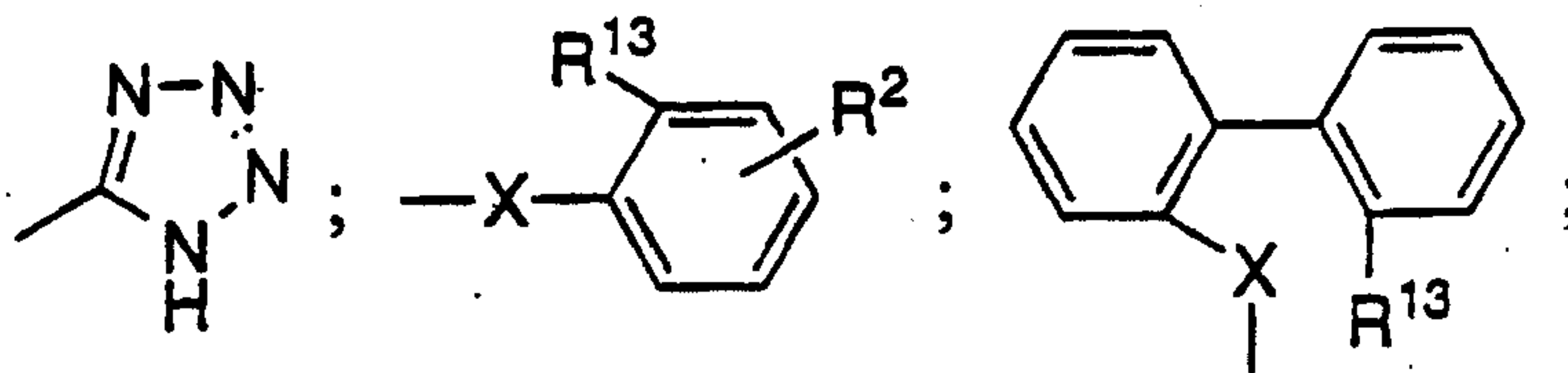
X is a single bond, R7 is Cl, and R8 is -CHO, then R13 is not 4-(tetrazol-5-yl).

5. Use according to Claim 4, wherein the angiotensin II (AT₁) receptor antagonist is of formula I:



wherein:

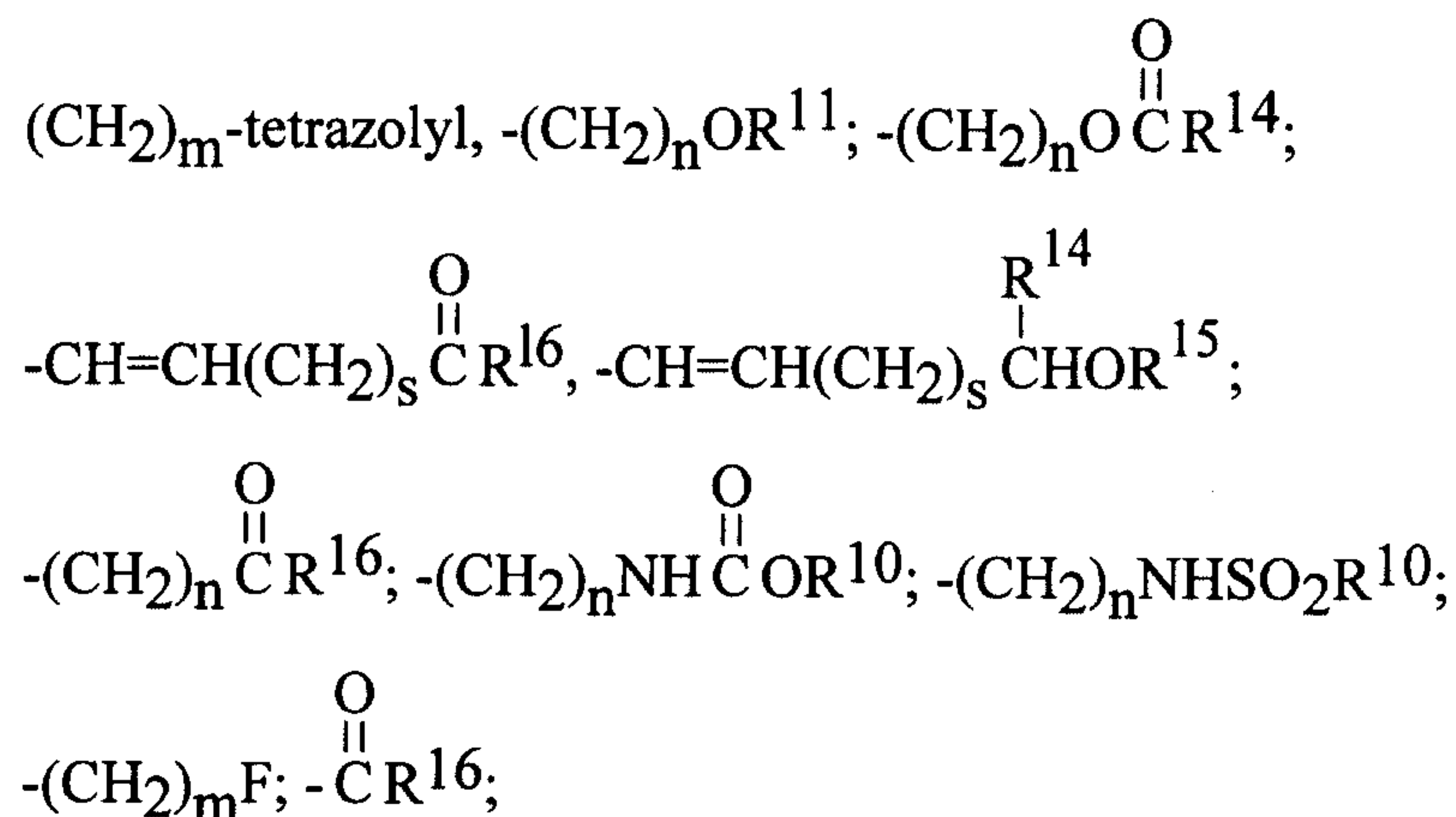
R¹ is -CO₂H; -NHSO₂CF₃;



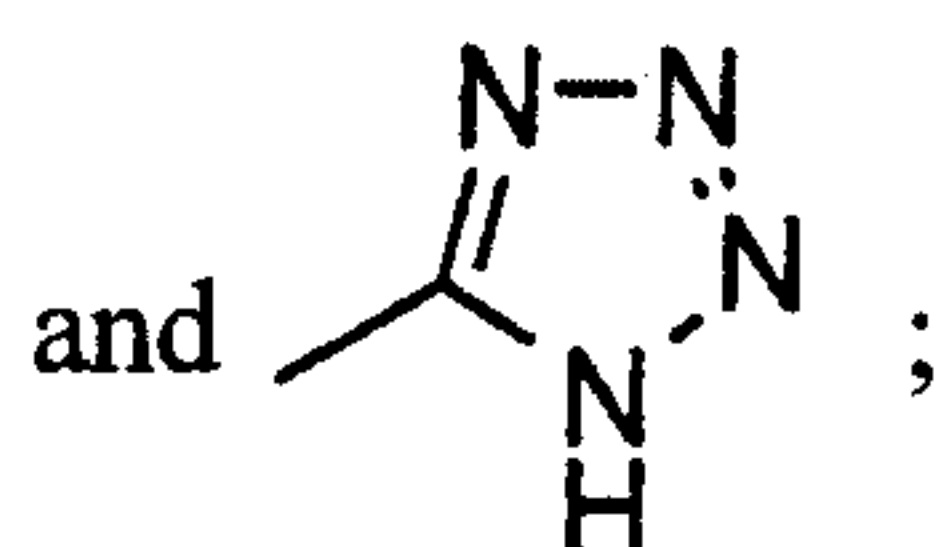
R⁶ is alkyl of 3 to 10 carbon atoms, alkenyl of 3 to 10 carbon atoms, alkynyl of 3 to 10 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 8 carbon atoms, benzyl substituted on the phenyl ring with up to two groups selected from alkoxy of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, halogen, alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, and nitro;

R⁸ is phenylalkenyl wherein the aliphatic portion is 2 to 4 carbon atoms, -(CH₂)_m-imidazol-1-yl, -(CH₂)_m-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl optionally substituted with one or two groups selected from CO₂CH₃ or alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms,

substituted with one or two groups selected from CO_2CH_3 and alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms;



R^{13} is $-\text{CO}_2\text{H}$, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^9$, NHSO_2CF_3 ; SO_3H ;



R^{16} is H, alkyl of 1 to 5 carbon atoms, OR^{17} , or $\text{NR}^{18}\text{R}^{19}$;

X is carbon-carbon single bond, $-\text{CO}-$, $-\text{CON}-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-$, $-\text{NCO}-$, $-\text{OCH}_2-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{O}-$, $-\text{SCH}_2-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{S}-$, $-\text{NHCH}_2-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{NH}-$ or $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts of these compounds.

6. Use as in Claim 5, wherein the angiotensin II (AT_1) receptor antagonist is of formula I wherein:

R^2 is H, alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, halogen, or alkoxy of 1 to 4 carbon atoms;

R^6 is alkyl, alkenyl or alkynyl of 3 to 7 carbon atoms;

R^7 is H, Cl, Br, C_vF_{2v+1} , where $v=1-3$, or $-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{C}R^{16}$;

R^8 is $-(CH_2)_mOR^{11}$; $-(CH_2)_mO\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{C}R^{14}$; $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-\overset{\text{R}^{14}}{\underset{|}{\text{CH}}}\text{OR}^{15}$;

$-(CH_2)_m\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{C}R^{16}$; $-\text{CH}_2\text{NH}\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{C}\text{OR}^{10}$;

$-(CH_2)_m\text{NHSO}_2R^{10}$; $-\text{CH}_2-\text{C}(\text{N}=\text{N})=\text{N}-\text{H}$; or $-\text{COR}^{16}$;

R^{10} is CF_3 , alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms or phenyl;

R^{11} is H, or alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms;

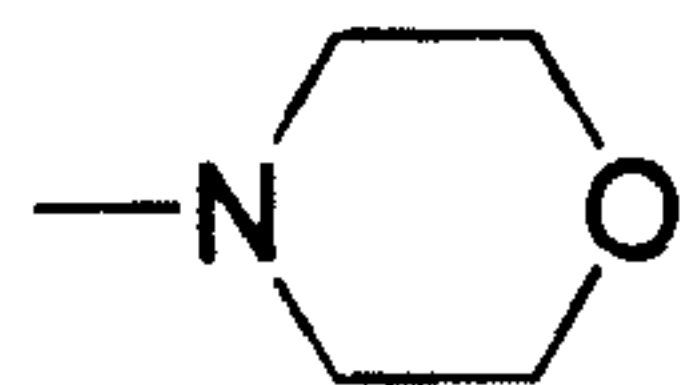
R^{13} is CO_2H ; $\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCOC}(\text{CH}_3)_3$; NHSO_2CF_3 ;

or $-\text{C}(\text{N}=\text{N})=\text{N}-\text{H}$;

R^{14} is H, or alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms;

R^{15} is H, alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or acyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms;

R^{16} is H, alkyl of 1 to 5 carbon atoms; OR^{17} ; or



m is 1 to 5;

X is single bond, -O-; -CO-; -NHCO-; or -OCH₂-;
and pharmaceutically acceptable salts.

7. Use as in Claim 4, wherein the angiotensin II (AT₁)
receptor antagonist of formula I is selected from the group consisting of:

2-Butyl-4-chloro-1-[(2'-(1 H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-5-(hydroxymethyl)imidazole,
2-Butyl-4-chloro-1-[(2'-carboxybiphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-5-(hydroxymethyl)imidazole,
2-Butyl-4-chloro-1-[(2'-carboxybiphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-5-[(methoxycarbonyl)aminomethyl]imidazole,
2-Butyl-4-chloro-1-[(2'-carboxybiphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-5-[(propoxycarbonyl)aminomethyl]imidazole,
2-Butyl-4-chloro-1-[(2'-carboxybiphenyl-4-yl)methyl]imidazole-5-carboxaldehyde,
2-Butyl-1-[(2'-carboxybiphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-imidazole-5-carboxaldehyde,
2-(1E-Butenyl)-4-chloro-1-[(2'-carboxybiphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-5-(hydroxymethyl)imidazole,
2-(1E-Butenyl)-4-chloro-1-[(2'-carboxybiphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-imidazole-5-carboxaldehyde,
2-Propyl-4-chloro-1-[(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-5-(hydroxymethyl)imidazole,
2-Propyl-4-chloro-1-[(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-imidazole-5-carboxaldehyde,
2-Butyl-4-chloro-1-[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-imidazole-5-carboxaldehyde,
2-(1E-Butenyl)-4-chloro-1-[(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-5-hydroxymethyl)imidazole,

2-(1E-Butenyl)-4-chloro-1-[(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]imidazole-5-carboxaldehyde,
 2-Butyl-4-chloro-1-[(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-imidazole-5-carboxylic acid,
 2-Propyl-4-chloro-1-[(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-imidazole-5-carboxylic acid,
 2-Propyl-4-trifluoromethyl-1-[(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]imidazole-5-carboxylic acid,
 2-Propyl-4-trifluoromethyl-1-[(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-5-(hydroxymethyl)imidazole,
 2-Butyl-4-trifluoromethyl-1-[(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]imidazole-5-carboxylic acid,
 2-Propyl-4-trifluoromethyl-1-[(2'-(carboxybiphenyl-4-yl)methyl)-imidazole-5-carboxaldehyde,
 2-Propyl-4-pentafluoroethyl-1-[(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-5-(hydroxymethyl)imidazole,
 2-Propyl-1-[(2-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]imidazole-4,5-dicarboxylic acid,
 2-Propyl-4-pentafluoroethyl-1-[(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]imidazole-5-carboxylic acid, and
 2-Propyl-4-pentafluoroethyl-[(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]imidazole-5-carboxaldehyde, or
 a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

8. Use as in Claim 7, wherein the angiotensin II (AT₁) receptor antagonist of formula I is selected from:
 2-Butyl-4-chloro-1-[(2'-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]methyl-5-(hydroxymethyl)imidazole; and

2-Butyl-4-chloro-1-[(2'-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]methylimidazole-5-carboxylic acid or
a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

9. Use of an angiotensin II (AT₁) receptor antagonist in the manufacture of a medicament for reducing sudden cardiac death in a symptomatic heart failure patient.

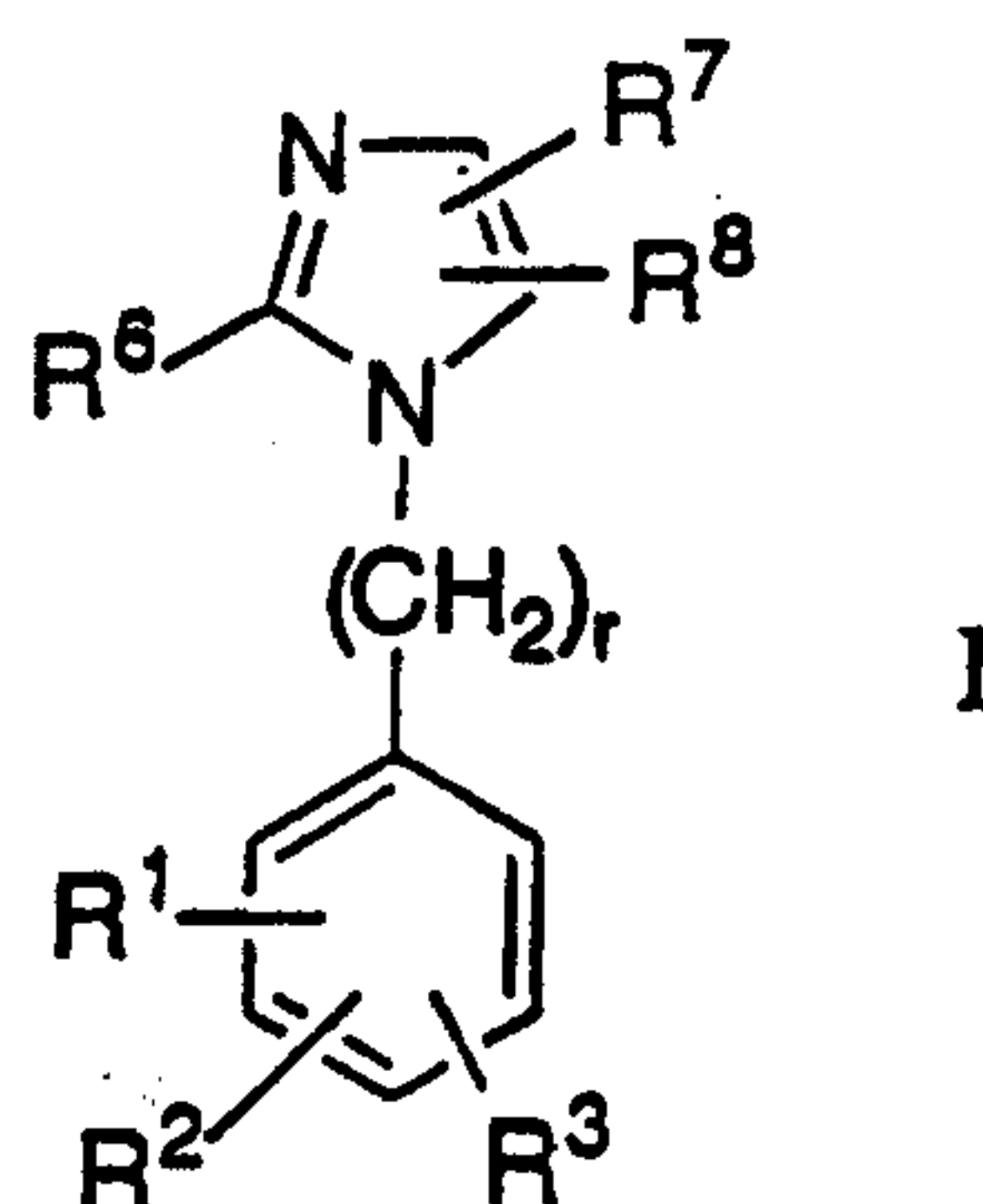
10. Use of an angiotensin II (AT₁) receptor antagonist in the manufacture of a medicament for reducing sudden cardiac death in a symptomatic heart failure patient said angiotensin II (AT₁) receptor antagonist being selected from the group consisting of: candesartan cilexetil, eprosartan, irbesartan, losartan, tasosartan, telmisartan, valsartan, 3-(2'-(tetrazol-5-yl)-1,1'-biphen-4-yl)methyl-5,7-dimethyl-2-ethyl-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine, , 4[2-ethyl-4-methyl-6-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydroimidazol{1,2-a}pyridine-2-yl]-benzimidazol-1-yl]-methyl-1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxylic acid, 2-butyl-6-(1-methoxy-1-methylethyl)-2-[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-ylmethyl]guinazolin-4(3H)-one, 3-[(2'-carboxybiphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-2-cyclopropyl-7-methyl-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine, 2-butyl-4-chloro-1-[2'-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]imidazole-carboxylic acid, 2-butyl-4-chloro-1-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]-1H-imidazole-5-carboxylic acid-1-(ethoxycarbonyl-oxy)ethyl ester potassium salt, dipotassium 2-butyl-4-(methylthio)-1-[[2-[[[(propylamino)carbonyl]-amino]sulfonyl](1,1'-biphenyl)-4-yl)methyl]-1H-imidazole-5-carboxylate, methyl-2-[[4-butyl-2-methyl-6-oxo-5[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-[1,1'biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]-1-(6H)-pyrimidinyl)methyl]-3-thiophencarboxylate, 5-[(3,5-dibutyl-1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)methyl]-2-[1H-tetrazol-5-ylphenyl]]pyridine, 6-butyl-2-(2-phenylethyl)-5-[[2'-(1H-

tetrazol-5-yl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-methyl]pyrimidin-4-(3H)-one D,L lysine
 salt, 5-methyl-7-n-propyl-8-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]methyl]-
 [1,2,4]-triazolo[1,5-c]pyrimidin-2(3H)-one, 2,7-diethyl-5-[[2'-(5-
 tetrazolyl)biphenyl-4-yl]methyl]-5H-pyrazolo[1,5-b][1,2,4]triazole
 potassium salt, 2-[2-butyl-4,5-dihydro-4-oxo-3--[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-4-
 biphenylmethyl]-3H-imidazol[4,5-c]pyridine-5-ylmethyl]-benzoic acid,
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 5-yl)-1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl]methoxy]pyridine, 2-ethoxy-1-[[2'-(5-oxo-2,5-
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cyclopentenecarboxylic acid dipotassium salt, and 2-butyl-4-[N-methyl-N-(3-methylcrotonoyl)amino]-1-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]methyl]-1H-imidazole-5-carboxylic acid 1-ethoxycarbonyloxyethyl ester.

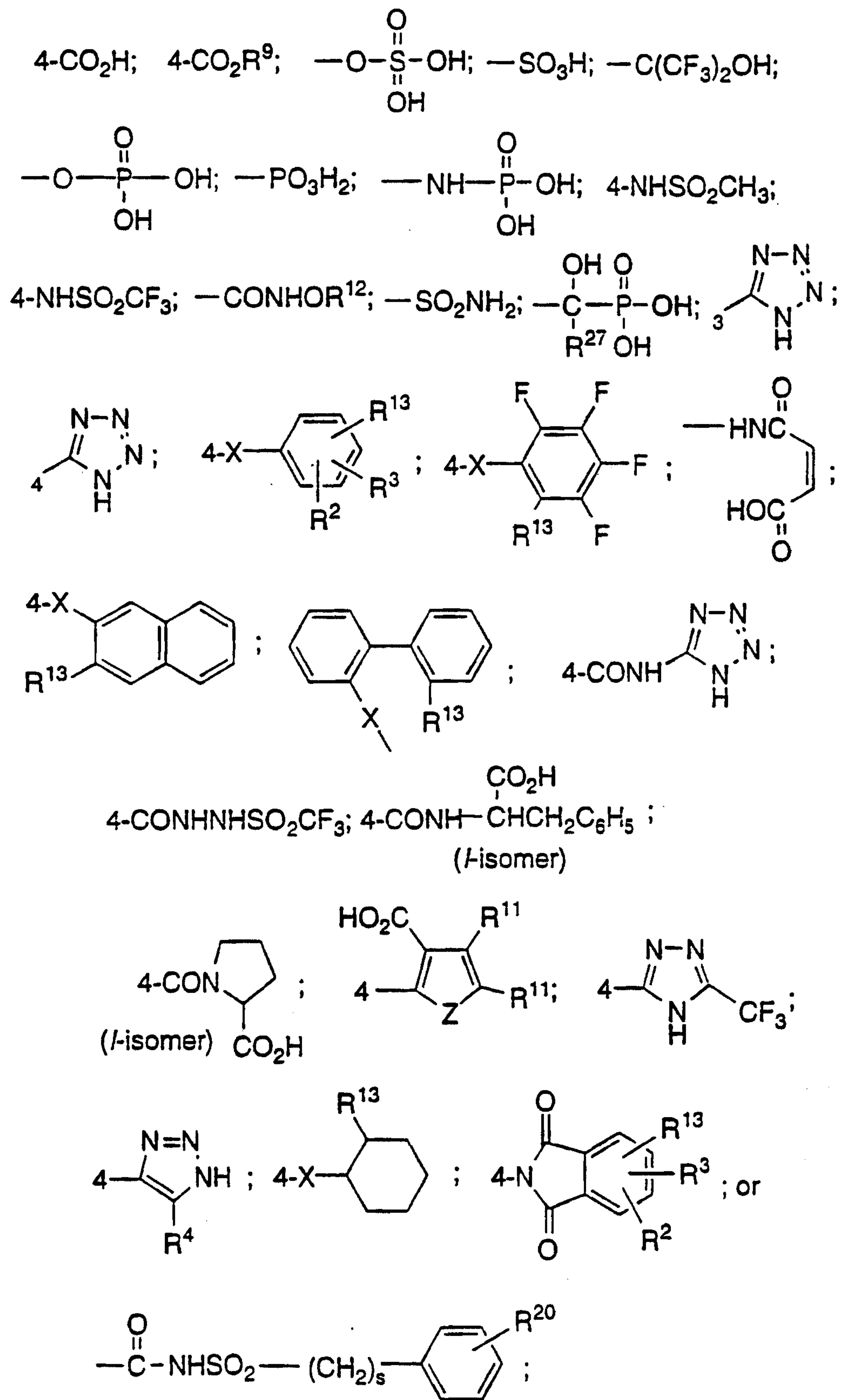
11. Use as in Claim 10,-wherein the angiotensin II (AT₁) receptor antagonist is selected from the group consisting of: candesartan cilexetil, eprosartan, irbesartan, losartan, tasosartan, telmisartan, valsartan and 3-(2'-(tetrazol-5-yl)-1,1'-biphen-4-yl)methyl-5,7-dimethyl-2-ethyl-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine.

12. Use of an angiotensin II (AT₁) receptor antagonist in the manufacture of a medicament for reducing sudden cardiac death in a symptomatic heart failure patient wherein said angiotensin II (AT₁) receptor antagonist is of formula I

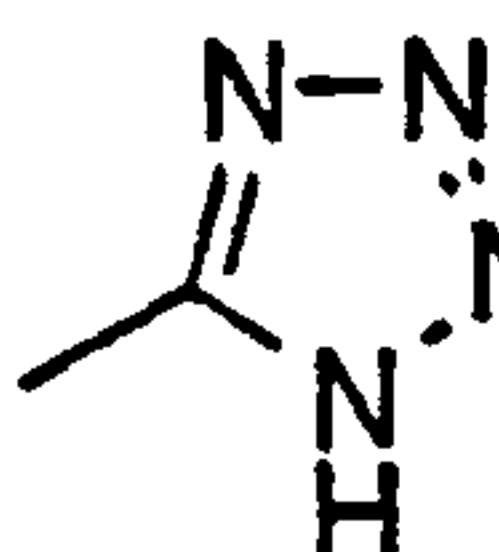


wherein:

R¹ is :



R² is H; Cl; Br; I; F; NO₂; CN; alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms; acyloxy of 1 to 4 carbon atoms; alkoxy of 1 to 4 carbon atoms; CO₂H; CO₂R⁹; HNSO₂CH₃; NHSO₂CF₃;

CONHOR¹²; SO₂NH₂; ; aryl; or furyl;

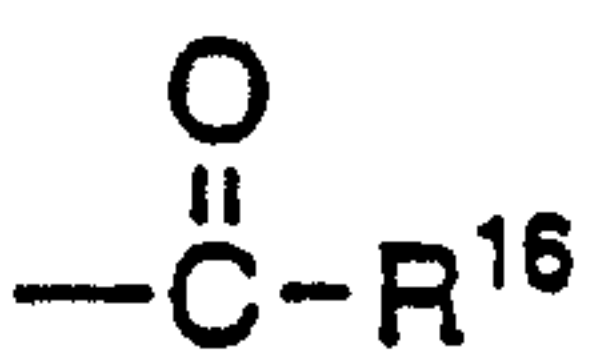
R³ is H; Cl, Br, I or F; alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms or alkoxy of 1 to 4 carbon atoms;

R⁴ is CN, NO₂ or CO₂R¹¹;

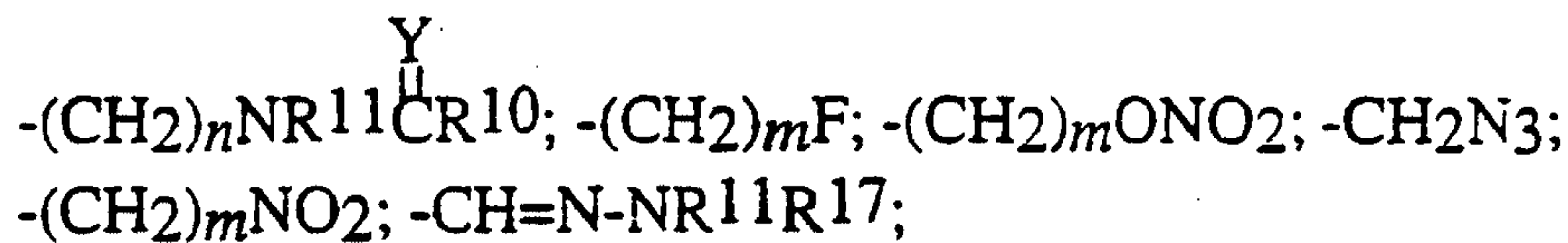
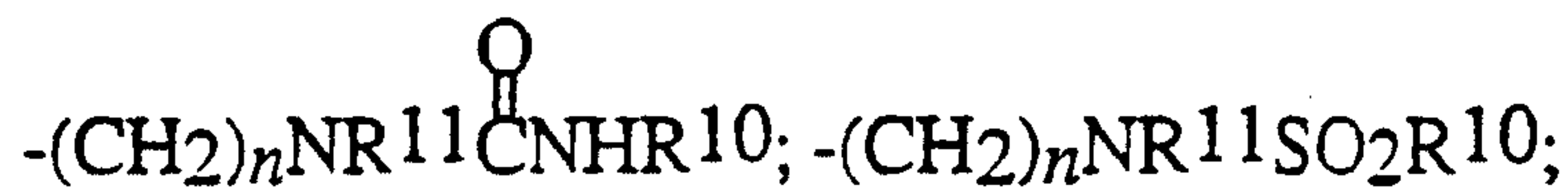
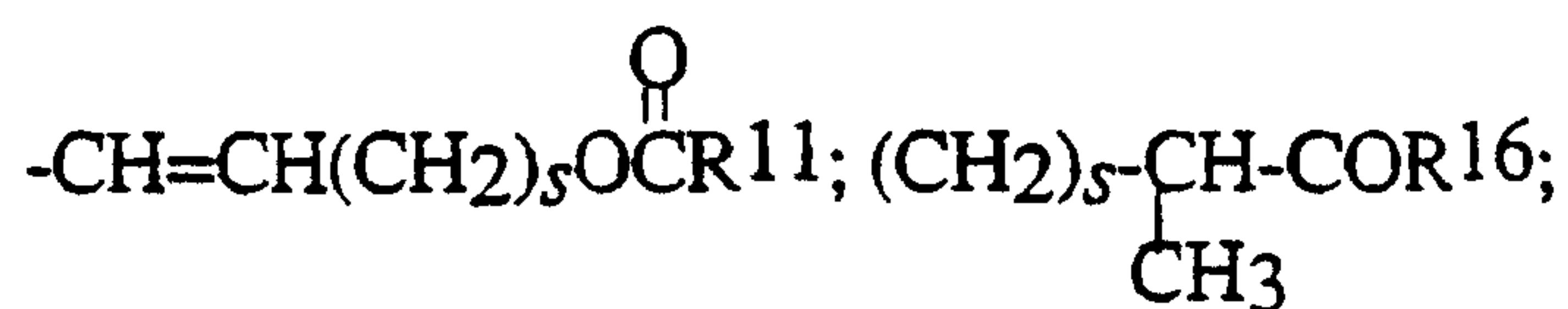
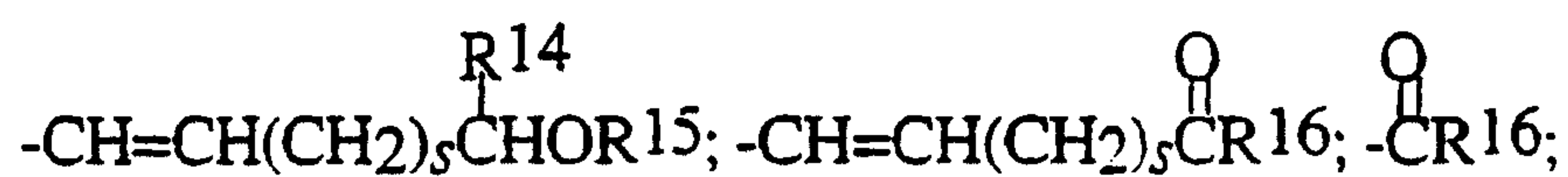
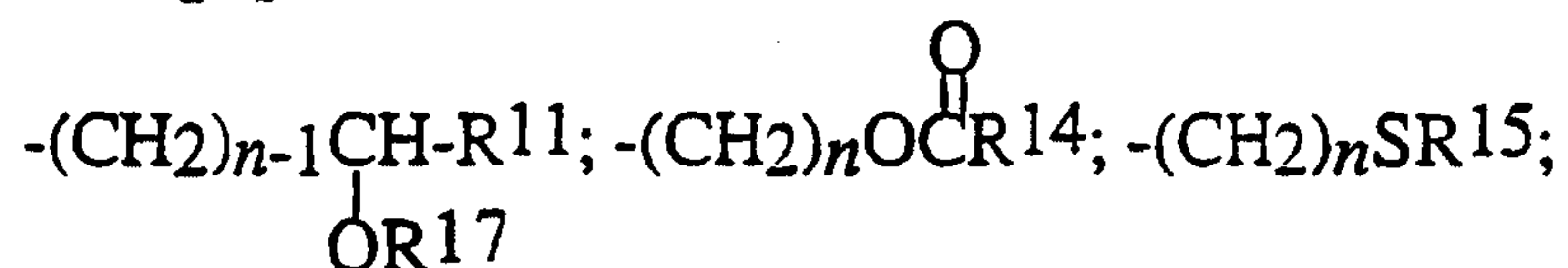
R⁵ is H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6 carbon atoms alkenyl or alkynyl of 2 to 4 carbon atoms;

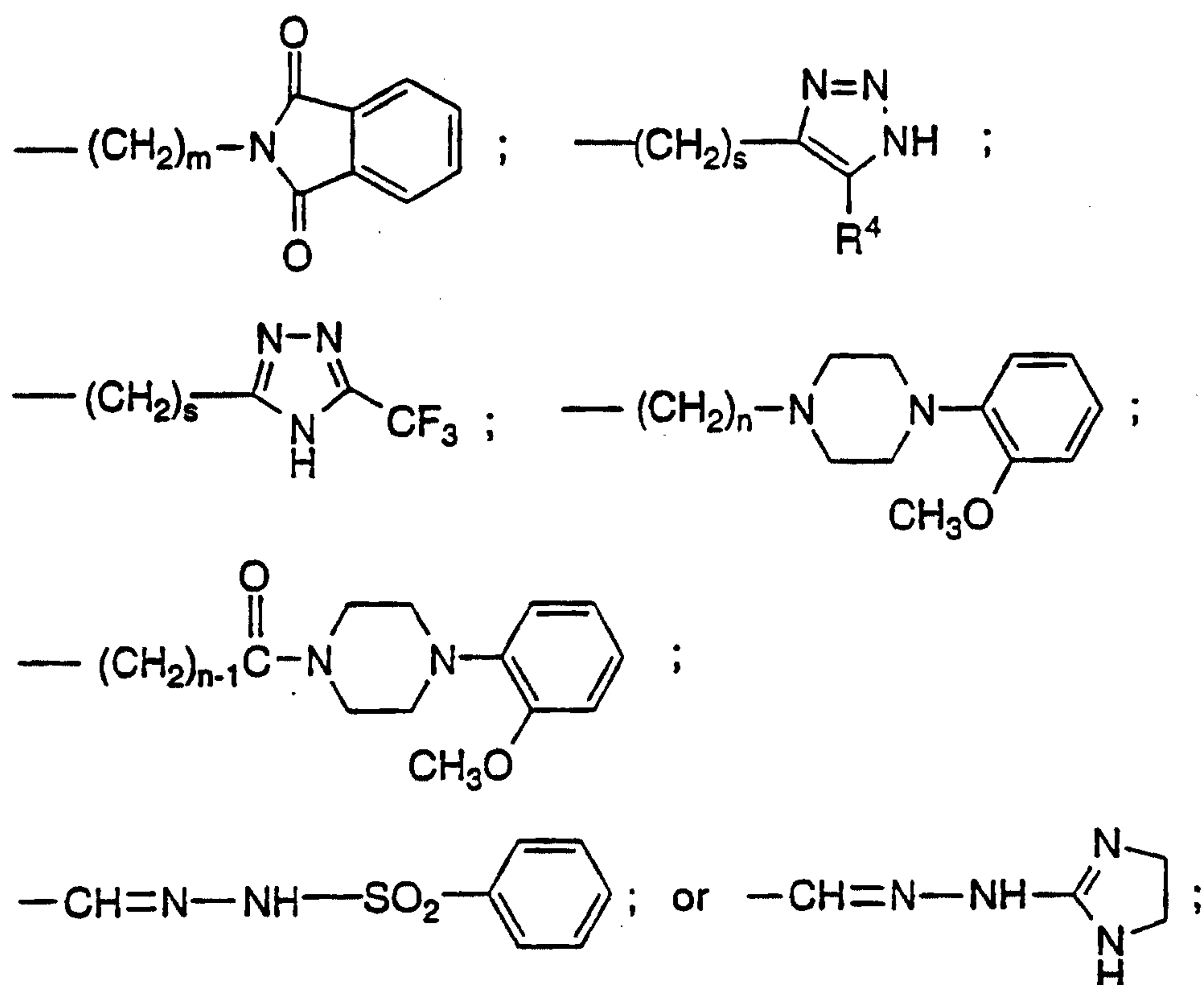
R⁶ is alkyl of 2 to 10 carbon atoms, alkenyl or alkynyl of 3 to 10 carbon atoms or the same groups substituted with F or CO₂R¹⁴; cycloalkyl of 3 to 8 carbon atoms, cycloalkylalkyl, of 4 to 10 carbon atoms; cycloalkylalkenyl or cycloalkylalkynyl 5 to 10 carbon atoms; (CH₂)_sZ(CH₂)_mR⁵ optionally substituted with F or CO₂R¹⁴; benzyl substituted on the phenyl ring with 1 or 2 halogens, alkoxy of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms or nitro;

R⁷ is H, F, Cl, Br, I, NO₂, C_vF_{2v+1}, where v=1-6, C₆F₅; CN;

; straight or branched alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms; phenyl or phenylalkyl, where alkyl is 1 to 3 carbon atoms; or substituted phenyl or substituted phenylalkyl, where alkyl is 1 to 3 carbon atoms, substituted with one or two substituents selected from alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, F, Cl, Br, OH, OCH₃, CF₃, and COOR, where R is H, alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or phenyl;

R⁸ is H, CN, alkyl of 1 to 10 carbon atoms, alkenyl of 3 to 10 carbon atoms, or the same groups substituted with F; phenylalkenyl wherein the aliphatic portion is 2 to 6 carbon atoms; $-(CH_2)_m$ -imidazol-1-yl; $-(CH_2)_m$ -1,2,3-triazolyl optionally substituted with one or two group selected from CO_2CH_3 and alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms; $-(CH_2)_s$ tetrazolyl;





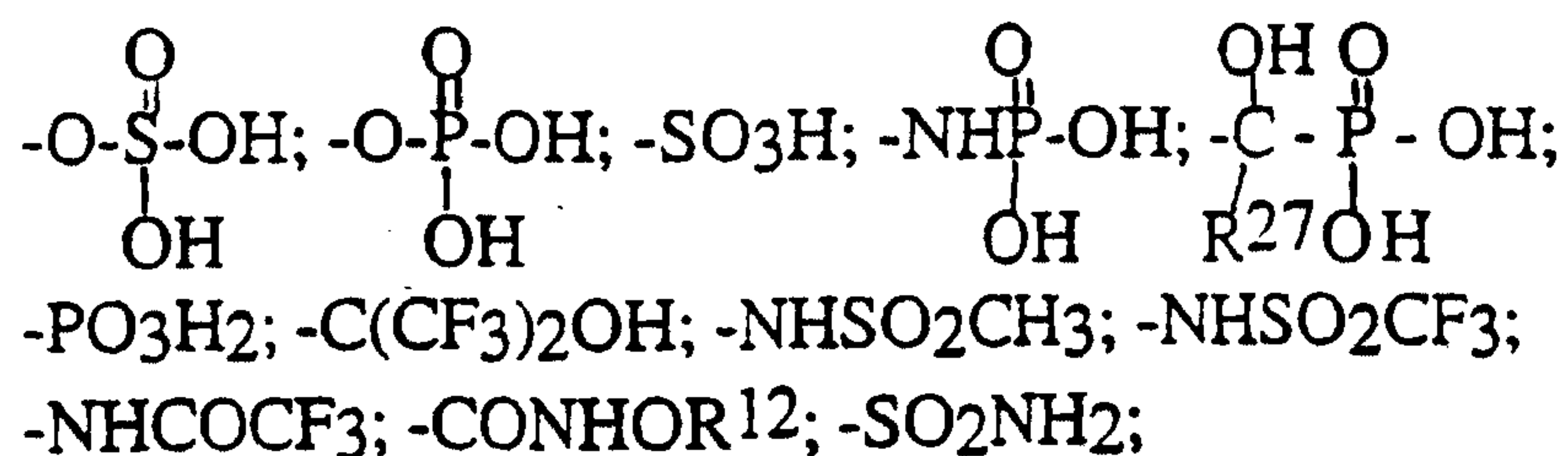
R⁹ is: $\begin{array}{c} \text{R}^{24} \quad \text{O} \\ | \quad \parallel \\ \text{---CH---O---C---R}^{21} \end{array}$;

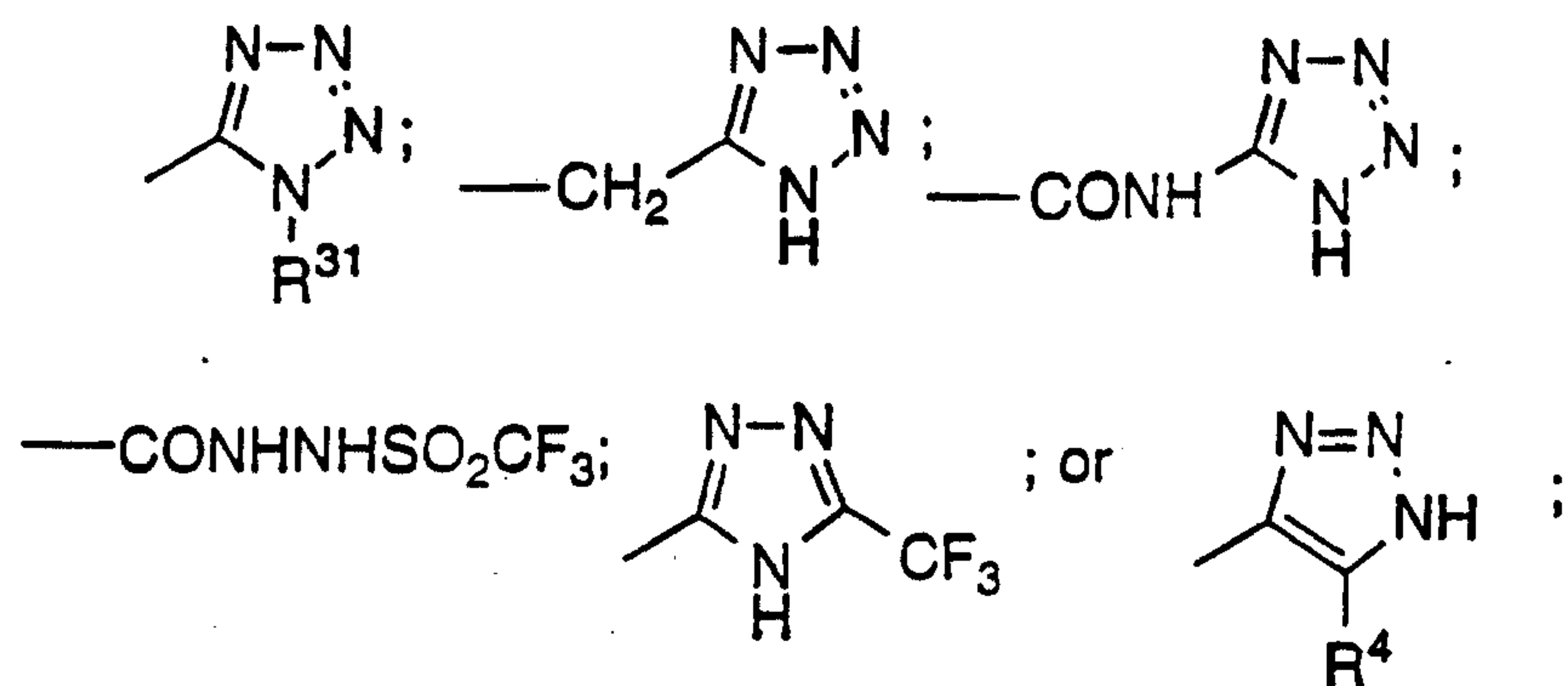
R¹⁰ is alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms or perfluoroalkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, 1-adamantyl, 1-naphthyl, 1-(1-naphthyl)ethyl, or (CH₂)_pC₆H₅;

R¹¹ is H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6 carbon atoms, phenyl or benzyl;

R¹² is H, methyl or benzyl;

R¹³ is -CO₂H; -CO₂R⁹; -CH₂CO₂H, -CH₂CO₂R⁹;





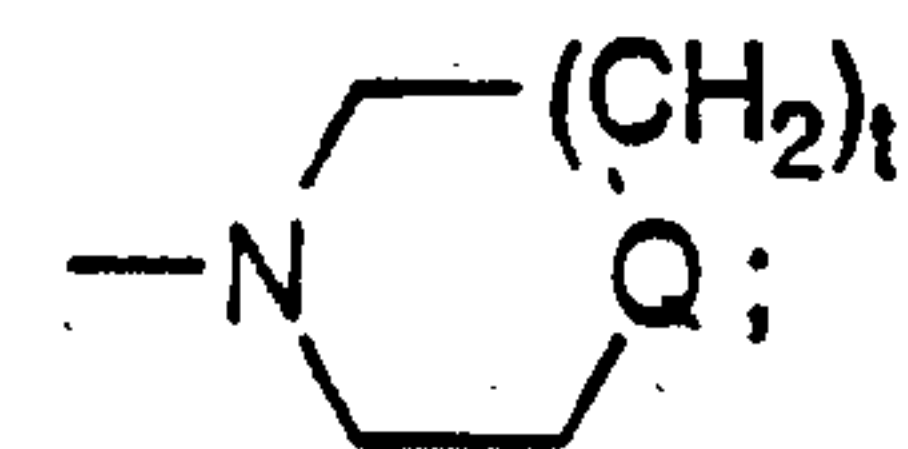
R¹⁴ is H, alkyl or perfluoroalkyl of 1 to 8 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6 carbon atoms, phenyl or benzyl;

R¹⁵ is H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6 carbon atoms, phenyl, benzyl, acyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or phenacyl;

R¹⁶ is H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6 carbon atoms, (CH₂)_pC₆H₅, OR¹⁷, or NR¹⁸R¹⁹;

R¹⁷ is H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6 carbon atoms, phenyl or benzyl;

R¹⁸ and R¹⁹ independently are H, alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, phenyl, benzyl, α-methylbenzyl, or taken together with the nitrogen form a ring of the formula



Q is NR²⁰, O or CH₂;

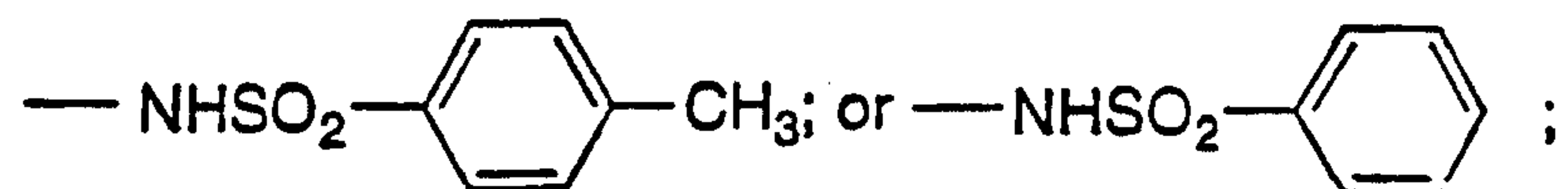
R²⁰ is H, alkyl of 1-4 carbon atoms, or phenyl;

R²¹ is alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, -NR²²R²³, or -
 $\begin{array}{c} \text{CHCH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_3 \\ | \\ \text{NH}_2 \end{array}$

R22 and R23 independently are H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, benzyl, or are taken together as $(\text{CH}_2)_u$, where u is 3-6;

R24 is H, CH_3 or $-\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$;

R25 is $\text{NR}^{27}\text{R}^{28}$, OR^{28} , NHCONH_2 , NHCSNH_2 ,



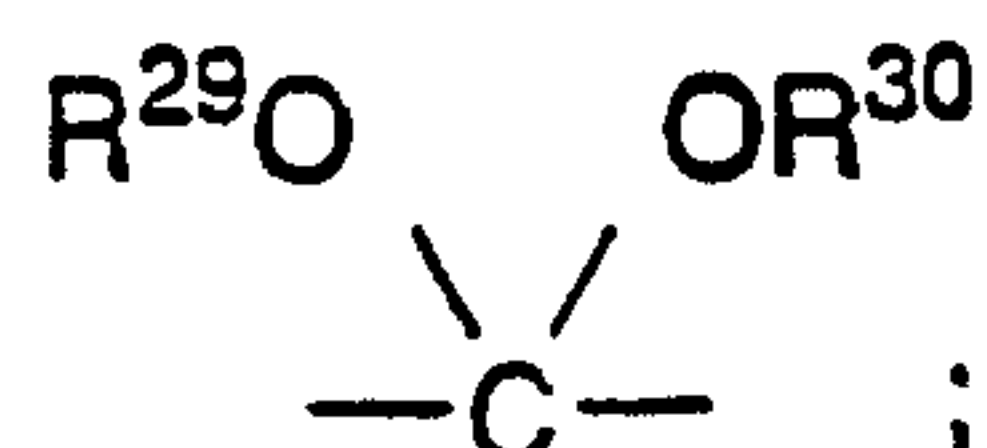
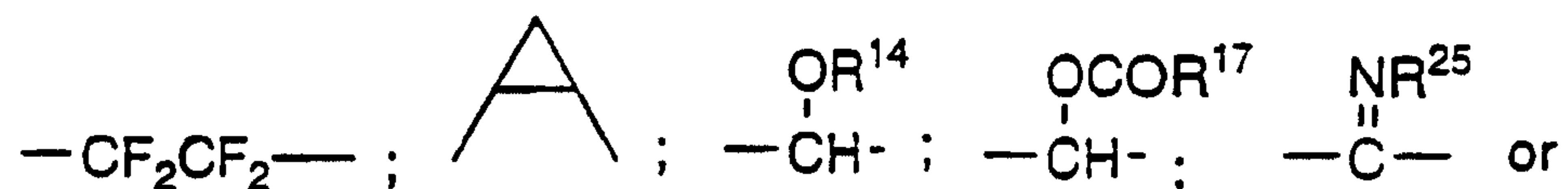
R26 is hydrogen, alkyl with from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, benzyl, or allyl;

R27 and R28 are independently hydrogen, alkyl with from 1 to 5 carbon atoms, or phenyl;

R29 and R30 are independently alkyl of 1-4 carbon atoms or taken together are $-(\text{CH}_2)_q-$;

R31 is H, alkyl or 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$;

X is a carbon-carbon single bond, $-\text{CO}-$, $-\text{CH}_2-$, $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{S}-$, $-\text{NH}-$, $-\text{N}-$, $-\text{CON}-$, $-\text{NCO}-$, $-\text{OCH}_2-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{O}-$, $-\text{SCH}_2-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{S}-$, $-\text{NHC}(\text{R}^{27})(\text{R}^{28})-$, $-\text{NR}^{23}\text{SO}_2-$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{NR}^{23}-$, $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$, $-\text{CF}=\text{CF}-$, $-\text{CH}=\text{CF}-$, $-\text{CF}=\text{CH}-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-$, $-\text{C}(\text{R}^{27})(\text{R}^{28})\text{NH}-$,



Y is O or S;

Z is O, NR¹¹, or S;

m is 1 to 5;

n is 1 to 10;

p is 0 to 3;

q is 2 to 3;

r is 0 to 2;

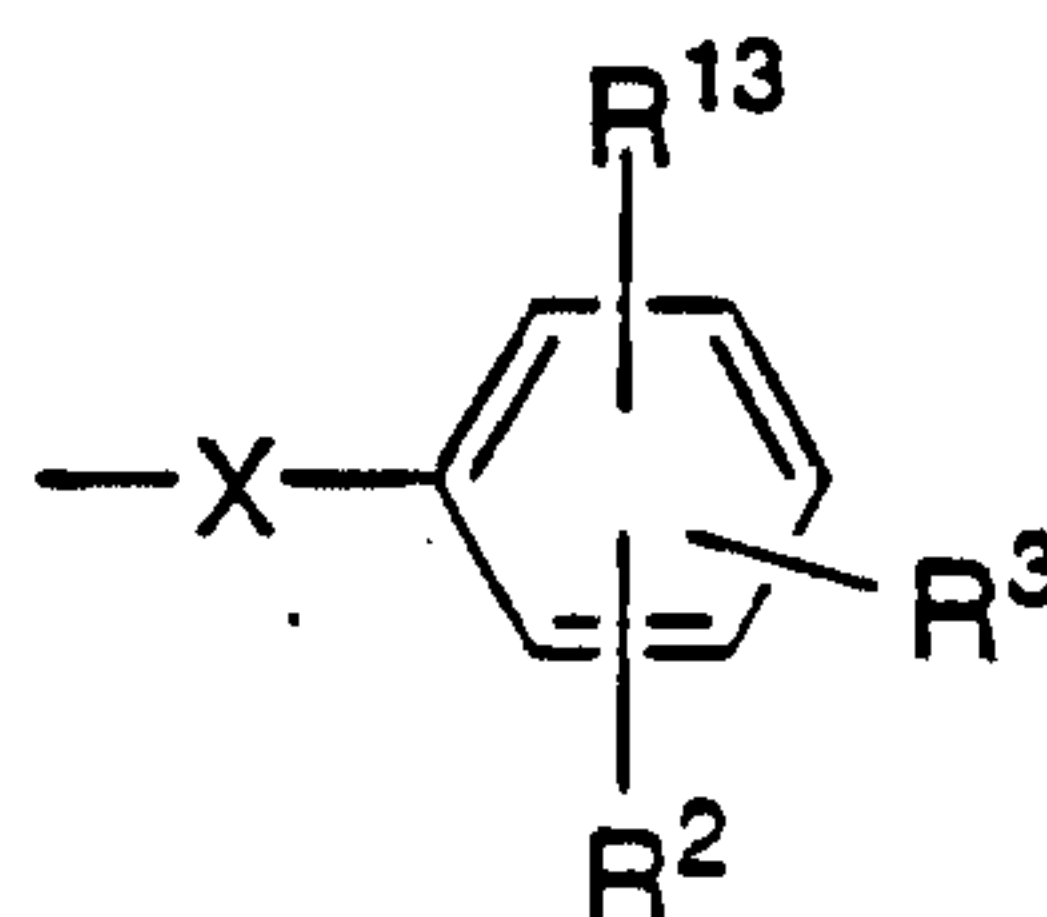
s is 0 to 5;

t is 0 or 1;

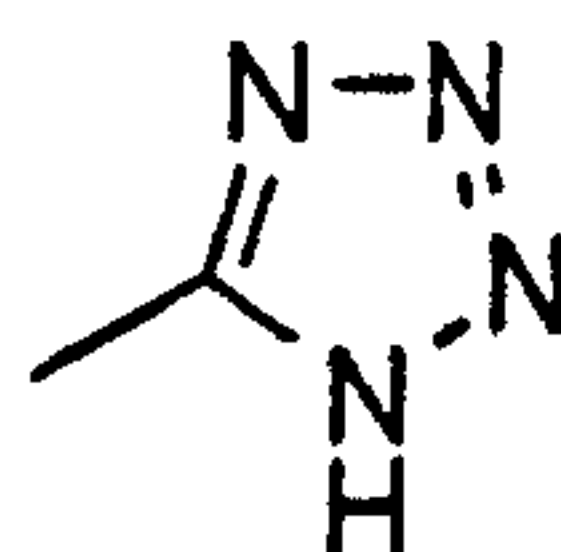
and pharmaceutically acceptable salts of these compounds;
provided that:

(1) the R¹ group is not in the ortho position;

(2) when R¹ is

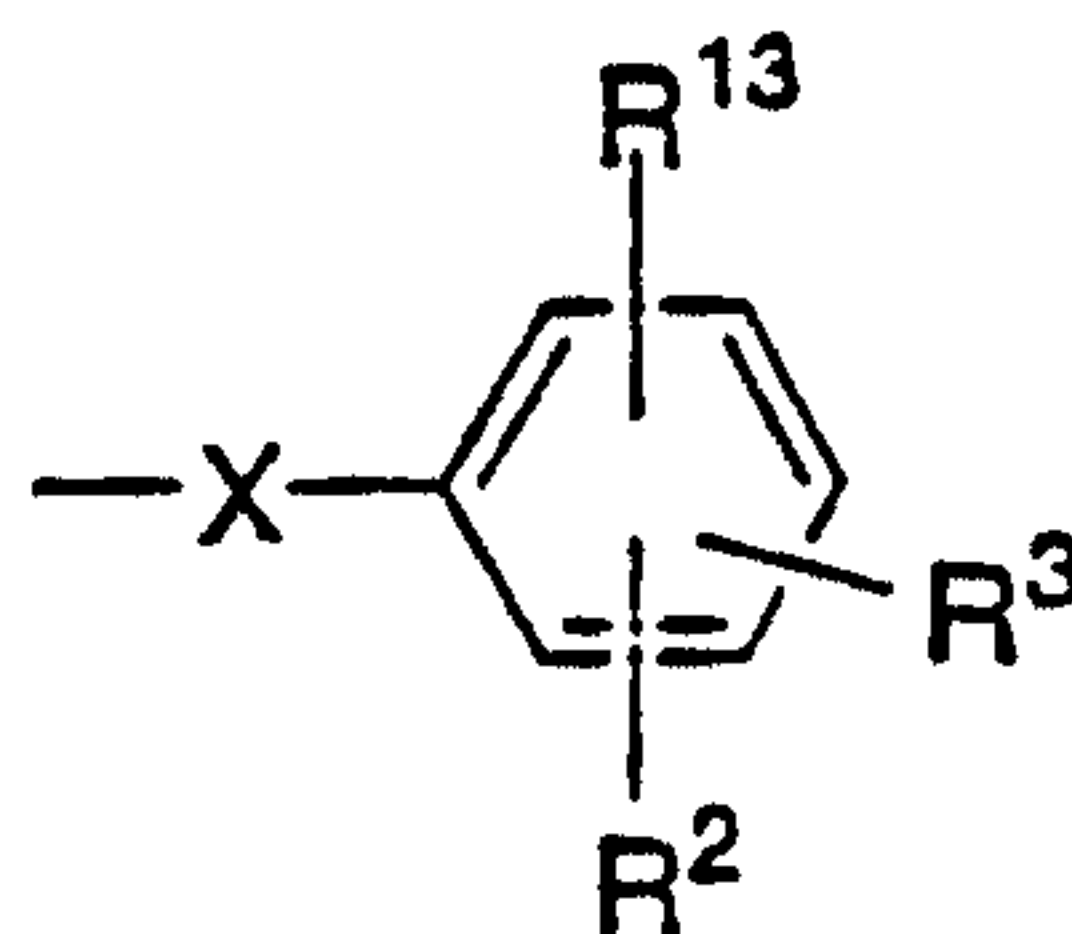


X is a single bond, and R¹³ is CO₂H, or



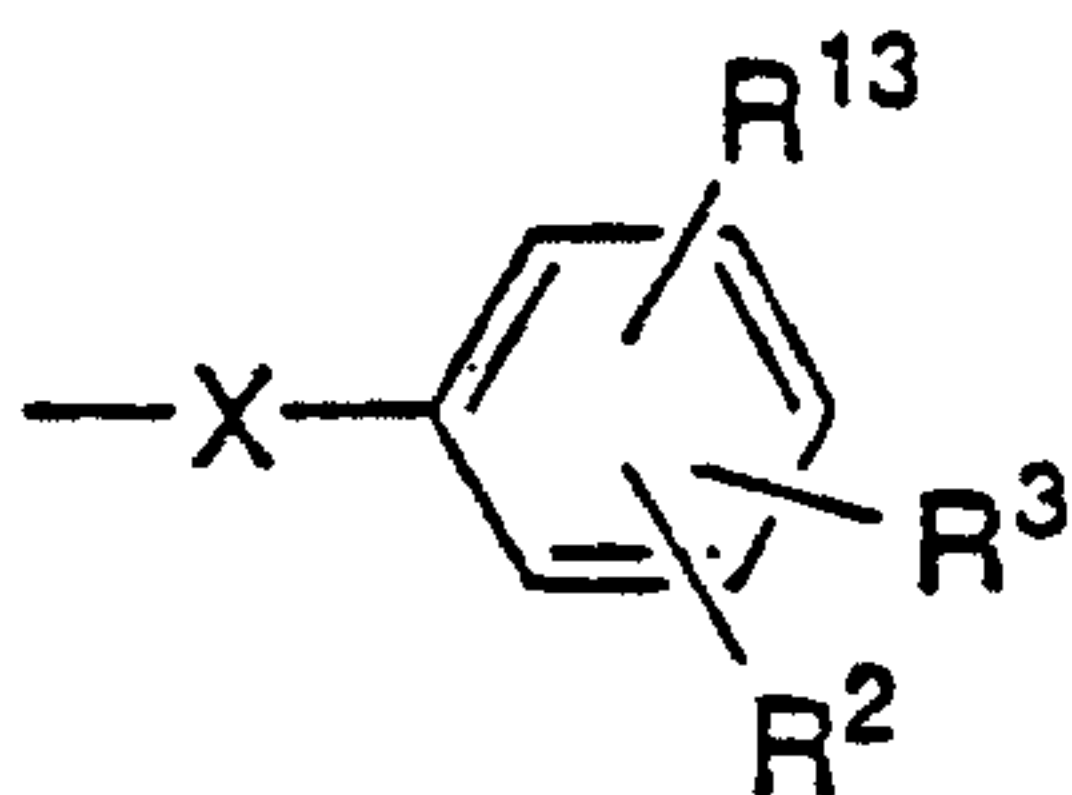
then R¹³ must be in the ortho or meta position; or when R¹ and X are as above and R¹³ is NHSO₂CF₃ or NHSO₂CH₃, R¹³ must be ortho;

(3) when R¹ is



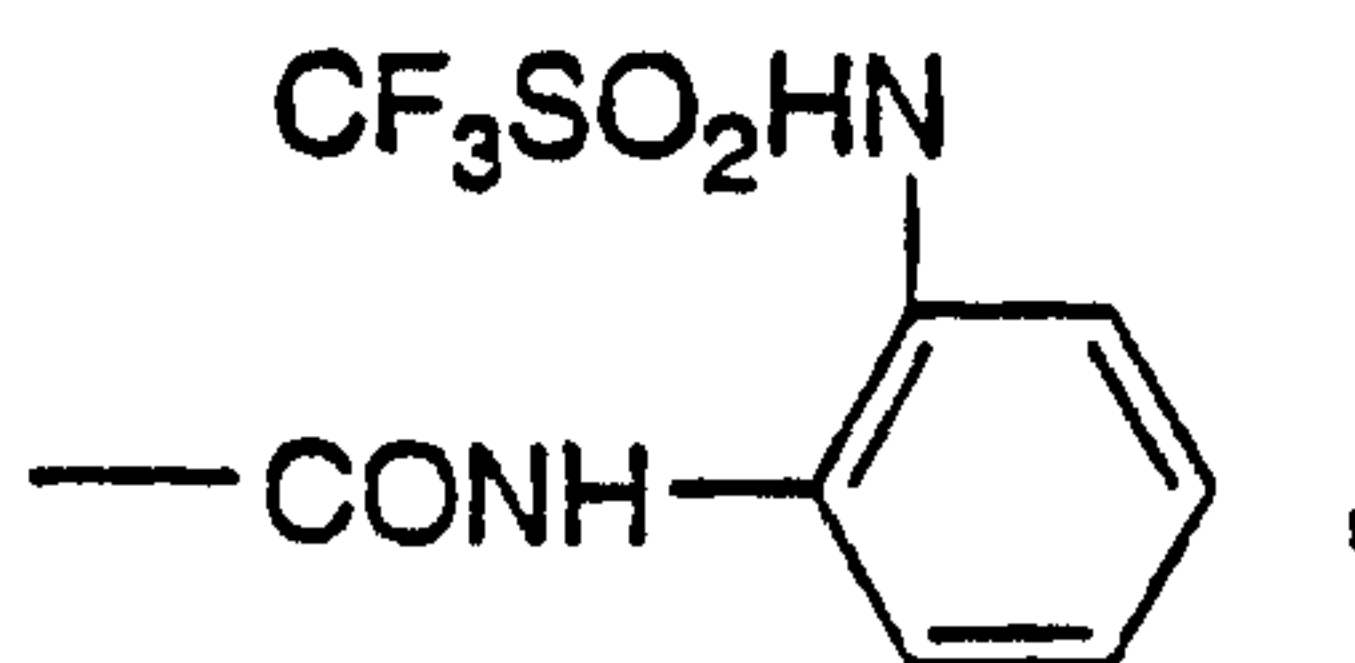
and X is other than a single bond, then R^{13} must be ortho except when $X=NR^{23}CO$ and R^{13} is $NHSO_2CF_3$ or $NHSO_2CH_3$, then R^{13} must be ortho or meta;

- (4) when R^1 is 4- CO_2H or a salt thereof, R^6 cannot be S-alkyl;
- (5) when R^1 is 4- CO_2H or a salt thereof, the substituent on the 4-position of the imidazole cannot be CH_2OH , CH_2OCOCH_3 , or CH_2CO_2H ;
- (6) when R^1 is



X is $-OCH_2-$, and R^{13} is 2- CO_2H , and R^7 is H then R^6 is not C_2H_5S ;

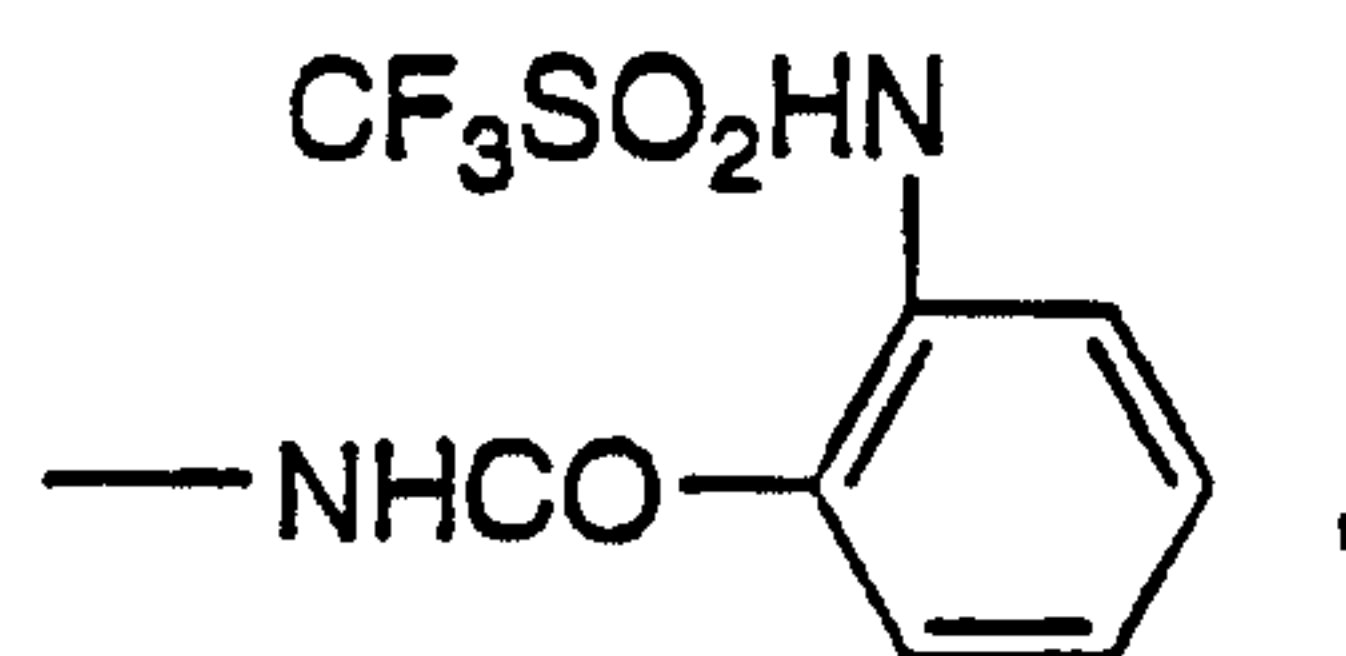
- (7) when R^1 is



and R⁶ is n-hexyl then R⁷ and R⁸ are not both hydrogen;

(8) when R¹ is

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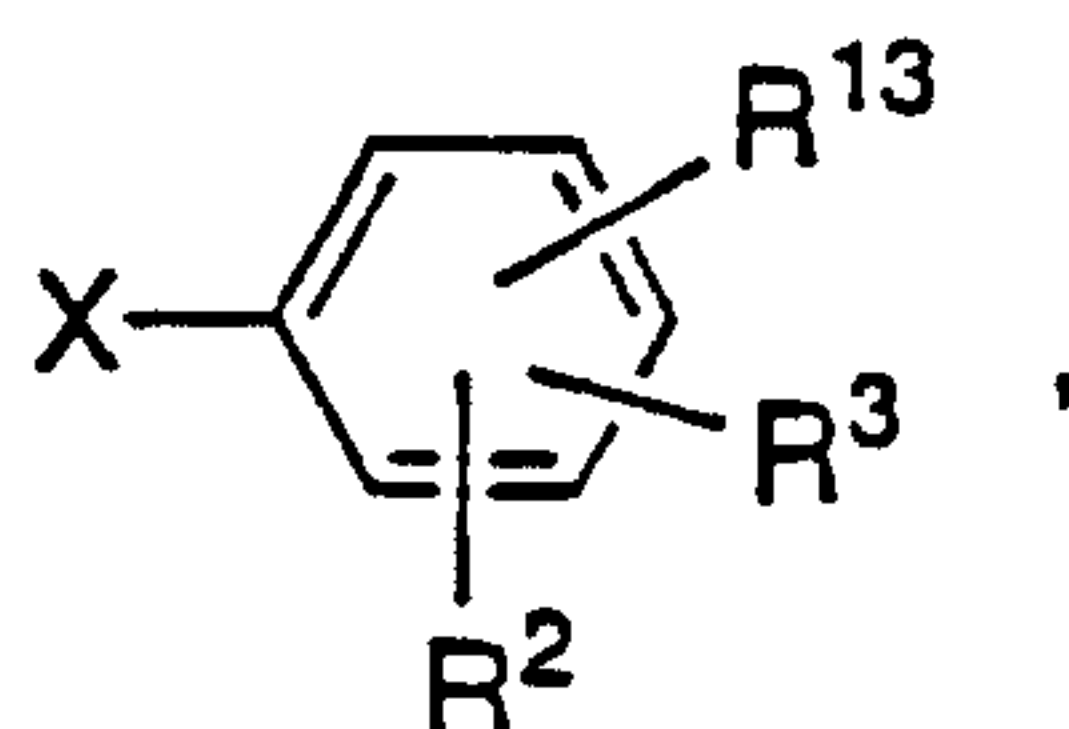


R⁶ is not methoxybenzyl;

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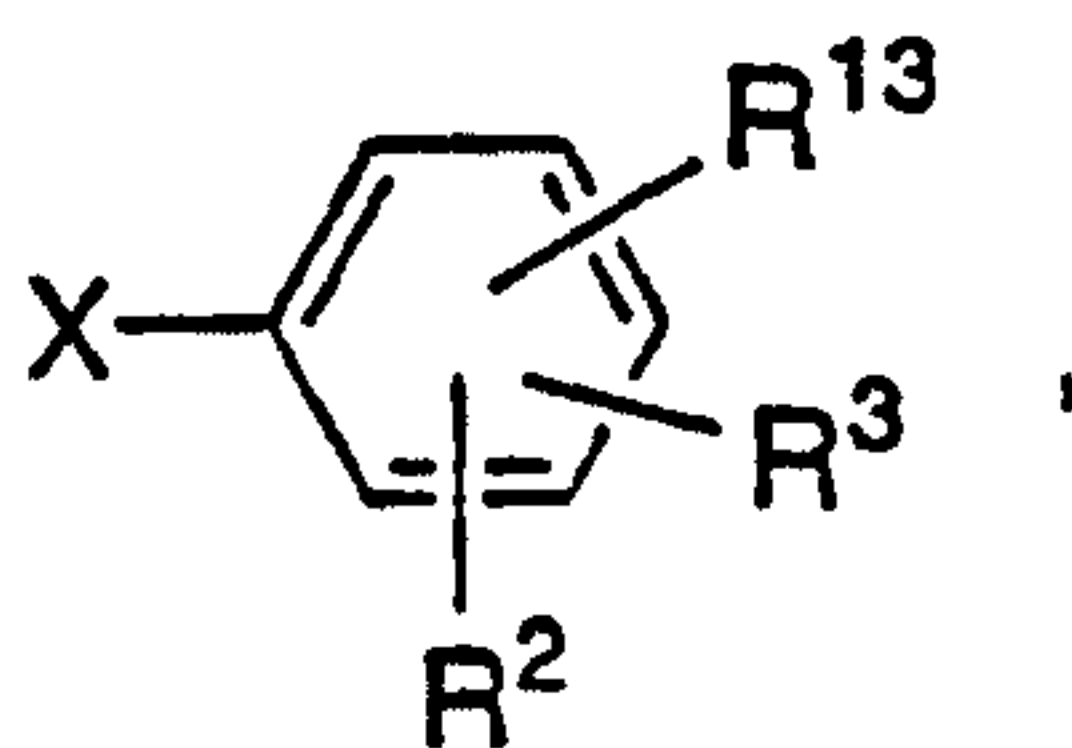
(9) the R⁶ group is not $\text{-}\underset{\text{F}}{\text{CH}}\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ or CH₂OH;

(10) when r=0, R¹ is



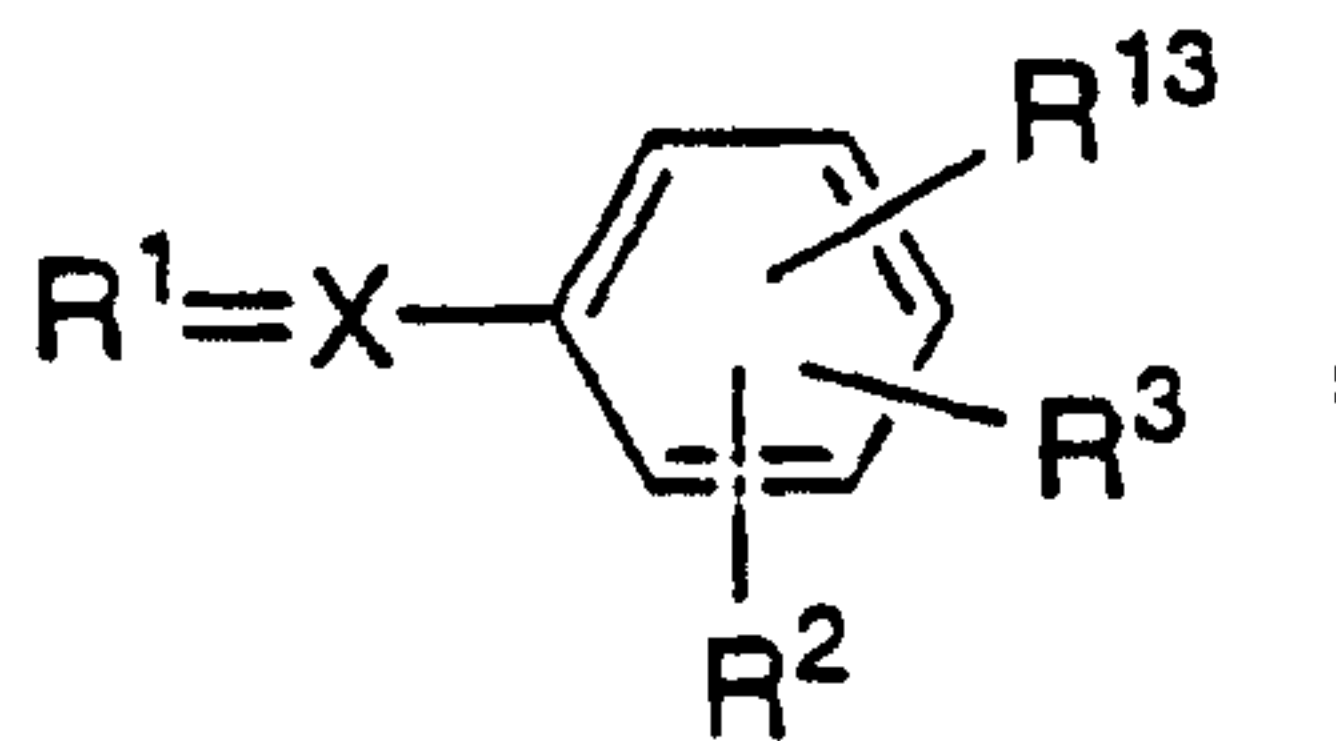
X is $-\text{NH}-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-$, R¹³ is 2-NHSO₂CF₃, and R⁶ is n-propyl, then R⁷ and R⁸ are not -CO₂CH₃;

(11) when $r=0$, R¹ is



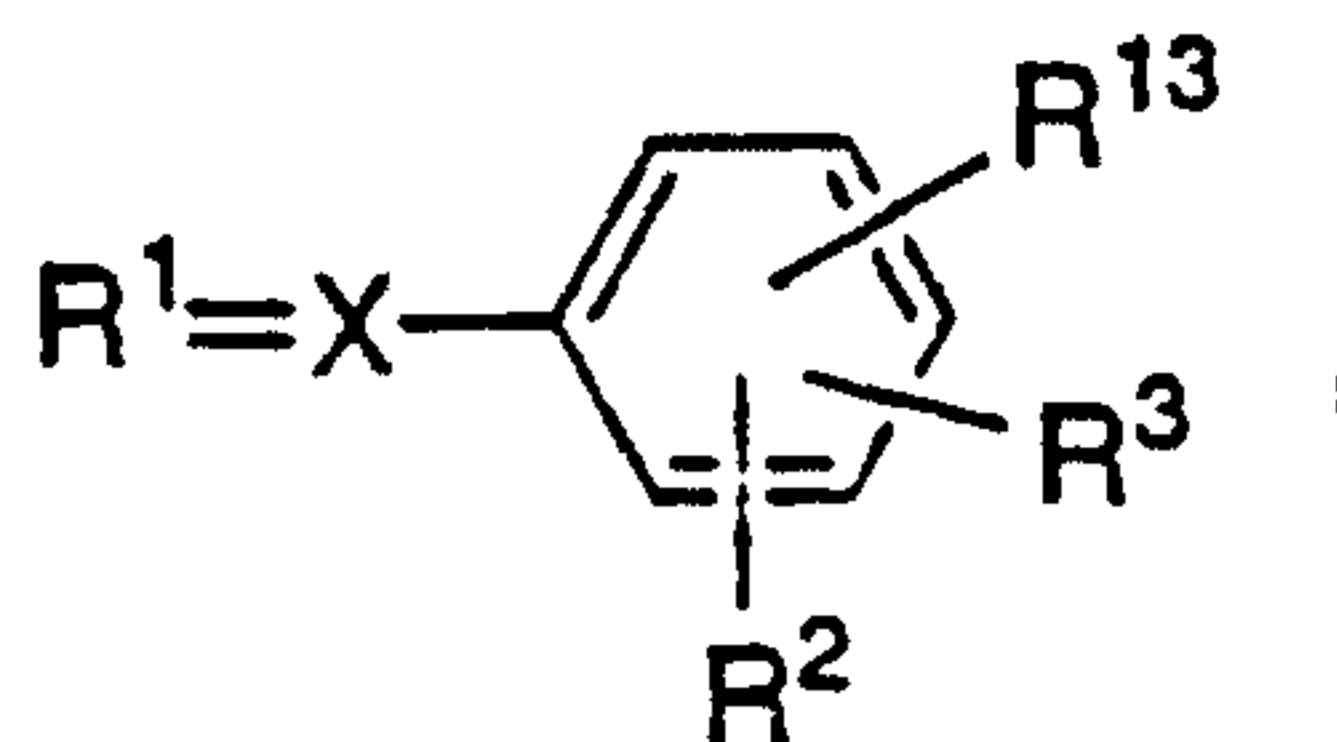
X is $\text{NH}-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-$, R¹³ is 2-COOH, and R⁶ is n-propyl, then R⁷ and R⁸ are not -CO₂CH₃;

(12) when $r=1$,



X is a single bond, R⁷ is Cl, and R⁸ is -CHO, then R¹³ is not 3-(tetrazol-5-yl);

(13) when $r=1$,



X is a single bond, R⁷ is Cl, and R⁸ is -CHO, then R¹³ is not 4-(tetrazol-5-yl).

13. Use as in Claim 12, wherein the angiotensin II (AT₁) receptor antagonist is losartan or 2-butyl-4-chloro-1-[2'-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]imidazole-carboxylic acid, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

14. Use of an angiotensin II (AT₁) receptor antagonist in the manufacture of a medicament for reducing mortality and sudden cardiac death in a symptomatic heart failure patient.

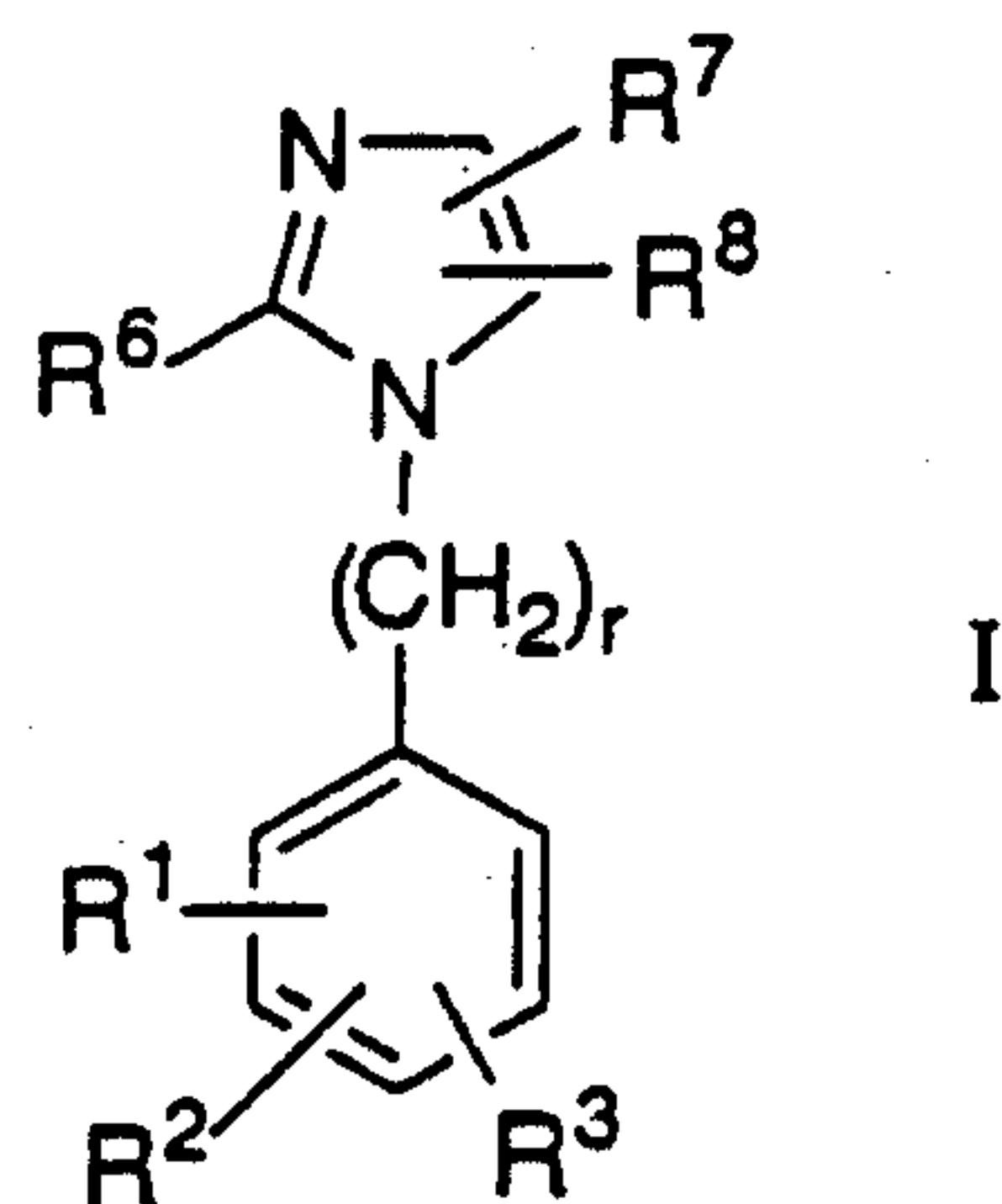
15. Use of an angiotensin II (AT₁) receptor antagonist in the manufacture of a medicament for reducing mortality and sudden cardiac death in a symptomatic heart failure patient said angiotensin II (AT₁) receptor antagonist being selected from the group consisting of: candesartan cilexetil, eprosartan, irbesartan, losartan, tasosartan, telmisartan, valsartan, 3-(2'-(tetrazol-5-yl)-1,1'-biphen-4-yl)methyl-5,7-dimethyl-2-ethyl-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine, , 4[2-ethyl-4-methyl-6-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydroimidazol{1,2-a]pyridine-2-yl]-benzimidazol-1-yl]-methyl-1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxylic acid, 2-butyl-6-(1-methoxy-1-methylethyl)-2-[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-ylmethyl]guinazolin-4(3H)-one, 3-[(2'-carboxybiphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-2-cyclopropyl-7-methyl-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine, 2-butyl-4-chloro-1-[2'-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]imidazole-carboxylic acid, 2-butyl-4-chloro-1-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]-1H-imidazole-5-carboxylic acid-1-(ethoxycarbonyl-oxy)ethyl ester potassium salt, dipotassium 2-butyl-4-(methylthio)-1-[[2-[[[(propylamino)carbonyl]-amino]sulfonyl](1,1'-biphenyl)-4-yl)methyl]-1H-imidazole-5-carboxylate, methyl-2-[[4-butyl-2-methyl-6-oxo-5[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-[1,1'biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]-1-(6H)-pyrimidinyl)methyl]-3-thiophencarboxylate, 5-[(3,5-

dibutyl-1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)methyl]-2-[1H-tetrazol-5-ylphenyl)]pyridine, 6-butyl-2-(2-phenylethyl)-5-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-methyl]pyrimidin-4-(3H)-one D,L lysine salt, 5-methyl-7-n-propyl-8-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-[1,2,4]-triazolo[1,5-c]pyrimidin-2(3H)-one, 2,7-diethyl-5-[[2'-(5-tetrazolyl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-5H-pyrazolo[1,5-b][1,2,4]triazole potassium salt, 2-[2-butyl-4,5-dihydro-4-oxo-3--[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-4-biphenylmethyl]-3H-imidazol[4,5-c]pyridine-5-ylmethyl]-benzoic acid, ethyl ester, potassium salt, 3-methoxy-2,6-dimethyl-4-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl]methoxy]pyridine, 2-ethoxy-1-[[2'-(5-oxo-2,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-1H-benzimidazole-7-carboxylic acid, 1-[N-(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl-methyl)-N-valerolylamino-methyl)cyclopentane-1-carboxylic acid, 7-methyl-2n-propyl-3-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine, 2-[5-[(2-ethyl-5,7-dimethyl-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine-3-yl)methyl]-2-quinolinyl]sodium benzoate, 2-butyl-6-chloro-4-hydroxymethyl-5-methyl-3-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]pyridine, 2-[[[2-butyl-1-[(4-carboxyphenyl)methyl]-1H-imidazol-5-yl)methyl]amino]benzoic acid tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]pyrimidin-6-one, 4(S)-[4-(carboxymethyl)phenoxy]-N-[2(R)-[4-(2-sulfobenzamido)imidazol-1-yl]octanoyl]-L-proline, 1-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-4-butyl-1,3-dihydro-3-[[6-[2-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)phenyl]-3-pyridinyl)methyl]-2H-imidazol-2-one, 5,8-ethano-5,8-dimethyl-2-n-propyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-1-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-1H,4H-1,3,4a,8a-tetrazacyclopentanaphthalene-9-one, 4-[1-[2'-(1,2,3,4-tetrazol-5-yl)biphen-4-yl)methylamino]-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-trifylquinazoline, 2-(2-chlorobenzoyl)imino-5-ethyl-3-[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl-1,3,4-thiadiazoline, 2-[5-ethyl-3-[2-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl-

1,3,4-thiazoline-2-ylidene]aminocarbonyl-1-cyclopentenecarboxylic acid dipotassium salt, and 2-butyl-4-[N-methyl-N-(3-methylcrotonoyl)amino]-1-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]methyl]-1H-imidazole-5-carboxylic acid 1-ethoxycarbonyloxyethyl ester.

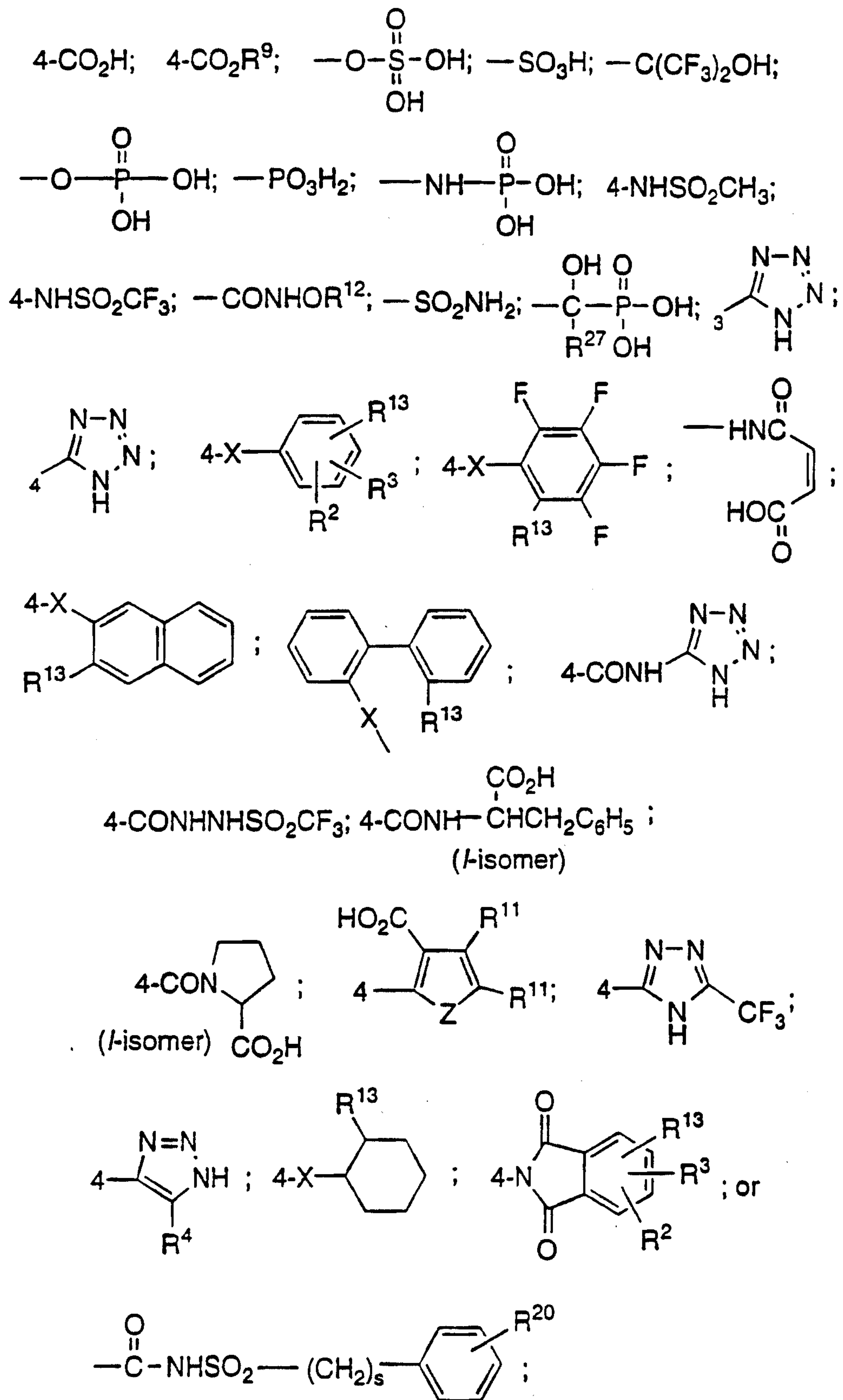
16. Use as in Claim 15, wherein the angiotensin II (AT₁) receptor antagonist is selected from the group consisting of: candesartan cilexetil, eprosartan, irbesartan, losartan, tasosartan, telmisartan, valsartan and 3-(2'-(tetrazol-5-yl)-1, 1'-biphen-4-yl)methyl-5,7-dimethyl-2-ethyl-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine.

17. Use of an angiotensin II (AT₁) receptor antagonist in the manufacture of a medicament for reducing sudden cardiac death in a symptomatic heart failure patient said angiotensin II (AT₁) antagonist being of formula I

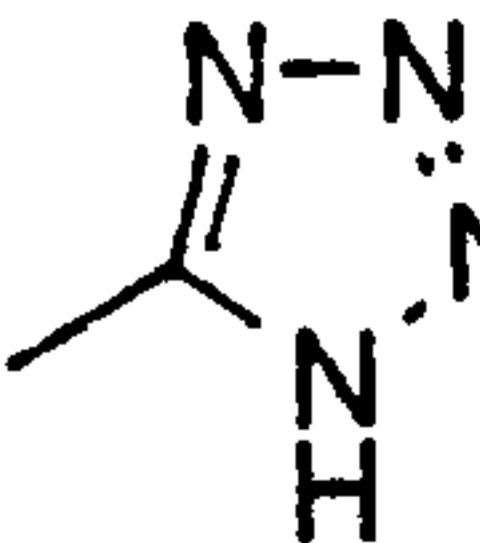


wherein:

R¹ is:



R² is H; Cl; Br; I; F; NO₂; CN; alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms; acyloxy of 1 to 4 carbon atoms; alkoxy of 1 to 4 carbon atoms; CO₂H; CO₂R⁹; HNSO₂CH₃; NHSO₂CF₃;

CONHOR¹²; SO₂NH₂; ; aryl; or furyl;

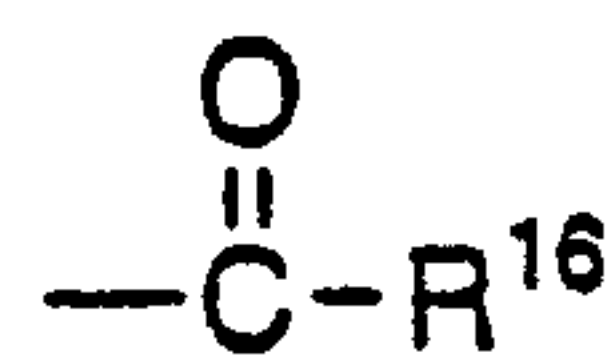
R³ is H; Cl, Br, I or F; alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms or alkoxy of 1 to 4 carbon atoms;

R⁴ is CN, NO₂ or CO₂R¹¹;

R⁵ is H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6 carbon atoms alkenyl or alkynyl of 2 to 4 carbon atoms;

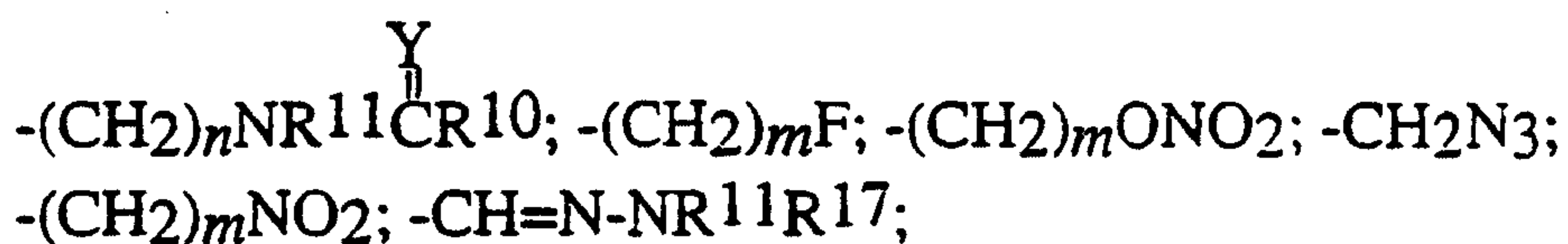
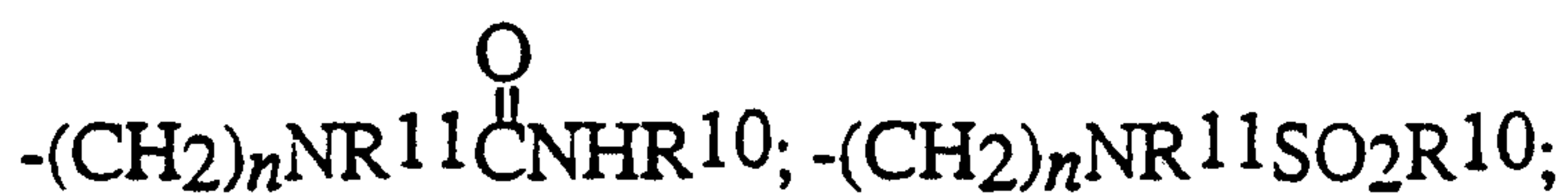
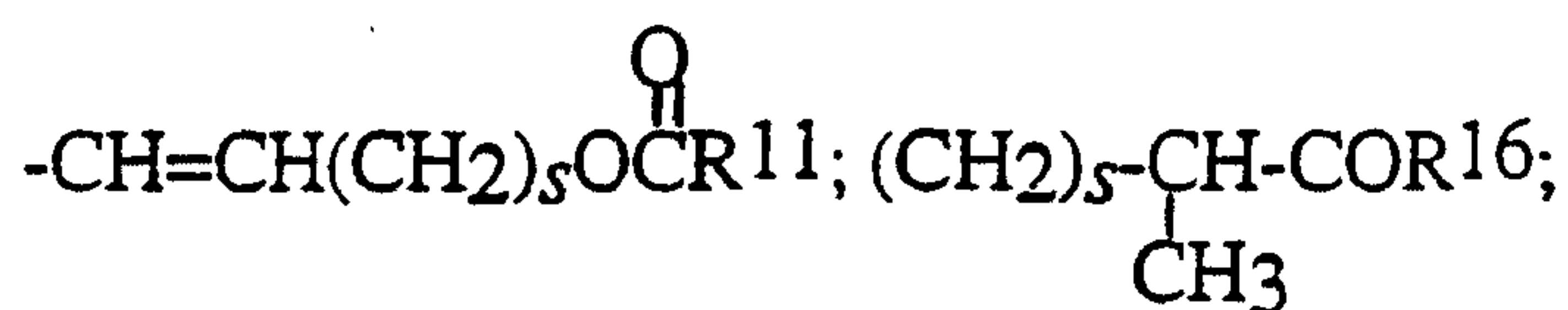
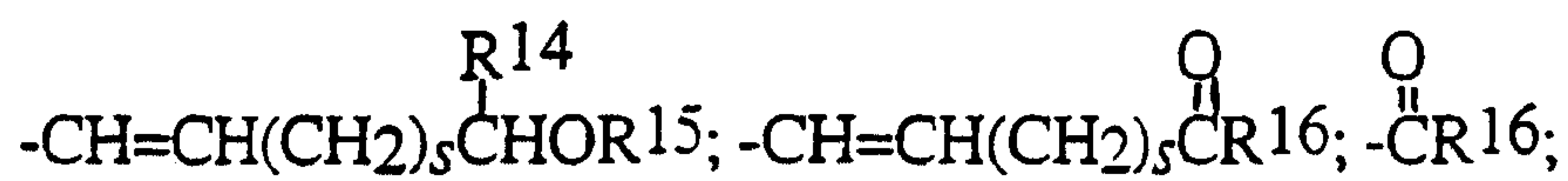
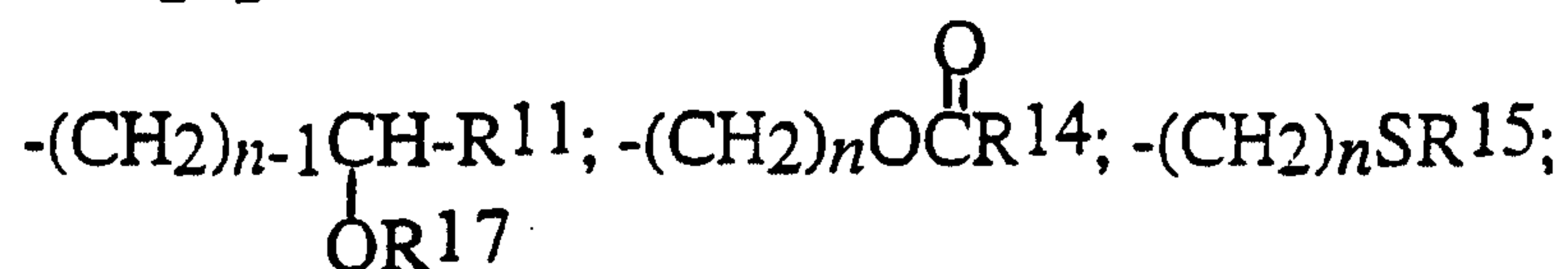
R⁶ is alkyl of 2 to 10 carbon atoms, alkenyl or alkynyl of 3 to 10 carbon atoms or the same groups substituted with F or CO₂R¹⁴; cycloalkyl of 3 to 8 carbon atoms, cycloalkylalkyl, of 4 to 10 carbon atoms; cycloalkylalkenyl or cycloalkylalkynyl 5 to 10 carbon atoms; (CH₂)_sZ(CH₂)_mR⁵ optionally substituted with F or CO₂R¹⁴; benzyl substituted on the phenyl ring with 1 or 2 halogens, alkoxy of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms or nitro;

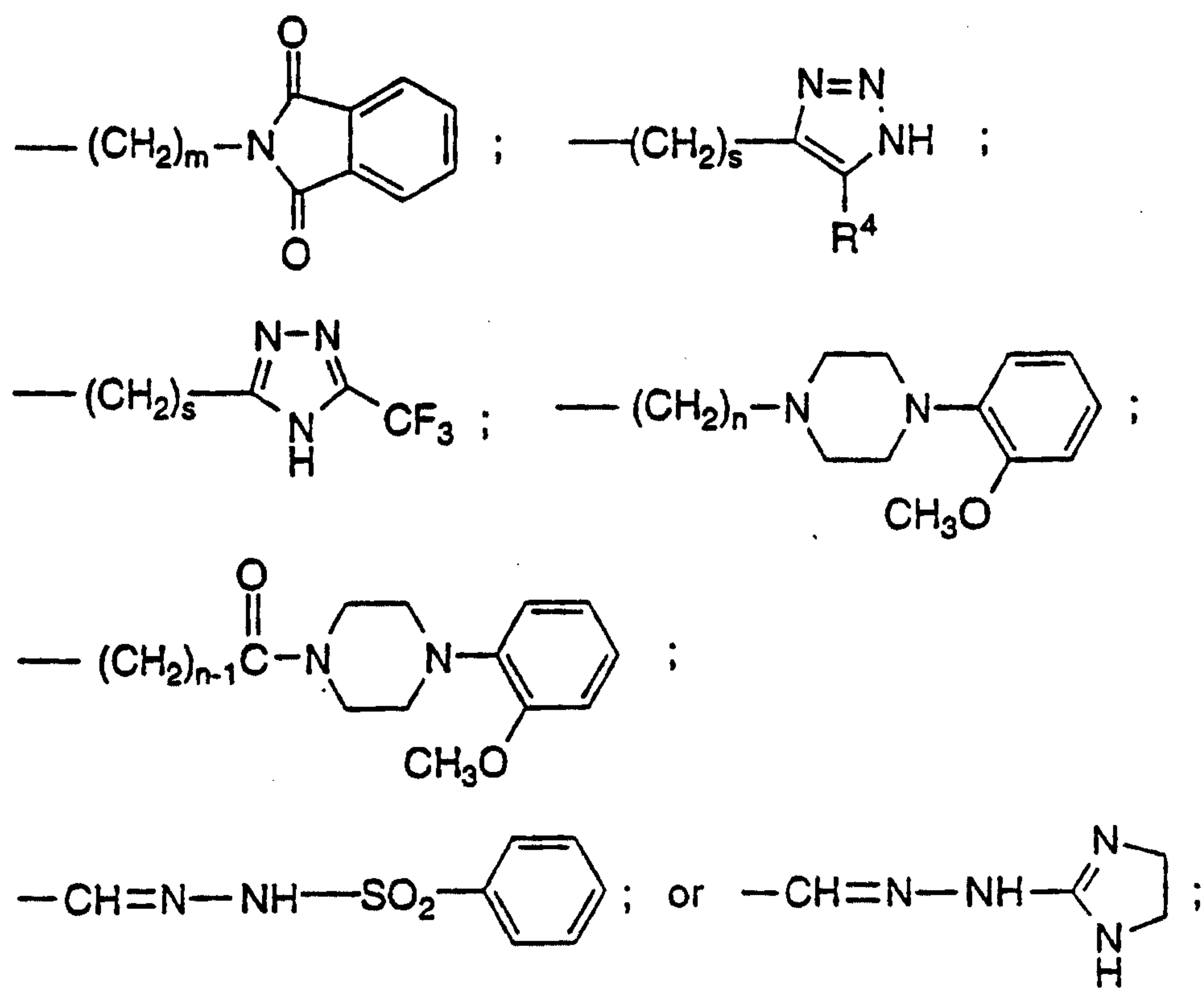
R⁷ is H, F, Cl, Br, I, NO₂, C_vF_{2v+1}, where v=1-6, C₆F₅; CN;



; straight or branched alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms; phenyl or phenylalkyl, where alkyl is 1 to 3 carbon atoms; or substituted phenyl or substituted phenylalkyl, where alkyl is 1 to 3 carbon atoms, substituted with one or two substituents selected from alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, F, Cl, Br, OH, OCH₃, CF₃, and COOR, where R is H, alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or phenyl;

R⁸ is H, CN, alkyl of 1 to 10 carbon atoms, alkenyl of 3 to 10 carbon atoms, or the same groups substituted with F; phenylalkenyl wherein the aliphatic portion is 2 to 6 carbon atoms; $-(CH_2)_m$ -imidazol-1-yl; $-(CH_2)_m$ -1,2,3-triazolyl optionally substituted with one or two group selected from CO₂CH₃ and alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms; $-(CH_2)_s$ tetrazolyl;





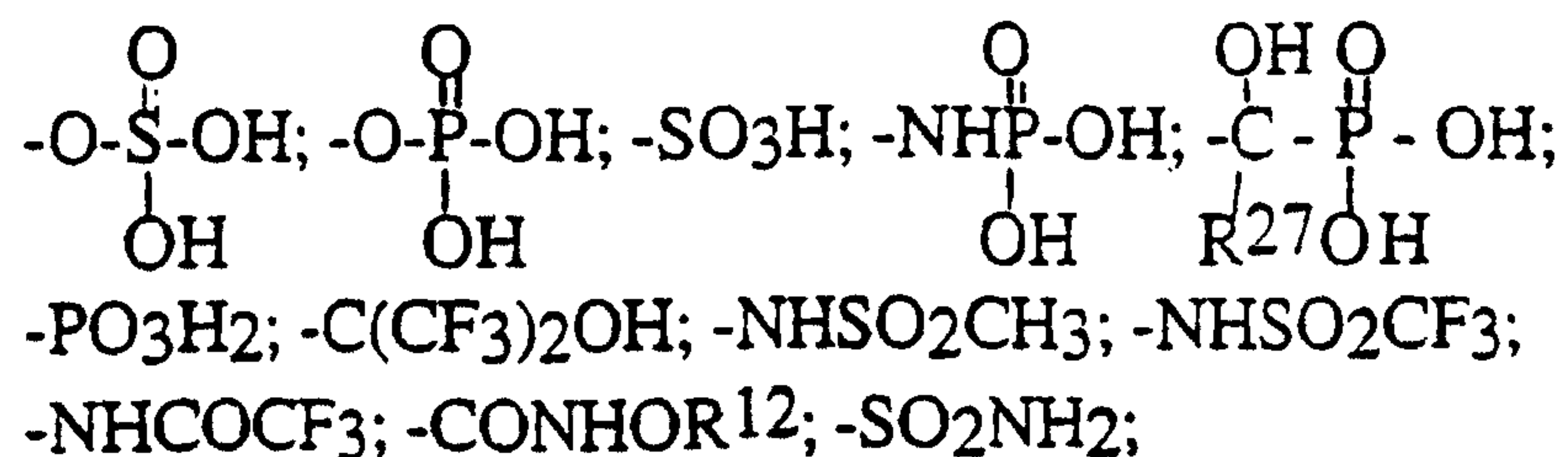
R⁹ is: $\begin{array}{c} \text{R}^{24} \quad \text{O} \\ | \quad \parallel \\ \text{---CH---O---C---R}^{21} \end{array}$;

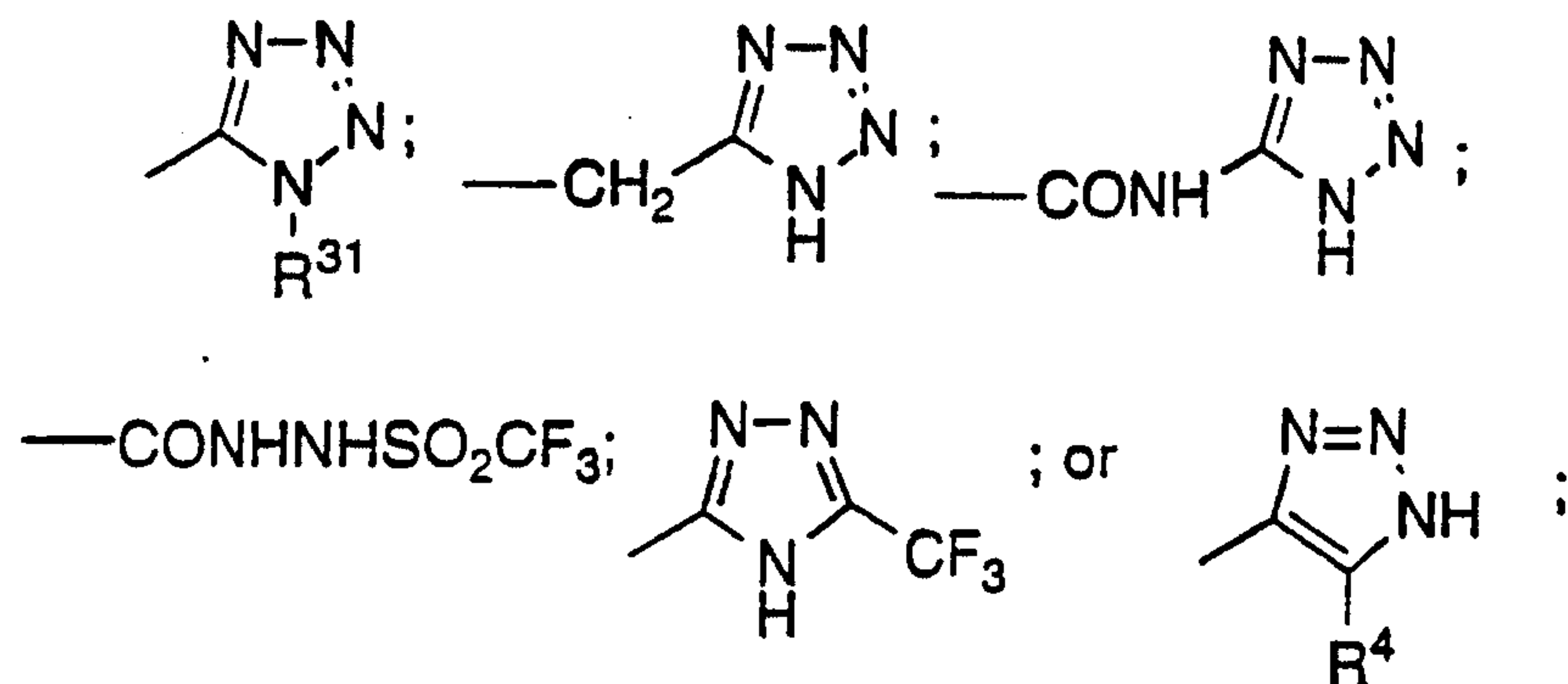
R¹⁰ is alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms or perfluoroalkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, 1-adamantyl, 1-naphthyl, 1-(1-naphthyl)ethyl, or (CH₂)_pC₆H₅;

R¹¹ is H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6 carbon atoms, phenyl or benzyl;

R¹² is H, methyl or benzyl;

R¹³ is -CO₂H; -CO₂R⁹; -CH₂CO₂H, -CH₂CO₂R⁹;





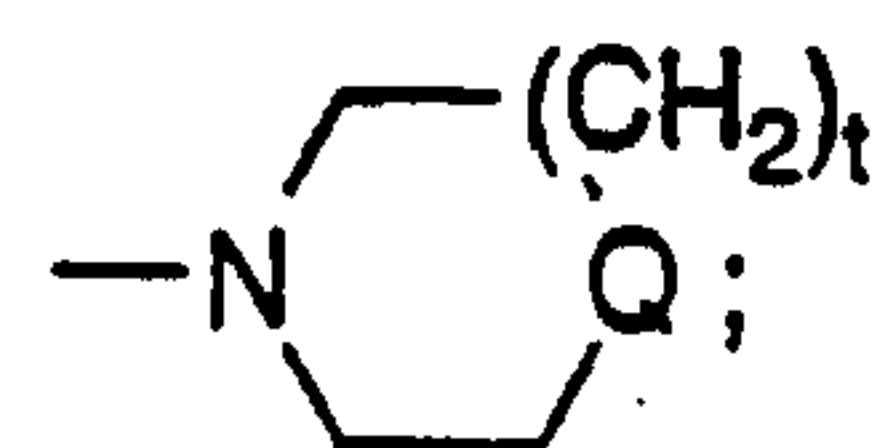
R¹⁴ is H, alkyl or perfluoroalkyl of 1 to 8 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6 carbon atoms, phenyl or benzyl;

R¹⁵ is H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6 carbon atoms, phenyl, benzyl, acyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or phenacyl;

R¹⁶ is H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6 carbon atoms, (CH₂)_pC₆H₅, OR¹⁷, or NR¹⁸R¹⁹;

R¹⁷ is H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6 carbon atoms, phenyl or benzyl;

R¹⁸ and R¹⁹ independently are H, alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, phenyl, benzyl, α-methylbenzyl, or taken together with the nitrogen form a ring of the formula



Q is NR²⁰, O or CH₂;

R²⁰ is H, alkyl of 1-4 carbon atoms, or phenyl;

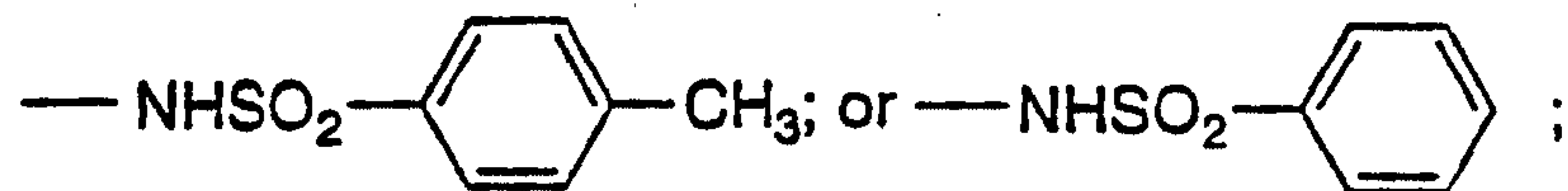
R²¹ is alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, -NR²²R²³, or -

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{CHCH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_3 \\ | \\ \text{NH}_2 \end{array}$$

R22 and R23 independently are H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, benzyl, or are taken together as $(\text{CH}_2)_u$, where u is 3-6;

R24 is H, CH_3 or $-\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$;

R25 is $\text{NR}^{27}\text{R}^{28}$, OR^{28} , NHCONH_2 , NHCSNH_2 ,



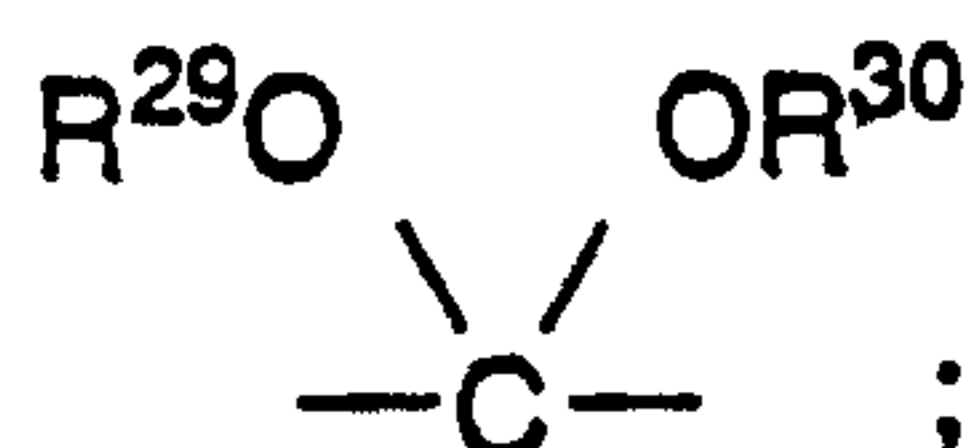
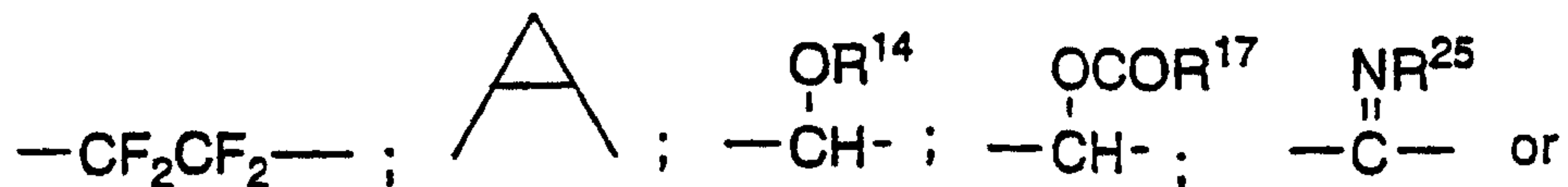
R26 is hydrogen, alkyl with from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, benzyl, or allyl;

R27 and R28 are independently hydrogen, alkyl with from 1 to 5 carbon atoms, or phenyl;

R29 and R30 are independently alkyl of 1-4 carbon atoms or taken together are $-(\text{CH}_2)_q-$;

R31 is H, alkyl or 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$;

X is a carbon-carbon single bond, $-\text{CO}-$, $-\text{CH}_2-$, $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{S}-$, $-\text{NH}-$, $-\text{N}-$, $-\text{CON}-$, $-\text{NCO}-$, $-\text{OCH}_2-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{O}-$, $-\text{SCH}_2-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{S}-$,
 $\begin{array}{c} \text{R}^{26} \quad \text{R}^{23} \quad \text{R}^{23} \\ | \quad | \quad | \\ -\text{NHC}(\text{R}^{27})(\text{R}^{28})-, -\text{NR}^{23}\text{SO}_2-, -\text{SO}_2\text{NR}^{23}-, -\text{CH}=\text{CH}-, - \\ \text{CF}=\text{CF}-, -\text{CH}=\text{CF}-, -\text{CF}=\text{CH}-, -\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-, -\text{C}(\text{R}^{27})(\text{R}^{28})\text{NH}-, \end{array}$



Y is O or S;

Z is O, NR¹¹, or S;

m is 1 to 5;

n is 1 to 10;

p is 0 to 3;

q is 2 to 3;

r is 0 to 2;

s is 0 to 5;

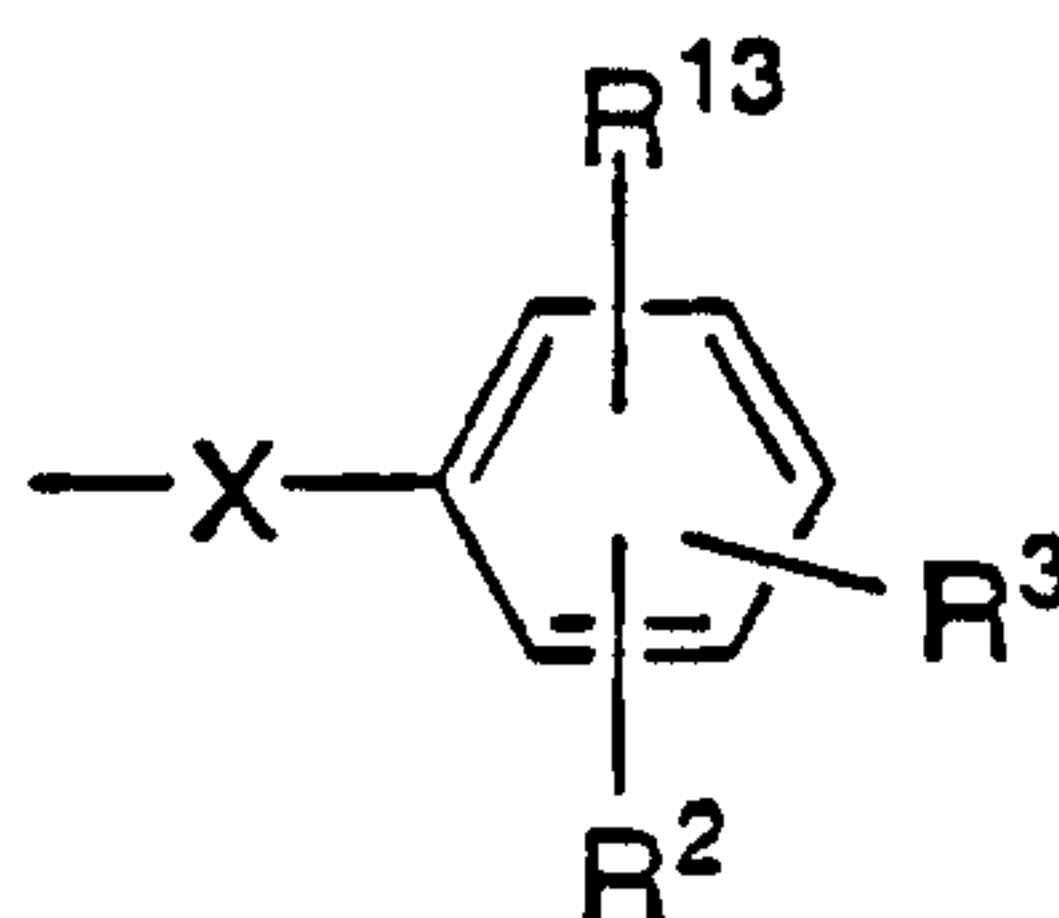
t is 0 or 1;

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts of these compounds;

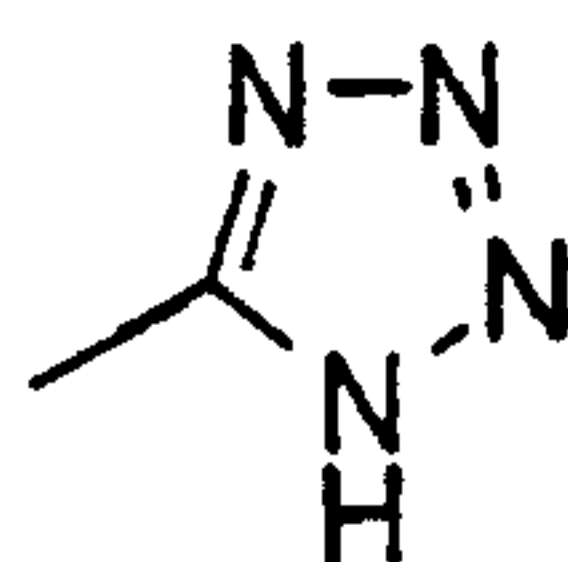
provided that:

(1) the R¹ group is not in the ortho position;

(2) when R¹ is

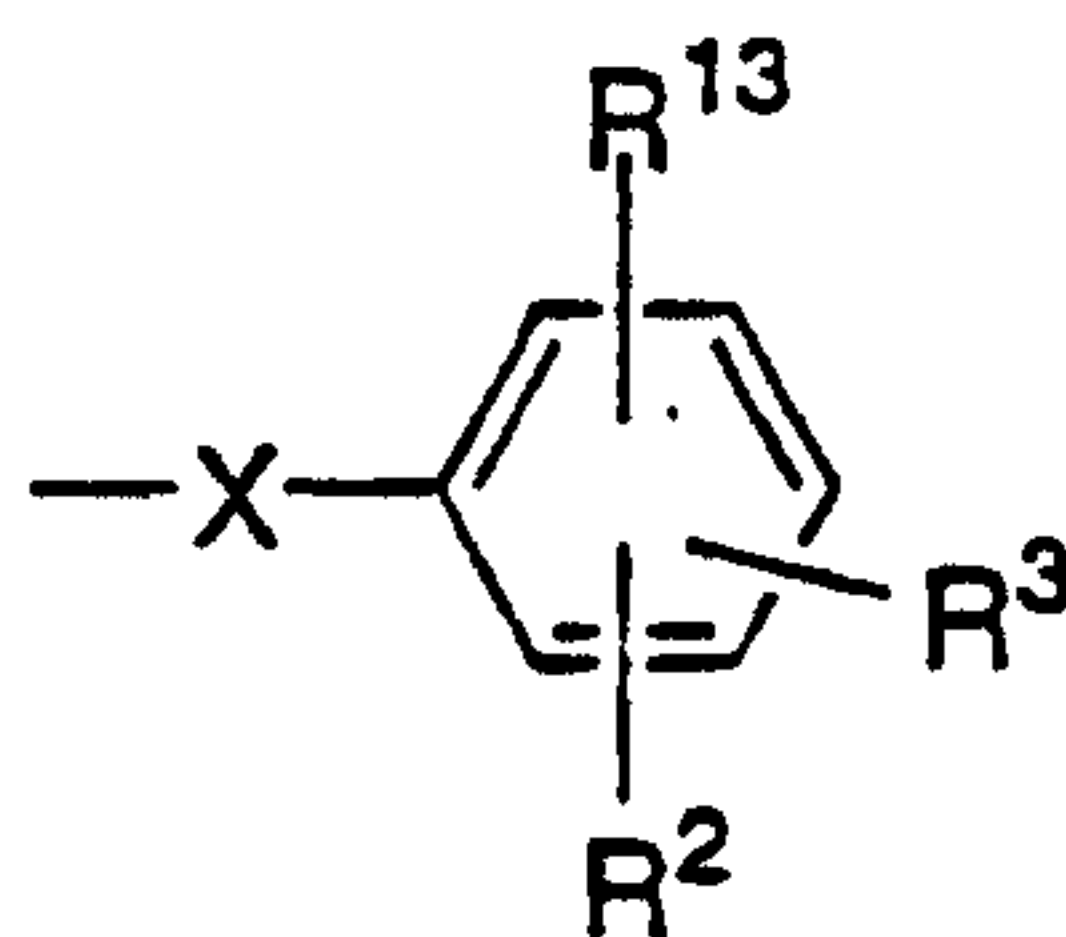


X is a single bond, and R¹³ is CO₂H, or



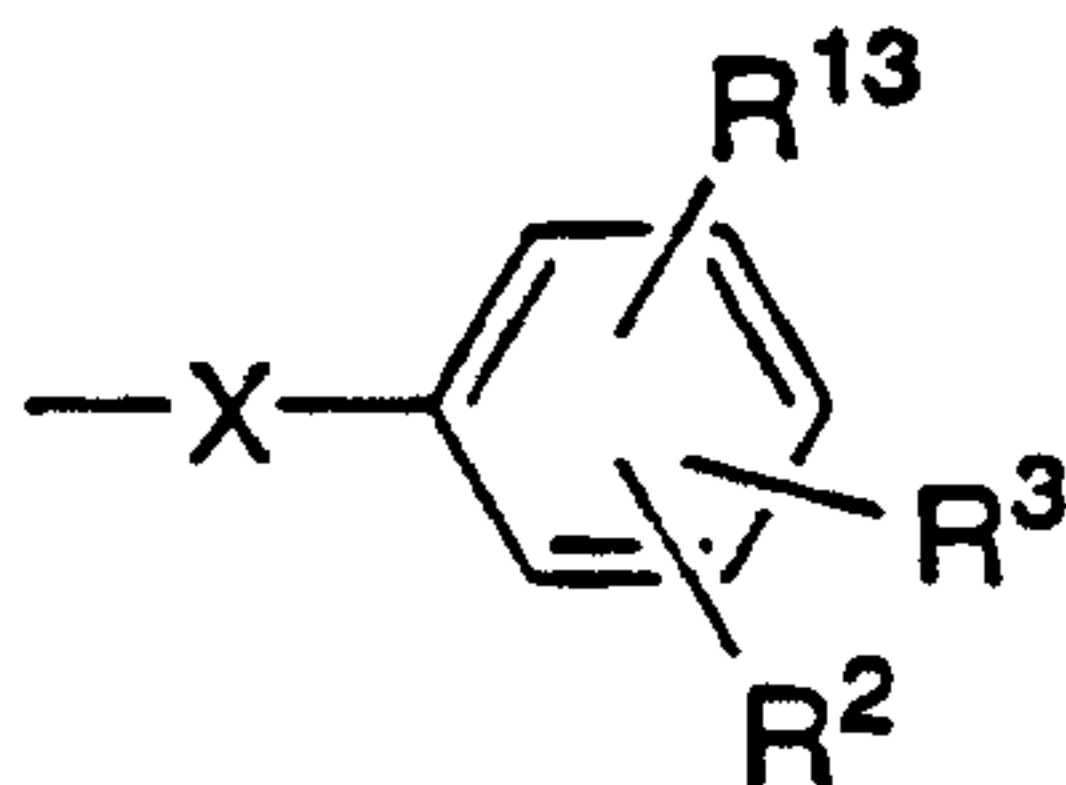
then R¹³ must be in the ortho or meta position; or when R¹ and X are as above and R¹³ is NHSO₂CF₃ or NHSO₂CH₃, R¹³ must be ortho;

(3) when R¹ is



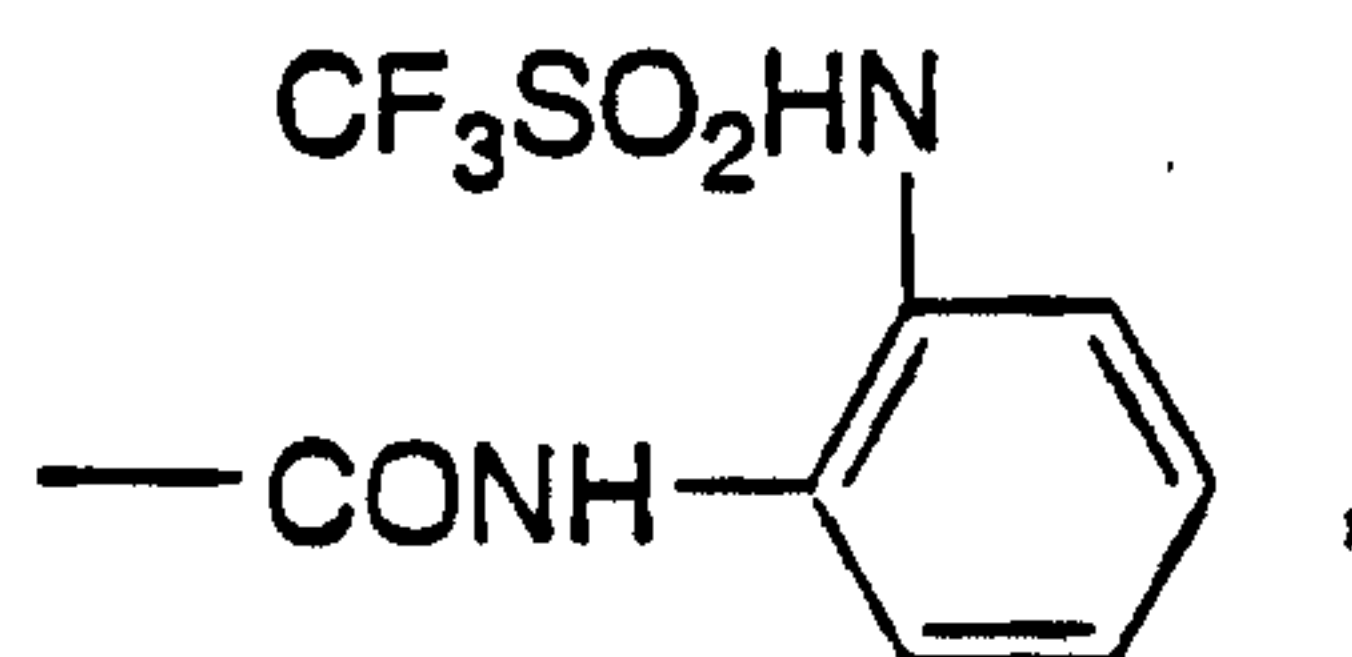
and X is other than a single bond, then R^{13} must be ortho except when $X=NR^{23}CO$ and R^{13} is $NHSO_2CF_3$ or $NHSO_2CH_3$, then R^{13} must be ortho or meta;

- (4) when R^1 is 4- CO_2H or a salt thereof, R^6 cannot be S-alkyl;
- (5) when R^1 is 4- CO_2H or a salt thereof, the substituent on the 4-position of the imidazole cannot be CH_2OH , CH_2OCOCH_3 , or CH_2CO_2H ;
- (6) when R^1 is



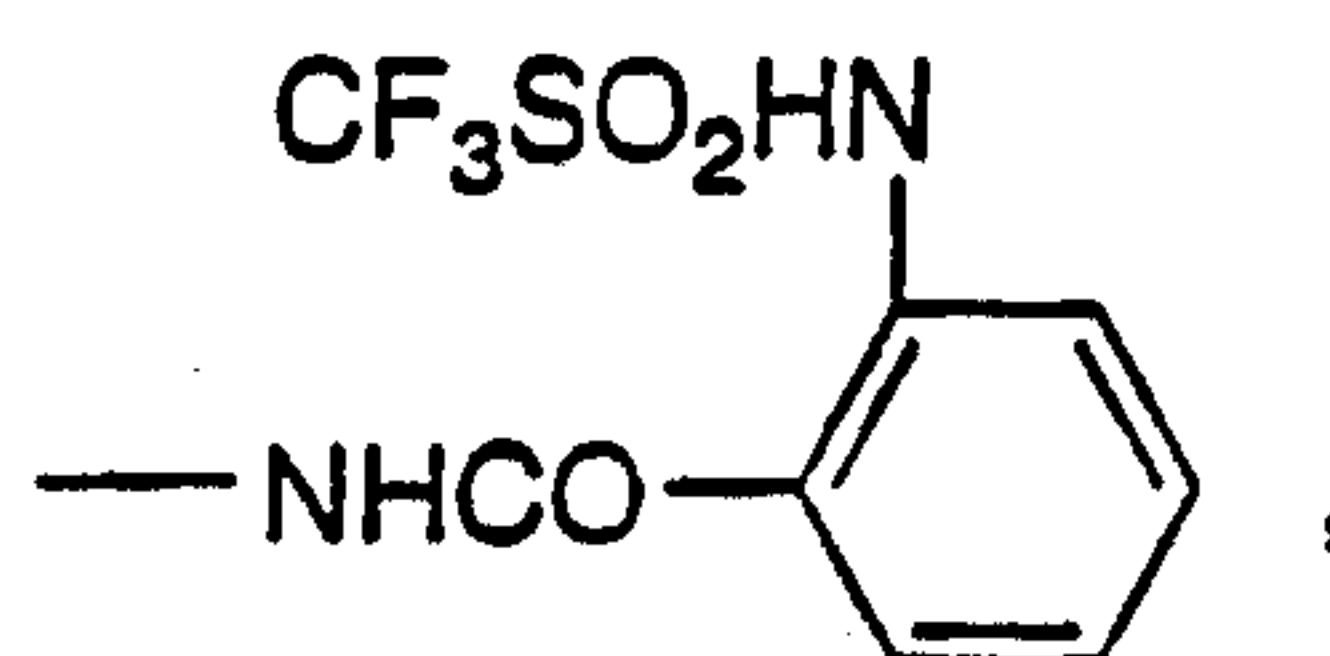
X is $-OCH_2-$, and R^{13} is 2- CO_2H , and R^7 is H then R^6 is not C_2H_5S ;

- (7) when R^1 is



and R⁶ is n-hexyl then R⁷ and R⁸ are not both hydrogen;

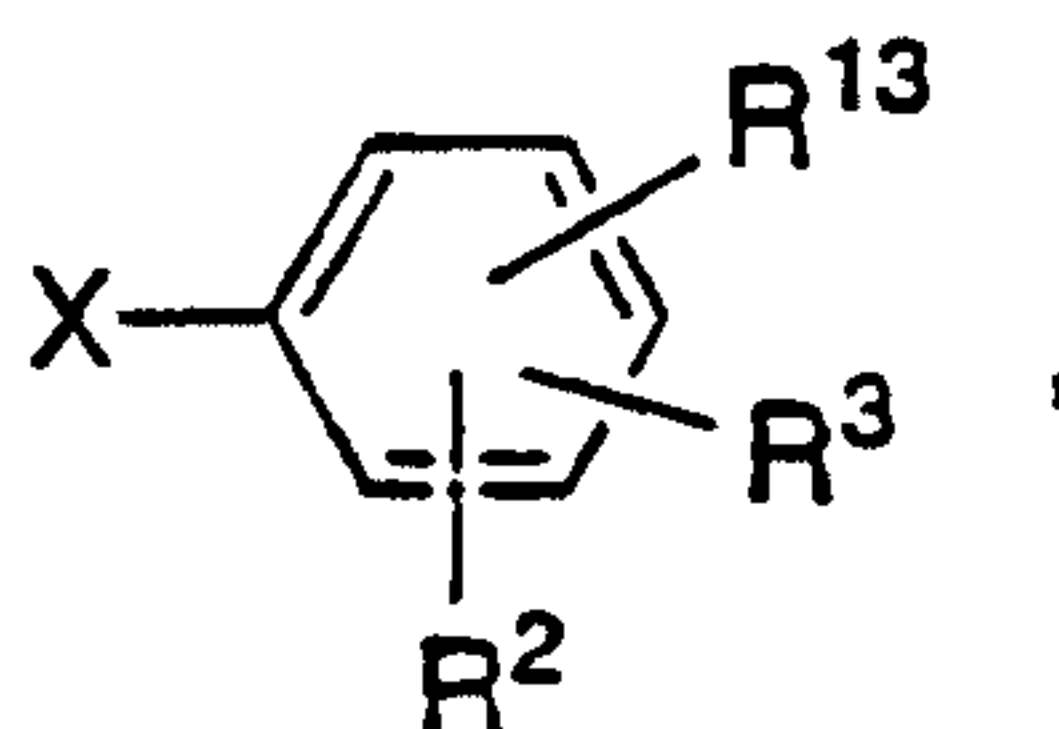
(8) when R¹ is



R⁶ is not methoxybenzyl;

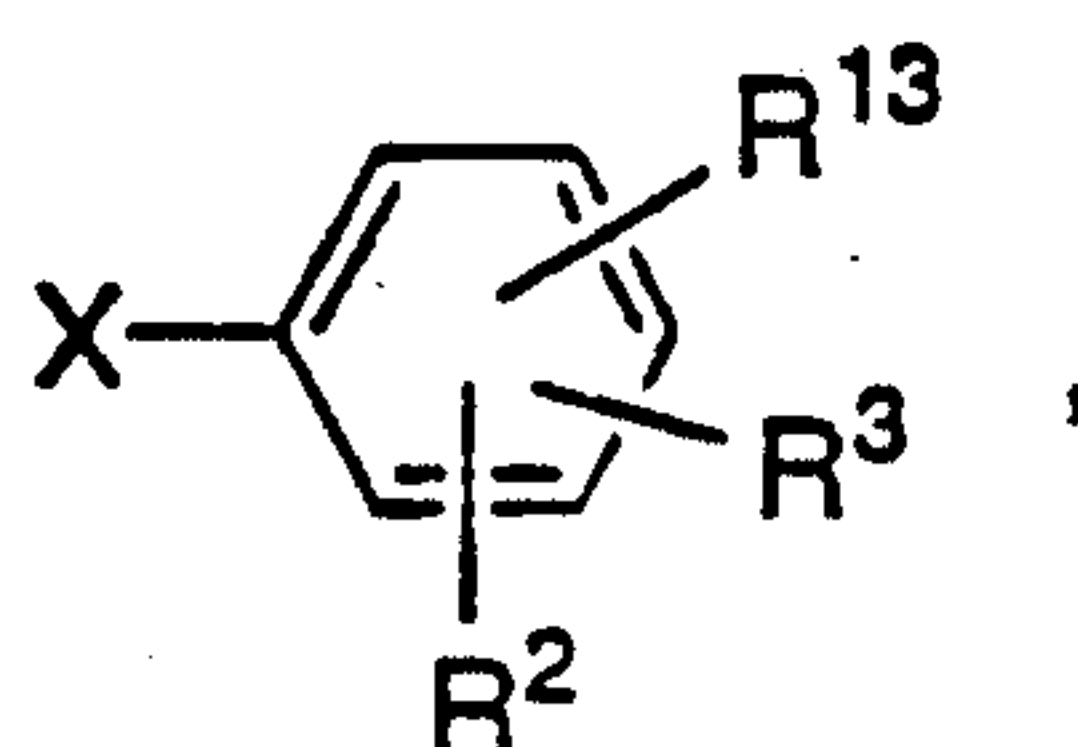
(9) the R⁶ group is not $\text{-CH}(\text{F})\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ or CH₂OH;

(10) when r=0, R¹ is



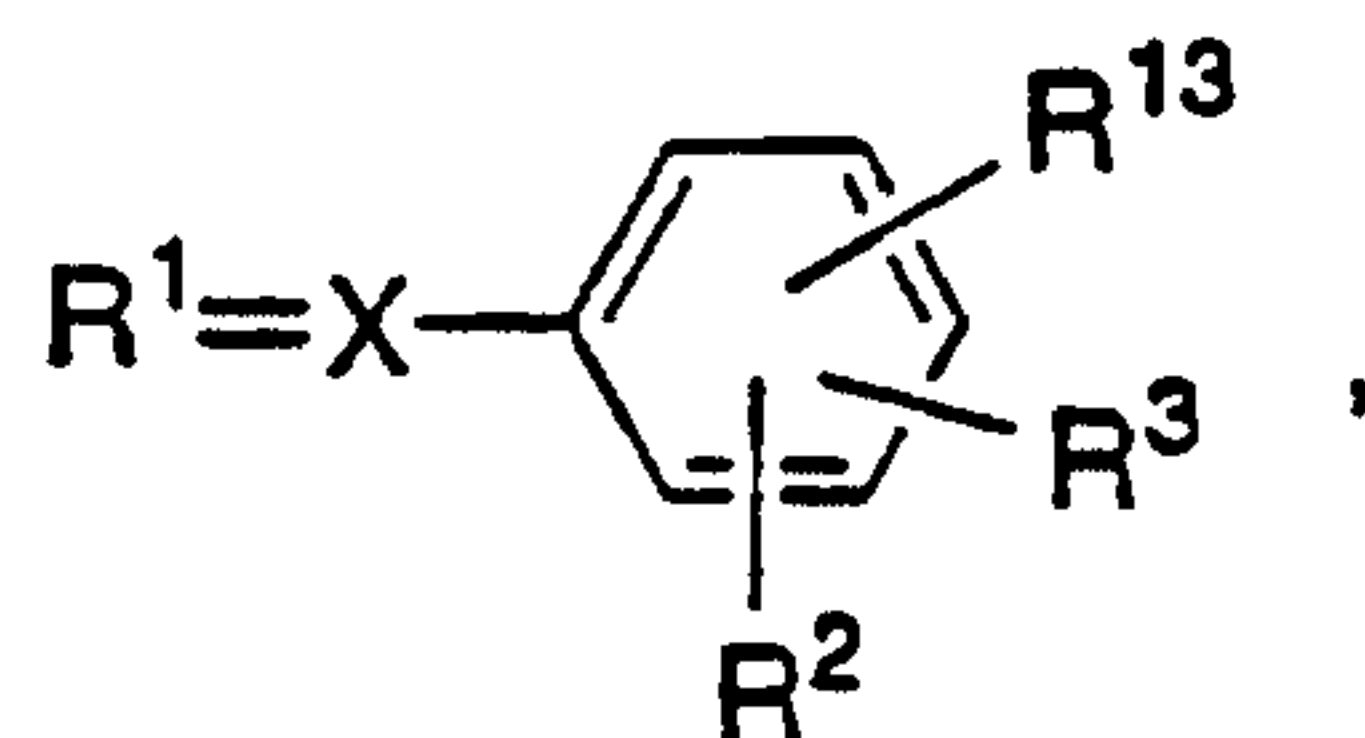
X is $-\text{NH}-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-$, R¹³ is 2-NHSO₂CF₃, and R⁶ is n-propyl, then R⁷ and R⁸ are not -CO₂CH₃;

(11) when $r=0$, R¹ is



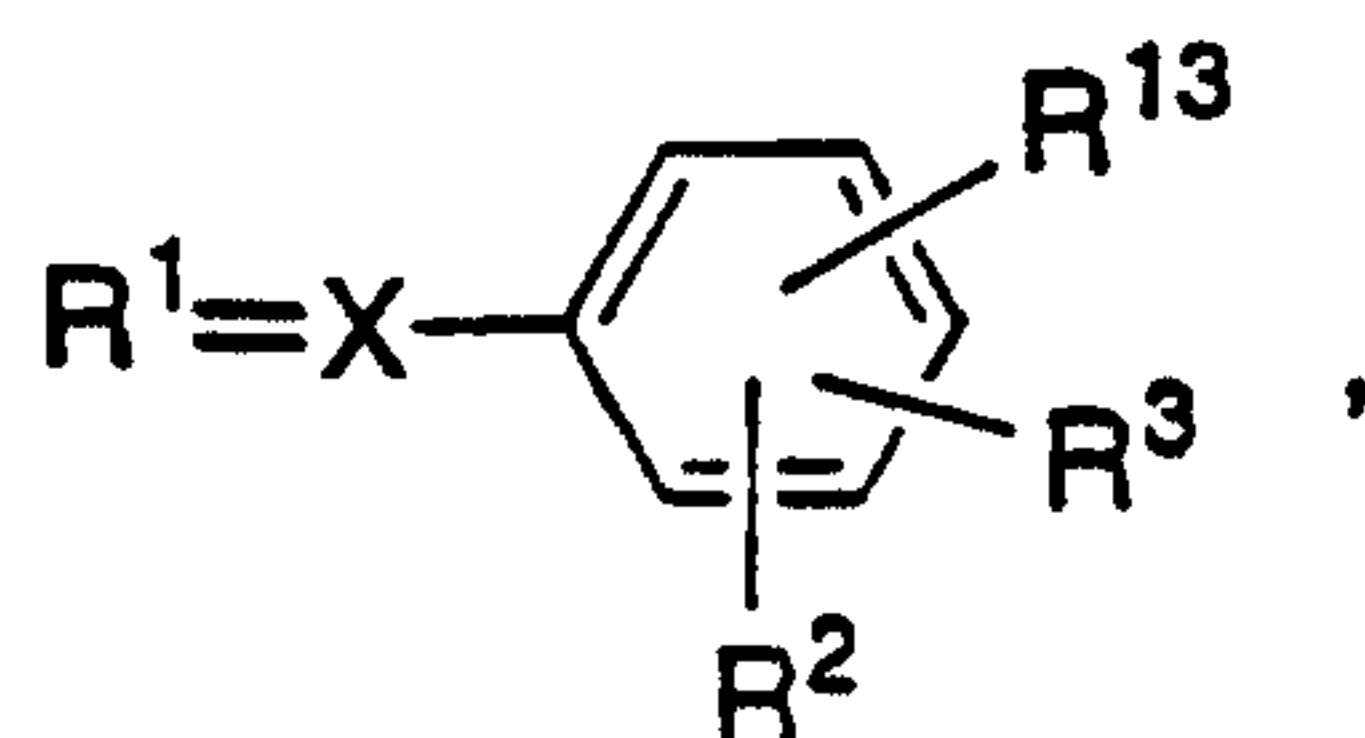
X is $\text{NH}-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-$, R¹³ is 2-COOH, and R⁶ is n-propyl, then R⁷ and R⁸ are not -CO₂CH₃;

(12) when $r=1$,



X is a single bond, R⁷ is Cl, and R⁸ is -CHO, then R¹³ is not 3-(tetrazol-5-yl);

(13) when $r=1$,



X is a single bond, R⁷ is Cl, and R⁸ is -CHO, then R¹³ is not 4-(tetrazol-5-yl).

18. Use as in Claim 17, wherein the angiotensin II (AT₁) receptor antagonist is losartan or 2-butyl-4-chloro-1-[2'-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]imidazole-carboxylic acid or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

19. Use of an angiotensin II (AT₁) receptor antagonist in the manufacture of a medicament for preventing sudden cardiac death in a symptomatic heart failure patient.

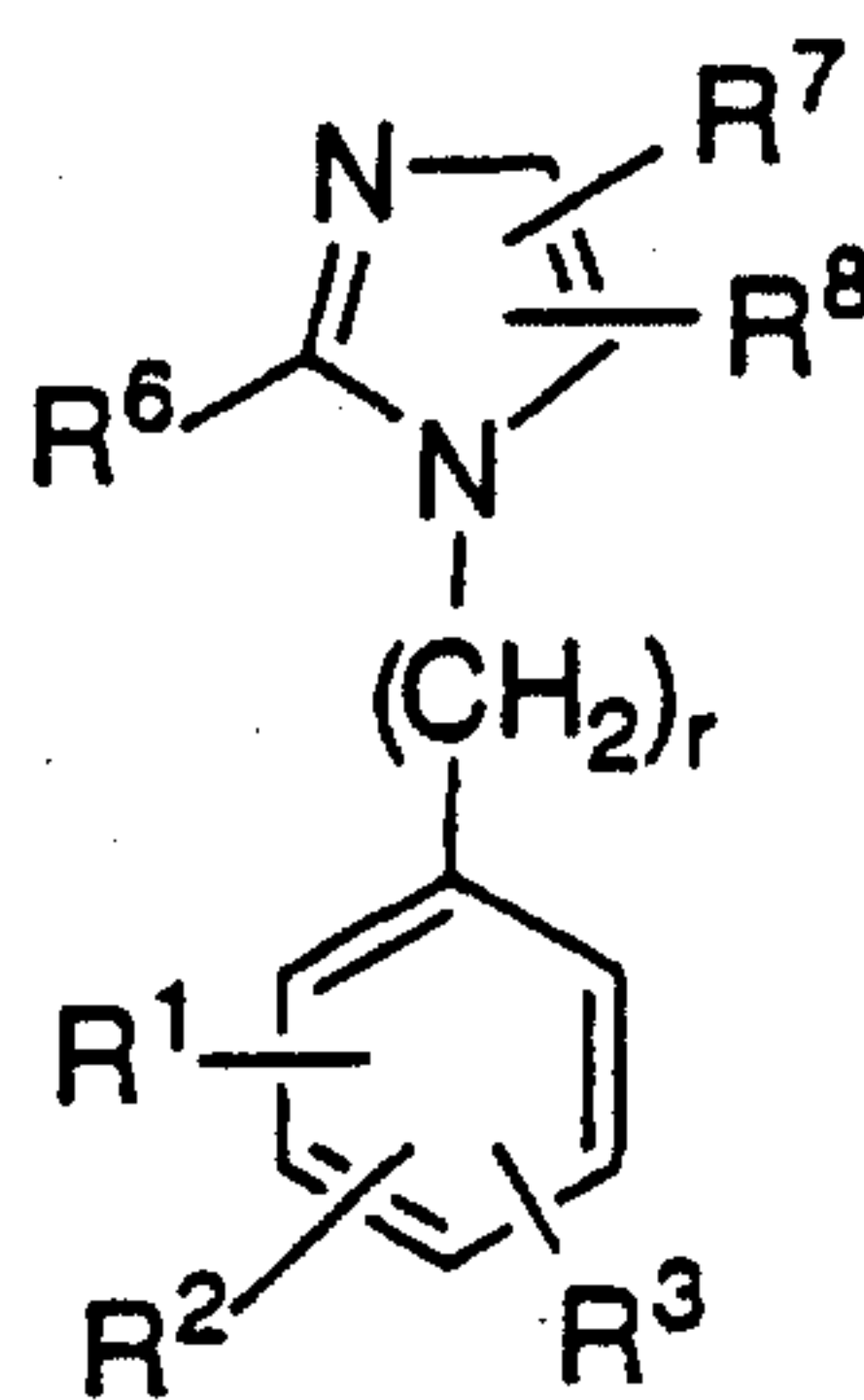
20. Use of an angiotensin II (AT₁) receptor antagonist in the manufacture of a medicament for preventing sudden cardiac death in a symptomatic heart failure patient said angiotensin II (AT₁) receptor antagonist being selected from the group consisting of: candesartan cilexetil, eprosartan, irbesartan, losartan, tasosartan, telmisartan, valsartan, BMS-184698, 3-(2'-(tetrazol-5-yl)-1,1'-biphen-4-yl)methyl-5,7-dimethyl-2-ethyl-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine, , 4[2-ethyl-4-methyl-6-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydroimidazol{1,2-a]pyridine-2-yl]-benzimidazol-1-yl]-methyl-1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxylic acid, 2-butyl-6-(1-methoxy-1-methylethyl)-2-[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]guinazolin-4(3H)-one, 3-[(2'-carboxybiphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-2-cyclopropyl-7-methyl-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine, 2-butyl-4-chloro-1-[2'-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]imidazole-carboxylic acid, 2-butyl-4-chloro-1-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]-1H-imidazole-5-carboxylic acid-1-(ethoxycarbonyl-oxy)ethyl ester potassium salt, dipotassium 2-butyl-4-(methylthio)-1-[[2-[[[(propylamino)carbonyl]-amino]sulfonyl](1,1'-biphenyl)-4-yl)methyl]-1H-imidazole-5-carboxylate, methyl-2-[[4-butyl-2-methyl-6-oxo-5[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-[1,1'biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]-1-(6H)-

pyrimidinyl)methyl]-3-thiophencarboxylate, 5-[(3,5-dibutyl-1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)methyl]-2-[1H-tetrazol-5-ylphenyl]]pyridine, 6-butyl-2-(2-phenylethyl)-5-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-methyl]pyrimidin-4-(3H)-one D,L lysine salt, 5-methyl-7-n-propyl-8-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-[1,2,4]-triazolo[1,5-c]pyrimidin-2(3H)-one, 2,7-diethyl-5-[[2'-(5-tetrazolyl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-5H-pyrazolo[1,5-b][1,2,4]triazole potassium salt, 2-[2-butyl-4,5-dihydro-4-oxo-3--[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-4-biphenylmethyl]-3H-imidazol[4,5-c]pyridine-5-ylmethyl]-benzoic acid, ethyl ester, potassium salt, 3-methoxy-2,6-dimethyl-4-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl]methoxy]pyridine, 2-ethoxy-1-[[2'-(5-oxo-2,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-1H-benzimidazole-7-carboxylic acid, 1-[N-(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl-methyl)-N-valerolylamino-methyl)cyclopentane-1-carboxylic acid, 7-methyl-2n-propyl-3-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine, 2-[5-[(2-ethyl-5,7-dimethyl-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine-3-yl)methyl]-2-quinoliny]]sodium benzoate, 2-butyl-6-chloro-4-hydroxymethyl-5-methyl-3-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]pyridine, 2-[[[2-butyl-1-[(4-carboxyphenyl)methyl]-1H-imidazol-5-yl)methyl]amino]benzoic acid tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]pyrimidin-6-one, 4(S)-[4-(carboxymethyl)phenoxy]-N-[2(R)-[4-(2-sulfobenzamido)imidazol-1-yl]octanoyl]-L-proline, 1-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-4-butyl-1,3-dihydro-3-[[6-[2-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)phenyl]-3-pyridinyl)methyl]-2H-imidazol-2-one, 5,8-ethano-5,8-dimethyl-2-n-propyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-1-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-1H,4H-1,3,4a,8a-tetrazacyclopentanaphthalene-9-one, 4-[1-[2'-(1,2,3,4-tetrazol-5-yl)biphen-4-yl)methylamino]-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-triflylquinazoline, 2-(2-chlorobenzoyl)imino-5-ethyl-3-[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl-1,3,4-thiazoline-2-ylidene]aminocarbonyl-

1-cyclopentenecarboxylic acid dipotassium salt, 2-[5-ethyl-3-[2-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl-1,3,4-thiadiazoline, and 2-butyl-4-[N-methyl-N-(3-methylcrotonoyl)amino]-1-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-1H-imidazole-5-carboxylic acid 1-ethoxycarbonyloxyethyl ester.

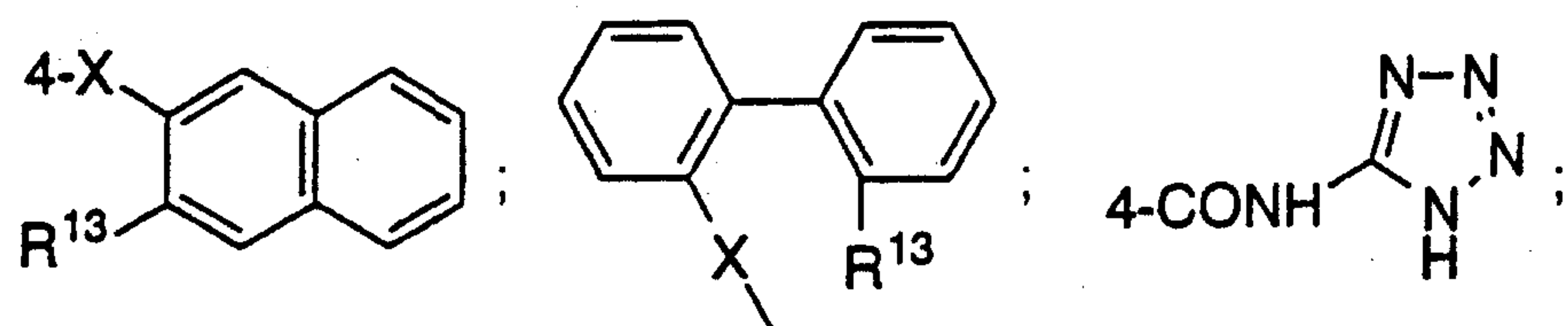
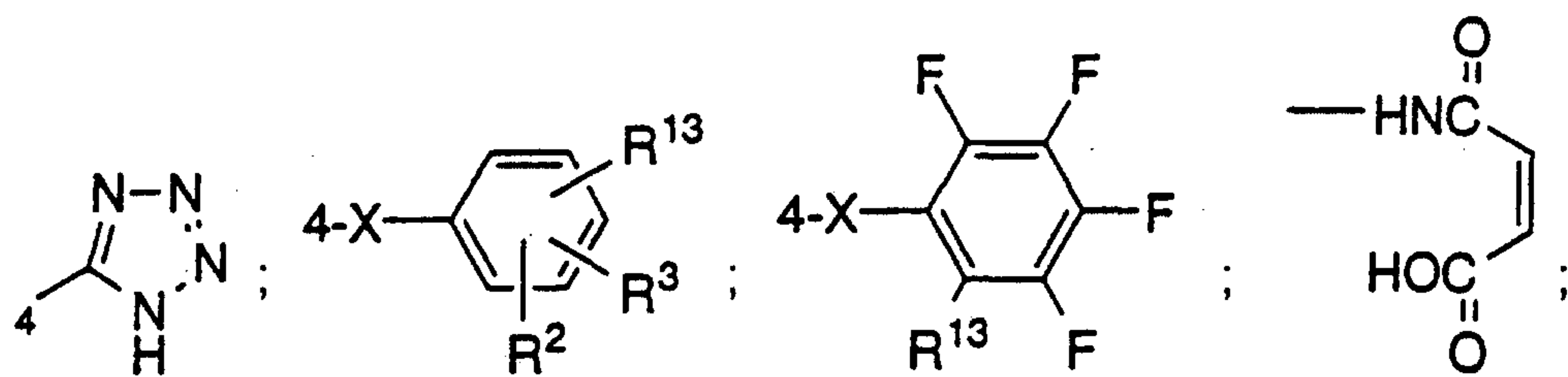
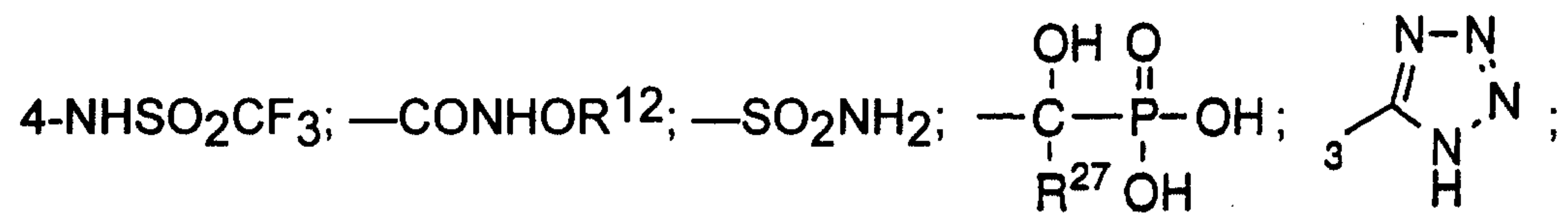
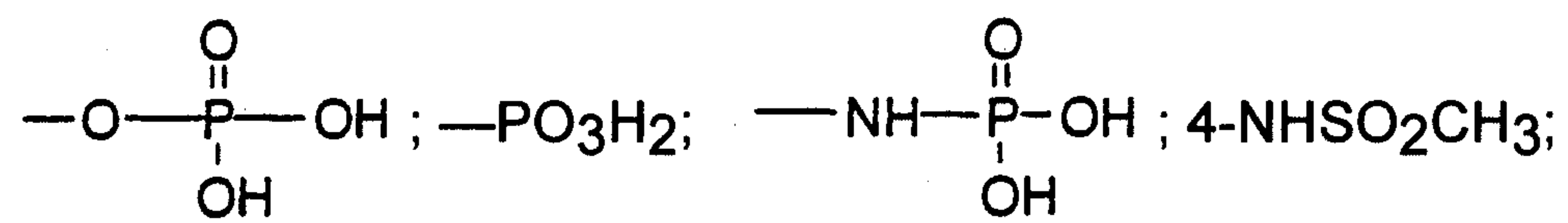
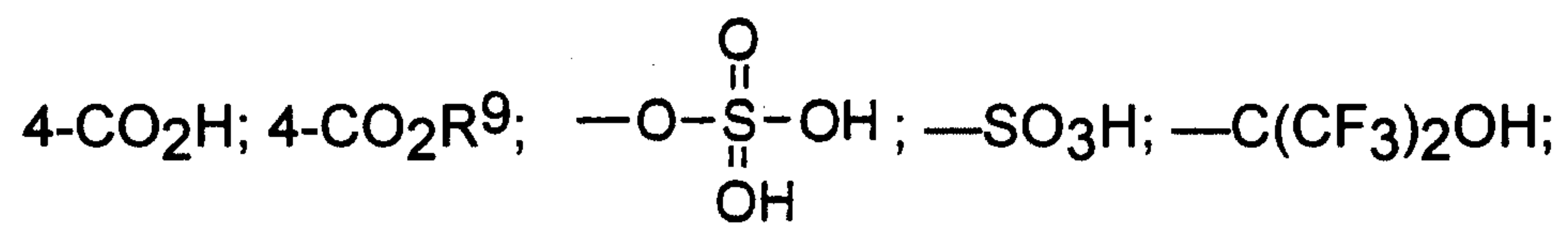
21. Use as in Claim 20, wherein the angiotensin II (AT₁) receptor antagonist is selected from the group consisting of: candesartan cilexetil, eprosartan, irbesartan, losartan, tasosartan, telmisartan, valsartan and 3-(2'-(tetrazol-5-yl)-1,1'-biphen-4-yl)methyl-5,7-dimethyl-2-ethyl-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine.

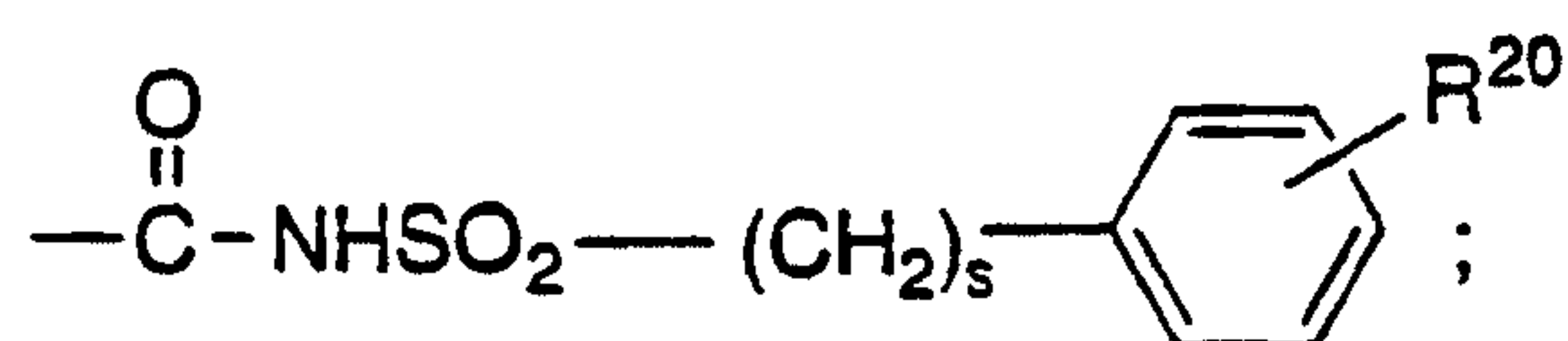
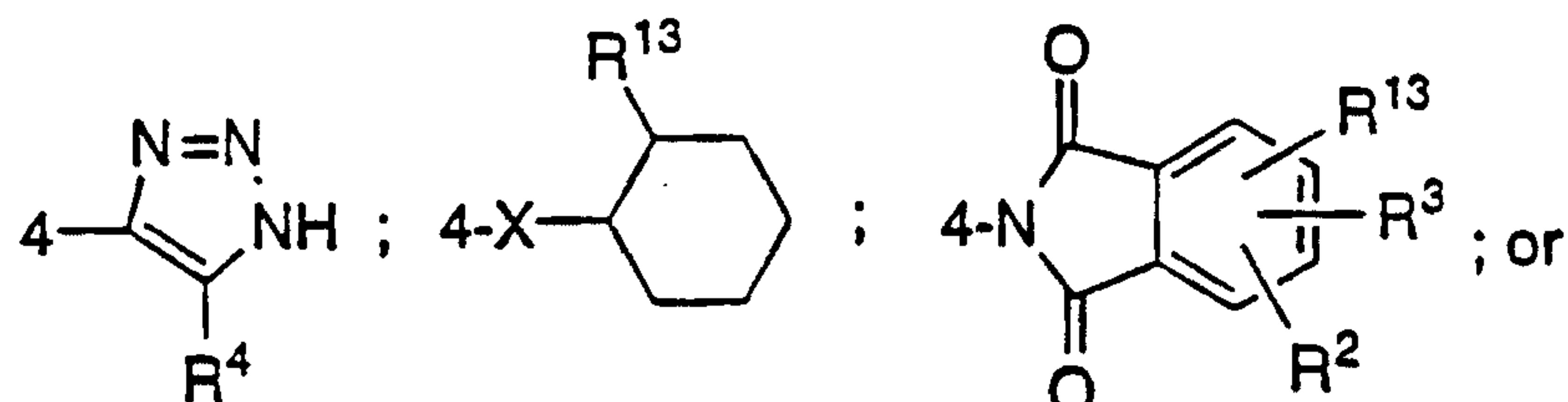
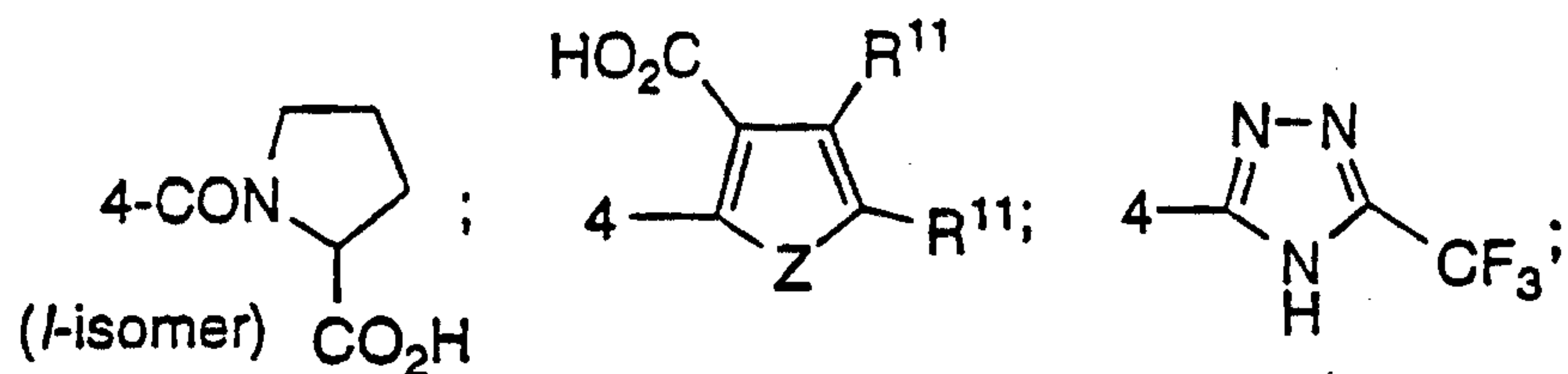
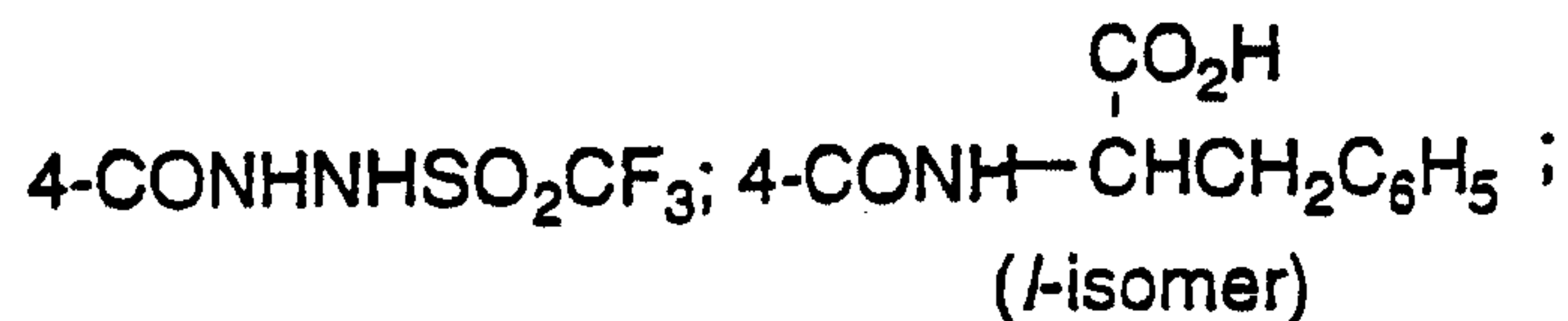
22. Use of an angiotensin II (AT₁) receptor antagonist in the manufacture of a medicament for preventing sudden cardiac death in a symptomatic heart failure patient said angiotensin II (AT₁) receptor antagonist being of formula I



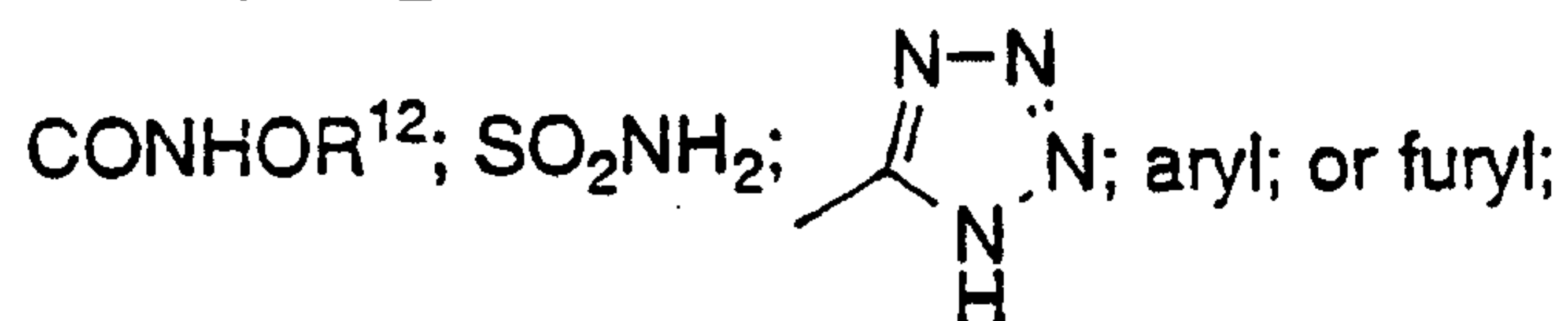
wherein:

R¹ is:





R² is H; Cl; Br; I; F; NO₂; CN; alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms; acyloxy of 1 to 4 carbon atoms; alkoxy of 1 to 4 carbon atoms; CO₂H; CO₂R⁹; HNSO₂CH₃; NHSO₂CF₃;



R³ is H; Cl, Br, I or F; alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms or alkoxy of 1 to 4 carbon atoms;

R⁴ is CN, NO₂ or CO₂R¹¹;

R⁵ is H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6 carbon atoms alkenyl or alkynyl of 2 to 4 carbon atoms;

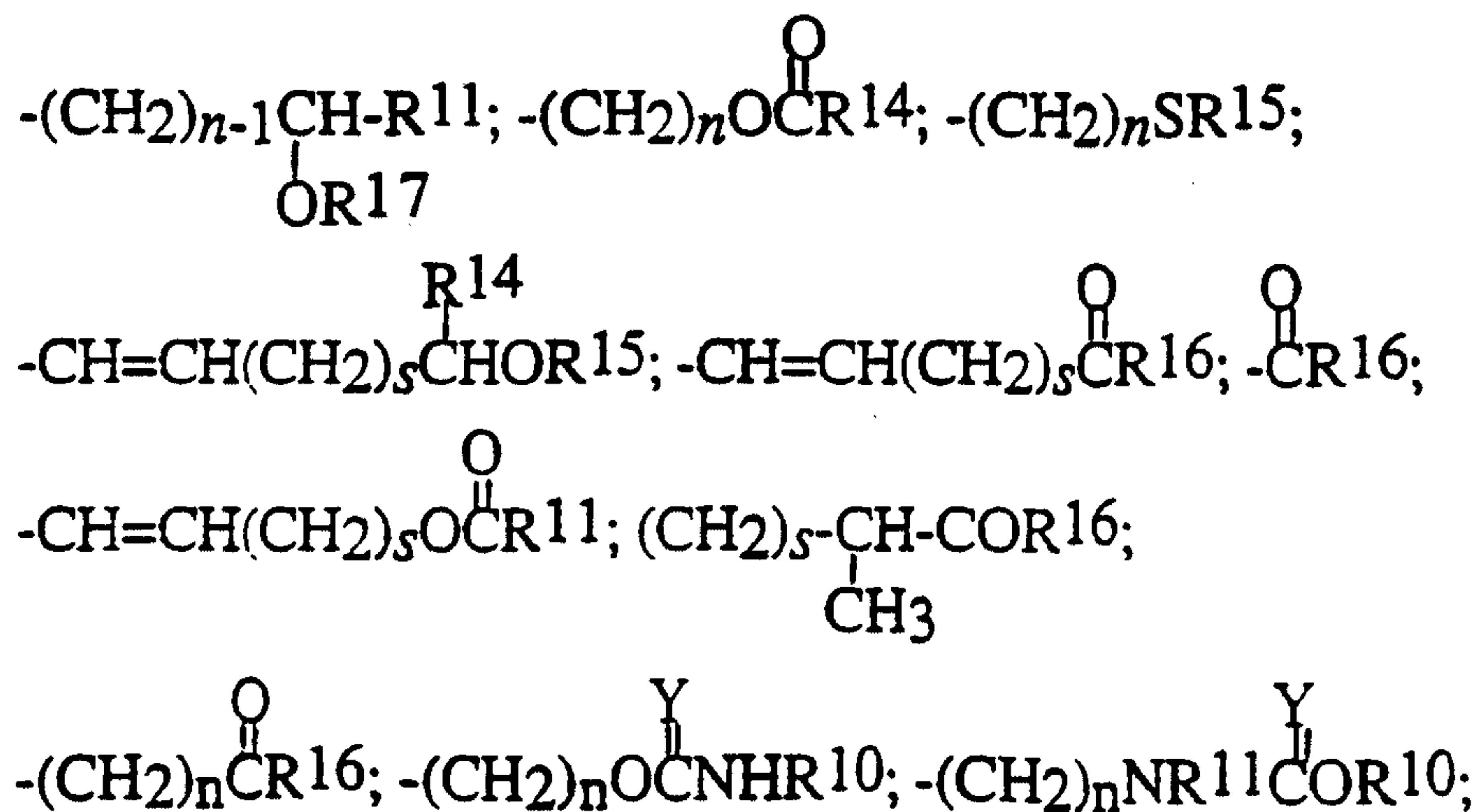
R⁶ is alkyl of 2 to 10 carbon atoms, alkenyl or alkynyl of 3 to 10 carbon atoms or the same groups substituted with F or CO₂R¹⁴; cycloalkyl of 3 to 8 carbon atoms, cycloalkylalkyl, of 4 to 10 carbon atoms; cycloalkylalkenyl

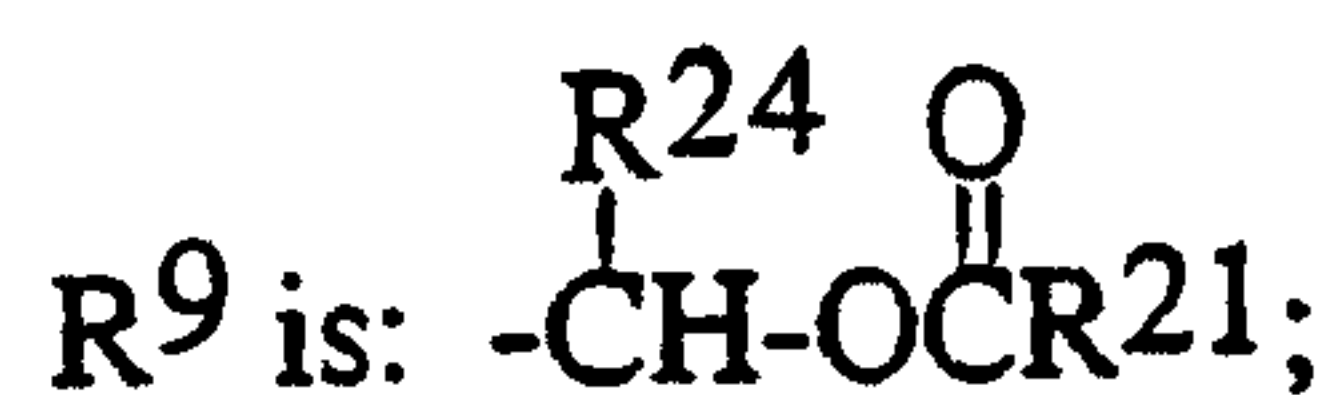
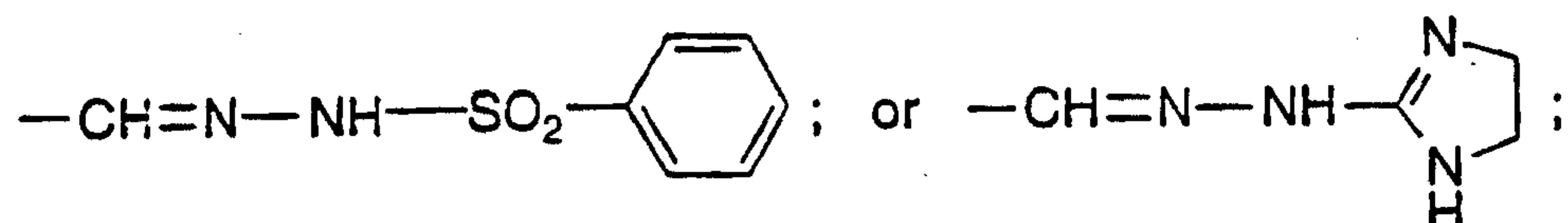
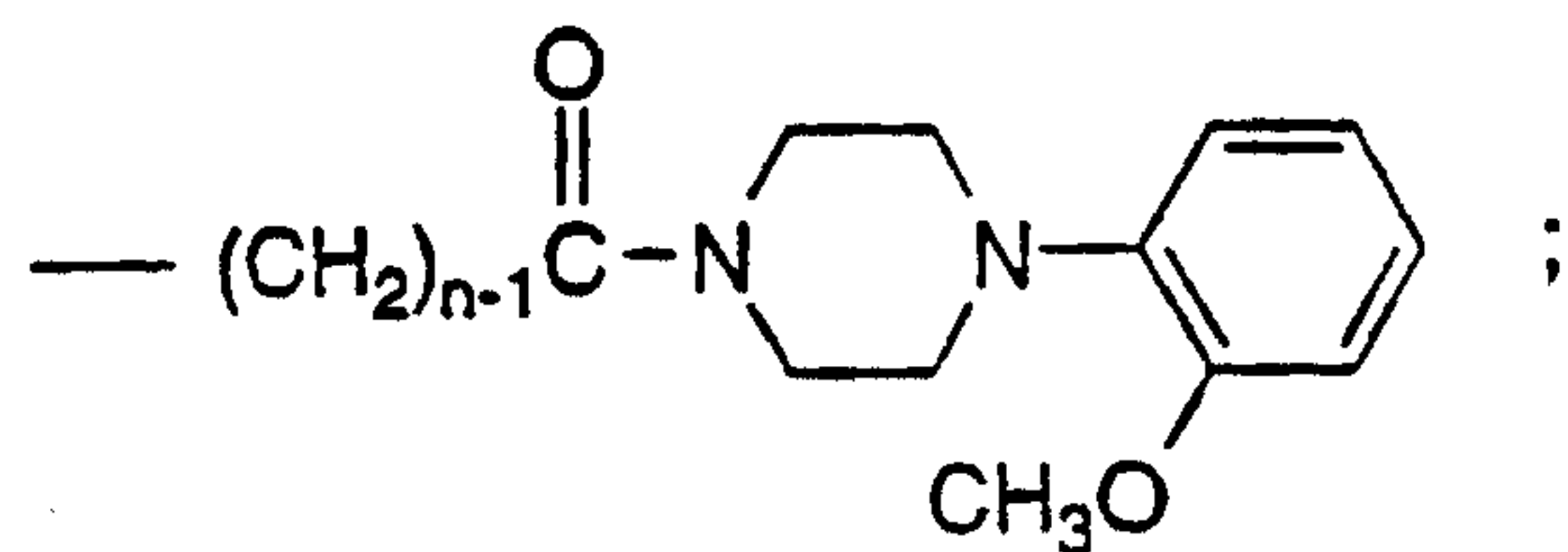
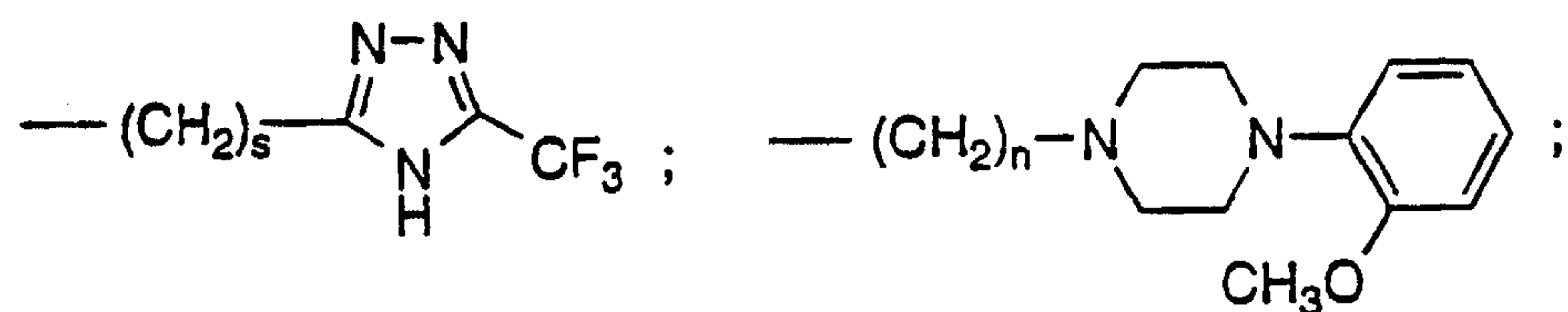
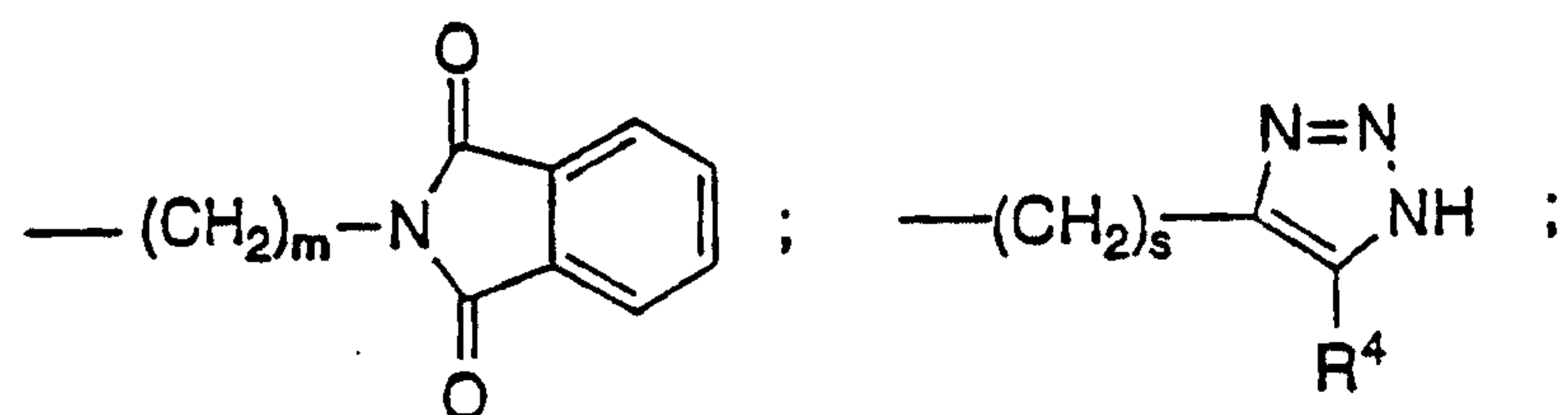
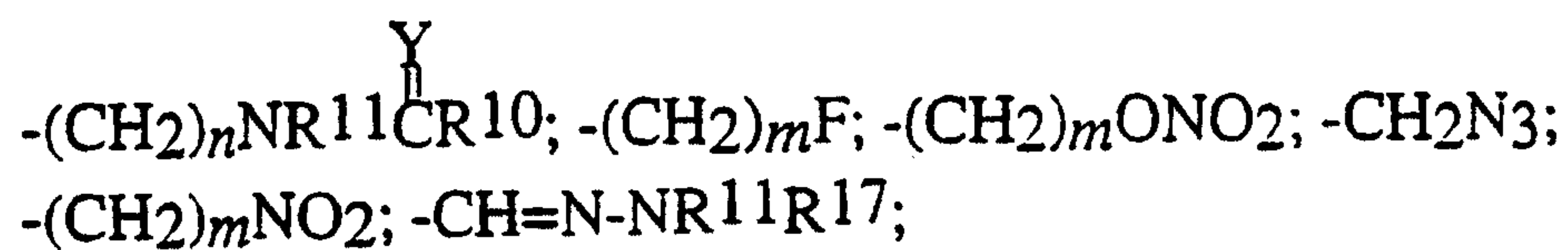
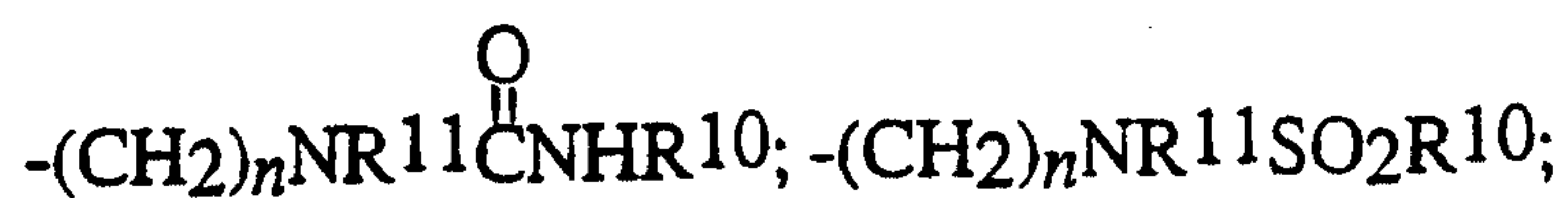
or cycloalkylalkynyl 5 to 10 carbon atoms;
 $(\text{CH}_2)_s\text{Z}(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{R}^5$ optionally substituted with F or CO_2R^{14} ; benzyl substituted on the phenyl ring with 1 or 2 halogens, alkoxy of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms or nitro;

R^7 is H, F, Cl, Br, I, NO_2 , $\text{C}_v\text{F}_{2v+1}$, where $v=1-6$, C_6F_5 ; CN;

$\text{—}\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{\parallel}{\text{C}}}\text{—R}^{16}$; straight or branched alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms; phenyl or phenylalkyl, where alkyl is 1 to 3 carbon atoms; or substituted phenyl or substituted phenylalkyl, where alkyl is 1 to 3 carbon atoms, substituted with one or two substituents selected from alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, F, Cl, Br, OH, OCH_3 , CF_3 , and COOR , where R is H, alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or phenyl;

R^8 is H, CN, alkyl of 1 to 10 carbon atoms, alkenyl of 3 to 10 carbon atoms, or the same groups substituted with F; phenylalkenyl wherein the aliphatic portion is 2 to 6 carbon atoms; $-(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{-imidazol-1-yl}$; $-(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{-1,2,3-triazolyl}$ optionally substituted with one or two group selected from CO_2CH_3 or alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms; $-(\text{CH}_2)_s\text{tetrazolyl}$;



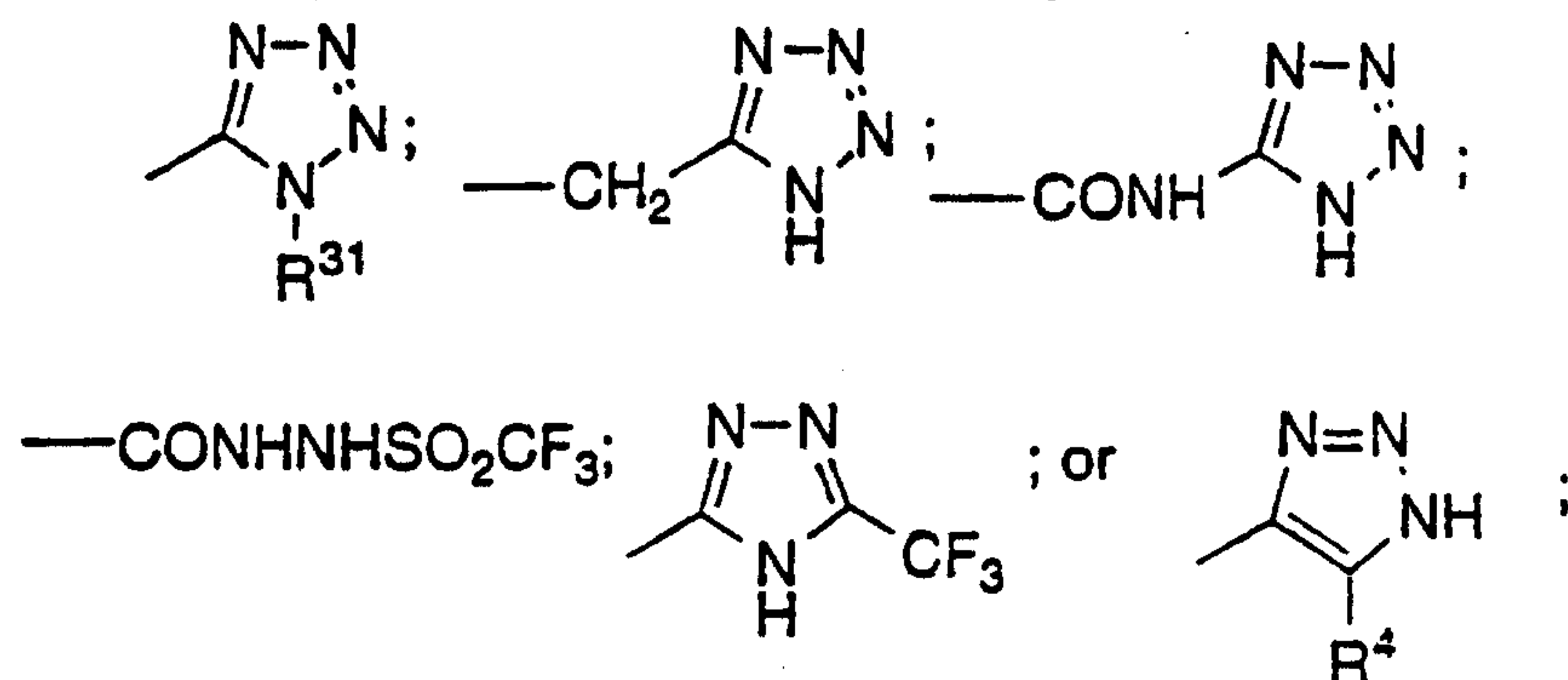
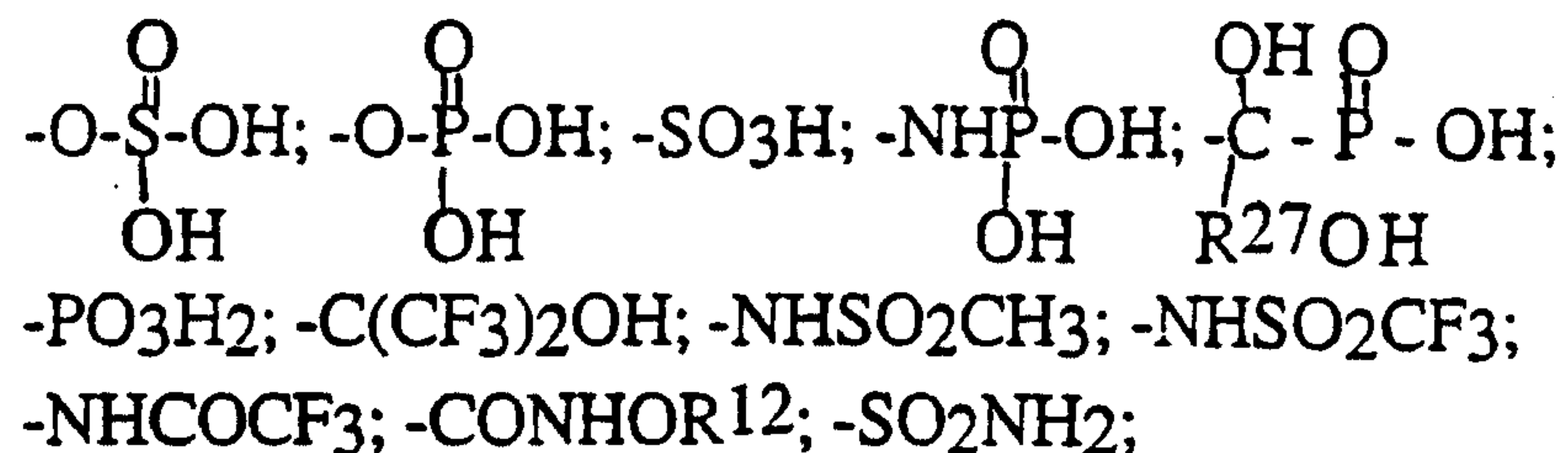


R^{10} is alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms or perfluoroalkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, 1-adamantyl, 1-naphthyl, 1-(1-naphthyl)ethyl, or $(\text{CH}_2)_p\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$;

R^{11} is H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6 carbon atoms, phenyl or benzyl;

R^{12} is H, methyl or benzyl;

R13 is $-\text{CO}_2\text{H}$; $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^9$; $-\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{H}$; $-\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{R}^9$;



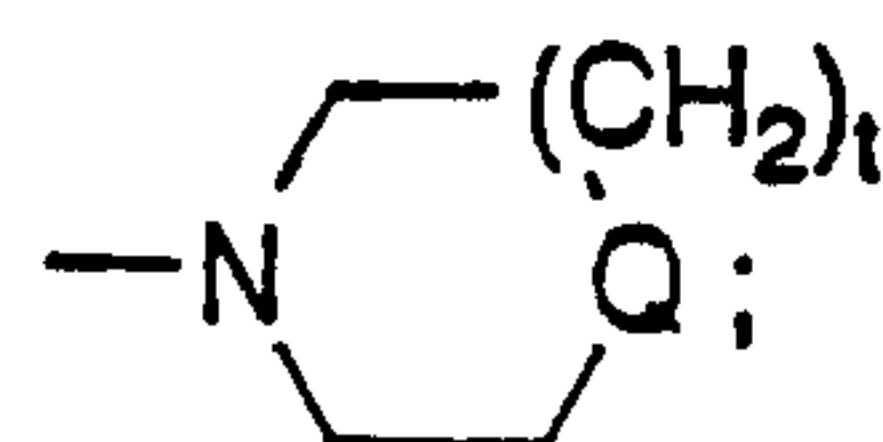
R14 is H, alkyl or perfluoroalkyl of 1 to 8 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6 carbon atoms, phenyl or benzyl;

R15 is H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6 carbon atoms, phenyl, benzyl, acyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or phenacyl;

R16 is H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6 carbon atoms, $(\text{CH}_2)_p\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$, OR^{17} , or $\text{NR}^{18}\text{R}^{19}$;

R17 is H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6 carbon atoms, phenyl or benzyl;

R18 and R19 independently are H, alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, phenyl, benzyl, α -methylbenzyl, or taken together with the nitrogen form a ring of the formula



Q is NR^{20} , O or CH_2 ;

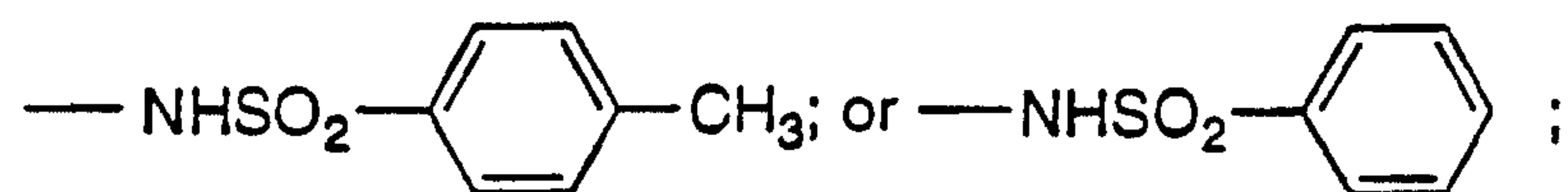
R20 is H, alkyl of 1-4 carbon atoms, or phenyl;

R21 is alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, -NR22R23, or -
 $\begin{array}{c} \text{CHCH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_3 \\ | \\ \text{NH}_2 \end{array}$

R22 and R23 independently are H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, benzyl, or are taken together as $(\text{CH}_2)_u$, where u is 3-6;

R24 is H, CH_3 or $-\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$;

R25 is NR27R28, OR28, NHCONH_2 , NHCSNH_2 ,



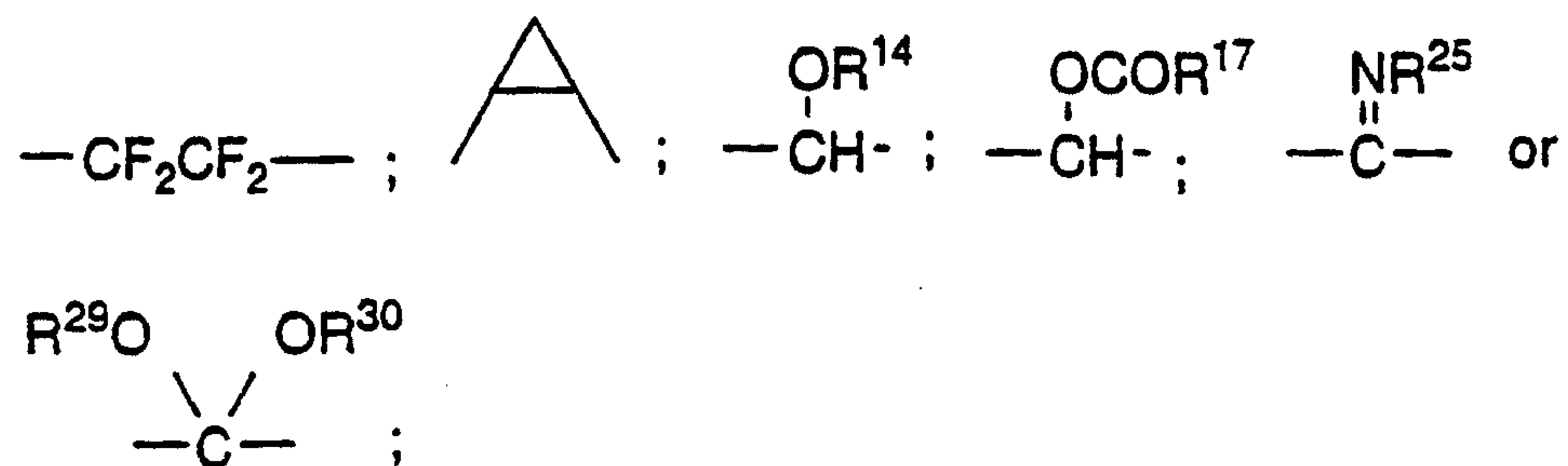
R26 is hydrogen, alkyl with from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, benzyl, or allyl;

R27 and R28 are independently hydrogen, alkyl with from 1 to 5 carbon atoms, or phenyl;

R29 and R30 are independently alkyl of 1-4 carbon atoms or taken together are $-(\text{CH}_2)_q\text{---}$;

R31 is H, alkyl or 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$;

X is a carbon-carbon single bond, $-\text{CO}-$, $-\text{CH}_2-$, $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{S}-$, $-\text{NH}-$, $-\text{N}-$, $-\text{CON}-$, $-\text{NCO}-$, $-\text{OCH}_2-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{O}-$, $-\text{SCH}_2-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{S}-$,
 $\begin{array}{ccc} | & | & | \\ \text{R}_{26} & \text{R}_{23} & \text{R}_{23} \end{array}$
 $-\text{NHC}(\text{R}_{27})(\text{R}_{28})-$, $-\text{NR}_{23}\text{SO}_2-$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{NR}_{23}-$, $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$, $-\text{CF}=\text{CF}-$, $-\text{CH}=\text{CF}-$, $-\text{CF}=\text{CH}-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-$, $-\text{C}(\text{R}_{27})(\text{R}_{28})\text{NH}-$,



Y is O or S;

Z is O, NR¹¹, or S;

m is 1 to 5;

n is 1 to 10;

p is 0 to 3;

q is 2 to 3;

r is 0 to 2;

s is 0 to 5;

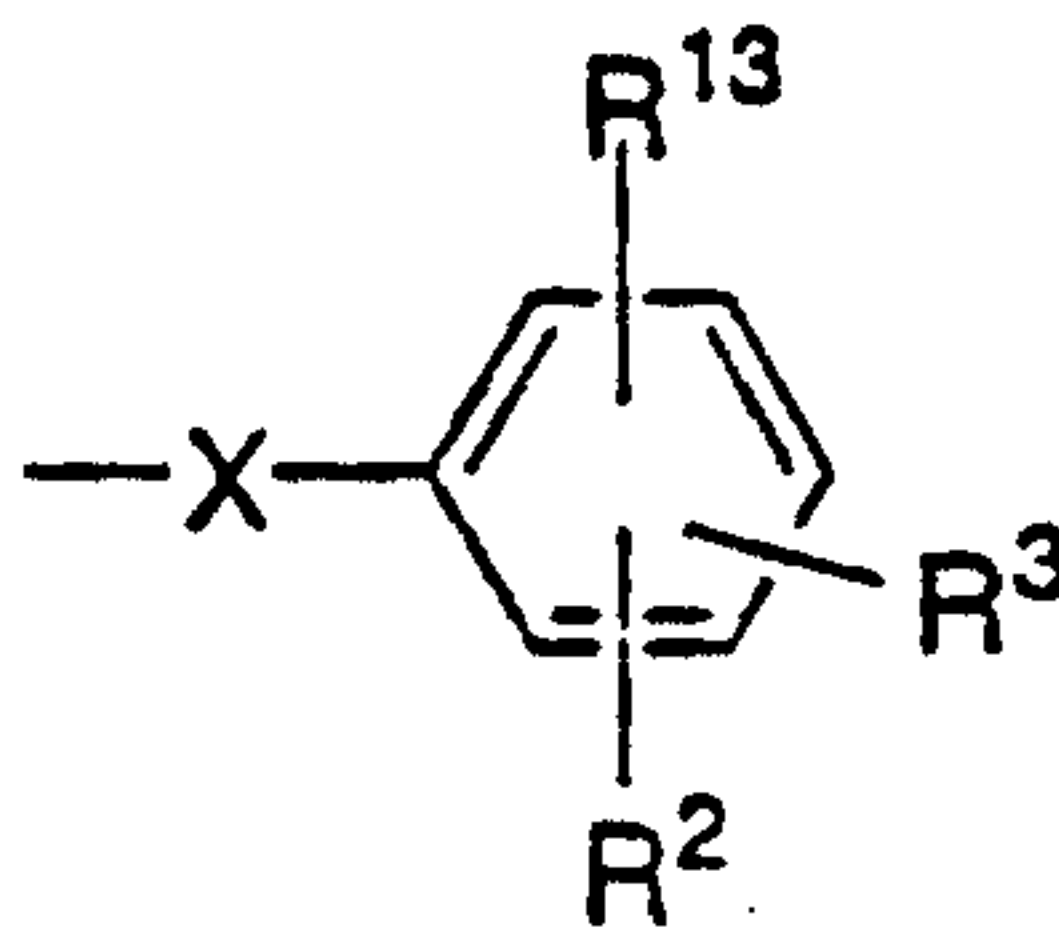
t is 0 or 1;

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts of these compounds;

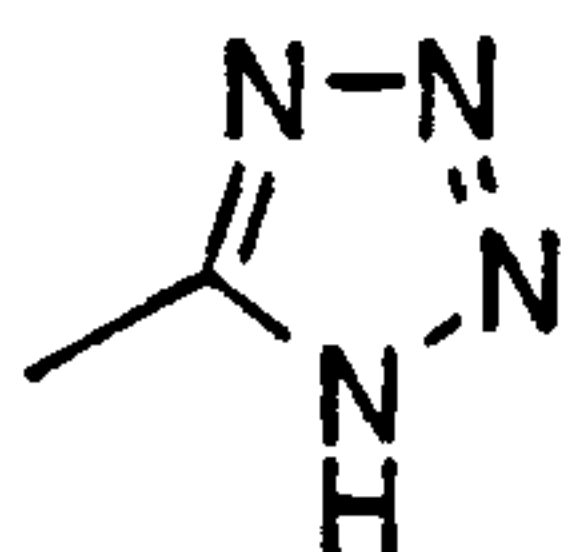
provided that:

(1) the R¹ group is not in the ortho position;

(2) when R¹ is

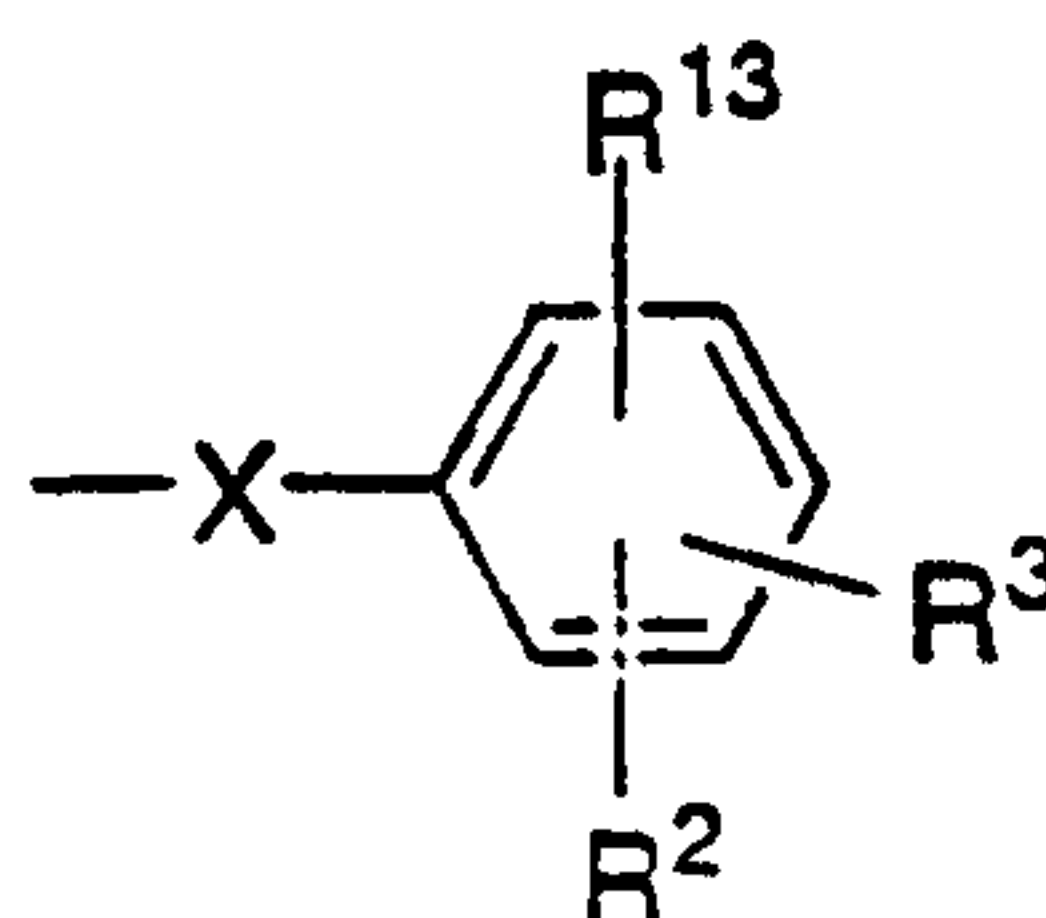


X is a single bond, and R¹³ is CO₂H, or



then R^{13} must be in the ortho or meta position; or when R^1 and X are as above and R^{13} is NHSO_2CF_3 or NHSO_2CH_3 , R^{13} must be ortho;

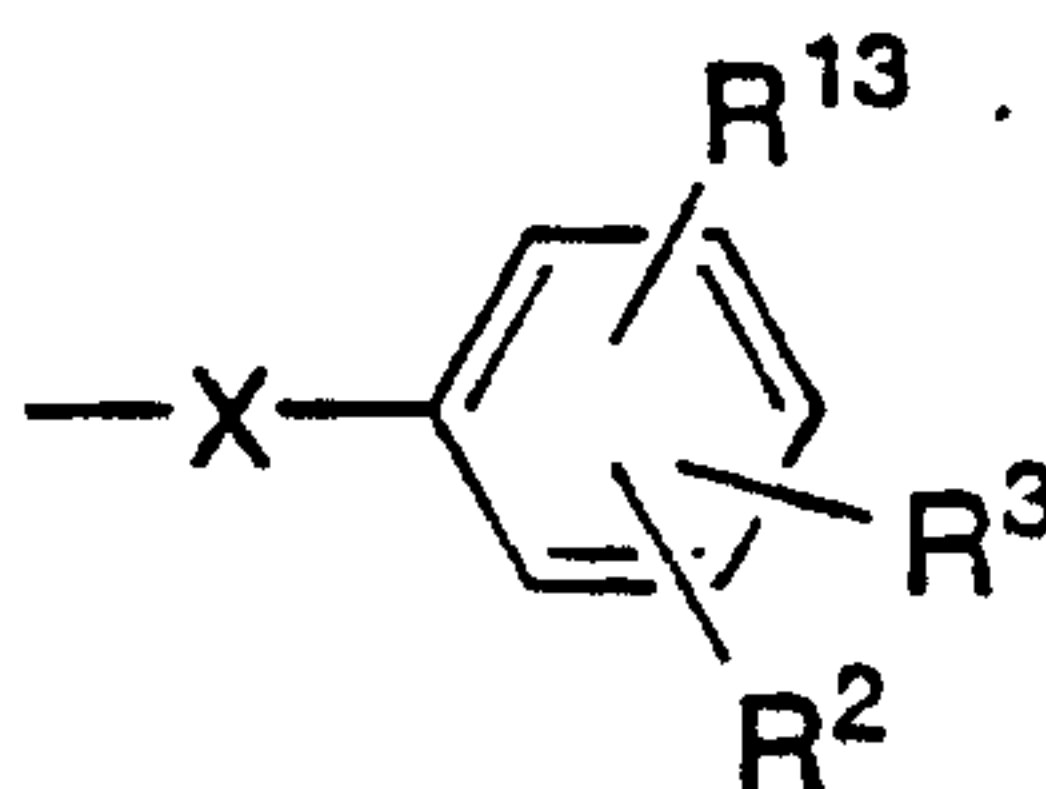
(3) when R^1 is



and X is other than a single bond, then R^{13} must be ortho except when $X=\text{NR}^{23}\text{CO}$ and R^{13} is NHSO_2CF_3 or NHSO_2CH_3 , then R^{13} must be ortho or meta;

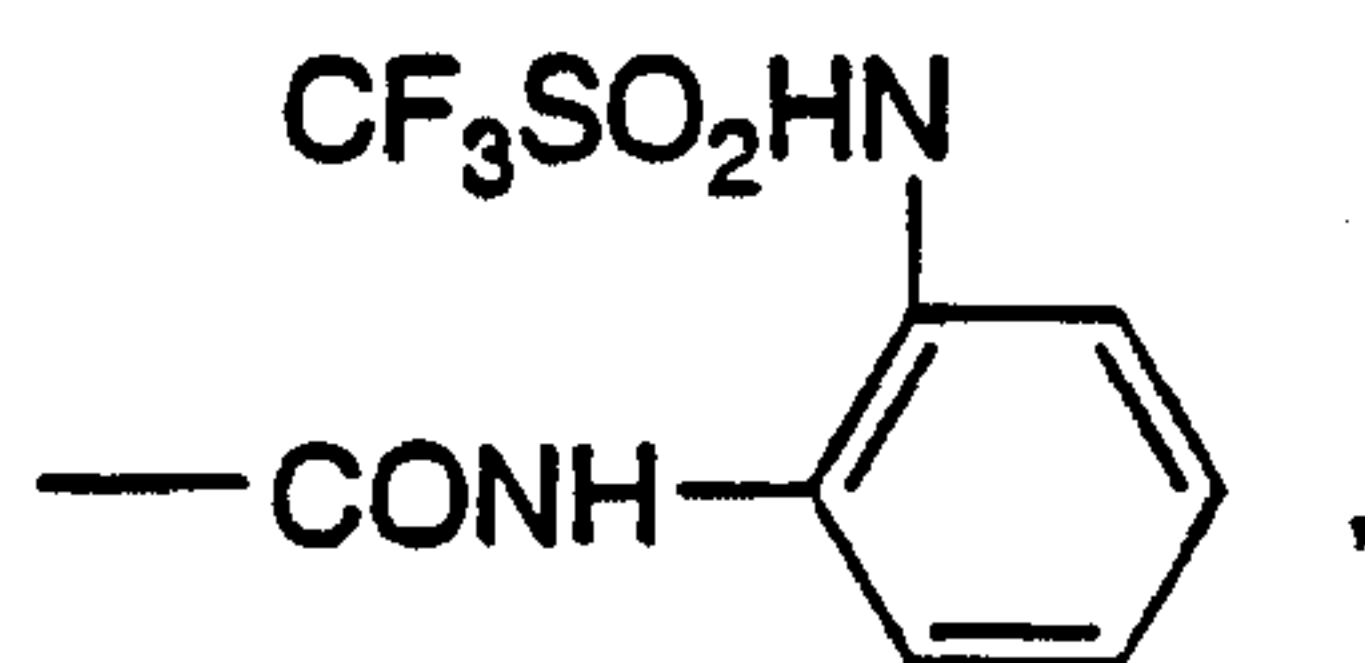
- (4) when R^1 is 4- CO_2H or a salt thereof, R^6 cannot be S-alkyl;
- (5) when R^1 is 4- CO_2H or a salt thereof, the substituent on the 4-position of the imidazole cannot be CH_2OH , $\text{CH}_2\text{OCOCH}_3$, or $\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{H}$;

(6) when R^1 is



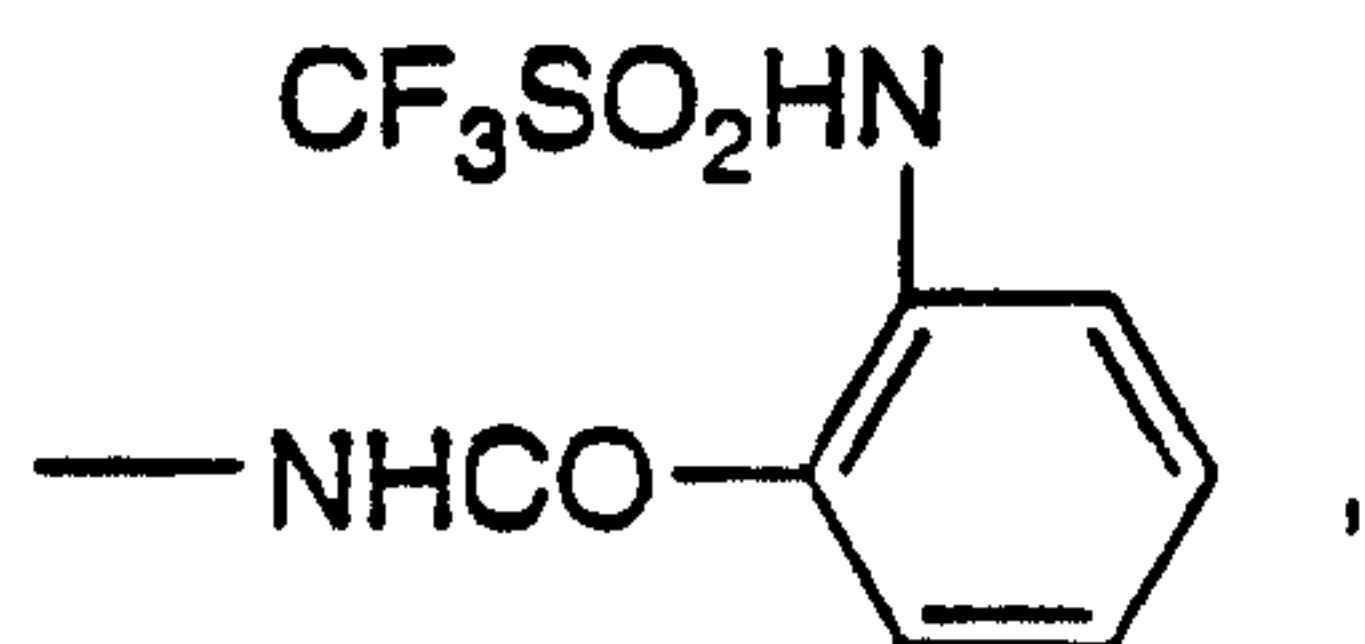
X is $-\text{OCH}_2-$, and R^{13} is 2- CO_2H , and R^7 is H then R^6 is not $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{S}$;

(7) when R^1 is



and R^6 is n-hexyl then R^7 and R^8 are not both hydrogen;

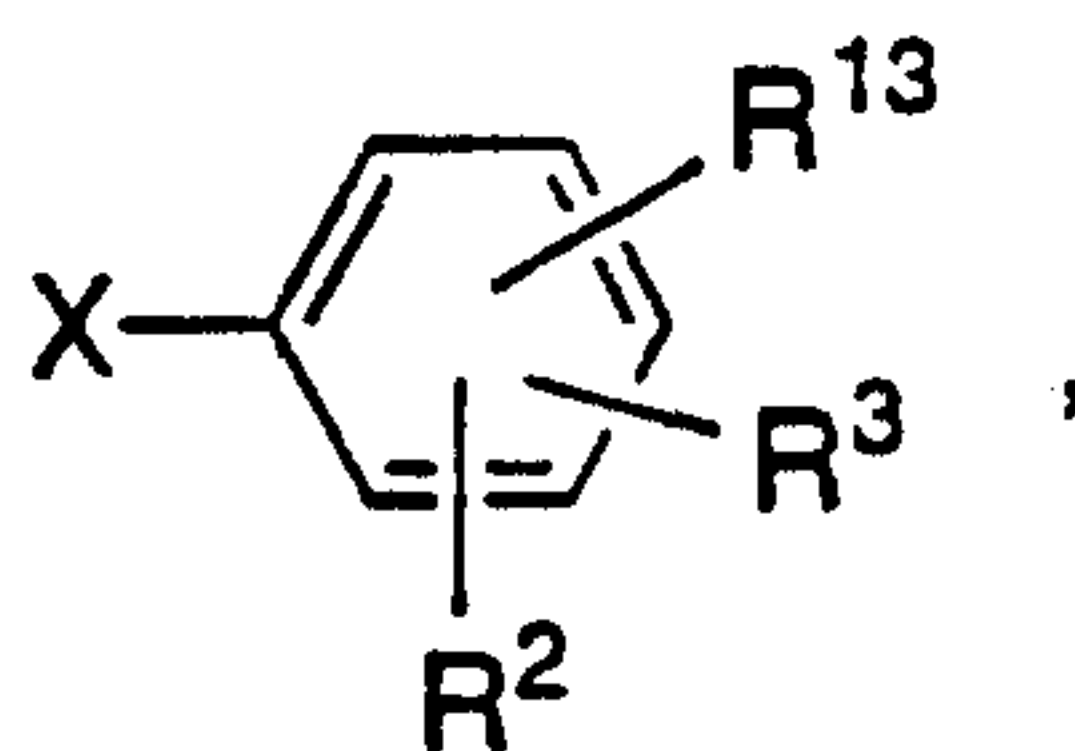
(8) when R^1 is



R^6 is not methoxybenzyl;

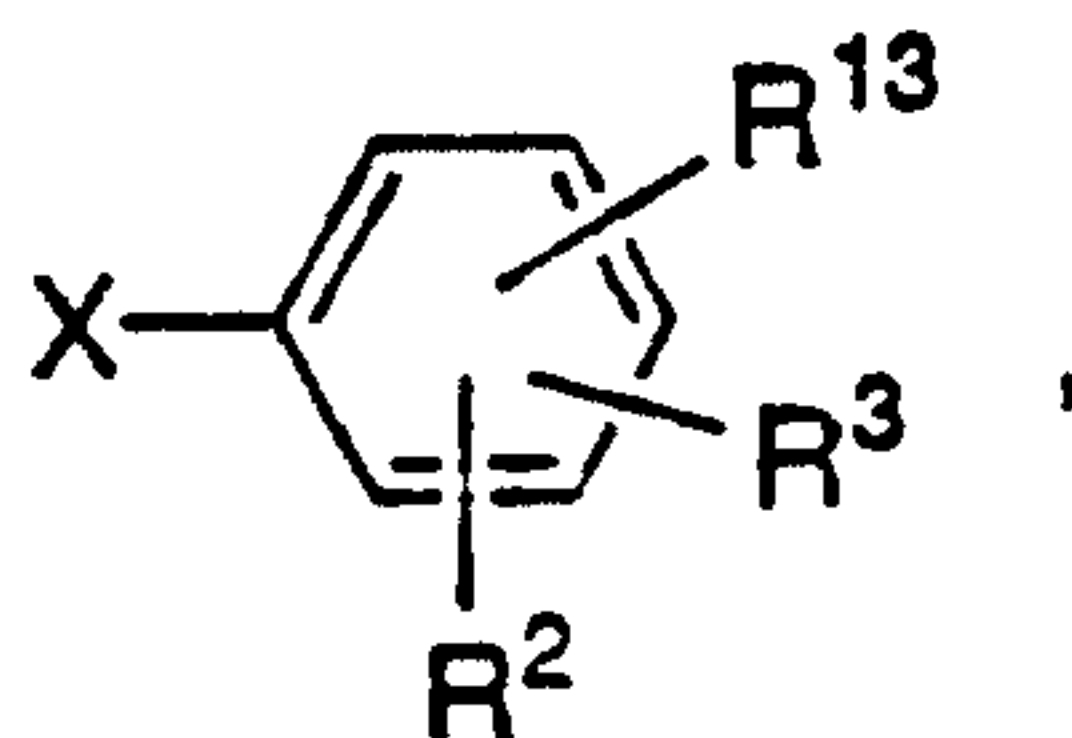
(9) the R^6 group is not $-\underset{\text{F}}{\text{CH}}\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ or CH_2OH ;

(10) when $r=0$, R^1 is



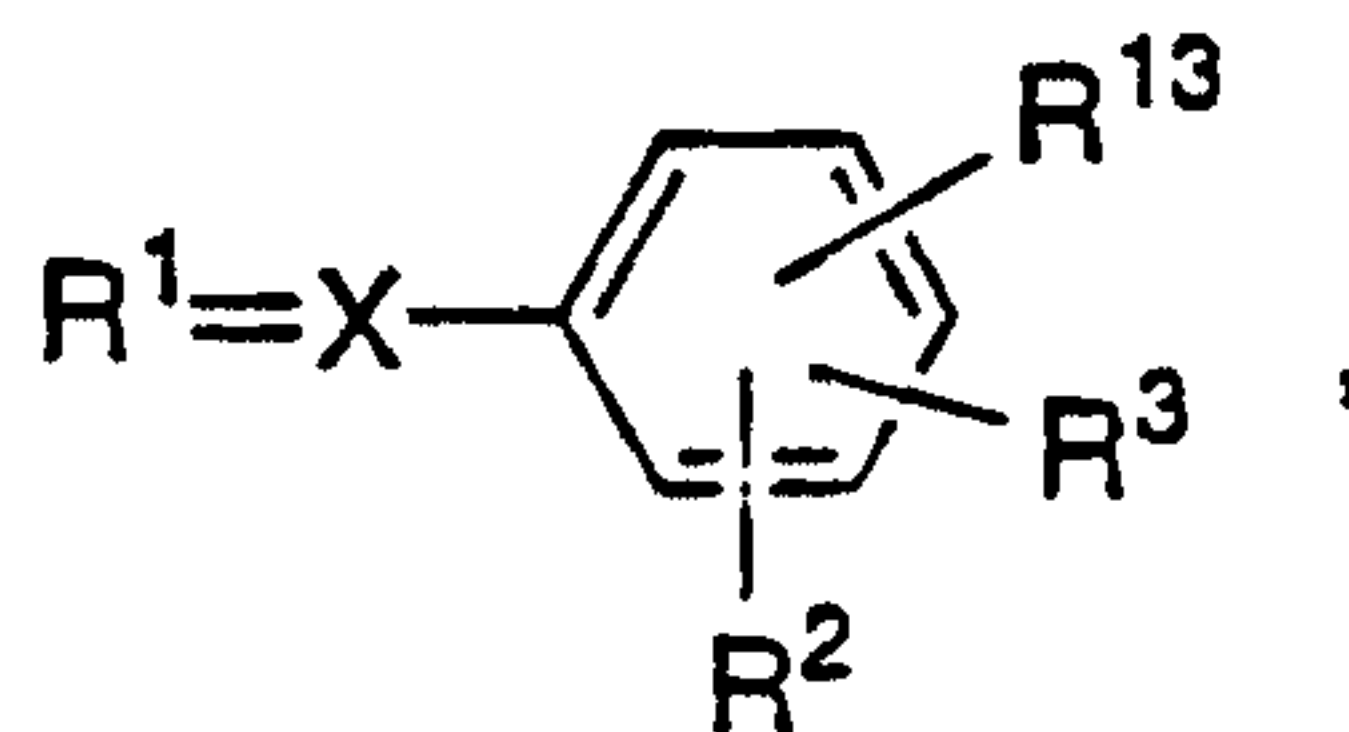
X is $-\text{NH}-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-$, R¹³ is 2-NHSO₂CF₃, and R⁶ is n-propyl, then R⁷ and R⁸ are not -CO₂CH₃;

(11) when $r=0$, R¹ is



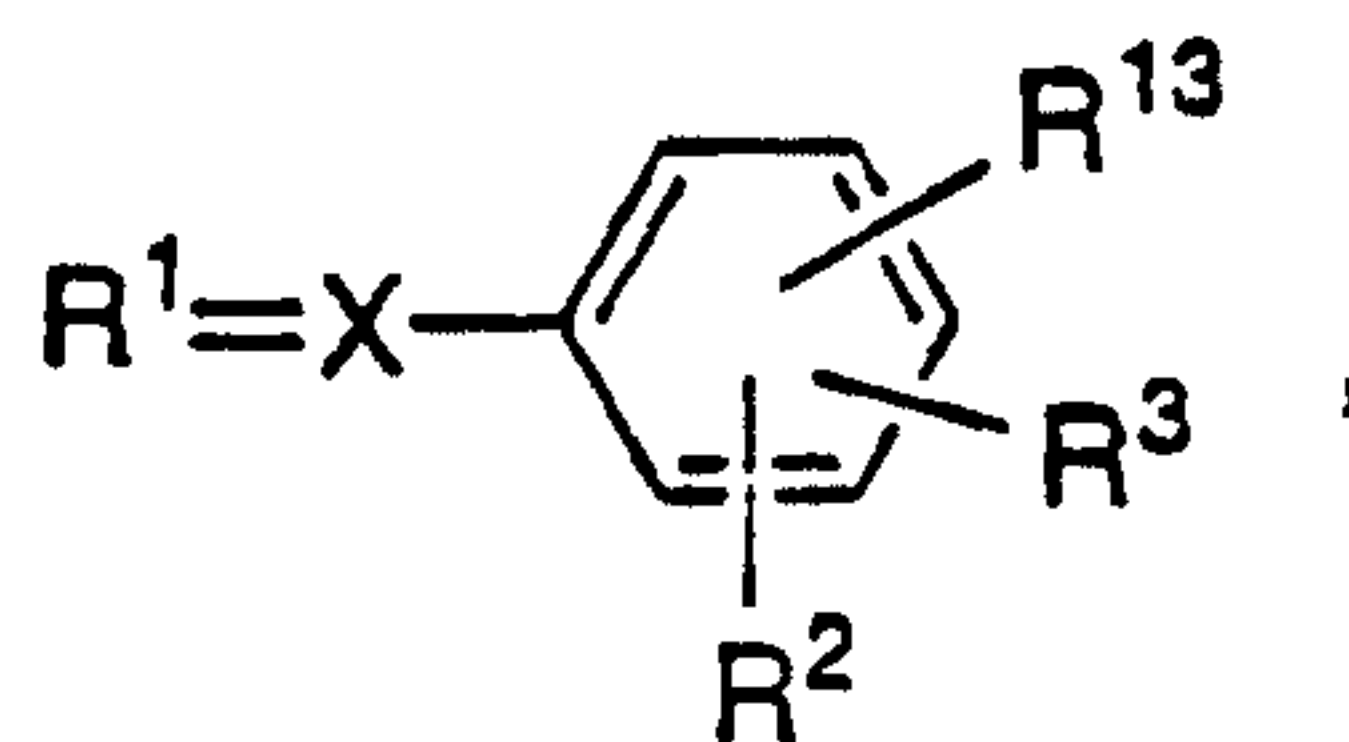
X is $\text{NH}-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-$, R¹³ is 2-COOH, and R⁶ is n-propyl, then R⁷ and R⁸ are not -CO₂CH₃;

(12) when $r=1$,



X is a single bond, R⁷ is Cl, and R⁸ is -CHO, then R¹³ is not 3-(tetrazol-5-yl);

(13) when $r=1$,



X is a single bond, R⁷ is Cl, and R⁸ is -CHO, then R¹³ is not 4-(tetrazol-5-yl).

23. Use as in Claim 22, wherein the angiotensin II (AT₁) receptor antagonist is losartan or 2-butyl-4-chloro-1-[2'-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]imidazole-carboxylic acid, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

24. Use of an angiotensin II (AT₁) receptor antagonist in the manufacture of a medicament for reducing hospitalization in a symptomatic heart failure patient.

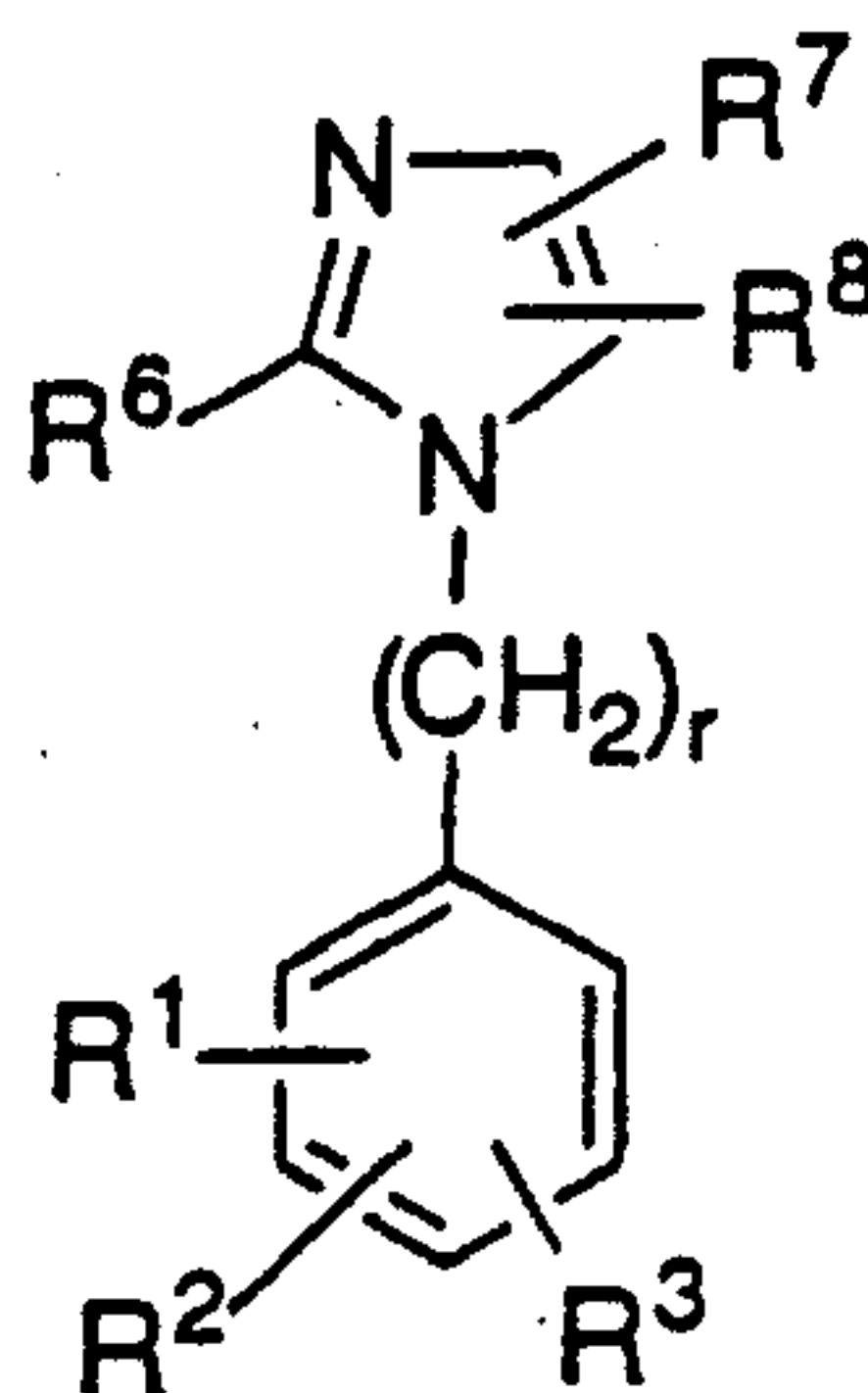
25. Use according to claim 24, wherein said angiotensin II (AT₁) receptor antagonist is selected from the group consisting of: candesartan cilexetil, eprosartan, irbesartan, losartan, tasosartan, telmisartan, valsartan, 3-(2'-(tetrazol-5-yl)-1,1'-biphen-4-yl)methyl-5,7-dimethyl-2-ethyl-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine, 4[2-ethyl-4-methyl-6-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydroimidazol{1,2-a}pyridine-2-yl]-benzimidazol-1-yl]-methyl-1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxylic acid, 2-butyl-6-(1-methoxy-1-methylethyl)-2-[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]guinazolin-4(3H)-one, 3-[(2'-carboxybiphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-2-cyclopropyl-7-methyl-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine, 2-butyl-4-chloro-1-[2'-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]imidazole-carboxylic acid, 2-butyl-4-chloro-1-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]-1H-imidazole-5-carboxylic acid-1-(ethoxycarbonyl-oxy)ethyl ester potassium salt, dipotassium 2-butyl-4-(methylthio)-1-[[2-[[[(propylamino)carbonyl]-amino]sulfonyl](1,1'-biphenyl)-4-yl)methyl]-1H-imidazole-5-carboxylate, methyl-2-[[4-butyl-2-methyl-6-oxo-5[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-[1,1'biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]-1-(6H)-pyrimidinyl)methyl]-3-thiophencarboxylate, 5-[(3,5-dibutyl-1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)methyl]-2-[1H-tetrazol-5-ylphenyl]]pyridine, 6-butyl-2-(2-phenylethyl)-

5-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-methyl]pyrimidin-4-(3H)-one D,L lysine salt, 5-methyl-7-n-propyl-8-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]methyl]-[1,2,4]-triazolo[1,5-c]pyrimidin-2(3H)-one, 2,7-diethyl-5-[[2'-(5-tetrazolyl)biphenyl-4-yl]methyl]-5H-pyrazolo[1,5-b][1,2,4]triazole potassium salt, 2-[2-butyl-4,5-dihydro-4-oxo-3-[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-4-biphenylmethyl]-3H-imidazol[4,5-c]pyridine-5-ylmethyl]-benzoic acid, ethyl ester, potassium salt, 3-methoxy-2,6-dimethyl-4-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl]methoxy]pyridine, 2-ethoxy-1-[[2'-(5-oxo-2,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]methyl]-1H-benzimidazole-7-carboxylic acid, 1-[N-(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl-methyl)-N-valerolylamino-methyl)cyclopentane-1-carboxylic acid, 7-methyl-2n-propyl-3-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]methyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine, 2-[5-[(2-ethyl-5,7-dimethyl-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine-3-yl)methyl]-2-quinoliny]sodium benzoate, 2-butyl-6-chloro-4-hydroxymethyl-5-methyl-3-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]methyl]pyridine, 2-[[[2-butyl-1-[(4-carboxyphenyl)methyl]-1H-imidazol-5-yl]methyl]amino]benzoic acid tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]methyl]pyrimidin-6-one, 4(S)-[4-(carboxymethyl)phenoxy]-N-[2(R)-[4-(2-sulfobenzamido)imidazol-1-yl]octanoyl]-L-proline, 1-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-4-butyl-1,3-dihydro-3-[[6-[2-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)phenyl]-3-pyridinyl]methyl]-2H-imidazol-2-one, 5,8-ethano-5,8-dimethyl-2-n-propyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-1-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]methyl]-1H,4H-1,3,4a,8a-tetrazacyclopentanaphthalene-9-one, 4-[1-[2'-(1,2,3,4-tetrazol-5-yl)biphen-4-yl)methylamino]-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-triflylquinazoline, 2-(2-chlorobenzoyl)imino-5-ethyl-3-[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-1,3,4-thiadiazoline, 2-[5-ethyl-3-[2-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-1,3,4-thiazoline-2-ylidene]aminocarbonyl-1-cyclopentenecarboxylic acid dipotassium salt, and 2-butyl-4-[N-methyl-N-

(3-methylcrotonoyl)amino]-1-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]methyl]-1H-imidazole-5-carboxylic acid 1-ethoxycarbonyloxyethyl ester.

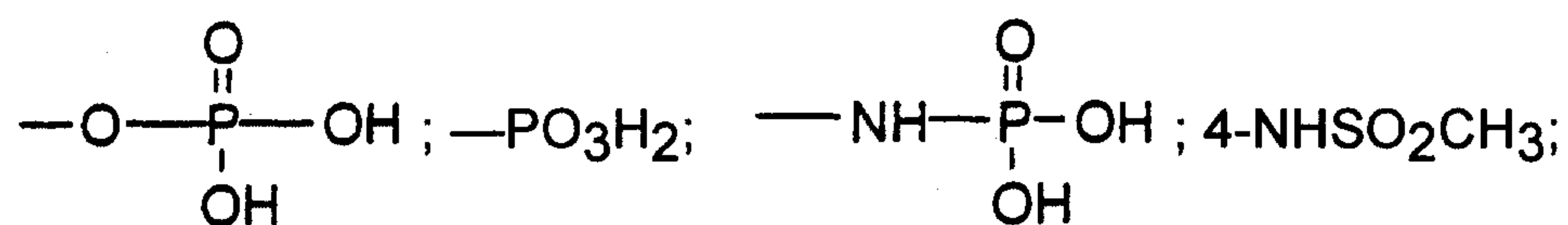
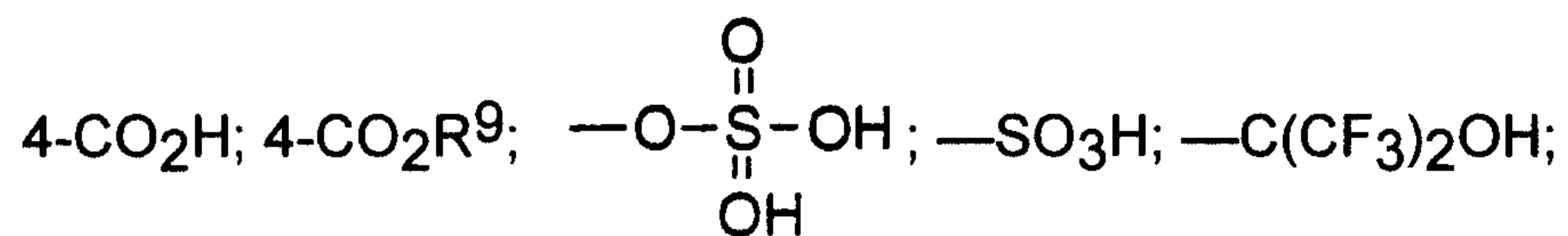
26. Use as in Claim 25, wherein the angiotensin II (AT₁) receptor antagonist is selected from the group consisting of: candesartan cilexetil, eprosartan, irbesartan, losartan, tasosartan, telmisartan, valsartan and 3-(2'-(tetrazol-5-yl)-1,1'-biphen-4-yl)methyl-5,7-dimethyl-2-ethyl-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine.

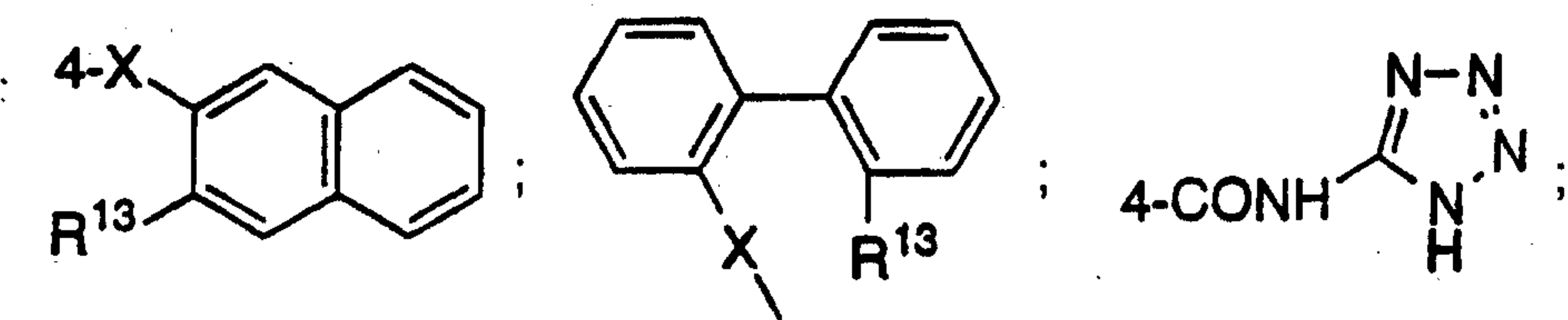
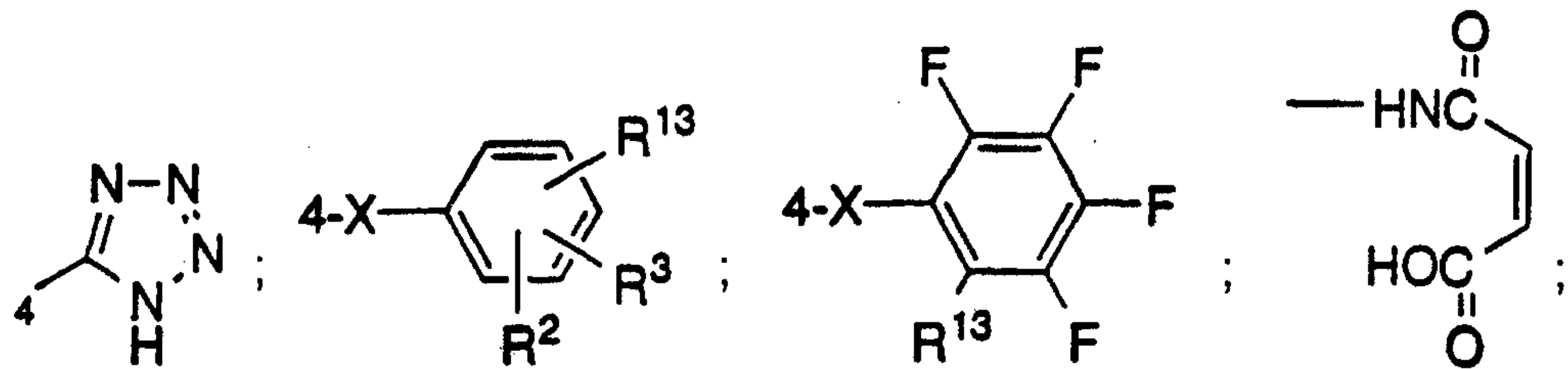
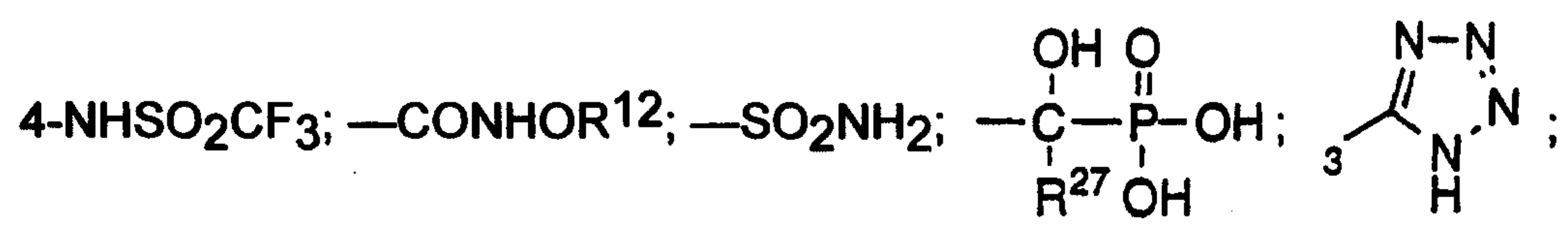
27. Use according to claim 24, wherein said angiotensin II (AT₁) receptor antagonist is of formula I

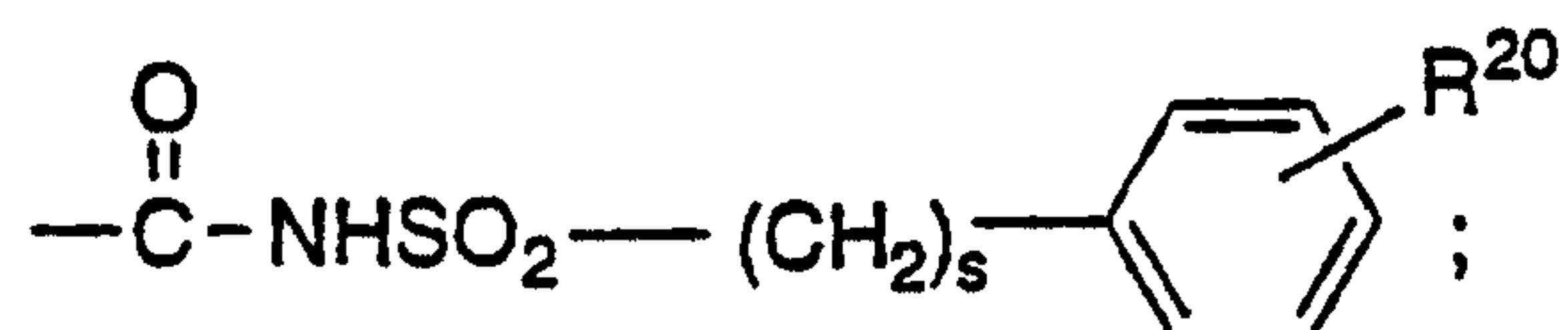
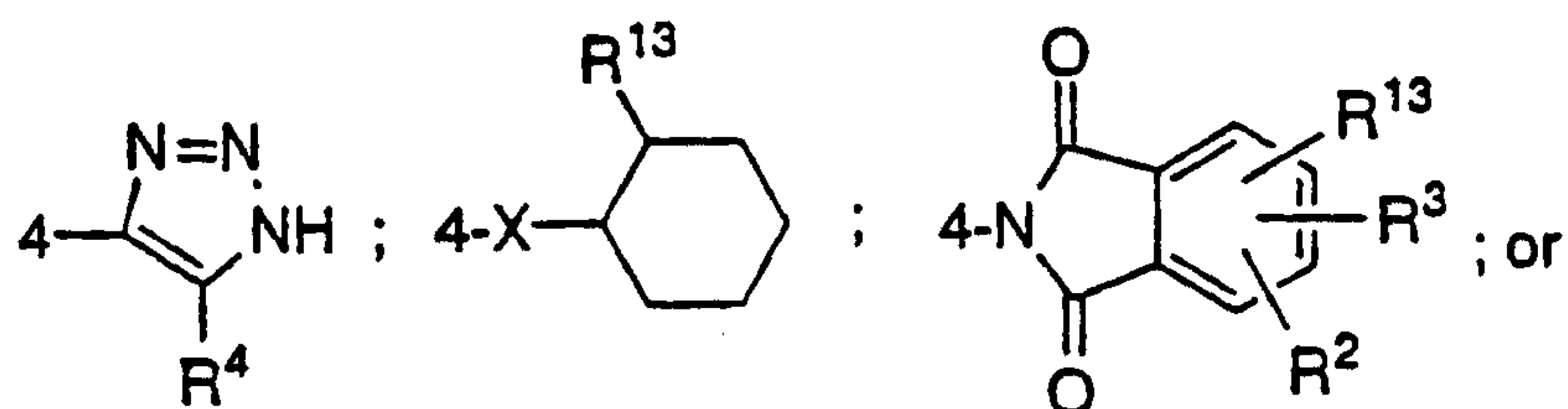
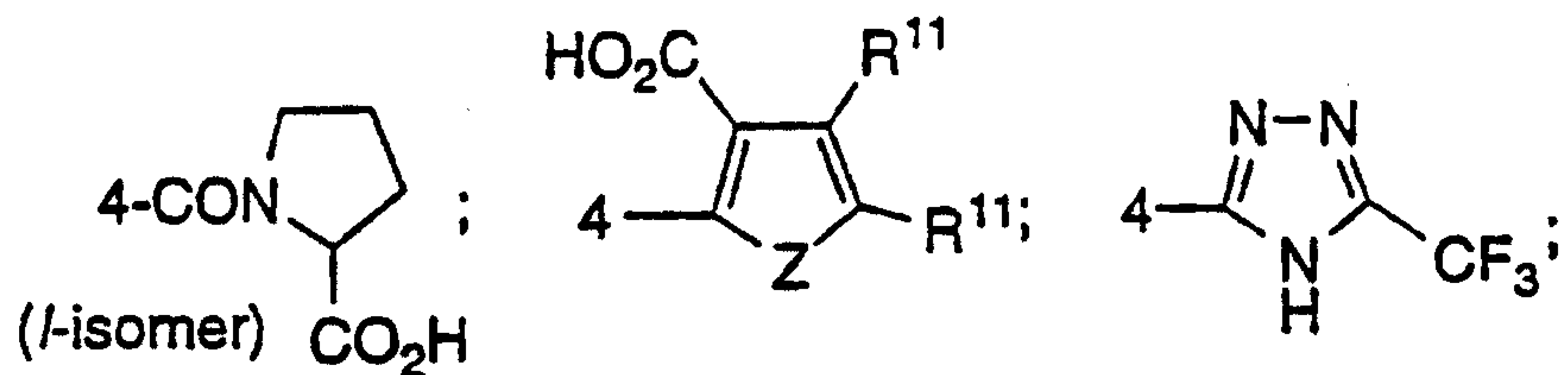
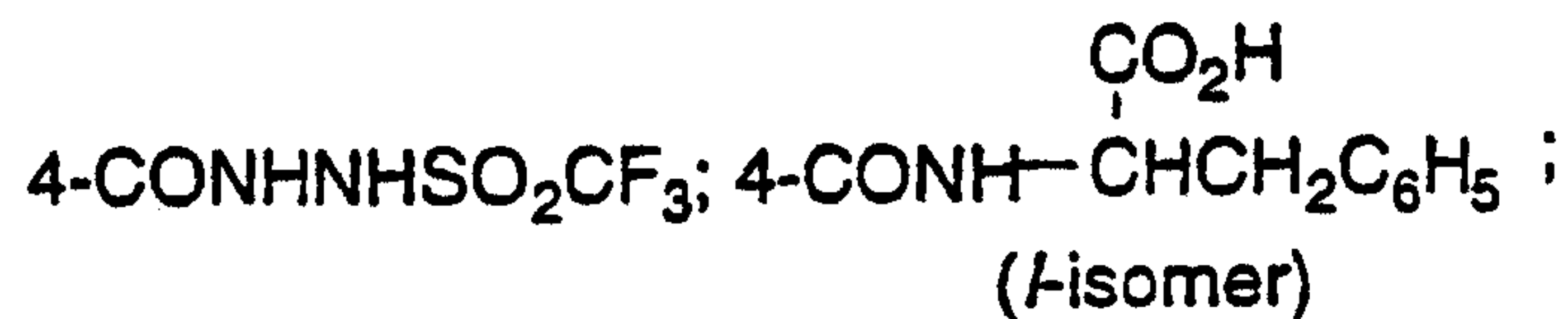


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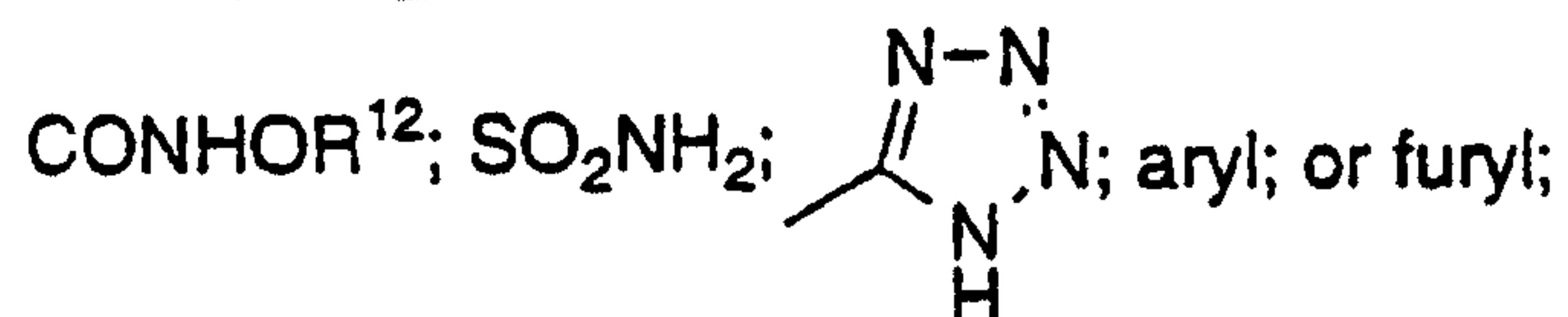
R¹ is:







R² is H; Cl; Br; I; F; NO₂; CN; alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms; acyloxy of 1 to 4 carbon atoms; alkoxy of 1 to 4 carbon atoms; CO₂H; CO₂R⁹; HNSO₂CH₃; NHSO₂CF₃;



R³ is H; Cl, Br, I or F; alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms or alkoxy of 1 to 4 carbon atoms;

R⁴ is CN, NO₂ or CO₂R¹¹;

R⁵ is H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6 carbon atoms alkenyl or alkynyl of 2 to 4 carbon atoms;

R⁶ is alkyl of 2 to 10 carbon atoms, alkenyl or alkynyl of 3 to 10 carbon atoms or the same groups substituted with F or CO₂R¹⁴; cycloalkyl of 3 to 8 carbon atoms, cycloalkylalkyl, of 4 to 10 carbon atoms; cycloalkylalkenyl

or cycloalkylalkynyl 5 to 10 carbon atoms;
 $(\text{CH}_2)_s\text{Z}(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{R}^5$ optionally substituted with F or CO_2R^{14} ; benzyl substituted on the phenyl ring with 1 or 2 halogens, alkoxy of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms or nitro;

R^7 is H, F, Cl, Br, I, NO_2 , $\text{C}_v\text{F}_{2v+1}$, where $v=1-6$, C_6F_5 ; CN;

$\text{—}\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{\parallel}{\text{C}}}\text{—R}^{16}$; straight or branched alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms; phenyl or phenylalkyl, where alkyl is 1 to 3 carbon atoms; or substituted phenyl or substituted phenylalkyl, where alkyl is 1 to 3 carbon atoms, substituted with one or two substituents selected from alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, F, Cl, Br, OH, OCH_3 , CF_3 , and COOR , where R is H, alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or phenyl;

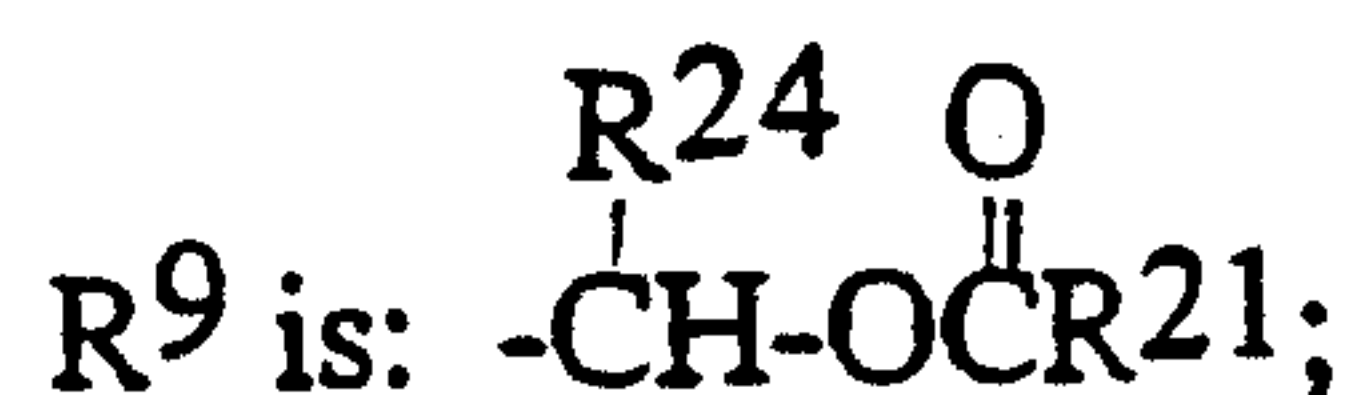
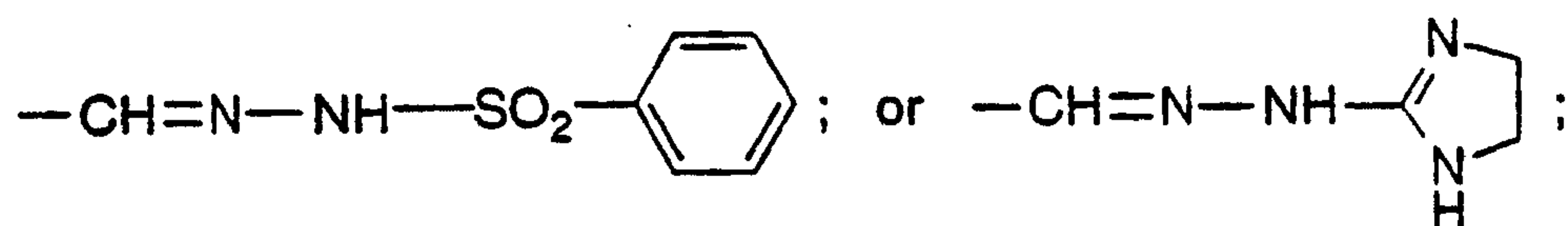
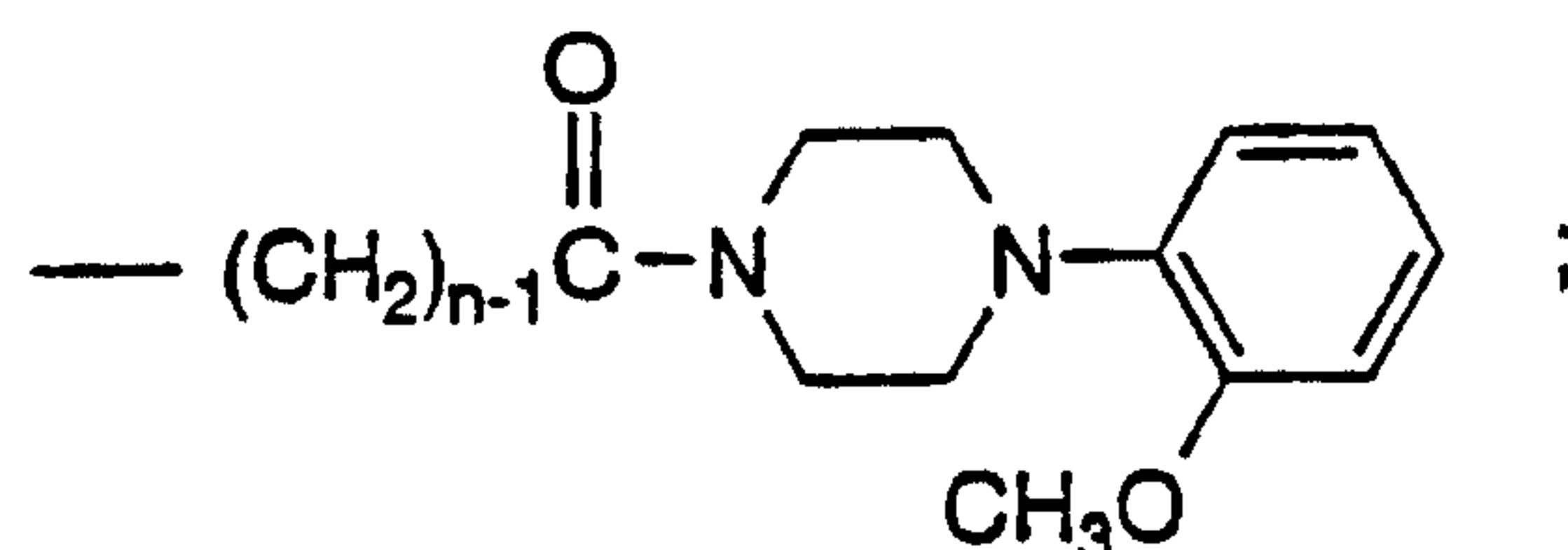
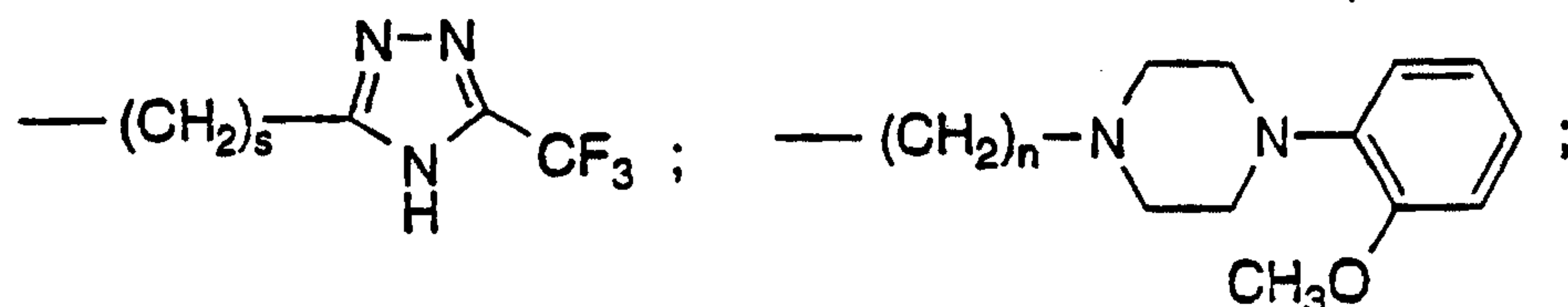
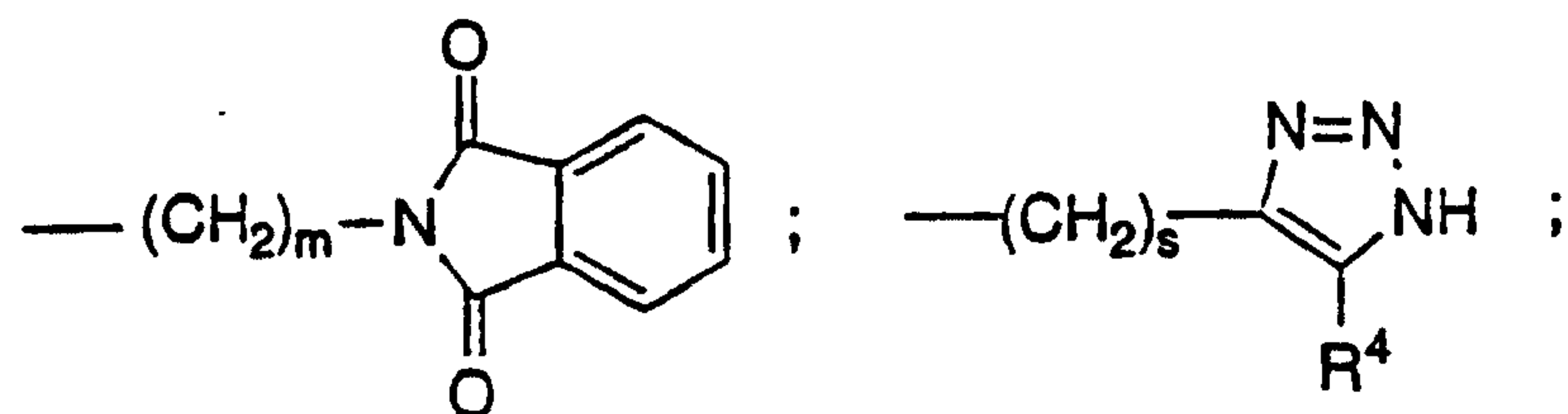
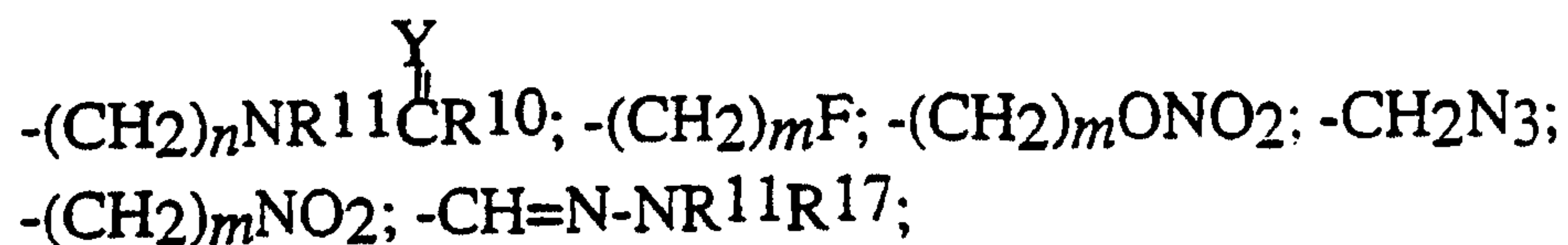
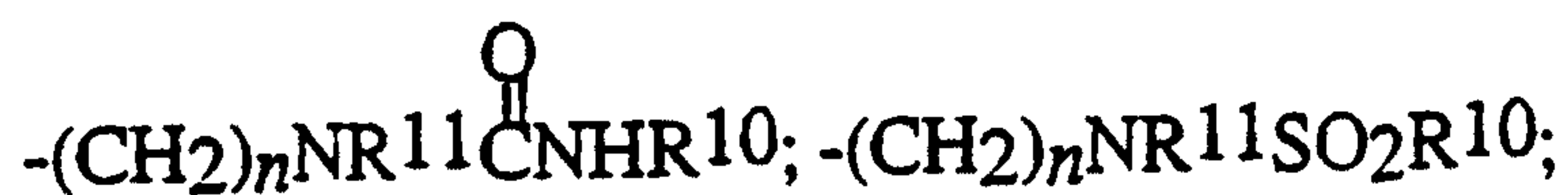
R^8 is H, CN, alkyl of 1 to 10 carbon atoms, alkenyl of 3 to 10 carbon atoms, or the same groups substituted with F; phenylalkenyl wherein the aliphatic portion is 2 to 6 carbon atoms; $-(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{-imidazol-1-yl}$; $-(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{-1,2,3-triazolyl}$ optionally substituted with one or two group selected from CO_2CH_3 and alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms; $-(\text{CH}_2)_s$ tetrazolyl;

$-(\text{CH}_2)_{n-1}\underset{\underset{\text{OR}^{17}}{|}}{\text{CH}}\text{—R}^{11}$; $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{\parallel}{\text{O}}}\text{CR}^{14}$; $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{SR}^{15}$;

$-\text{CH}=\text{CH}(\text{CH}_2)_s\overset{\text{R}^{14}}{\underset{|}{\text{CH}}}\text{OR}^{15}$; $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}(\text{CH}_2)_s\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{\parallel}{\text{C}}}\text{R}^{16}$; $-\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{\parallel}{\text{C}}}\text{R}^{16}$;

$-\text{CH}=\text{CH}(\text{CH}_2)_s\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{\parallel}{\text{O}}}\text{CR}^{11}$; $(\text{CH}_2)_s\underset{\underset{\text{CH}_3}{|}}{\text{CH}}\text{—COR}^{16}$;

$-(\text{CH}_2)_n\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{\parallel}{\text{C}}}\text{R}^{16}$; $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{OCNHR}^{10}$; $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{NR}^{11}\overset{\text{Y}}{\underset{\parallel}{\text{C}}}\text{OR}^{10}$;

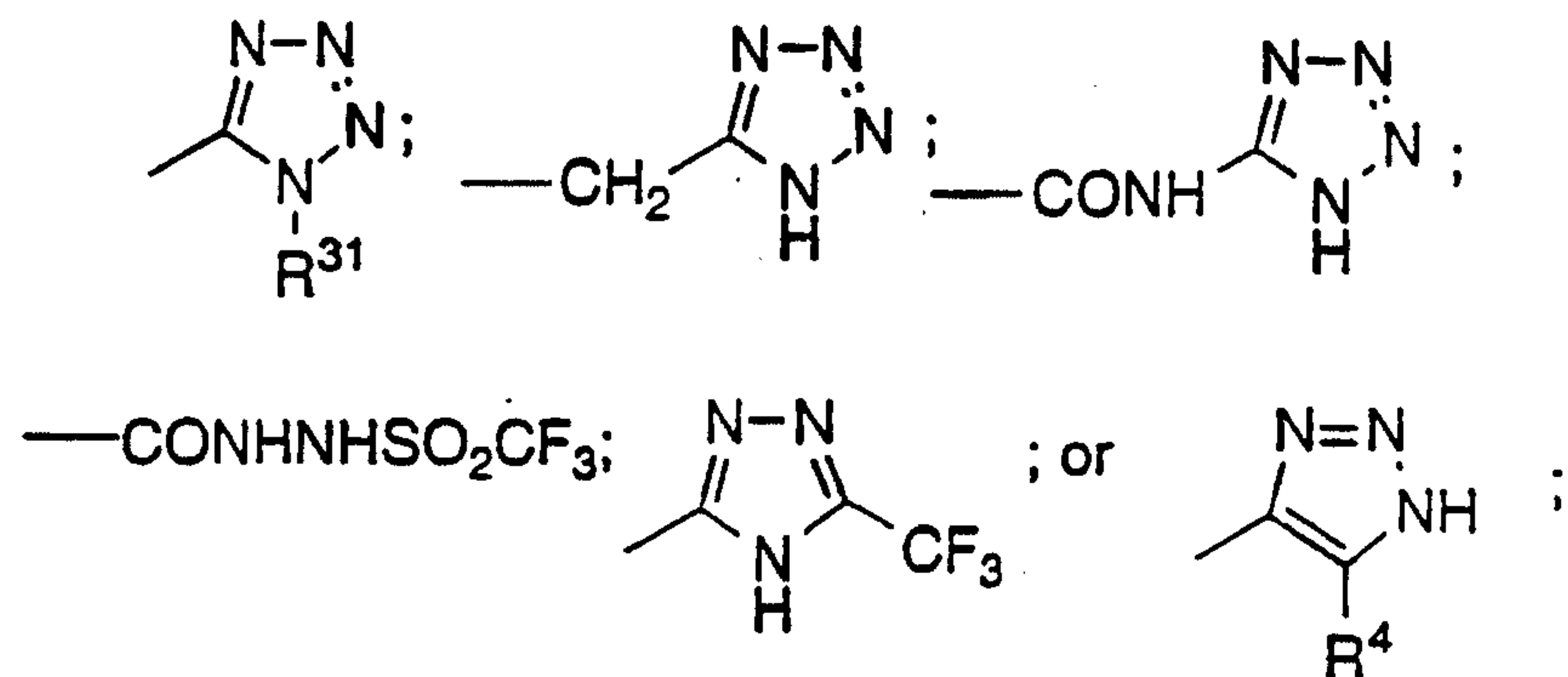
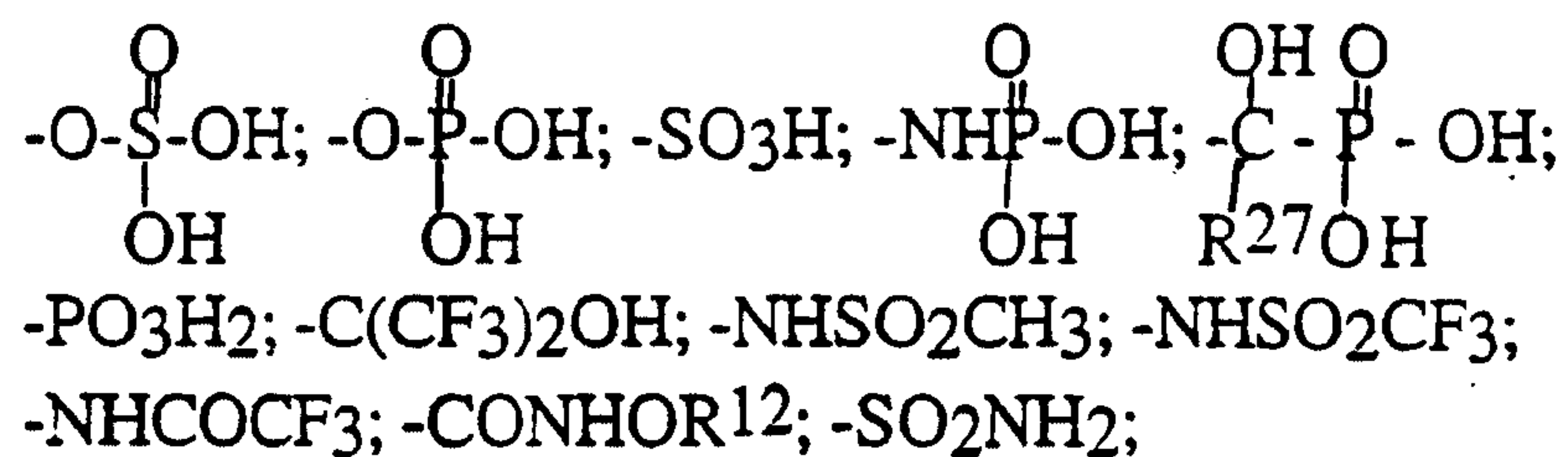


R¹⁰ is alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms or perfluoroalkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, 1-adamantyl, 1-naphthyl, 1-(1-naphthyl)ethyl, or (CH₂)_pC₆H₅;

R¹¹ is H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6 carbon atoms, phenyl or benzyl;

R¹² is H, methyl or benzyl;

R13 is $-\text{CO}_2\text{H}$; $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^9$; $-\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{H}$; $-\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{R}^9$;



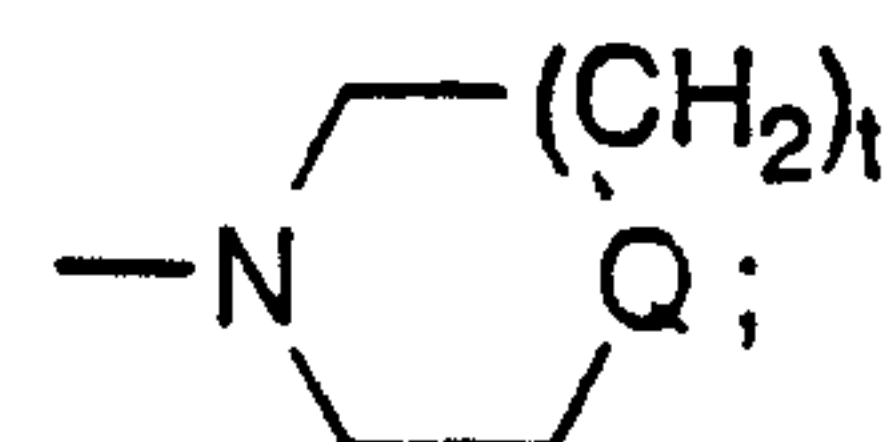
R14 is H, alkyl or perfluoroalkyl of 1 to 8 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6 carbon atoms, phenyl or benzyl;

R15 is H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6 carbon atoms, phenyl, benzyl, acyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or phenacyl;

R16 is H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6 carbon atoms, $(\text{CH}_2)_p\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$, OR^{17} , or $\text{NR}^{18}\text{R}^{19}$;

R17 is H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6 carbon atoms, phenyl or benzyl;

R18 and R19 independently are H, alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, phenyl, benzyl, α -methylbenzyl, or taken together with the nitrogen form a ring of the formula



Q is NR²⁰, O or CH₂;

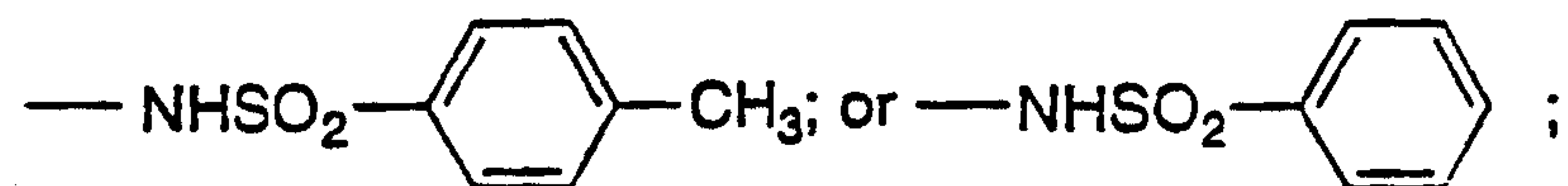
R²⁰ is H, alkyl of 1-4 carbon atoms, or phenyl;

R²¹ is alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, -NR²²R²³, or -
 $\begin{array}{c} \text{CHCH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_3 \\ | \\ \text{NH}_2 \end{array}$

R²² and R²³ independently are H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, benzyl, or are taken together as (CH₂)_u, where u is 3-6;

R²⁴ is H, CH₃ or -C₆H₅;

R²⁵ is NR²⁷R²⁸, OR²⁸, NHCONH₂, NHCSNH₂,



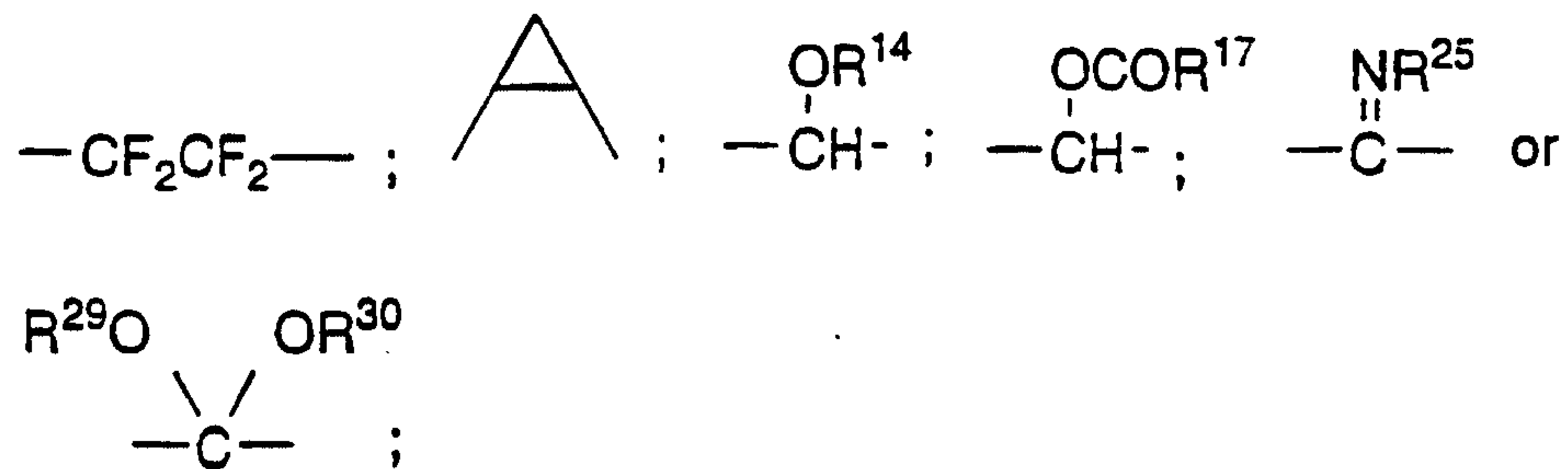
R²⁶ is hydrogen, alkyl with from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, benzyl, or allyl;

R²⁷ and R²⁸ are independently hydrogen, alkyl with from 1 to 5 carbon atoms, or phenyl;

R²⁹ and R³⁰ are independently alkyl of 1-4 carbon atoms or taken together are -(CH₂)_q-;

R³¹ is H, alkyl or 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or -CH₂CH=CH₂;

X is a carbon-carbon single bond, -CO-, -CH₂-, -O-, -S-, -NH-, -
 $\begin{array}{c} \text{N-} \\ | \\ \text{R}^{26} \end{array}$, $\begin{array}{c} \text{-CON-} \\ | \quad | \\ \text{R}^{23} \quad \text{R}^{23} \end{array}$, -NCO-, -OCH₂-, -CH₂O-, -SCH₂-, -CH₂S-,
 -NHC(R²⁷)(R²⁸)-, -NR²³SO₂-, -SO₂NR²³-, -CH=CH-, -
 CF=CF-, -CH=CF-, -CF=CH-, -CH₂CH₂-, -C(R²⁷)(R²⁸)NH-,



Y is O or S;

Z is O, NR¹¹, or S;

m is 1 to 5;

n is 1 to 10;

p is 0 to 3;

q is 2 to 3;

r is 0 to 2;

s is 0 to 5;

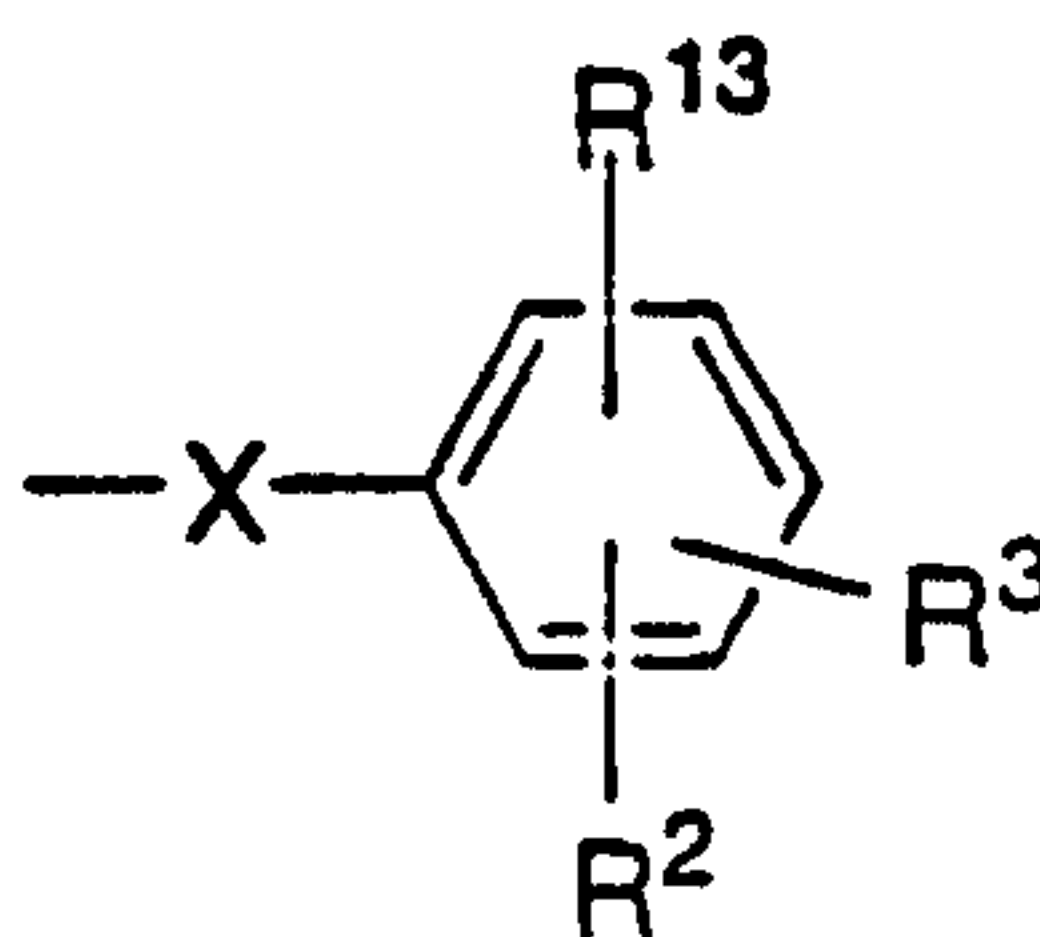
t is 0 or 1;

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts of these compounds;

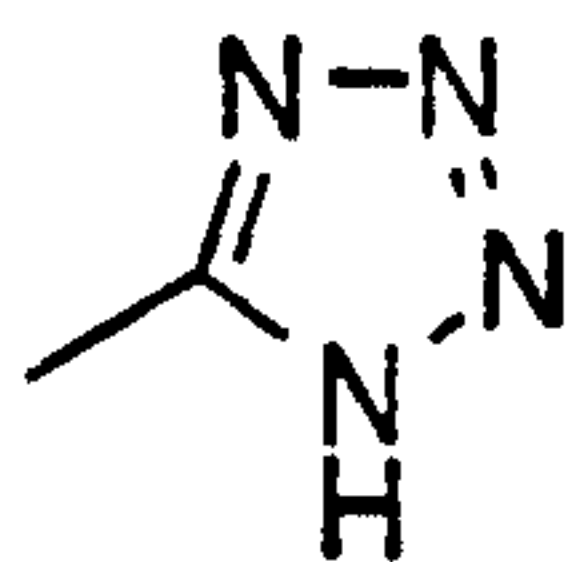
provided that:

(1) the R¹ group is not in the ortho position;

(2) when R¹ is

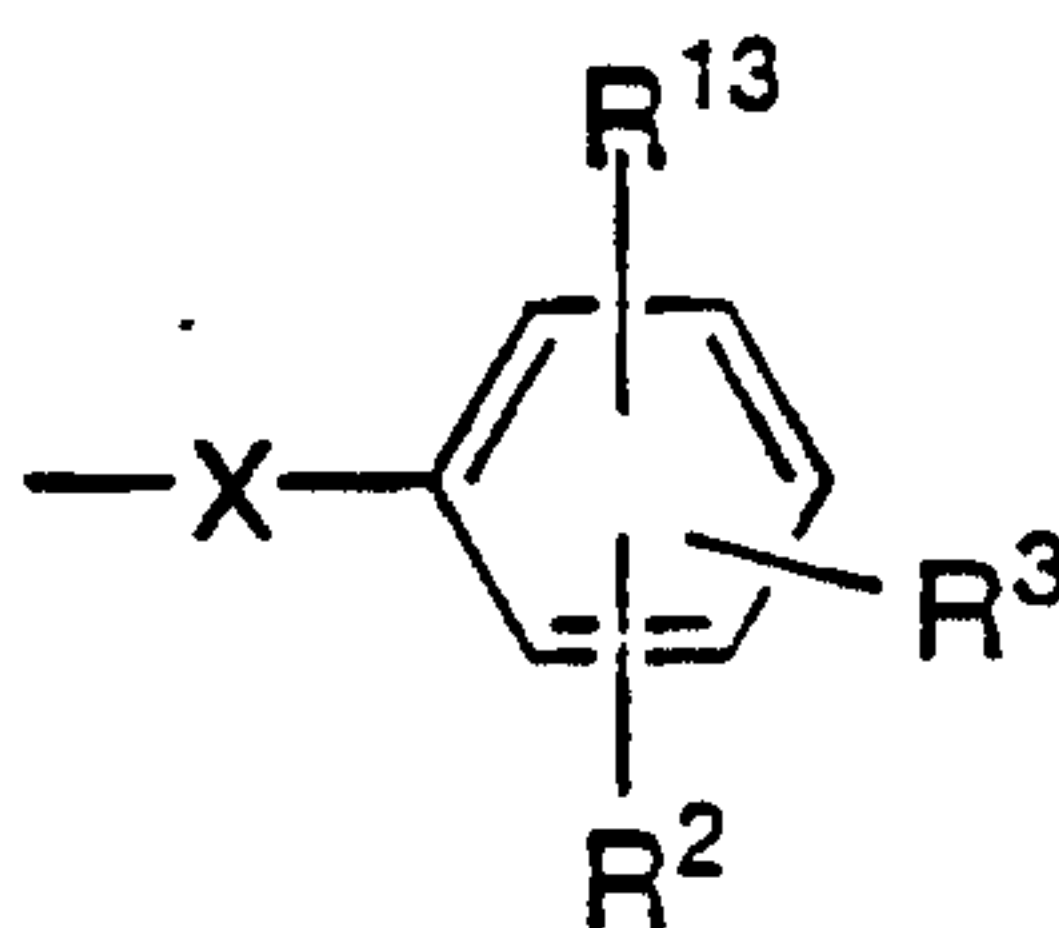


X is a single bond, and R¹³ is CO₂H, or



then R¹³ must be in the ortho or meta position; or when R¹ and X are as above and R¹³ is NHSO₂CF₃ or NHSO₂CH₃, R¹³ must be ortho;

(3) when R¹ is

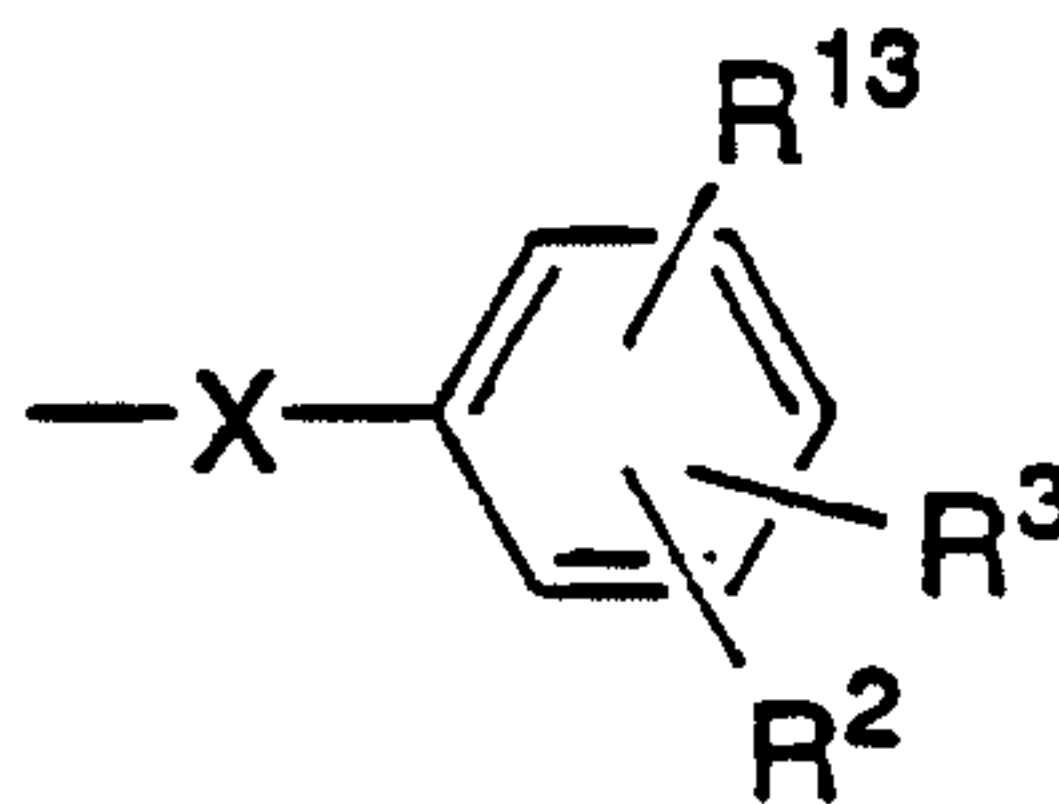


and X is other than a single bond, then R¹³ must be ortho except when X=NR²³CO and R¹³ is NHSO₂CF₃ or NHSO₂CH₃, then R¹³ must be ortho or meta;

(4) when R¹ is 4-CO₂H or a salt thereof, R⁶ cannot be S-alkyl;

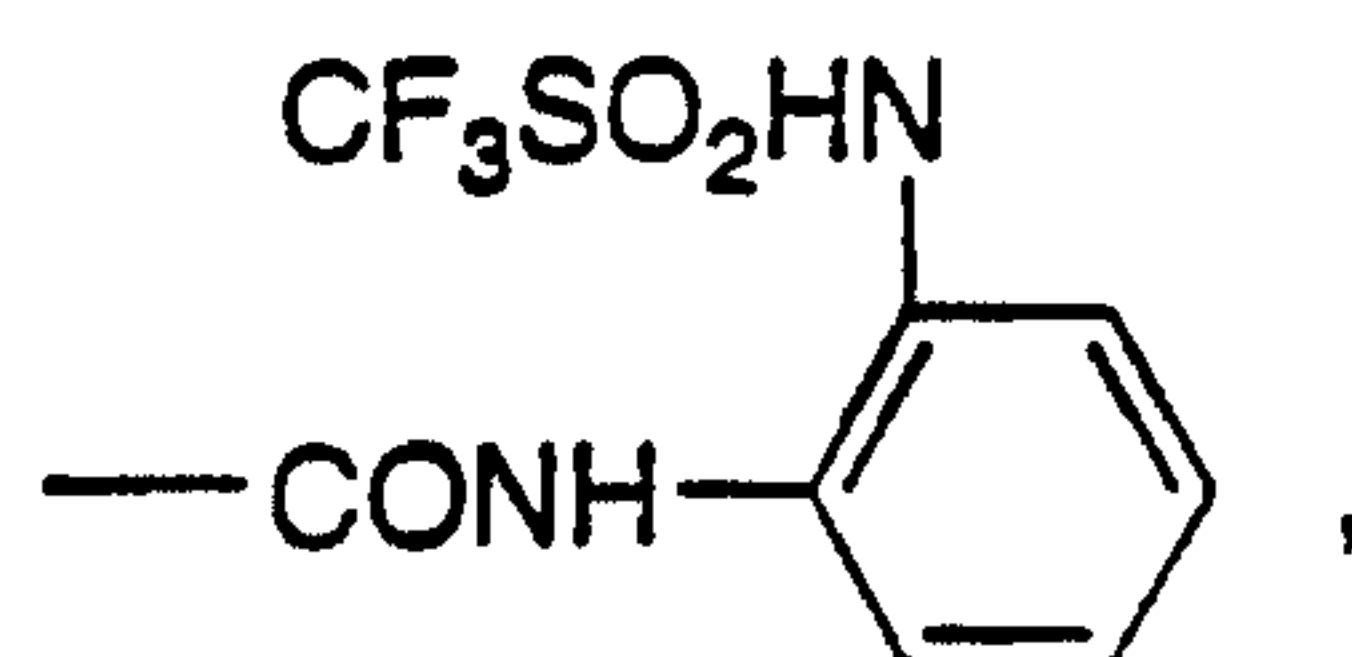
(5) when R¹ is 4-CO₂H or a salt thereof, the substituent on the 4-position of the imidazole cannot be CH₂OH, CH₂OCOCH₃, or CH₂CO₂H;

(6) when R¹ is



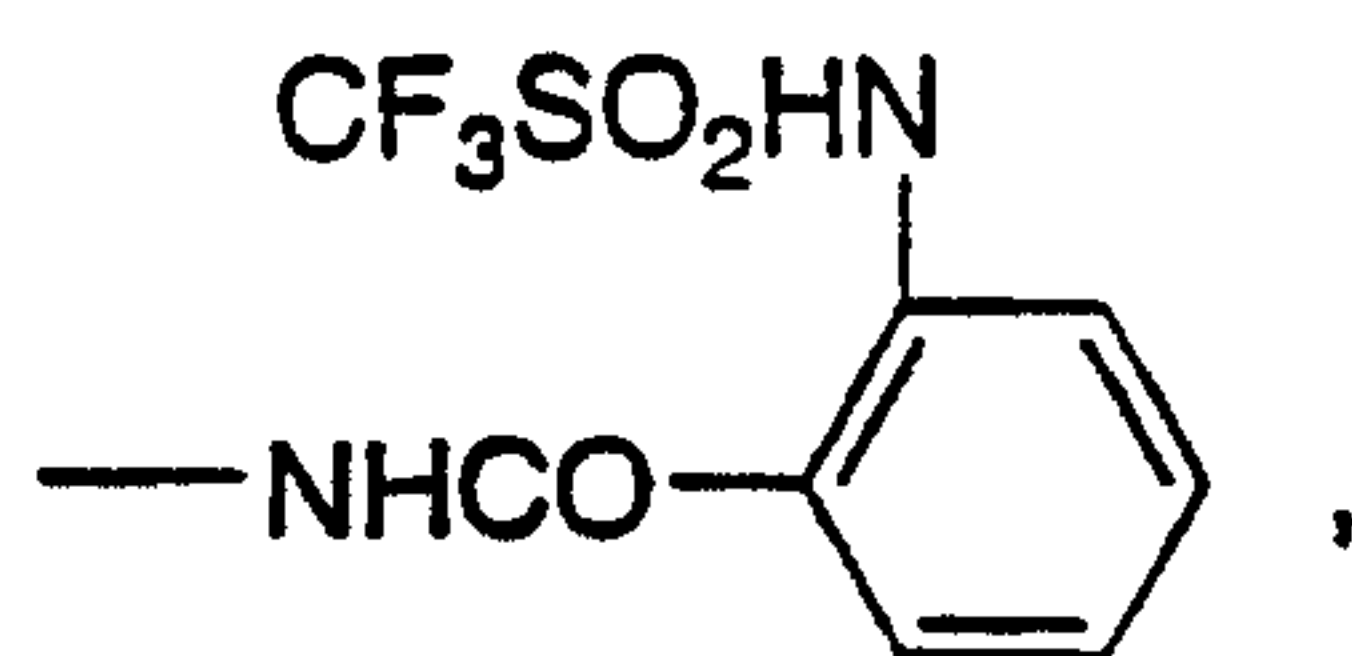
X is $-\text{OCH}_2-$, and R^{13} is 2- CO_2H , and R^7 is H then R^6 is not $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{S}$;

(7) when R^1 is



and R^6 is n-hexyl then R^7 and R^8 are not both hydrogen;

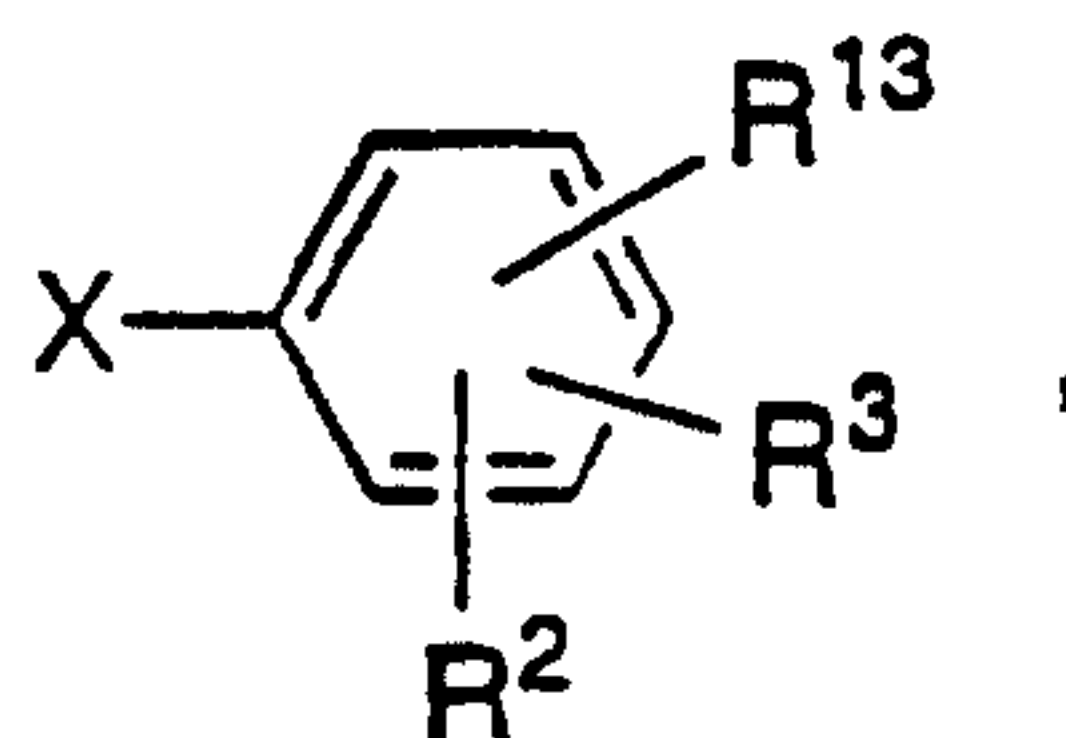
(8) when R^1 is



R^6 is not methoxybenzyl;

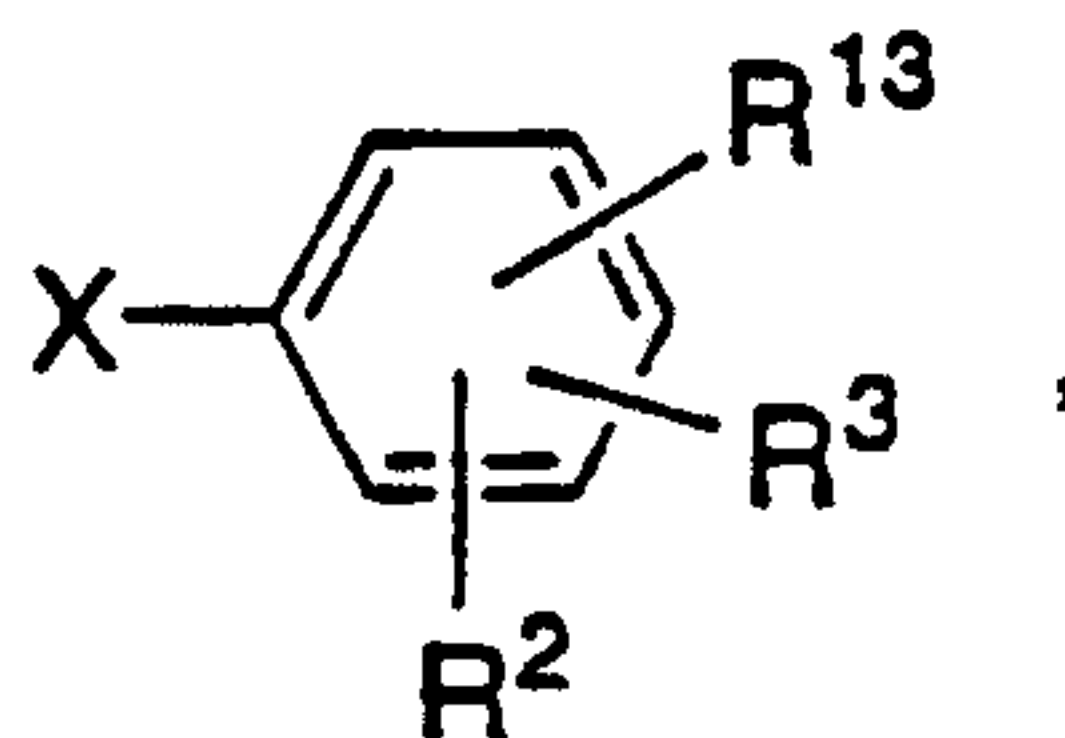
(9) the R^6 group is not $-\underset{\text{F}}{\text{CH}}\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ or CH_2OH ;

(10) when $r=0$, R^1 is



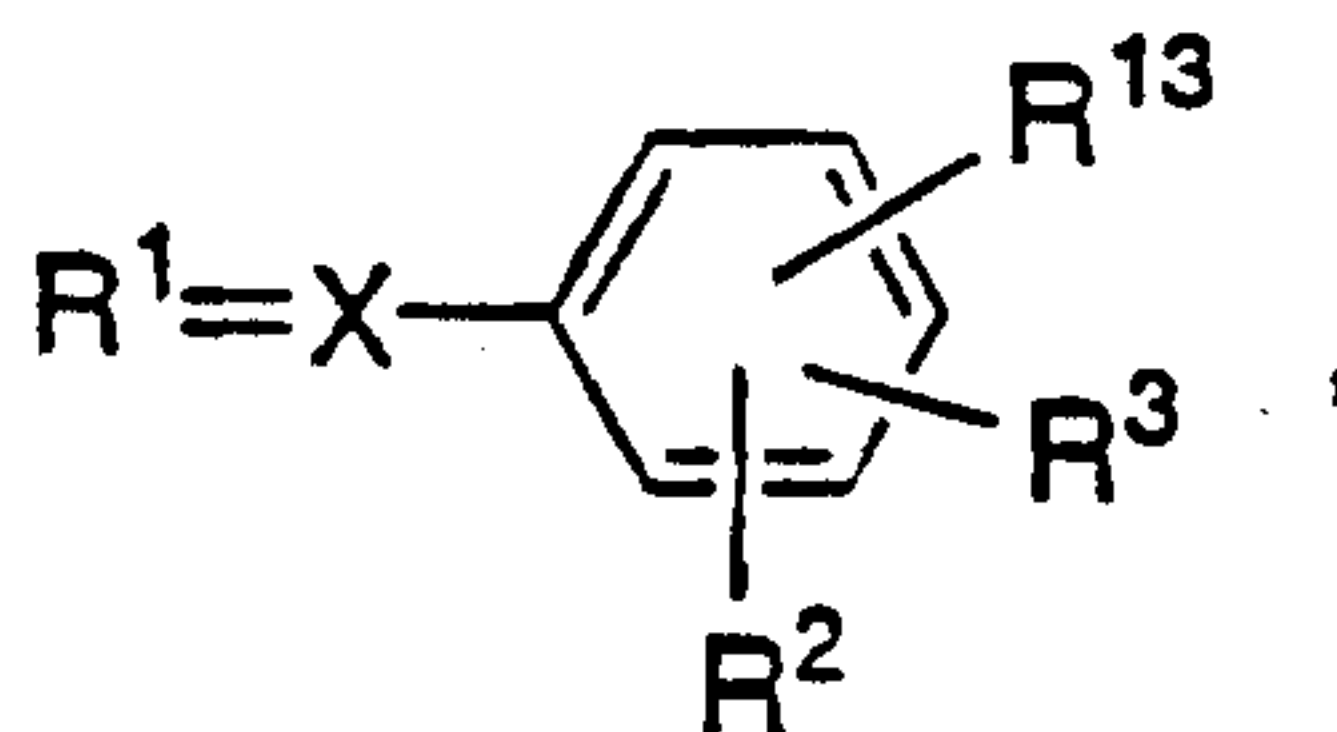
X is $-\text{NH}-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-$, R¹³ is 2-NHSO₂CF₃, and R⁶ is n-propyl, then R⁷ and R⁸ are not -CO₂CH₃;

(11) when $r=0$, R¹ is



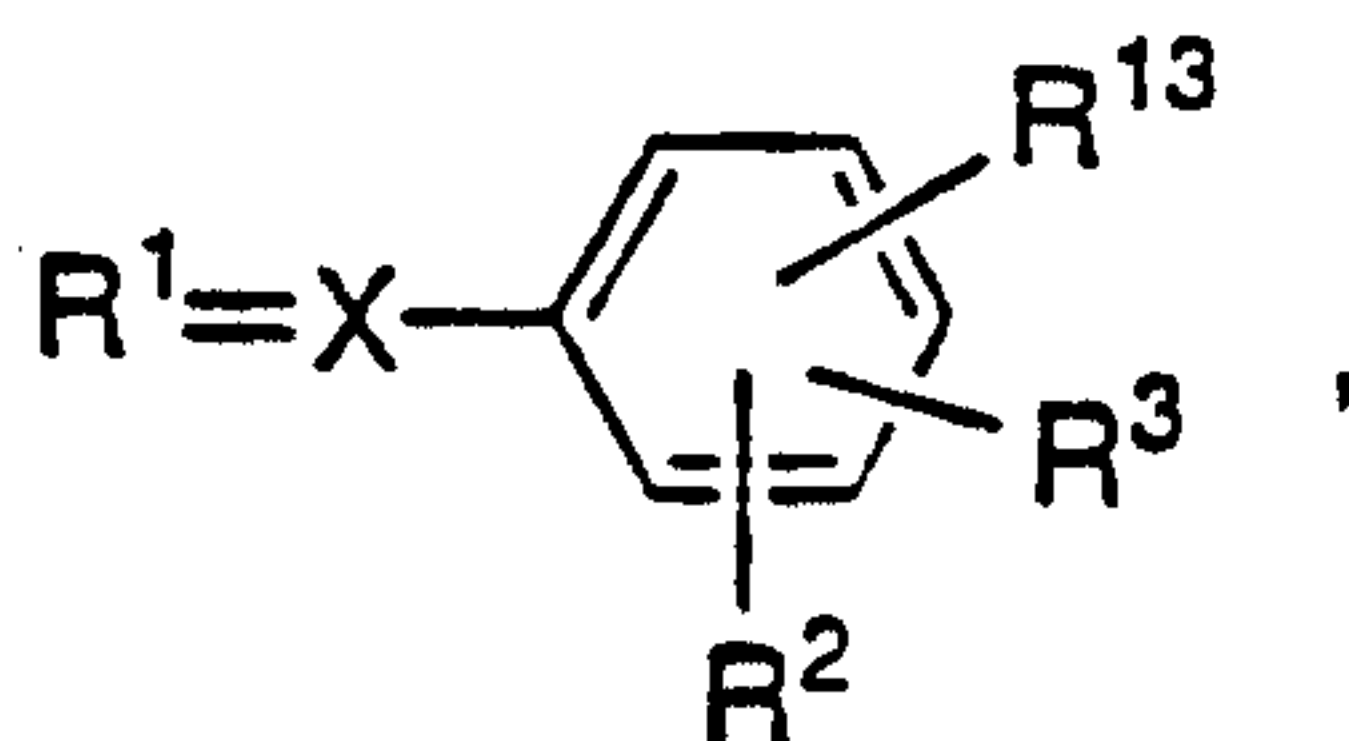
X is $\text{NH}-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-$, R¹³ is 2-COOH, and R⁶ is n-propyl, then R⁷ and R⁸ are not -CO₂CH₃;

(12) when $r=1$,



X is a single bond, R⁷ is Cl, and R⁸ is -CHO, then R¹³ is not 3-(tetrazol-5-yl);

(13) when $r=1$,



X is a single bond, R⁷ is Cl, and R⁸ is -CHO, then R¹³ is not 4-(tetrazol-5-yl).

28. Use as in Claim 27, wherein the angiotensin II (AT₁) receptor antagonist is losartan or 2-butyl-4-chloro-1-[2'-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]imidazole-carboxylic acid, or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

29. An angiotensin II (AT₁) receptor antagonist for reducing mortality, reducing sudden cardiac death, preventing sudden cardiac death or reducing hospitalization in a symptomatic heart failure patient.

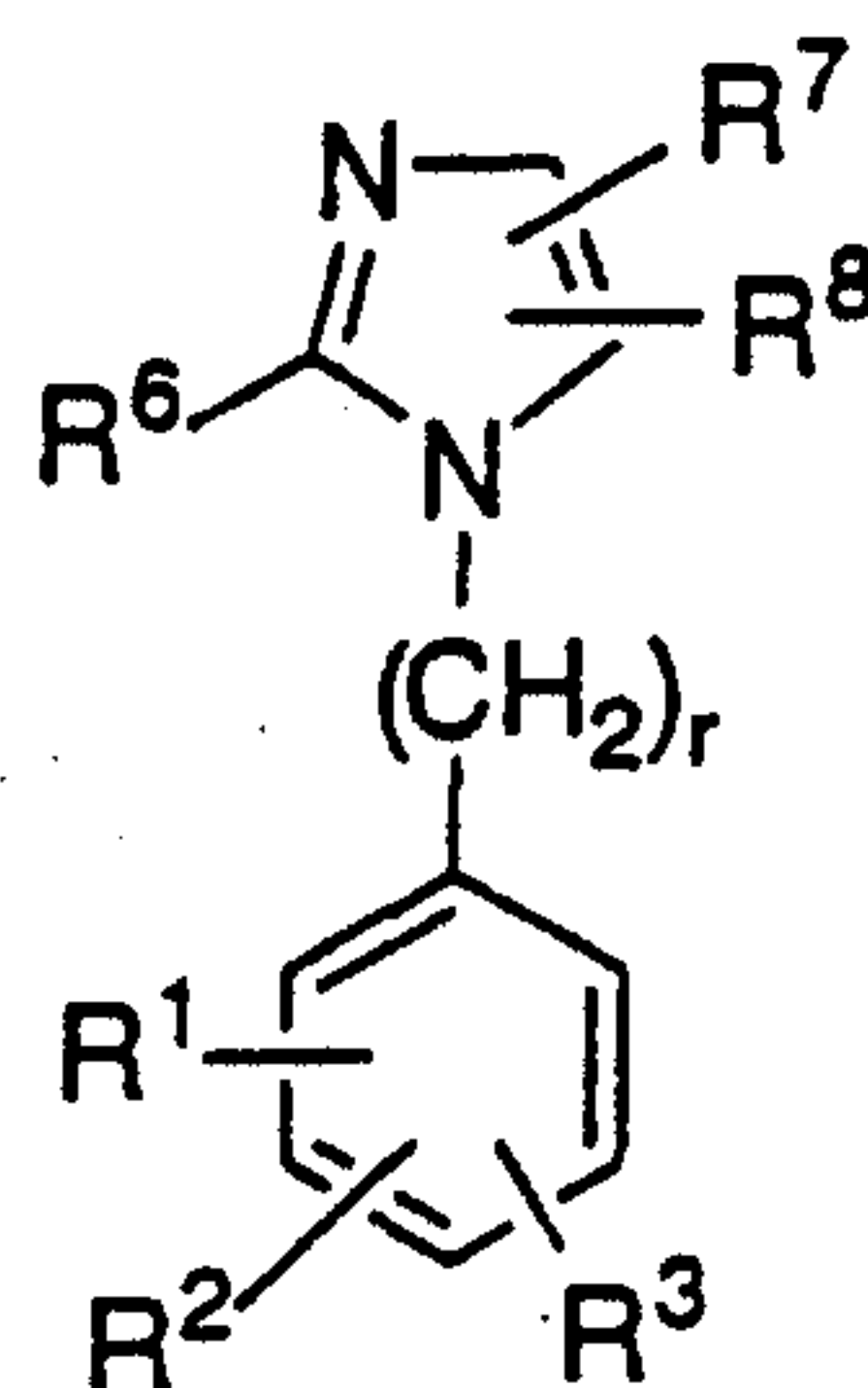
30. An angiotensin II (AT₁) receptor antagonist of Claim 29, selected from the group consisting of: candesartan cilexetil, eprosartan, irbesartan, losartan, tasosartan, telmisartan, valsartan, 3-(2'-(tetrazol-5-yl)1,1'-biphen-4-yl)methyl-5,7-dimethyl-2-ethyl-3H-imidazo[4,5b]pyridine, , 4[2-ethyl-4-methyl-6-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydroimidazol{1,2-a}pyridine-2-yl]-benzimidazol-1-yl]-methyl-1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxylic acid, 2-butyl-6-(1-methoxy-1-methylethyl)-2-[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]guinazolin-4(3H)-one, 3-[(2'-carboxybiphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-2-cyclopropyl-7-methyl-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine, 2-butyl-4-chloro-1-[2'-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]imidazole-carboxylic acid, 2-butyl-4-chloro-1-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]-1H-imidazole-5-carboxylic acid-1-(ethoxycarbonyl-oxy)ethyl ester potassium salt, dipotassium 2-butyl-4-(methylthio)-1-[[2-[[[(propylamino)carbonyl]-amino]sulfonyl](1,1'-biphenyl)-4-yl)methyl]-1H-imidazole-5-carboxylate, methyl-2-[[4-butyl-2-methyl-6-oxo-5[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-[1,1'biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]-1-(6H)-pyrimidinyl)methyl]-3-

thiophencarboxylate, 5-[(3,5-dibutyl-1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)methyl]-2-[1H-tetrazol-5-ylphenyl]pyridine, 6-butyl-2-(2-phenylethyl)-5-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-methyl]pyrimidin-4-(3H)-one D,L lysine salt, 5-methyl-7-n-propyl-8-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-[1,2,4]-triazolo[1,5-c]pyrimidin-2(3H)-one, 2,7-diethyl-5-[[2'-(5-tetrazolyl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-5H-pyrazolo[1,5-b][1,2,4]triazole potassium salt, 2-[2-butyl-4,5-dihydro-4-oxo-3-[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-4-biphenylmethyl]-3H-imidazol[4,5-c]pyridine-5-ylmethyl]-benzoic acid, ethyl ester, potassium salt, 3-methoxy-2,6-dimethyl-4-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl]methoxy]pyridine, 2-ethoxy-1-[[2'-(5-oxo-2,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-1H-benzimidazole-7-carboxylic acid, 1-[N-(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl-methyl)-N-valerolylamino-methyl]cyclopentane-1-carboxylic acid, 7-methyl-2n-propyl-3-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine, 2-[5-[(2-ethyl-5,7-dimethyl-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine-3-yl)methyl]-2-quinoliny]sodium benzoate, 2-butyl-6-chloro-4-hydroxymethyl-5-methyl-3-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]pyridine, 2-[[[2-butyl-1-[(4-carboxyphenyl)methyl]-1H-imidazol-5-yl)methyl]amino]benzoic acid tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]pyrimidin-6-one, 4(S)-[4-(carboxymethyl)phenoxy]-N-[2(R)-[4-(2-sulfobenzamido)imidazol-1-yl]octanoyl]-L-proline, 1-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-4-butyl-1,3-dihydro-3-[[6-[2-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)phenyl]-3-pyridinyl)methyl]-2H-imidazol-2-one, 5,8-ethano-5,8-dimethyl-2-n-propyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-1-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-1H,4H-1,3,4a,8a-tetrazacyclopentanaphthalene-9-one, 4-[1-[2'-(1,2,3,4-tetrazol-5-yl)biphen-4-yl)methylamino]-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-trifylquinazoline, 2-(2-chlorobenzoyl)imino-5-ethyl-3-[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-

yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl-1,3,4-thiadiazoline, 2-[5-ethyl-3-[2-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl-1,3,4-thiazoline-2-ylidene]aminocarbonyl-1-cyclopentenecarboxylic acid dipotassium salt, and 2-butyl-4-[N-methyl-N-(3-methylcrotonoyl)amino]-1-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]methyl]-1H-imidazole-5-carboxylic acid 1-ethoxycarbonyloxyethyl ester.

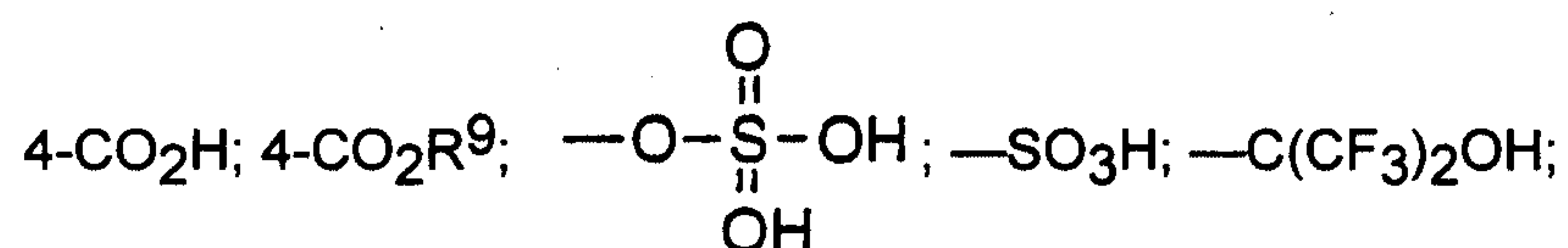
31. The angiotensin II (AT₁) receptor antagonist of Claim 30, selected from the group consisting of: candesartan cilexetil, eprosartan, irbesartan, losartan, tasosartan, telmisartan, valsartan, and 3-(2'-(tetrazol-5-yl)-1,1'-biphen-4-yl)methyl-5,7-dimethyl-2-ethyl-3H-imidazo[4,5b]pyridine.

32. An angiotensin II (AT₁) receptor antagonist of Claim 29, of formula I



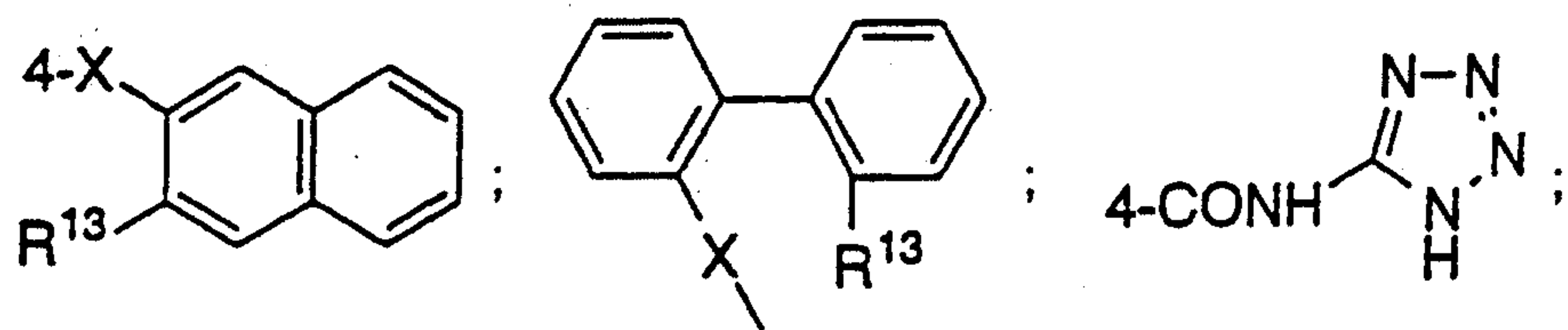
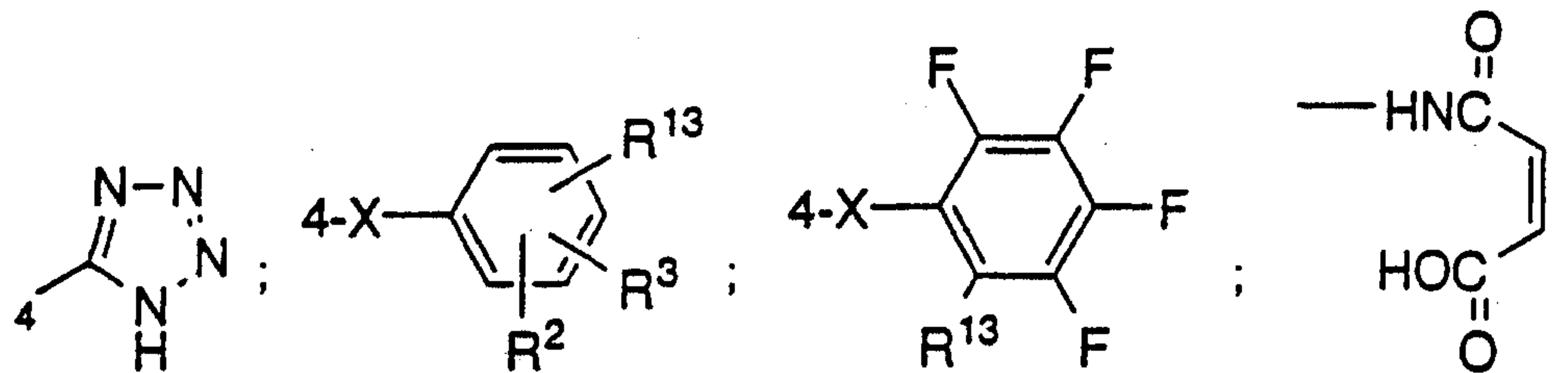
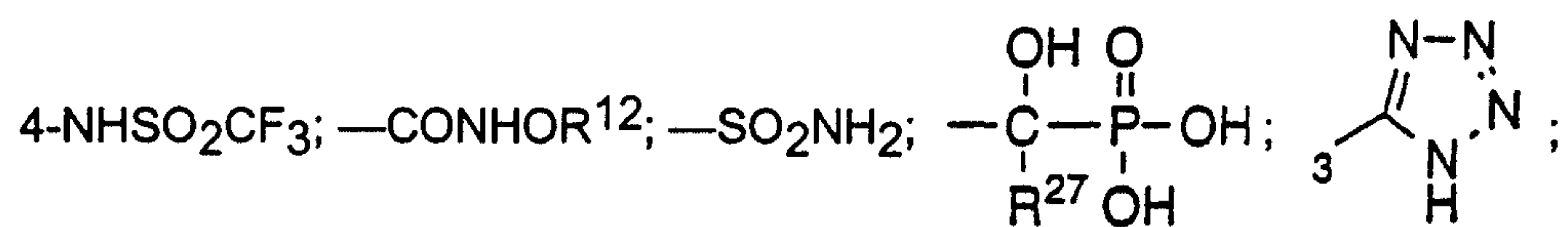
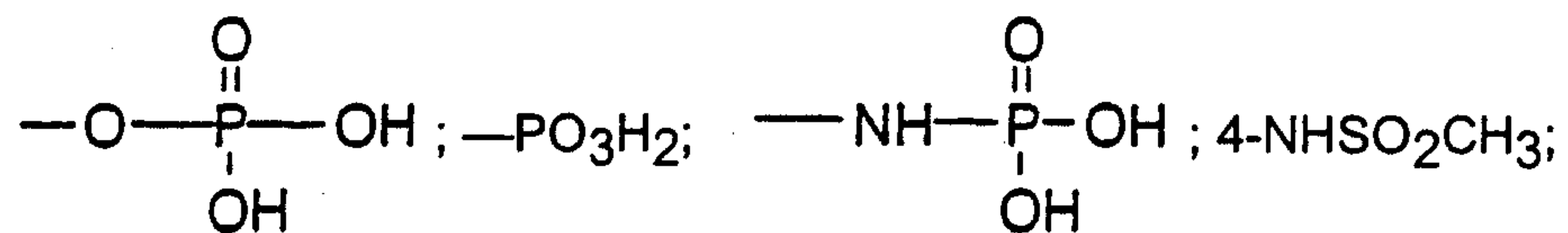
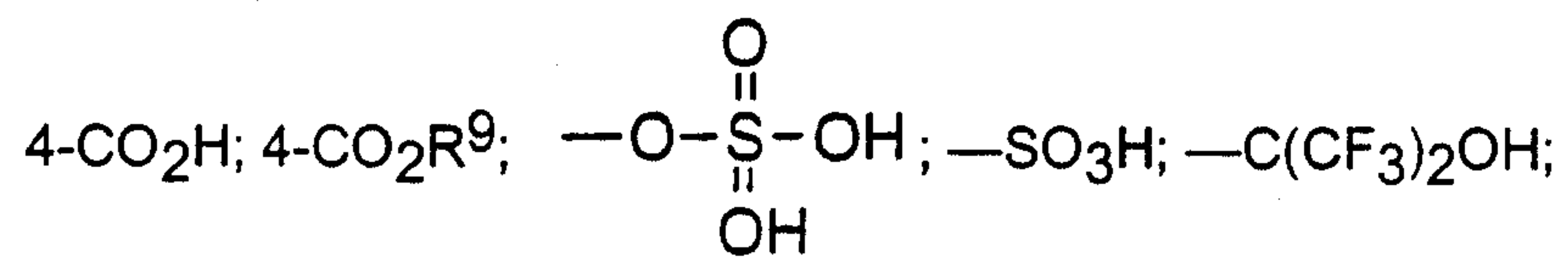
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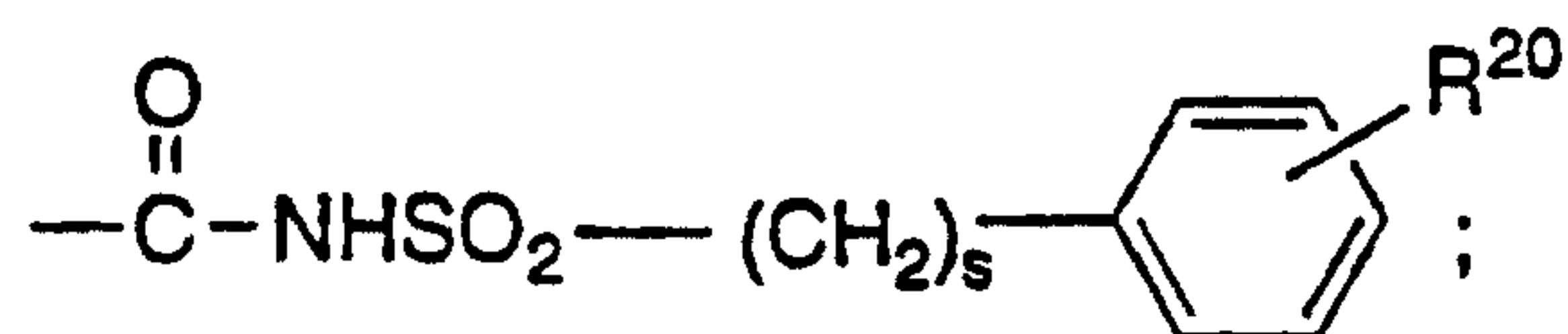
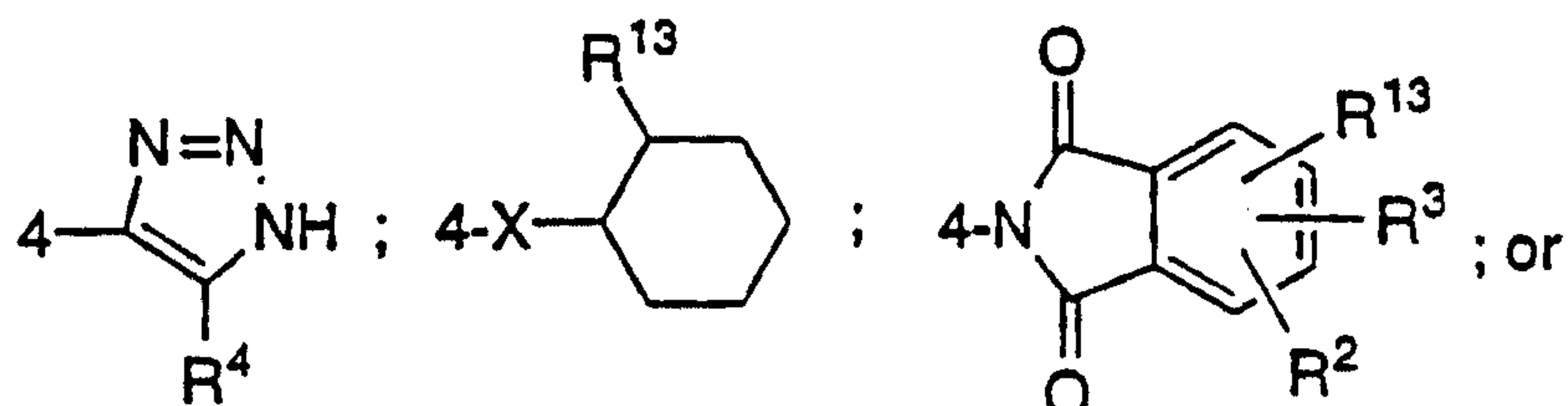
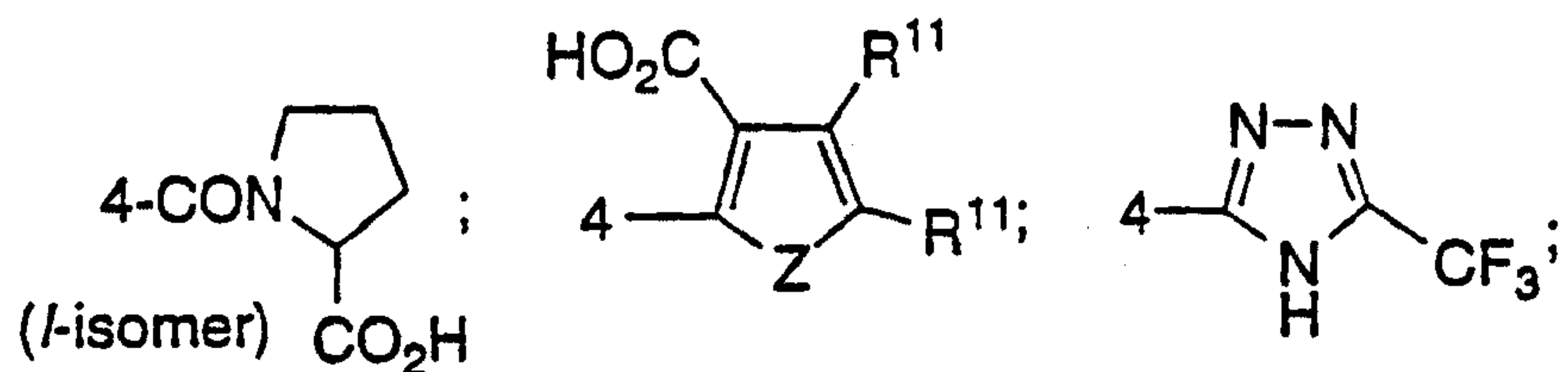
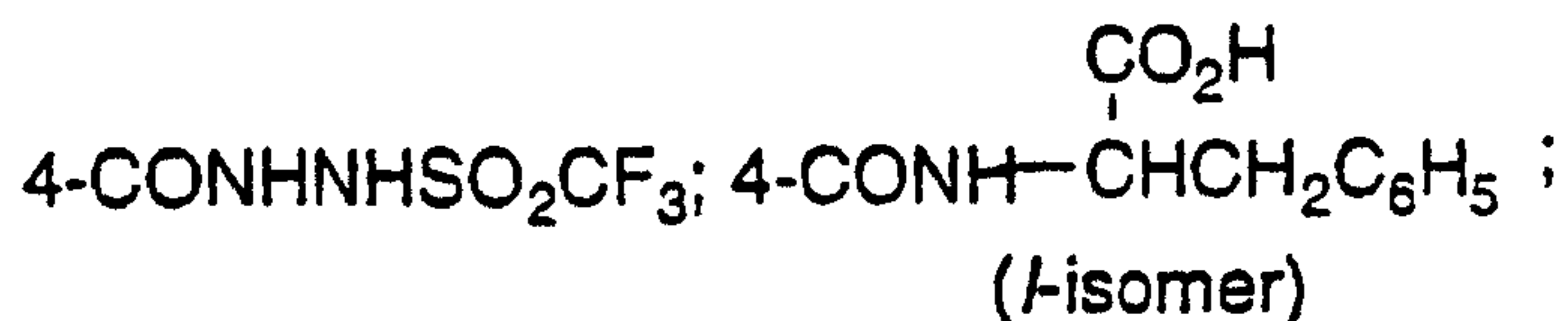
R¹ is:



wherein:

R¹ is:





R² is H; Cl; Br; I; F; NO₂; CN; alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms; acyloxy of 1 to 4 carbon atoms; alkoxy of 1 to 4 carbon atoms; CO₂H; CO₂R⁹; HNSO₂CH₃; NHSO₂CF₃;

CONHOR¹²; SO₂NH₂; $\begin{array}{c} \text{N}=\text{N} \\ | \quad | \\ \text{C} \quad \text{N} \\ | \\ \text{H} \end{array}$; aryl; or furyl;

R³ is H; Cl, Br, I or F; alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms or alkoxy of 1 to 4 carbon atoms;

R⁴ is CN, NO₂ or CO₂R¹¹;

R⁵ is H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6 carbon atoms alkenyl or alkynyl of 2 to 4 carbon atoms;

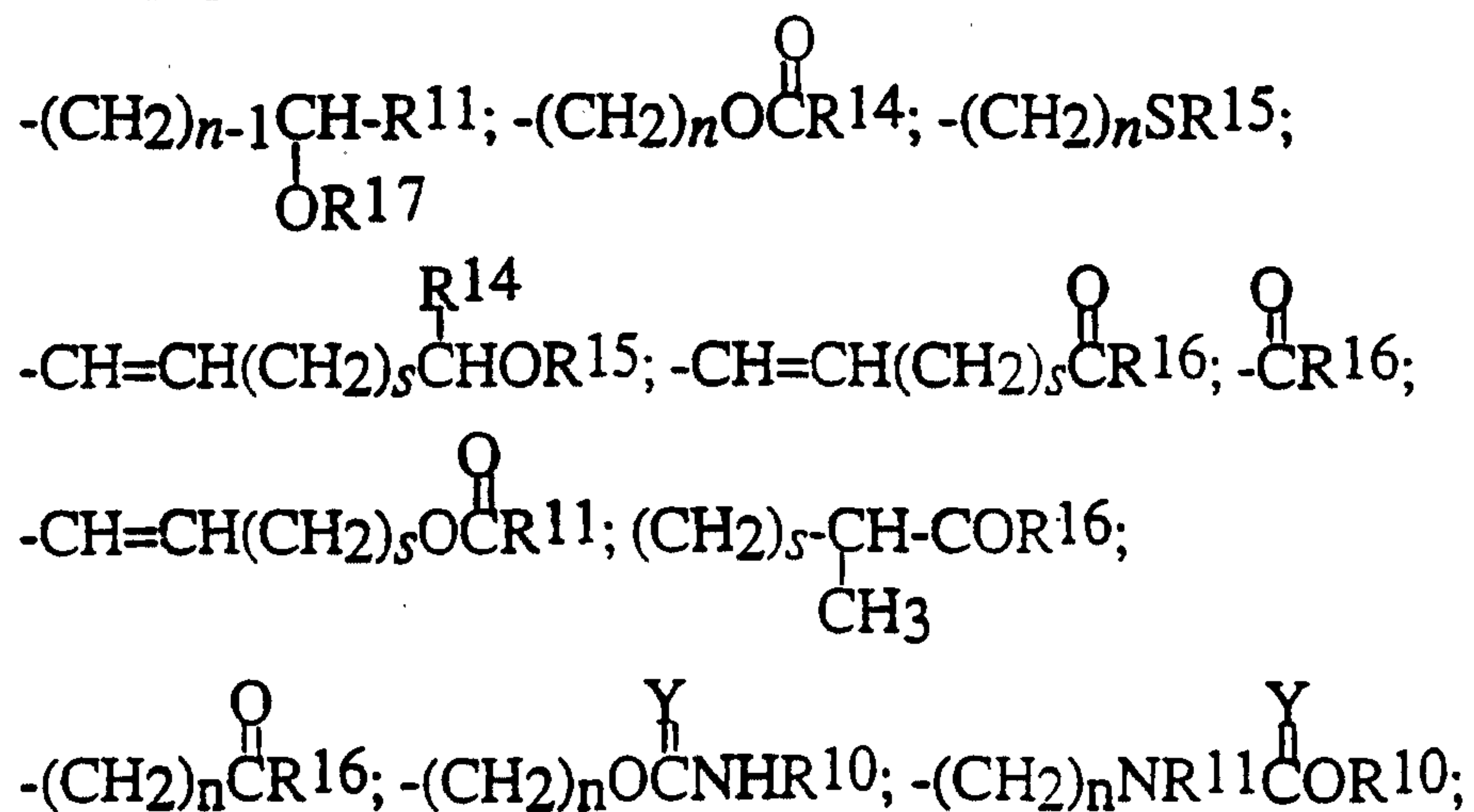
R⁶ is alkyl of 2 to 10 carbon atoms, alkenyl or alkynyl of 3 to 10 carbon atoms or the same groups substituted with F or CO₂R¹⁴; cycloalkyl of 3 to 8 carbon atoms, cycloalkylalkyl, of 4 to 10 carbon atoms; cycloalkylalkenyl

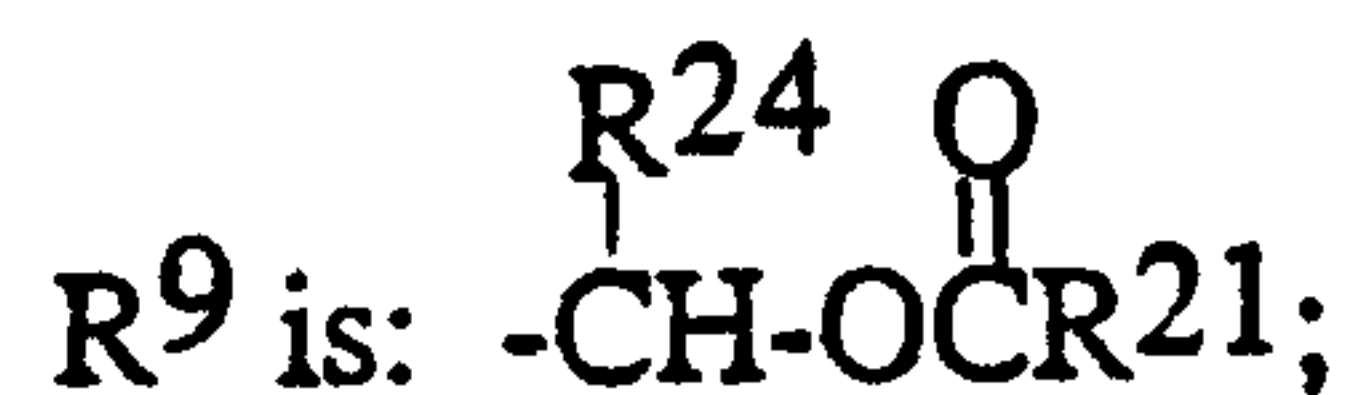
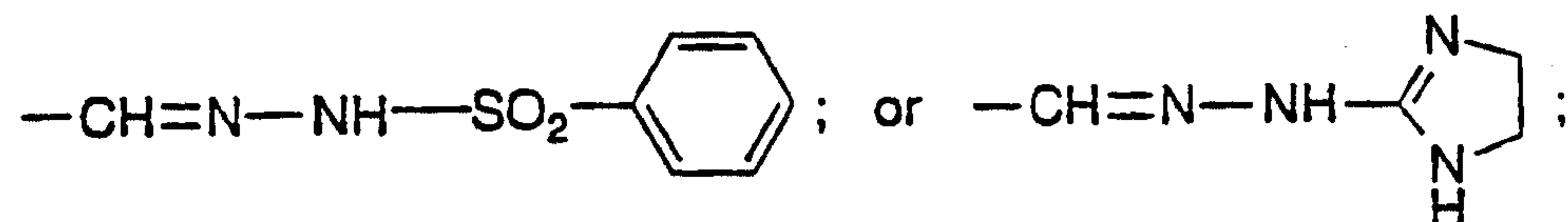
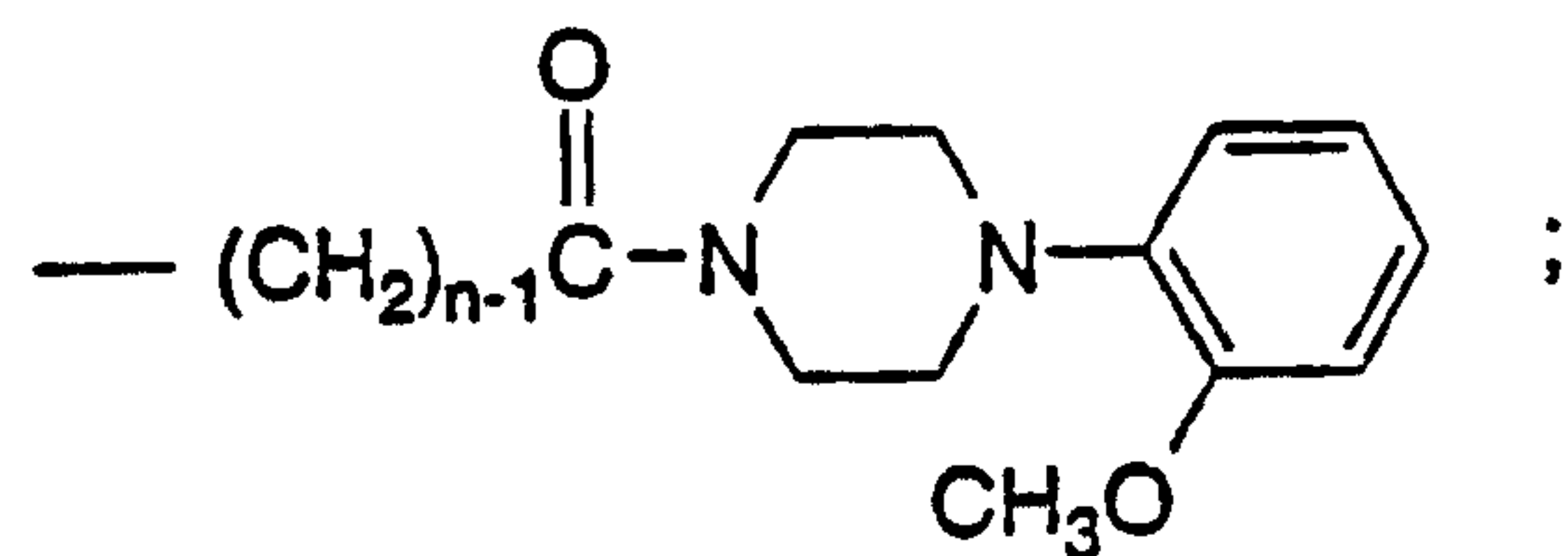
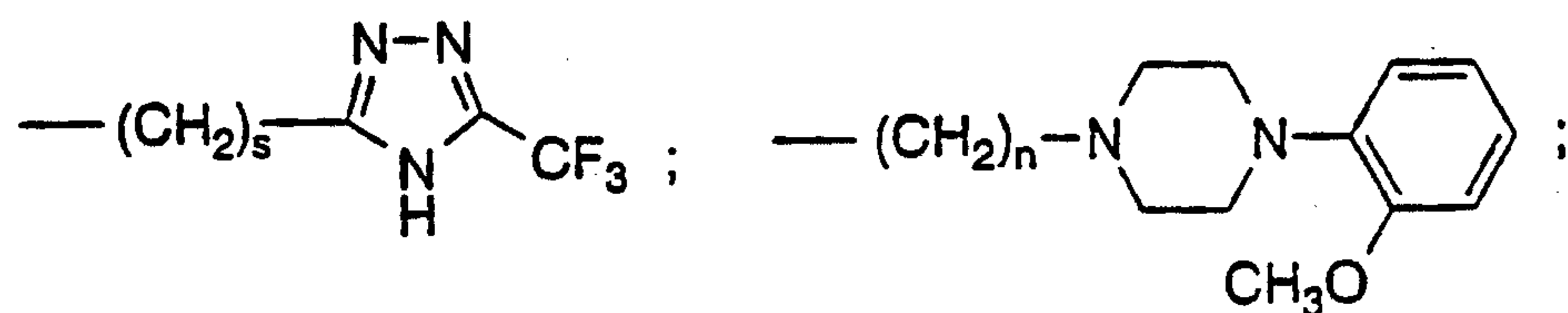
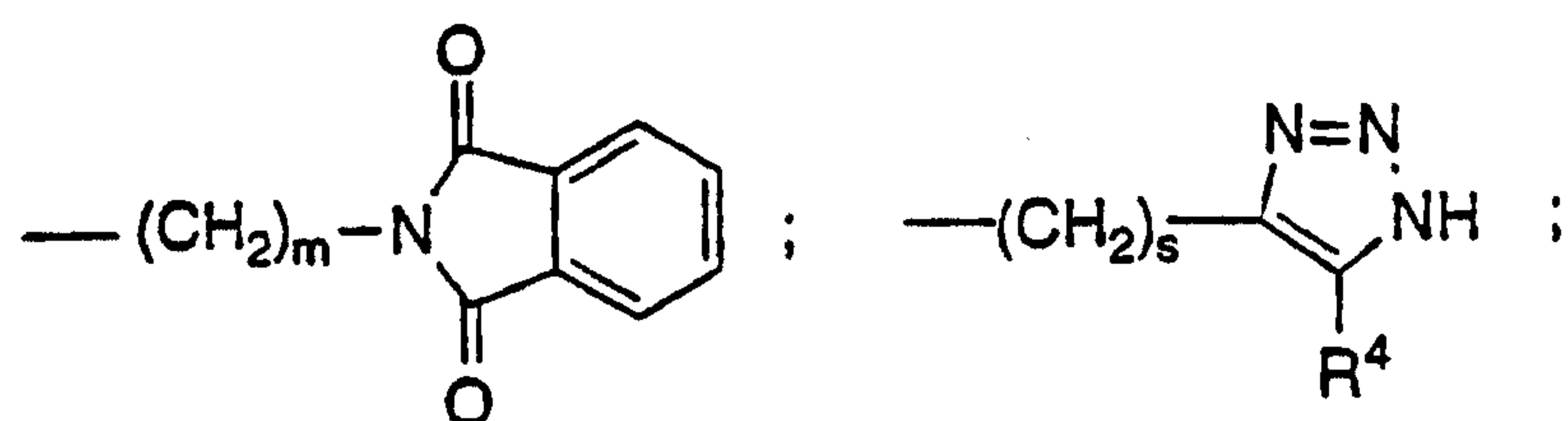
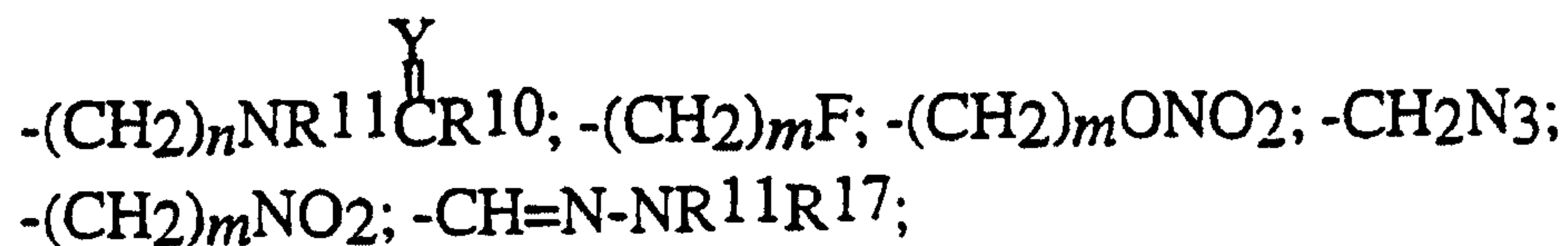
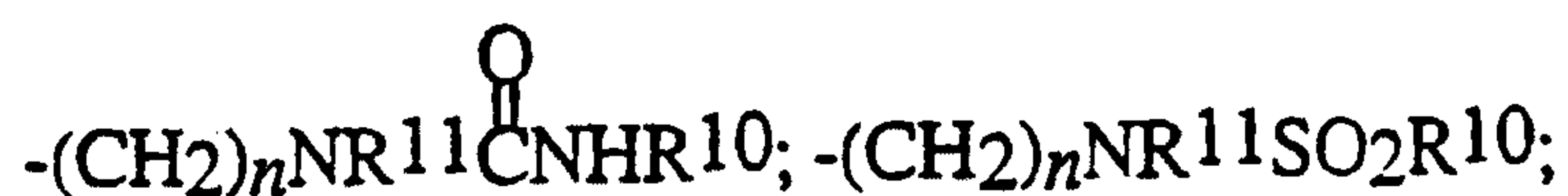
or cycloalkylalkynyl 5 to 10 carbon atoms;
 $(\text{CH}_2)_s\text{Z}(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{R}^5$ optionally substituted with F or CO_2R^{14} ; benzyl substituted on the phenyl ring with 1 or 2 halogens, alkoxy of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms or nitro;

R^7 is H, F, Cl, Br, I, NO_2 , $\text{C}_v\text{F}_{2v+1}$, where $v=1-6$, C_6F_5 ; CN;

$\text{—}\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{\text{||}}{\text{C}}}\text{—R}^{16}$; straight or branched alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms; phenyl or phenylalkyl, where alkyl is 1 to 3 carbon atoms; or substituted phenyl or substituted phenylalkyl, where alkyl is 1 to 3 carbon atoms, substituted with one or two substituents selected from alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, F, Cl, Br, OH, OCH_3 , CF_3 , and COOR , where R is H, alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or phenyl;

R^8 is H, CN, alkyl of 1 to 10 carbon atoms, alkenyl of 3 to 10 carbon atoms, or the same groups substituted with F; phenylalkenyl wherein the aliphatic portion is 2 to 6 carbon atoms; $-(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{-imidazol-1-yl}$; $-(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{-1,2,3-triazolyl}$ optionally substituted with one or two group selected from CO_2CH_3 and alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms; $-(\text{CH}_2)_s$ tetrazolyl;



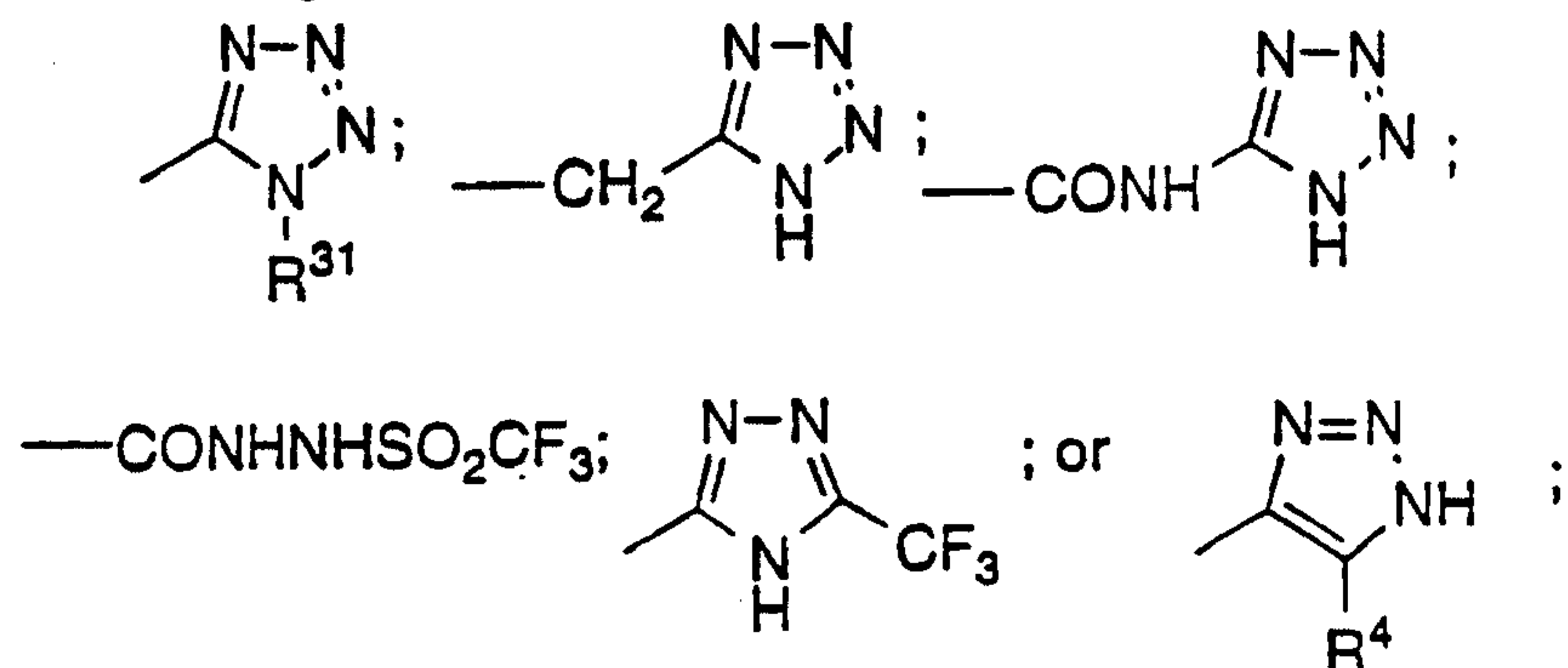
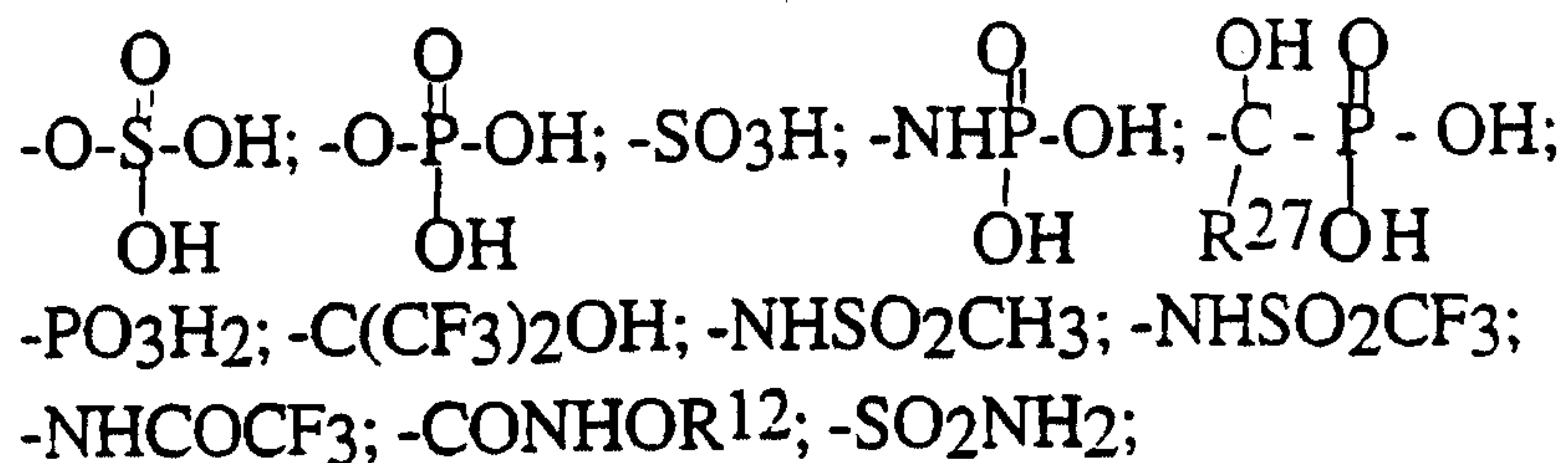


R¹⁰ is alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms or perfluoroalkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, 1-adamantyl, 1-naphthyl, 1-(1-naphthyl)ethyl, or (CH₂)_pC₆H₅;

R¹¹ is H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6 carbon atoms, phenyl or benzyl;

R¹² is H, methyl or benzyl;

R13 is $-\text{CO}_2\text{H}$; $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^9$; $-\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{H}$; $-\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{R}^9$;



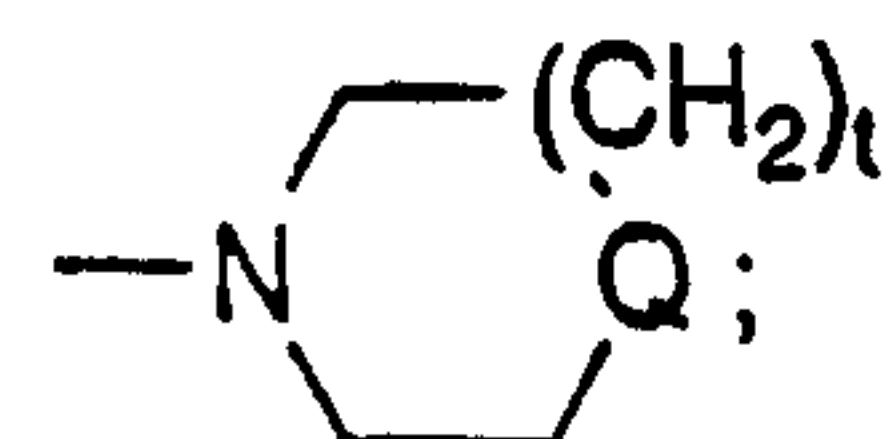
R14 is H, alkyl or perfluoroalkyl of 1 to 8 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6 carbon atoms, phenyl or benzyl;

R15 is H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6 carbon atoms, phenyl, benzyl, acyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or phenacyl;

R16 is H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6 carbon atoms, $(\text{CH}_2)_p\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$, OR^{17} , or $\text{NR}^{18}\text{R}^{19}$;

R17 is H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6 carbon atoms, phenyl or benzyl;

R18 and R19 independently are H, alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, phenyl, benzyl, α -methylbenzyl, or taken together with the nitrogen form a ring of the formula



Q is NR^{20} , O or CH_2 ;

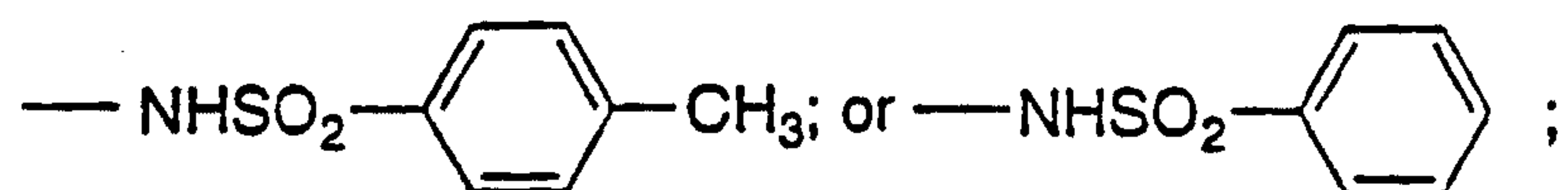
R20 is H, alkyl of 1-4 carbon atoms, or phenyl;

R21 is alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, -NR²²R²³, or -
 $\begin{array}{c} \text{CHCH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_3 \\ | \\ \text{NH}_2 \end{array}$

R22 and R23 independently are H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, benzyl, or are taken together as (CH₂)_u, where u is 3-6;

R24 is H, CH₃ or -C₆H₅;

R25 is NR²⁷R²⁸, OR²⁸, NHCONH₂, NHCSNH₂,



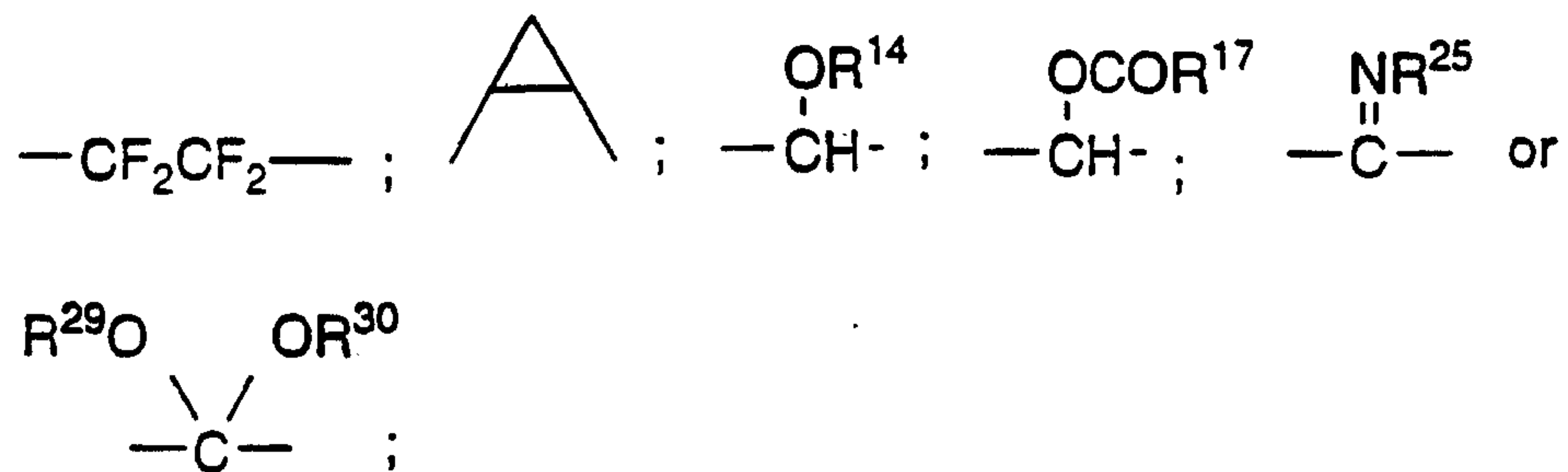
R26 is hydrogen, alkyl with from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, benzyl, or allyl;

R27 and R28 are independently hydrogen, alkyl with from 1 to 5 carbon atoms, or phenyl;

R29 and R30 are independently alkyl of 1-4 carbon atoms or taken together are -(CH₂)_q-;

R31 is H, alkyl or 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or -CH₂CH=CH₂;

X is a carbon-carbon single bond, -CO-, -CH₂-, -O-, -S-, -NH-, -
 $\begin{array}{c} \text{N-} \\ | \\ \text{R}^{26} \end{array}$ -, $\begin{array}{c} \text{-CON-} \\ | \quad | \\ \text{R}^{23} \quad \text{R}^{23} \end{array}$ -, -NCO-, -OCH₂-, -CH₂O-, -SCH₂-, -CH₂S-,
 -NHC(R²⁷)(R²⁸)-, -NR²³SO₂-, -SO₂NR²³-, -CH=CH-, -
 CF=CF-, -CH=CF-, -CF=CH-, -CH₂CH₂-, -C(R²⁷)(R²⁸)NH-,



Y is O or S;

Z is O, NR¹¹, or S;

m is 1 to 5;

n is 1 to 10;

p is 0 to 3;

q is 2 to 3;

r is 0 to 2;

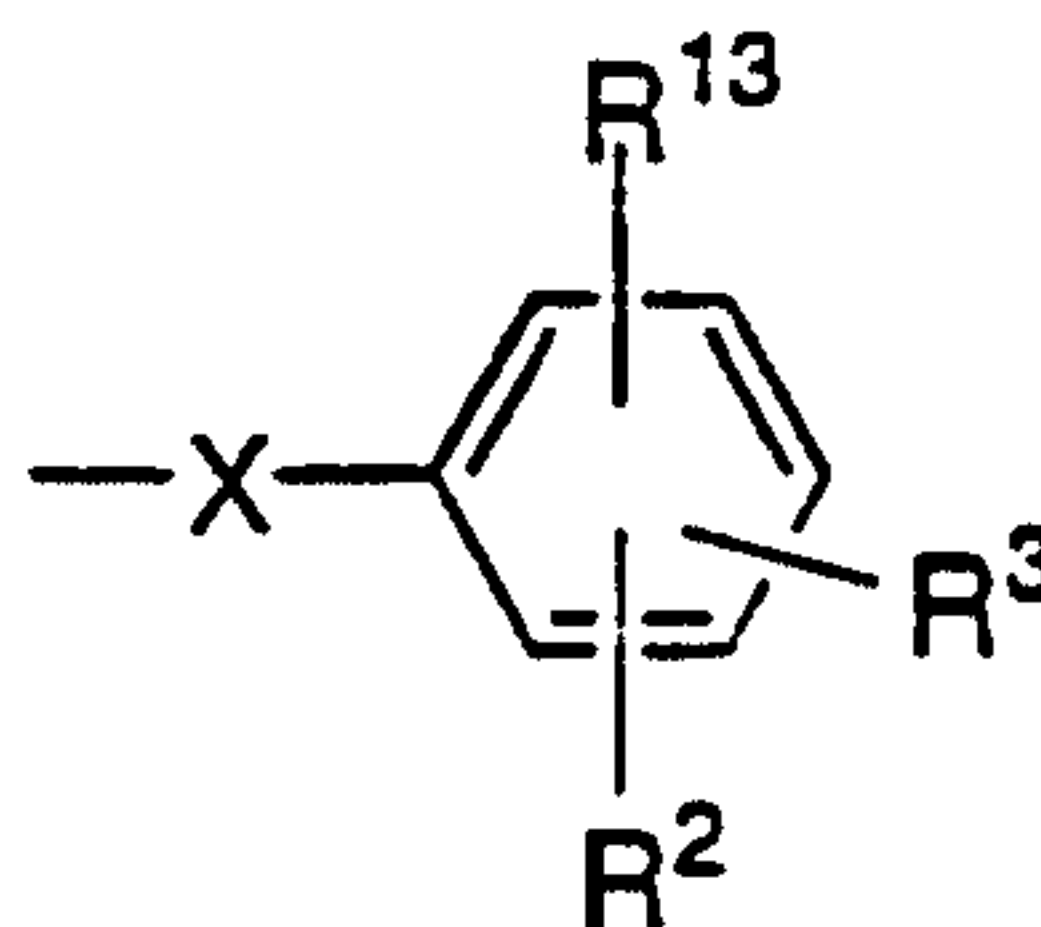
s is 0 to 5;

t is 0 or 1;

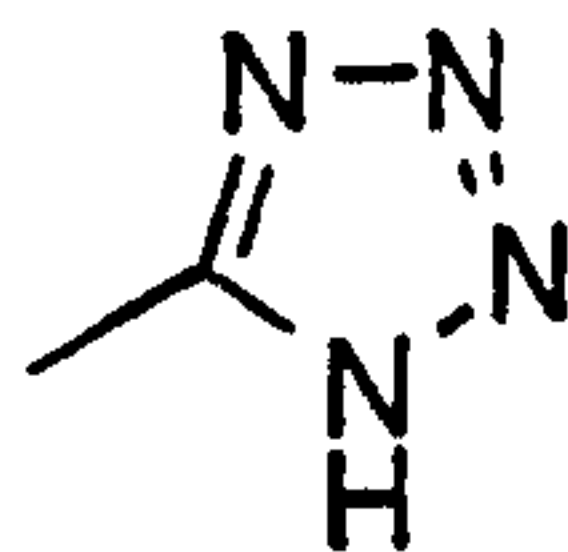
and pharmaceutically acceptable salts of these compounds;
provided that:

(1) the R¹ group is not in the ortho position;

(2) when R¹ is

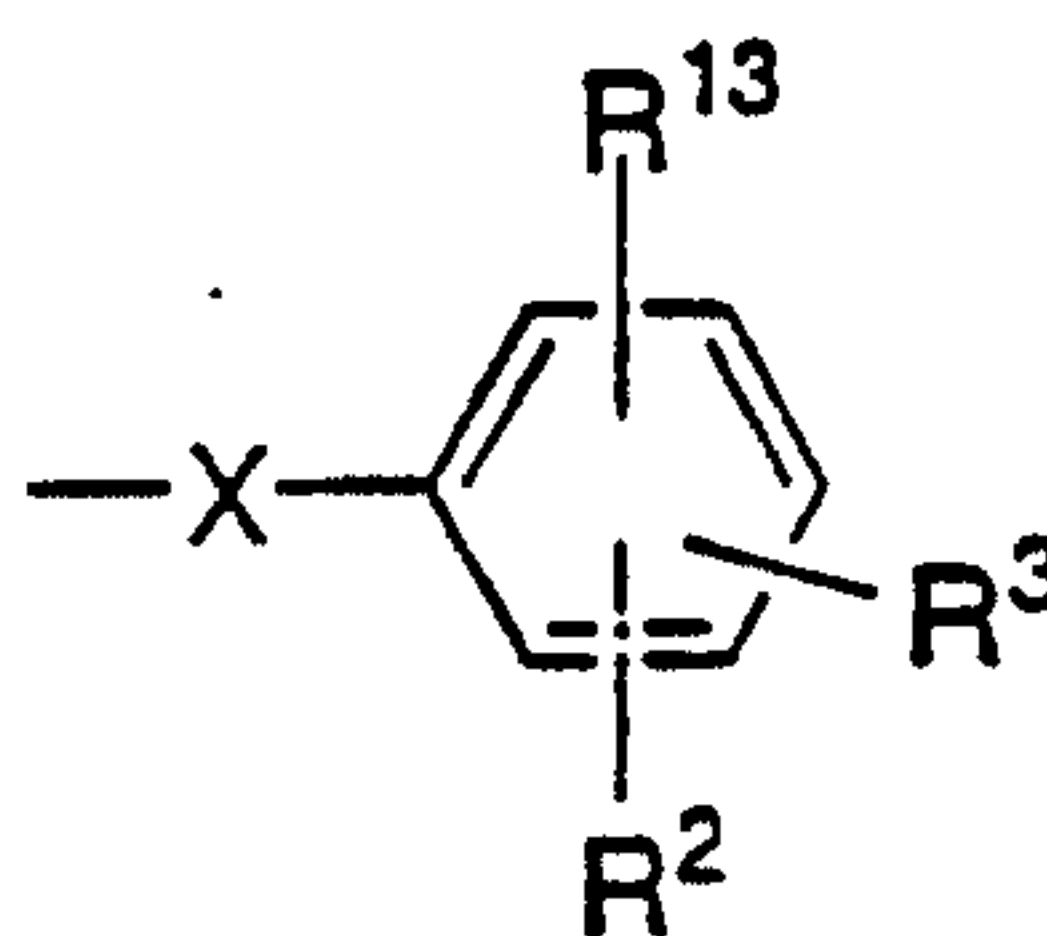


X is a single bond, and R¹³ is CO₂H, or



then R¹³ must be in the ortho or meta position; or when R¹ and X are as above and R¹³ is NHSO₂CF₃ or NHSO₂CH₃, R¹³ must be ortho;

(3) when R¹ is

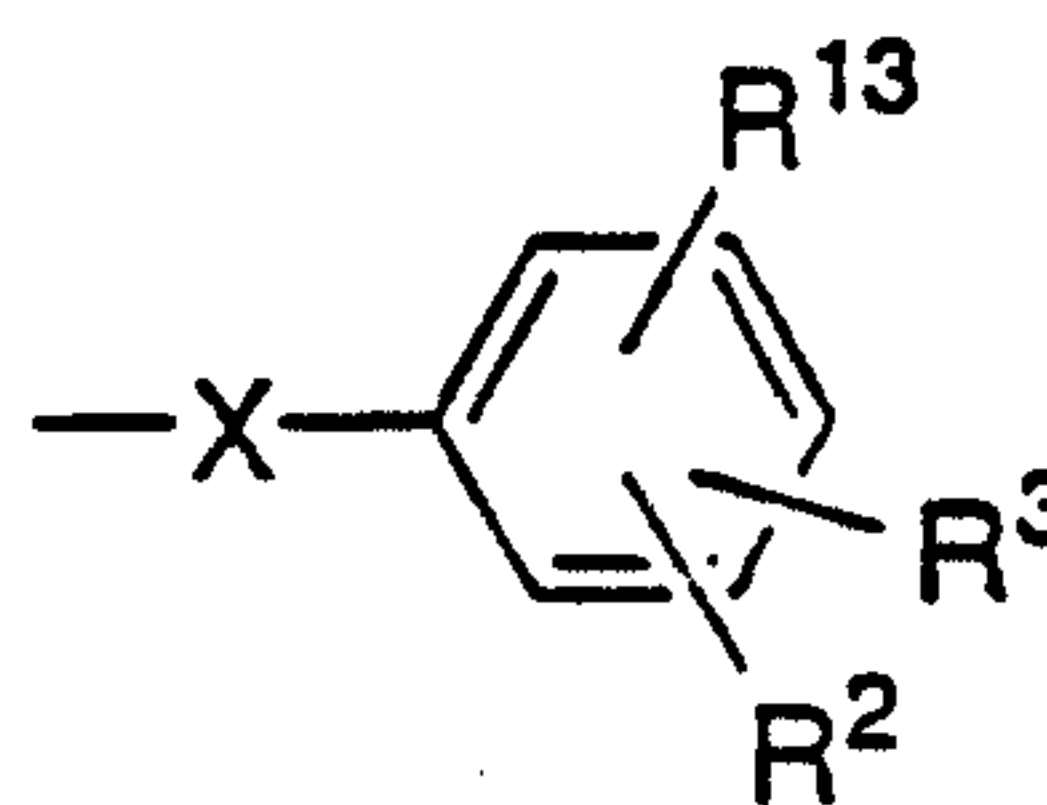


and X is other than a single bond, then R¹³ must be ortho except when X=NR²³CO and R¹³ is NHSO₂CF₃ or NHSO₂CH₃, then R¹³ must be ortho or meta;

(4) when R¹ is 4-CO₂H or a salt thereof, R⁶ cannot be S-alkyl;

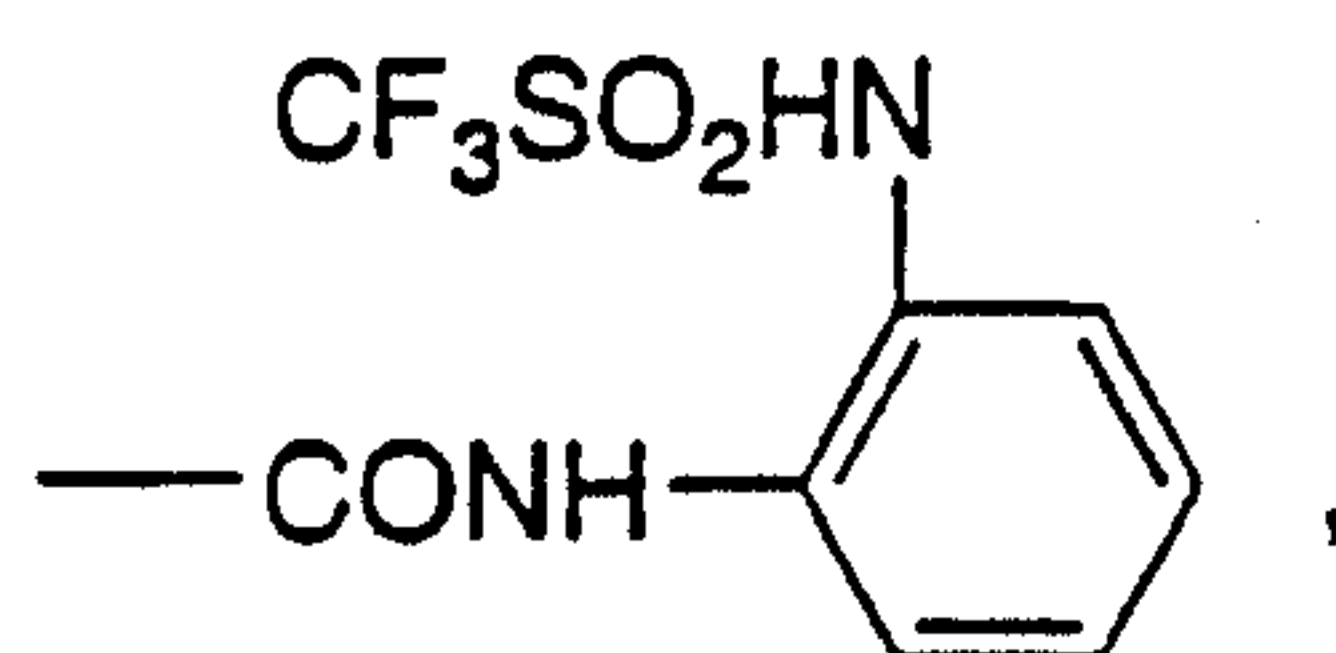
(5) when R¹ is 4-CO₂H or a salt thereof, the substituent on the 4-position of the imidazole cannot be CH₂OH, CH₂OCOCH₃, or CH₂CO₂H;

(6) when R¹ is



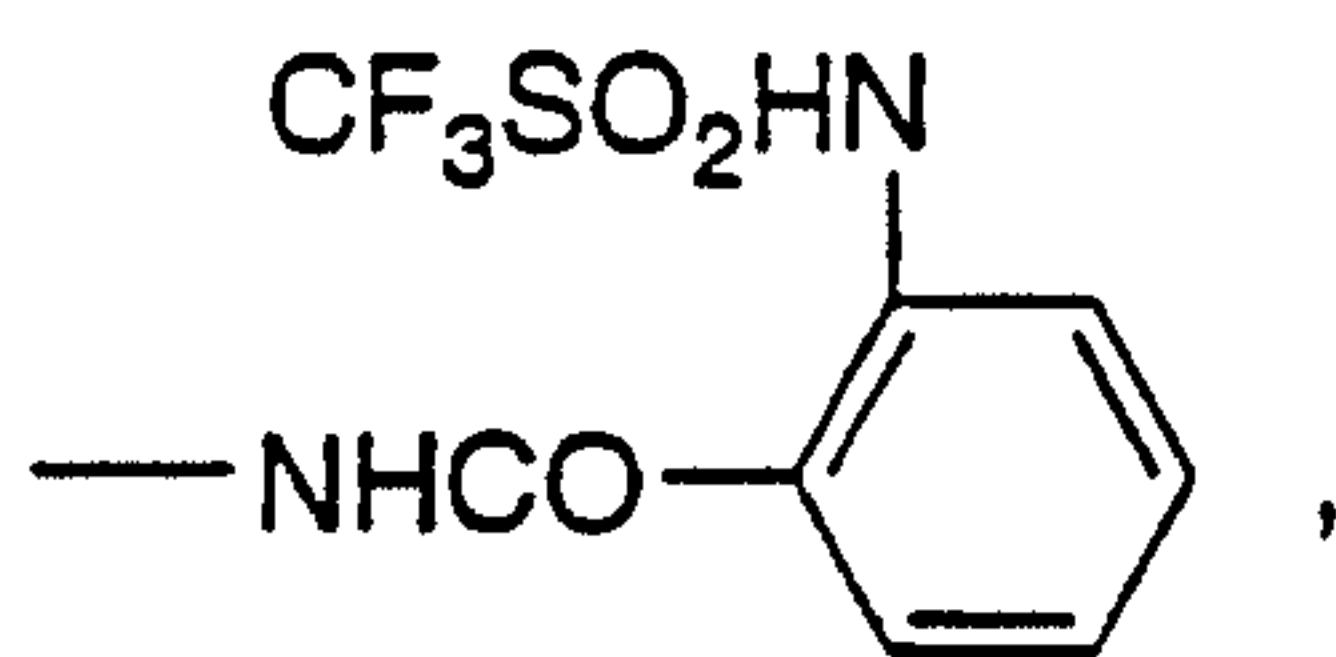
X is $-\text{OCH}_2-$, and R^{13} is $2\text{-CO}_2\text{H}$, and R^7 is H then R^6 is not $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{S}$;

(7) when R^1 is



and R^6 is n-hexyl then R^7 and R^8 are not both hydrogen;

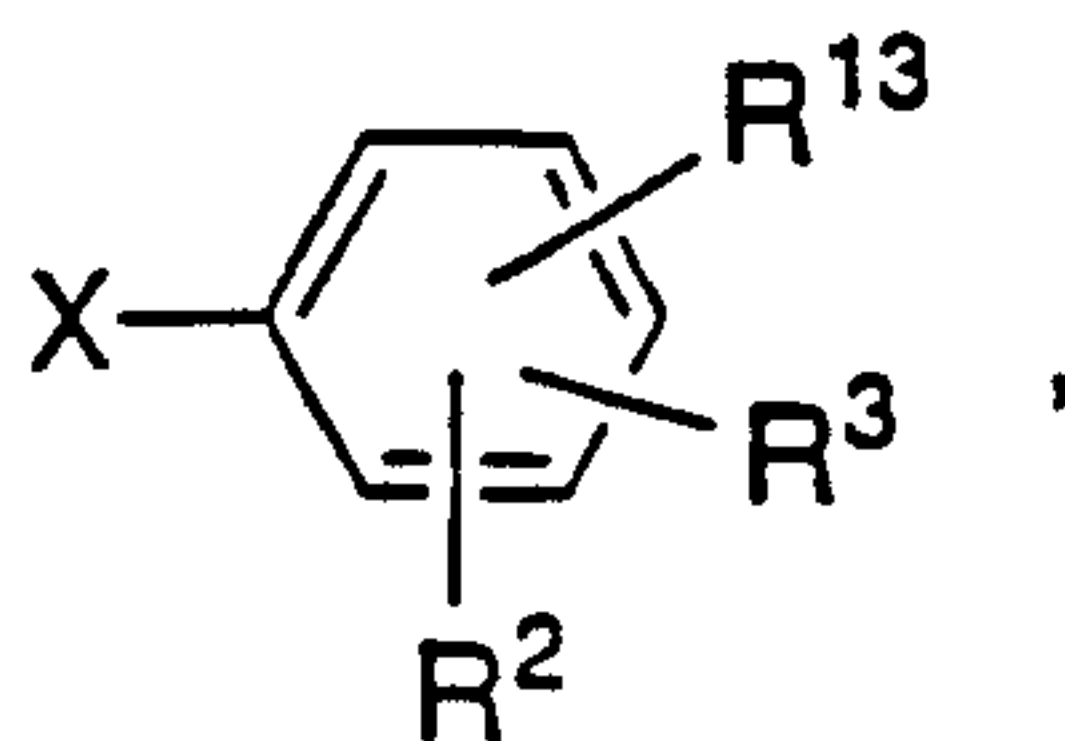
(8) when R^1 is



R^6 is not methoxybenzyl;

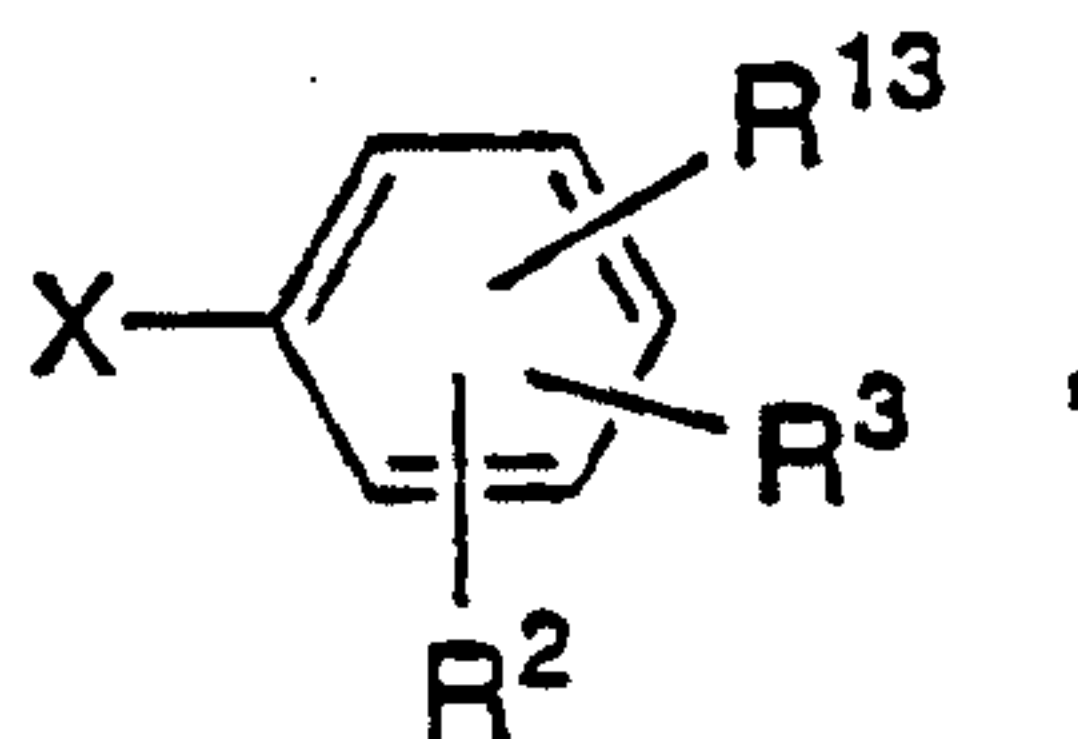
(9) the R^6 group is not $-\underset{\text{F}}{\text{CH}}\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ or CH_2OH ;

(10) when $r=0$, R^1 is



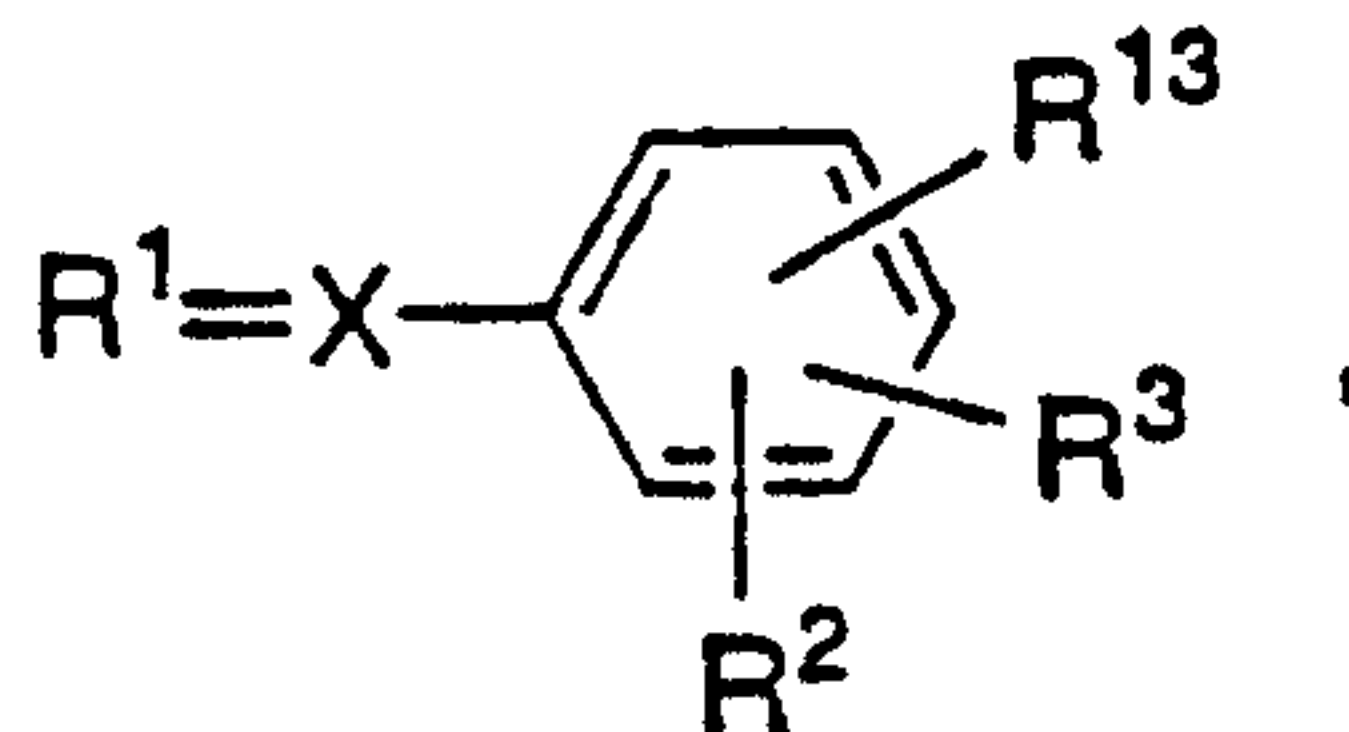
X is $-\text{NH}-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-$, R¹³ is 2-NHSO₂CF₃, and R⁶ is n-propyl, then R⁷ and R⁸ are not -CO₂CH₃;

(11) when r=0, R¹ is



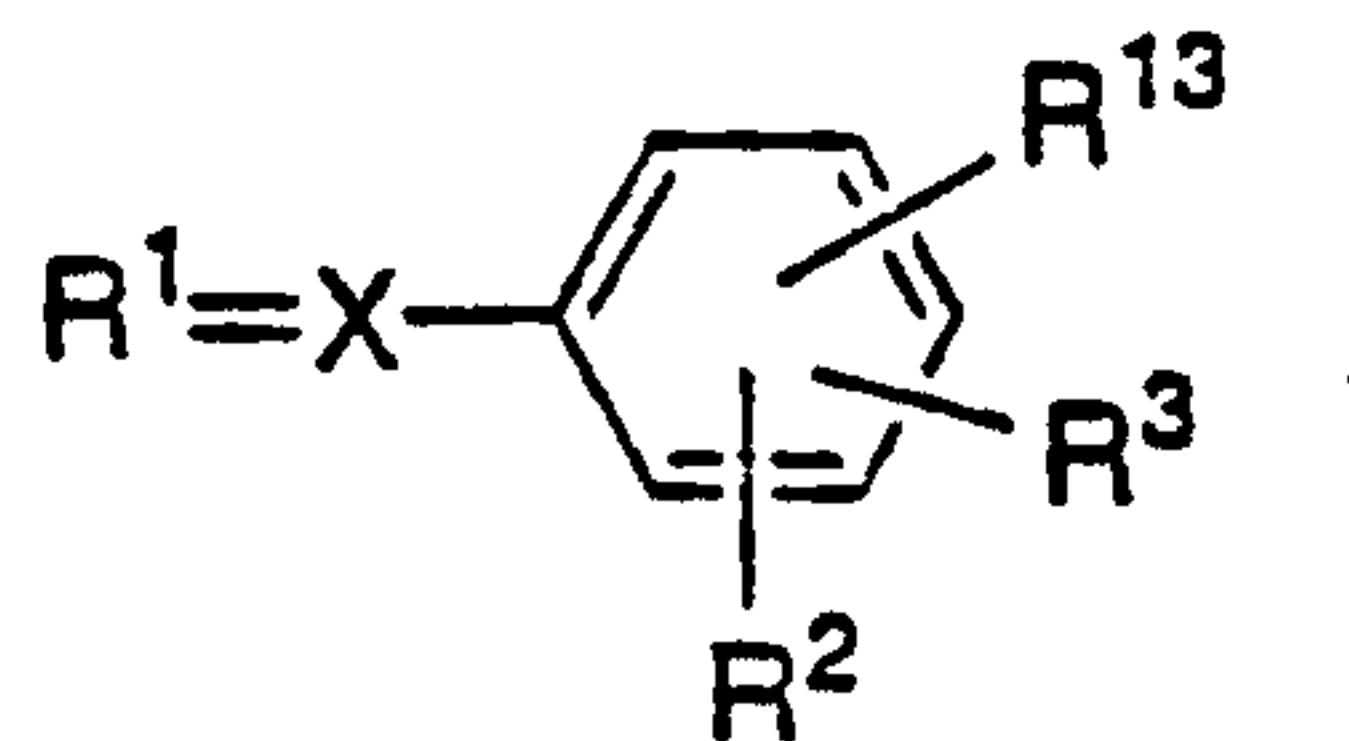
X is $\text{NH}-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-$, R¹³ is 2-COOH, and R⁶ is n-propyl, then R⁷ and R⁸ are not -CO₂CH₃;

(12) when r=1,



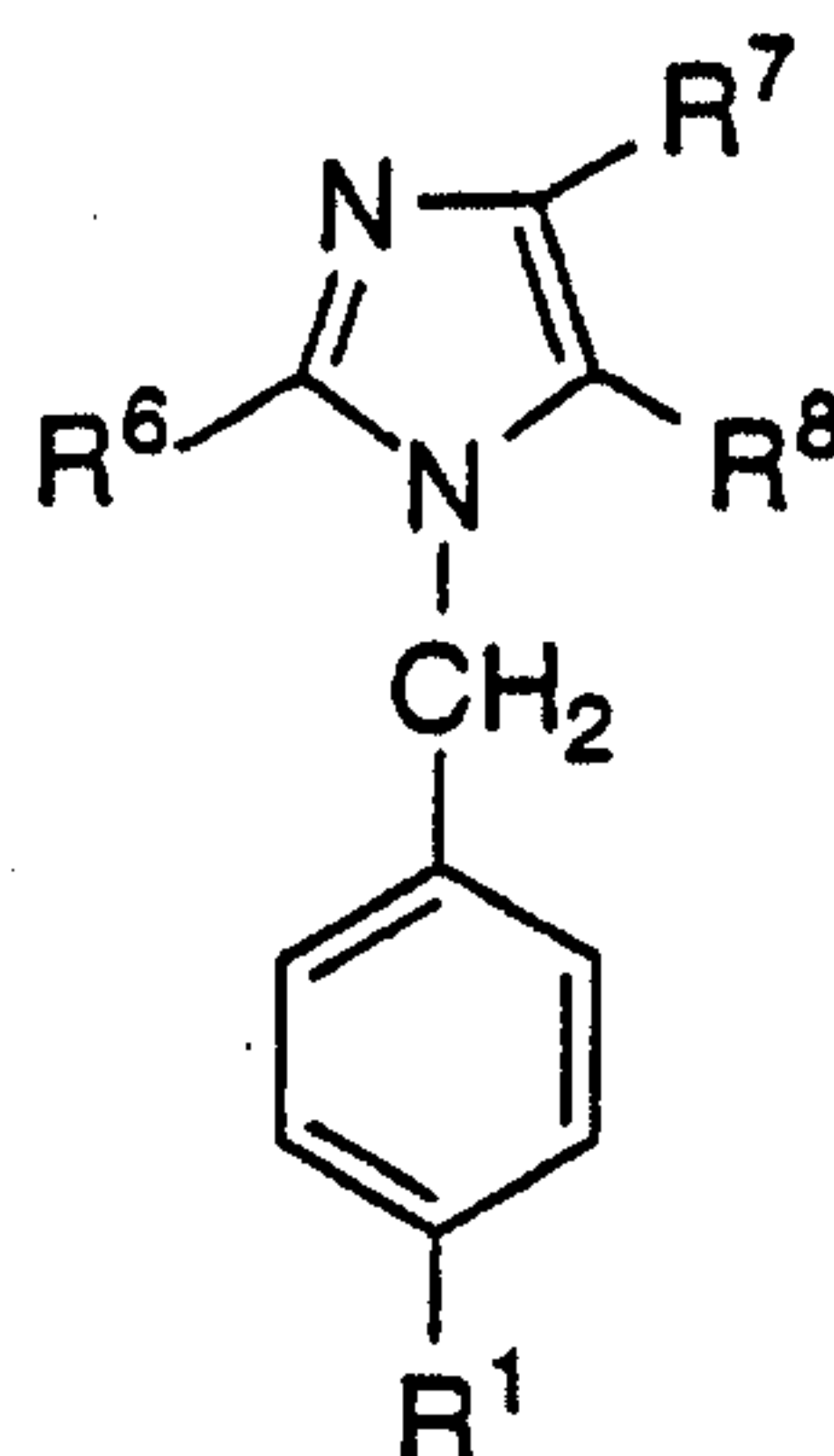
X is a single bond, R⁷ is Cl, and R⁸ is -CHO, then R¹³ is not 3-(tetrazol-5-yl);

(13) when r=1,



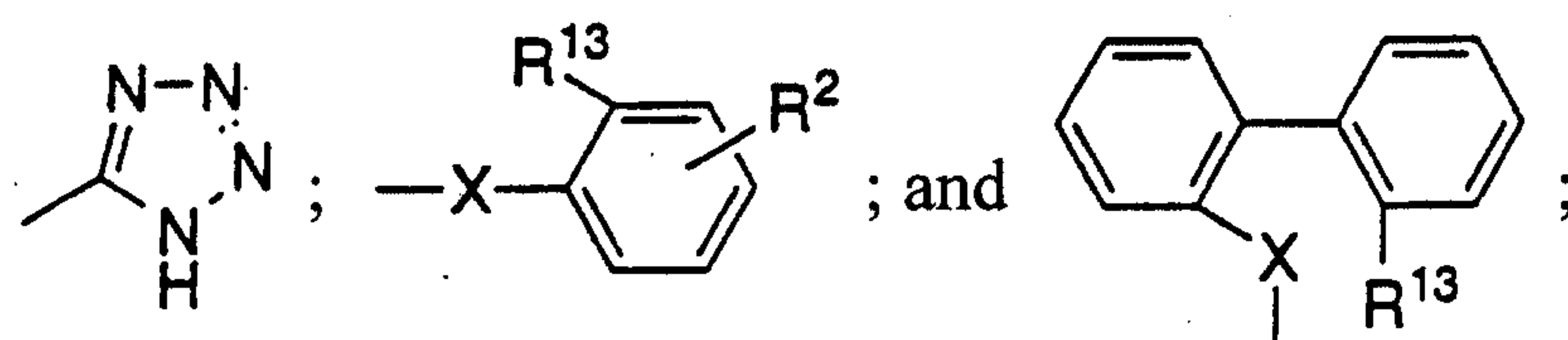
X is a single bond, R⁷ is Cl, and R⁸ is -CHO, then R¹³ is not 4-(tetrazol-5-yl).

33. An angiotensin II (AT₁) receptor antagonist of Claim 32 of formula I:



wherein:

R¹ is selected from the group consisting of: -CO₂H; -NHSO₂CF₃;



R⁶ is alkyl of 3 to 10 carbon atoms, alkenyl of 3 to 10 carbon atoms, alkynyl of 3 to 10 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 8 carbon atoms, benzyl substituted on the phenyl ring with up to two groups selected from alkoxy of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, halogen, alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, and nitro;

R⁸ is phenylalkenyl wherein the aliphatic portion is 2 to 4 carbon atoms, -(CH₂)_m-imidazol-1-yl, -(CH₂)_m1,2,3-triazolyl optionally substituted with one or two groups selected from CO₂CH₃ or alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms,

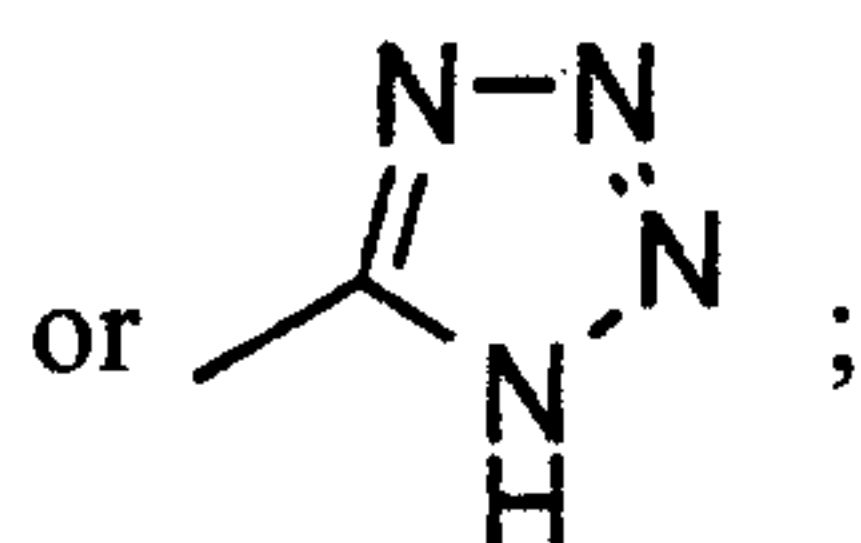
$(\text{CH}_2)_m$ -tetrazolyl, $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{OR}^{11}$; $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{O}\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{CR}^{14}$;

$-\text{CH}=\text{CH}(\text{CH}_2)_s\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{CR}^{16}$, $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}(\text{CH}_2)_s\overset{\text{R}^{14}}{\underset{|}{\text{C}}}\text{HOR}^{15}$;

$-(\text{CH}_2)_n\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{CR}^{16}$; $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{NH}\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{COR}^{10}$; $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{NHSO}_2\text{R}^{10}$;

$-(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{F}$; $-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{CR}^{16}$;

R^{13} is $-\text{CO}_2\text{H}$, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^9$, NHSO_2CF_3 ; SO_3H ;



R^{16} is H, alkyl of 1 to 5 carbon atoms, OR^{17} , or $\text{NR}^{18}\text{R}^{19}$;

X is carbon-carbon single bond, $-\text{CO}-$, $-\text{CON}-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-$, $-\text{NCO}-$,
 R^{23} R^{23}

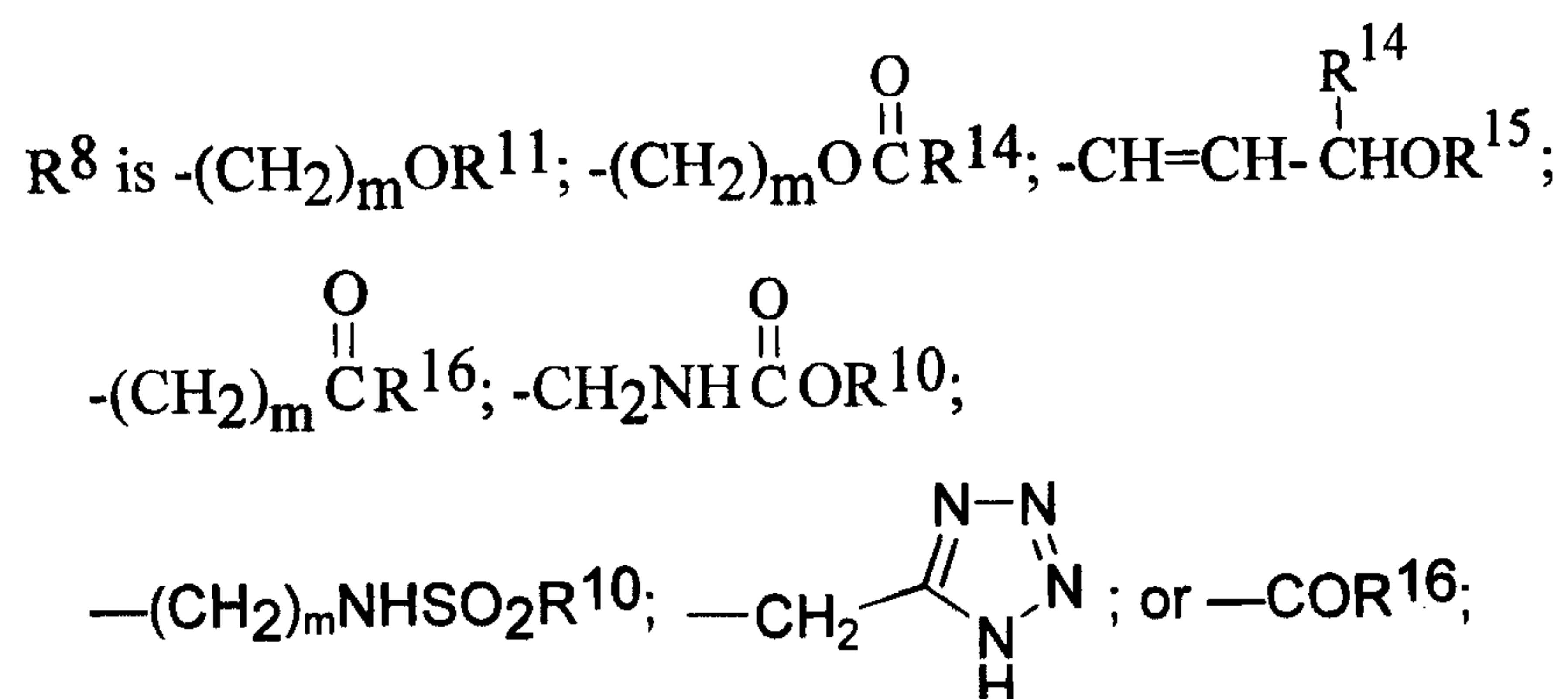
$-\text{OCH}_2-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{O}-$, $-\text{SCH}_2-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{S}-$, $-\text{NHCH}_2-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{NH}-$ or
 $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts of these
 compounds.

34. The angiotensin II (AT_1) receptor antagonist of Claim 33
 of formula I, wherein:

R^2 is H, alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, halogen, or alkoxy of 1 to 4
 carbon atoms;

R^6 is alkyl, alkenyl or alkynyl of 3 to 7 carbon atoms;

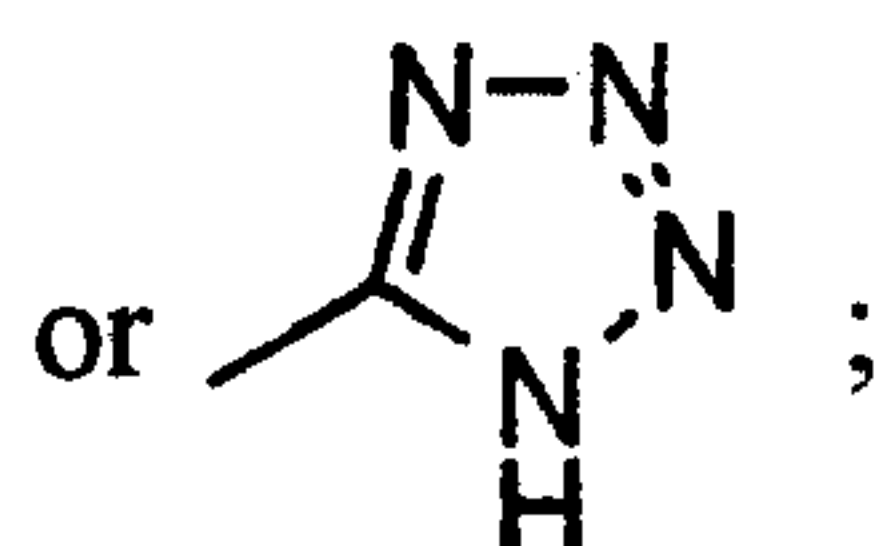
R^7 is H, Cl, Br, $\text{C}_v\text{F}_{2v+1}$, where $v=1-3$, or $-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{CR}^{16}$;



R^{10} is CF_3 , alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms or phenyl;

R^{11} is H, or alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms;

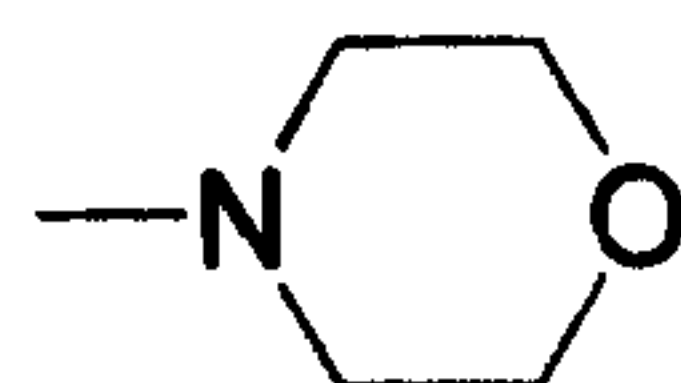
R^{13} is CO_2H ; $\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCOC}(\text{CH}_3)_3$; NHSO_2CF_3 ;



R^{14} is H, or alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms;

R^{15} is H, alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or acyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms;

R^{16} is H, alkyl of 1 to 5 carbon atoms; OR^{17} ; or



m is 1 to 5;

X is single bond, $-\text{O}-$; $-\text{CO}-$; $-\text{NHCO}-$; or $-\text{OCH}_2-$;

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts.

35. The angiotensin II (AT₁) receptor antagonist of Claim 32 of formula I is selected from the group consisting of:

- 2-Butyl-4-chloro-1-[(2'-(1 H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-5-(hydroxymethyl)imidazole,
- 2-Butyl-4-chloro-1-[(2'-carboxybiphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-5-(hydroxymethyl)imidazole,
- 2-Butyl-4-chloro-1-[(2'-carboxybiphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-5-[(methoxycarbonyl)aminomethyl]imidazole,
- 2-Butyl-4-chloro-1-[(2'-carboxybiphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-5-[(propoxycarbonyl)aminomethyl]imidazole,
- 2-Butyl-4-chloro-1-[(2'-carboxybiphenyl-4-yl)methyl]imidazole-5-carboxaldehyde,
- 2-Butyl-1-[(2'-carboxybiphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-imidazole-5-carboxaldehyde,
- 2-(1E-Butenyl)-4-chloro-1-[(2'-carboxybiphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-5-(hydroxymethyl)imidazole,
- 2-(1E-Butenyl)-4-chloro-1-[(2'-carboxybiphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-imidazole-5-carboxaldehyde,
- 2-Propyl-4-chloro-1-[(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-5-(hydroxymethyl)imidazole,
- 2-Propyl-4-chloro-1-[(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-imidazole-5-carboxaldehyde,
- 2-Butyl-4-chloro-1-[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-imidazole-5-carboxaldehyde,
- 2-(1E-Butenyl)-4-chloro-1-[(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-5-hydroxymethyl)imidazole,
- 2-(1E-Butenyl)-4-chloro-1-[(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]imidazole-5-carboxaldehyde,

2-Butyl-4-chloro-1-[(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-imidazole-5-carboxylic acid,
 2-Propyl-4-chloro-1-[(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-imidazole-5-carboxylic acid,
 2-Propyl-4-trifluoromethyl-1-[(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]imidazole-5-carboxylic acid,
 2-Propyl-4-trifluoromethyl-1-[(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-5-(hydroxymethyl)imidazole,
 2-Butyl-4-trifluoromethyl-1-[(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]imidazole-5-carboxylic acid,
 2-Propyl-4-trifluoromethyl-1-[(2'-(carboxybiphenyl-4-yl)methyl)-imidazole-5-carboxaldehyde,
 2-Propyl-4-pentafluoroethyl-1-[(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-5-(hydroxymethyl)imidazole,
 2-Propyl-1-[(2-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]imidazole-4,5-dicarboxylic acid,
 2-Propyl-4-pentafluoroethyl-1-[(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]imidazole-5-carboxylic acid, and
 2-Propyl-4-pentafluoroethyl-[(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]imidazole-5-carboxaldehyde, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

36. The angiotensin II (AT₁) receptor antagonist of Claim 35 of formula I is selected from:

2-Butyl-4-chloro-1-[(2'-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]methyl-5-(hydroxymethyl)imidazole; and
 2-Butyl-4-chloro-1-[(2'-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]methylimidazole-5-carboxylic acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

37. An angiotensin II (AT₁) receptor antagonist pharmaceutical composition for reducing mortality, reducing sudden cardiac death, preventing sudden cardiac death or reducing hospitalization in a symptomatic heart failure patient comprising a therapeutically effective amount of an angiotensin II (AT₁) receptor antagonist in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

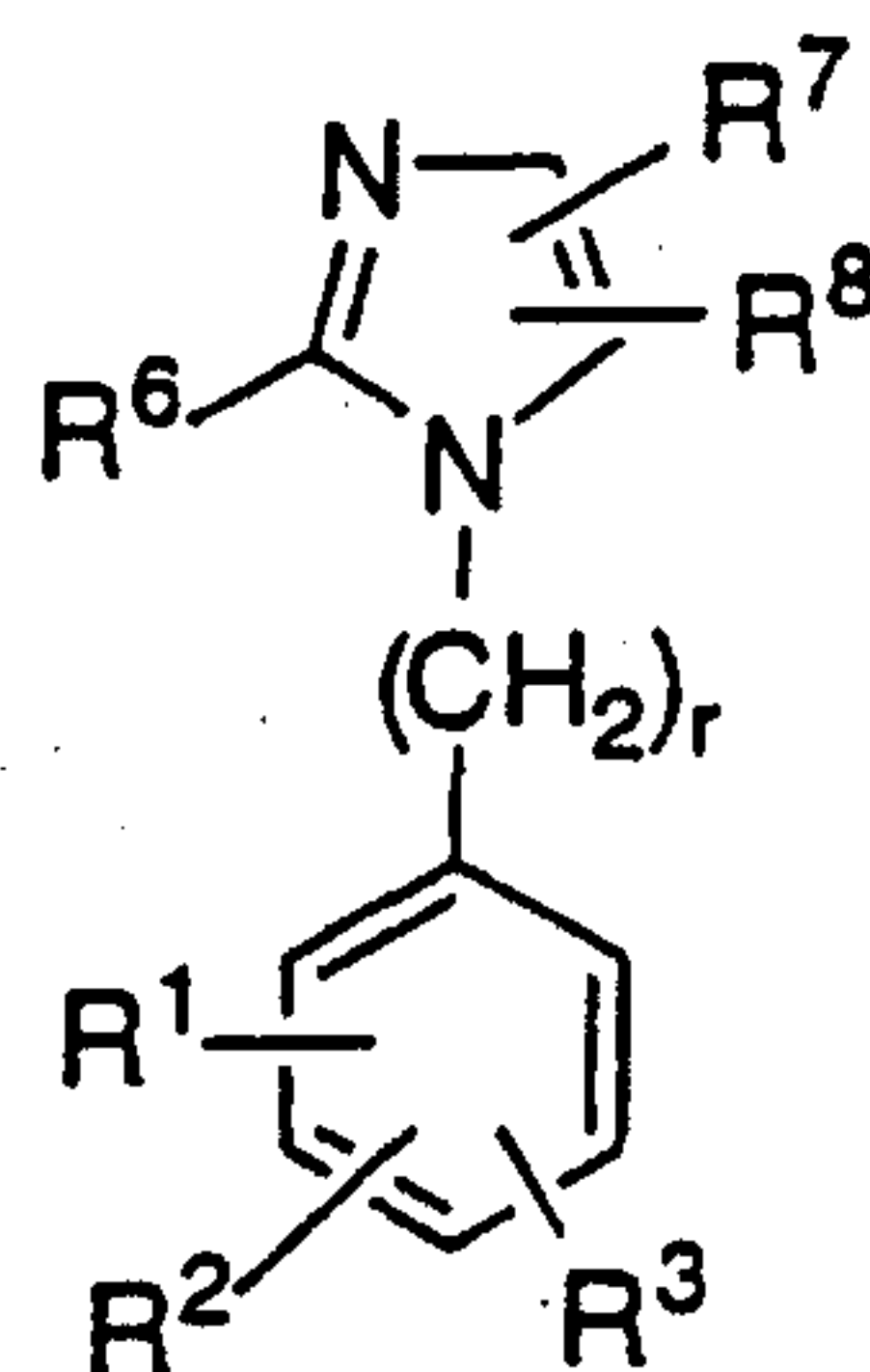
38. A composition according to Claim 37, wherein said angiotensin II (AT₁) receptor antagonist is selected from the group consisting of: candesartan cilexetil, eprosartan, irbesartan, losartan, tasosartan, telmisartan, valsartan, 3-(2'-(tetrazol-5-yl)1,1'-biphen-4-yl)methyl-5,7-dimethyl-2-ethyl-3H-imidazo[4,5b]pyridine, , 4[2-ethyl-4-methyl-6-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydroimidazol{1,2-a}pyridine-2-yl]-benzimidazol-1-yl]-methyl-1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxylic acid, 2-butyl-6-(1-methoxy-1-methylethyl)-2-[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-ylmethyl]guinazolin-4(3H)-one, 3-[(2'-carboxybiphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-2-cyclopropyl-7-methyl-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine, 2-butyl-4-chloro-1-[2'-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]imidazole-carboxylic acid, 2-butyl-4-chloro-1-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]-1H-imidazole-5-carboxylic acid-1-(ethoxycarbonyl-oxy)ethyl ester potassium salt, dipotassium 2-butyl-4-(methylthio)-1-[[2-[[[(propylamino)carbonyl]-amino]sulfonyl](1,1'-biphenyl)-4-yl]methyl]-1H-imidazole-5-carboxylate, methyl-2-[[4-butyl-2-methyl-6-oxo-5[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-[1,1'biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]-1-(6H)-pyrimidinyl]methyl]-3-thiophencarboxylate, 5-[(3,5-dibutyl-1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)methyl]-2-[1H-tetrazol-5-ylphenyl)]pyridine, 6-butyl-2-(2-phenylethyl)-5-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-methyl]pyrimidin-4-(3H)-one D,L lysine salt, 5-methyl-7-n-propyl-8-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]methyl]-

[1,2,4]-triazolo[1,5-c]pyrimidin-2(3H)-one, 2,7-diethyl-5-[[2'-(5-tetrazolyl)biphenyl-4-yl]methyl]-5H-pyrazolo[1,5-b][1,2,4]triazole potassium salt, 2-[2-butyl-4,5-dihydro-4-oxo-3-[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-4-biphenylmethyl]-3H-imidazol[4,5-c]pyridine-5-ylmethyl]-benzoic acid, ethyl ester, potassium salt, 3-methoxy-2,6-dimethyl-4-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl]methoxy]pyridine, 2-ethoxy-1-[[2'-(5-oxo-2,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]methyl]-1H-benzimidazole-7-carboxylic acid, 1-[N-(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl-methyl)-N-valerolylamino-methyl]cyclopentane-1-carboxylic acid, 7-methyl-2n-propyl-3-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]methyl]-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine, 2-[5-[(2-ethyl-5,7-dimethyl-3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine-3-yl)methyl]-2-quinolinyl]sodium benzoate, 2-butyl-6-chloro-4-hydroxymethyl-5-methyl-3-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]methyl]pyridine, 2-[[[2-butyl-1-[(4-carboxyphenyl)methyl]-1H-imidazol-5-yl]methyl]amino]benzoic acid tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]methyl]pyrimidin-6-one, 4(S)-[4-(carboxymethyl)phenoxy]-N-[2(R)-[4-(2-sulfobenzamido)imidazol-1-yl]octanoyl]-L-proline, 1-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-4-butyl-1,3-dihydro-3-[[6-[2-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)phenyl]-3-pyridinyl]methyl]-2H-imidazol-2-one, 5,8-ethano-5,8-dimethyl-2-n-propyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-1-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]methyl]-1H,4H-1,3,4a,8a-tetrazacyclopentanaphthalene-9-one, 4-[1-[2'-(1,2,3,4-tetrazol-5-yl)biphen-4-yl)methylamino]-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-triflylquinazoline, 2-(2-chlorobenzoyl)imino-5-ethyl-3-[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-1,3,4-thiadiazoline, 2-[5-ethyl-3-[2-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-1,3,4-thiazoline-2-ylidene]aminocarbonyl-1-cyclopentenecarboxylic acid dipotassium salt, and 2-butyl-4-[N-methyl-N-(3-methylcrotonoyl)amino]-1-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-

yl)methyl]-1H-imidazole-5-carboxylic acid 1-ethoxycarbonyloxyethyl ester.

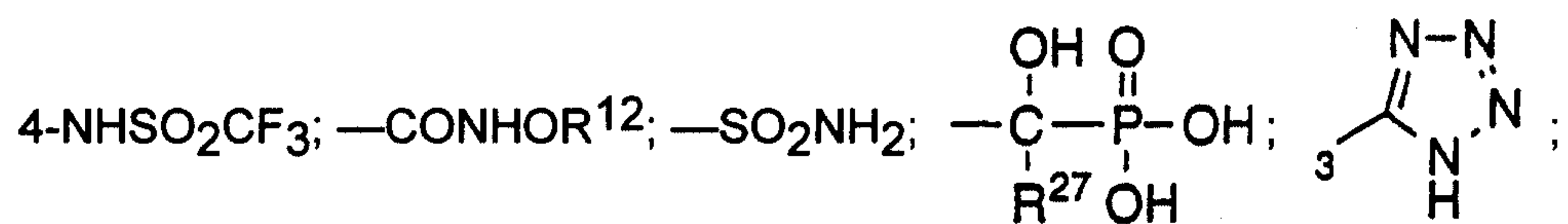
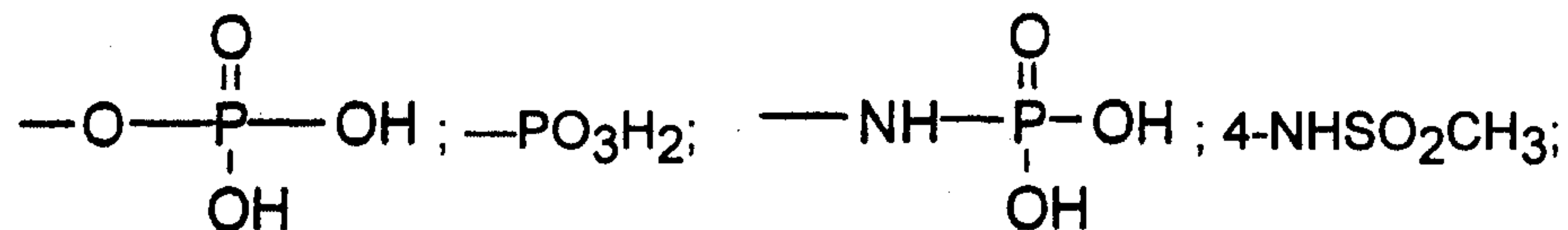
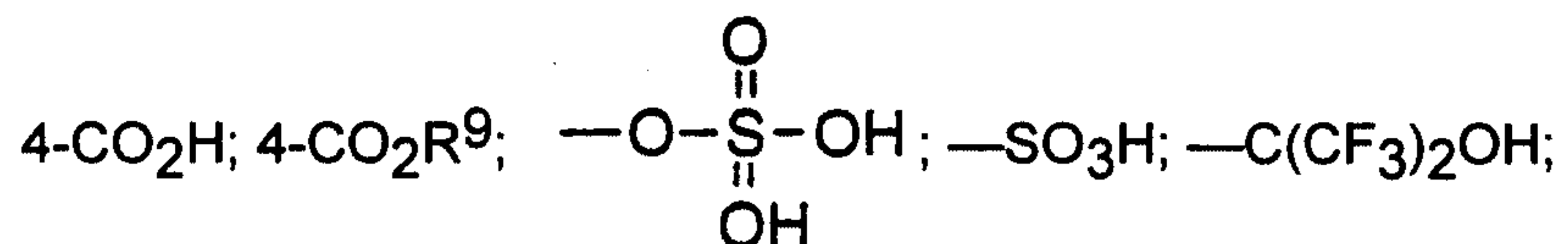
39. A composition according to Claim 38, wherein the angiotensin II (AT₁) receptor antagonist is selected from the group consisting of: candesartan cilexetil, eprosartan, irbesartan, losartan, tasosartan, telmisartan, valsartan, and 3-(2'-(tetrazol-5-yl)-1,1'-biphen-4-yl)methyl-5,7-dimethyl-2-ethyl-3H-imidazo[4,5b]pyridine.

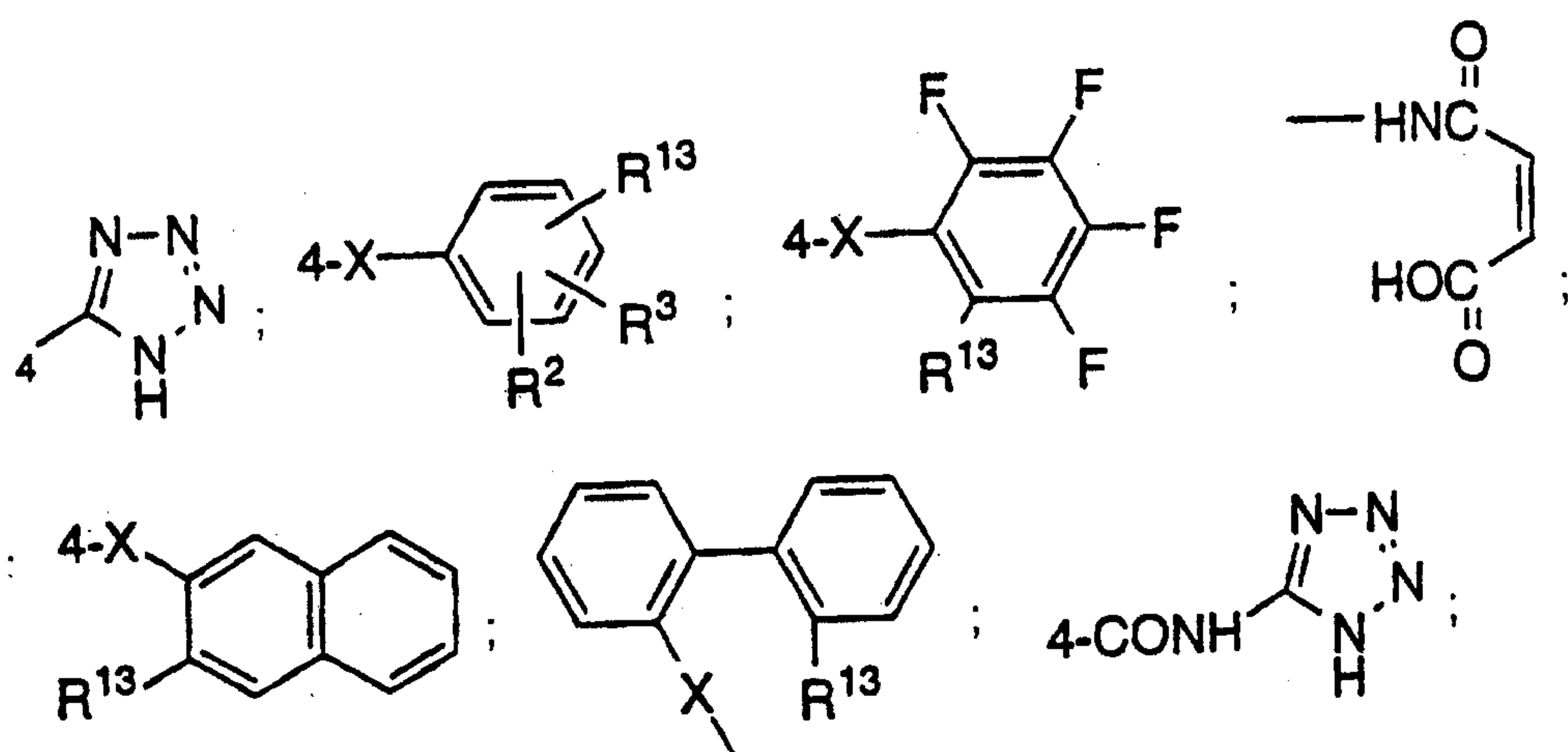
40. A composition according to Claim 37, wherein said angiotensin II (AT₁) receptor antagonist is of formula I



wherein:

R¹ is:





or cycloalkylalkynyl 5 to 10 carbon atoms;
 $(\text{CH}_2)_s\text{Z}(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{R}^5$ optionally substituted with F or CO_2R^{14} ; benzyl substituted on the phenyl ring with 1 or 2 halogens, alkoxy of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms or nitro;

R^7 is H, F, Cl, Br, I, NO_2 , $\text{C}_v\text{F}_{2v+1}$, where $v=1-6$, C_6F_5 ; CN;

$\text{—}\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{\text{||}}{\text{C}}}\text{—R}^{16}$; straight or branched alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms; phenyl or phenylalkyl, where alkyl is 1 to 3 carbon atoms; or substituted phenyl or substituted phenylalkyl, where alkyl is 1 to 3 carbon atoms, substituted with one or two substituents selected from alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, F, Cl, Br, OH, OCH_3 , CF_3 , and COOR , where R is H, alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or phenyl;

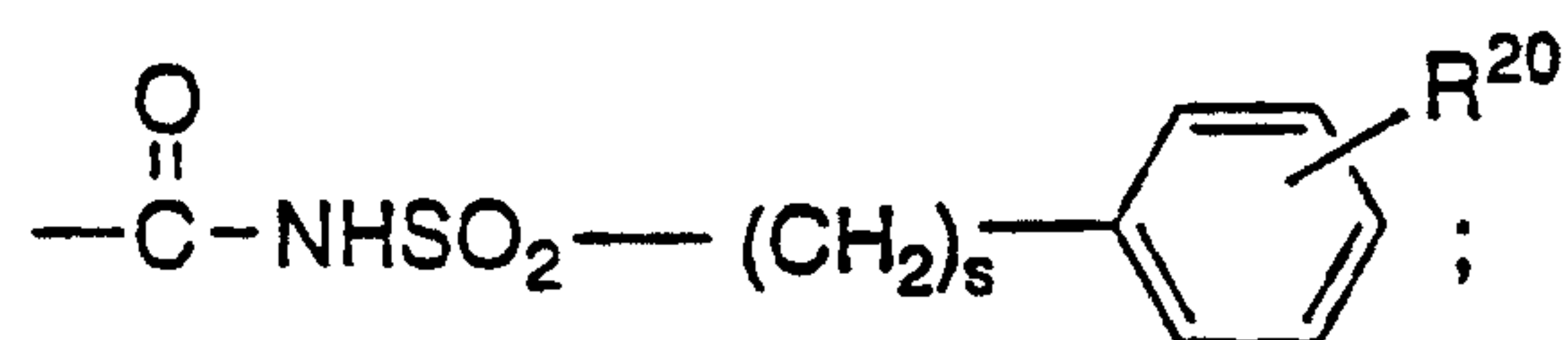
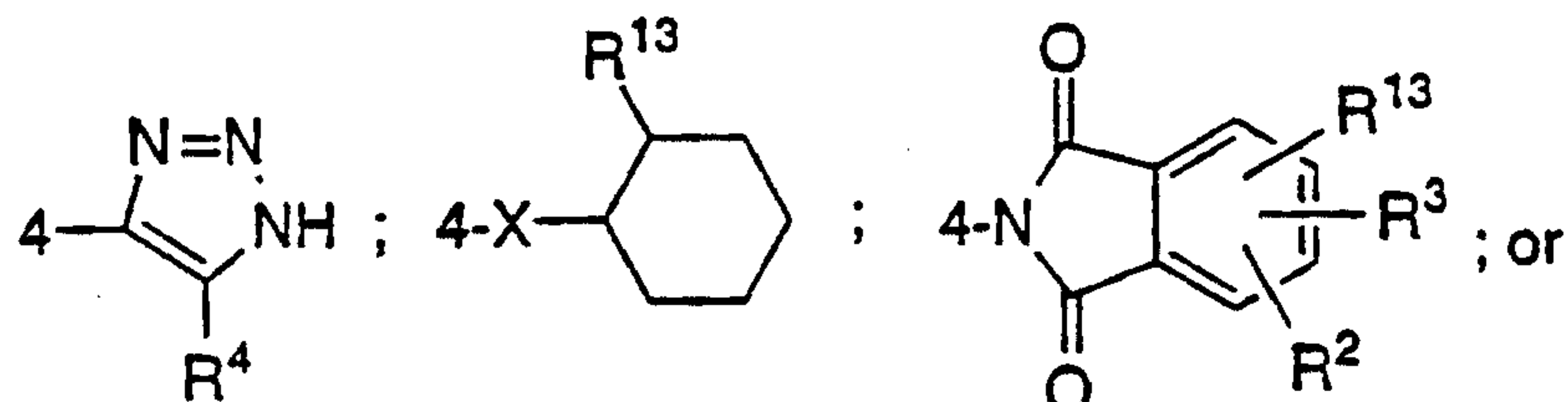
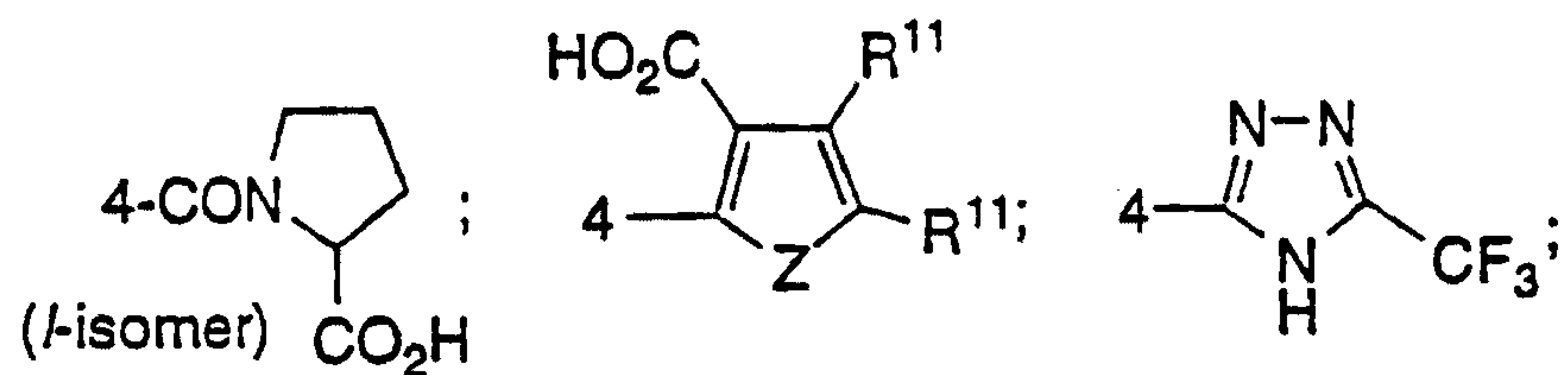
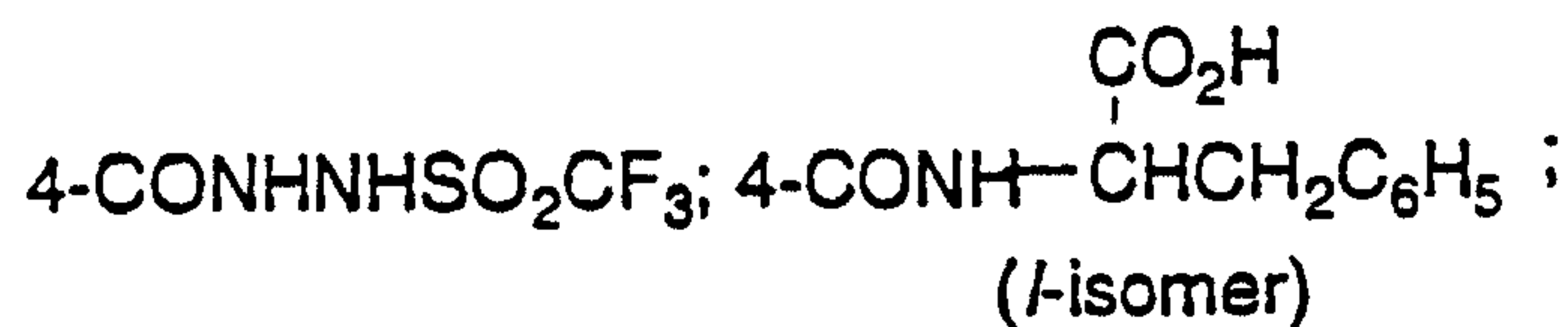
R^8 is H, CN, alkyl of 1 to 10 carbon atoms, alkenyl of 3 to 10 carbon atoms, or the same groups substituted with F; phenylalkenyl wherein the aliphatic portion is 2 to 6 carbon atoms; $-(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{-imidazol-1-yl}$; $-(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{-1,2,3-triazolyl}$ optionally substituted with one or two group selected from CO_2CH_3 and alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms; $-(\text{CH}_2)_s$ tetrazolyl;

$-(\text{CH}_2)_{n-1}\underset{\text{OR}^{17}}{\text{CH}}\text{-R}^{11}$; $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{\text{||}}{\text{O}}}\text{CR}^{14}$; $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{SR}^{15}$;

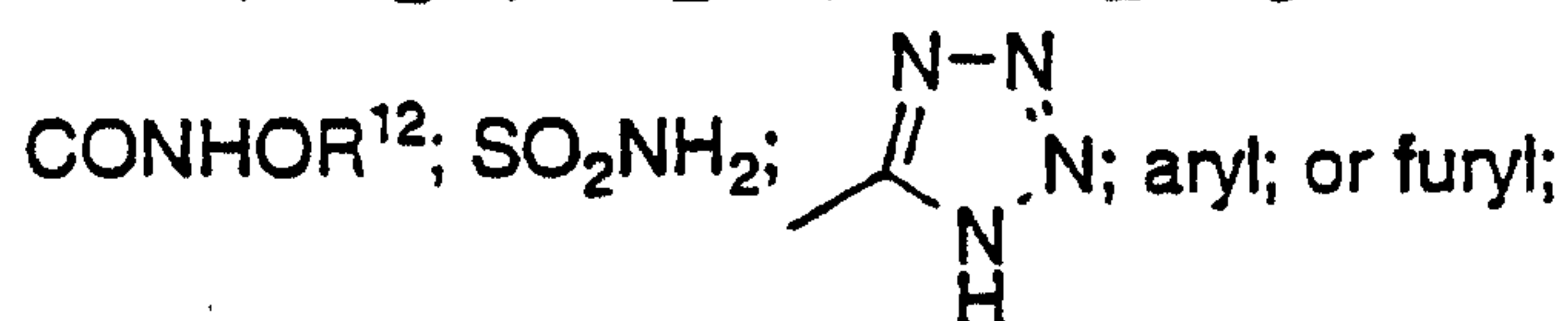
$-\text{CH}=\text{CH}(\text{CH}_2)_s\overset{\text{R}^{14}}{\underset{\text{||}}{\text{C}}}\text{HOR}^{15}$; $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}(\text{CH}_2)_s\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{\text{||}}{\text{C}}}\text{R}^{16}$; $-\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{\text{||}}{\text{C}}}\text{R}^{16}$;

$-\text{CH}=\text{CH}(\text{CH}_2)_s\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{\text{||}}{\text{O}}}\text{CR}^{11}$; $(\text{CH}_2)_s\underset{\text{CH}_3}{\underset{\text{||}}{\text{C}}}\text{H-COR}^{16}$;

$-(\text{CH}_2)_n\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{\text{||}}{\text{C}}}\text{R}^{16}$; $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\overset{\text{Y}}{\underset{\text{||}}{\text{O}}}\text{CNHR}^{10}$; $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{NR}^{11}\overset{\text{Y}}{\underset{\text{||}}{\text{C}}}\text{OR}^{10}$;



R² is H; Cl; Br; I; F; NO₂; CN; alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms; acyloxy of 1 to 4 carbon atoms; alkoxy of 1 to 4 carbon atoms; CO₂H; CO₂R⁹; HNSO₂CH₃; NHSO₂CF₃;

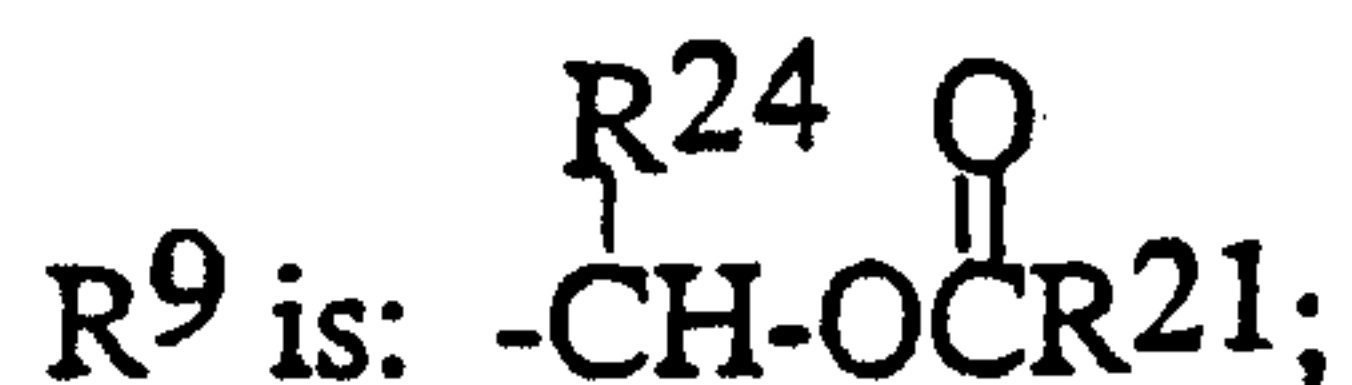
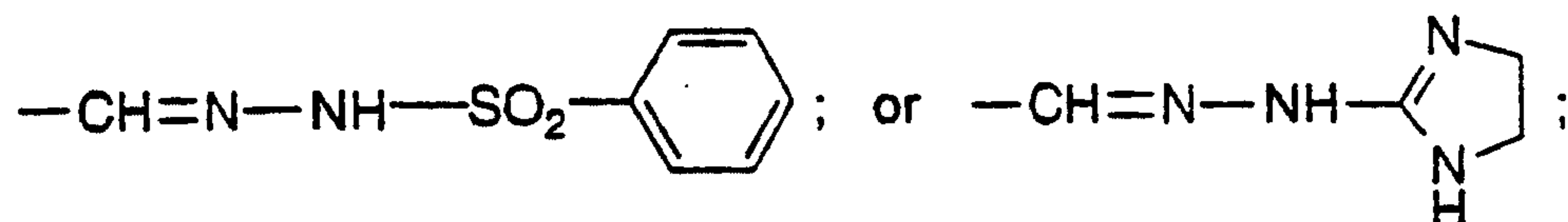
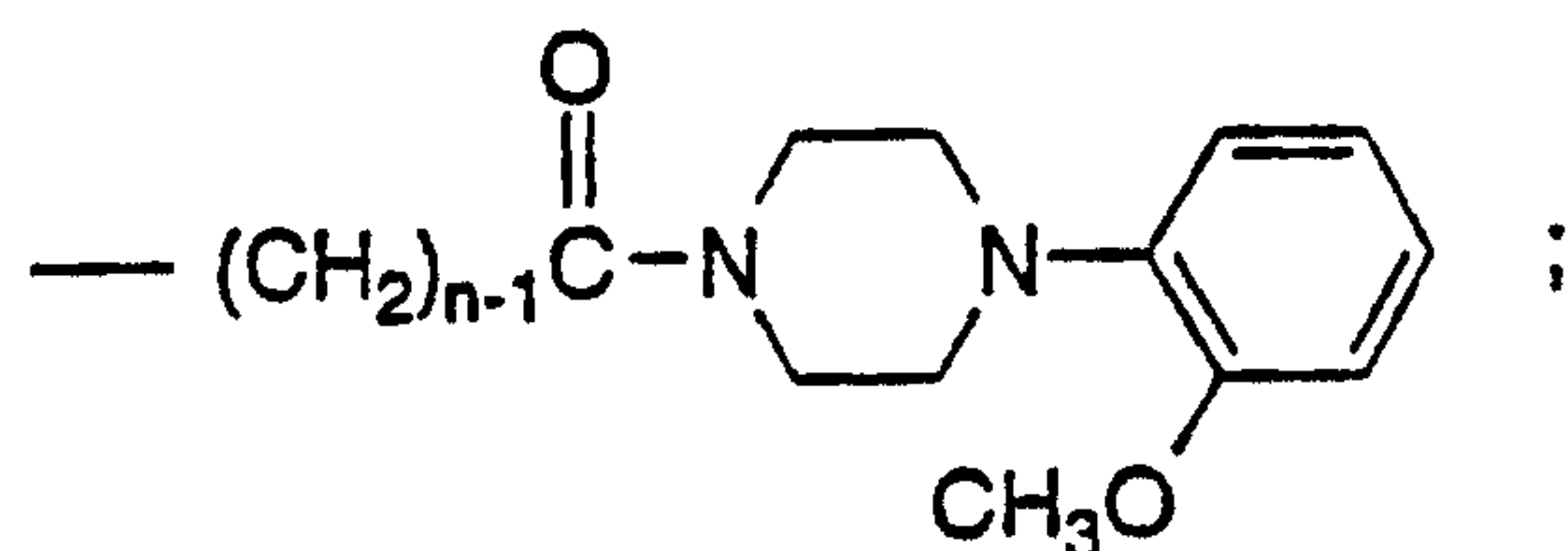
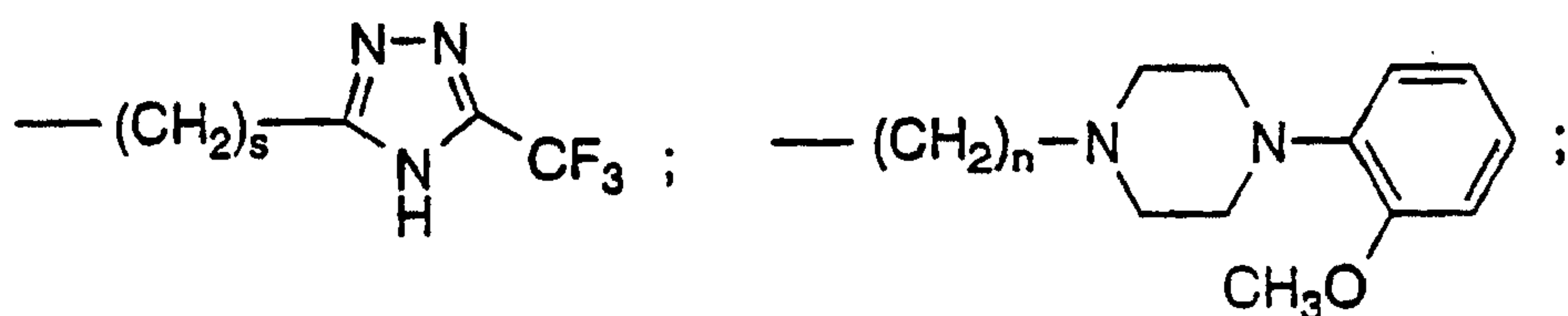
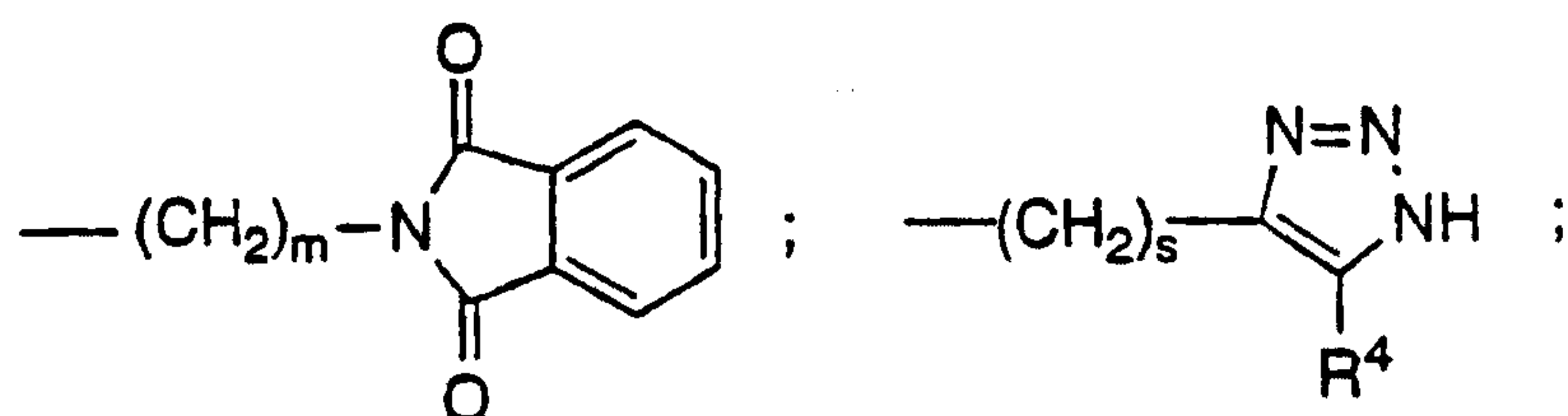
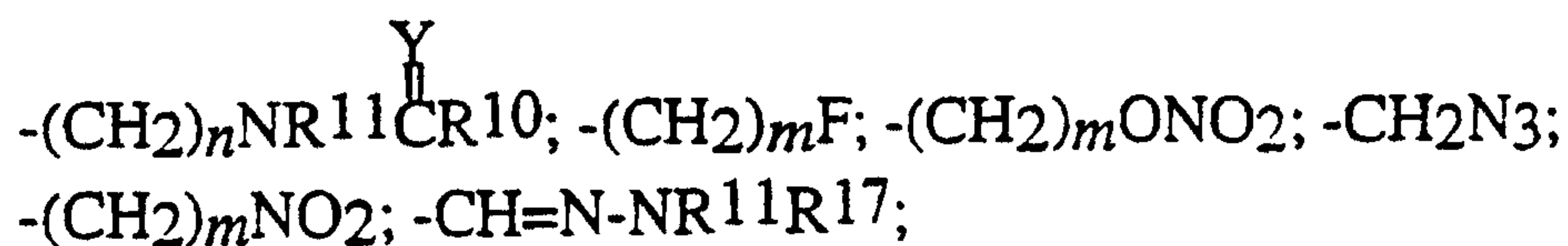
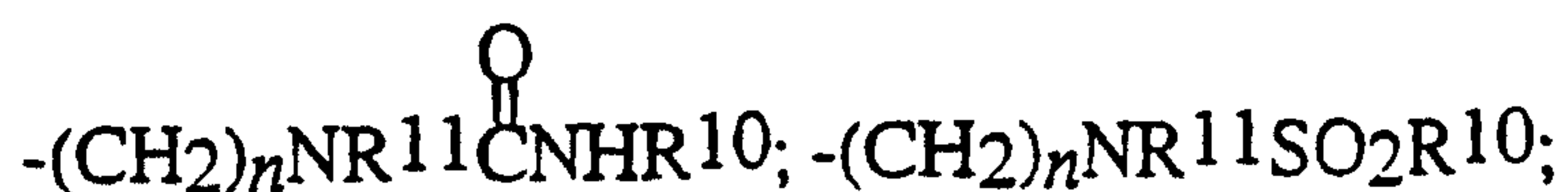


R³ is H; Cl, Br, I or F; alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms or alkoxy of 1 to 4 carbon atoms;

R⁴ is CN, NO₂ or CO₂R¹¹;

R⁵ is H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6 carbon atoms alkenyl or alkynyl of 2 to 4 carbon atoms;

R⁶ is alkyl of 2 to 10 carbon atoms, alkenyl or alkynyl of 3 to 10 carbon atoms or the same groups substituted with F or CO₂R¹⁴; cycloalkyl of 3 to 8 carbon atoms, cycloalkylalkyl, of 4 to 10 carbon atoms; cycloalkylalkenyl

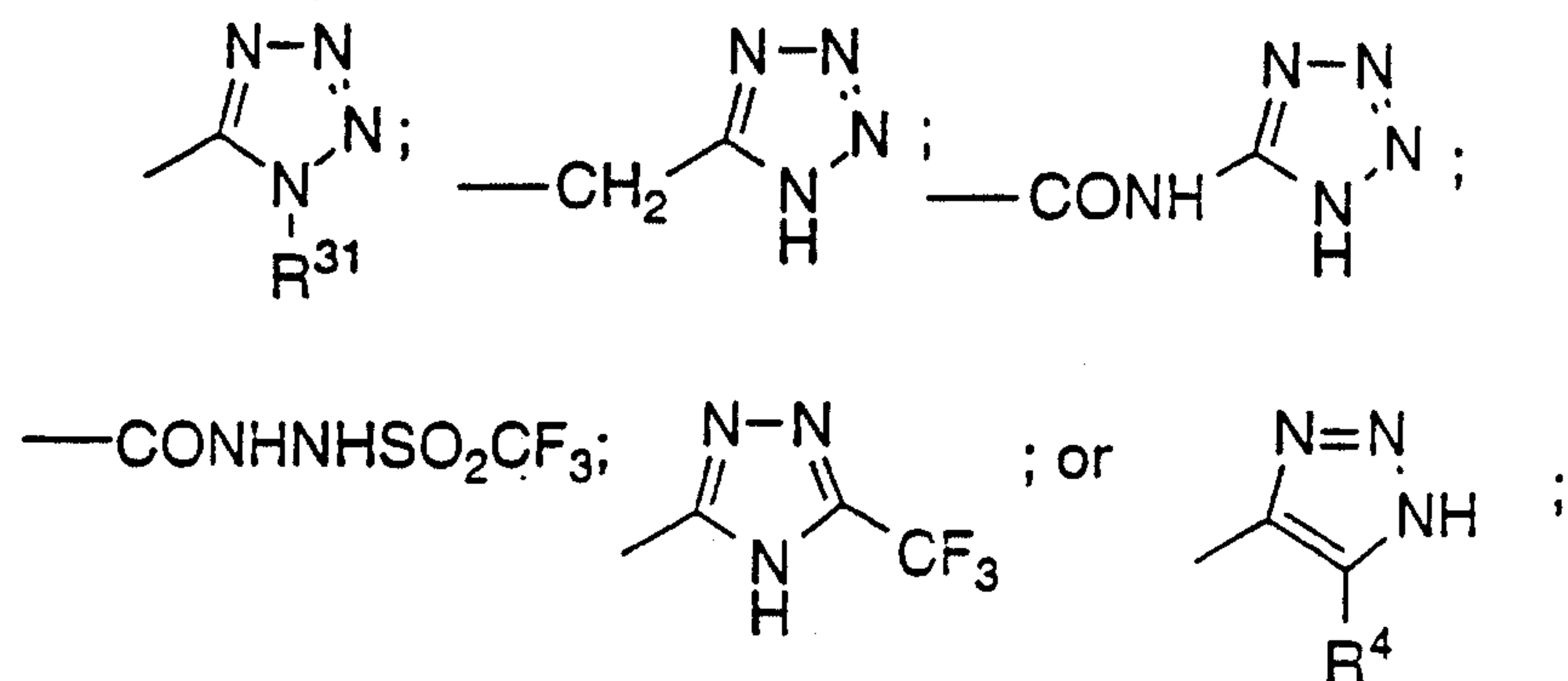
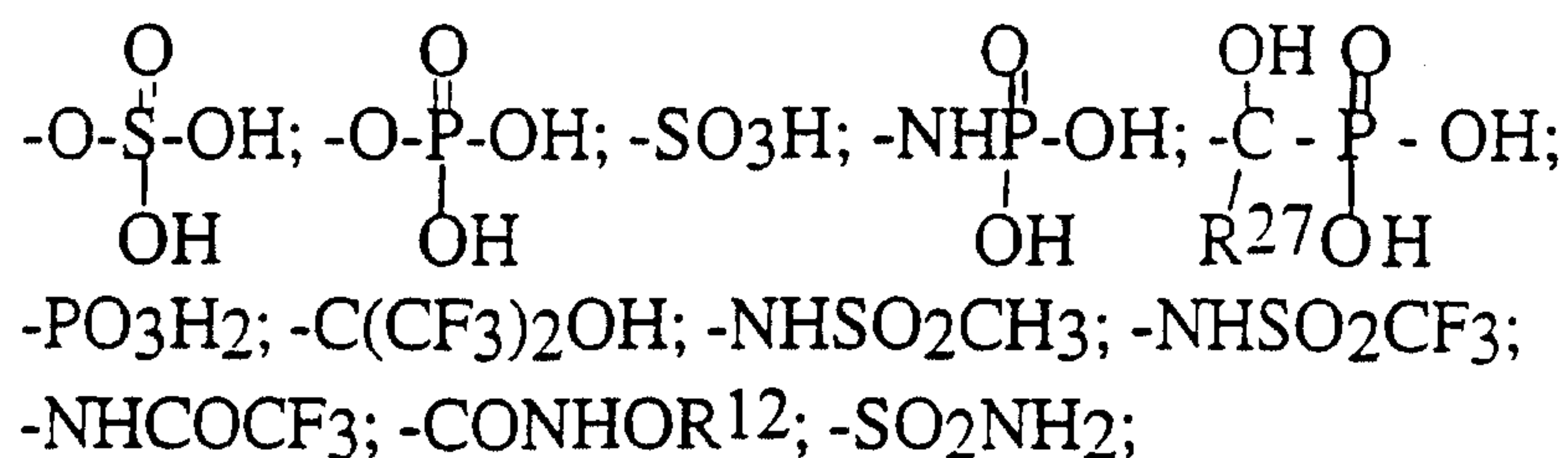


R¹⁰ is alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms or perfluoroalkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, 1-adamantyl, 1-naphthyl, 1-(1-naphthyl)ethyl, or (CH₂)_pC₆H₅;

R¹¹ is H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6 carbon atoms, phenyl or benzyl;

R¹² is H, methyl or benzyl;

R13 is $-\text{CO}_2\text{H}$; $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^9$; $-\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{H}$; $-\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{R}^9$;



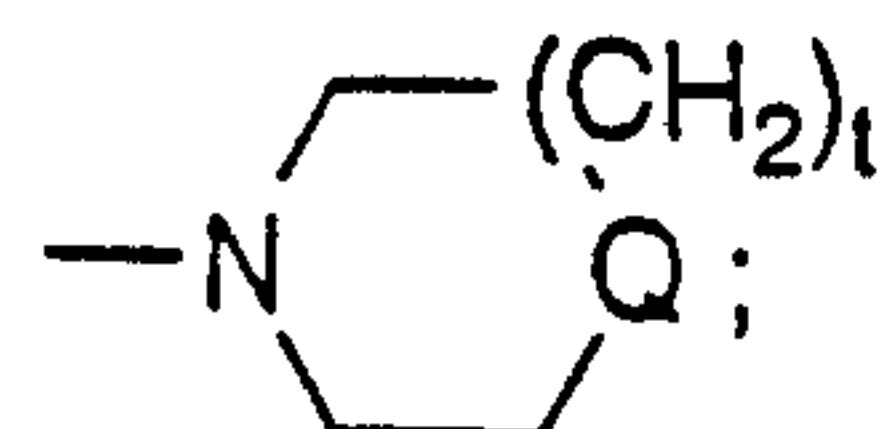
R14 is H, alkyl or perfluoroalkyl of 1 to 8 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6 carbon atoms, phenyl or benzyl;

R15 is H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6 carbon atoms, phenyl, benzyl, acyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or phenacyl;

R16 is H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6 carbon atoms, $(\text{CH}_2)_p\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$, OR^{17} , or $\text{NR}^{18}\text{R}^{19}$;

R17 is H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 6 carbon atoms, phenyl or benzyl;

R18 and R19 independently are H, alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, phenyl, benzyl, α -methylbenzyl, or taken together with the nitrogen form a ring of the formula



Q is NR^{20} , O or CH_2 ;

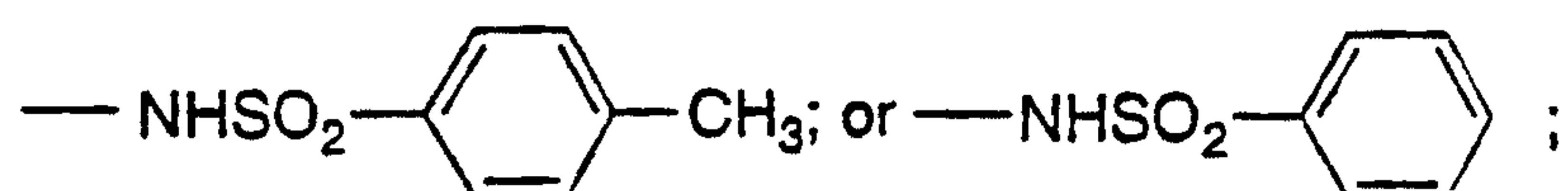
R20 is H, alkyl of 1-4 carbon atoms, or phenyl;

R21 is alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, -NR22R23, or -
 $\begin{array}{c} \text{CHCH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_3 \\ | \\ \text{NH}_2 \end{array}$

R22 and R23 independently are H, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, benzyl, or are taken together as $(\text{CH}_2)_u$, where u is 3-6;

R24 is H, CH₃ or -C₆H₅;

R25 is NR27R28, OR28, NHCONH₂, NHCSNH₂,



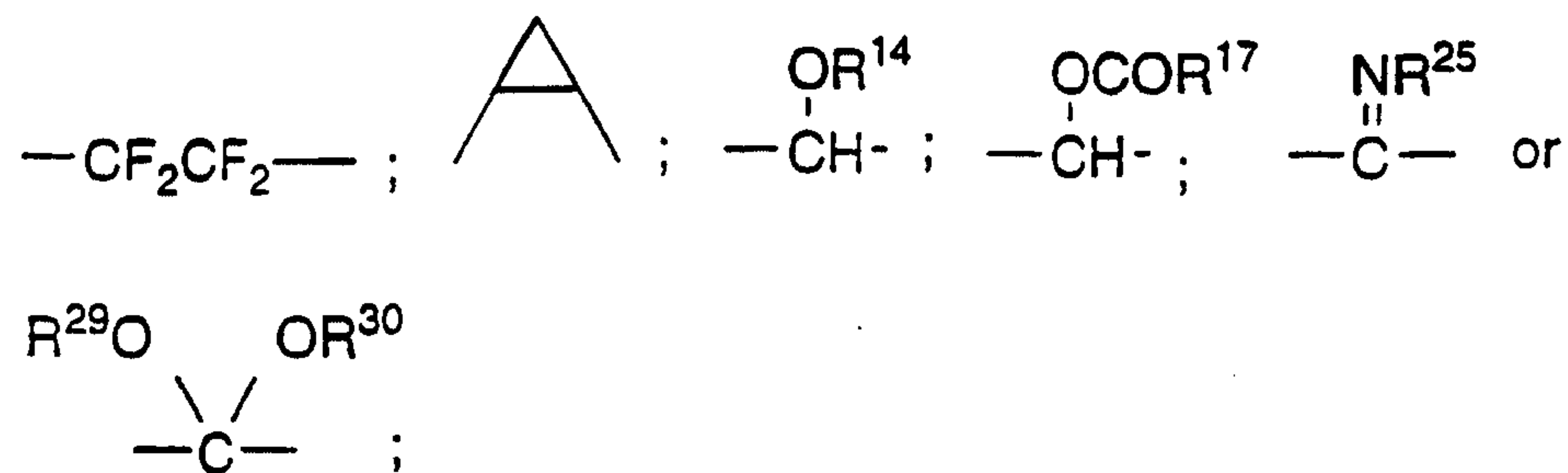
R26 is hydrogen, alkyl with from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, benzyl, or allyl;

R27 and R28 are independently hydrogen, alkyl with from 1 to 5 carbon atoms, or phenyl;

R29 and R30 are independently alkyl of 1-4 carbon atoms or taken together are $-(\text{CH}_2)_q\text{---}$;

R31 is H, alkyl or 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$;

X is a carbon-carbon single bond, -CO-, -CH₂-, -O-, -S-, -NH-, -
 $\begin{array}{c} \text{N-} \\ | \\ \text{R}_{26} \end{array}$ -CON $\begin{array}{c} \text{R}_{23} \\ | \\ \text{R}_{23} \end{array}$ -, -NCO-, -OCH₂-, -CH₂O-, -SCH₂-, -CH₂S-,
 -NHC(R27)(R28)-, -NR23SO₂-, -SO₂NR23-, -CH=CH-, -
 CF=CF-, -CH=CF-, -CF=CH-, -CH₂CH₂-, -C(R27)(R28)NH-,



Y is O or S;

Z is O, NR¹¹, or S;

m is 1 to 5;

n is 1 to 10;

p is 0 to 3;

q is 2 to 3;

r is 0 to 2;

s is 0 to 5;

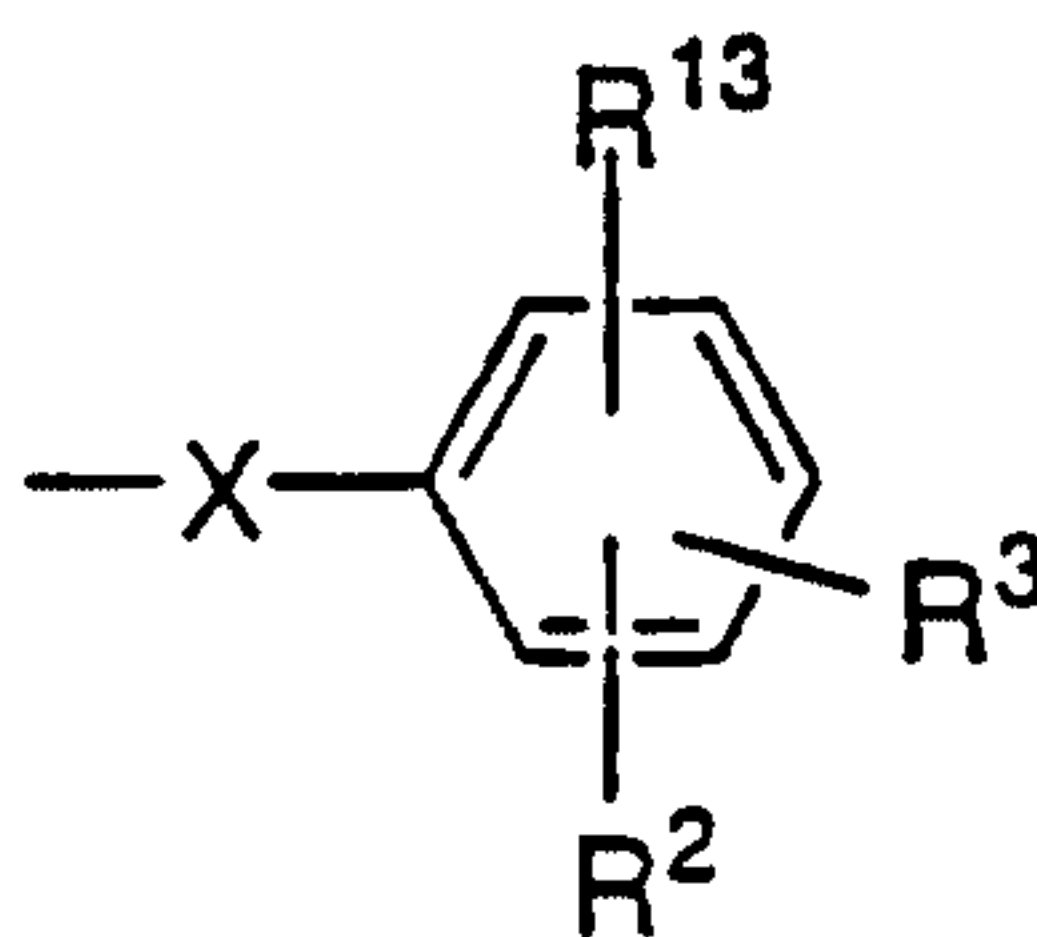
t is 0 or 1;

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts of these compounds;

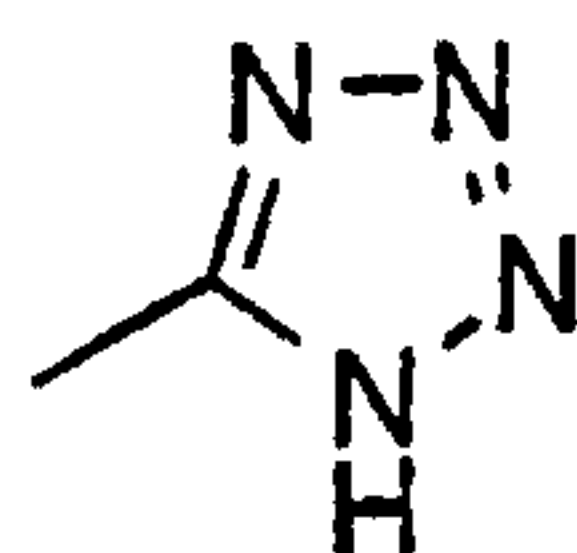
provided that:

(1) the R¹ group is not in the ortho position;

(2) when R¹ is

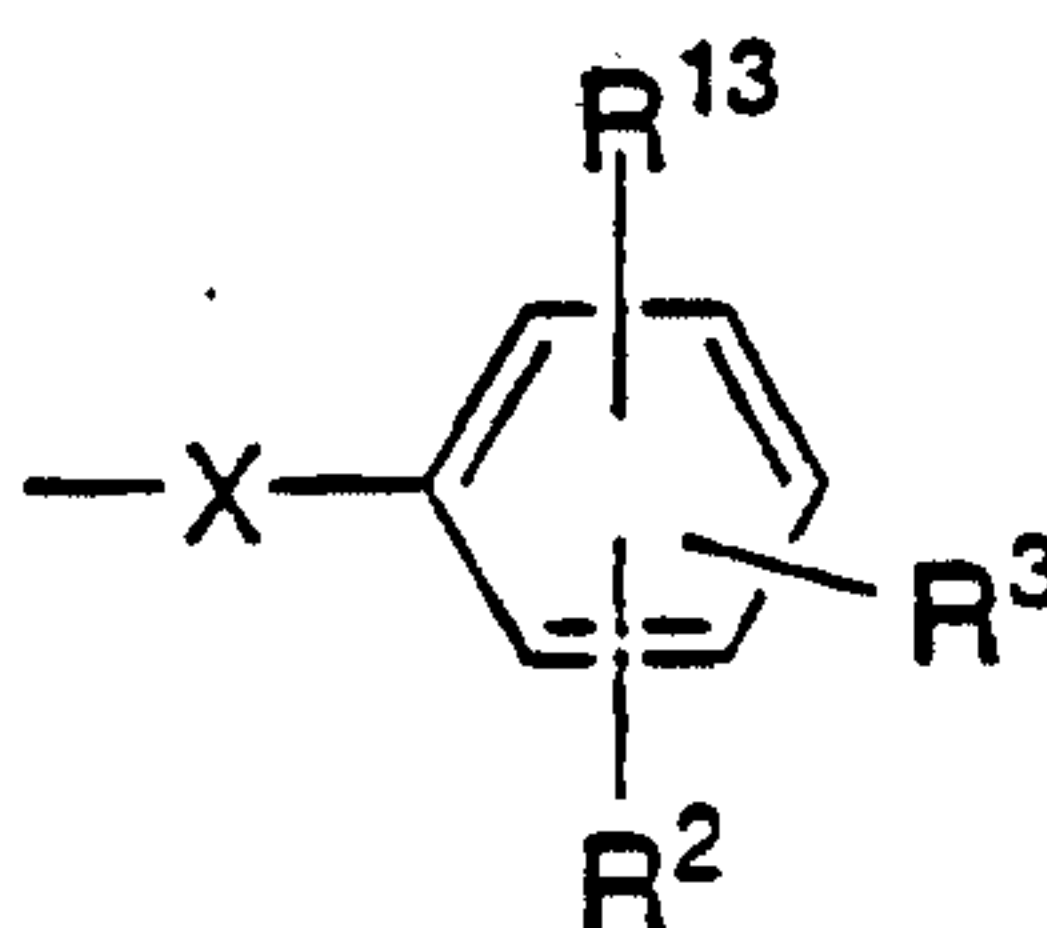


X is a single bond, and R¹³ is CO₂H, or



then R^{13} must be in the ortho or meta position; or when R^1 and X are as above and R^{13} is NHSO_2CF_3 or NHSO_2CH_3 , R^{13} must be ortho;

(3) when R^1 is

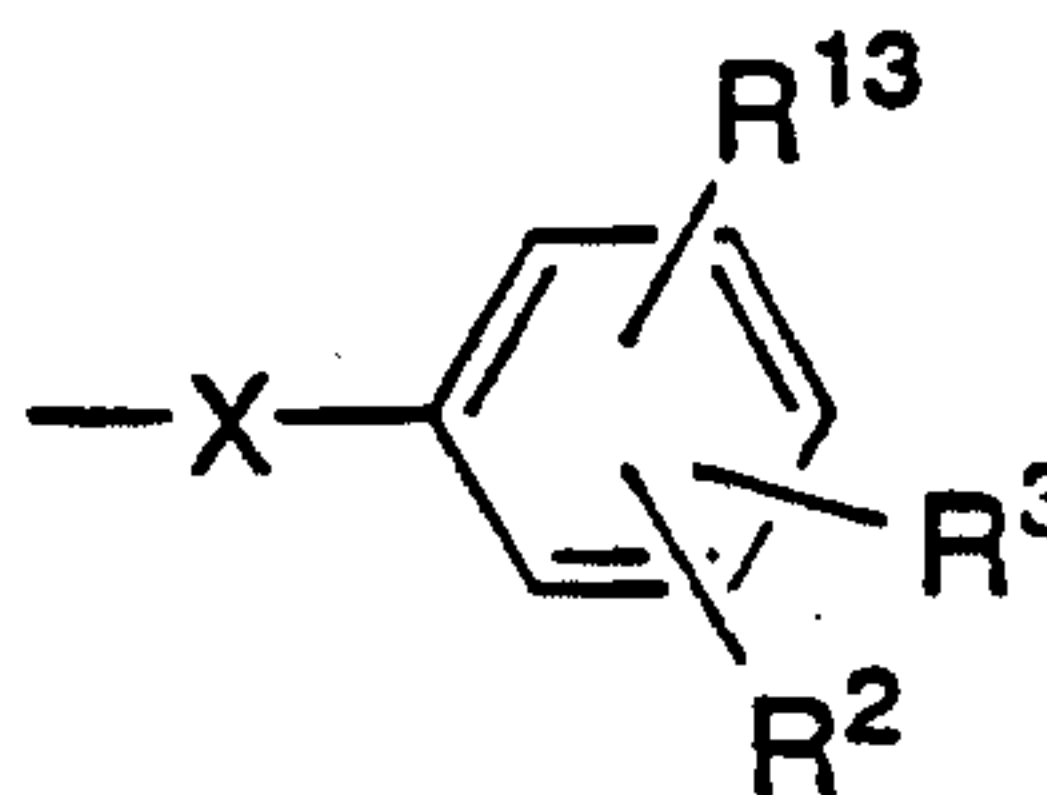


and X is other than a single bond, then R^{13} must be ortho except when $X=\text{NR}^{23}\text{CO}$ and R^{13} is NHSO_2CF_3 or NHSO_2CH_3 , then R^{13} must be ortho or meta;

(4) when R^1 is 4- CO_2H or a salt thereof, R^6 cannot be S-alkyl;

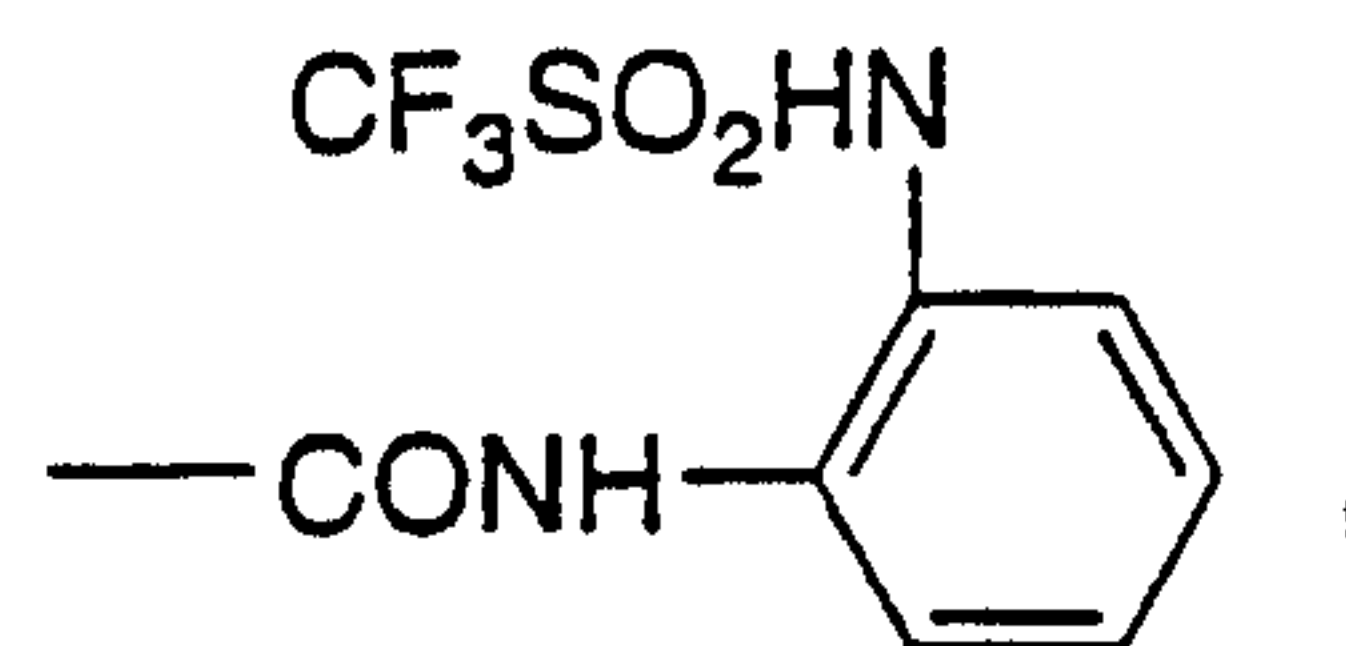
(5) when R^1 is 4- CO_2H or a salt thereof, the substituent on the 4-position of the imidazole cannot be CH_2OH , $\text{CH}_2\text{OCOCH}_3$, or $\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{H}$;

(6) when R^1 is



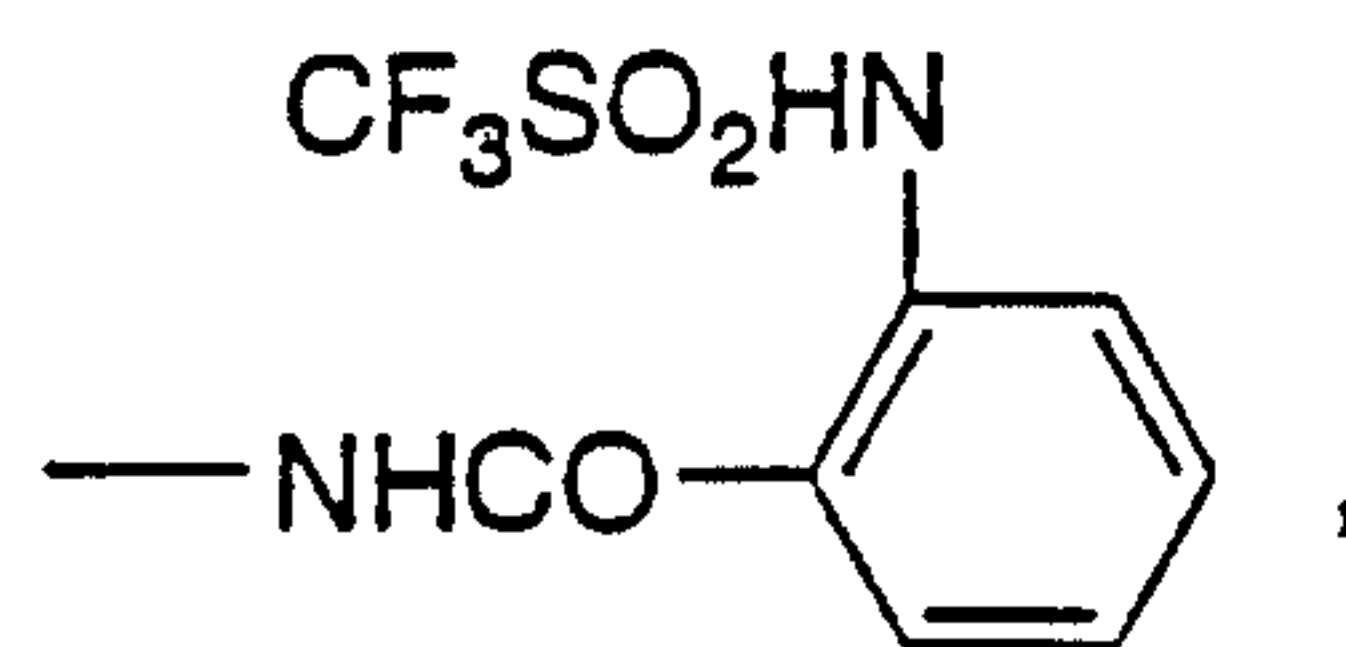
X is $-\text{OCH}_2-$, and R^{13} is $2\text{-CO}_2\text{H}$, and R^7 is H then R^6 is not $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{S}$;

(7) when R^1 is



and R^6 is n-hexyl then R^7 and R^8 are not both hydrogen;

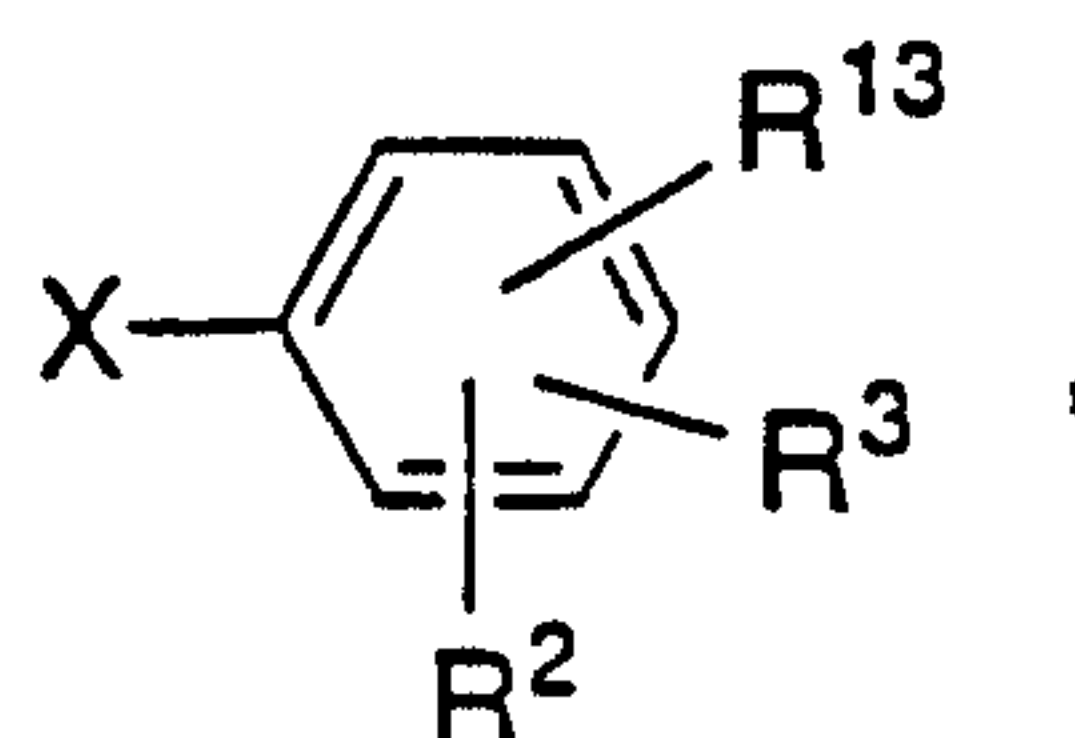
(8) when R^1 is



R^6 is not methoxybenzyl;

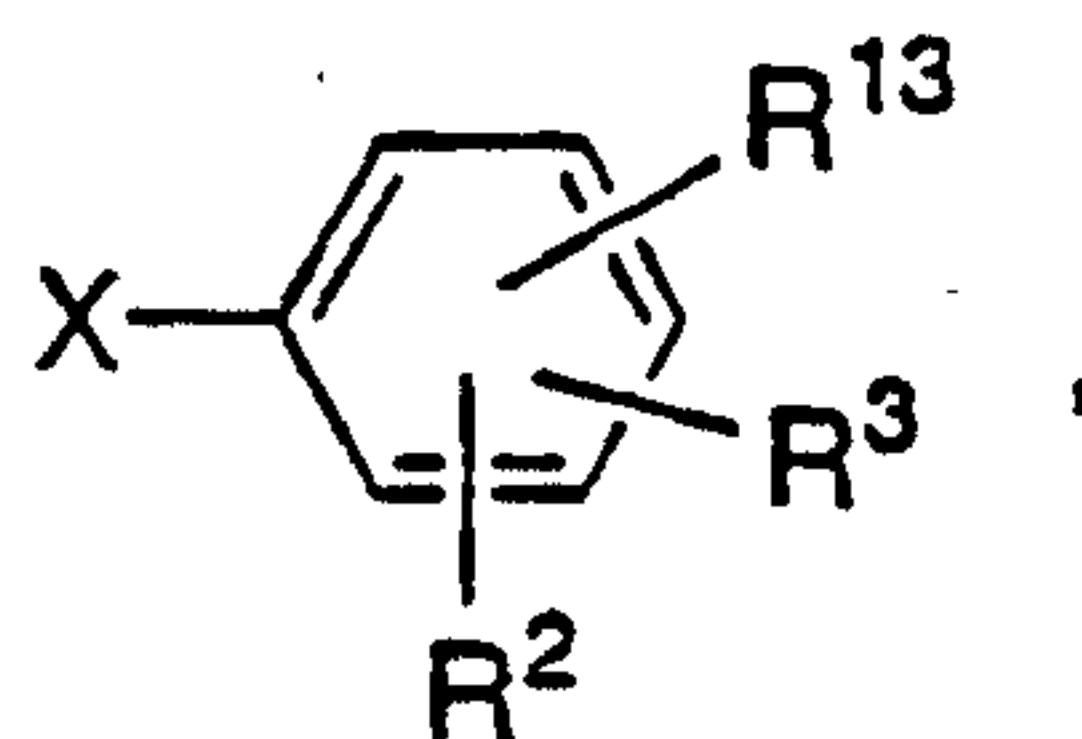
(9) the R^6 group is not $-\underset{\text{F}}{\text{CH}}\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ or CH_2OH ;

(10) when $r=0$, R^1 is



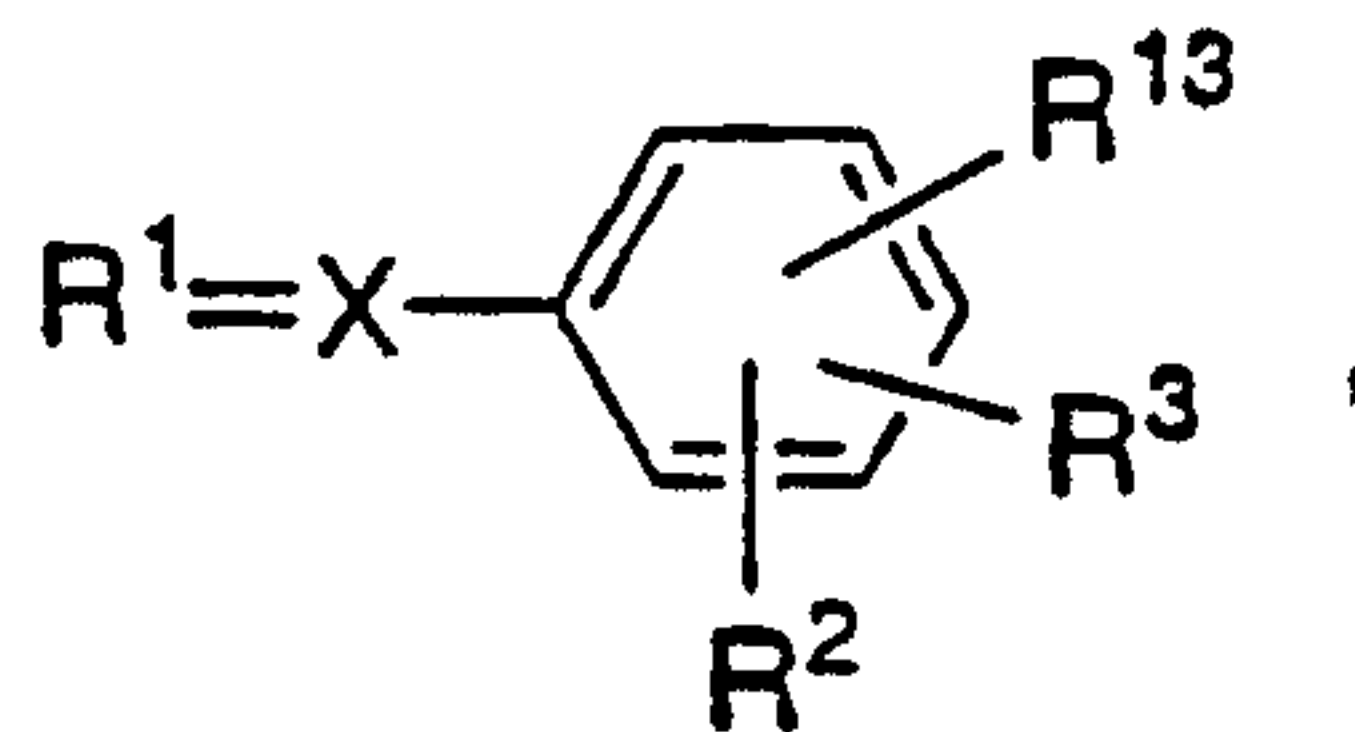
X is $-\text{NH}-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-$, R¹³ is 2-NHSO₂CF₃, and R⁶ is n-propyl, then R⁷ and R⁸ are not -CO₂CH₃;

(11) when r=0, R¹ is



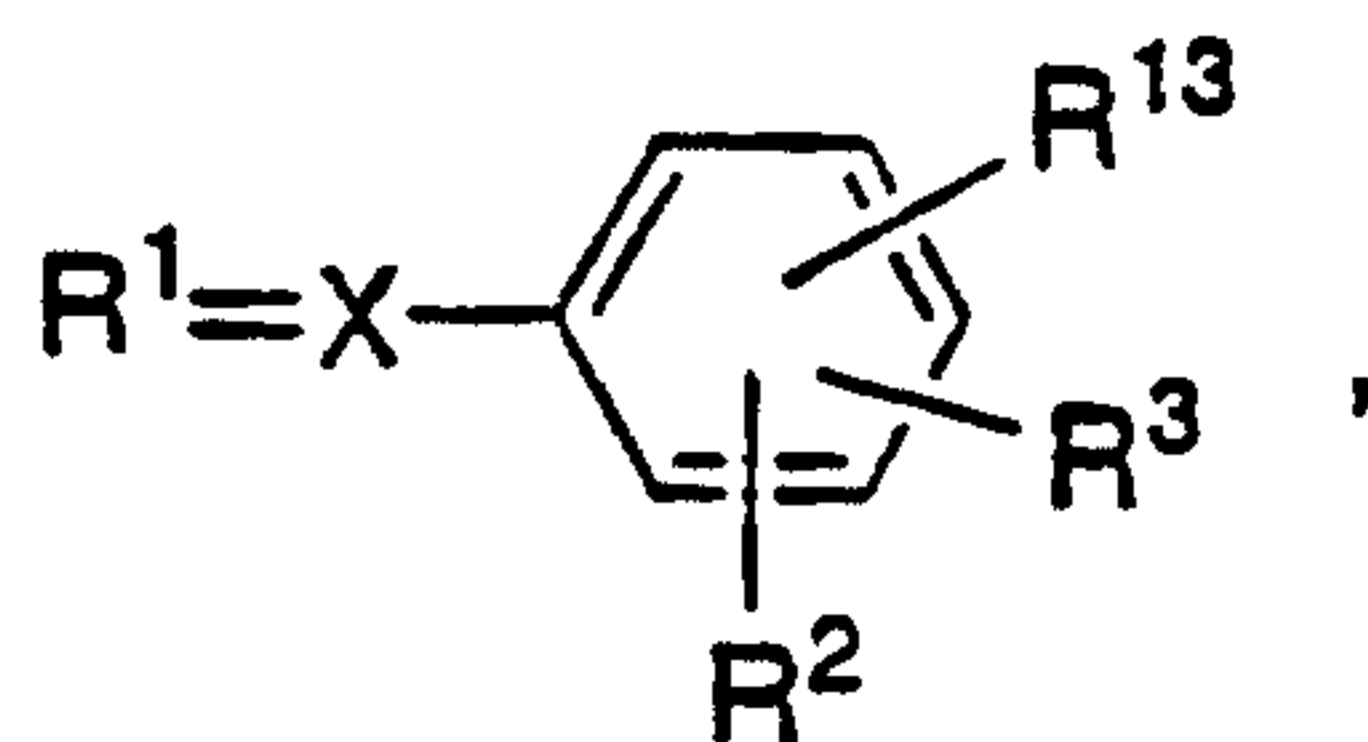
X is $\text{NH}-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-$, R¹³ is 2-COOH, and R⁶ is n-propyl, then R⁷ and R⁸ are not -CO₂CH₃;

(12) when r=1,



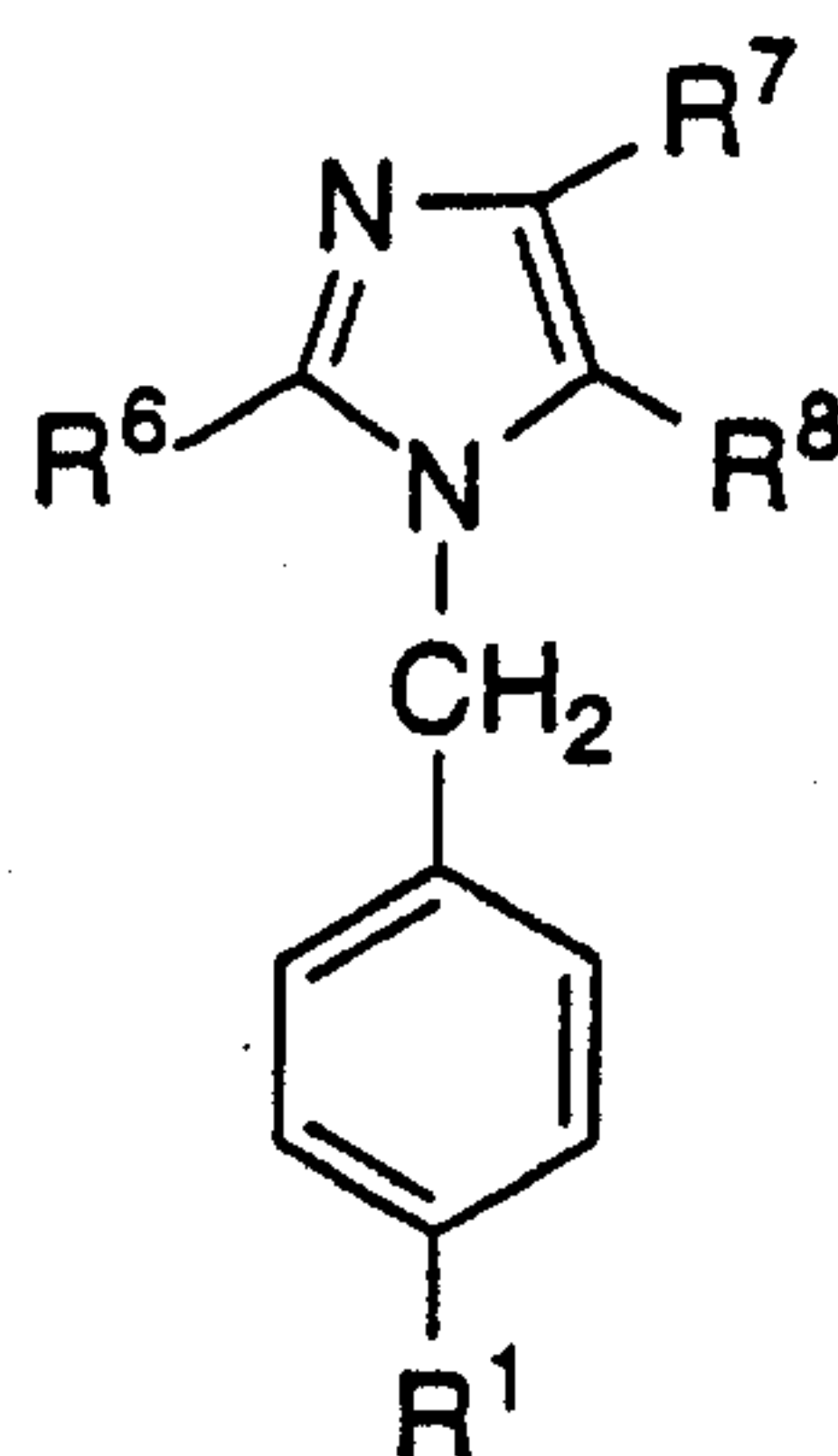
X is a single bond, R⁷ is Cl, and R⁸ is -CHO, then R¹³ is not 3-(tetrazol-5-yl);

(13) when r=1,



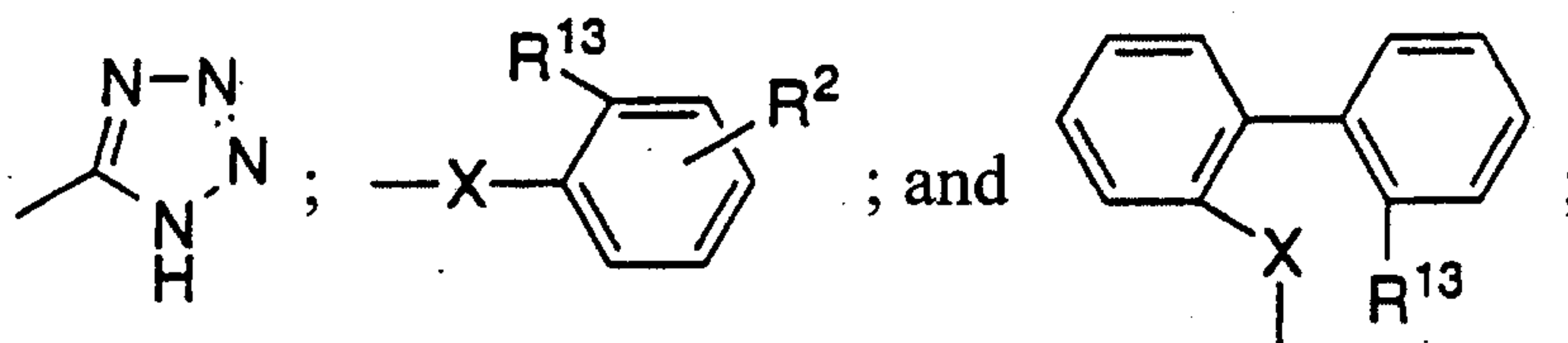
X is a single bond, R⁷ is Cl, and R⁸ is -CHO, then R¹³ is not 4-(tetrazol-5-yl).

41. The composition according to Claim 40, wherein the angiotensin II (AT₁) receptor antagonist is of formula I:



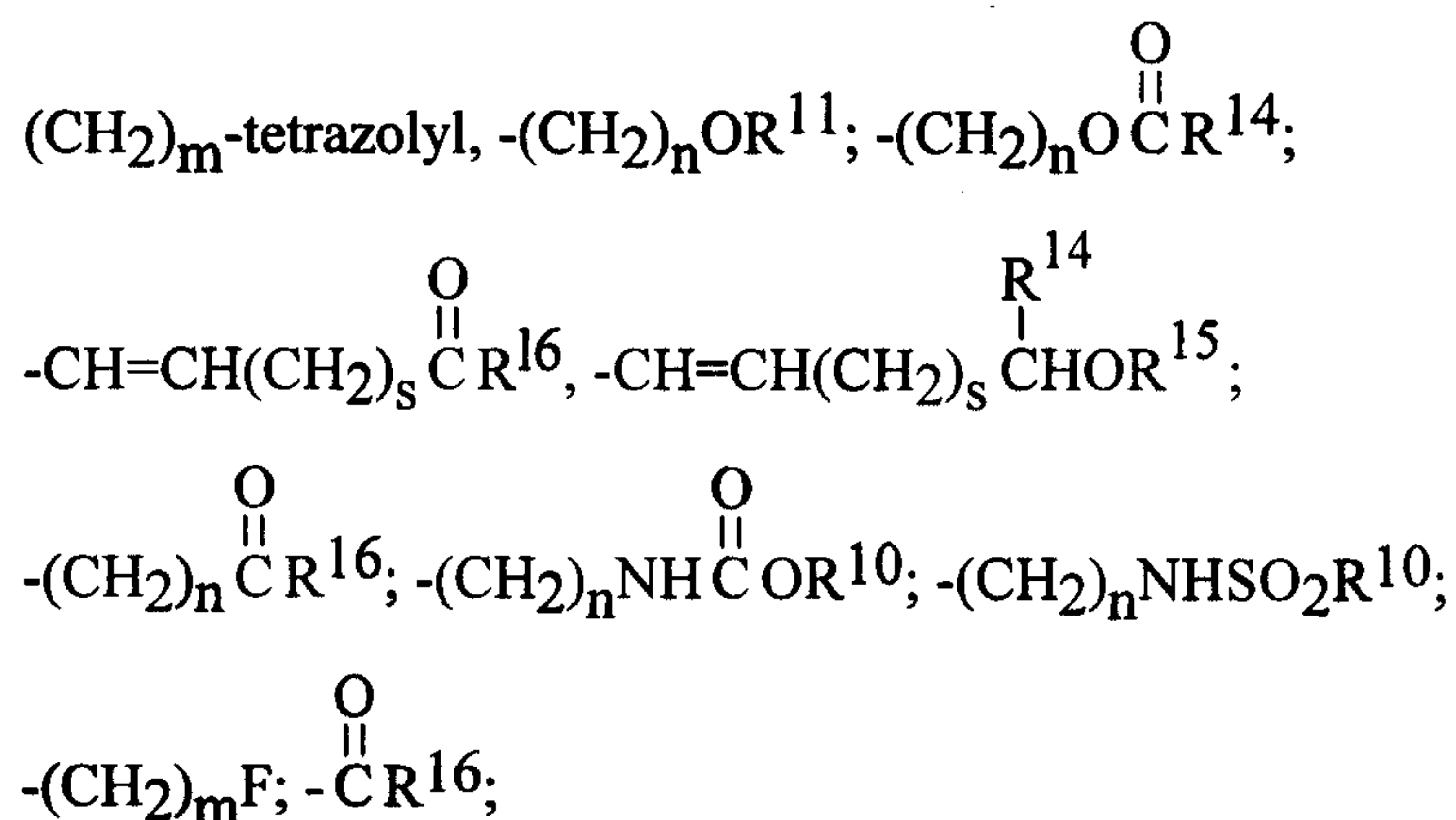
wherein:

R¹ is selected from the group consisting of: -CO₂H; -NHSO₂CF₃;

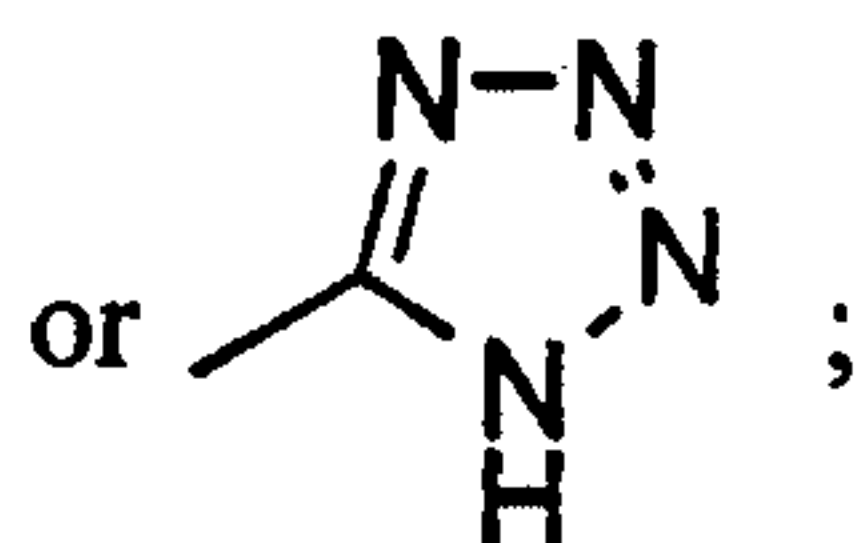


R⁶ is alkyl of 3 to 10 carbon atoms, alkenyl of 3 to 10 carbon atoms, alkynyl of 3 to 10 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 8 carbon atoms, benzyl substituted on the phenyl ring with up to two groups selected from alkoxy of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, halogen, alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, and nitro;

R⁸ is phenylalkenyl wherein the aliphatic portion is 2 to 4 carbon atoms, -(CH₂)_m-imidazol-1-yl, -(CH₂)_m1,2,3-triazolyl optionally substituted with one or two groups selected from CO₂CH₃ and alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms,



R^{13} is $-\text{CO}_2\text{H}$, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^9$, NHSO_2CF_3 ; SO_3H ;



R^{16} is H, alkyl of 1 to 5 carbon atoms, OR^{17} , or $\text{NR}^{18}\text{R}^{19}$;

X is carbon-carbon single bond, $-\text{CO}-$, $-\text{CON}-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-$, $-\text{NCO}-$,
 R^{23} R^{23}
 $-\text{OCH}_2-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{O}-$, $-\text{SCH}_2-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{S}-$, $-\text{NHCH}_2-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{NH}-$ or
 $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts of these
compounds.

42. The composition according to Claim 41, wherein:

R^2 is H, alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, halogen, or alkoxy of 1 to 4
carbon atoms;

R^6 is alkyl, alkenyl or alkynyl of 3 to 7 carbon atoms;

R^7 is H, Cl, Br, C_vF_{2v+1} , where $v=1-3$, or $-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{C}R^{16}$;

R^8 is $-(CH_2)_mOR^{11}$; $-(CH_2)_mO\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}CR^{14}$; $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-\overset{\text{R}^{14}}{\underset{|}{\text{C}}}\text{HOR}^{15}$;

$-(CH_2)_m\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}CR^{16}$; $-\text{CH}_2\text{NH}\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}COR^{10}$;

$-(CH_2)_m\text{NHSO}_2R^{10}$; $-\text{CH}_2-\text{C}(\text{N}=\text{N})=\text{N}-\text{H}$; or $-\text{COR}^{16}$;

R^{10} is CF_3 , alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms or phenyl;

R^{11} is H, or alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms;

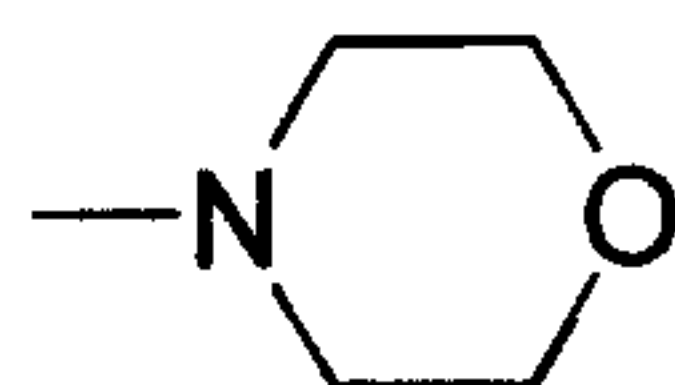
R^{13} is CO_2H ; $\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCOC}(\text{CH}_3)_3$; NHSO_2CF_3 ;

or $\text{C}(\text{N}=\text{N})=\text{N}-\text{H}$;

R^{14} is H, or alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms;

R^{15} is H, alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or acyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms;

R^{16} is H, alkyl of 1 to 5 carbon atoms; OR^{17} ; or



m is 1 to 5;

X is single bond, -O-, -CO-, -NHCO-, or -OCH₂-;
and pharmaceutically acceptable salts.

43. The composition according to Claim 40, wherein the angiotensin II (AT₁) receptor antagonist of formula I is selected from the group consisting of:

2-Butyl-4-chloro-1-[(2'-(1 H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-5-(hydroxymethyl)imidazole,
2-Butyl-4-chloro-1-[(2'-carboxybiphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-5-(hydroxymethyl)imidazole,
2-Butyl-4-chloro-1-[(2'-carboxybiphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-5-[(methoxycarbonyl)aminomethyl]imidazole,
2-Butyl-4-chloro-1-[(2'-carboxybiphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-5-[(propoxycarbonyl)aminomethyl]imidazole,
2-Butyl-4-chloro-1-[(2'-carboxybiphenyl-4-yl)methyl]imidazole-5-carboxaldehyde,
2-Butyl-1-[(2'-carboxybiphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-imidazole-5-carboxaldehyde,
2-(1E-Butenyl)-4-chloro-1-[(2'-carboxybiphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-5-(hydroxymethyl)imidazole,
2-(1E-Butenyl)-4-chloro-1-[(2'-carboxybiphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-imidazole-5-carboxaldehyde,
2-Propyl-4-chloro-1-[(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-5-(hydroxymethyl)imidazole,
2-Propyl-4-chloro-1-[(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-imidazole-5-carboxaldehyde,
2-Butyl-4-chloro-1-[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-imidazole-5-carboxaldehyde,

2-(1E-Butenyl)-4-chloro-1-[(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-5-hydroxymethyl)imidazole,
 2-(1E-Butenyl)-4-chloro-1-[(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]imidazole-5-carboxaldehyde,
 2-Butyl-4-chloro-1-[(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-imidazole-5-carboxylic acid,
 2-Propyl-4-chloro-1-[(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-imidazole-5-carboxylic acid,
 2-Propyl-4-trifluoromethyl-1-[(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]imidazole-5-carboxylic acid,
 2-Propyl-4-trifluoromethyl-1-[(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-5-(hydroxymethyl)imidazole,
 2-Butyl-4-trifluoromethyl-1-[(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]imidazole-5-carboxylic acid,
 2-Propyl-4-trifluoromethyl-1-[(2'-(carboxybiphenyl-4-yl)methyl)-imidazole-5-carboxaldehyde,
 2-Propyl-4-pentafluoroethyl-1-[(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]-5-(hydroxymethyl)imidazole,
 2-Propyl-1-[(2-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]imidazole-4,5-dicarboxylic acid,
 2-Propyl-4-pentafluoroethyl-1-[(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]imidazole-5-carboxylic acid, and
 2-Propyl-4-pentafluoroethyl-[(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)methyl]imidazole-5-carboxaldehyde, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

44. The composition according to Claim 43, wherein the angiotensin II (AT₁) receptor antagonist of formula I is selected from:

2-Butyl-4-chloro-1-[(2'-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]methyl-5-(hydroxymethyl)imidazole; and

2-Butyl-4-chloro-1-[(2'-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]methylimidazole-5-carboxylic acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

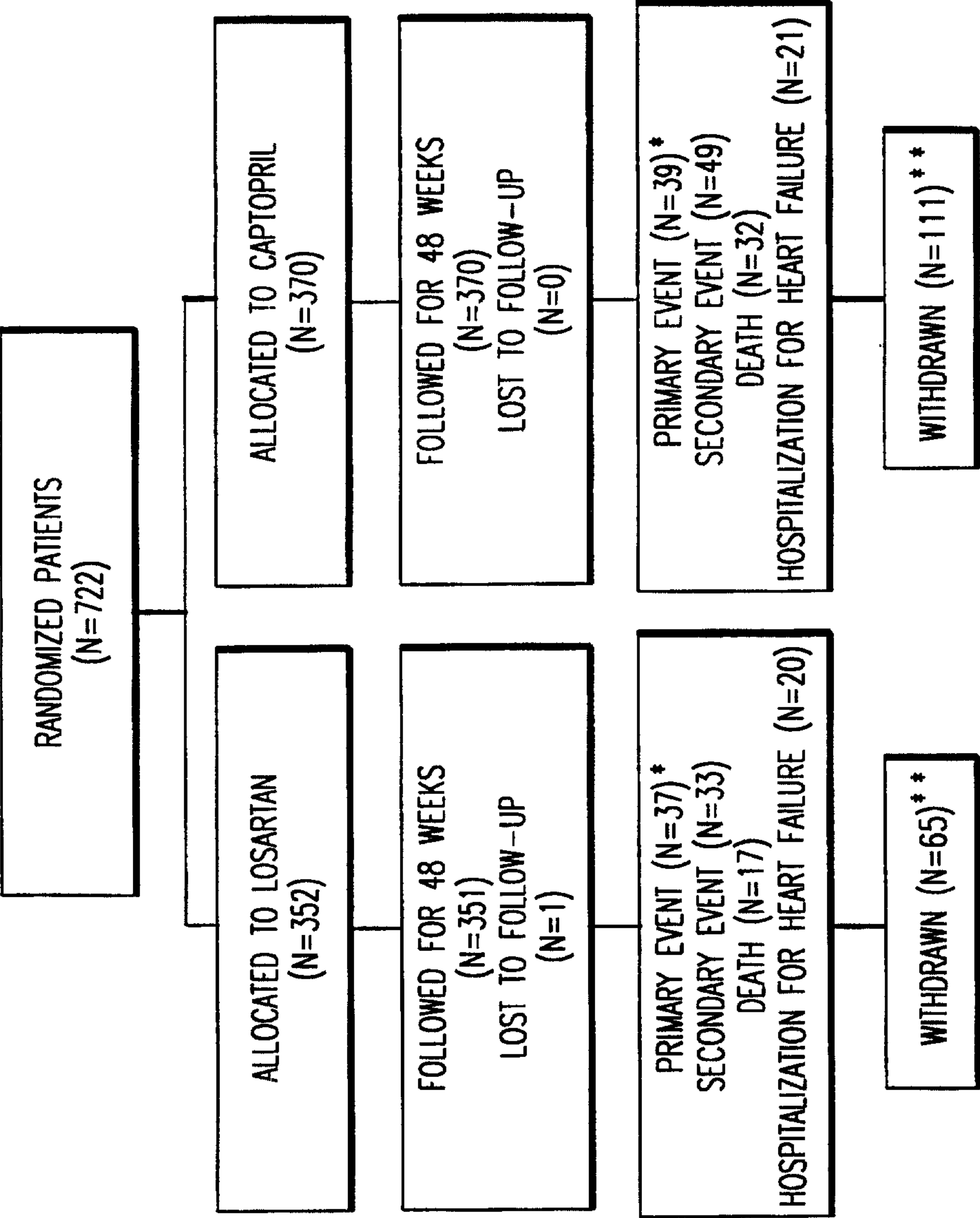


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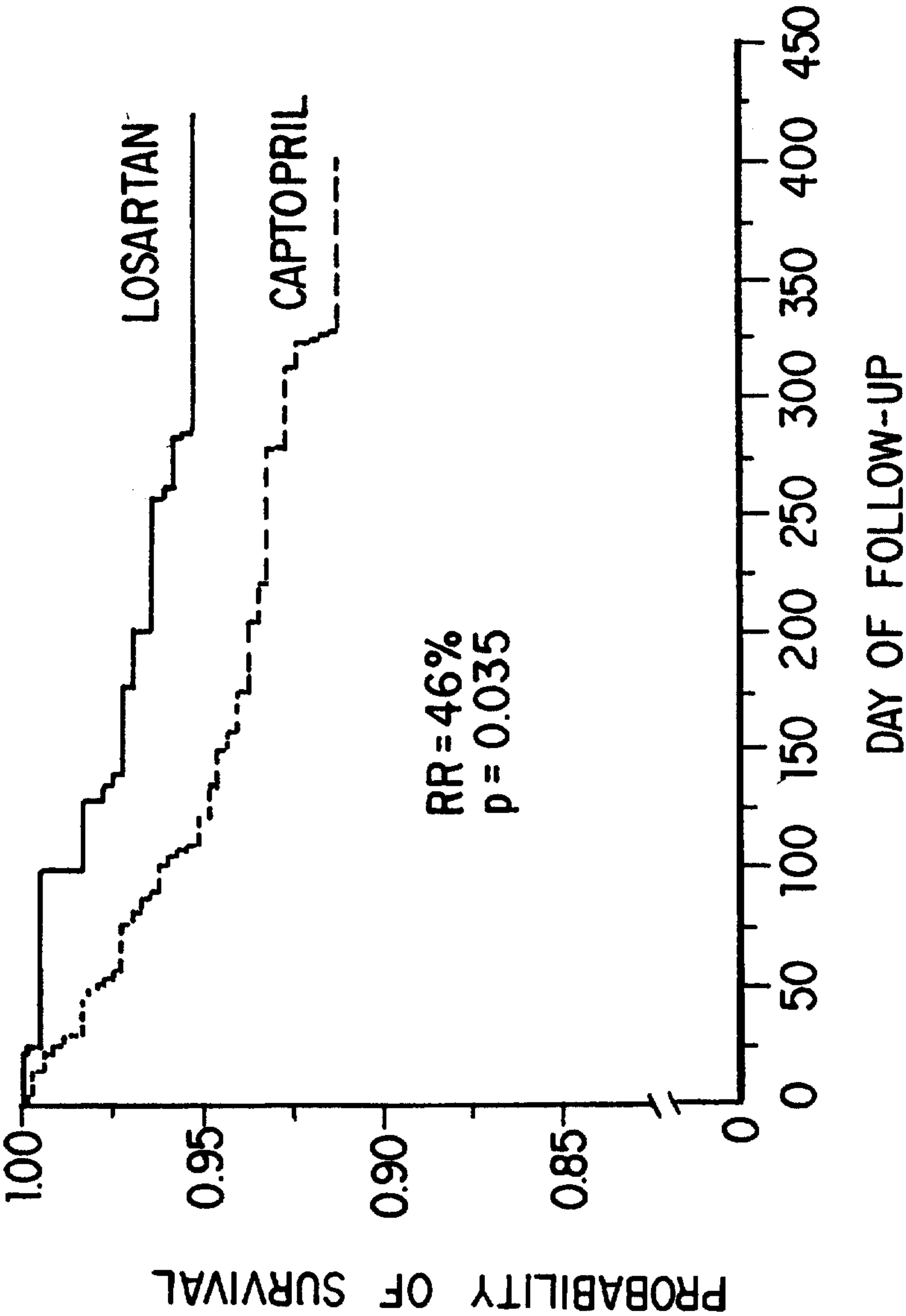


FIG. 2

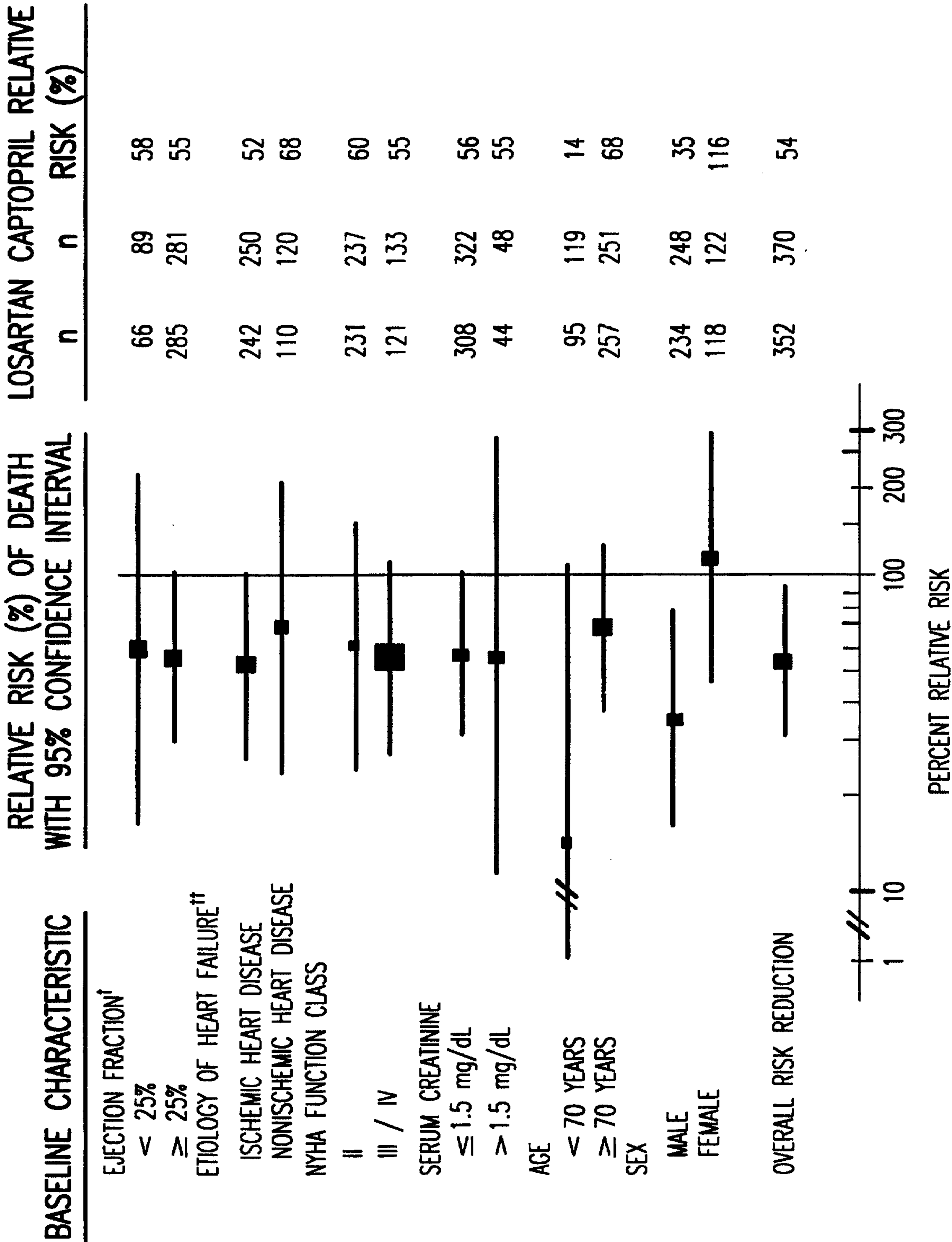
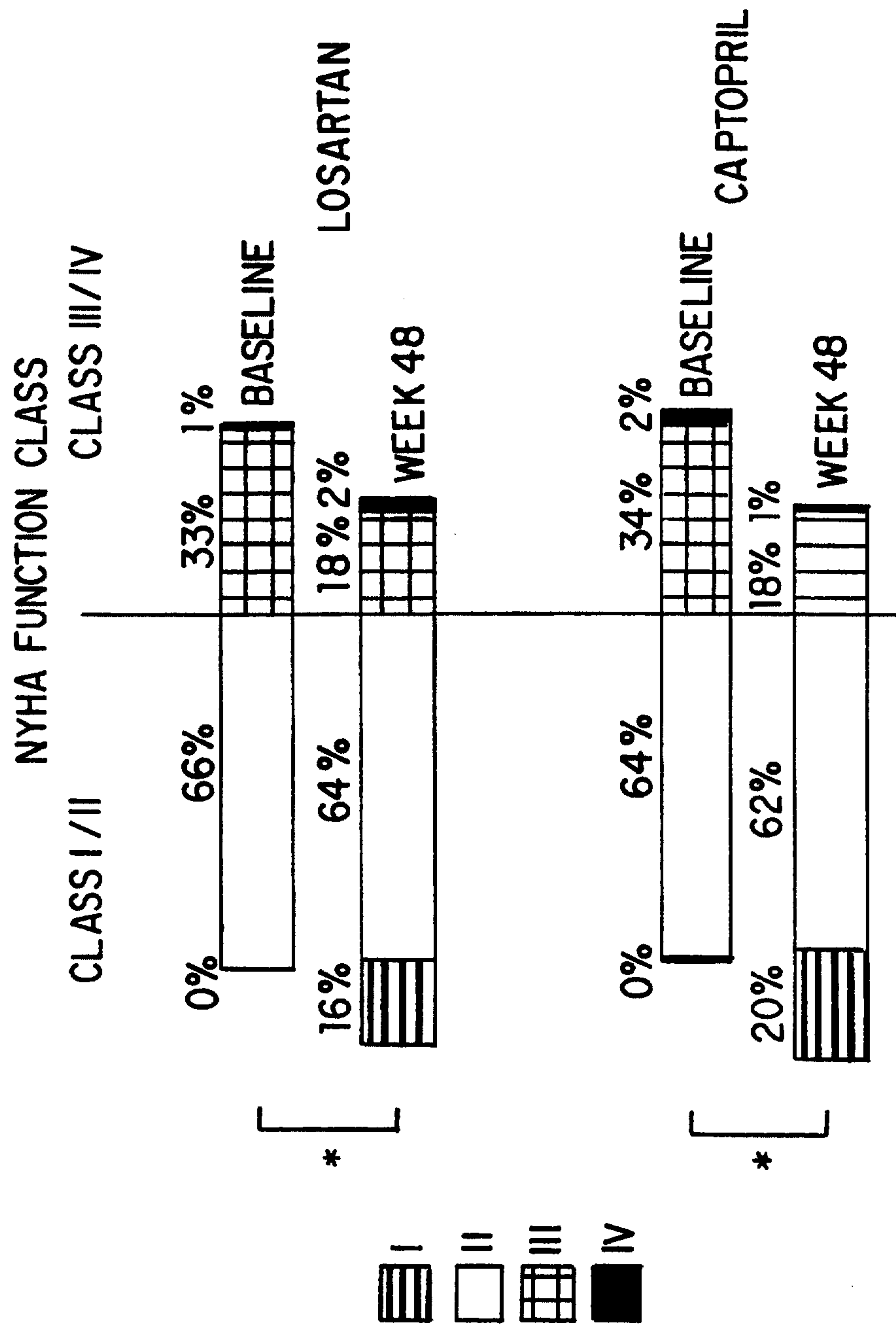


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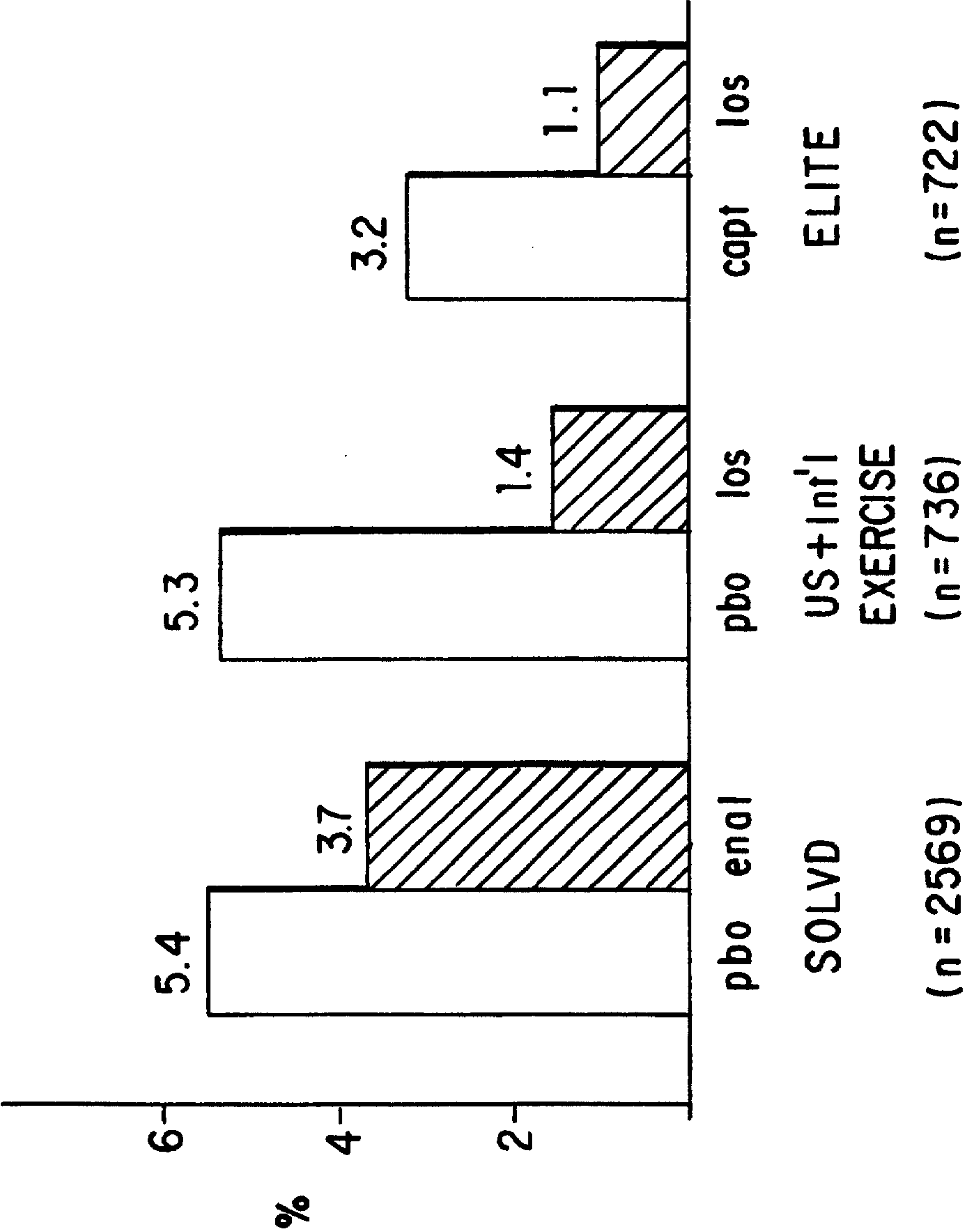


FIG. 5