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Epidermal growth factor inhibitors of formula (I),

where at least one and as many as three of A-E are nitrogen, with the remaining atom(s) carbon, or any two contiguous positions in A-E taken together can be a single heteroatom N, O or S in which case one of the two remaining atoms must be nitrogen, and the other can be either carbon or nitrogen; X = O, S, NH or NR⁷, such that R⁷ lower alkyl (1-4 carbon atoms), OH, NH₂, lower alkoxy (1-4 carbon atoms) or lower monoalkylamino (1-4 carbon atoms); n=0,1,2 are claimed.