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(54) **SMALL MOLECULE INHIBITORS OF BCL-2-ASSOCIATED DEATH PROMOTER (BAD) PHOSPHORYLATION**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

The invention relates to compounds of general formula (I); wherein R¹, n, R^{2a}, R^{2b}, and R³ are as defined herein. The compounds are inhibitors of Bcl-2-associated death promoter (BAD) phosphorylation and have anti-apoptotic activity and are useful in the treatment of cancer, particularly breast cancer, endometrial cancer, ovarian cancer, liver cancer, colon cancer, prostate cancer or pancreatic cancer.

