Title: IMINOTHIAZOLIDINONES AS INHIBITORS OF HCV REPPLICATION

Abstract: Compounds having the structure of formula I are described (I) wherein R, R', R1, R2, and R3 are as defined in the specification. The compounds can inhibit hepatitis C virus (HCV) replication, and in particular the function of the HCV NS5A protein.
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