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(57) Abstract: The present invention refers to the use of a specific indolocarbazole compound of general formula (1) or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof for the preparation of a pharmaceutical composition for the prevention or treatment of a neurodegenerative and/or dementing illness driven by the molecular pathology of microtubule-associate tau such as Alzheimer's disease, frontal lobe dementia, Pick's disease, Parkinson disease with dementia, corticobasal degeneration, argyrophilic grains disease, or supranuclear palsy. A method for treating or preventing such illnesses is also disclosed. Furthermore, methods for the identification of efficacious inhibitors of neurofibrillary degeneration, and methods for the determination of an appropriate dosage of an inhibitor of the PHF-type tau hyperphosphorylation for the treatment of a condition characterized by neurofibrillary pathology are described.



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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED
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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched
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 Search terms: indolocarbazole, alzheimer's disease, tau, neurofibrillary, neurodegenerative diseases, okadaic acid, PP2A

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X ----- Y	US 6,541,468 B1 (Roder et al.) 01 April 2003 (01.04.2003) col 1, ln 21-24; col 3, ln 50-64; col 5, ln 22-27; col 32, ln 14-54; col 33, Table 1	7-10, 12 ----- 1-6, 11
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