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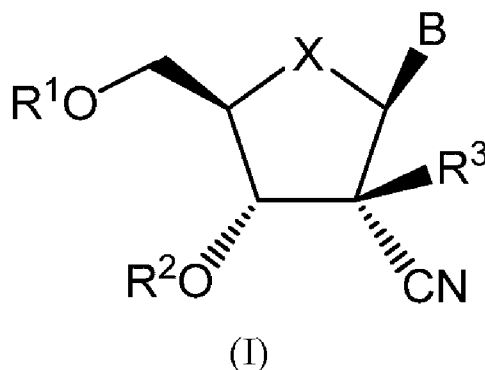
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(54) Title: 2'-CYANO SUBSTITUTED NUCLEOSIDE DERIVATIVES AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF FOR THE TREATMENT OF VIRAL DISEASES



(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivatives of Formula (I): and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein B, X, R¹, R² and R³ are as defined herein. The present invention also relates to compositions comprising at least one 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivative, and methods of using the 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivatives for treating or preventing HCV infection in a patient.



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2'-CYANO SUBSTITUTED NUCLEOSIDE DERIVATIVES AND METHODS OF USE
THEREOF FOR THE TREATMENT OF VIRAL DISEASES

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

5 The present invention relates to 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivatives, compositions comprising at least one 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivative, and methods of using the 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivatives for treating or preventing HCV infection in a patient.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

10 Hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection is a major health problem that leads to chronic liver disease, such as cirrhosis and hepatocellular carcinoma, in a substantial number of infected individuals, estimated to be 2-15% of the world's population. There are an estimated 4.5 million infected people in the United States alone, according to the U.S. Center for Disease Control.

15 According to the World Health Organization, there are more than 200 million infected individuals worldwide, with at least 3 to 4 million people being infected each year. Once infected, about 20% of people clear the virus, but the rest harbor HCV the rest of their lives. Ten to twenty percent of chronically infected individuals eventually develop liver-destroying cirrhosis or cancer. The viral disease is transmitted parenterally by contaminated blood and
20 blood products, contaminated needles, or sexually and vertically from infected mothers or carrier mothers to their off-spring. Current treatments for HCV infection, which are restricted to immunotherapy with recombinant interferon- α alone or in combination with the nucleoside analog ribavirin, are of limited clinical benefit. Moreover, there is no established vaccine for HCV. Consequently, there is an urgent need for improved therapeutic agents that effectively
25 combat chronic HCV infection. The state of the art in the treatment of HCV infection has been reviewed, and reference is made to the following publications: B. Dymock, *et al.*, "Novel approaches to the treatment of hepatitis C virus infection," *Antiviral Chemistry & Chemotherapy*, 11:79-96 (2000); H. Rosen, *et al.*, "Hepatitis C virus: current understanding and prospects for future therapies," *Molecular Medicine Today*, 5:393-399 (1999); D. Moradpour, *et al.*, "Current and evolving therapies for hepatitis C," *European J. Gastroenterol. Hepatol.*, 11:1189-1202 (1999); R. Bartenschlager, "Candidate Targets for Hepatitis C Virus-Specific Antiviral Therapy," *Intervirology*, 40:378-393 (1997); G.M. Lauer and B.D. Walker, "Hepatitis C Virus Infection," *N. Engl. J. Med.*, 345:41-52 (2001); B.W. Dymock, "Emerging therapies for

hepatitis C virus infection,” *Emerging Drugs*, 6:13-42 (2001); and C. Crabb, “Hard-Won Advances Spark Excitement about Hepatitis C,” *Science*, 06-507 (2001); the contents of all of which are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.

Different approaches to HCV therapy have been taken, which include the inhibition of viral serine proteinase (NS3 protease), helicase, and RNA-dependent RNA polymerase (NS5B), and the development of a vaccine.

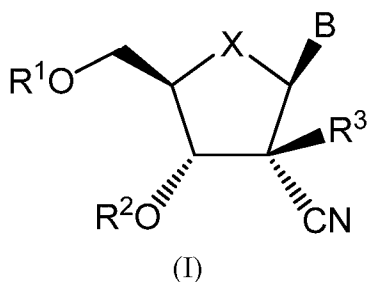
The HCV virion is an enveloped positive-strand RNA virus with a single oligoribonucleotide genomic sequence of about 9600 bases which encodes a polyprotein of about 3,010 amino acids. The protein products of the HCV gene consist of the structural proteins C, E1, and E2, and the non-structural proteins NS2, NS3, NS4A and NS4B, and NS5A and NS5B. The nonstructural (NS) proteins are believed to provide the catalytic machinery for viral replication. The NS3 protease releases NS5B, the RNA-dependent RNA polymerase from the polyprotein chain. HCV NS5B polymerase is required for the synthesis of a double-stranded RNA from a single-stranded viral RNA that serves as a template in the replication cycle of HCV. NS5B polymerase is therefore considered to be an essential component in the HCV replication complex [see K. Ishi, *et al.*, “Expression of Hepatitis C Virus NS5B Protein: Characterization of Its RNA Polymerase Activity and RNA Binding,” *Hepatology*, 29:1227-1235 (1999) and V. Lohmann, *et al.*, “Biochemical and Kinetic Analyses of NS5B RNA-Dependent RNA Polymerase of the Hepatitis C Virus,” *Virology*, 249:108-118 (1998)]. Inhibition of HCV NS5B polymerase prevents formation of the double-stranded HCV RNA and therefore constitutes an attractive approach to the development of HCV-specific antiviral therapies.

The development of inhibitors of HCV NS5B polymerase with potential for the treatment of HCV infection has been reviewed in M.P. Walker *et al.*, “Promising candidates for the treatment of chronic hepatitis C,” *Expert Opin. Invest. Drugs*, 12:1269-1280 (2003) and in P. Hoffmann *et al.*, “Recent patents on experimental therapy for hepatitis C virus infection (1999-2002),” *Expert Opin. Ther. Patents*, 13:1707-1723 (2003). The activity of purine ribonucleosides against HCV polymerase was reported by A.E. Eldrup *et al.*, “Structure-Activity Relationship of Purine Ribonucleosides for Inhibition of HCV RNA-Dependent RNA Polymerase,” *J. Med. Chem.*, 47:2283-2295 (2004).

There is a continuing need for structurally diverse nucleoside derivatives as inhibitors of HCV polymerase as therapeutic approaches for HCV therapy. This invention responds to that need.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

In one aspect, the present invention provides Compounds of Formula (I):

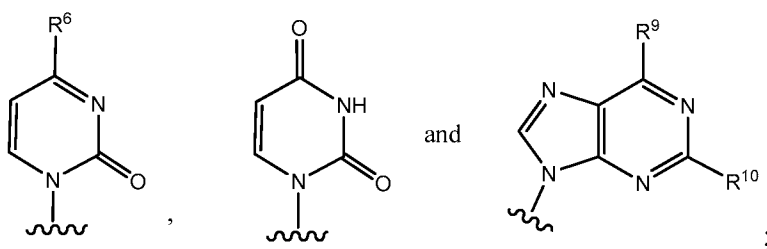


and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof,
wherein:

X is O, S or CH₂;

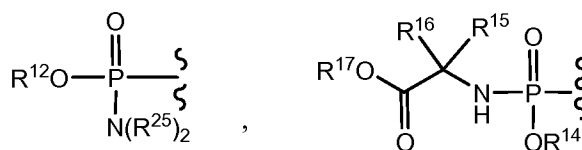
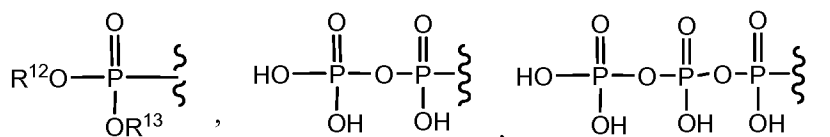
B is a natural or non-natural purine or pyrimidine base, or B is selected from one

of the following groups:

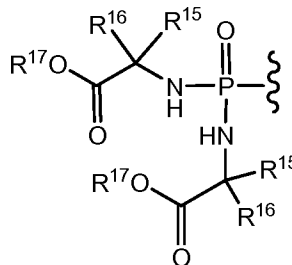


Y is N or -C(R¹⁹)-;

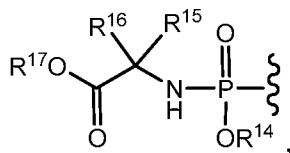
R¹ is H,



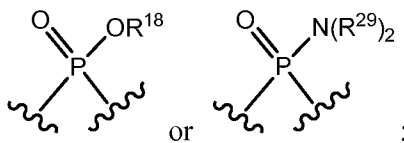
or



R^2 is H or



or R^1 and R^2 join to form a group having the formula:



5 R^3 is C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_1 - C_6 haloalkyl, C_1 - C_6 hydroxyalkyl, C_2 - C_6 alkenyl, C_2 - C_6 alkynyl or C_3 - C_7 cycloalkyl;

R^4 , R^5 , R^7 and R^8 are each independently H, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_1 - C_6 haloalkyl, C_1 - C_6 hydroxyalkyl, halo, $-OR^{20}$, $-SR^{20}$ or $-N(R^{20})_2$;

R^6 , R^9 and R^{10} are each independently selected from H, C_1 - C_6 alkyl,

10 C_2 - C_6 alkenyl, C_2 - C_6 alkynyl, C_3 - C_7 cycloalkyl, 5- or 6-membered monocyclic heteroaryl, 9- or 10-membered bicyclic heteroaryl, halo, $-OR^{20}$, $-SR^{20}$, $-S(O)R^{20}$, $-S(O)_2R^{20}$, $-S(O)_2N(R^{20})_2$, $-NHC(O)OR^{20}$, $-NHC(O)N(R^{20})_2$, C_1 - C_6 haloalkyl, C_1 - C_6 hydroxyalkyl, $-O-(C_1-C_6 \text{ haloalkyl})$, $-CN$, $-NO_2$, $-N(R^{20})_2$, $-NH(C_1-C_6 \text{ alkylene})-(5- \text{ or } 6\text{-membered monocyclic heteroaryl})$, $-NH(C_1-C_6 \text{ alkylene})-(9- \text{ or } 10\text{-membered bicyclic heteroaryl})$, $-C(O)R^{20}$, $-C(O)OR^{20}$, $-C(O)N(R^{20})_2$ and -
15 $NHC(O)R^{20}$, wherein said C_2 - C_6 alkenyl group and said C_2 - C_6 alkynyl group can be optionally substituted a halo group;

R^{12} is H or $-(C_1-C_6 \text{ alkylene})-T-R^{21}$;

R^{13} is H or $-(C_1-C_6 \text{ alkylene})-T-R^{21}$, or R^{12} and R^{13} can join to form a C_2 - C_4 alkylene group between the oxygen atoms that R^{12} and R^{13} are attached to, wherein said C_2 - C_4

20 alkylene group is substituted with at least one C_6 - C_{10} aryl group;

R^{14} is H, C_6 - C_{10} aryl, 5- or 6-membered monocyclic heteroaryl or 9- or 10-membered bicyclic heteroaryl, wherein said C_6 - C_{10} aryl group, said 5- or 6-membered monocyclic heteroaryl group and said 9- or 10-membered bicyclic heteroaryl group can be optionally substituted with R^{22} ;

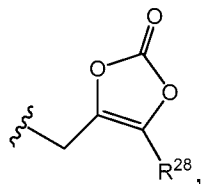
25 R^{15} is H, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_3 - C_7 cycloalkyl, phenyl or benzyl, wherein said C_1 - C_6 alkyl can be optionally substituted with a group selected from halo, $-OR^{20}$, $-SR^{20}$, guanidino, $-N(R^{20})_2$, $-C(O)OR^{20}$, $-C(O)N(R^{20})_2$, $-NHC(O)R^{20}$, 5- or 6-membered monocyclic heteroaryl and 9- or 10-membered bicyclic heteroaryl, and wherein said phenyl group and said benzyl group can

be optionally substituted with up to 2 groups, each independently selected from C₁-C₆ alkyl, halo and -OR²⁰;

R¹⁶ is H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, phenyl or benzyl, wherein said C₁-C₆ alkyl can be optionally substituted with a group selected from halo, -OR²⁰, -SR²⁰, guanidino, -
 5 N(R²⁰)₂, -C(O)OR²⁰, -C(O)N(R²⁰)₂, -NHC(O)R²⁰, 5- or 6-membered monocyclic heteroaryl and 9- or 10-membered bicyclic heteroaryl, and wherein said phenyl group and said benzyl group can be optionally substituted with up to 2 groups, each independently selected from C₁-C₆ alkyl, halo and -OR²⁰;

R¹⁷ is H, C₁-C₂₀ alkyl, C₂-C₂₀ alkenyl, -(C₁-C₃ alkylene)_m-(C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl), -
 10 (C₁-C₃ alkylene)_m-(C₆-C₁₀ aryl) or adamantyl, wherein said C₁-C₂₀ alkyl group, said C₂-C₂₀ alkenyl group, said C₆-C₁₀ aryl group and said adamantyl group can be optionally substituted with up to three groups, each independently selected from halo, -OR²⁰, -C(O)OR²⁰, CN, NO₂, C₁-C₆ haloalkyl, C₁-C₆ hydroxyalkyl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, C₆-C₁₀ aryl, 5- or 6-membered monocyclic heteroaryl, 9- or 10-membered bicyclic heteroaryl, -N(R²⁰)₂, -C(O)N(R²⁰)₂, -SR²⁰, -
 15 S(O)R²⁰, -S(O)₂R²⁰, -S(O)₂N(R²⁰)₂, -NHC(O)R²⁰, -NHC(O)OR²⁰ and -NHC(O)N(R²⁰)₂ and;

R¹⁸ is H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, -(C₁-C₃ alkylene)_m-C₆-C₁₀ aryl, 5- or 6-membered monocyclic heteroaryl, 9- or 10-membered bicyclic heteroaryl or:



wherein said C₆-C₁₀ aryl group, said 5- or 6-membered monocyclic heteroaryl group and said 9-
 20 or 10-membered bicyclic heteroaryl group can be optionally substituted with up to five groups, each independently selected from C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, halo, -OR²⁰, -SR²⁰, C₁-C₆ haloalkyl, C₁-C₆ hydroxyalkyl, -O-(C₁-C₆ haloalkyl), -CN, -NO₂, -N(R²⁰)₂, -C(O)OR²⁰, -C(O)N(R²⁰)₂ and -NHC(O)R²⁰;

R¹⁹ is H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ haloalkyl, C₁-C₆ hydroxyalkyl, halo, -OR²⁰, -SR²⁰,
 25 N(R²⁰)₂, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, C₆-C₁₀ aryl, 5- or 6-membered monocyclic heteroaryl or 9- or 10-membered bicyclic heteroaryl;

each occurrence of R²⁰ is independently H, C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, C₁-C₆ haloalkyl, C₁-C₆ hydroxyalkyl, -(C₁-C₃ alkylene)_m-(C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl), -(C₁-C₃ alkylene)_m-(C₆-C₁₀ aryl), -(C₁-C₃ alkylene)_m-(4 to 7-membered heterocycloalkyl), -(C₁-C₃ alkylene)_m-(5- or 6-membered
 30 monocyclic heteroaryl) or -(C₁-C₃ alkylene)_m-(9- or 10-membered bicyclic heteroaryl), wherein

said C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl group, said C₆-C₁₀ aryl group, said 4 to 7-membered heterocycloalkyl group, said -(5- or 6-membered monocyclic heteroaryl group or said 9- or 10-membered bicyclic heteroaryl group can be optionally substituted with R²⁶;

each occurrence of R²¹ is independently H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ haloalkyl, C₁-C₆ hydroxyalkyl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkenyl, 5- or 6-membered monocyclic heteroaryl, 9- or 10-membered bicyclic heteroaryl, -OR²⁰, -O-(C₁-C₆ haloalkyl) or -N(R²⁰)₂, wherein said C₂-C₆ alkenyl group, said C₂-C₆ alkynyl group, said C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl group, said C₃-C₇ cycloalkenyl group, said C₆-C₁₀ aryl group, said 5- or 6-membered monocyclic heteroaryl group and said 9- or 10-membered bicyclic heteroaryl group can be optionally substituted with up to five groups, each independently selected from C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, halo, -OR²⁰, -SR²⁰, C₁-C₆ haloalkyl, C₁-C₆ hydroxyalkyl, -O-(C₁-C₆ haloalkyl), -CN, -NO₂, -N(R²⁰)₂, -C(O)R²⁰, -C(O)OR²⁰, -C(O)N(R²⁰)₂ and -NHC(O)R²⁰;

R²² represents from one to five substituent groups, each independently selected from C₁-C₆ alkyl, halo, -OR²⁰, -SR²⁰, C₁-C₆ haloalkyl, C₁-C₆ hydroxyalkyl, -O-(C₁-C₆ haloalkyl), -CN, -NO₂, -N(R²⁰)₂, -C(O)OR²⁰, -C(O)N(R²⁰)₂ and -NHC(O)R²⁰, or any two R²² groups on adjacent ring carbon atoms can combine to form -O-R²³-O-;

R²³ is -[C(R²⁴)₂]_n;

each occurrence of R²⁴ is independently H or C₁-C₆ alkyl;

each occurrence of R²⁵ is independently H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, -(C₁-C₃ alkylene)_m-(C₆-C₁₀ aryl), 4 to 7-membered heterocycloalkyl, 5- or 6-membered monocyclic heteroaryl or 9- or 10-membered bicyclic heteroaryl, wherein said C₁-C₆ alkyl group, said C₂-C₆ alkenyl group, said C₂-C₆ alkynyl group, said C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl group, said C₆-C₁₀ aryl group, said 4 to 7-membered heterocycloalkyl group, said -(5- or 6-membered monocyclic heteroaryl group or said 9- or 10-membered bicyclic heteroaryl group can be optionally substituted with R²⁶; or two R²⁵ groups, together with the common nitrogen atom to which they are attached, join to form a 4- to 7-membered heterocycloalkyl group;

R²⁶ represents from one to five substituent groups, each independently selected from C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, halo, -OR²⁷, -SR²⁷, C₁-C₆ haloalkyl, C₁-C₆ hydroxyalkyl, -O-(C₁-C₆ haloalkyl), -CN, -NO₂, -N(R²⁷)₂, -C(O)OR²⁷, -C(O)N(R²⁷)₂ and -NHC(O)R²⁷;

each occurrence of R²⁷ is independently H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ haloalkyl, C₁-C₆ hydroxyalkyl, -(C₁-C₃ alkylene)_m-(C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl), -(C₁-C₃ alkylene)_m-(C₆-C₁₀ aryl), -(C₁-C₃

alkylene)_m-(4 to 7-membered heterocycloalkyl), -(C₁-C₃ alkylene)_m-(5- or 6-membered monocyclic heteroaryl) or -(C₁-C₃ alkylene)_m-(9- or 10-membered bicyclic heteroaryl);

R²⁸ is H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ haloalkyl, C₁-C₆ hydroxyalkyl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkenyl, 5- or 6-membered monocyclic heteroaryl, 9- or 10-membered bicyclic heteroaryl, -OR²⁰, -O-(C₁-C₆ haloalkyl) or -N(R²⁰)₂, wherein said C₂-C₆ alkenyl group, said C₂-C₆ alkynyl group, said C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl group, said C₃-C₇ cycloalkenyl group, said C₆-C₁₀ aryl group, said 5- or 6-membered monocyclic heteroaryl group and said 9- or 10-membered bicyclic heteroaryl group can be optionally substituted with up to five groups, each independently selected from C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, halo, -OR²⁰, -SR²⁰, C₁-C₆ haloalkyl, C₁-C₆ hydroxyalkyl, -O-(C₁-C₆ haloalkyl), -CN, -NO₂, -N(R²⁰)₂, -C(O)R²⁰, -C(O)OR²⁰, -C(O)N(R²⁰)₂ and -NHC(O)R²⁰;

each occurrence of R²⁹ is independently H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ haloalkyl, C₁-C₆ hydroxyalkyl, -(C₁-C₃ alkylene)_m-(C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl), -(C₁-C₃ alkylene)_m-(C₆-C₁₀ aryl), -(C₁-C₃ alkylene)_m-(4 to 7-membered heterocycloalkyl), -(C₁-C₃ alkylene)_m-(5- or 6-membered monocyclic heteroaryl) or -(C₁-C₃ alkylene)_m-(9- or 10-membered bicyclic heteroaryl), wherein said C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl group, said C₆-C₁₀ aryl group, said 4 to 7-membered heterocycloalkyl group, said -(5- or 6-membered monocyclic heteroaryl) group or said 9- or 10-membered bicyclic heteroaryl group can be optionally substituted with R²⁶;

each occurrence of T is independently -S-, -O-, -SC(O)-, -SC(S)-, -OC(O)- and -OC(S)-;

each occurrence of m is independently 0 or 1; and

each occurrence of n is independently 1 or 2.

The Compounds of Formula (I) (also referred to herein as the “2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivatives”) and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof can be useful, for example, for inhibiting HCV viral replication or replicon activity, and for treating or preventing HCV infection in a patient. Without being bound by any specific theory, it is believed that the 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivatives inhibit HCV viral replication by inhibiting HCV NS5B.

Accordingly, the present invention provides methods for treating or preventing HCV infection in a patient, comprising administering to the patient an effective amount of at least one 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivative.

The details of the invention are set forth in the accompanying detailed description below.

Although any methods and materials similar to those described herein can be used in the practice or testing of the present invention, illustrative methods and materials are now described. Other embodiments, aspects and features of the present invention are either further described in or will be apparent from the ensuing description, examples and appended claims.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivatives, compositions comprising at least one 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivative, and methods of using the 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivatives for treating or preventing HCV infection in a patient.

Definitions and Abbreviations

The terms used herein have their ordinary meaning and the meaning of such terms is independent at each occurrence thereof. That notwithstanding and except where stated otherwise, the following definitions apply throughout the specification and claims. Chemical names, common names, and chemical structures may be used interchangeably to describe the same structure. If a chemical compound is referred to using both a chemical structure and a chemical name and an ambiguity exists between the structure and the name, the structure predominates. These definitions apply regardless of whether a term is used by itself or in combination with other terms, unless otherwise indicated. Hence, the definition of "alkyl" applies to "alkyl" as well as the "alkyl" portions of "hydroxyalkyl," "haloalkyl," "-O-alkyl," etc...

As used herein, and throughout this disclosure, the following terms, unless otherwise indicated, shall be understood to have the following meanings:

A "patient" is a human or non-human mammal. In one embodiment, a patient is a human. In another embodiment, a patient is a chimpanzee.

The term "effective amount" as used herein, refers to an amount of 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivative and/or an additional therapeutic agent, or a composition thereof that is effective in producing the desired therapeutic, ameliorative, inhibitory or preventative effect when administered to a patient suffering from a viral infection or virus-related disorder. In the combination therapies of the present invention, an effective amount can refer to each individual agent or to the combination as a whole, wherein the amounts of all agents

administered are together effective, but wherein the component agent of the combination may not be present individually in an effective amount.

The term "preventing," as used herein with respect to an HCV viral infection or HCV-virus related disorder, refers to reducing the likelihood or severity of HCV infection.

5 The term "alkyl," as used herein, refers to an aliphatic hydrocarbon group having one of its hydrogen atoms replaced with a bond. An alkyl group may be straight or branched and contain from about 1 to about 20 carbon atoms. In one embodiment, an alkyl group contains from about 1 to about 12 carbon atoms. In different embodiments, an alkyl group contains from 1 to 6 carbon atoms (C₁-C₆ alkyl) or from about 1 to about 4 carbon atoms (C₁-C₄ alkyl). Non-
10 limiting examples of alkyl groups include methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, sec-butyl, isobutyl, tert-butyl, n-pentyl, neopentyl, isopentyl, n-hexyl, isohexyl and neoheptyl. An alkyl group may be unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents which may be the same or different, each substituent being independently selected from the group consisting of halo, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cyano, hydroxy, -O-alkyl, -O-aryl, -alkylene-O-alkyl,
15 alkylthio, -NH₂, -NH(alkyl), -N(alkyl)₂, -NH(cycloalkyl), -O-C(O)-alkyl, -O-C(O)-aryl, -O-C(O)-cycloalkyl, -C(O)OH and -C(O)O-alkyl. In one embodiment, an alkyl group is linear. In another embodiment, an alkyl group is branched. Unless otherwise indicated, an alkyl group is unsubstituted.

 The term "alkenyl," as used herein, refers to an aliphatic hydrocarbon group
20 containing at least one carbon-carbon double bond and having one of its hydrogen atoms replaced with a bond. An alkenyl group may be straight or branched and contain from about 2 to about 15 carbon atoms. In one embodiment, an alkenyl group contains from about 2 to about 12 carbon atoms. In another embodiment, an alkenyl group contains from about 2 to about 6 carbon atoms. Non-limiting examples of alkenyl groups include ethenyl, propenyl, n-butenyl, 3-
25 methylbut-2-enyl, n-pentenyl, octenyl and decenyl. An alkenyl group may be unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents which may be the same or different, each substituent being independently selected from the group consisting of halo, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cyano, hydroxy, -O-alkyl, -O-aryl, -alkylene-O-alkyl, alkylthio, -NH₂, -NH(alkyl), -N(alkyl)₂, -NH(cycloalkyl), -O-C(O)-alkyl, -O-C(O)-aryl, -O-C(O)-cycloalkyl, -C(O)OH and -
30 C(O)O-alkyl. The term "C₂-C₆ alkenyl" refers to an alkenyl group having from 2 to 6 carbon atoms. Unless otherwise indicated, an alkenyl group is unsubstituted.

 The term "alkynyl," as used herein, refers to an aliphatic hydrocarbon group containing at least one carbon-carbon triple bond and having one of its hydrogen atoms replaced

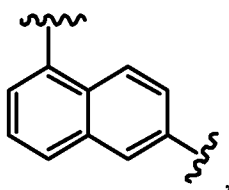
with a bond. An alkynyl group may be straight or branched and contain from about 2 to about 15 carbon atoms. In one embodiment, an alkynyl group contains from about 2 to about 12 carbon atoms. In another embodiment, an alkynyl group contains from about 2 to about 6 carbon atoms. Non-limiting examples of alkynyl groups include ethynyl, propynyl, 2-butylnyl and 3-methylbutynyl. An alkynyl group may be unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents which may be the same or different, each substituent being independently selected from the group consisting of halo, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cyano, hydroxy, -O-alkyl, -O-aryl, -alkylene-O-alkyl, alkylthio, -NH₂, -NH(alkyl), -N(alkyl)₂, -NH(cycloalkyl), -O-C(O)-alkyl, -O-C(O)-aryl, -O-C(O)-cycloalkyl, -C(O)OH and -C(O)O-alkyl. The term "C₂-C₆ alkynyl" refers to an alkynyl group having from 2 to 6 carbon atoms. Unless otherwise indicated, an alkynyl group is unsubstituted.

The term "alkylene," as used herein, refers to an alkyl group, as defined above, wherein one of the alkyl group's hydrogen atoms has been replaced with a bond. Non-limiting examples of alkylene groups include -CH₂-, -CH₂CH₂-, -CH₂CH₂CH₂-, -CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂-, -CH(CH₃)CH₂CH₂-, -CH(CH₃)- and -CH₂CH(CH₃)CH₂-. In one embodiment, an alkylene group has from 1 to about 6 carbon atoms. In another embodiment, an alkylene group is branched. In another embodiment, an alkylene group is linear. In one embodiment, an alkylene group is -CH₂-. The term "C₁-C₆ alkylene" refers to an alkylene group having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms.

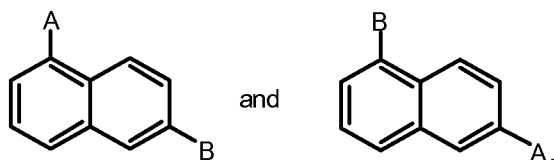
The term "aryl," as used herein, refers to an aromatic monocyclic or multicyclic ring system comprising from about 6 to about 14 carbon atoms. In one embodiment, an aryl group contains from about 6 to about 10 carbon atoms. An aryl group can be optionally substituted with one or more "ring system substituents" which may be the same or different, and are as defined herein below. In one embodiment, an aryl group can be optionally fused to a cycloalkyl or cycloalkanoyl group. Non-limiting examples of aryl groups include phenyl and naphthyl. In one embodiment, an aryl group is phenyl. Unless otherwise indicated, an aryl group is unsubstituted.

The term "arylene," as used herein, refers to a bivalent group derived from an aryl group, as defined above, by removal of a hydrogen atom from a ring carbon of an aryl group. An arylene group can be derived from a monocyclic or multicyclic ring system comprising from about 6 to about 14 carbon atoms. In one embodiment, an arylene group contains from about 6 to about 10 carbon atoms. In another embodiment, an arylene group is a naphthylene group. In another embodiment, an arylene group is a phenylene group. An arylene group can be optionally substituted with one or more "ring system substituents" which may be the same or different, and

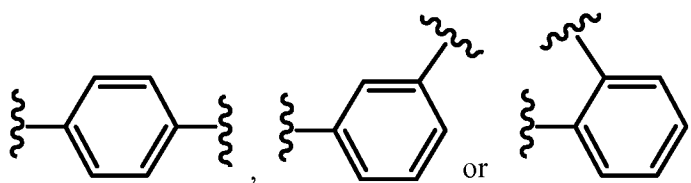
are as defined herein below. An arylene group is divalent and either available bond on an arylene group can connect to either group flanking the arylene group. For example, the group "A-arylene-B," wherein the arylene group is:



5 is understood to represent both:



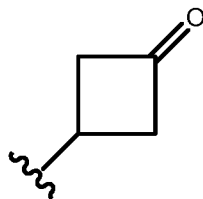
In one embodiment, an arylene group can be optionally fused to a cycloalkyl or cycloalkanoyl group. Non-limiting examples of arylene groups include phenylene and naphthalene. In one embodiment, an arylene group is unsubstituted. In another embodiment, an
10 arylene group is:



Unless otherwise indicated, an arylene group is unsubstituted.

The term "cycloalkyl," as used herein, refers to a non-aromatic mono- or multicyclic ring system comprising from 3 to about 10 ring carbon atoms. In one embodiment, a
15 cycloalkyl contains from about 5 to about 10 ring carbon atoms. In another embodiment, a cycloalkyl contains from 3 to about 7 ring atoms. In another embodiment, a cycloalkyl contains from about 5 to about 6 ring atoms. The term "cycloalkyl" also encompasses a cycloalkyl group, as defined above, which is fused to an aryl (*e.g.*, benzene) or heteroaryl ring. Non-limiting examples of monocyclic cycloalkyls include cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl,
20 cycloheptyl and cyclooctyl. Non-limiting examples of multicyclic cycloalkyls include 1-decalinyl, norbornyl and adamantyl. A cycloalkyl group can be optionally substituted with one or more "ring system substituents" which may be the same or different, and are as defined herein below. In one embodiment, a cycloalkyl group is unsubstituted. The term "3 to 6-membered cycloalkyl" refers to a cycloalkyl group having from 3 to 6 ring carbon atoms. Unless otherwise
25 indicated, a cycloalkyl group is unsubstituted. A ring carbon atom of a cycloalkyl group may be

functionalized as a carbonyl group. An illustrative example of such a cycloalkyl group (also referred to herein as a "cycloalkanoyl" group) includes, but is not limited to, cyclobutanoyl:



The term "halo," as used herein, means -F, -Cl, -Br or -I.

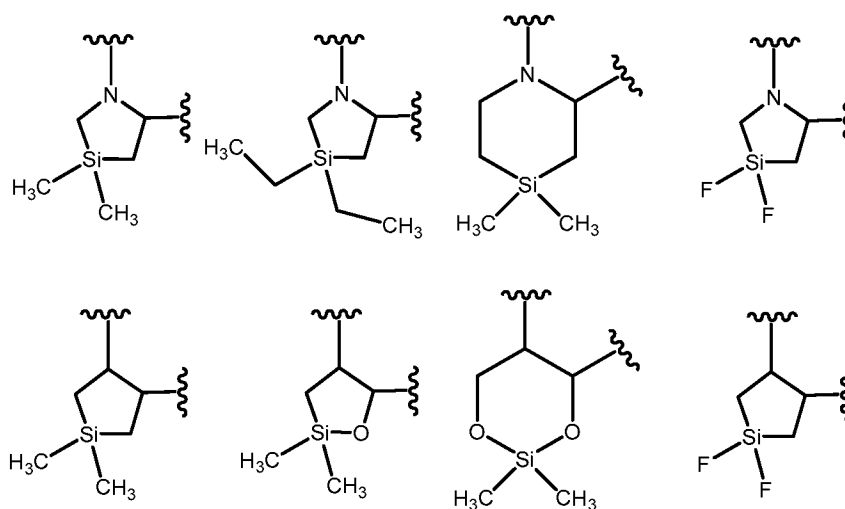
5 The term "haloalkyl," as used herein, refers to an alkyl group as defined above, wherein one or more of the alkyl group's hydrogen atoms has been replaced with a halogen. In one embodiment, a haloalkyl group has from 1 to 6 carbon atoms. In another embodiment, a haloalkyl group is substituted with from 1 to 3 F atoms. Non-limiting examples of haloalkyl groups include -CH₂F, -CHF₂, -CF₃, -CH₂Cl and -CCl₃. The term "C₁-C₆ haloalkyl" refers to a
10 haloalkyl group having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms.

 The term "hydroxyalkyl," as used herein, refers to an alkyl group as defined above, wherein one or more of the alkyl group's hydrogen atoms have been replaced with an -OH group. In one embodiment, a hydroxyalkyl group has from 1 to 6 carbon atoms. Non-limiting examples of hydroxyalkyl groups include -CH₂OH, -CH₂CH₂OH, -CH₂CH₂CH₂OH and
15 -CH₂CH(OH)CH₃. The term "C₁-C₆ hydroxyalkyl" refers to a hydroxyalkyl group having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms.

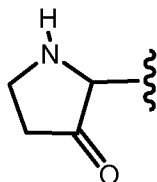
 The term "heteroaryl," as used herein, refers to an aromatic monocyclic or multicyclic ring system comprising about 5 to about 14 ring atoms, wherein from 1 to 4 of the ring atoms is independently O, N or S and the remaining ring atoms are carbon atoms. In one
20 embodiment, a heteroaryl group has 5 to 10 ring atoms. In another embodiment, a heteroaryl group is monocyclic and has 5 or 6 ring atoms. In another embodiment, a heteroaryl group is bicyclic. A heteroaryl group can be optionally substituted by one or more "ring system substituents" which may be the same or different, and are as defined herein below. A heteroaryl group is joined via a ring carbon atom, and any nitrogen atom of a heteroaryl can be optionally
25 oxidized to the corresponding N-oxide. The term "heteroaryl" also encompasses a heteroaryl group, as defined above, which is fused to a benzene ring. Non-limiting examples of heteroaryls include pyridyl, pyrazinyl, furanyl, thienyl, pyrimidinyl, pyridone (including N-substituted pyridones), isoxazolyl, isothiazolyl, oxazolyl, oxadiazolyl, thiazolyl, pyrazolyl, furazanyl, pyrrolyl, triazolyl, 1,2,4-thiadiazolyl, pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl, quinoxalanyl, phthalazinyl,
30 oxindolyl, imidazo[1,2-a]pyridinyl, imidazo[2,1-b]thiazolyl, benzofurazanyl, indolyl, azaindolyl,

benzimidazolyl, benzothienyl, quinolinyl, imidazolyl, benzimidazolyl, thienopyridyl, quinazolinyl, thienopyrimidyl, pyrrolopyridyl, imidazopyridyl, isoquinolinyl, benzoazaindolyl, 1,2,4-triazinyl, benzothiazolyl and the like, and all isomeric forms thereof. The term "heteroaryl" also refers to partially saturated heteroaryl moieties such as, for example, tetrahydroisoquinolyl, tetrahydroquinolyl and the like. In one embodiment, a heteroaryl group is a 5-membered heteroaryl. In another embodiment, a heteroaryl group is a 6-membered heteroaryl. In another embodiment, a heteroaryl group comprises a 5- to 6-membered heteroaryl group fused to a benzene ring. Unless otherwise indicated, a heteroaryl group is unsubstituted.

The term "heterocycloalkyl," as used herein, refers to a non-aromatic saturated monocyclic or multicyclic ring system comprising 3 to about 11 ring atoms, wherein from 1 to 4 of the ring atoms are independently O, S, N or Si, and the remainder of the ring atoms are carbon atoms. A heterocycloalkyl group can be joined via a ring carbon, ring silicon atom or ring nitrogen atom. In one embodiment, a heterocycloalkyl group is monocyclic and has from 3 to about 7 ring atoms. In another embodiment, a heterocycloalkyl group is monocyclic has from about 4 to about 7 ring atoms. In another embodiment, a heterocycloalkyl group is bicyclic and has from about 7 to about 11 ring atoms. In still another embodiment, a heterocycloalkyl group is monocyclic and has 5 or 6 ring atoms. In one embodiment, a heterocycloalkyl group is monocyclic. In another embodiment, a heterocycloalkyl group is bicyclic. There are no adjacent oxygen and/or sulfur atoms present in the ring system. Any -NH group in a heterocycloalkyl ring may exist protected such as, for example, as an -N(BOC), -N(Cbz), -N(Tos) group and the like; such protected heterocycloalkyl groups are considered part of this invention. The term "heterocycloalkyl" also encompasses a heterocycloalkyl group, as defined above, which is fused to an aryl (*e.g.*, benzene) or heteroaryl ring. A heterocycloalkyl group can be optionally substituted by one or more "ring system substituents" which may be the same or different, and are as defined herein below. The nitrogen or sulfur atom of the heterocycloalkyl can be optionally oxidized to the corresponding N-oxide, S-oxide or S,S-dioxide. Non-limiting examples of monocyclic heterocycloalkyl rings include oxetanyl, piperidyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl, morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl, thiazolidinyl, 1,4-dioxanyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, tetrahydrothiophenyl, delta-lactam, delta-lactone, silacyclopentane, silapyrrolidine and the like, and all isomers thereof. Non-limiting illustrative examples of a silyl-containing heterocycloalkyl group include:



A ring carbon atom of a heterocycloalkyl group may be functionalized as a carbonyl group. An illustrative example of such a heterocycloalkyl group is:

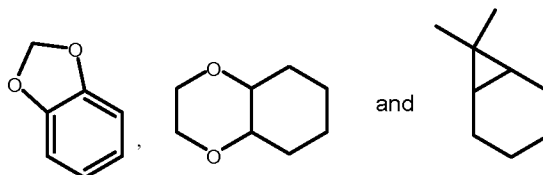


5 In one embodiment, a heterocycloalkyl group is a 5-membered monocyclic heterocycloalkyl. In another embodiment, a heterocycloalkyl group is a 6-membered monocyclic heterocycloalkyl. The term “3 to 6-membered monocyclic cycloalkyl” refers to a monocyclic heterocycloalkyl group having from 3 to 6 ring atoms. The term “4 to 6-membered monocyclic cycloalkyl” refers to a monocyclic heterocycloalkyl group having from 4 to 6 ring atoms. The term “7 to 11-membered bicyclic heterocycloalkyl” refers to a bicyclic heterocycloalkyl group having from 7 to 11 ring atoms. Unless otherwise indicated, an heterocycloalkyl group is unsubstituted.

15 The term "natural or non-natural purine or pyrimidine base" includes, but is not limited to, adenine, N⁶-alkylpurines, N⁶-acylpurines (wherein acyl is C(O)(alkyl, aryl, alkylaryl, or arylalkyl), N⁶-benzylpurine, N⁶-halopurine, N⁶-vinylpurine, N⁶-acetylenic purine, N⁶-acyl purine, N⁶-hydroxyalkyl purine, N⁶-thioalkyl purine, N²-alkylpurines, N²-alkyl-6-thiopurines, thymine, cytosine, 5-fluorocytosine, 5-methylcytosine, 6-azapyrimidine, including 6-azacytosine, 2-and/or 4-mercaptopyrimidine, uracil, 5-halouracil, including 5-fluorouracil, C⁵-alkylpyrimidines, C⁵-benzylpyrimidines, C⁵-halopyrimidines, C⁵-vinylpyrimidine, C⁵-acetylenic pyrimidine, C⁵-acyl pyrimidine, C⁵-hydroxyalkyl purine, C⁵-amidopyrimidine, C⁵-cyanopyrimidine, C⁵-nitropyrimidine, C⁵-aminopyrimidine, N²-alkylpurines, N²-alkyl-6-thiopurines, 5-azacytidinyl, 5-azauracilyl, triazolopyridinyl, imidazolopyridinyl, pyrrolopyrimidinyl, and pyrazolopyrimidinyl.

Purine bases include, but are not limited to, guanine, adenine, hypoxanthine, 2,6-diaminopurine, and 6-chloropurine. Functional oxygen and nitrogen groups on the base can be protected as necessary or desired. Suitable protecting groups are well known to those skilled in the art, and include trimethylsilyl, dimethylhexylsilyl, t-butyl dimethylsilyl, and t-butyl diphenylsilyl, trityl, alkyl groups, acyl groups such as acetyl and propionyl, methanesulfonyl, and p-toluenesulfonyl.

The term "ring system substituent," as used herein, refers to a substituent group attached to an aromatic or non-aromatic ring system which, for example, replaces an available hydrogen on the ring system. Ring system substituents may be the same or different, each being independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, -alkylene-aryl, -arylene-alkyl, -alkylene-heteroaryl, -alkenylene-heteroaryl, -alkynylene-heteroaryl, -OH, hydroxyalkyl, haloalkyl, -O-alkyl, -O-haloalkyl, -alkylene-O-alkyl, -O-aryl, -O-alkylene-aryl, acyl, -C(O)-aryl, halo, -NO₂, -CN, -SF₅, -C(O)OH, -C(O)O-alkyl, -C(O)O-aryl, -C(O)O-alkylene-aryl, -S(O)-alkyl, -S(O)₂-alkyl, -S(O)-aryl, -S(O)₂-aryl, -S(O)-heteroaryl, -S(O)₂-heteroaryl, -S-alkyl, -S-aryl, -S-heteroaryl, -S-alkylene-aryl, -S-alkylene-heteroaryl, -S(O)₂-alkylene-aryl, -S(O)₂-alkylene-heteroaryl, -Si(alkyl)₂, -Si(aryl)₂, -Si(heteroaryl)₂, -Si(alkyl)(aryl), -Si(alkyl)(cycloalkyl), -Si(alkyl)(heteroaryl), cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, -O-C(O)-alkyl, -O-C(O)-aryl, -O-C(O)-cycloalkyl, -C(=N-CN)-NH₂, -C(=NH)-NH₂, -C(=NH)-NH(alkyl), -N(Y₁)(Y₂), -alkylene-N(Y₁)(Y₂), -C(O)N(Y₁)(Y₂) and -S(O)₂N(Y₁)(Y₂), wherein Y₁ and Y₂ can be the same or different and are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, and -alkylene-aryl. "Ring system substituent" may also mean a single moiety which simultaneously replaces two available hydrogens on two adjacent carbon atoms (one H on each carbon) on a ring system. Examples of such moiety are methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, -C(CH₃)₂- and the like which form moieties such as, for example:



The term "substituted" means that one or more hydrogens on the designated atom is replaced with a selection from the indicated group, provided that the designated atom's normal valency under the existing circumstances is not exceeded, and that the substitution results in a stable compound. Combinations of substituents and/or variables are permissible only if such combinations result in stable compounds. By "stable compound" or "stable structure" is meant a

compound that is sufficiently robust to survive isolation to a useful degree of purity from a reaction mixture, and formulation into an efficacious therapeutic agent.

The term "in substantially purified form," as used herein, refers to the physical state of a compound after the compound is isolated from a synthetic process (*e.g.*, from a reaction mixture), a natural source, or a combination thereof. The term "in substantially purified form," also refers to the physical state of a compound after the compound is obtained from a purification process or processes described herein or well-known to the skilled artisan (*e.g.*, chromatography, recrystallization and the like), in sufficient purity to be characterizable by standard analytical techniques described herein or well-known to the skilled artisan.

It should also be noted that any carbon as well as heteroatom with unsatisfied valences in the text, schemes, examples and tables herein is assumed to have the sufficient number of hydrogen atom(s) to satisfy the valences.

When a functional group in a compound is termed "protected", this means that the group is in modified form to preclude undesired side reactions at the protected site when the compound is subjected to a reaction. Suitable protecting groups will be recognized by those with ordinary skill in the art as well as by reference to standard textbooks such as, for example, T. W. Greene *et al*, *Protective Groups in Organic Synthesis* (1991), Wiley, New York.

When any substituent or variable (*e.g.*, alkyl, R⁶, R^a, etc.) occurs more than one time in any constituent or in Formula (I), its definition on each occurrence is independent of its definition at every other occurrence, unless otherwise indicated.

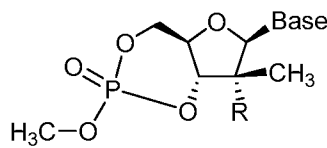
As used herein, the term "composition" is intended to encompass a product comprising the specified ingredients in the specified amounts, as well as any product which results, directly or indirectly, from combination of the specified ingredients in the specified amounts.

Prodrugs and solvates of the compounds of the invention are also contemplated herein. A discussion of prodrugs is provided in T. Higuchi and V. Stella, *Pro-drugs as Novel Delivery Systems* (1987) 14 of the A.C.S. Symposium Series, and in *Bioreversible Carriers in Drug Design*, (1987) Edward B. Roche, ed., American Pharmaceutical Association and Pergamon Press. The term "prodrug" means a compound (*e.g.*, a drug precursor) that is transformed *in vivo* to provide a 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivative or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of the compound. The transformation may occur by various mechanisms (*e.g.*, by metabolic or chemical processes), such as, for example, through hydrolysis in blood.

For example, if a 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivative or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, hydrate or solvate of the compound contains a carboxylic acid functional group, a prodrug can comprise an ester formed by the replacement of the hydrogen atom of the acid group with a group such as, for example, (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₂-

- 5 C₁₂)alkanoyloxymethyl, 1-(alkanoyloxy)ethyl having from 4 to 9 carbon atoms, 1-methyl-1-(alkanoyloxy)-ethyl having from 5 to 10 carbon atoms, alkoxycarbonyloxymethyl having from 3 to 6 carbon atoms, 1-(alkoxycarbonyloxy)ethyl having from 4 to 7 carbon atoms, 1-methyl-1-(alkoxycarbonyloxy)ethyl having from 5 to 8 carbon atoms, N-(alkoxycarbonyl)aminomethyl having from 3 to 9 carbon atoms, 1-(N-(alkoxycarbonyl)amino)ethyl having from 4 to 10 carbon
 10 atoms, 3-phthalidyl, 4-crotonolactonyl, gamma-butyrolacton-4-yl, di-N,N-(C₁-C₂)alkylamino(C₂-C₃)alkyl (such as β-dimethylaminoethyl), carbamoyl-(C₁-C₂)alkyl, N,N-di (C₁-C₂)alkylcarbamoyl-(C₁-C₂)alkyl and piperidino-, pyrrolidino- or morpholino(C₂-C₃)alkyl, and the like.

- Similarly, if a 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivative contains an alcohol
 15 functional group, a prodrug can be formed by the replacement of one or more of the hydrogen atoms of the alcohol groups with a group such as, for example, (C₁-C₆)alkanoyloxymethyl, 1-((C₁-C₆)alkanoyloxy)ethyl, 1-methyl-1-((C₁-C₆)alkanoyloxy)ethyl, (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyloxymethyl, N-(C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonylaminomethyl, succinoyl, (C₁-C₆)alkanoyl, α-amino(C₁-C₄)alkyl, α-amino(C₁-C₄)alkylene-aryl, arylacyl and α-aminoacyl, or α-
 20 aminoacyl-α-aminoacyl, where each α-aminoacyl group is independently selected from the naturally occurring L-amino acids, or glycosyl (the radical resulting from the removal of a hydroxyl group of the hemiacetal form of a carbohydrate). Other non-limiting example of alcohol-derived prodrugs include -P(O)(OH)₂; -P(O)(-O-C₁-C₆alkyl)₂; -P(O)(-NH-(α-aminoacyl group))(-O-aryl); -P(O)(-O-(C₁-C₆ alkylene)-S-acyl)(-NH-arylalkyl); any cyclic phosphate ester
 25 that forms a bridge between two ribose hydroxyl groups, such as:



wherein the cyclic phosphate ester forms a bridge between the 3'-OH group and 5'-OH groups; and those described in US Patent No. 7,879,815; International Publication Nos.

- WO2005/003047, WO2008/082602, WO2010/0081628, WO2010/075517 and WO2010/075549;
 30 Mehellou, *Chem. Med. Chem.*, 5:1841-1842 (2005); Bobeck *et al.*, *Antiviral Therapy* 15:935-950 (2010); Furman *et al.*, *Future Medicinal Chemistry*, 1:1429-1452 (2009); and Erion,

Microsomes and Drug Oxidations, Proceedings of the International Symposium, 17th, Saratoga Springs, NY, United States, July 6-10, 2008, 7-12 (2008).

If a 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivative incorporates an amine functional group, a prodrug can be formed by the replacement of a hydrogen atom in the amine group with a group such as, for example, R-carbonyl-, RO-carbonyl-, NRR'-carbonyl- wherein R and R' are each independently (C₁-C₁₀)alkyl, (C₃-C₇) cycloalkyl, benzyl, a natural α -aminoacyl, -C(OH)C(O)OY¹ wherein Y¹ is H, (C₁-C₆)alkyl or benzyl, -C(OY²)Y³ wherein Y² is (C₁-C₄) alkyl and Y³ is (C₁-C₆)alkyl; carboxy (C₁-C₆)alkyl; amino(C₁-C₄)alkyl or mono-N- or di-N,N-(C₁-C₆)alkylaminoalkyl; -C(Y⁴)Y⁵ wherein Y⁴ is H or methyl and Y⁵ is mono-N- or di-N,N-(C₁-C₆)alkylamino morpholino; piperidin-1-yl or pyrrolidin-1-yl, and the like.

Pharmaceutically acceptable esters of the present compounds include the following groups: (1) carboxylic acid esters obtained by esterification of the hydroxy group of a hydroxyl compound, in which the non-carbonyl moiety of the carboxylic acid portion of the ester grouping is selected from straight or branched chain alkyl (*e.g.*, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, t-butyl, sec-butyl or n-butyl), alkoxyalkyl (*e.g.*, methoxymethyl), aralkyl (*e.g.*, benzyl), aryloxyalkyl (for example, phenoxymethyl), aryl (*e.g.*, phenyl optionally substituted with, for example, halogen, C₁₋₄alkyl, -O-(C₁₋₄alkyl) or amino); (2) sulfonate esters, such as alkyl- or aralkylsulfonyl (for example, methanesulfonyl); (3) amino acid esters (*e.g.*, L-valyl or L-isoleucyl); (4) phosphonate esters and (5) mono-, di- or triphosphate esters. The phosphate esters may be further esterified by, for example, a C₁₋₂₀ alcohol or reactive derivative thereof, or by a 2,3-di (C₆₋₂₄)acyl glycerol.

One or more compounds of the invention may exist in unsolvated as well as solvated forms with pharmaceutically acceptable solvents such as water, ethanol, and the like, and it is intended that the invention embrace both solvated and unsolvated forms. "Solvate" means a physical association of a compound of this invention with one or more solvent molecules. This physical association involves varying degrees of ionic and covalent bonding, including hydrogen bonding. In certain instances the solvate will be capable of isolation, for example when one or more solvent molecules are incorporated in the crystal lattice of the crystalline solid. "Solvate" encompasses both solution-phase and isolatable solvates. Non-limiting examples of solvates include ethanolates, methanolates, and the like. A "hydrate" is a solvate wherein the solvent molecule is water.

One or more compounds of the invention may optionally be converted to a solvate. Preparation of solvates is generally known. Thus, for example, M. Caira *et al*, *J.*

Pharmaceutical Sci., 93(3), 601-611 (2004) describe the preparation of the solvates of the antifungal fluconazole in ethyl acetate as well as from water. Similar preparations of solvates, hemisolvate, hydrates and the like are described by E. C. van Tonder *et al*, *AAPS*

PharmSciTechours., 5(1), article 12 (2004); and A. L. Bingham *et al*, *Chem. Commun.*, 603-604

(2001). A typical, non-limiting, process involves dissolving the inventive compound in desired amounts of the desired solvent (organic or water or mixtures thereof) at a higher than room temperature, and cooling the solution at a rate sufficient to form crystals which are then isolated by standard methods. Analytical techniques such as, for example IR spectroscopy, show the presence of the solvent (or water) in the crystals as a solvate (or hydrate).

The 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivatives can form salts which are also within the scope of this invention. Reference to a 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivative herein is understood to include reference to salts thereof, unless otherwise indicated. The term "salt(s)", as employed herein, denotes acidic salts formed with inorganic and/or organic acids, as well as basic salts formed with inorganic and/or organic bases. In addition, when a 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivative contains both a basic moiety, such as, but not limited to a pyridine or imidazole, and an acidic moiety, such as, but not limited to a carboxylic acid, zwitterions ("inner salts") may be formed and are included within the term "salt(s)" as used herein. In one embodiment, the salt is a pharmaceutically acceptable (*i.e.*, non-toxic, physiologically acceptable) salt. In another embodiment, the salt is other than a pharmaceutically acceptable salt. Salts of the Compounds of Formula (I) may be formed, for example, by reacting a 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivative with an amount of acid or base, such as an equivalent amount, in a medium such as one in which the salt precipitates or in an aqueous medium followed by lyophilization.

Exemplary acid addition salts include acetates, ascorbates, benzoates, benzenesulfonates, bisulfates, borates, butyrates, citrates, camphorates, camphorsulfonates, fumarates, hydrochlorides, hydrobromides, hydroiodides, lactates, maleates, methanesulfonates, naphthalenesulfonates, nitrates, oxalates, phosphates, propionates, salicylates, succinates, sulfates, tartarates, thiocyanates, toluenesulfonates (also known as tosylates) and the like. Additionally, acids which are generally considered suitable for the formation of pharmaceutically useful salts from basic pharmaceutical compounds are discussed, for example, by P. Stahl *et al*, Camille G. (eds.) *Handbook of Pharmaceutical Salts. Properties, Selection and Use*. (2002) Zurich: Wiley-VCH; S. Berge *et al*, *Journal of Pharmaceutical Sciences* (1977) 66(1) 1-19; P. Gould, *International J. of Pharmaceutics* (1986) 33 201-217; Anderson *et al*, *The Practice of*

Medicinal Chemistry (1996), Academic Press, New York; and in *The Orange Book* (Food & Drug Administration, Washington, D.C. on their website). These disclosures are incorporated herein by reference thereto.

Exemplary basic salts include ammonium salts, alkali metal salts such as sodium,
5 lithium, and potassium salts, alkaline earth metal salts such as calcium and magnesium salts, salts with organic bases (for example, organic amines) such as dicyclohexylamine, t-butyl amine, choline, and salts with amino acids such as arginine, lysine and the like. Basic nitrogen-containing groups may be quarternized with agents such as lower alkyl halides (*e.g.*, methyl, ethyl, and butyl chlorides, bromides and iodides), dialkyl sulfates (*e.g.*, dimethyl, diethyl, and
10 dibutyl sulfates), long chain halides (*e.g.*, decyl, lauryl, and stearyl chlorides, bromides and iodides), aralkyl halides (*e.g.*, benzyl and phenethyl bromides), and others.

All such acid salts and base salts are intended to be pharmaceutically acceptable salts within the scope of the invention and all acid and base salts are considered equivalent to the free forms of the corresponding compounds for purposes of the invention.

15 Diastereomeric mixtures can be separated into their individual diastereomers on the basis of their physical chemical differences by methods well-known to those skilled in the art, such as, for example, by chromatography and/or fractional crystallization. Enantiomers can be separated by converting the enantiomeric mixture into a diastereomeric mixture by reaction with an appropriate optically active compound (*e.g.*, chiral auxiliary such as a chiral alcohol or
20 Mosher's acid chloride), separating the diastereomers and converting (*e.g.*, hydrolyzing) the individual diastereomers to the corresponding pure enantiomers. Stereochemically pure compounds may also be prepared by using chiral starting materials or by employing salt resolution techniques. Also, some of the 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivatives may be atropisomers (*e.g.*, substituted biaryls) and are considered as part of this invention. Enantiomers
25 can also be directly separated using chiral chromatographic techniques.

It is also possible that the 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivatives may exist in different tautomeric forms, and all such forms are embraced within the scope of the invention. For example, all keto-enol and imine-enamine forms of the compounds are included in the invention.

30 All stereoisomers (for example, geometric isomers, optical isomers and the like) of the present compounds (including those of the salts, solvates, hydrates, esters and prodrugs of the compounds as well as the salts, solvates and esters of the prodrugs), such as those which may exist due to asymmetric carbons on various substituents, including enantiomeric forms (which

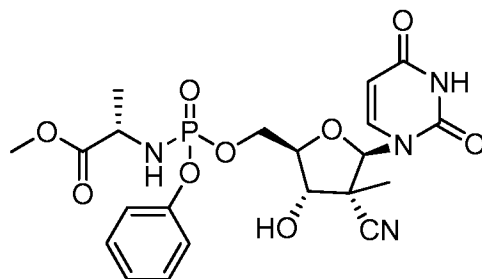
may exist even in the absence of asymmetric carbons), rotameric forms, atropisomers, and diastereomeric forms, are contemplated within the scope of this invention. If a 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivative incorporates a double bond or a fused ring, both the cis- and trans-forms, as well as mixtures, are embraced within the scope of the invention.

5 Individual stereoisomers of the compounds of the invention may, for example, be substantially free of other isomers, or may be admixed, for example, as racemates or with all other, or other selected, stereoisomers. The chiral centers of the present invention can have the S or R configuration as defined by the *IUPAC* 1974 Recommendations. The use of the terms "salt", "solvate", "ester", "prodrug" and the like, is intended to apply equally to the salt, solvate, ester
10 and prodrug of enantiomers, stereoisomers, rotamers, tautomers, positional isomers, racemates or prodrugs of the inventive compounds.

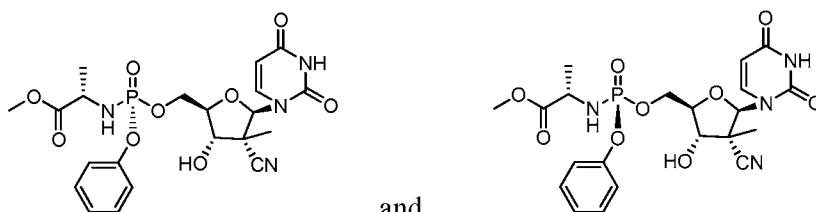
In the Compounds of Formula (I), the atoms may exhibit their natural isotopic abundances, or one or more of the atoms may be artificially enriched in a particular isotope having the same atomic number, but an atomic mass or mass number different from the atomic
15 mass or mass number predominantly found in nature. The present invention is meant to include all suitable isotopic variations of the compounds of generic Formula I. For example, different isotopic forms of hydrogen (H) include protium (^1H) and deuterium (^2H). Protium is the predominant hydrogen isotope found in nature. Enriching for deuterium may afford certain therapeutic advantages, such as increasing *in vivo* half-life or reducing dosage requirements, or
20 may provide a compound useful as a standard for characterization of biological samples. Isotopically-enriched Compounds of Formula (I) can be prepared without undue experimentation by conventional techniques well known to those skilled in the art or by processes analogous to those described in the Schemes and Examples herein using appropriate isotopically-enriched reagents and/or intermediates. In one embodiment, a Compound of Formula (I) has one or more
25 of its hydrogen atoms replaced with deuterium.

Polymorphic forms of the 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivatives, and of the salts, solvates, hydrates, esters and prodrugs of the 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivatives, are intended to be included in the present invention.

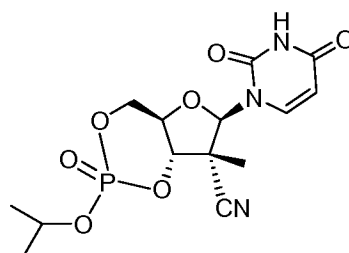
In some instances, the compounds of the present invention are designated as
30 "isomer 1" and "isomer 2." This designation refers to stereoisomers at the chiral phosphorus atom of the 5'-prodrug moiety as illustrated below for cyclic and non-cyclic prodrugs, wherein the structure:



is understood to represent the following two phosphorus stereoisomers:

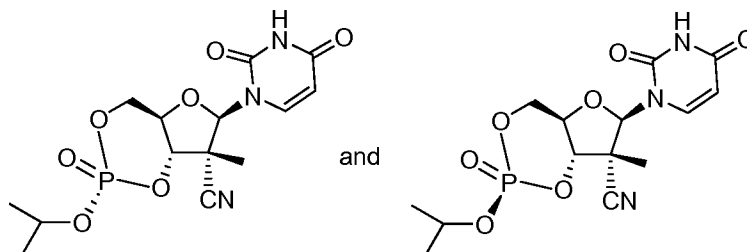


and the structure:



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is understood to represent the following two phosphorus stereoisomers:



The terms "isomer 1" and "isomer 2" can be assigned to isomers of known absolute configuration or can be used to describe stereoisomers of unknown absolute configuration. Thus, the use of the terms "isomer 1" and "isomer 2" is not to be interpreted as indicating that the absolute configuration of both isomers is known.

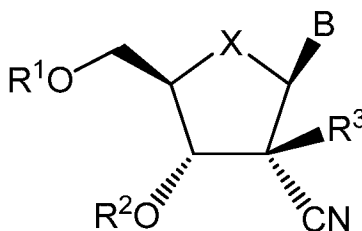
The following abbreviations are used below and have the following meanings: Ac is acetyl or -C(O)CH₃, Ac₂O is acetic anhydride; Bu is butyl; t-BuMgCl is tert-butyl magnesium chloride; DCM is dichloromethane; Dess-Martin Periodinane is 1,1,1-triacetoxy-1,1-dihydro-1,2-benziodoxol-3(1H)-one; DIBAL-H is diisobutylaluminum hydride; DMAP is N,N-dimethylamino pyridine; EtOAc is ethyl acetate; EtOH is ethanol; HPLC is high performance liquid chromatography; KHMDS is potassium hexamethyldisilazide; KOBut is potassium tert-

butoxide; LCMS is liquid chromatography/mass spectrometry; MeOH is methanol; NMI is *N*-methylimidazole; Pd(OH)₂ is palladium hydroxide; TBAF is tetra *n*-butylammonium fluoride; TEMPO is (2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-piperidin-1-yl)oxyl; THF is tetrahydrofuran; TIPDSiCl₂ is 1,3-dichloro-1,1,3,3-tetraisopropylidisiloxane; and TLC is thin-layer chromatography.

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The Compounds of Formula (I)

The present invention provides 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivatives of Formula (I):



(I)

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein B, X, R¹, R² and R³ are defined above for the Compounds of Formula (I).

In one embodiment, X is O.

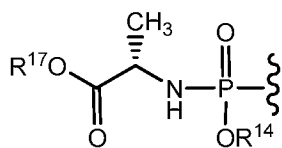
In another embodiment, X is S.

In another embodiment, X is CH₂.

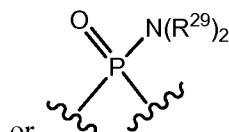
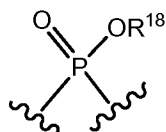
In one embodiment, R³ is C₁-C₆ alkyl.

In another embodiment, R³ is methyl.

In one embodiment, for the Compounds of Formula (I) or (Ia), R¹ is H or



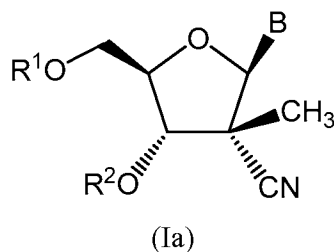
or R¹ and R² join to form a group having the formula:



, wherein R¹⁴ is C₆-C₁₀ aryl, which can be optionally substituted as set forth in claim 1; R¹⁷ is C₁-C₆ alkyl; R¹⁸ is C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl or C₆-C₁₀ aryl; and R²⁹ is as defined for the compounds of Formula (I).

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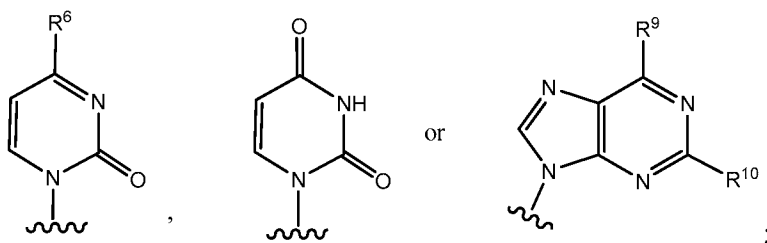
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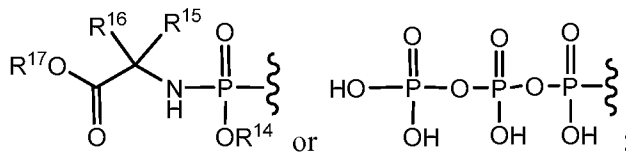
and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof,

5 wherein:

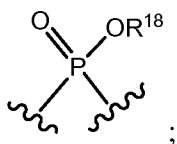
B is:



R¹ is H,



10 R² is H, or R¹ and R² join to form a group having the formula:



R⁶ and R¹⁰ are each independently -N(R²⁰)₂;

R⁹ is -OH or -O-(C₁-C₆ alkyl);

R¹⁴ is C₆-C₁₀ aryl, which can be optionally substituted with a halo group;

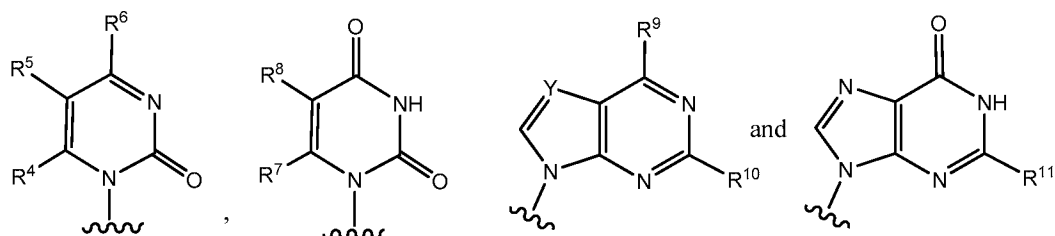
15 R¹⁵ and R¹⁶ are each independently H or C₁-C₆ alkyl;

R¹⁷ is C₁-C₆ alkyl;

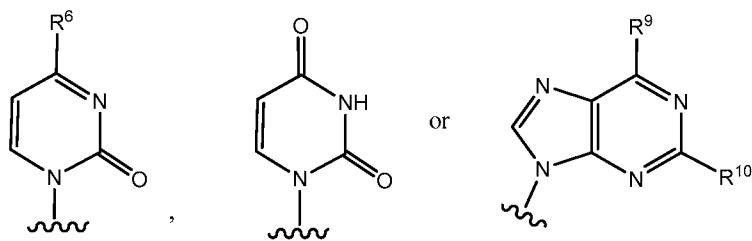
R¹⁸ is C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl or C₆-C₁₀ aryl; and

each occurrence of R²⁰ is independently H or -C(O)-(C₁-C₆ alkyl).

20 In one embodiment, for the Compounds of Formula (I) or (Ia), B is selected from one of the following groups:

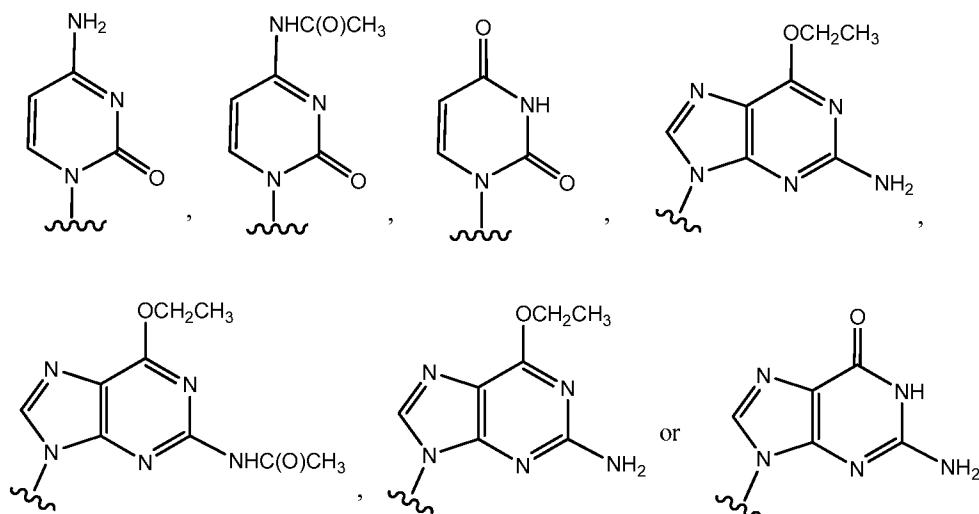


In another embodiment, for the Compounds of Formula (I) or (Ia), B is:

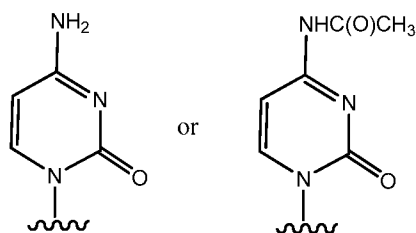


wherein R^6 and R^{10} are each independently $-NH_2$ or $-NHC(O)CH_3$ and R^9 is $-OH$ or $-O-(C_1-C_6$
 5 alkyl).

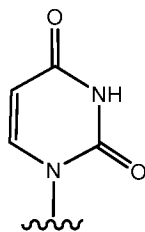
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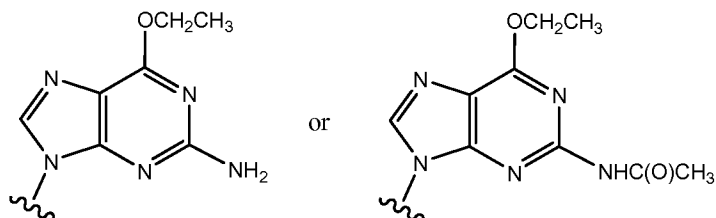
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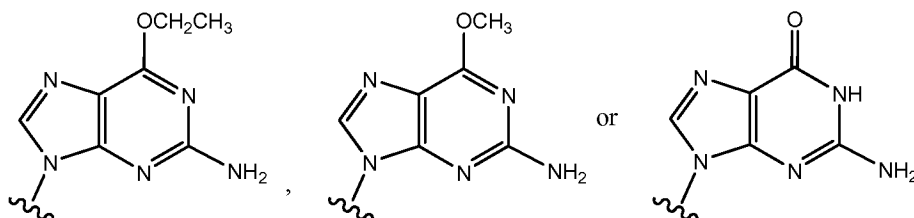
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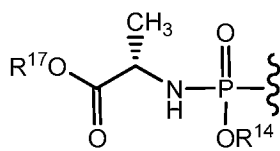


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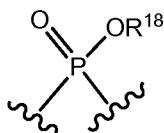


In one embodiment, for the Compounds of Formula (I) or (Ia), R¹ is H.

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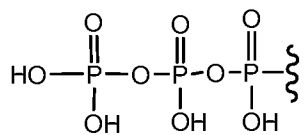


, or R¹ and R² join to form a group having the formula:

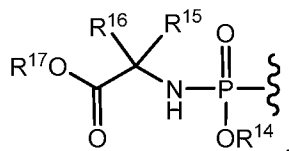


, wherein R¹⁴ is C₆-C₁₀ aryl, which can be optionally substituted as set forth in claim 1; R¹⁷ is C₁-C₆ alkyl; and R¹⁸ is C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl or C₆-C₁₀ aryl.

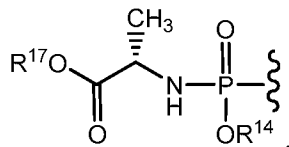
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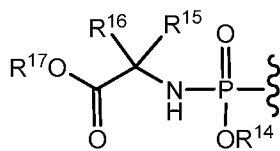
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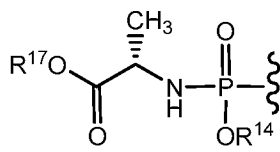


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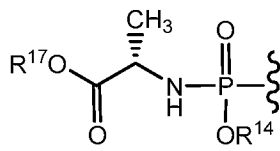
5 $\ddot{\text{O}}$ OR^{14} , wherein R^{14} is $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{10}$ aryl, which can be optionally substituted as set forth in claim 1; one of R^{15} and R^{16} is H and the other is $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl; and R^{17} is $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl.

In another embodiment, for the Compounds of Formula (I) or (Ia), R¹ is:



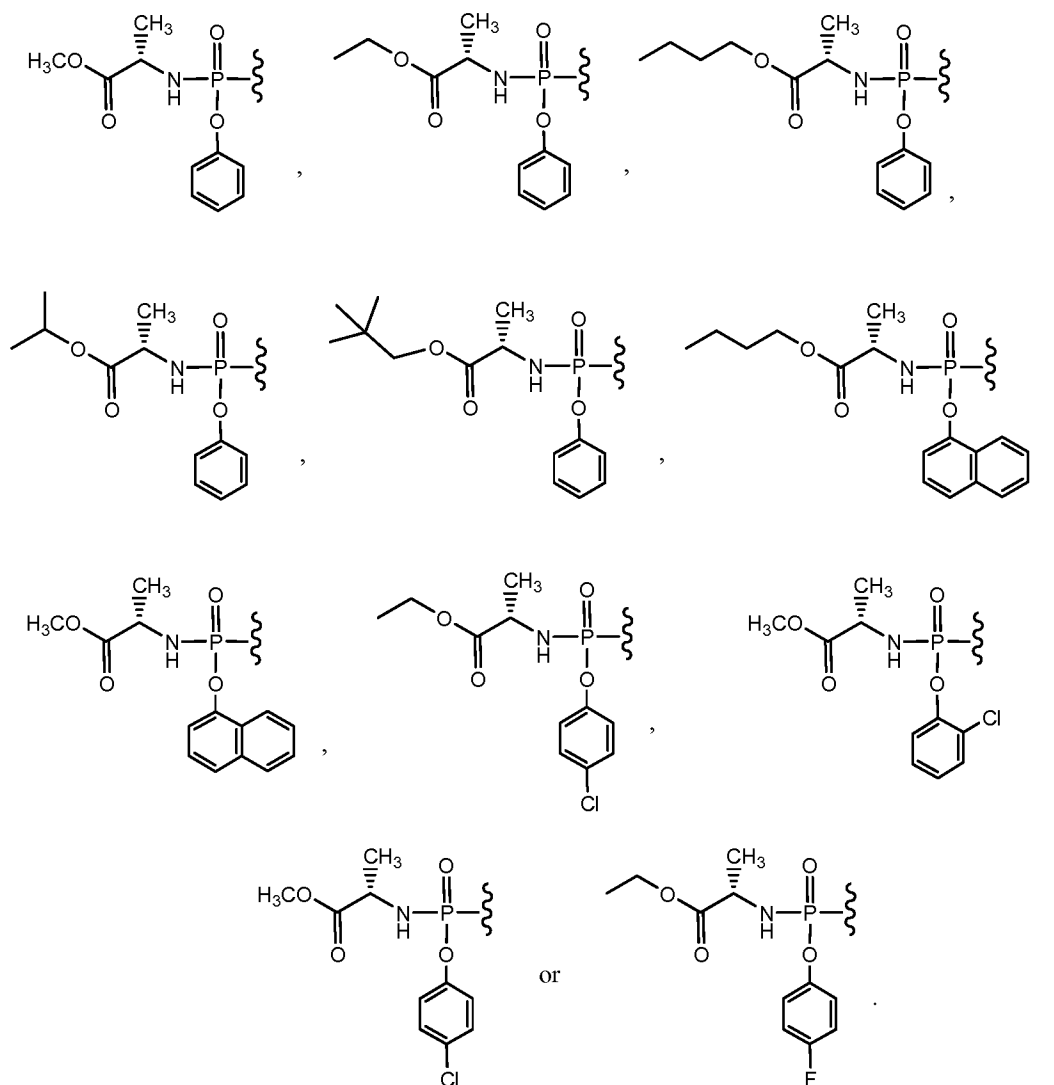
wherein R¹⁴ is C₆-C₁₀ aryl, which can be optionally substituted as set forth in claim 1; and R¹⁷ is C₁-C₆ alkyl.

In a further embodiment, for the Compounds of Formula (I) or (Ia), R¹ is:

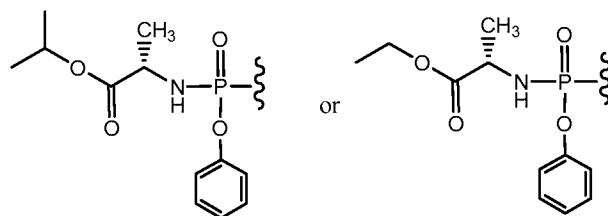


OR¹⁴, wherein R¹⁴ is naphthyl or phenyl, which can be optionally substituted with F or Cl; and R¹⁷ is methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, n-butyl or neopentyl.

In another embodiment, for the Compounds of Formula (I) or (Ia), R¹ is:



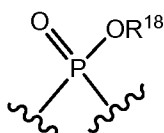
In another embodiment, for the Compounds of Formula (I) or (Ia), R¹ is:



In one embodiment, for the Compounds of Formula (I) or (Ia), R² is H.

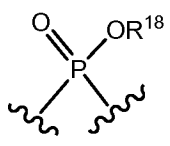
5 In one embodiment, for the Compounds of Formula (I) or (Ia), each of R¹ and R² is H.

In another embodiment, for the Compounds of Formula (I) or (Ia), R¹ and R² join to form a group having the formula:



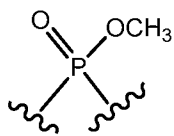
, wherein R¹⁸ is C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl or C₆-C₁₀ aryl.

In another embodiment, for the Compounds of Formula (I) or (Ia), R¹ and R² join to form a group having the formula:

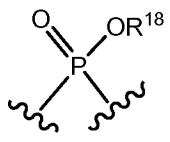


5 wherein R¹⁸ is methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, cyclobutyl or phenyl.

In still another embodiment, for the Compounds of Formula (I) or (Ia), R¹ and R² join to form a group having the formula:

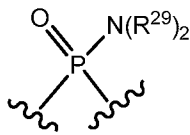


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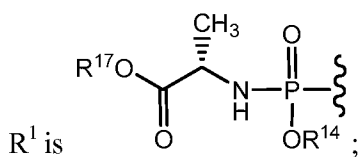
wherein R¹⁸ is methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, cyclobutyl or phenyl.

In one embodiment, for the Compounds of Formula (I) or (Ia), R¹ and R² join to form a group having the formula:



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In one embodiment, the Compounds of Formula (I) or (Ia),



R¹⁴ is naphthyl, phenyl or chloro-substituted phenyl; and

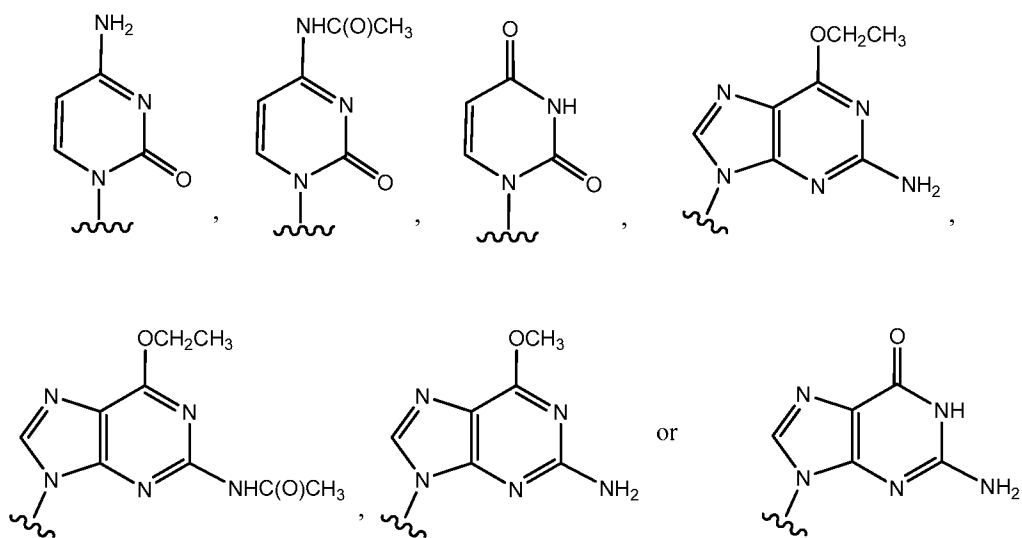
R¹⁷ is methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, n-butyl or neopentyl.

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In one embodiment, the Compounds of Formula (I) or (Ia),

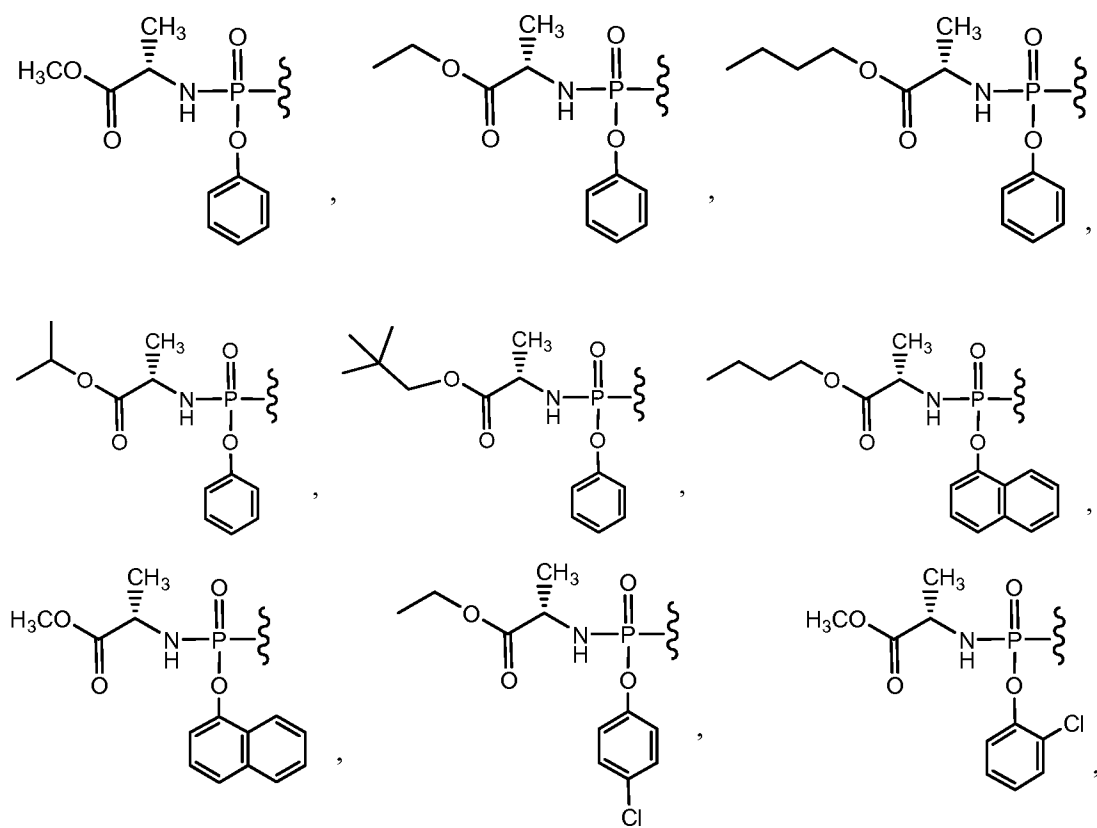
R^2 is H;

B is:

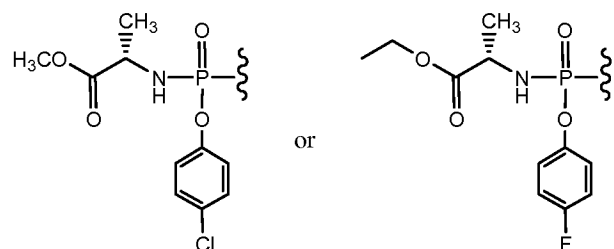


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R^1 is:



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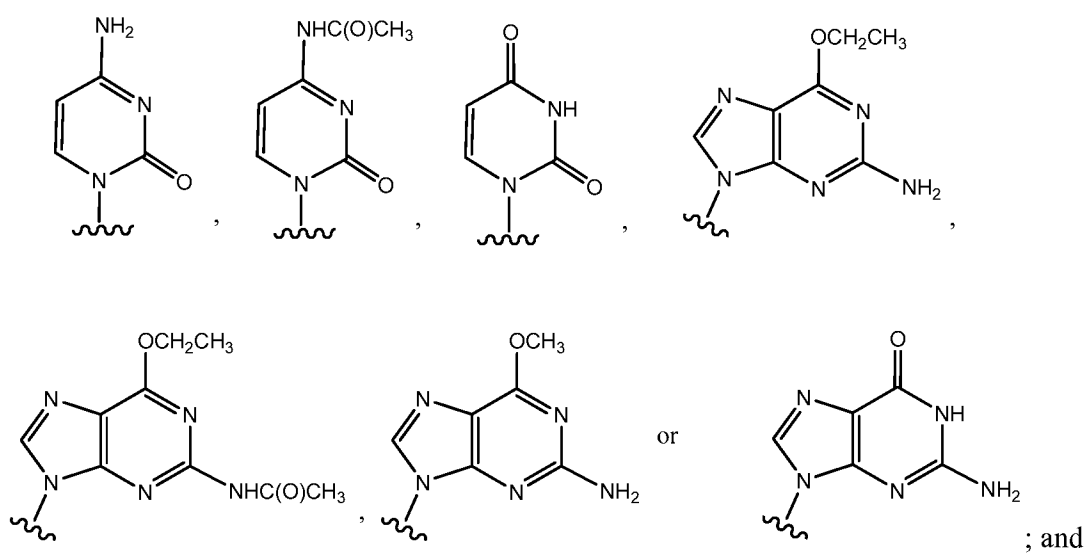


In another embodiment, the Compounds of Formula (I) or (Ia),

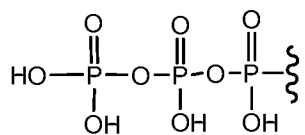
R^2 is H;

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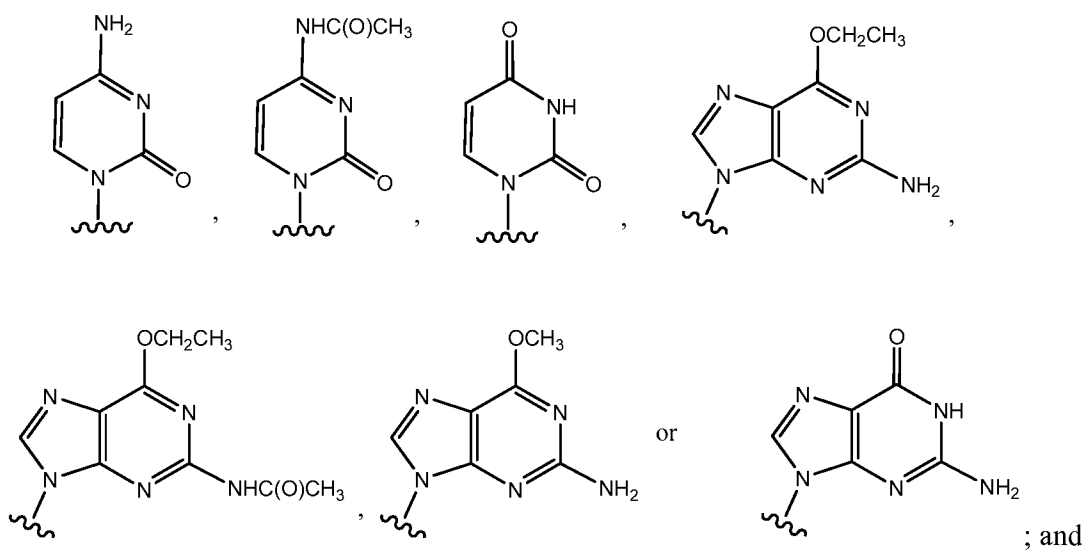
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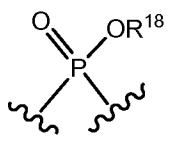
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In another embodiment, the Compounds of Formula (I) or (Ia),

B is:



R^1 and R^2 join to form a group having the formula:

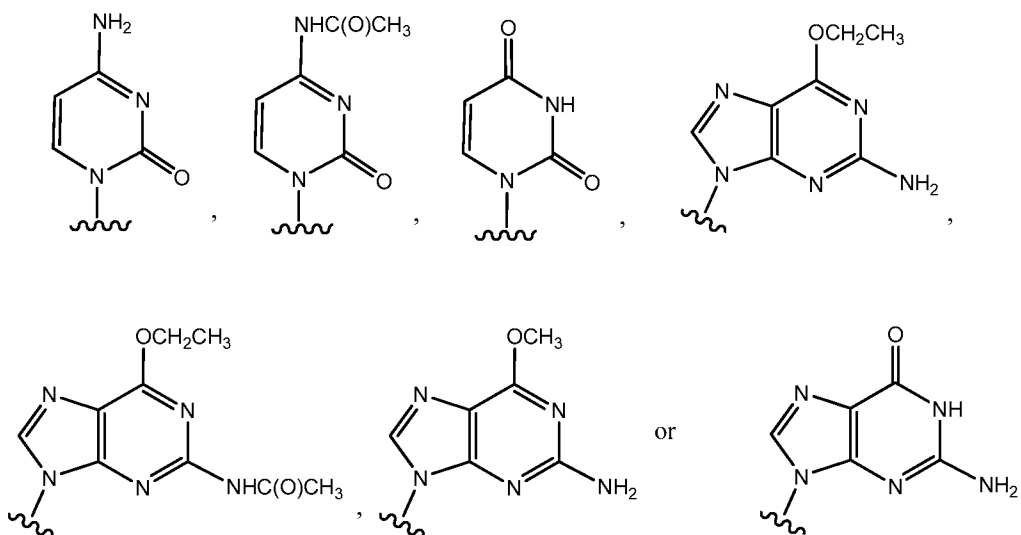


5 wherein R^{18} is methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, cyclobutyl or phenyl.

In still another embodiment, the Compounds of Formula (I) or (Ia),

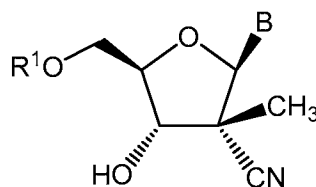
R^1 and R^2 are each H; and

B is:



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In one embodiment, the Compounds of Formula (I) have the formula (Ib):



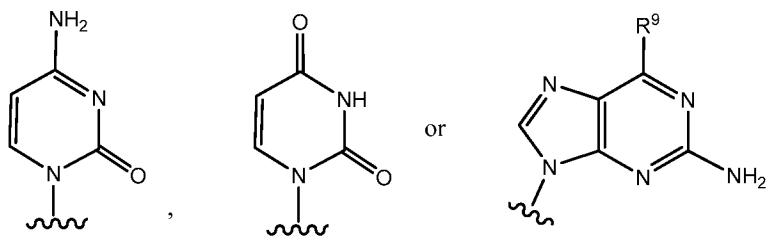
(Ib)

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

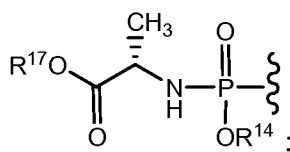
wherein:

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B is:



R¹ is:



R⁹ is -OH or -O-(C₁-C₆ alkyl);

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R¹⁴ is phenyl, which can be optionally substituted with up to 2 halo groups, which can be the same or different; and

R¹⁷ is C₁-C₆ alkyl.

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In one embodiment, for the Compounds of Formula (Ib), R¹⁴ is unsubstituted phenyl.

In another embodiment, for the Compounds of Formula (Ib), R¹⁷ is ethyl or isopropyl.

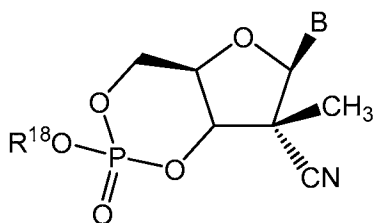
In one embodiment, for the Compounds of Formula (Ib), R¹⁴ is unsubstituted phenyl and R¹⁷ is ethyl or isopropyl.

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In another embodiment, for the Compounds of Formula (Ib), R¹⁴ is unsubstituted phenyl and R¹⁷ is ethyl.

In still another embodiment, for the Compounds of Formula (Ib), R¹⁴ is unsubstituted phenyl and R¹⁷ is isopropyl.

In one embodiment, the Compounds of Formula (I) have the formula (Ic):

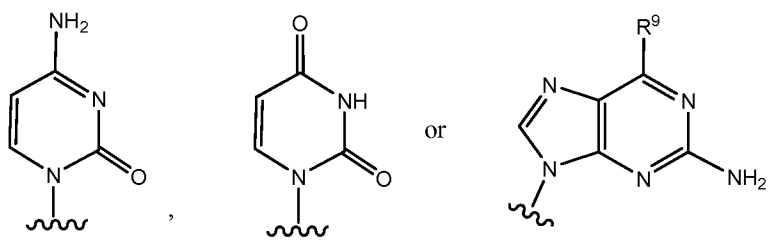


(Ic)

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,
wherein:

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B is:



R^9 is $-OH$ or $-O-(C_1-C_6 \text{ alkyl})$; and

R^{18} is aryl or C_1-C_6 alkyl.

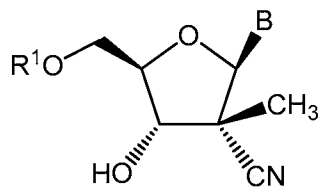
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In one embodiment, for the Compounds of Formula (Ic), R^{18} is C_1-C_6 alkyl.

In another embodiment, for the Compounds of Formula (Ic), R^{18} is isopropyl.

In another embodiment, for the Compounds of Formula (Ic), R^{18} is methyl.

In one embodiment, the Compounds of Formula (I) have the formula (Id):

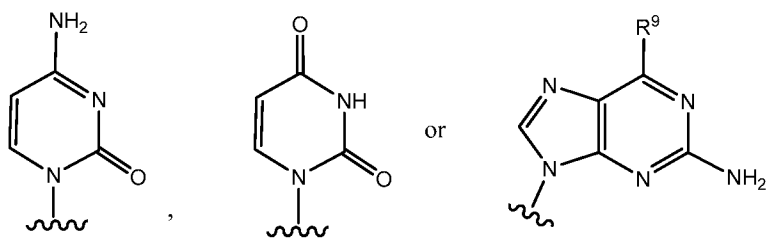


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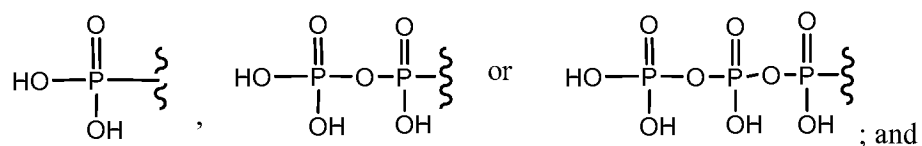
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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,
wherein:

B is:



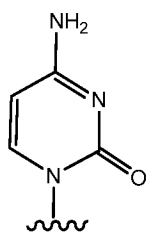
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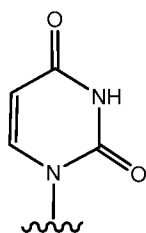
R⁹ is -OH or -O-(C₁-C₆ alkyl).

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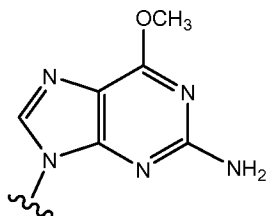
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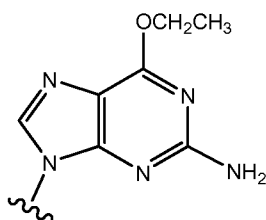


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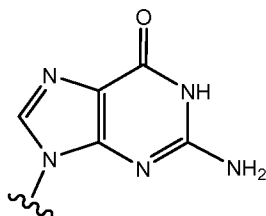


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In another embodiment, for the Compounds of Formula (Ib), (Ic) or (Id), B is



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In one embodiment, variables B, X, R¹, R² and R³ for the Compounds of Formula (I) are selected independently of each other.

5 In another embodiment, the Compounds of Formula (I) are in substantially purified form.

Other embodiments of the present invention include the following:

(a) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a
10 Compound of Formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

(b) The pharmaceutical composition of (a), further comprising a second therapeutic agent selected from the group consisting of HCV antiviral agents, immunomodulators, and anti-infective agents.

15 (c) The pharmaceutical composition of (b), wherein the HCV antiviral agent is an antiviral selected from the group consisting of HCV protease inhibitors, HCV NS5B polymerase inhibitors and HCV NS5A inhibitors.

(d) A pharmaceutical combination that is (i) a Compound of Formula (I) and (ii) a second therapeutic agent selected from the group consisting of HCV antiviral agents, immunomodulators, and anti-infective agents; wherein the Compound of Formula (I) and the
20 second therapeutic agent are each employed in an amount that renders the combination effective for inhibiting HCV replication, or for treating HCV infection and/or reducing the likelihood or severity of symptoms of HCV infection.

(e) The combination of (d), wherein the HCV antiviral agent is an antiviral
25 selected from the group consisting of HCV protease inhibitors, HCV NS5B polymerase inhibitors and HCV NS5A inhibitors.

(f) A method of inhibiting HCV replication in a subject in need thereof which comprises administering to the subject an effective amount of a Compound of Formula (I).

(g) A method of treating HCV infection and/or reducing the likelihood or severity of symptoms of HCV infection in a subject in need thereof which comprises administering to the subject an effective amount of a Compound of Formula (I).

5 (h) The method of (g), wherein the Compound of Formula (I) is administered in combination with an effective amount of at least one second therapeutic agent selected from the group consisting of HCV antiviral agents, immunomodulators, and anti-infective agents.

(i) The method of (h), wherein the HCV antiviral agent is an antiviral selected from the group consisting of HCV protease inhibitors, HCV NS5B polymerase inhibitors and HCV NS5A inhibitors.

10 (j) A method of inhibiting HCV replication in a subject in need thereof which comprises administering to the subject the pharmaceutical composition of (a), (b) or (c) or the combination of (d) or (e).

(k) A method of treating HCV infection and/or reducing the likelihood or severity of symptoms of HCV infection in a subject in need thereof which comprises
15 administering to the subject the pharmaceutical composition of (a), (b) or (c) or the combination of (d) or (e).

The present invention also includes a compound of the present invention for use (i) in, (ii) as a medicament for, or (iii) in the preparation of a medicament for: (a) medicine, (b) inhibiting HCV replication or (c) treating HCV infection and/or reducing the likelihood or
20 severity of symptoms of HCV infection. In these uses, the compounds of the present invention can optionally be employed in combination with one or more second therapeutic agents selected from HCV antiviral agents, anti-infective agents, and immunomodulators.

Additional embodiments of the invention include the pharmaceutical compositions, combinations and methods set forth in (a)-(k) above and the uses set forth in the
25 preceding paragraph, wherein the compound of the present invention employed therein is a compound of one of the embodiments, aspects, classes, sub-classes, or features of the compounds described above. In all of these embodiments, the compound may optionally be used in the form of a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or hydrate as appropriate. It is understood that references to compounds would include the compound in its present form as well as in different
30 forms, such as polymorphs, solvates and hydrates, as applicable.

In one embodiment, the present invention includes the use of a compound of the present invention, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, in a pharmaceutical composition

for inhibiting HCV NS5A activity or for preventing and/or treating infection by HCV in a patient in need thereof.

It is further to be understood that the embodiments of compositions and methods provided as (a) through (k) above are understood to include all embodiments of the compounds, including such embodiments as result from combinations of embodiments.

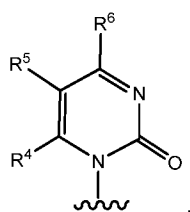
The Compounds of Formula (I) may be referred to herein by chemical structure and/or by chemical name. In the instance that both the structure and the name of a Compound of Formula (I) are provided and a discrepancy is found to exist between the chemical structure and the corresponding chemical name, it is understood that the chemical structure will predominate.

Non-limiting examples of the Compounds of Formula (I) include compounds **1-243** as set forth in the Examples below, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

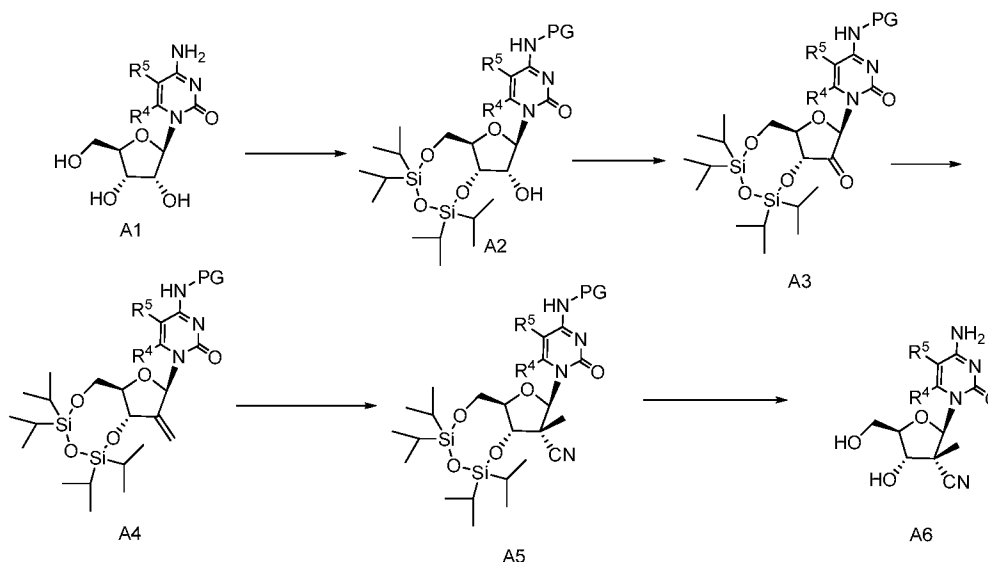
Methods for Making the Compounds of Formula (I)

The Compounds of Formula (I) may be prepared from known or readily prepared starting materials, following methods known to one skilled in the art of organic synthesis. Methods useful for making the Compounds of Formula (I) are set forth in the Examples below and generalized in Schemes A-L below. Alternative synthetic pathways and analogous structures will be apparent to those skilled in the art of organic synthesis.

Scheme A shows a method useful for making nucleoside compounds of formula **A6**, which correspond to the Compounds of Formula (I), wherein X is O; R¹ and R² are each H; R³ is methyl and B is:



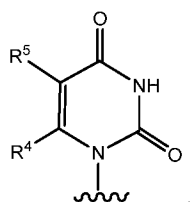
Scheme A



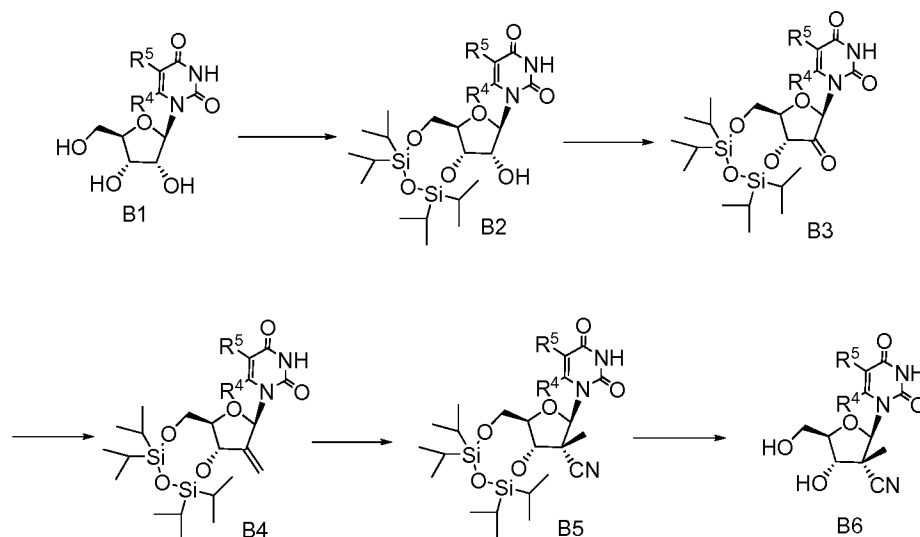
Wherein PG is a protecting group and R^4 and R^5 are as defined above for the Compounds of Formula (I).

Nucleoside compounds of formula **A1** can be bis-protected at the ribose 3' and 5' positions using the tetraisopropylidisiloxanyl group to provide compounds of formula **A2**. Compounds of formula **A2** are then oxidized, using for example, the Dess-Martin Periodinane, to provide the 2'-ketone of formula **A3**. Wittig olefination with methyltriphenylphosphonium bromide/potassium hexamethyldisilazide provides compounds of formula **A4**. The olefin moiety of the compounds of formula **A4** can be treated with the appropriate cobalt catalyst (synthesis described in detail in this document) in the presence of commercially available tosyl cyanide and phenylsilane to provide the 2'-CN compounds of formula **A5**. The silyl protecting group is then removed using tetrabutylammonium fluoride and the cytosine protecting group is then removed with methanolic ammonia to provide the compounds of formula **A6**.

Scheme B shows a method useful for making nucleoside compounds of formula **B6**, which correspond to the Compounds of Formula (I), wherein X is O; R^1 and R^2 are each H; R^3 is methyl and B is:



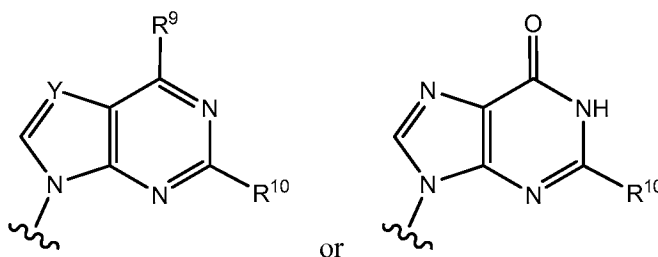
Scheme B



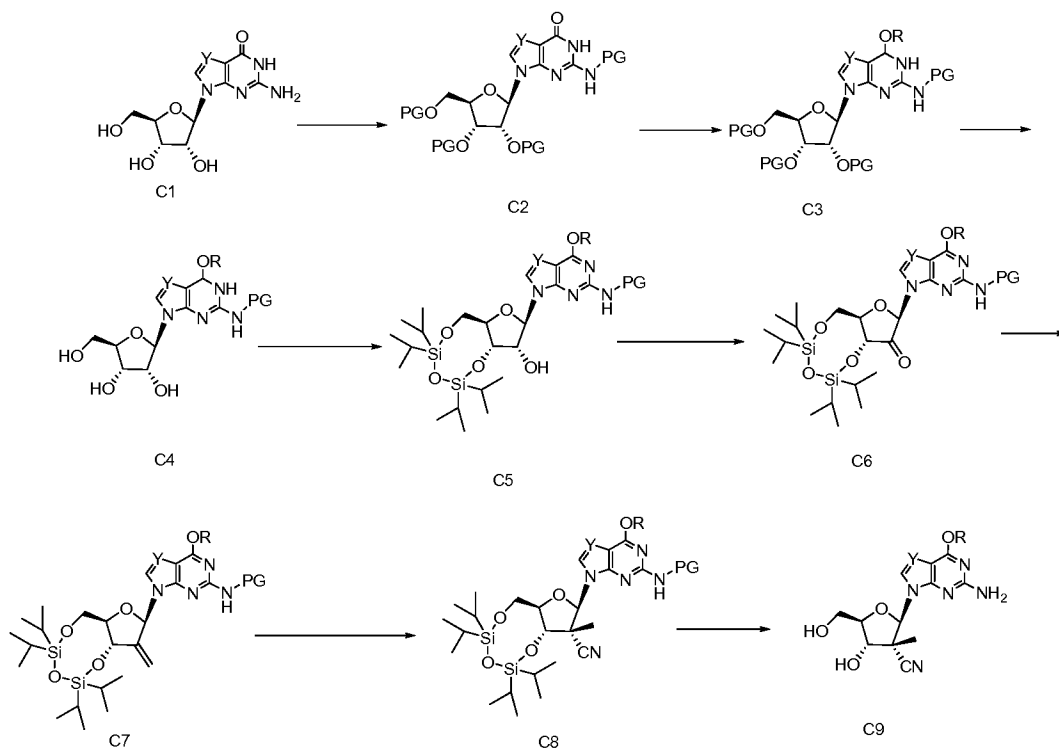
Wherein R⁴ and R⁵ are as defined above for the Compounds of Formula (I).

Compounds of formula **B1** were protected at the ribose 3' and 5' positions using the tetraisopropylidisiloxanyl group to provide compounds of formula **B2**. Compounds of formula **B2** were treated with Dess-Martin Periodinane to provide the desired 2'-ketone of formula **B3**. Wittig olefination with methyltriphenylphosphonium bromide/potassium hexamethyldisilazide provided compounds of formula **B4**. The olefin in compounds of formula **B4** was treated with an appropriate catalyst (such as a cobalt catalyst) in the presence of commercially available tosyl cyanide and phenyl silane to provide the desired compounds **B5**. The silyl protecting group was removed using tetrabutylammonium fluoride to produce compounds of formula **B6**.

Scheme C shows a method useful for making nucleoside compounds of formula **C9**, which correspond to the Compounds of Formula (I), wherein X is O; R¹ and R² are each H; R³ is methyl and B is:



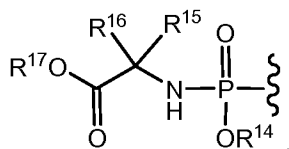
Scheme C



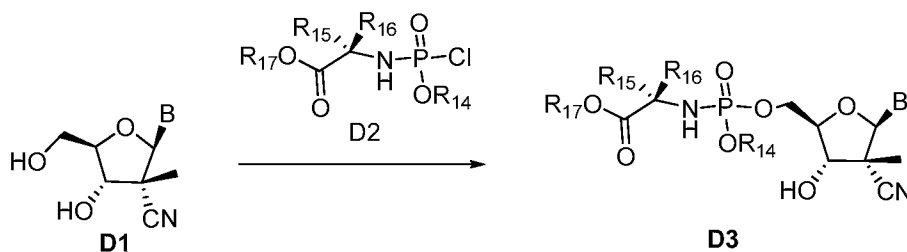
Wherein PG is a protecting group and R^4 and R^5 are as defined above for the Compounds of Formula (I).

- A compound of formula **C1** can have all of its hydroxyl groups protected using well known methods to provide the compounds of formula **C2**. A compound of formula **C2** can then be subjected to Mitsunobu conditions to provide purine ethers of formula **C3**. The hydroxyl groups of **C3** are then deprotecting to provide the compounds of formula **C4**, which can subsequently have their 3'-OH and 5'-OH protected using the tetraisopropylidisiloxanyl group to provide the compounds of formula **C5**. Compounds of formula **C5** are then oxidized, using for example, the Dess-Martin Periodinane, to provide the 2'-ketone compounds of formula **C6**. Wittig olefination with methyltriphenylphosphonium bromide/potassium hexamethyldisilazide provides the compounds of formula **C7**. The olefin in compounds of formula **C7** was treated with the appropriate cobalt catalyst (synthesis described in detail in this document) in the presence of commercially available tosyl cyanide and phenyl silane to provide the desired compounds **C8**. The silyl protecting group is then removed using tetrabutylammonium fluoride followed by deprotection of the protected aryl amine group to provide the compounds of formula **C9**.

Scheme D shows a method useful for making nucleoside compounds of formula **D3**, which correspond to the Compounds of Formula (I), wherein X is O; R^2 is H; R^3 is methyl; B is as defined above for the Compounds of Formula (I); and R^1 is:



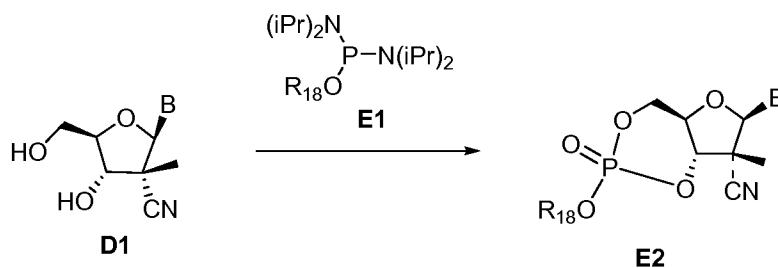
Scheme D



Wherein B, R¹⁴, R¹⁵, R¹⁶ and R¹⁷ are as defined above for the Compounds of Formula (I).

A compound of formula **D1** can be coupled with a compound of formula **D2** (compounds of formula **D2** can be synthesized using methods described in US 7,879,815 B2) in the presence of either t-butylmagnesium bromide or N-methylimidazole to provide the compounds of formula **D3**.

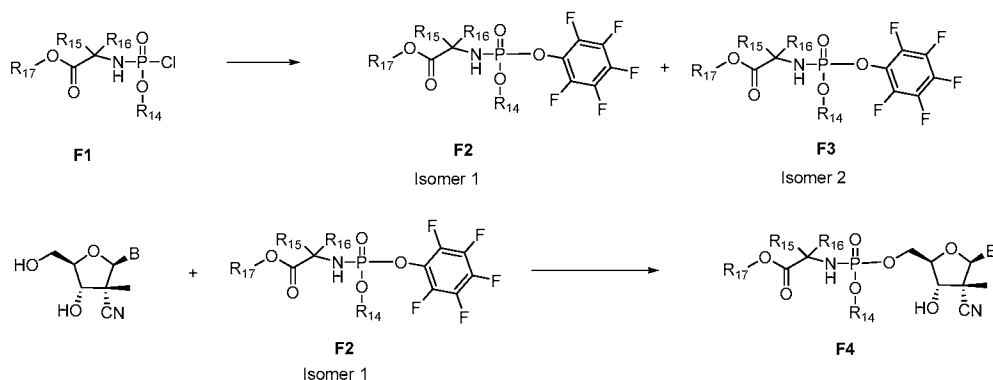
Scheme E



Wherein B and R¹⁸ are as defined above for the Compounds of Formula (I).

A compound of formula **D1** can be reacted with a phosphoramidate compound of formula **E1** followed by oxidation with, for example, m-chloroperbenzoic acid to provide a cyclic phosphate ester of formula **E2**.

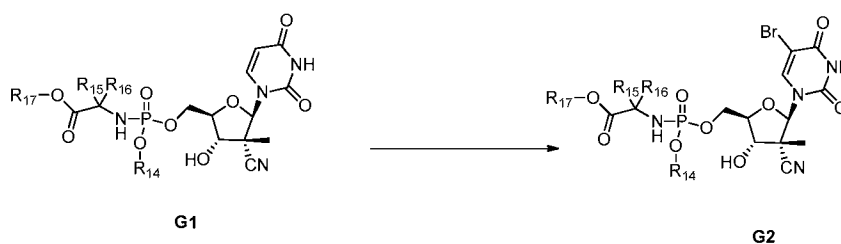
Scheme F



Wherein B, R^{14} , R^{15} , R^{16} and R^{17} are as defined above for the Compounds of Formula (I).

Compounds of type **F1** can be treated with pentafluoro phenol to provide two isomers **F2** and **F3**. These isomers can be individually reacted with F3 to provide compounds of type **F4**.

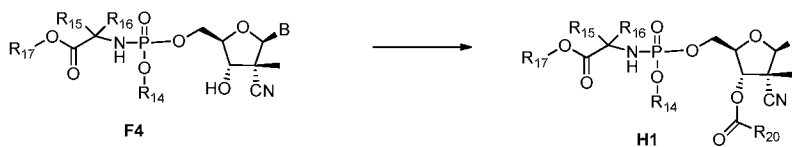
Scheme G



Wherein R^{14} , R^{15} , R^{16} and R^{17} are as defined above for the Compounds of Formula (I).

Compounds of type **G1** can be brominated with reagents such as N-bromosuccinimide to provide compounds of type **G2**.

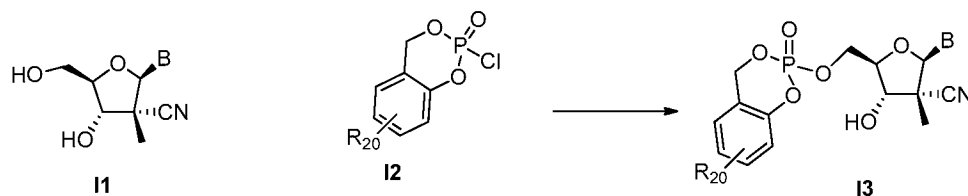
Scheme H



Wherein R^{14} , R^{15} , R^{16} , R^{17} and R^{20} are as defined above for the Compounds of Formula (I).

Compounds of type **F4** can be reacted with a variety of acetylating reagents to provide compounds of type **H1**.

Scheme I

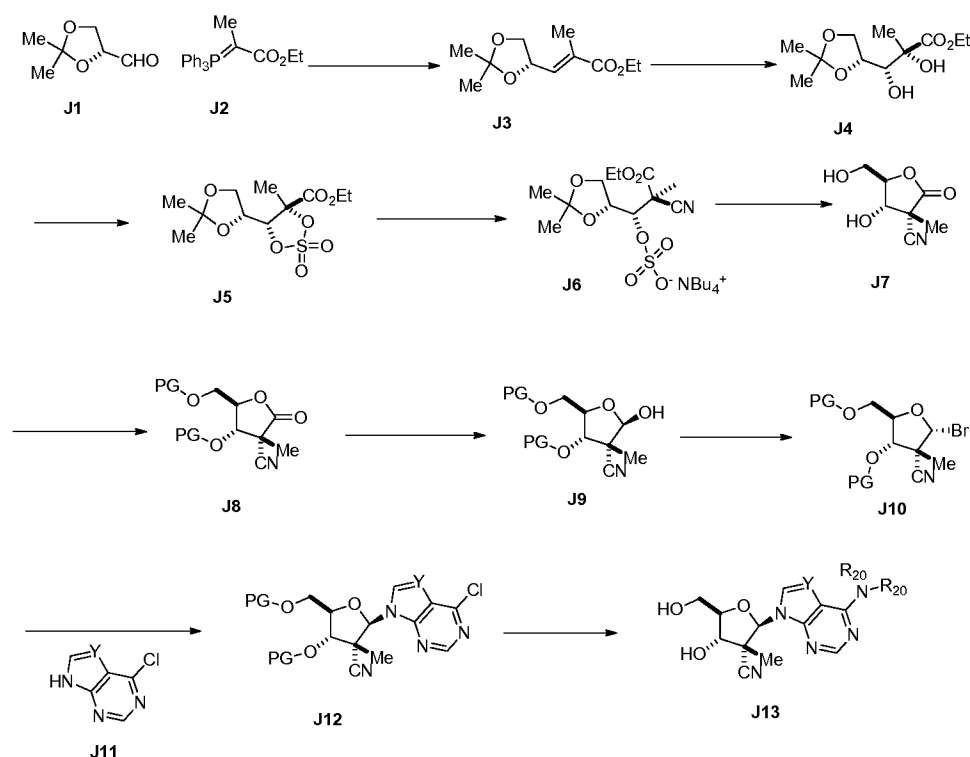


Wherein B and R²⁰ are as defined above for the Compounds of Formula (I).

Compounds of type **I1** can be treated with compounds of type **I2** to provide compounds of type **I3**.

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Scheme J



Wherein Y and R²⁰ are as defined above for the Compounds of Formula (I).

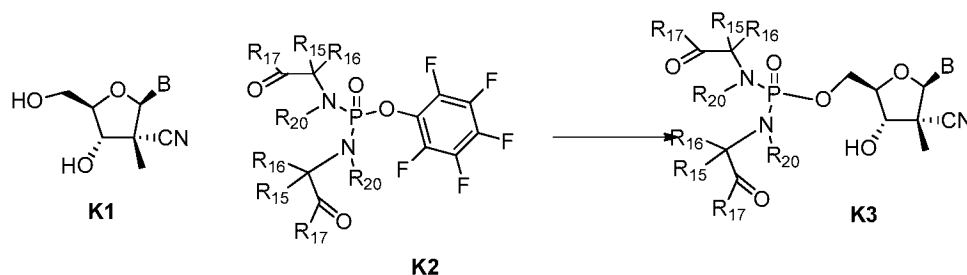
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Compound **J1** can be reacted with **J2** to provide **J3**. This compound can be dihydroxylated with appropriate reagents to provide compound **J4**. Sulfonylation of the alcohols using sulfonyl chloride provides compound **J5**. The cyclic sulfate can be opened using cyanide sources to provide **J6**. Treatment of compound **J6** with acidic conditions provides compound **J7**. The diol of **J7** can be protected with a variety of protecting groups to access **J8**. Treatment of **J8** with a hydride source such as lithium aluminum tert-butoxyhydride gives access to alcohol

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J9. The 1'-hydroxy group can be converted to the bromide **J10** which can be displaced with bases of type **J11** to produce compounds of type **J12**. Global deprotection of **J12** provides **J13**.

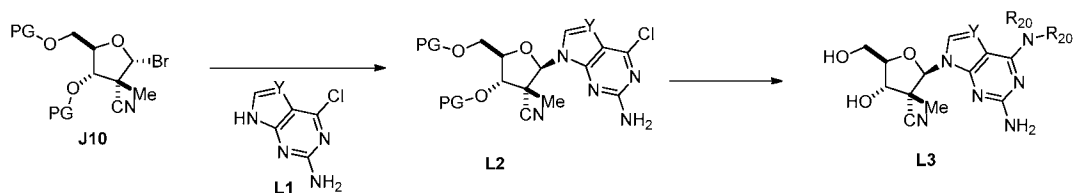
Scheme K



Wherein B and R²⁰ are as defined above for the Compounds of Formula (I).

Compounds of type **K1** can be treated with compounds of type **K2** to provide compounds of type **K3**.

Scheme L



Wherein R²⁰ is defined above for the Compounds of Formula (I).

Compounds of type **J10** can be treated with compounds of type **L1** to provide compounds of type **L2**. **L2** can then be reacted with a variety of amines to provide compounds of type **L3**.

Compounds of formula **A6**, **B6**, **C9**, **D3**, **E2**, **F4**, **G2**, **H1**, **I3**, **J13**, **K3** and **L3** may be further elaborated using methods that would be well-known to those skilled in the art of organic synthesis or, for example, the methods described in the Examples below, to make the full scope of the Compounds of Formula (I).

One skilled in the art of organic synthesis will recognize that the synthesis of compounds with multiple reactive functional groups, such as -OH and NH₂, may require protection of certain functional groups (*i.e.*, derivatization for the purpose of chemical compatibility with a particular reaction condition). Suitable protecting groups for the various

functional groups of these compounds and methods for their installation and removal are well known in the art of organic chemistry. A summary of many of these methods can be found in Greene

One skilled in the art of organic synthesis will also recognize that one route for the synthesis of the Compounds of Formula (I) may be more desirable depending on the choice of appendage substituents. Additionally, one skilled in the relevant art will recognize that in some cases the order of reactions may differ from that presented herein to avoid functional group incompatibilities and thus adjust the synthetic route accordingly.

The starting materials used and the intermediates prepared using the methods set forth in Schemes A-L may be isolated and purified if desired using conventional techniques, including but not limited to filtration, distillation, crystallization, chromatography and alike. Such materials can be characterized using conventional means, including physical constants and spectral data.

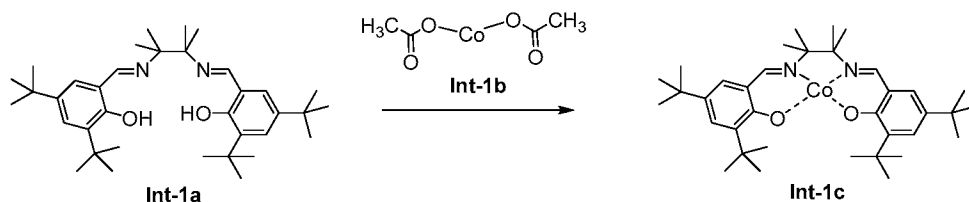
EXAMPLES

General Methods

Solvents, reagents, and intermediates that are commercially available were used as received. Reagents and intermediates that are not commercially available were prepared in the manner as described below. ¹H NMR spectra were obtained on a Varian VNMR System 400 (400 MHz) and are reported as ppm downfield from Me₄Si with number of protons, multiplicities, and coupling constants in Hertz indicated parenthetically. Where LC/MS data are presented, analyses was performed using an Agilent 6110A MSD or an Applied Biosystems API-100 mass spectrometer and Shimadzu SCL-10A LC column: Altech platinum C18, 3 micron, 33 mm x 7mm ID; gradient flow: 0 minutes – 10% CH₃CN, 5 minutes – 95% CH₃CN, 5-7 minutes – 95% CH₃CN, 7 minutes – stop. The parent ion is given. Flash chromatography on silica gel was performed using pre-packed normal phase silica from Isco, Biotage, Inc. or bulk silica from Fisher Scientific. Unless otherwise indicated, flash chromatography on silica gel was performed using a gradient elution of hexanes/ethyl acetate, from 100% hexanes to 100% ethyl acetate.

EXAMPLE 1

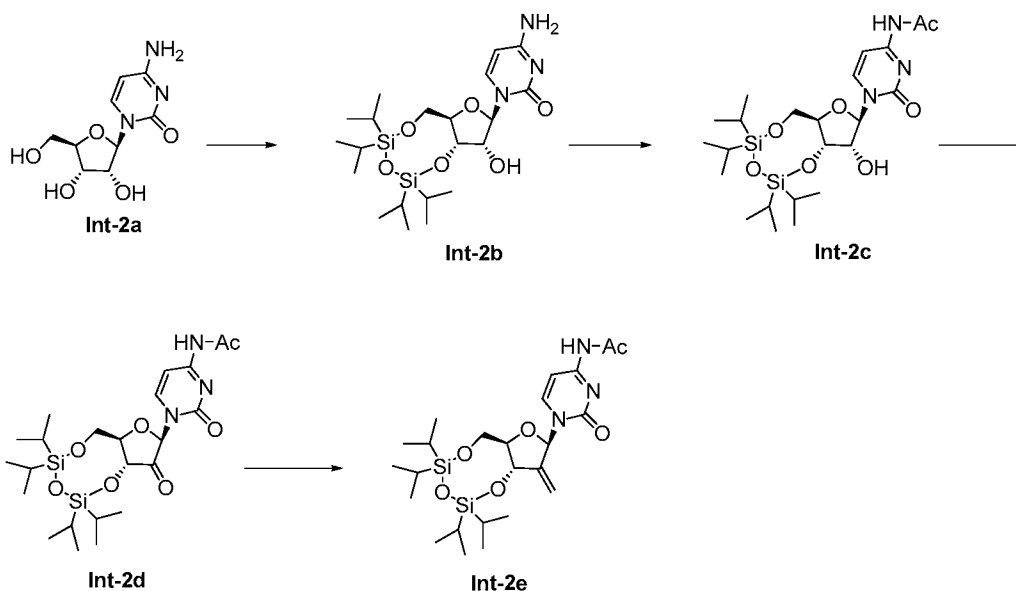
Preparation of Intermediate Compound **Int-1c**



Compound **Int-1a** (733 mg, 1.33 mmol) was suspended in ethanol (10 mL) and the resulting suspension was heated to 80 °C and allowed to stir for 5 minutes. Compound **Int-1b** (236 mg, 1.33 mmol) was then added and the resulting reaction was allowed to stir at 80 °C for an additional 2 hours. The reaction was then cooled to room temperature using in an ice bath and the reaction mixture was filtered. The collected red solid was dried under vacuum to provide compound **Int-1c** (579 mg, 72%).

EXAMPLE 2

Preparation of Intermediate Compound **Int-2e**



Step A – Synthesis of Compound **Int-2b**

Cytidine (**Int-2a**, 8.0 g, 32.89 mmol) was azeotroped with pyridine (2 x15 mL) and then suspended in pyridine (25 mL). To the suspension was added tetraisopropylsiloxanedichloride (12.0 mL, 35.4 mmol) dropwise over fifteen minutes and the resulting reaction was allowed to stir for about 15 hours at room temperature. The reaction

mixture was diluted with water and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue obtained was triturated with heptane to provide 13.5 g of compound **Int-2b** as a white solid [M+H] = 486.5.

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Step B – Synthesis of Compound Int-2c

Compound **Int-2b** (13.5 mmol, 27.8 mmol) was dissolved in ethanol (200 mL) and treated with acetic anhydride (10 mL). The resulting reaction was heated to 65 °C and allowed to stir at this temperature for 3 hours, then the reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue obtained was cooled to 0 °C in an ice bath and treated with saturated sodium bicarbonate, then extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic extract was dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to provide 14.5 g of compound **Int-2c**, which was used without further purification. [M+H] = 528.6

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Step C – Synthesis of Compound Int-2d

A solution of compound **Int-2c** (8.0 g, 15.15 mmol) in methylene chloride (120 mL) was cooled to 0 °C, then the Dess Martin Periodinane (15 g, 34.3 mmol) was added. The resulting reaction was allowed to stir for about 15 hours at room temperature and was then diluted with diethyl ether (400 mL). The resulting solution was washed with a mixture of saturated sodium bicarbonate and 10% sodium thiosulfate (1:1). The organic phase was collected and was dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to provide 7.8 g of compound **Int-2d**, which was used without purification. [M+H] = 526.

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Step D – Synthesis of Compound Int-2e

Methyltriphenylphosphonium bromide (2.72 g, 7.6 mmol) was diluted with tetrahydrofuran (25 mL) and to the resulting suspension was added KHMDS (0.5 M, 14.5 mL, 7.22 mmol). The resulting reaction was allowed to stir at room temperature for 20 minutes, then the reaction was cooled to 0 °C using an ice bath and a solution of compound **Int-2d** (1.0 g, 1.9 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (5 mL) was added dropwise. The resulting reaction was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 4 hours, then the reaction was quenched with saturated ammonium chloride and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic extract was washed with brine, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was

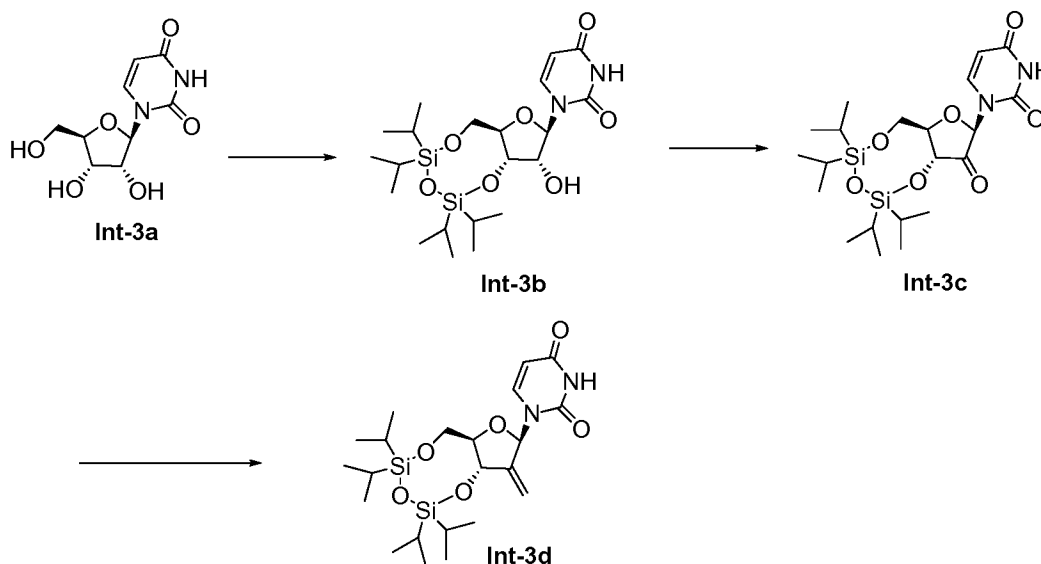
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purified using flash chromatography on silica gel (2:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to provide 750 mg of compound **Int-2e**. $[M+H] = 524.5$

EXAMPLE 3

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Preparation of Intermediate Compound **Int-3d**



Step A – Synthesis of Compound **Int-3b**

10 Uridine (**Int-3a**, 5.0 g, 18.0 mmol) was azeotroped with pyridine (2 x 15 mL) and then suspended in pyridine (25 mL). Tetraisopropyldisiloxanedichloride (6.06 mL, 18.95 mmol) was added dropwise over fifteen minutes and the reaction was allowed to stir for about 15 hours at room temperature. The reaction was diluted with water and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layers were washed with brine, dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated *in*
 15 *vacuo*. The residue was azeotroped with toluene (2 x 50 mL) to provide 7.8 g of compound **Int-3b** as a white solid that was used without purification. $[M+H] = 487.42$.

Step B – Synthesis of Compound **Int-3c**

20 Using the method described in Example 2, Step C, compound **Int-3b** was converted to compound **Int-3b** (3.8 g). $[M+H] = 485.2$

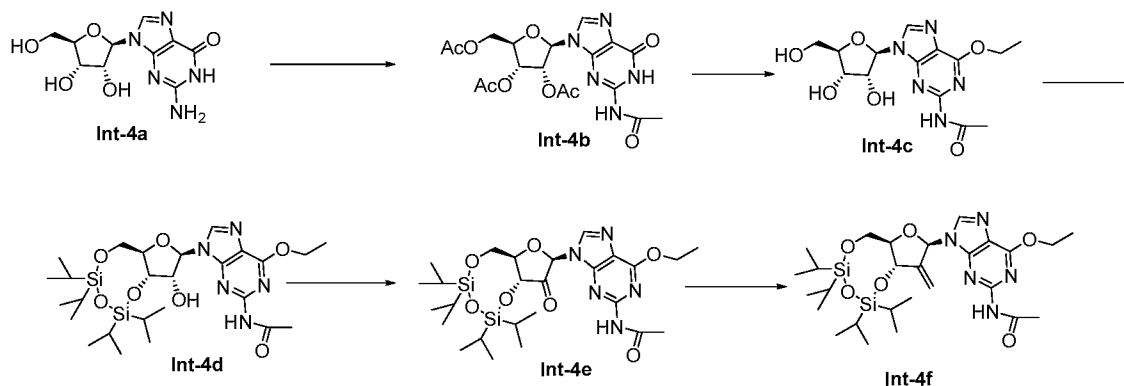
Step C – Synthesis of Compound **Int-3d**

Using the method described in Example 2, Step D, compound **Int-3c** was converted to compound **Int-3d** (750 mg) $[M+H] = 505.2$.

EXAMPLE 4

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Preparation of Intermediate Compound **Int-4f**



Step A – Synthesis of Compound **Int-4b**

10 Guanosine hydrate (**Int-4a**, 15 g, 53 mmol) was dissolved in pyridine (120 mL) and acetic anhydride (60 mL). N,N-dimethylaminopyridine (6.46 g, 53 mmol) was added and the reaction was heated to 70 °C and allowed to stir at this temperature for 3 hours. The reaction was then cooled in an ice bath and treated dropwise with methanol (60 mL). The reaction mixture was then partially concentrated in vacuo to half of its volume. The resulting solution

15 was diluted with methylene chloride and washed sequentially with 0.2 M potassium dihydrogen sulfate, water, and sodium bicarbonate. The organic phase was then dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to provide a residue which was purified using flash chromatography on silica gel (5% methanol in methylene chloride) to provide 22 g of compound **Int-4b**. $[M+H] = 452.2$

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Step B – Synthesis of Compound **Int-4c**

Compound **Int-4b** (3.2 g, 7.09 mmol) was dissolved in dioxane (50 mL) and treated with triphenylphosphine (2.23 g, 8.5 mmol), diisopropylazodicarboxylate (1.65 mL, 8.5 mmol) and ethanol (391 mg, 8.5 mmol). The reaction was allowed to stir for fifteen minutes at

25 room temperature, then the reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue obtained was dissolved in methanol (15 mL) and ammonium hydroxide (15 mL) and stirred for 3 hours. The reaction mixture was filtered and the collected solid was dried in vacuo to provide 1.4 g of

compound **Int-4c**. The filtrate was then concentrated *in vacuo* and the resulting residue was triturated with chloroform to provide an additional 0.5 g of compound **Int-4c**. [M+H] = 354.2

Step C – Synthesis of Compound Int-4d

5 Compound **Int-4c** (1.46 g, 4.13 mmol) was azeotroped with pyridine (2 x 20 mL) and then suspended in pyridine (30 mL). Tetraisopropyldisiloxanedichloride (1.43 g, 4.43 mmol) was added dropwise over fifteen minutes and the reaction was allowed to stir at room temperature for 3 hours. The reaction was diluted with water (1 mL) and the resulting solution was concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue obtained was diluted with water and ethyl acetate and
10 the organic layer was collected and washed with brine, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was azeotroped with toluene (2 x 50 mL) and purified using flash chromatography on silica gel (5% methanol in methylene chloride) to provided 2.25 g of compound **Int-4d** as a white solid [M+H] = 596.2.

15 *Step D – Synthesis of Compound Int-4e*

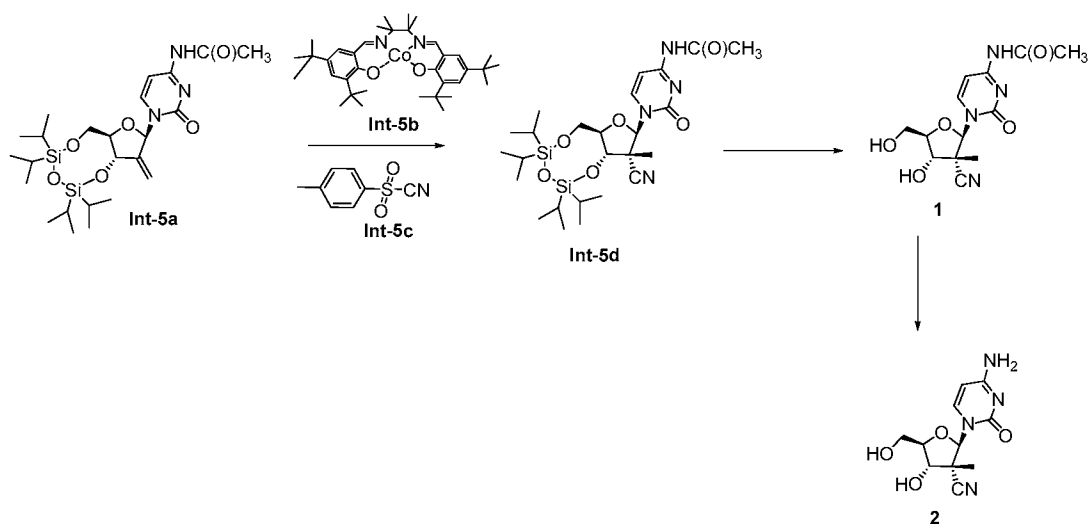
 Using the method described in Example 2, Step C, compound **Int-4d** was converted to compound **Int-4e**. The product was purified using flash chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/ethyl acetate 0% → 100%) to provide 260 mg compound **Int-4e**. [M+H] = 594.2

20 *Step E – Synthesis of Compound Int-4f*

 Using the method described in Example 2, Step D, compound **Int-4e** was converted to compound **Int-4f**, which was purified using flash chromatography on silica gel (2:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to provide 170 mg of compound **Int-4f**. [M+H] = 592.2

25 **EXAMPLE 5**

 Preparation of Compounds **1** and **2**



Step A – Synthesis of Compound Int-5d

Compound **Int-5a** (300 mg, 0.57 mmol), Compound **Int-1c** (10 mg), and Compound **Int-5c** (3.1 g, 17.1 mmol) were dissolved in dioxane (2 mL) and the resulting reaction was allowed to stir for 5 minutes at room temperature. A solution of phenylsilyl (68 mg, 0.63 mmol) in ethanol (1 mL) was then added dropwise over 2 minutes and the reaction was allowed to stir for an additional 30 minutes. The reaction was then quenched with brine and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic extract was washed with brine, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue obtained was purified using flash chromatography on silica gel (2:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to provide compound **Int-5d** (80 mg). [M+H] = 551.5

Step B – Synthesis of Compound 1

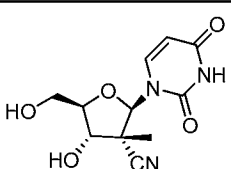
Compound **Int-5d** (23 mg, 0.042 mmol) was dissolved in tetrahydrofuran (1 mL) and to the resulting solution was added TBAF (1.0 M, 0.1 mmol). The reaction was allowed to stir for 1 hour, then the reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and the crude residue was purified using flash chromatography on silica gel (20% methanol in methylene chloride) to provide 5.0 mg of compound **1**. [M+H] = 309.7

Step C – Synthesis of Compound 2

Compound **1** (3.8 mg, 0.012 mmol) was dissolved in 7M ammonia in methanol (2 mL) and stirred for 3 hours at room temperature. The reaction was concentrated *in vacuo* and the residue was purified using flash chromatography on silica gel (25% methanol in methylene

chloride) to provide 3.0 mg of compound **2**. $[M+H] = 267.7$; $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CD_3OD): δ :8.11 (d, 1H, $J = 7.58$ Hz), 6.38 (s, 1H), 5.90 (bs, 1H), 4.0 (m, 3H), 3.8 (m, 1H), 1.27 (s, 3H).

The following compounds of the present invention were made using the methods described in the Example above and substituting the appropriate reactants and/or reagents.

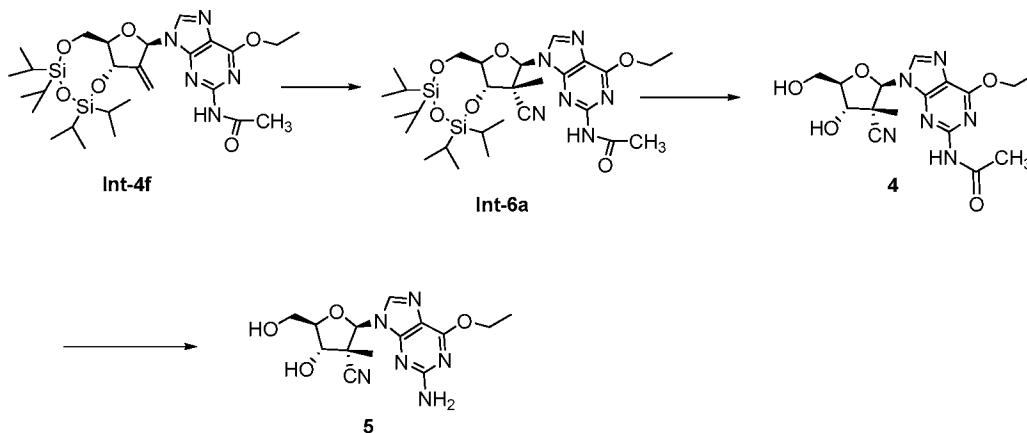
Compound No.	Structure	MS (M + H)
3		290.2

Compound **3** $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CD_3OD): δ :8.13 (d, 1H, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 6.33 (s, 1H), 5.7 (d, 1H, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 4.06 (m, 1H), 4.0-3.95 (m, 2H), 3.79 (m, 1H), 1.33 (s, 3H).

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EXAMPLE 6

Preparation of Compounds **4** and **5**



Step A – Synthesis of Compound *Int-4f*

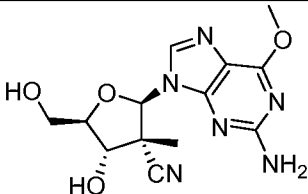
Using the method described in Example 5, Step A, compound **Int-4f** was converted to compound **Int-6a**. $[M+H] = 619.2$

Step B – Synthesis of Compound **4**

Using the method described in Example 5, Step B, compound **Int-6a** was converted to compound **4**. $[M+H] = 376.9$

Step C – Synthesis of Compound 5

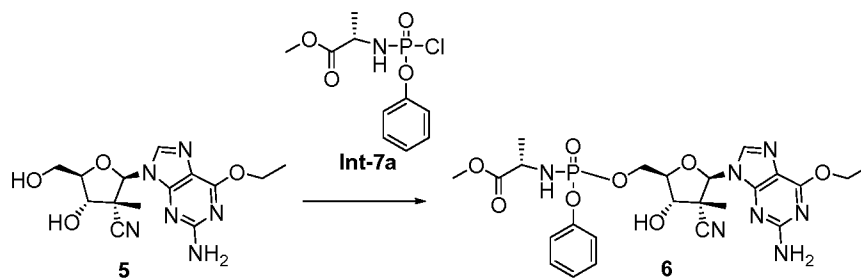
Compound **4** (8 mg, 0.021 mmol) was dissolved in 7M ammonia in methanol (3 mL) and stirred at 100 C in a pressure tube overnight. The reaction was concentrated and purified by column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH, 0% --> 5%) to provide 6 mg of compound **5**. $[M+H] = 335.2$. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD): δ :8.3 (s, 1H), 6.45 (s, 1H), 4.52 (m, 2H), 4.4 (d, 1H), 4.0 (m, 2H), 3.87 (m, 1H), 1.42 (m, 3H), 1.13 (s, 3H).

Compound No.	Structure	MS (M + H)
31		321.2

Compound **31**: ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD): δ :8.32 (s, 1H), 6.46(s, 1H), 4.40 (m, 1H), 4.05 (s, 3H), 4.04 (m, 2H), 3.87 (m, 1H), 1.14 (s, 3H).

EXAMPLE 7

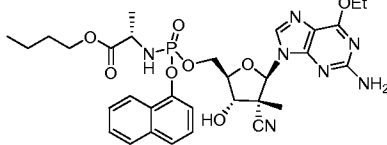
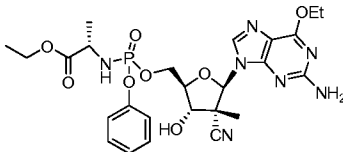
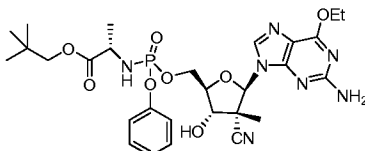
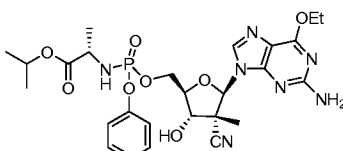
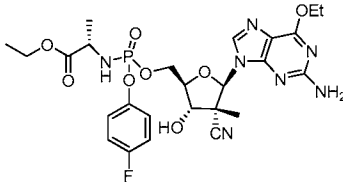
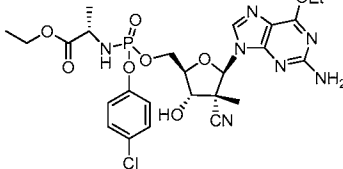
Preparation of Compound **6**

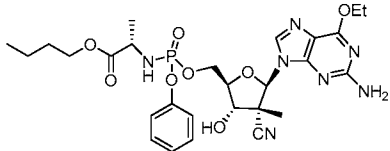
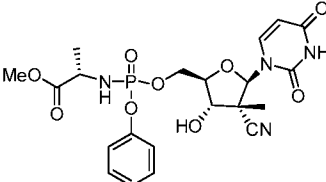
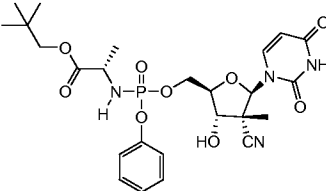
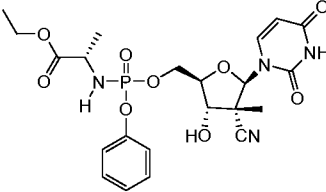
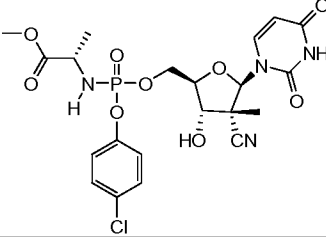
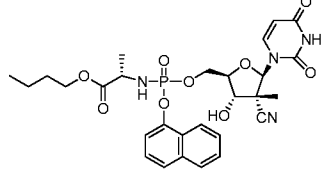
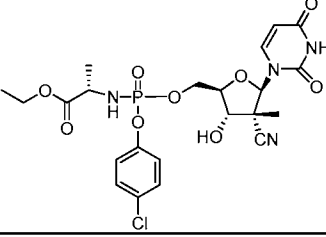
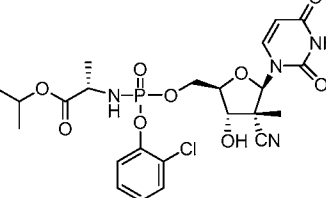


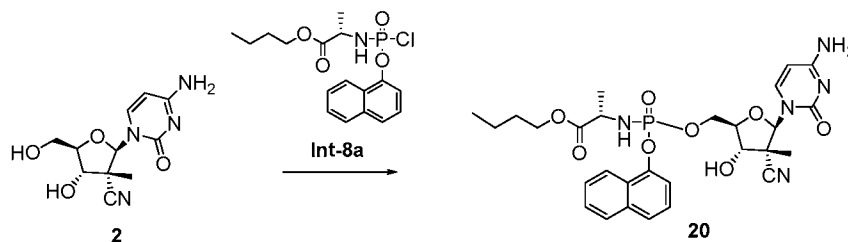
To a solution of compound **5** (8 mg, 0.024 mmol) and N-methylimidazole (8 mg, 0.096 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (2 mL) and was added dropwise a solution of compound Int-7a (26 mg, 0.096 mmol, prepared using methods described in US Patent No. 7,879,815) in

tetrahydrofuran (1 mL). The resulting reaction was allowed to stir for 12 hours at room temperature, then the reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and the residue obtained was purified using flash chromatography on silica gel (5 % methylene chloride/methanol) to provide compound **6** (3.5 mg).

- 5 The following compounds of the present invention were made using the methods described in the Example above and substituting the appropriate reactants and/or reagents.

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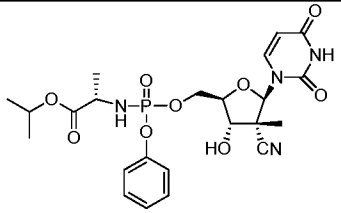
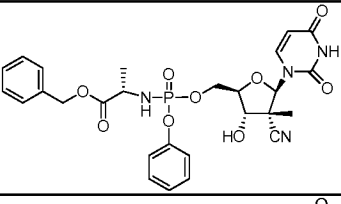
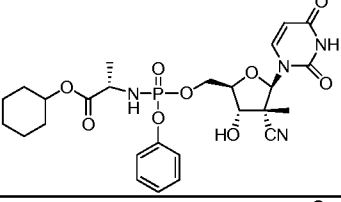
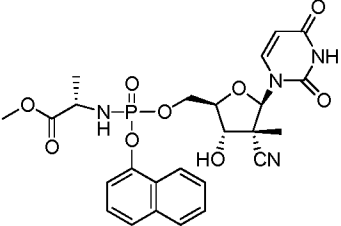
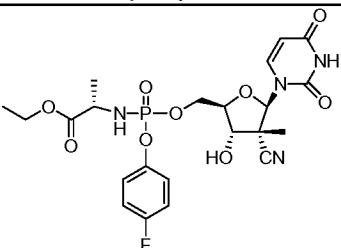
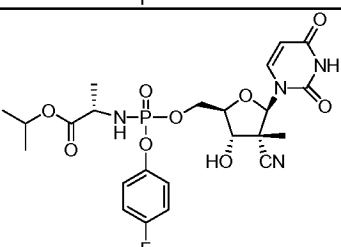
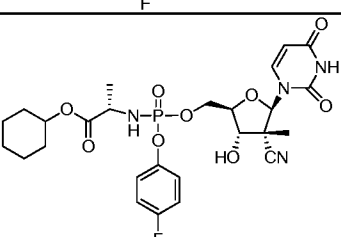
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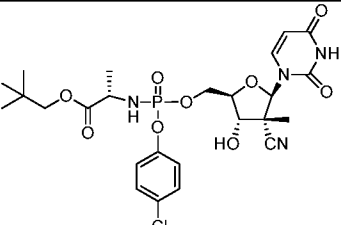
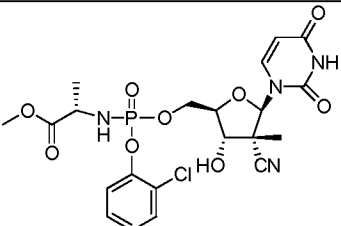
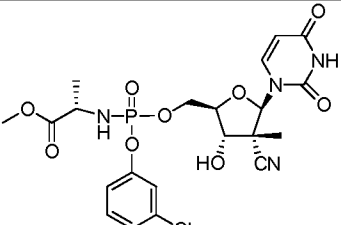
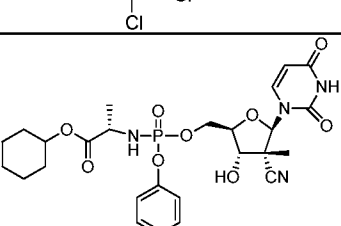
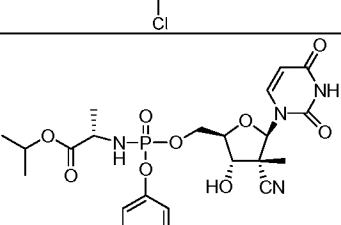
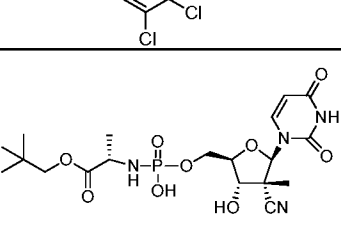
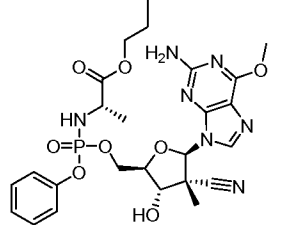
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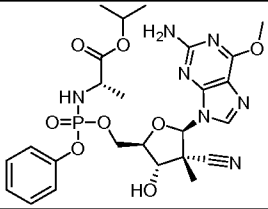
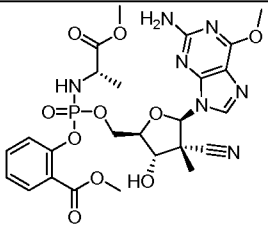
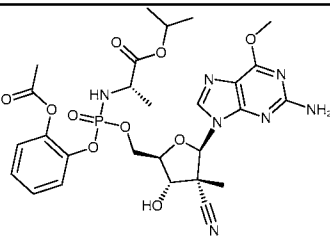
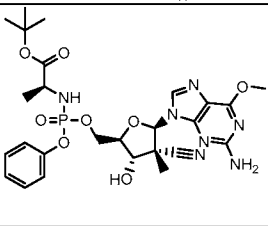
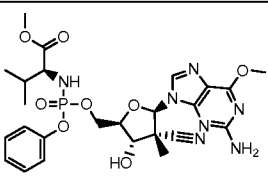
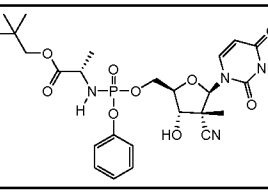
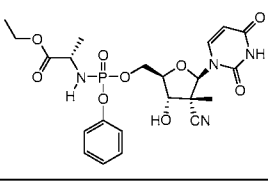
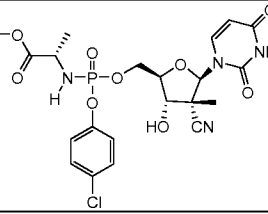
To a suspension of compound **2** (30 mg, 0.112 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (2 mL) was added t-butylmagnesium chloride (1.0 M, 0.394 mL, 0.394 mmol). The resulting reaction was allowed to stir for 5 minutes, then a solution of compound **Int-8a** (146 mg, 0.394 mmol, prepared using methods described in US Patent No. 7,879,815) in tetrahydrofuran (1 mL) was added dropwise. The resulting reaction was allowed to stir for 12 hours at room temperature, then the reaction was quenched with saturated ammonium chloride and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic extract was washed with brine, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* and the residue obtained was purified using flash chromatography on silica gel (10% methylene chloride/methanol) to provide compound **20** (6 mg).

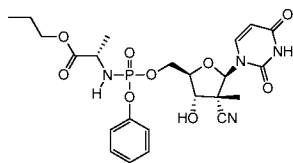
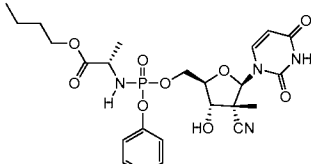
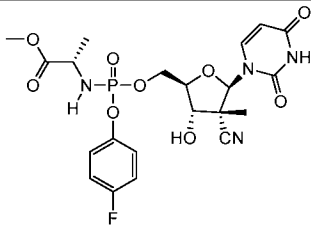
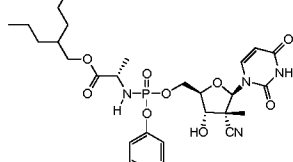
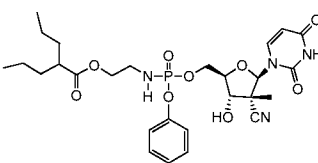
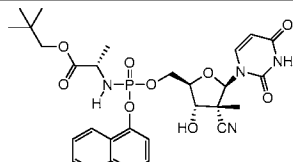
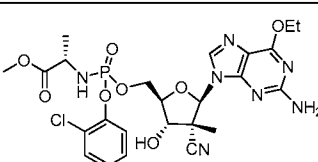
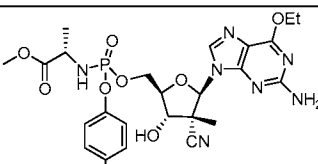
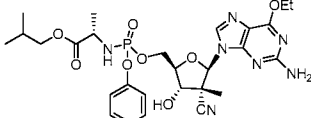
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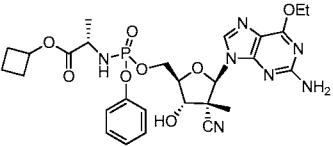
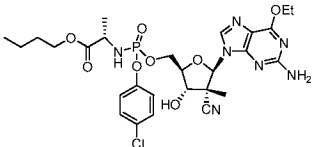
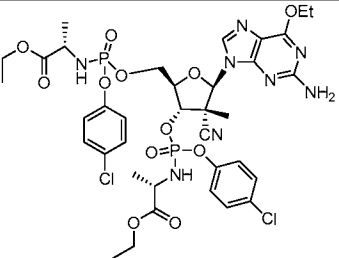
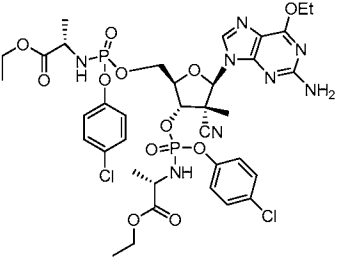
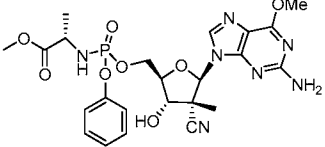
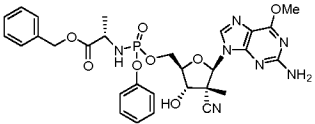
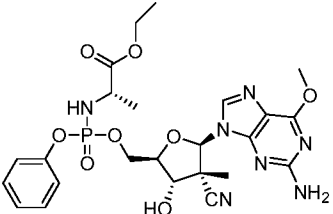
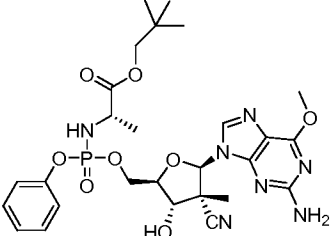
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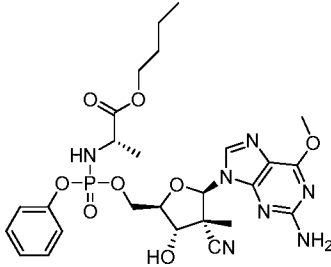
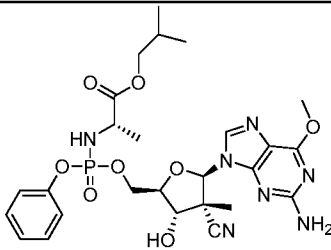
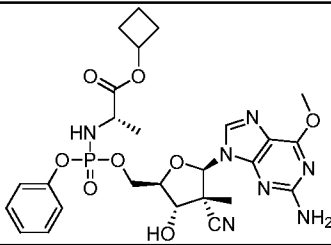
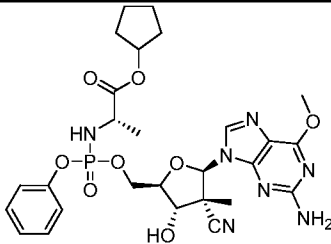
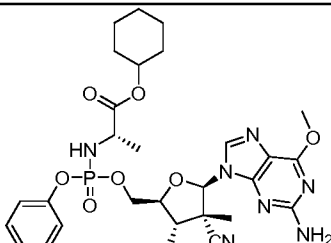
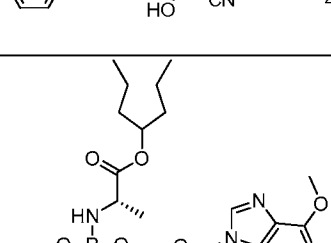
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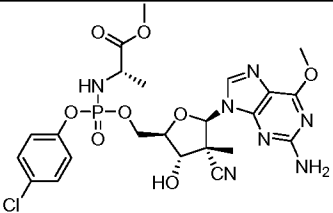
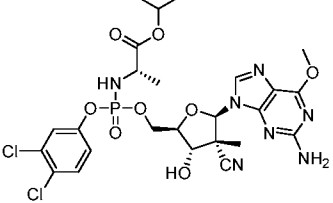
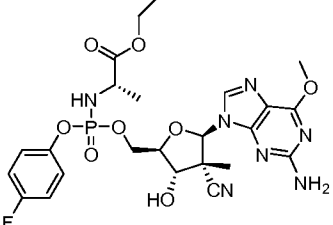
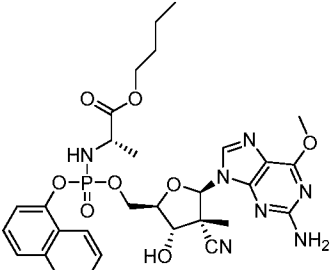
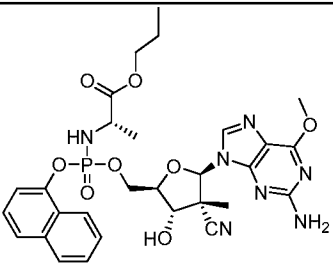
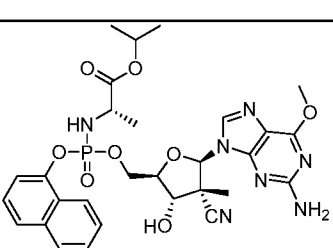
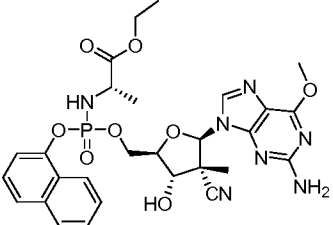
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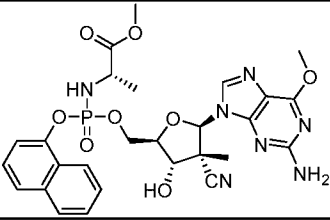
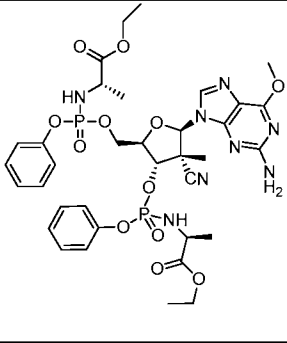
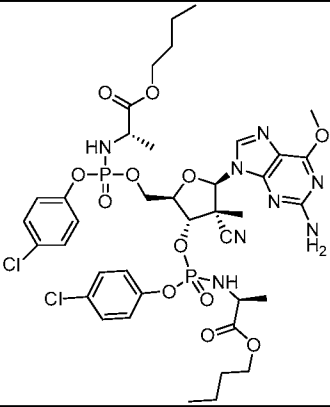
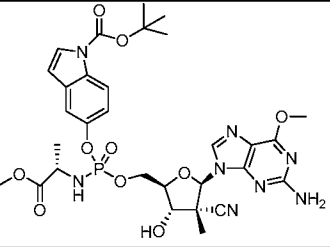
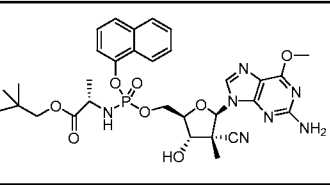
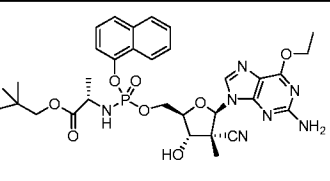
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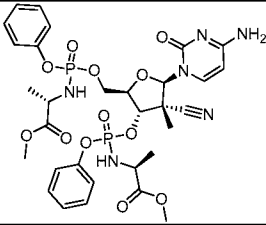
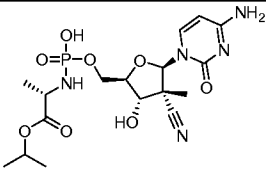
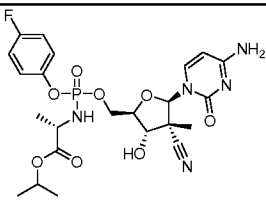
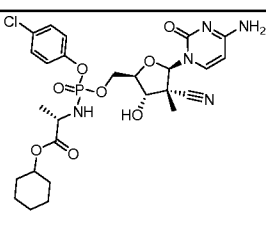
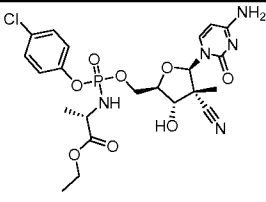
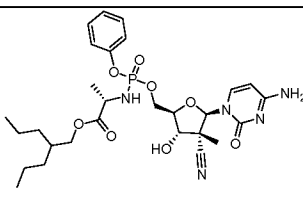
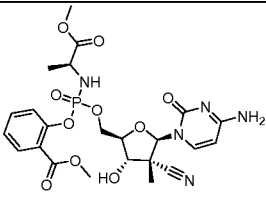
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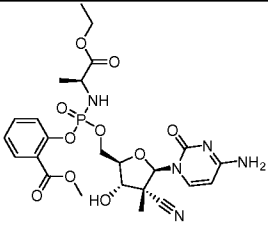
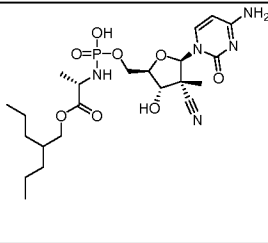
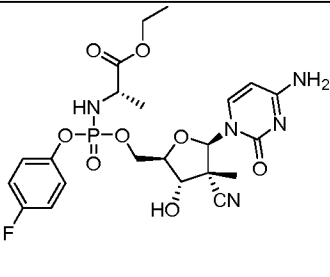
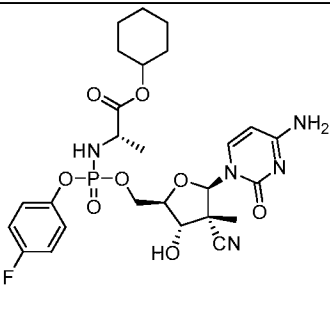
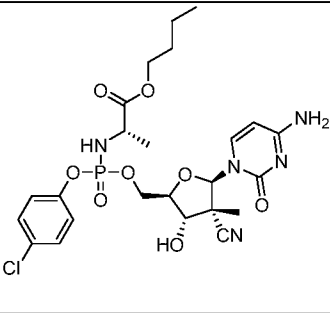
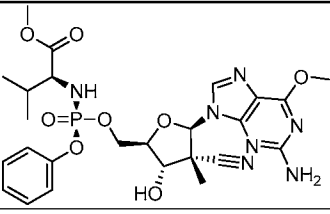
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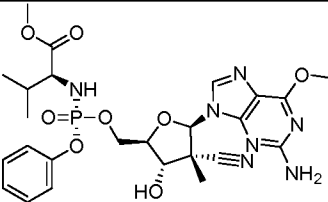
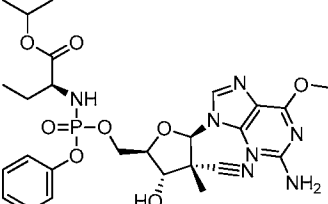
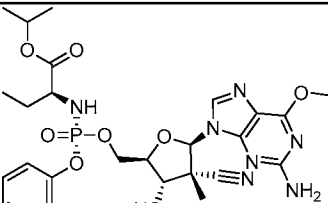
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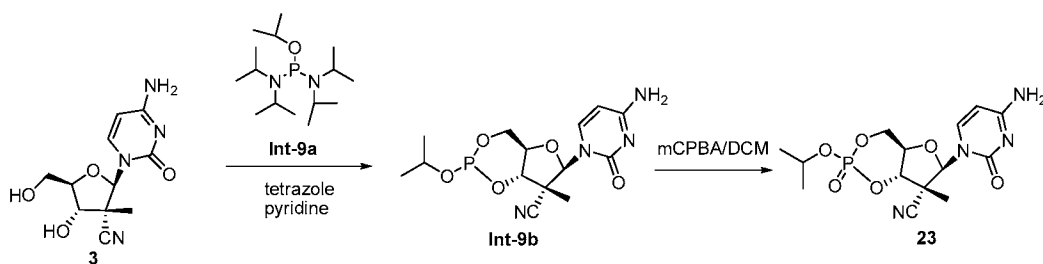
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182		955.2
183		700.8
184		668.2
187		682.3

194		749.1
200		460.2
201		554.2
202		610.2
204		556.2
205		606.2
207		566

208		580
211		529.8
213		540.2
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216		584.2
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EXAMPLE 9Preparation of Compound **23**

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Step A – Synthesis of Compound Int-9b

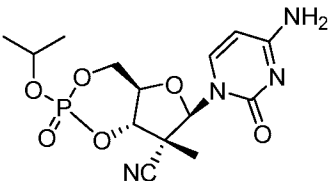
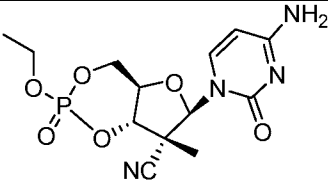
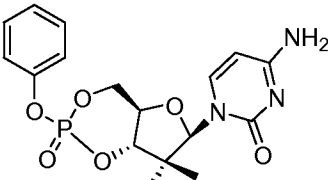
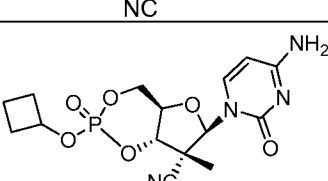
To a solution of compound **3** (44 mg, 0.165 mmol) in pyridine (1 mL) was added a solution of tetrazole (0.92 mL, 0.413 mmol) in acetonitrile (1 mL), followed by 1-isopropoxy-N,N,N',N'-tetraisopropylphosphinediamine (**Int-9a**). The reaction mixture was allowed to stir for 2 hours, then the reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and the residue obtained was triturated with EtOAc. The precipitate that formed was removed by filtration and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* to provide a residue which was purified using flash chromatography on silica gel on silica gel (dichloromethane/methanol) to provide compound **Int-9b** (20 mg) as a white solid which was used without further purification.

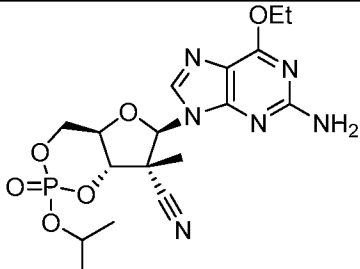
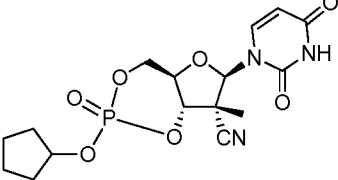
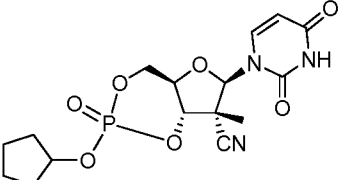
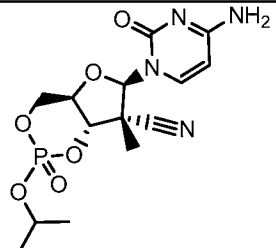
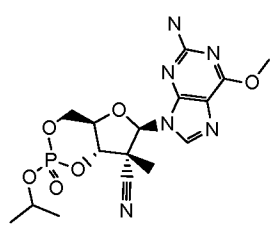
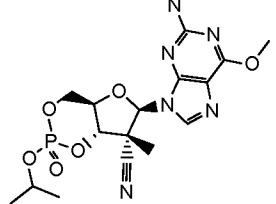
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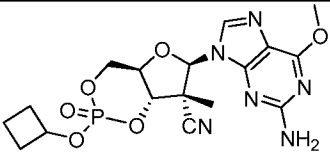
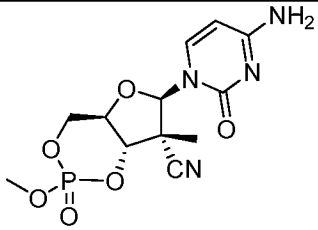
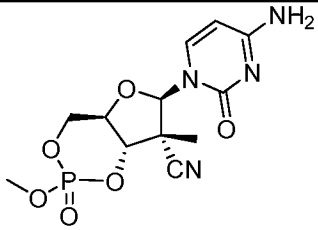
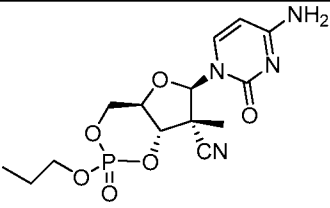
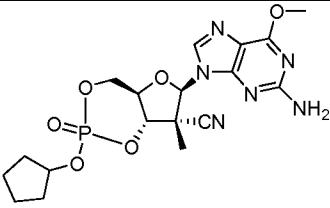
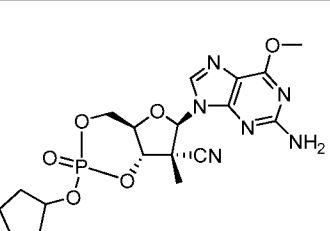
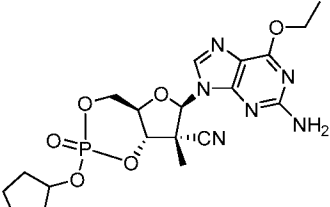
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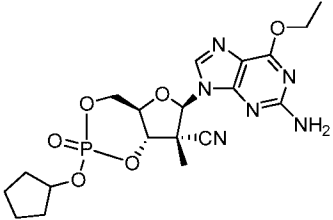
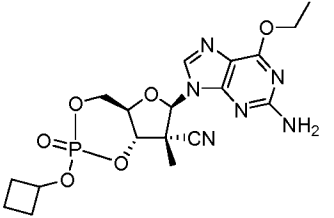
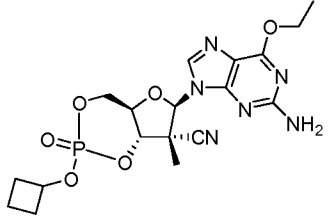
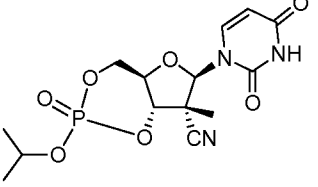
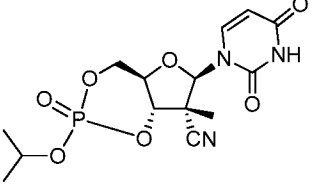
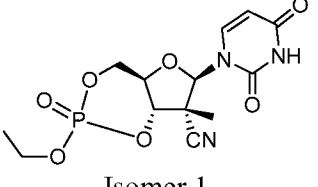
To a solution of compound **Int-9b** (20 mg, 0.056 mmol) in dichloromethane (2 mL), was added m-chloroperbenzoic acid (15.2 mg, 0.068 mmol), and the resulting reaction was allowed to stir at room temperature for 10 minutes. The reaction mixture was then diluted with water and extracted with dichloromethane (2 x 10 mL). The combined organic extracts were concentrated *in vacuo* and the residue obtained was purified using flash chromatography on silica gel on silica gel (dichloromethane/methanol) to provide a white solid product. The white solid product was dissolved in CH₃CN (0.8 mL) and methanol (0.2mL) and repurified using reverse phase HPLC to provide compound **23** (1.8 mg), M+H = 371.2.

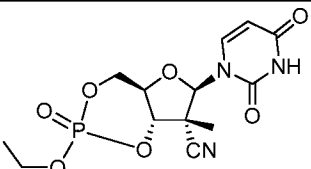
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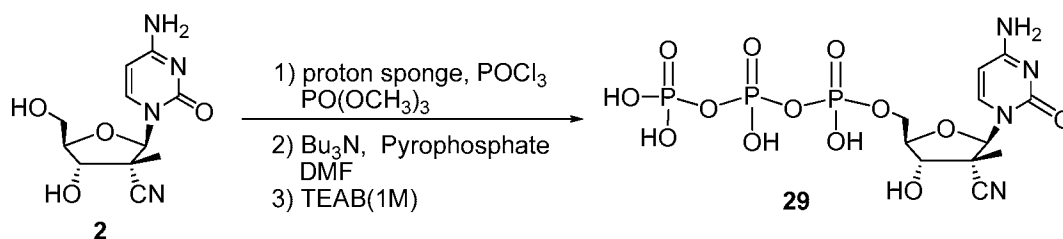
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26		405.2
27		383.2

28		438.9
32	 Isomer 1	420.0
33	 Isomer 2	420.0
34	 Isomer 2	371.2
35	 Isomer 1	424.3
36	 Isomer 2	424.3

37	 Isomer 1	437.2
38	 Isomer 1	343.2
39	 Isomer 1	343.3
40	 Isomer 1	371.2
41	 Isomer 1	451.0
42	 Isomer 2	451.0
43		465.0

	Isomer 1	
44		465.0
	Isomer 2	
45		451.0
	Isomer 1	
46		451.0
	Isomer 2	
47		394.2 (M+Na)
	Isomer 1	
48		394.2 (M+Na)
	Isomer 2	
49		380.2 (M+Na)
	Isomer 1	

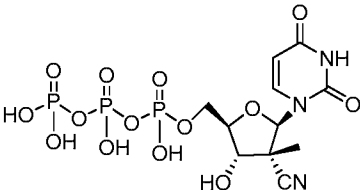
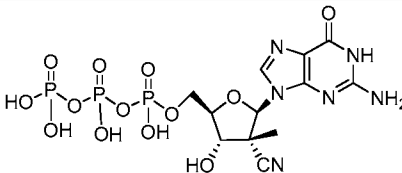
50	 Isomer 2	380.2 (M+Na)
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EXAMPLE 10Preparation of Compound **29**

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A solution of 1-[(2R,3R,4S,5R)-3-cyano-4-hydroxy-5-(hydroxymethyl)-3-methyloxolan-2-yl]-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-2,4-dione (**2**, 15 mg, 0.05 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in trimethylphosphate (1.0 mL) was placed under nitrogen atmosphere. To this solution was added proton sponge (17 mg, 0.08 mmol, 1.50 equiv) and the resulting reaction was cooled to 0 °C. To the cooled solution was added phosphoryl trichloride (32 mg, 0.21 mmol, 4.50 equiv) and the resulting reaction was allowed to stir for 4 hours at 0 °C. Pyrophosphate (200 mg, 0.37 mmol, 5.00 equiv), N,N-dimethylformamide (1.0 mL) and tributylamine (0.03 mL, 10.00 equiv) were then added to the reaction mixture and the resulting reaction was allowed to stir for an additional 1 hour at 0 °C. The reaction was then quenched by the addition of 3.0 mL of triethylammonium bicarbonate buffer (1M) and the resulting solution was concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue obtained was purified using Prep-HPLC as follows: (1#-Pre-HPLC-001(SHIMADZU)): Column, 1#-PrepC-008(Atlantis HILIC Silica 19*150 186003959 0110182551kk 03), mobile phase: acetonitrile and water with 50 mmol ammonium bicarbonate; Detector, UV 220 & 254 nm This provided 0.7 mg of compound **29** as a light yellow solid. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, D₂O): δ 7.96 (d, 1H), 6.45 (s, 1H), 6.16 (d, 1H), 4.39 (m, 1H), 4.31 (m, 2H), 4.28 (m, 1H), 1.31 (s, 3H). ³¹P-NMR (162 MHz, D₂O): δ -10.01 (d, 1P), -10.62 (d, 1P), -22.28 (t, 1 P) MS (ESI) m/z 506.7 [M]

The following compounds of the present invention were made using the methods described in the Example above and substituting the appropriate reactants and/or reagents.

Compound No.	Structure	MS (M + H)
51		507.0
52		545.8

NMR compound 51:

¹H-NMR (400 MHz, D₂O): δ 7.95 (d, 1H), 6.43 (s, 1H), 5.97 (d, 1H), 4.38 (m, 1H), 4.34 (m, 1H), 4.32 (m, 1H), 4.19 (m, 1H), 1.38 (s, 3H).

³¹P-NMR (162 MHz, D₂O): δ -9.72 (bs, 1P), -10.7 (d, 1P), -22.3 (t, 1P)

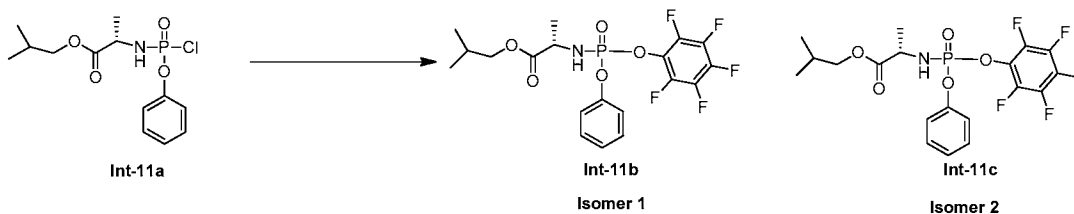
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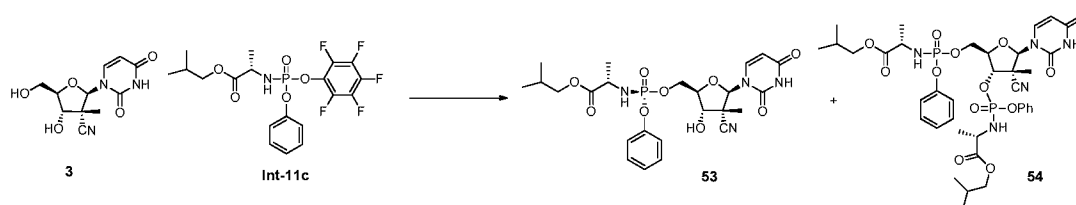
NMR compound 52:

¹H-NMR (400 MHz, D₂O): δ 8.09 (s, 1H), 6.5 (s, 1H), 4.62 (m, 1H), 4.39 (m, 2H), 4.28 (m, 1H), 1.23 (s, 3H).

³¹P-NMR (162 MHz, D₂O): δ -9.57 (bs, 1P), -10.6 (d, 1P), -22.18 (t, 1P)

MS (ESI) m/z 546.5 [M].

EXAMPLE 11**Preparation of Compound 53, 54**



Step A: Synthesis of Int-11b and 11c

Phosphorylamino chloride reactants of type **Int-11a** can be made using the methods described in US Patent No. 7,879,815.

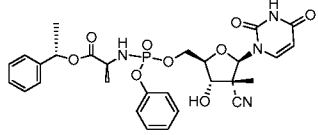
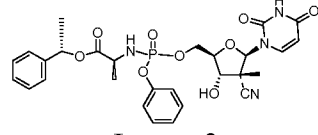
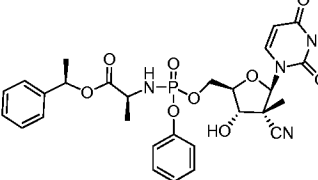
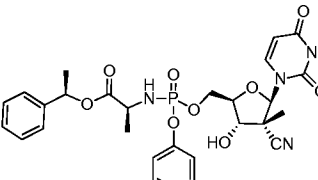
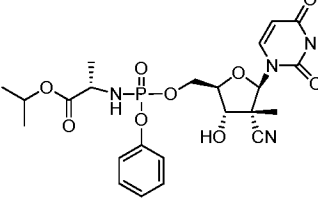
- 5 To a stirred solution of **Int-11a** (14.2 g, 46.4 mmol) in dichloromethane (112 mL) was added pentafluorophenol (8.55 g, 46.4 mmol) in one portion. The solution was cooled to 0°C and triethylamine (6.47 mL, 46.4 mmol) was added dropwise under nitrogen. The reaction was stirred overnight at room temperature. LCMS shows mainly product. The reaction mixture was washed with water (50 mL), dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*.
- 10 The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (0-30% ethyl acetate/hexanes) to provide 12.56 g of a white solid. The solid was recrystallized using 10% MBTE/hexanes to provide 6.15 g of **Int-11b** as a white solid. The mother liquor was concentrated *in vacuo* and was purified by silica gel chromatography (1:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to provide 4.04 g of isomer **Int-11c** and 805 mg of additional **Int-11b**.

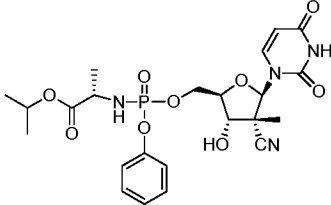
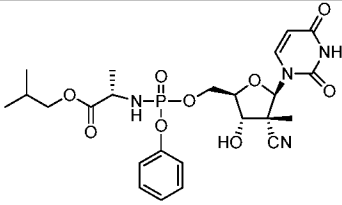
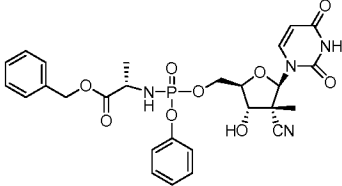
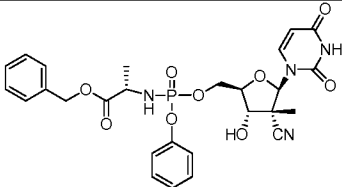
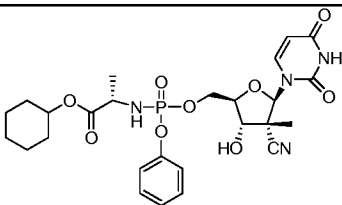
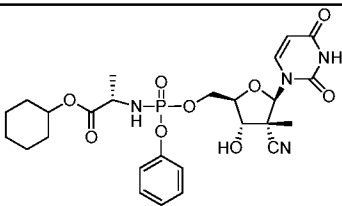
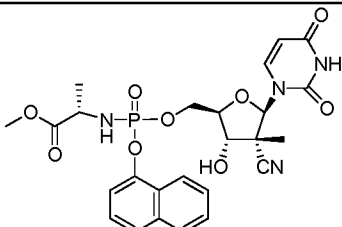
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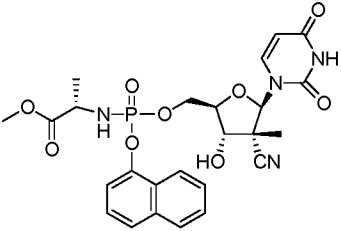
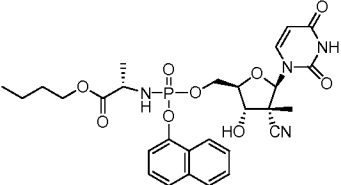
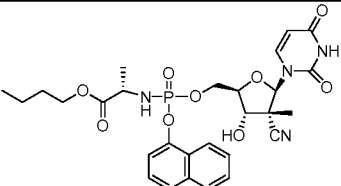
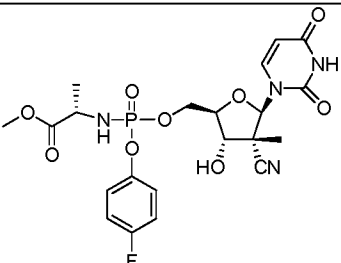
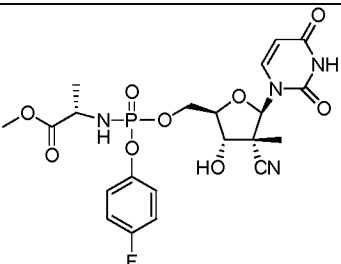
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- 20 mL) was added dropwise. The reaction was allowed to slowly warm to room temperature and stir for 18 hours. The reaction was quenched with saturated NH₄Cl solution (20 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (2x20 mL). The organic phase was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by SiO₂ chromatography (0-10% MeOH/DCM) gave 694.3 mg (67% yield) of **53**, 98.4 mg (6% yield) of **54**, and 55.5 mg (11%) of recovered **3**. ¹H NMR **53** (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.21 (m, 3H), 6.34 (s, 1H), 5.65 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 4.50 (ddd, *J* = 12.0, 6.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (ddd, *J* = 8.8, 6.4, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.13-4.00 (m, 1H), 4.03-3.97 (m, 2H), 3.93-3.84 (m, 2H), 1.91 (m, 1H), 1.38 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3 H), 1.30 (s, 3H), 0.93 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6 H). Mass calculated for formula C₂₄H₃₁N₄O₉P 550.2; observed MH⁺ (LCMS) 551.0 (*m/z*).

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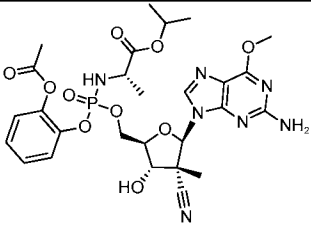
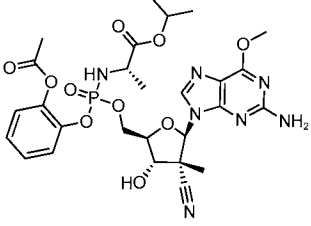
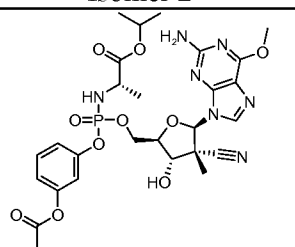
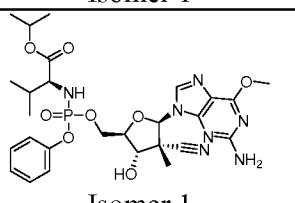
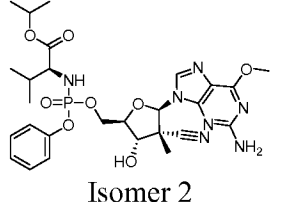
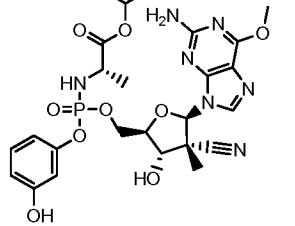
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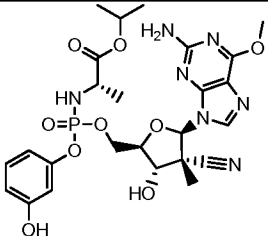
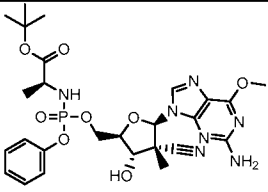
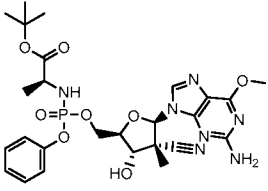
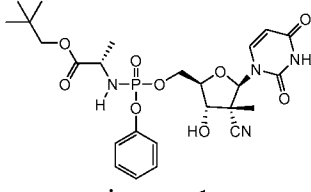
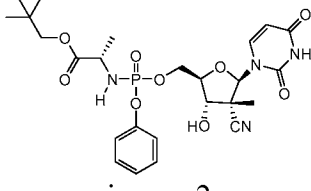
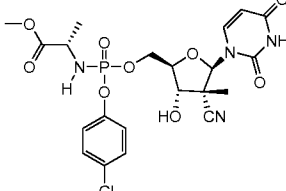
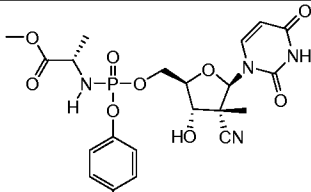
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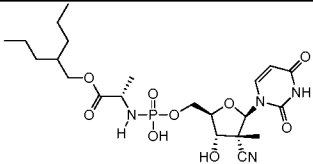
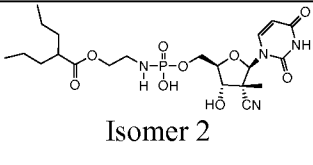
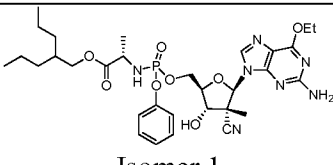
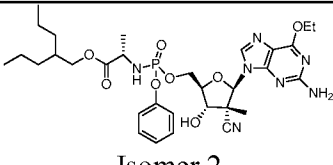
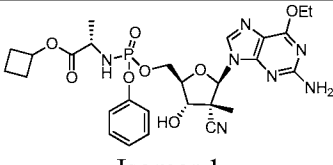
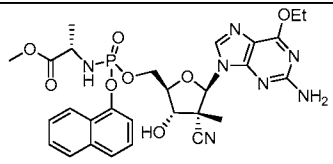
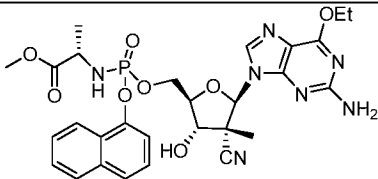
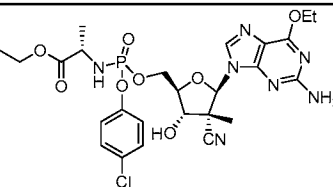
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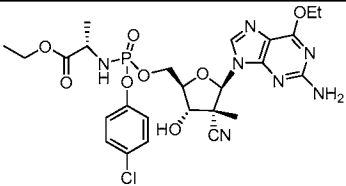
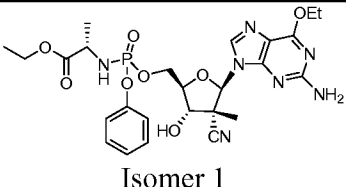
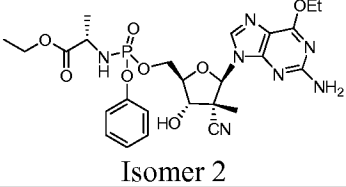
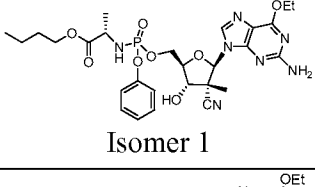
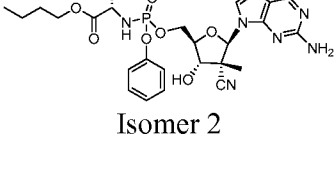
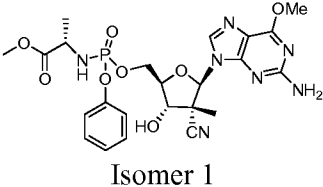
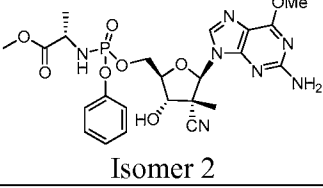
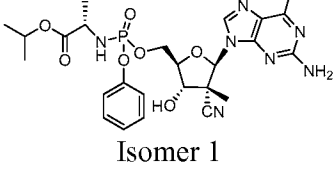
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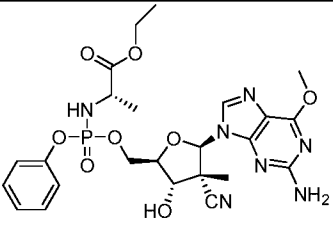
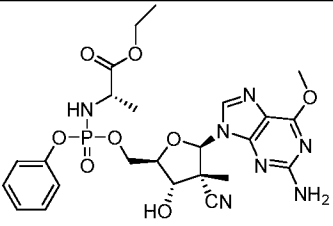
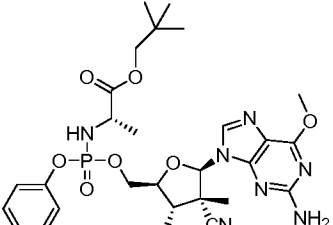
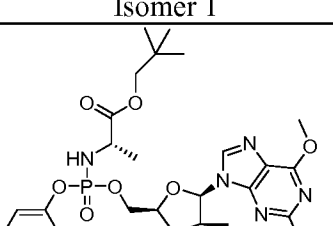
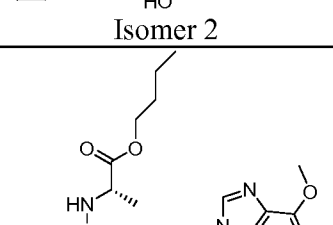
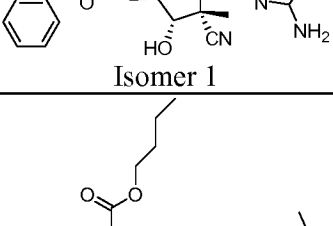
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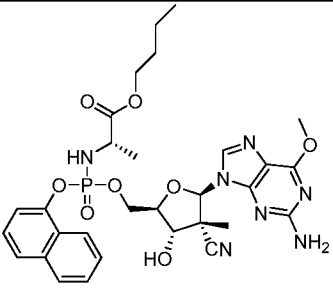
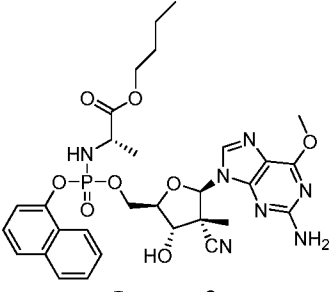
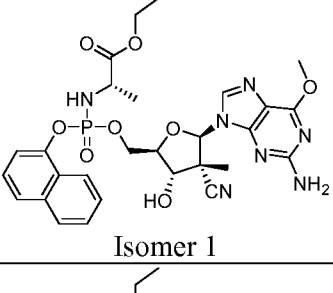
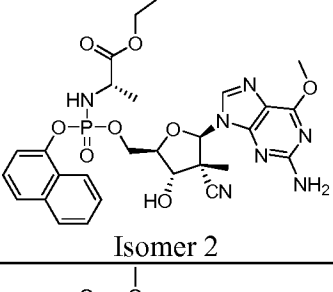
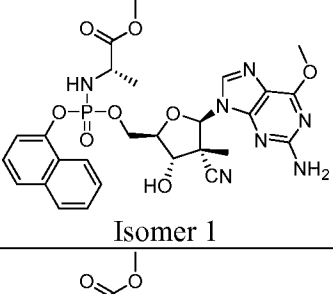
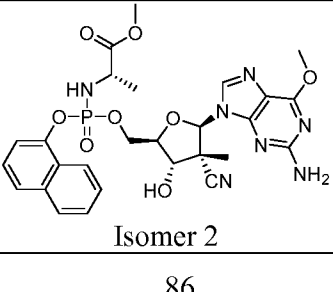
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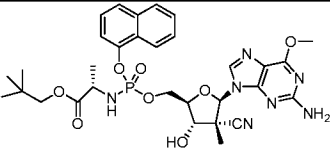
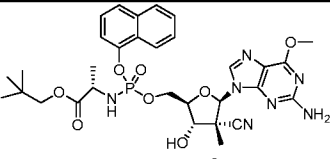
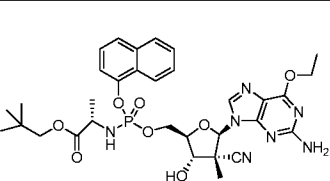
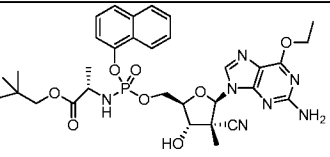
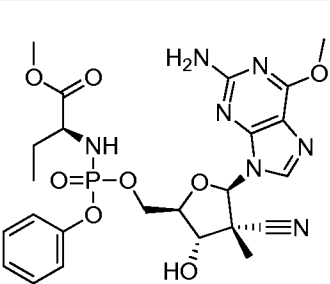
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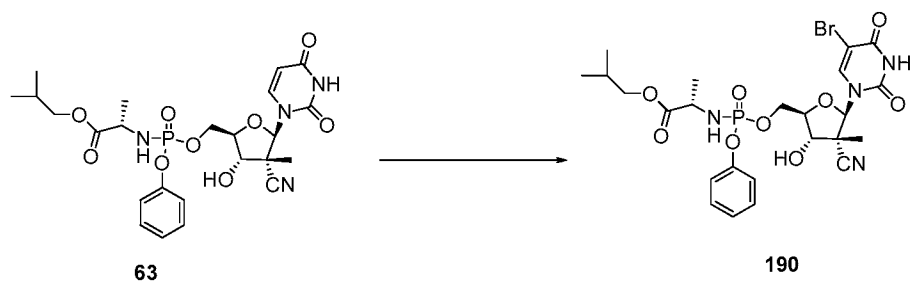
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185	 Isomer 1	668.2
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EXAMPLE 12**Preparation of Compound 190**

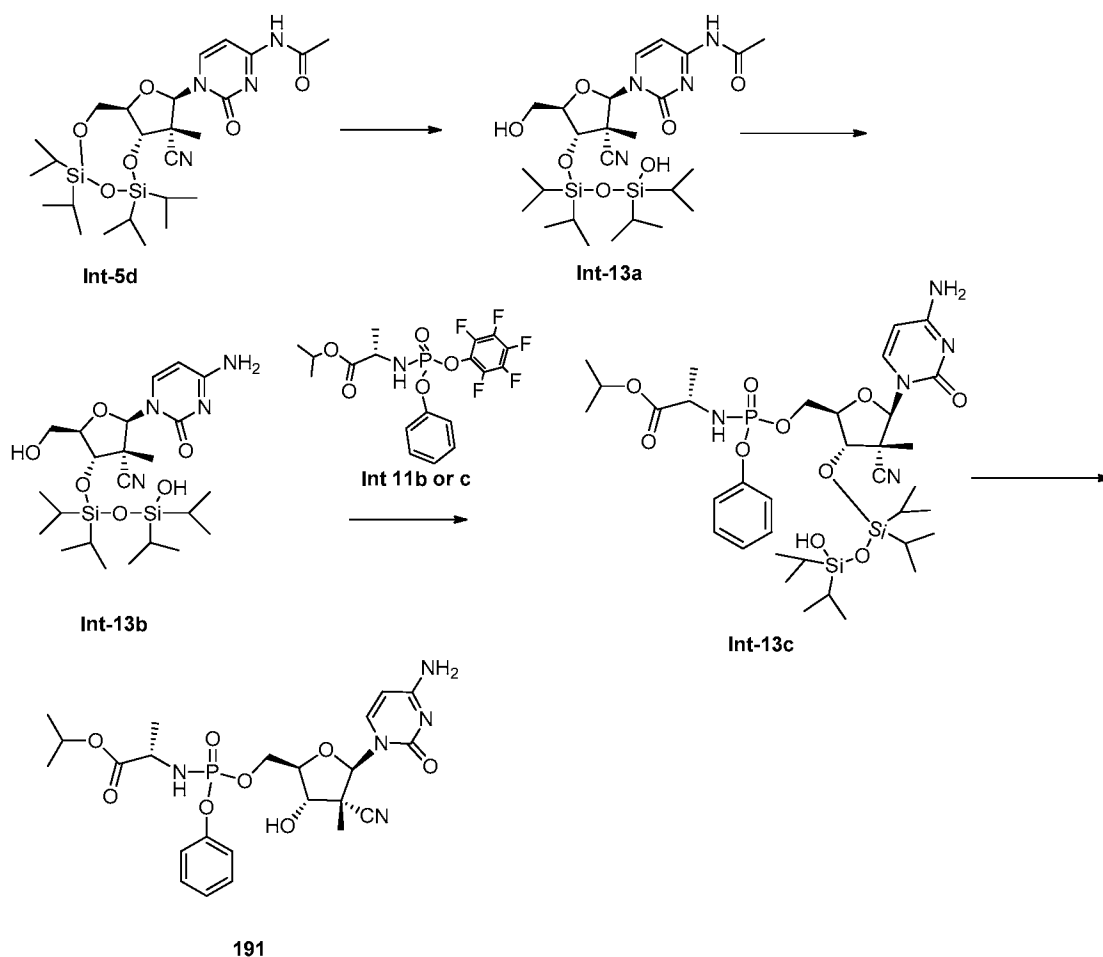
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To a stirred solution of compound **63** (21 mg, 0.038 mmol) in DMF (2 mL) that had been cooled in an ice bath was added NBS (10.18 mg, 0.57 mmol). The reaction was

quenched with ethyl acetate (50 mL) and water (50 mL). The organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (0-10% methanol/methylene chloride) to provide **190**. (20.5 mg, 85%)

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EXAMPLE 13Preparation of Compound **191**

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Step A: Synthesis of Int-13a

To a stirred solution of **Int-5d** (337 mg, 0.61 mmol) in a mixture solvent of tetrahydrofuran (1.1 mL) and water (0.37 mL) at 0 °C was added TFA (0.68 mL, 9.2 mmol) dropwise. The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 3 hours. The reaction was diluted with EtOAc (10 mL), and then sat. NaHCO₃ was added to pH 6. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc (2x30 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*

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to provide **Int-13a** (330 mg, 95%). The crude product was used for next step without further purification.

Step B: Synthesis of Int-13b

Ammonia (7 M in MeOH, 8 mL, 58 mmol) was added to the starting material **Int-13a** (330 mg, 0.58 mmol) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4 hours. The mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography eluting with 10% methanol/methylene chloride in 1 hour to provide **Int-13b** as a white solid (250 mg, 82%).

Step C: Synthesis of Int-13c

To a solution of mono protected nucleoside **Int-13b** (550 mg, 1.04 mmol) in a mixture of NMP (6.0 mL) and THF (33 mL) was added tert-Butyl magnesium chloride (1 M in THF, 2.71 mL) at 0 °C and the reaction was stirred for 30 minutes. A solution of **Int-11b** or **11c** (471 mg, 1.04 mmol) in THF (2 mL) was added and the reaction was stirred for 2 hours. The reaction was quenched with saturated aq. NH₄Cl (20 mL), extracted with EtOAc (2x20 mL), dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography 0-10% MeOH/DCM to provide the desired white solid product **Int-13c** (715 mg, 86%).

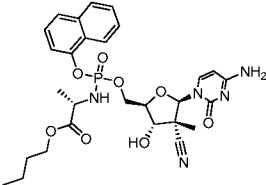
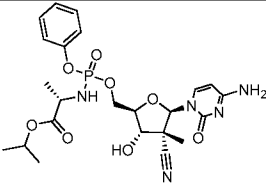
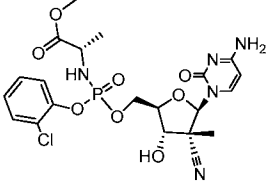
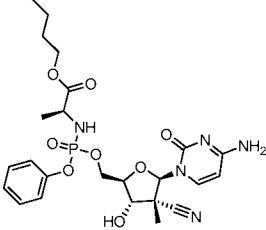
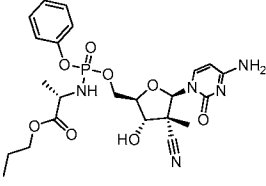
Step D: Synthesis of Compound 191

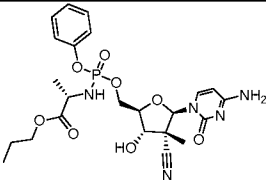
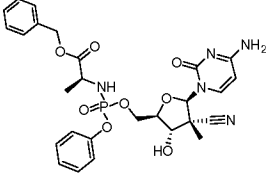
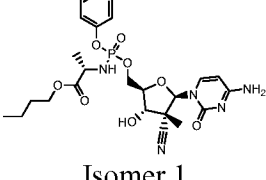
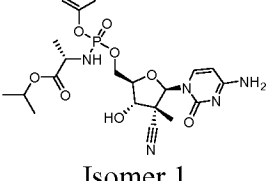
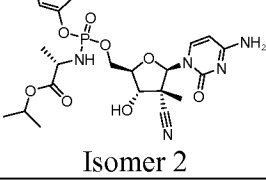
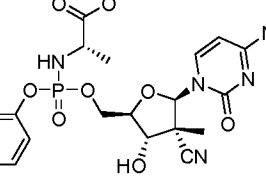
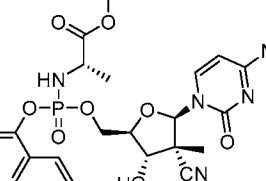
To a stirred solution of starting material **Int-13c** (980 mg, 1.23 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (22.0 mL) and MeOH (26.0 mL) at room temperature was added formic acid (8.0 mL, 209 mmol). CsF (1.12 g, 7.39 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture and stirred at 50 °C for 8 hours. The reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (3x 30 mL), washed with water and brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography eluting with 0 - 10% MeOH /CH₂Cl₂ to provide product **191** which was lyophilized over night to provide a white dry powder (293 mg, 44%).

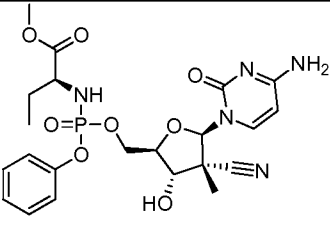
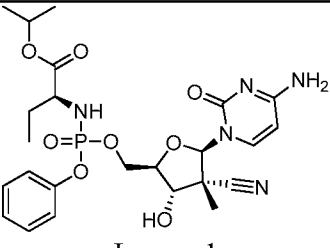
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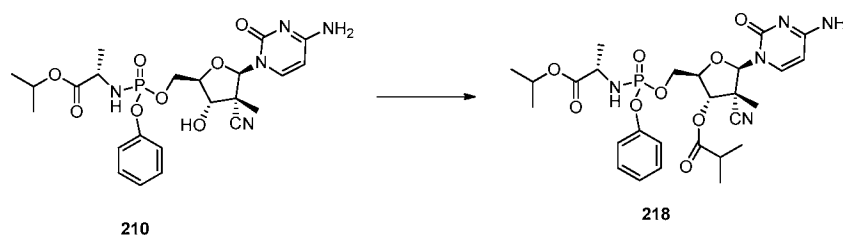
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217	 Isomer 1	558.1

229	 Isomer 1	576.19
230	 Isomer 1	550.2

EXAMPLE 14Preparation of Compound **218**

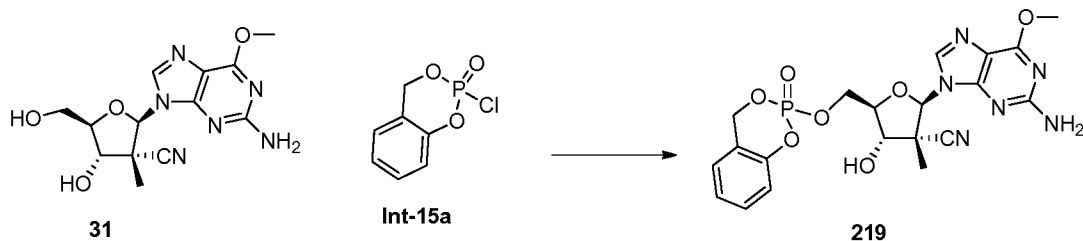
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To a stirred mixture of starting material **210** (20 mg, 0.037 mmol) and DMAP (0.502 mg, 4.11 μ mol) in tetrahydrofuran (1.0 mL) at 0 °C was added Et₃N (0.016 mL, 0.112 mmol) and water (0.7 mL) and the mixture was stirred at 0°C for 5 minutes. Isobutyryl chloride (0.037 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture slowly. The reaction was stirred for 30 minutes at 0 °C and then acidified with aqueous HCl (1M) to pH 6-7. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc (2x20 mL), washed with water and brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel preparatory TLC, eluting with 10% MeOH/DCM in 45 minutes to provide a white solid. Lyophilization of the solid from acetonitrile/water provided the dry powder **218** (17 mg, 75%).

EXAMPLE 15Preparation of Compound **219**

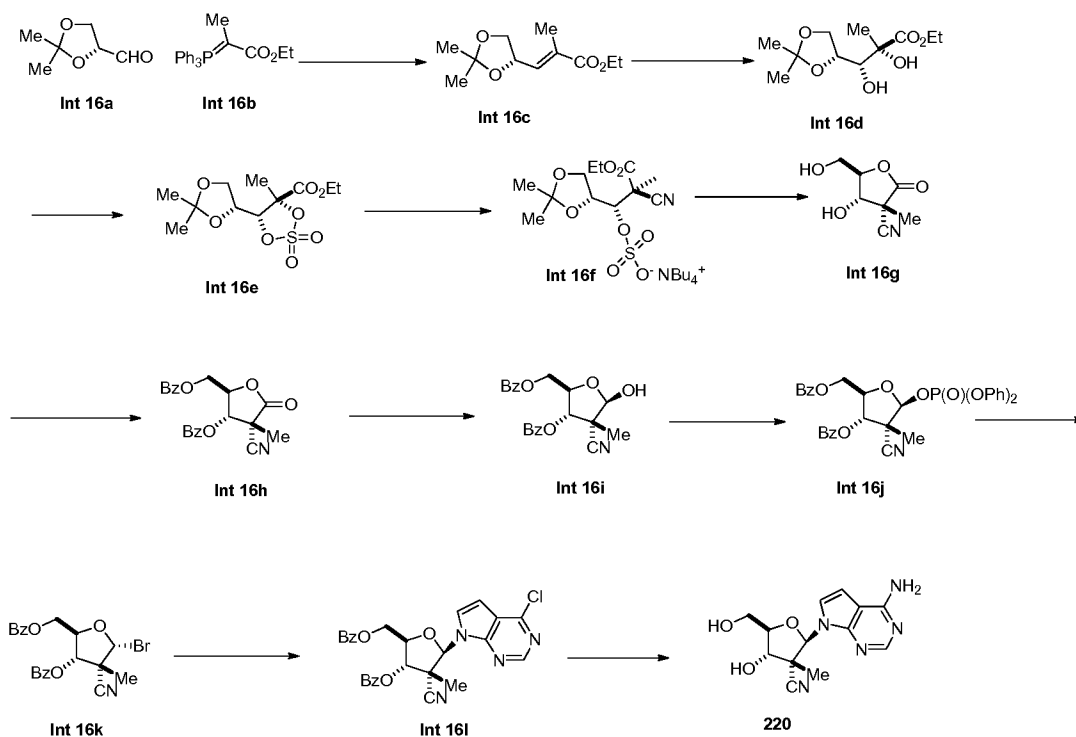
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- To a stirred mixture of starting material **31** (20 mg, 0.062 mmol) in
- 5 tetrahydrofuran (1 mL) at room temperature was added N-methylimidazole (0.035 mL, 0.437 mmol) and the mixture was stirred at 35^oC for 3 minutes. Phosphorochloridate **Int-15a** (51 mg, 0.25 mmol in 0.5 ml THF) was added dropwise and the reaction mixture was stirred for 1 hour at 35 °C. The reaction was quenched with water (20 mL) and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (2x30 mL), washed with brine (25 mL), back extract aqueous layer with EtOAc (30 mL).
- 10 The combined organic layers were dried with MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified by silica gel preparatory TLC (10% MeOH/DCM) to provide desired product **219** (4.1 mg, 13.4%).

EXAMPLE 16

15 Preparation of Compound 220



Step A: Synthesis of Int-16c

A solution of **Int-16b** (5.5kg, 15.2mol, 1.00eq) in DCM (15.4L) was placed into a 50L reactor, and a solution of **Int-16a** (2.35kg, 18.1mol, 1.19eq) in DCM (2.8L) was added into above solution while maintaining the temperature at -5 °C for about 0.5 hour to complete addition). The mixture was allowed to react for 3 hours at -5 °C until LCMS showed the content of **Int-16a** is not more than 5%. The reaction solution was concentrated *in vacuo* at 40 °C. The residue was treated with petroleum ether (5L) and the insoluble solid was filtered out and washed with EtOAc:PE(1:15, 3x5L). The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* at 40 °C. The residue was purified by distillation under vacuum (10mm Hg) and the fraction was collected >90°C to provide white oil **Int-16c** (2.6kg, yield: 81%). The material was used to next step without any further purification.

Step B: Synthesis of 16d

A solution of **Int-16c** (2.6kg, 12.15mol, 1.00eq) in acetone (40L) was treated with a solution of ethane-1,2-diol (3.0kg, 12.76mol, 4.00eq) and NaHCO₃ (3.06 kg, 36.45 mol, 3.00 eq) in H₂O (5.2 L). KMnO₄ (2.02 kg, 12.76 mol, 1.05 eq) was added in several portions into the above solution while maintaining the temperature at -15 °C ~ -10 °C (about 1 hour to complete addition). The mixture was allowed to react for 1 hour at -15 °C ~ -10 °C until the SM was consumed completely. The resulting solution was quenched with NaHSO₃ (aqueous 25%w/w, 5 L) while maintaining the temperature below 4 °C. A filtration was performed and the filter cake was washed with acetone (3x1.0 L). The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* and the residue was extracted with EtOAc (1x10 L, 2x5 L). The organic layers were combined, dried over Na₂SO₄ (3.0 kg), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was treated with toluene (1.5 L) and petroleum ether (9 L). The slurry was stirred for 10 hours at -10 °C ~ 0 °C. The solid was collected, dried at 40 °C to provide pure product **Int-16d** (1.8 kg, yield: 60%) as a white solid.

Step C: Synthesis of 16e

A solution of **Int-16d** (1.73 kg, 6.97 mol, 1.00 eq) in DCM (17 L) was treated with TEA (2.11 kg, 20.93 mol, 3.00 eq). The reaction was then treated with SOCl₂ (1.08 kg, 9.06 mol, 1.30 eq) dropwise while maintaining the temperature at -5 °C ~ 15 °C (about 0.5 hour to complete addition). The mixture was stirred for 1 hour at 15 °C ~ 25 °C. The resulting solution was quenched with water (20 L). The separated organic layer was washed with saturated NaHCO₃ (1x10 L). The organic layer was placed into 50 L reactor and diluted with MeCN (1.8 L), followed by the dropwise addition of aqueous NaOCl (6.9%, 20 L) while maintaining the

temperature at 5 °C ~ 20 °C (about 1 hour to complete addition). Then the mixture was allowed to react for 40 hours at 15 °C ~25 °C. The resulting solution was quenched with aqueous Na₂SO₃ (15%, 10 L). The separated organic layer was washed with water (6x5 L), saturated NaHCO₃ (1x15 L) and saturated brine (1x15 L), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to provide product **Int-16e** (1.6kg, yield:74%) as oil.

Step D: Synthesis of 16f

A solution of **Int-16e** (900 g, 2.9 mol, 1.00 eq) in DMF (8.1 L) and H₂O (900 mL) was added was treated with KCN (226 g, 3.5 mol, 1.20 eq). The mixture was warmed to 50 °C and allowed to react for 5 hours until TLC showed **Int-16e** was consumed completely. The resulting solution was cooled to 30 °C with water bath and K₂HPO₄ (782 g, 4.5 mol, 1.55 eq) and Bu₄NHSO₄ (1.08 kg, 3.2 mol, 1.10 eq) were added in one portion. The mixture was allowed to react overnight. The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc (20 L) and water (10 L). The water layer was extracted with EtOAc (2x5 L). The organic layers were combined, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to provide the crude product **Int-16f** (1.3 kg, the content of DMF is 28%w/w, isolated yield: 65%) as brown oil which was used to next step without any further purification.

Step E: Synthesis of 16g

A solution of **Int-16f** (1.3 kg, 1.6 mol, 1.00 eq) in EtOH (7.8 L) was treated with HCl (10 M, 233 g, 2.3 mol, 1.42 eq). The mixture was allowed to react for 15 hours at 20 °C ~ 30 °C. The reaction progress was monitored by TLC until **Int-16f** was consumed completely. The resulting solution was quenched with a solution of NaHCO₃ (193 g, 2.3 mol, 1.42 mol) in water (193 g). The resulting solution was concentrated *in vacuo* to remove most EtOH. The residue was extracted with EtOAc (2x3 L, 2x1.3 L). The organic layers were combined, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to provide crude product **Int-16g** (550 g, theoretic yield: 277 g) as a brown oil which was used to next step without any further purification.

Step F: Synthesis of Int-16h

A solution of **Int-16 g** (550 g, theoretic yield: 277 g, 1.6 mol, 1.00 eq) in CH₃CN (1.4 L) was treated with TEA (360 g, 3.6 mol, 1.00 eq) and DMAP (12.2 g, 0.1 mol, 0.06 eq). BzCl (508 g, 3.6 mol, 2.20 eq) was added dropwise to the above solution while maintaining the temperature at 0 ~ 25°C (about 1.5 hours to complete addition). The mixture was allowed to react

for 1 hour at 10 °C ~ 25 °C until LCMS showed the **Int-16g** was consumed completely. The resulting solution was diluted with water (5 L), then extracted with EtOAc (4x2 L). The organic layers were combined, washed with brine (35%, 1x1 L), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue (600 g) was treated with propan-2-ol (6 L) and stirred for 1 hour at 20 °C ~ 30 °C. A filtration was performed and the filter cake (300 g) was purified by re-crystallization from EtOAc (600 mL) and propan-2-ol (6000 mL) to provide pure product **Int-16h** (270g, yield:44%, purity:97.6%) as a white solid.

Step G: Synthesis of Int-16i

To a solution of **Int-16h** (1 g, 2.64 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in THF (15 mL) was added a solution of Li(t-BuO)₃AlH (1 g, 3.92 mmol, 1.50 equiv) in THF (10 mL) dropwise with stirring at -30 °C. The resulting solution was stirred for 2 hours at -30°C in a liquid nitrogen bath. The reaction was then quenched by the addition of saturated NH₄Cl (30 mL). The resulting solution was extracted with EtOAc (3x50 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was applied onto a silica gel column and eluted with 10-20% EtOAc/hexane to provide **Int-16i** as a white solid. (800 mg, 80%). ¹H-NMR-**Int-16i** (300 MHz, CD₃OD, ppm): δ 8.14-8.17 (m, 2H), 8.02-8.05 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.65 (m, 6H), 5.62-5.63 (m, 1H), 5.41-5.42 (m, 1H), 4.61-4.83 (m, 3H), 1.66 (s, 3H).

Step H: Synthesis of 16j

To a solution of **Int-16i** (3 g, 7.87 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in toluene (60 mL) was added TEA (3.2 g, 31.62 mmol, 4.00 equiv) and diphenyl chlorophosphonate (4.2 g, 15.63 mmol, 2.00 equiv). After the resulting solution was stirred for 5 hours at room temperature, it was diluted with DCM (200 mL). The reaction was then quenched by the addition of saturated Na₂CO₃ (40 mL). The resulting solution was extracted with DCM (3x50 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was applied onto a silica gel column and eluted with 10-20% EtOAc/hexane to provide **Int-16j** as colorless oil (5.0 g). ¹H-NMR-**Int-16j**: (300 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 8.10-8.12 (m, 2H), 7.99-8.00 (m, 2H), 7.53-7.69 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.52 (m, 4H), 7.14-7.37 (m, 10H), 6.02 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.21 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.61-4.66 (m, 2H), 4.31 (q, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 1.68 (s, 3H).

Step I: Synthesis of 16k

Into a 25-mL round-bottom flask purged and maintained with an inert atmosphere of argon, was placed **Int-16j** (500 mg, 0.81 mmol, 1.00 equiv) and 33% hydrogen bromide / acetic acid (5 mL). The resulting solution was stirred for 3 hours at room temperature, and then diluted with DCM (50 mL). The reaction was then quenched by the addition of water/ice and the resulting solution was extracted with DCM (50 mL). The organic layers were combined, washed with saturated Na₂CO₃ (50 mL), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was applied onto a silica gel column and eluted with (5-20%) EtOAc/hexane to provide of **Int-16k** as a off-white foam (0.25 g, 69%). ¹H-NMR-**Int-16k**: (300 MHz, CDCl₃, *ppm*): δ 8.25 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 2H), 8.17 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 2H), 7.59-7.77 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.50 (m, 4H), 6.39 (s, 1H), 5.35 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.73-4.92 (m, 3H), 1.76 (s, 3H).

Step J: Synthesis of 16l

To a stirred solution of 4-chloro-7H-pyrrolo[2,3-d]pyrimidine (2.0 g, 13.02 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in acetonitrile (10 mL) was added a solution of KOBt (1.46 g, 1.30 equiv) in tert-Butanol (10 mL). The resulting solution was stirred for 30 minutes at room temperature. A solution of **Int-16k** (4.4 g, 9.90 mmol, 1.30 equiv) in acetonitrile (10 mL) was added to the mixture. The resulting solution was stirred for an additional 3.5 hours while the temperature was maintained at 50°C in an oil bath. The reaction mixture was then cooled down to room temperature. The resulting solution was diluted with dichloromethane (100 mL) and the reaction was then quenched by the addition of saturated NH₄Cl (50 mL). The resulting solution was extracted with DCM (3x50 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was applied onto a silica gel column and eluted with 5-30% EtOAc/petroleum ether to provide 2.9 g (43%) of **Int-16l** as a white solid.

¹H-NMR-**Int-16l**: (300 MHz, CDCl₃, *ppm*): δ 8.73 (s, 1H), 8.14-8.19 (m, 2H), 8.06-8.09 (m, 2H), 7.60-7.70 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.55 (m, 5H), 6.97 (s, 1H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.79-5.81 (m, 1H), 4.92-4.96 (m, 1H), 4.71-4.79 (m, 2H), 1.60 (s, 3H).

Step K: Synthesis of 220

Into a 25-mL sealed tube, was placed a solution **Int-16l** (50 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in ammonia saturated i-PrOH (10 mL). The resulting solution was stirred for 2 days at 50 °C in an oil bath. The resulting mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product (40 mg) was purified by Prep-HPLC with the following conditions (1#-Pre-HPLC-011(Waters)):

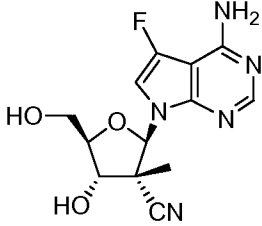
Column, SunFire Prep C18, 19*150mm 5 μ m; mobile phase, Water and CH₃CN (5.0% CH₃CN up to 23.0% in 6 min, up to 83.0% in 4 min, up to 100.0% in 1 min, down to 3.0% in 2 min);

Detector, UV 254 & 220nm. This provided compound **220** as an off-white solid. (20 mg, 71%)

LC-MS-**220**(ES, m/z): 290 [M+H]⁺ ¹H-NMR-**220**: (300 MHz, CD₃OD, ppm): δ 8.12 (s, 1H),

5 7.59 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (s, 1H), 6.65 (d, J = 1.8Hz, 1H), 4.30-4.35 (m, 1H), 3.98- 4.06 (m, 2H), 4.85-3.90 (m, 1H), 0.99 (s, 3H).

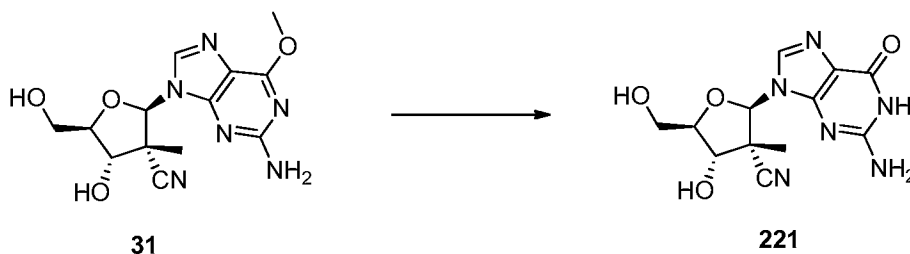
The following compounds of the present invention were made using the methods described in the Example above and substituting the appropriate reactants and/or reagents.

Compound No.	Structure	MS (M + H)
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EXAMPLE 17

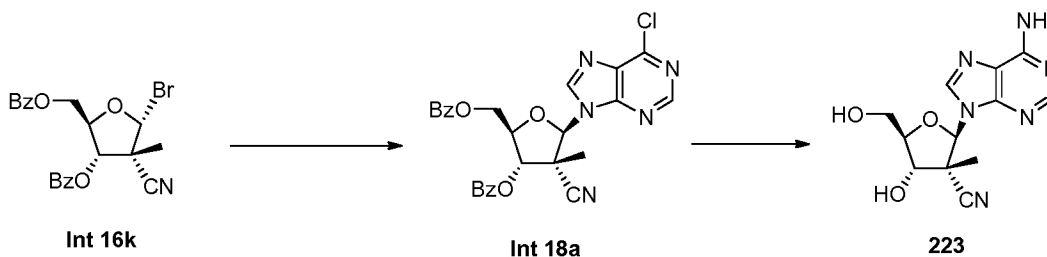
Preparation of Compound **221**



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To a stirred solution of compound **31** (110 mg, 0.343 mmol) in THF (6 mL) was added 1N HCl (6 mL). The solution was heated at 50 °C for 48 hours. The solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by HPLC (5% water/acetonitrile) to provide compound **221**. (71 mg). [M+H] = 307.0; ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD): δ :8.48 (s, 1H), 6.41(s, 1H), 4.33 (m, 1H), 4.05-4.0 (m, 2H), 3.85 (m, 1H), 1.19 (s, 3H).

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EXAMPLE 18Preparation of Compound **223***Step A: Synthesis of Int-18a*

5 To a stirred solution of 6-chloro-9H-purine (348 mg, 2.25 mmol, 2.00 equiv) in tert-Butanol (5 mL) was added t-BuOK (253 mg, 2.26 mmol, 2.00 equiv). The resulting solution was stirred for 30 minutes at room temperature. Then a solution of **Int-16k** (500 mg, 1.13 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in MeCN (5 mL) was added. The resulting solution was stirred for an additional 2.0 hours at room temperature. The pH value of the solution was adjusted to 7 with 1N HCl and then

10 concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting solution was diluted with ethyl acetate (10 mL), washed with saturated NH₄Cl (2x10 mL) and saturated NaCl (2x10 mL). The organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was applied onto a silica gel column and eluted with EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:3) to provide **Int-18a** as an off-white solid. (180 mg, 31%). ¹H-NMR-**Int-18a**: (300 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 8.82(s, 1H), 8.32(s, 1H),

15 8.18-8.13(m, 2H), 8.10-8.02(m, 2H), 7.77-7.42(m, 7H), 6.75(s, 1H), 5.91(d, *J*=6.0 Hz, 1H), 5.31(s, 1H), 4.95-4.72(m, 3H), 1.39(s, 3H).

Step B: Synthesis of 223

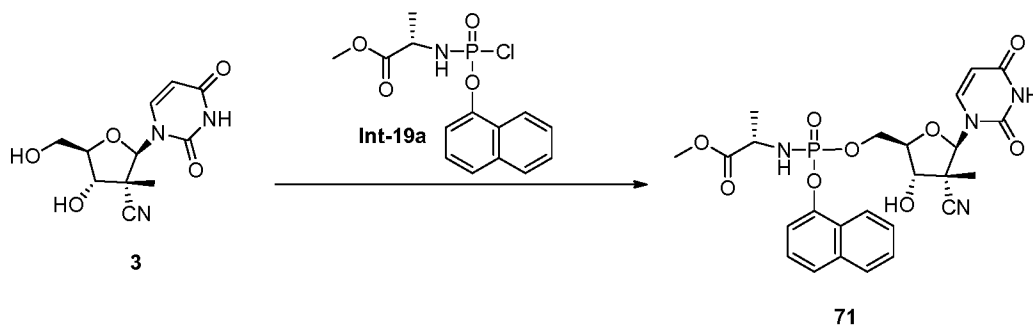
Into a 10-mL sealed tube, was placed **Int-18a** (180 mg, 0.35 mmol, 1.00 equiv)

20 and solution of NH₃(l) (8 mL) in *i*-PrOH (2 mL). The resulting solution was stirred for 2 days at 50°C in an oil bath, and then concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product (80 mg) was purified by Prep-HPLC with the following conditions (1#-Pre-HPLC-001(SHIMADZU)): Column, 1#-PrepC-014(Atlantis T3 19*150 186003698 012139334114 02), N; mobile phase, Water and CH₃CN (2.0% CH₃CN up to 25.0% in 7 min, up to 100.0% in 1 min, down to 2.0% in 2 min);

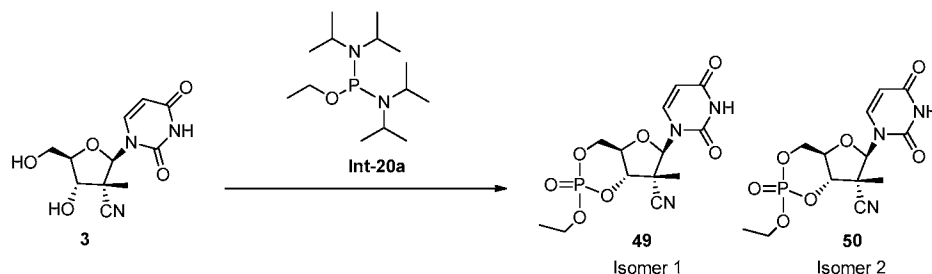
25 Detector, UV 254 & 220nm. This provided compound **223** as a white solid. (50 mg, 50%)

LC-MS-**223**: (ES, *m/z*): 291 [M+H]⁺.

¹H-NMR-**223**: (300 MHz, CD₃OD, ppm): δ 8.65(s, 1H), 8.23(s, 1H), 6.63(s, 1H), 4.46(d, *J*=6.0 MHz, 1H), 4.13-4.04(m, 2H), 3.98-3.88(m, 1H), 1.13(s, 3H).

EXAMPLE 19Preparation of Compound **71**

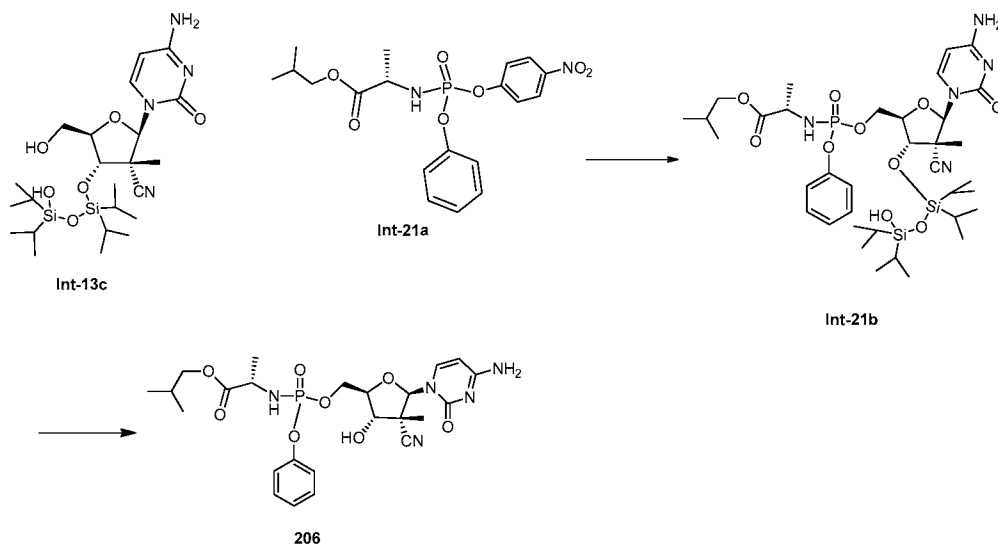
A solution of compound **3** (75.8 mg, 0.28 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (2.5 mL) at 0 °C was treated with methyl imidazole (0.19 mL, 2.29 mmol) dropwise. The reaction was allowed to stir for 5 minutes, then a solution of prodrug **Int-19a** (499 mg, 1.52 mmol, made using the methods described in Example 11) in tetrahydrofuran (1.0 mL) was added dropwise. The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 1.5 hours. The reaction was concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude material was purified *via* preparative TLC eluting with 10% methanol/dichloromethane. The material was further purified by reverse phase HPLC to provide a mixture of diastereomers that were separated by SFC separation to provide compound **71** (36.5 mg) as an off-white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 8.19-8.18 (m, 1H), 7.92-7.89 (m, 1H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.55 (m, 2H), 7.52-7.43 (m, 3H), 6.29 (s, 1H), 5.35 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.62 (ddd, *J* = 12.0, 4.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (ddd, *J* = 12.0, 6.4, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.15-4.12 (m, 1H), 4.09-4.01 (m, 1H), 3.94 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 1.35 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.18 (s, 3H). Mass calculated for formula C₂₅H₂₇N₄O₉P 558.5; observed MH⁺ (LCMS) 559.0 (*m/z*).

EXAMPLE 20Preparation of Compounds **49** and **50**

Compound **3** (50.0 mg, 0.19 mmol) was added to a sealed tube and dissolved in tetrahydrofuran (1.5 mL). Intermediate **20a** (67.2 mg, 0.24 mmol) was dissolved in tetrahydrofuran (2.0 mL) and added to the sealed tube followed by 5-(ethylthio)-1*H*-tetrazole (24.3 mg, 0.187 mmol). The tube was sealed and heated to 100°C for 2.5 hours. The reaction was cooled to room temperature and *t*-butyl hydrogen peroxide (2.34 mL, 18.7 mmol) was added to the reaction. The reaction continued to stir for 16 hours. The reaction was transferred to a round bottom flask and concentrated *in vacuo*. The material was purified *via* preparative TLC in 5% methanol/dichloromethane yielding a mixture of diastereomers. The diastereomers were separated by SFC to afford compounds **49** (8.4 mg) and **50** (16.3 mg). ¹H NMR: **49** (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 5.77 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.84-4.77 (m, 1H), 4.70-4.62 (m, 2H), 4.50-4.47 (m, 1H), 4.33-4.25 (m, 2H), 1.43 (s, 3H), 1.41 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); LC-MS: **49**: (ES, *m/z*): 358.2. ¹H NMR: **50** (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (s, 1H), 5.74 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.78-4.68 (m, 1H), 4.63-4.58 (m, 2H), 4.43-4.40 (m, 1H), 4.32-4.22 (m, 2H), 1.43-1.39 (m, 6H); LC-MS: **50**: (ES, *m/z*): 358.2.

EXAMPLE 21

Preparation of Compound **206**



Step A: Synthesis of Int-21b

To a solution of compound **Int-13c** (350 mg, 0.664 mmol) in a mixture solvent of NMP (1.0 mL) and THF (5 mL) was added tert-butyl magnesium chloride (1.99 mL, 1M in THF) at 0 °C. The solution was stirred at 0 °C for 30 minutes under nitrogen. A solution of **Int-**

21a (561 mg, 1.33 mmol, made using the methods described in Example 11) in THF (2 mL) was added. The solution was stirred under N₂ at 0 °C to room temperature for 3 hours. The reaction was quenched with aq. NH₄Cl (10 mL), extracted with EtOAc (2x40 mL), dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (0-10 % MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) in 1 hour and continue hold for 30 minutes to provide a white solid **Int-21b** (480 mg, 89%).

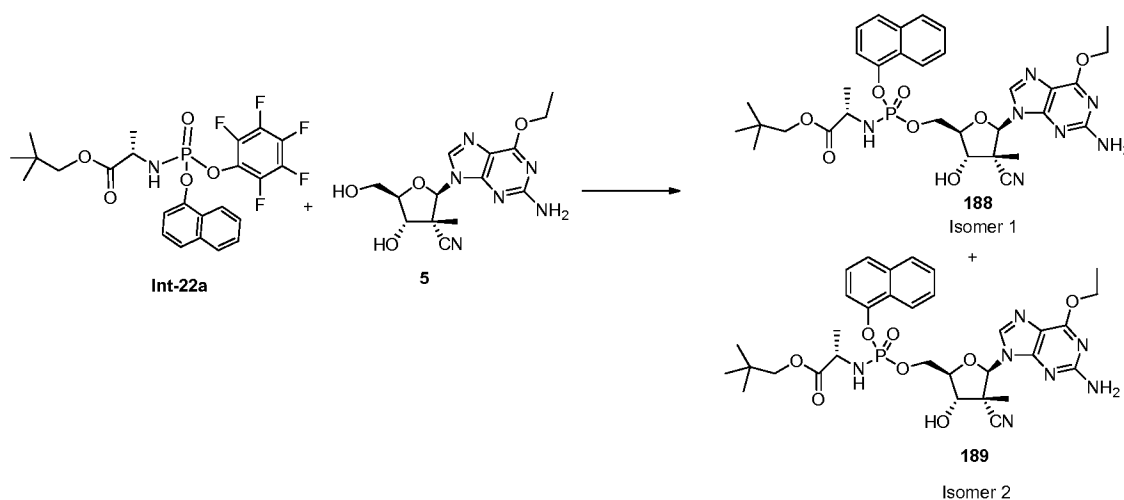
Step B: Synthesis of compound 206

To a stirred mixture of starting material **Int-21b** (478 mg, 0.59 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (2.3 mL) and MeOH (4.3 mL) at room temperature was added formic acid (3.92 mL, 102 mmol). CsF (448 mg, 2.95 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture and stirred at 50 °C for 6 hours. The reaction mixture was quenched with water (10 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3x 30 mL), washed with water and brine, dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography eluting with 0-10 % MeOH/CH₂Cl₂ in 45 minutes to provide desired product. The product was dissolved in 0.3 ml CH₃CN and 2.0 ml water, lyophilized for over night to provide a white powder product **206** (128 mg, 39.5%).

¹H NMR: 7.64 (d, 1H, J = 7.56), 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.24 (m, 3H), 6.36 (s, 1H), 5.84 (d, 1H, J = 7.57), 4.51 (m, 1H), 4.37 (m, 1H), 4.09 (m, 1H), 3.8-4.0 (m, 4H), 1.90 (m, 1H), 1.37 (d, 3H, J = 7.18), 1.22 (s, 3H), 0.93 (s, 3H), 0.90 (s, 3H).

EXAMPLE 22

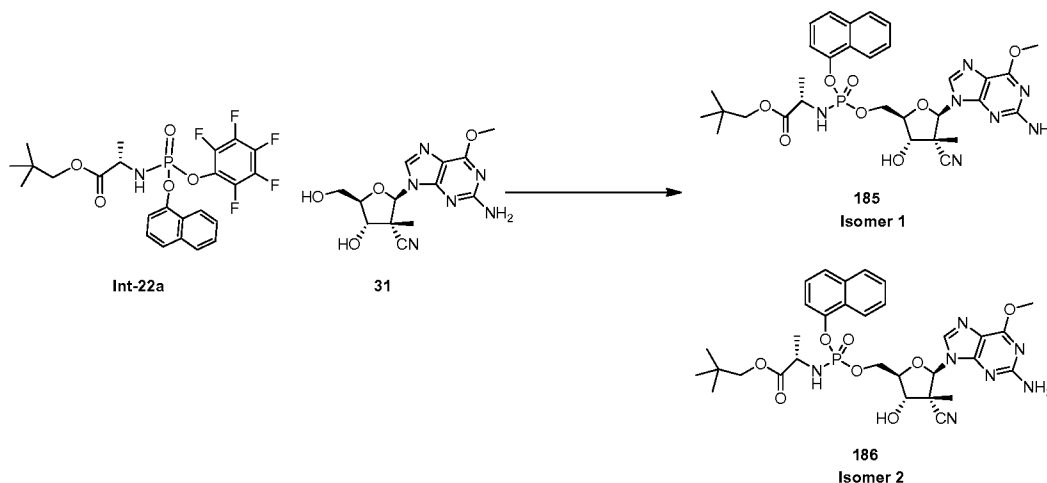
Preparation of Compounds **188** and **189**



A solution of compound **5** (100 mg, 0.299 mmol) in NMP (1.5 mL) and THF (9 mL) was cooled in an ice bath under nitrogen. To the reaction was added tert-butylmagnesium chloride (1.017 mL, 1.017 mmol) and the reaction was stirred at 0°C for 20 minutes. A solution of **Int 22a** (175 mg, 0.329 mmol, made using the methods described in Example 11) dissolved in THF (1 mL) was added to this mixture dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1.5 hours. The reaction was diluted with ethyl acetate (20 mL) and washed with water (20 mL), saturated NH₄Cl (20 mL). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography on 20g silica gel column, eluting with (0-7 % MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) in 40 minutes, then 10 minutes in 7% MeOH/DCM to provide 100 mg of product. The two isomers were separated by super critical fluid separation to provide **188** (26mg) and **189** (43 mg). ¹H NMR **188**: (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.12-8.08 (m, 1H), 7.66 (s, 0.5H), 7.64 (s, 0.5H), 7.54-7.49 (m, 3H), 7.48-7.44 (m, 1H), 7.37 (t, J=7.86Hz, 1H), 6.24 (s, 1H), 5.21 (s, 1H), 4.96-4.81 (m, 3H), 4.50 (s, 1H), 4.48 (s, 1H), 4.46-4.41 (m, 2H), 4.17-4.10 (m, 1H), 3.82-3.66 (m, 3H), 1.42 (t, J=7.09Hz, 3H), 1.30 (d, J=7.13Hz, 3H), 1.09 (s, 3H), 0.86 (s, 9H)

EXAMPLE 23

Preparation of Compounds **185** and **186**

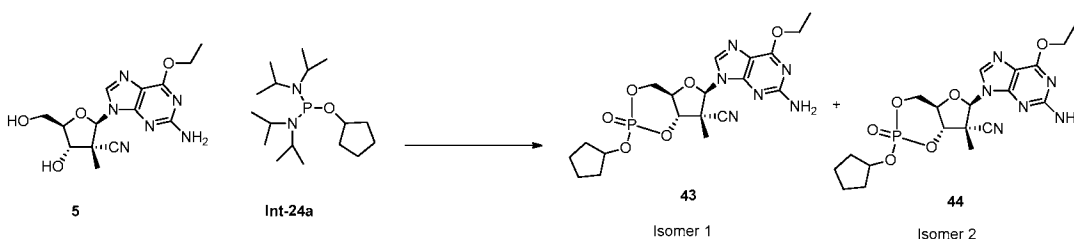


A solution of compound **31** (50 mg, 0.156 mmol) in NMP (4 mL) and THF (16 mL) was cooled in an ice bath and treated with t-butyl magnesium chloride (0.531 mL, 0.531 mmol). After the solution was stirred for 20 minutes, **Int 22a** (100 mg, 0.187 mmol, made using the methods described in Example 11) dissolved in THF (1 mL) and added to this mixture dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1.5 hours. The reaction was diluted with ethyl acetate (20 mL) and washed with water (20 mL), saturated NH₄Cl (20 mL).

The organic layer was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography on a 20 g silica gel column, eluting with (0-10 % MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) in 40 minutes, then 10 minutes in 7% MeOH/DCM to provide 43 mg of a mixture of two diastereomers. The two isomers were separated by super critical fluid separation to provide **185** (6.1 mg) and **186** (24 mg). ¹H NMR **185**: (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.11-8.09 (m, 1H), 7.84-7.81 (m, 1H), 7.67-7.63 (m, 1H), 7.54-7.50 (m, 3H), 7.49-7.44 (m, 1H), 7.39-7.32 (m, 1H), 6.25 (s, 1H), 5.25 (s, 1H), 4.92-4.84 (m, 1H), 4.80-4.77 (m, 1H), 4.48-4.42 (m, 1H), 4.29-4.24 (m, 1H), 4.15-4.10 (m, 1H), 4.02 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 0.5H), 3.79 (s, 0.5H), 3.77-3.72 (m, 1H), 3.70 (s, 0.5H), 3.67 (s, 0.5H), 1.34-1.26 (m, 3H), 1.07 (s, 3H), 0.86 (s, 9H).

EXAMPLE 24

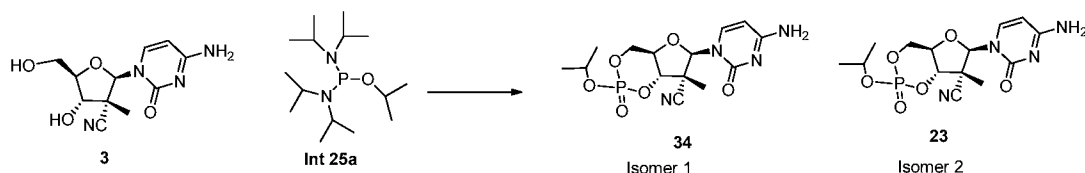
Preparation of Compounds **43** and **44**



The mixture of compound **5** (20 mg, 0.060 mmol) and **Int-24a** (49.2 mg, 0.156 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (1 mL) was treated with 5-(ethylthio)-1H-tetrazole (7.79 mg, 0.060 mmol). The reaction was heated in a sealed tube at 93°C for 2.5 hours. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and was treated with t-butyl hydroperoxide (0.828 mL, 5.98 mmol). After stirring overnight the mixture was diluted with water (10 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (2 x 20 mL). The organic layers were washed with brine (20 mL), dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by preparative HPLC, eluting with Acetonitrile/Water + 0.1% TFA (10~95~30%) to provide compound **43** (3.82 mg) and compound **44** (2.5 mg). ¹H NMR **43**: (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.55 (s, 1H), 6.34 (s, 1H), 5.11-5.06 (m, 1H), 4.84 (s, 2H), 4.67-4.57 (m, 1H), 4.56-4.48 (m, 2H), 4.39-4.35 (m, 1H), 1.99-1.86 (m, 4H), 1.83-1.72 (m, 2H), 1.73-1.55 (m, 4H), 1.45 (t, J=7.04Hz, 3H), 1.27 (s, 3H).

EXAMPLE 25

Preparation of Compound **34**



A suspension of compound **3** (263 mg, 0.988 mmol), **Int 25a** (516 mg, 1.778 mmol) and 5-(ethylthio)-1H-tetrazole (141 mg, 1.08 mmol) in 18.8 mL of acetonitrile was heated at 80 °C for 2 hours in a sealed tube. The mixture was cooled to room temperature and treated with *tert*-butyl hydroperoxide (70% solution in *t*-BuOH, 636 mg, 4.94 mmol). The mixture was stirred 30 minutes and diluted with DCM (20 mL) and saturated NaHCO₃ (20 mL). The organic phase was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The diastereomers were separated using reverse-phase chromatography on C-18 column using a gradient water-acetonitrile with 0.1 formic acid added as a modifier to provide compound **34** (38 mg) and compound **23** (73 mg).

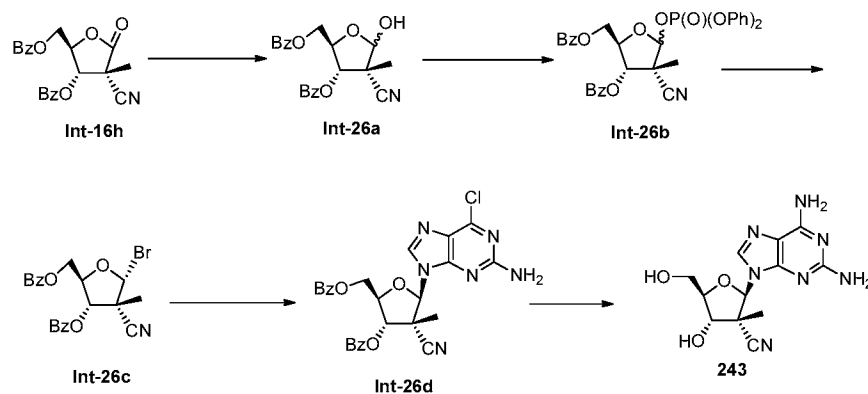
¹H NMR **34**: (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.70 (d, J=4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (s, 1H), 5.95 (m, 1H), 4.80 (m, 2H), 4.61 (m, 1H), 4.3 (m, 2H), 1.4 (m, 6H), 1.3 (s, 3H). ESI MS [M+H]=371.2

¹H NMR **23**: NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.66 (d, J=4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 5.94 (m, 1H), 4.80 (m, 2H), 4.70 (m, 1H), 4.45 (m, H), 4.40 (m, 1H), 1.4 (m, 6H), 1.3 (s, 3H).

ESI MS [M+H]=371.2

EXAMPLE 26

Preparation of Compounds **243**



20 Step A: Synthesis of Int-26a

A solution of **Int-16h** (1 g, 2.64 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in oxolane (15 mL) was treated with the addition of a solution of 2-(*tert*-butoxy)-2-methylpropane oxo-2-alumanyl *tert*-butyllithium hydrate (1 g, 3.92 mmol, 1.50 equiv) in oxolane (10 mL) dropwise with stirring at -30°C. The resulting solution was stirred for 2 hours at -30°C in a liquid nitrogen bath. The

reaction was then quenched by the addition of a saturated aqueous solution of ammonium chloride (30 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3x50 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was applied onto a silica gel column and eluted with ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (10-20%) to provide 800 mg (80%) of **Int-26a** as a white solid.

¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CD₃OD, *ppm*): δ 8.14-8.17 (m, 2H), 8.02-8.05 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.65 (m, 6H), 5.62-5.63 (m, 1H), 5.41-5.42 (m, 1H), 4.61-4.83 (m, 3H), 1.66 (s, 3H).

Step B: Synthesis of Int-26b

A solution of **Int-26a** (3 g, 7.87 mmol) in toluene (60 mL) was treated with triethylamine (3.2 g, 31.62 mmol) and diphenyl chlorophosphonate (4.2 g, 15.63 mmol). The resulting solution was stirred for 5 hours at room temperature, then diluted with dichloromethane (200 mL) and quenched by the addition of saturated Na₂CO₃ (40 mL). The resulting solution was extracted with dichloromethane (3x50 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was applied onto a silica gel column and eluted with ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (5-20%) to provide 5 g of **Int-26b** as colorless oil.

¹H-NMR-**Int-26b**: (300 MHz, CDCl₃, *ppm*): δ 8.10-8.12 (m, 2H), 7.99-8.00 (m, 2H), 7.53-7.69 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.52 (m, 4H), 7.14-7.37 (m, 10H), 6.02 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.21 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.61-4.66 (m, 2H), 4.31 (q, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 1.68 (s, 3H).

Step C: Synthesis of Int-26c

Into a 25-mL round-bottom flask purged and maintained with an inert atmosphere of argon, was placed **Int-26b** (500 mg, 0.81 mmol, 1.00 equiv) and 33% hydrogen bromide / acetic acid (5 mL). The resulting solution was stirred for 3 hours at room temperature, then diluted with dichloromethane (50 mL) and quenched by the addition of water/ice. The resulting solution was extracted with dichloromethane (50 mL). The organic layers were combined, washed with saturated Na₂CO₃ (aq), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was applied onto a silica gel column and eluted with ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (5-20%) to provide 0.25 g (69%) of **Int-26c** as a off-white foam.

¹H-NMR-**Int-26c**: (300 MHz, CDCl₃, *ppm*): δ 8.25 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 2H), 8.17 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz,

2H), 7.59-7.77 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.50 (m, 4H), 6.39 (s, 1H), 5.35 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.73-4.92 (m, 3H), 1.76 (s, 3H).

Step D: Synthesis of Int-26d

A solution of 6-chloro-9H-purin-2-amine (382 mg, 2.25 mmol) in KOBu-t (2.25 mL, 1N in tert-Butanol) was stirred for 30 minutes at room temperature. A solution of **Int-26c** (500 mg, 1.13 mmol) in acetonitrile (5 mL) was added to the mixture at room temperature. After the resulting solution was stirred for an additional 2 days while the temperature was maintained at 50°C in an oil bath, the resulting solution was diluted with dichloromethane (30 mL) and the reaction was quenched by the addition of saturated NH₄Cl (30 mL). The resulting solution was extracted with dichloromethane (3x50 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was applied onto a silica gel column and eluted with dichloromethane/methanol (2-10%) to provide 390 mg (65%) of **Int-26d** as a off-white solid.

¹H-NMR-**Int-26d**: (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, *ppm*): 8.09-8.14 (m, 2H), 7.98-8.06 (m, 2H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.64-7.67 (m, 1H), 7.44-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.42 (m, 2H), 6.50 (s, 1H), 6.12 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.72 (br s, 2H), 5.05-5.10 (m, 1H), 4.68-4.75 (m, 2H), 1.39 (s, 3H).

Step E: Synthesis of compound 243

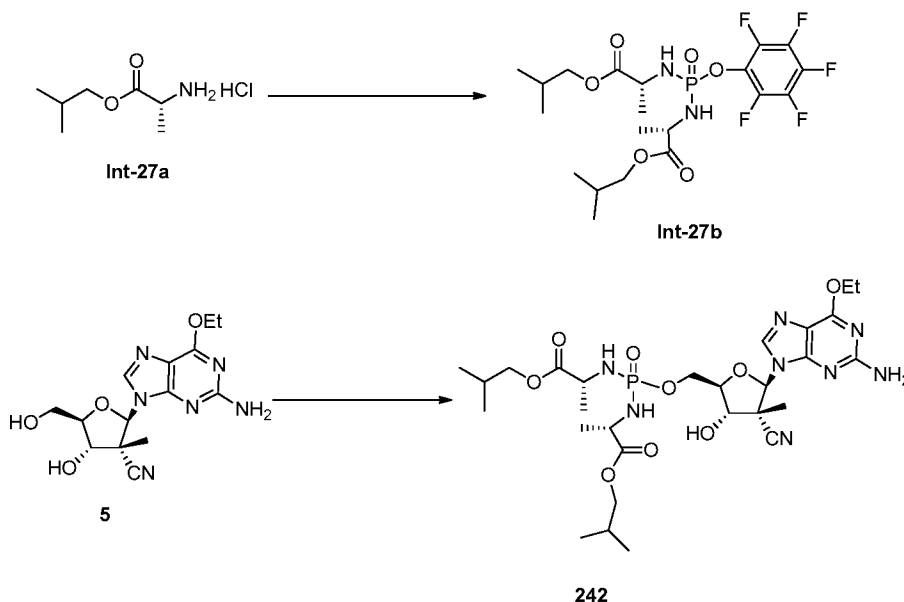
A solution of **Int-26d** (140 mg, 0.26 mmol) in propan-2-ol (2 mL) was treated with ammonia (10 mL). The resulting solution was stirred for 2 days at 50°C in an oil bath. The resulting mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was applied onto a silica gel column and eluted with dichloromethane/methanol (2-20%). This resulted in 30 mg (37%) of compound **243** as a off-white solid.

LC-MS-**243**: (ES, *m/z*): 306 [M+H]⁺

¹H-NMR-**243**: (CD₃OD, 400 MHz, *ppm*): 8.23 (s, 1H), 6.43 (s, 1H), 4.45 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.04-4.08 (m, 2H), 3.88-3.91 (m, 1H), 1.13 (s, 3H).

EXAMPLE 27

Preparation of Compounds **242**



Step A: Synthesis of Int-27b

A solution of **Int-27a** (2.0 g, 11.01 mmol) in dichloromethane (20 mL) was treated with the dropwise addition of phosphorylchloride (840 mg, 5.48 mmol) with stirring at -78°C. To this was added the first batch of N,N-diisopropylethylamine (1.41 g, 2.00 equivalents) at -78°C. The resulted mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 30minutes. To this was added the second batch of N,N-diisopropylethylamine (1.41 g, 2.00 equivalents) -78°C. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours. To the mixture was added a solution of pentafluorophenol (907 mg, 4.93 mmol) in dichloromethane (2 mL) dropwise with stirring at 0°C and N,N-diisopropylethylamine (637 mg, 4.93 mmol) was then added dropwise with stirring at 0°C. The resulting solution was stirred overnight at 25°C, then concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was dissolved in 50 mL of ether. The solids were filtered out and the filtration was concentrated under vacuum. The residue was applied onto a silica gel column and eluted with ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:1) to provide 900 mg (32%) of **Int-27b** as a white solid.

LCMS04-**Int-27b**: 519[M+H]⁺

¹H-NMR **Int-27b**: (300 MHz, CD₃OD, ppm): 4.05-4.16(m, 2H), 3.86-3.98(m, 4H), 3.69-3.77(m, 2H), 1.87-2.00(m, 2H), 1.42-1.60(m, 6H), 0.79-1.00(m, 12H) ³¹P-NMR **Int-27b** (300 MHz, CD₃OD, ppm): 10.012(s)

Step B: Synthesis of compound 242

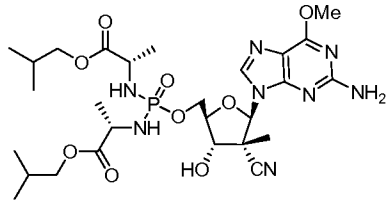
A solution of compound **5** (50 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in DMF (8 mL) was treated with tert-butylmagnesium chloride (0.09 mL, 1.7M) dropwise with stirring at 0°C. The

resulted mixture was stirred at 0°C for 30 minutes. To this was added a solution of **Int-27b** (78 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.01 equiv) in DMF (2 mL) dropwise with stirring at 0°C. The resulting solution was stirred overnight at 0°C, then diluted with 30 mL of dichloromethane and washed with 10 mL of saturated ammonium chloride. The organic phase was concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product (70 mg) was purified by Prep-HPLC with the following conditions (1#-Pre-HPLC-011(Waters)): Column, SunFire Prep C18, 19*150mm 5um; mobile phase, water and acetonitrile (20.0% acetonitrile up to 71.0% in 8 min, up to 100.0% in 2 min, down to 20.0% in 1 min); Detector, UV 254 & 220nm. This resulted in 24.1 mg (24%) of compound **242** as a white solid.

LCMS-**242**: (ES, m/z): 669 [M+H]⁺

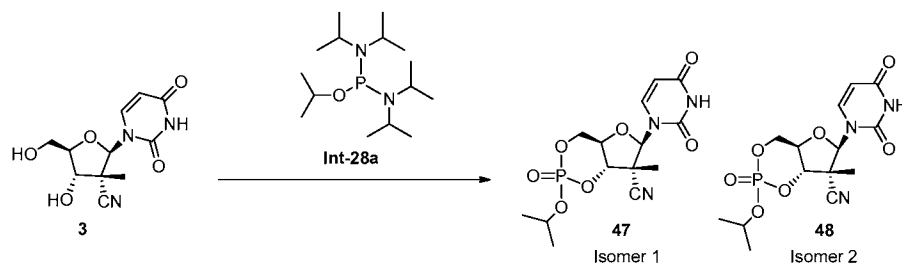
¹H-NMR **242**: (300 MHz, CD₃OD, ppm): 7.95(s, 1H), 6.44(s, 1H), 4.47-4.58(m, 3H), 4.34-4.37(m, 2H), 4.15-4.18(m, 1H), 3.71-3.94(m, 6H), 1.83-1.91(m, 2H), 1.29-1.42(m, 9H), 1.15(s, 3H), 0.85-0.91(m, 12H) ³¹P NMR -**242**: (300 MHz, CD₃OD, ppm): 14.053(s)

The following compounds of the present invention were made using the methods described in the Example above and substituting the appropriate reactants and/or reagents.

Compound No.	Structure	MS (M + H)
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EXAMPLE 28

Preparation of Compounds **47** and **48**



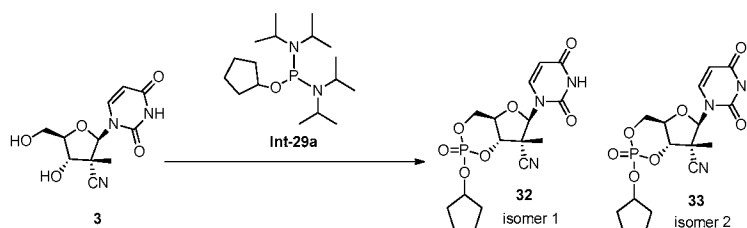
Compound **3** (20.8 mg, 0.078 mmol) was added to a sealed tube. Intermediate **Int-28a** (36.7 mg, 0.126 mmol) was dissolved in tetrahydrofuran (1 mL) and added to the sealed tube followed by 5-(ethylthio)-1*H*-tetrazole (13.4 mg, 0.103 mmol). The tube was sealed and heated to 100°C for 2.5 hours. The reaction was cooled to room temperature and *t*-butyl hydrogen peroxide (1 mL) was added to the reaction. The reaction continued to stir for 16 hours. The reaction was transferred to a round bottom flask and concentrated *in vacuo*. The material was purified by reverse-phase HPLC using a solvent gradient of 10% H₂O(0.1% TFA)/CH₃CN to 90% CH₃CN/H₂O(0.1% TFA) over 20 minutes giving **47** (1.7 mg) and **48** (1.9 mg).

¹H NMR: **47** (500 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (s, 1H), 5.78 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.82-4.58 (m, 5H), 4.48-4.42 (m, 1H), 1.45-1.39 (m, 9H); LC-MS: **47**: (ES, *m/z*): 371.1.

¹H NMR: **48** (500 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (s, 1H), 5.77 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.81-4.71 (m, 2H), 4.63-4.59 (m, 1H), 4.38 (d, *J* = 9 Hz), 4.33-4.30 (m, 1H), 1.45-1.42 (m, 9H); LC-MS: **48**: (ES, *m/z*): 371.1.

EXAMPLE 29

Preparation of Compounds **32** and **33**



Compound **3** (0.50 g, 1.89 mmol) was added to a sealed tube and dissolved in tetrahydrofuran (8.0 mL). Intermediate **Int-29a** (0.78 g, 2.48 mmol) was dissolved in tetrahydrofuran (8.0 mL) and added to the sealed tube. 5-(ethylthio)-1*H*-tetrazole (0.26 g, 1.99 mmol) was added to the tube which was sealed and heated to 100°C for 3 hours. The reaction

was cooled to room temperature and *t*-butyl hydroperoxide (15.0 mL, 120 mmol) was added to the reaction and stirred for 16 hours. The reaction was transferred to a round bottom flask and concentrated *in vacuo*. The material was purified *via* column chromatography with a gradient of 2-10% methanol/dichloromethane yielding a mixture of diastereomers, which were separated by SFC separation to afford compound **32** (64.2 mg) as a white solid and compound **33** (279 mg) as a white solid. Compound **32**: ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 7.65 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 5.77 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 5.10-5.04 (m, 1H), 4.83-4.75 (m, 1H), 4.72-4.65 (m, 1H), 4.64-4.57 (m, 1H), 4.48-4.42 (m, 1H), 1.98-1.87 (m, 4H), 1.86-1.77 (m, 2H), 1.71-1.64 (m, 2H), 1.44 (s, 3H). LC-MS: **32**: (ES, m/z): 371.1 $[\text{M}-\text{CN}]^+$. Compound **33**: ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 7.72 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (s, 1H), 5.77 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.05-5.01 (m, 1H), 4.83-4.76 (m, 1H), 4.62-4.57 (m, 2H), 4.34-4.32 (m, 1H), 2.02-1.93 (m, 4H), 1.87-1.82 (m, 2H), 1.73-1.66 (m, 2H), 1.44 (s, 3H). LC-MS: **33**: (ES, m/z): 371.1 $[\text{M}-\text{CN}]^+$.

EXAMPLE 30

Cell-Based HCV Replicon Assay

To measure cell-based anti-HCV activity of selected compounds of the present invention, replicon cells were seeded at 5000 cells/well in 96-well collagen I-coated Nunc plates in the presence of the test compound. Various concentrations of test compound, typically in 10 serial 2-fold dilutions, were added to the assay mixture, with the starting concentration ranging from 250 μM to 1 μM . The final concentration of dimethylsulfoxide was 0.5%, fetal bovine serum was 5%, in the assay media. Cells were harvested on day 3 by the addition of 1x cell lysis buffer (Ambion cat #8721). The replicon RNA level was measured using real time PCR (Taqman assay). The amplicon was located in 5B. The PCR primers were: 5B.2F, ATGGACAGGCGCCCTGA (SEQ ID. NO. 1); 5B.2R, TTGATGGGCAGCTTGTTTC (SEQ ID. NO. 2); the probe sequence was FAM-labeled CACGCCATGCGCTGCGG (SEQ ID. NO. 3). GAPDH RNA was used as endogenous control and was amplified in the same reaction as NS5B (multiplex PCR) using primers and VIC-labeled probe recommended by the manufacturer (PE Applied Biosystem). The real-time RT-PCR reactions were run on ABI PRISM 7900HT Sequence Detection System using the following program: 48°C for 30 minutes, 95°C for 10 minutes, 40 cycles of 95°C for 15 sec, 60°C for 1 minute. The ΔCT values ($\text{CT}_{5\text{B}} - \text{CT}_{\text{GAPDH}}$) were plotted against the concentration of test compound and fitted to the sigmoid dose-response model using XLfit4 (MDL). EC_{50} was defined as the concentration of inhibitor necessary to achieve $\Delta\text{CT}=1$ over the projected baseline; EC_{90} the concentration necessary to achieve $\Delta\text{CT}=3.2$ over

the baseline. Alternatively, to quantitate the absolute amount of replicon RNA, a standard curve was established by including serially diluted T7 transcripts of replicon RNA in the Taqman assay. All Taqman reagents were from petroleum ether Applied Biosystems. Such an assay procedure was described in detail in *e.g.* Malcolm *et al.*, *Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy* 50: 1013-1020 (2006).

HCV replicon assay data was calculated for the compounds of the present invention using this method and replicon EC₅₀ data obtained is provided in the table below.

Compound	1b EC ₅₀ (μ M)	Compound	1b EC ₅₀ (μ M)	Compound	1b EC ₅₀ (μ M)
1	14	11	17	21	25
2	12.6	12	1.7	22	18
3	>66	13	1.5	23	6.7
4	100	14	11	24	7.9
5	>100	15	5	25	>100
6	1.4	16	51	26	62
7	1	17	13	27	>100
8	11.7	18	1	28	2.7
9	0.7	19	15	29	NS5b IC ₅₀ =0.5 μ M
10	15	20	16	30	571.2

EXAMPLE 31

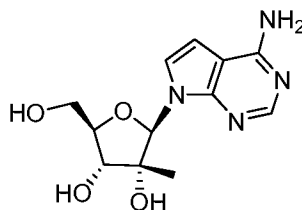
In Vitro Conversion of Prodrug to Nucleoside Triphosphate

The degree of conversion of a prodrug compound of the present invention to its corresponding nucleoside triphosphate is measured *in vitro* using the procedure described below.

A 2 mM stock solution of the prodrug test compound is prepared in 5%

DMSO/95% MeOH to provide a final sample concentration of 10 μ M. A 5 μ L aliquot is removed from this stock solution and added to 1 mL of either a rat or human cryopreserved hepatocyte sample to provide a control sample at a concentration of 1 million cells/mL. This sample is assayed in triplicate and used as a test sample.

A 2 mM stock solution of Compound A is prepared in 5% DMSO/95% MeOH to provide a final sample concentration of 10 μ M.



Compound A

A 5 μ L aliquot is removed from this stock solution and added to 1 mL of either a rat or human cryopreserved hepatocyte sample to provide a control sample at a concentration of 1 million cells/mL. This sample is assayed in triplicate and used as a control standard.

Human and rat hepatocytes are removed from liquid nitrogen storage and thawed by submerging the hepatocyte tube into a pre-heated 37 °C waterbath and gently shaking the tube back & forth until thawed. The thawed hepatocytes are then gently poured into a container of Hepatocyte Basal Medium (50 mL, pre-warmed to 37 °C) and washed. The hepatocyte tube is then rinsed out with pre-warmed Hepatocyte Basal Medium and the washed hepatocytes and rinse are combined and centrifuged at 500 rpm for 4 minutes at room temperature. The supernatant is then discarded and the resulting hepatocyte pellet is resuspended with Hepatocyte Basal Medium (pre-warmed to 37 °C) and the final hepatocyte concentration is adjusted to 1 million cells/mL to provide the final hepatocyte suspension.

A 1 mL aliquot is removed from the 1 million cells/mL final hepatocyte suspension, analyzed in triplicate and placed into 20 mL scintillation vial without a cap. 2 mM of the prodrug test sample is then added into the hepatocyte suspension to provide a 10 μ M final concentration in the 1 mL hepatocyte sample. The sample is then incubated at 37°C / 5%CO₂ for 4 hours. A blank hepatocyte sample as well as the control standard are also incubated in this fashion.

The incubated hepatocyte suspension samples are transferred to a micro-centrifuge tube using a transfer pipette and centrifuged at 500 rpm for 4 minutes at room temperature. The supernatant is discarded and the resulting hepatocyte pellet was resuspended and the cells are extracted with 0.25 mL of a 4 °C solution of 70% methanol / 30%(20 mM EDTA / 20 mM EGTA) that has been adjusted to pH 8 using sodium hydroxide. The resulting extract solution is then stored in a refrigerator at 4°C until ready for use, at which point the sample is first subjected to vortexing/sonication to ensure that all hepatocyte cells have burst. The sample is then centrifuged at 4000 rpm for 10 minutes at 4°C and a 100 μ L aliquot of the resulting supernatant is added into a bioanalytical plate (2mL Square 96well plate w/ 100uL Tapered Reservoir), with the remaining supernatant immediately stored at -80 °C for re-assay if

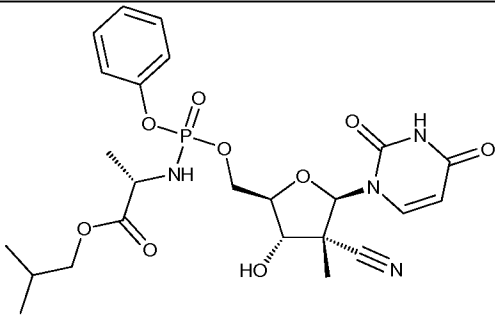
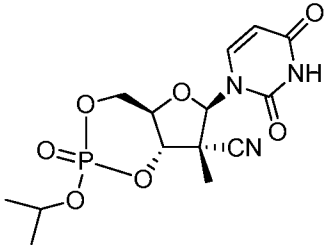
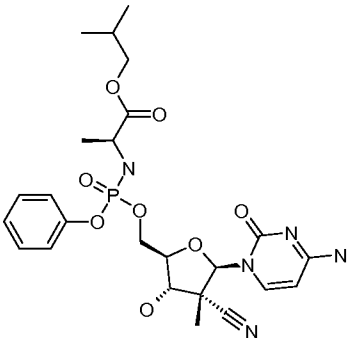
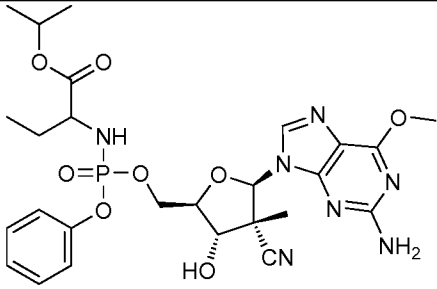
necessary. The blank control supernatant is transferred to a new tube for use as a control matrix in standard curves.

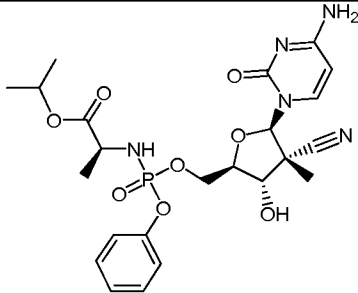
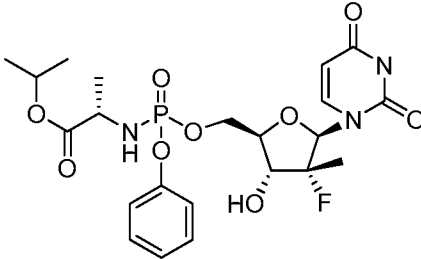
Alternatively, cryopreserved plateable hepatocytes are obtained from Celsis-In Vitro Technologies (Baltimore, MD), and plated according to manufacturer's protocol at 0.7×10^6 cells/mL in InVitro GRO CP Medium (1.75×10^6 cells/well in 6-well plates) three hours prior to inhibitor treatment. An inhibitor in DMSO at the indicated concentration in InVitro GRO CP Medium is added to the hepatocytes at $t=0$. At indicated times up to 48 hours post dosing, cells are washed in ice-cold PBS, extracted with ice-cold 1 mL 70% methanol: 30% 20 mM EDTA/EGTA and centrifuged. The supernatant is stored at -80°C until analysis. For intracellular NTP analysis, an NTP calibration curve is first generated by spiking a blank extraction buffer with known concentrations of the NTP standard. LC/ESI-MS analysis is performed on a QTRAP 5500 LC/MS/MS system (Applied Biosystems, Foster City, CA) coupled to a Shimadzu UFLC system, operated in the positive-ion mode. The HPLC system is consisted of solvent delivery module (LC20-AD XR), auto injector (SIL-20ACXR), and photodiode array detector (SPD-M20A PDA) (Shimadzu Corporation, Tokyo, Japan). All HPLC separations are performed at 40°C . The test samples are analyzed on a BioBasic AX column ($5\mu\text{m}$ particle size, $100 \times 2.1\text{mm}$ I.D., Thermo Scientific) using A (Acetonitrile:10 mM $\text{NH}_4\text{Ac} = 30 : 70$, v : v, pH=6) and B (Acetonitrile : 1 mM $\text{NH}_4\text{Ac} = 30 : 70$, v : v, pH=10) as mobile phases at a flow rate of 1.0 mL/min. The injection volume is $50\mu\text{L}$. The mobile phase gradient starts at 0% B, and linearly increases to 100% B over 6 min. The MS analysis of all NTPs is performed on the same QTRAP 5500 MS instrument in the multiple ion monitoring mode (MRM), with Turbo-Ion-Spray ionization. The collision energy is 40 eV for all the analytes and standards. The quadrupole mass analyzer is set to unit resolution.

Results are reported in pmol of triphosphate per μL of cells. To estimate μM intracellular concentration of nucleoside triphosphate, the following conversion is applied: 1×10^6 hepatocytes is $3\mu\text{L}$ in volume.

Data was obtained using this method for selected compounds of the present invention, tested at $10\mu\text{M}$, and is presented in the table below. This data indicates that the compounds are efficiently converted to its corresponding NTP in vitro resulting in significant coverage over its intrinsic potency (K_i). Data is also presented for a comparative compound, labeled as Compound B.

Compound	Human Hepatocyte
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	(4 hour at 10 μ M, NTP)/Ki
 53	282x
 47	20x
 206	8277x
 228	9x

 195	3333x
 Compound B	~80x

EXAMPLE 32

Determination of In Vivo Conversion of Prodrug to Nucleoside Triphosphate

The degree of conversion of a prodrug compound of the present invention to its
 5 corresponding nucleoside triphosphate is measured *in vivo* using the procedure described below.

Liver samples are collected from either Wistar Hannover Rats or Beagle Dogs
 dosed with the prodrug via the freeze clamp procedure (animals anesthetized via isoflurane, the
 liver is clamped with modified clamps that are frozen in liquid nitrogen, and then the clamped
 liver piece is placed in liquid nitrogen to ensure frozen completely; repeat liver clamp procedure
 10 to get a second piece of liver sample; samples stored at -80 °C). Liver samples are homogenized
 using a a Spex Sample Prep Freezer/Mill (Cryomill); settings for the cryomill operation are 1
 Cycle, 2 minute pre-chill time, 2 minute run time, 1 minute cool time, and a rate of 15
 cycles/second (cps). Control liver samples collected from rats dosed with vehicle are cryomilled
 in the same manner. During this process it is imperative that anything that will come into
 15 contact with the liver samples remain frozen on dry ice at all times, such as all Cryomill sample
 containers/lids and spatulas.

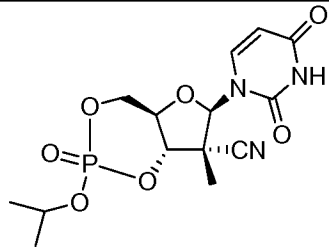
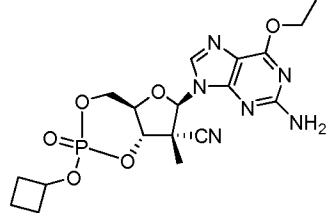
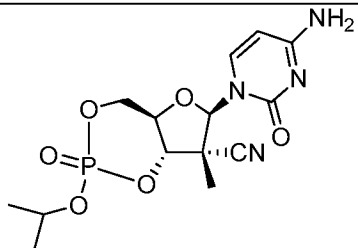
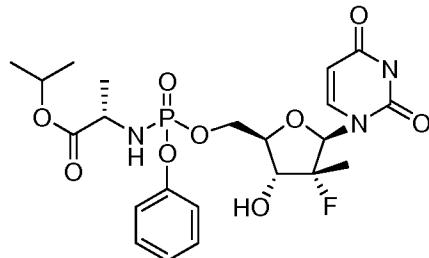
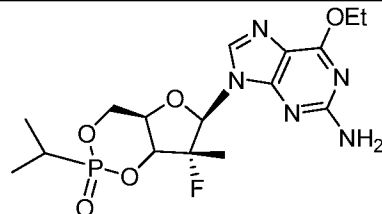
The cryomilled control liver sample is used to generate the standard curve.
 Weigh out an appropriate amount of cryomilled control liver sample into a conical tube,
 depending on how many standard curves are needed, place on wet ice and suspend with cold
 20 70% Methanol / 30% (20mM EDTA/EGTA) that had been adjusted to pH 8 with sodium

hydroxide at a ratio of 1:4 (liver:MeOH/EDTA-EGTA). The suspended liver homogenate is vortexed until a homogenous suspension is obtained. The standard curve ranges from 10 ng/mL to 50,000 ng/mL of NTP standard, as well as a QC sample at 10,000 ng/mL. A 500 µL aliquot of suspended control liver homogenate per each point on the standard curve and each QC is removed and placed into a 1.5 mL centrifuge tube, and 125 µL of each corresponding standard curve or QC standard solution is added to each individual control aliquot and re-vortexed. Liver sample aliquots are centrifuged at 4 °C, 3645 x g, for 10 minutes, and 450 µL of the supernatant is aliquoted into a 2 mL Square 96 well bioanalytical plate. Single and double blank samples are also generated from the suspended control liver homogenate using the procedure above, substituting the 125 µL of standard solution with 125 µL of water.

Approximately 1-2 grams of the cryomilled liver sample is weighed out into a 50 mL conical tube and placed on wet ice and suspended with cold 70% Methanol / 30% (20mM EDTA/EGTA) that had been adjusted to pH 8 with sodium hydroxide at a ratio of 1:4 (liver:MeOH/EDTA-EGTA); the remaining cryomilled liver sample is stored at -80 °C for possible re-assay if needed. The suspended liver homogenate is vortexed until a homogenous suspension is obtained. A 500 µL aliquot of each unknown liver sample is removed and placed into a 1.5 mL centrifuge tube, and 125 µL of water is added to each aliquot and re-vortexed. Standard curve/QC liver sample aliquots are centrifuged at 4 °C, 3645 x g, for 10 minutes, and 450 µL of the supernatant is aliquoted into a 2 mL square 96 well bioanalytical plate, and an appropriate internal standard is added to all sample wells, standard curve/QC wells, and the single blank well. The sample plate is stored at -80 °C until analysis and results are reported in µM of NTP measured.

Data was obtained using this method for selected compounds of the present invention, tested at 10 µM, and is presented in the table below. This data indicates that the compounds are efficiently converted to their corresponding NTPs in vivo, resulting in significant coverage over their intrinsic potency (Ki). Data is also presented for comparative compounds, labeled as Compound B and Compound C.

Compound	In Vivo Rat NTP (50 mpk, 4h)/ Ki
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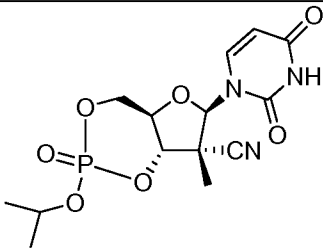
 47	5x
 45	14x
 34	15x
 Compound B	10x
 Compound C	1400x

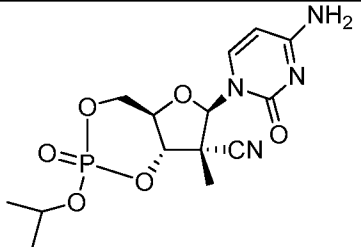
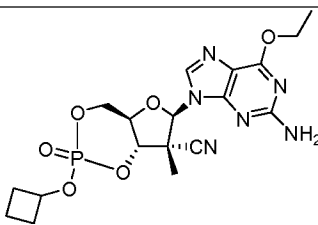
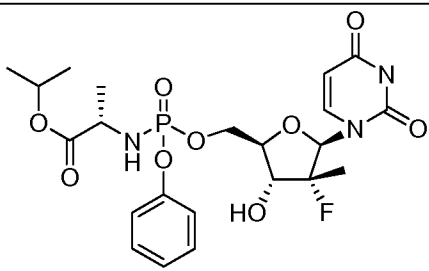
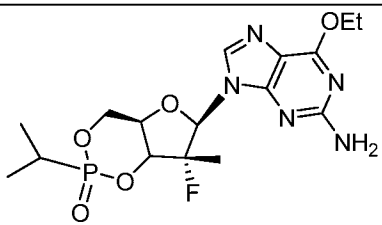
EXAMPLE 34

Inhibition of HCV NS5B Polymerase by Nucleoside Triphosphate Analogs

To measure inhibition of the enzymatic activity of the HCV NS5B RNA-dependent RNA polymerase by the nucleoside triphosphate compounds of the present invention, a radiolabeled nucleotide incorporation assay was used. This assay is a modified version of the assay described in International Publication No. WO2002/057287. Briefly, 50 μ L reactions containing 20 mM HEPES (pH 7.3); 7.5 mM DTT; 20 units/ml RNasin; 1 μ M each of ATP, GTP, UTP and CTP; 20 μ Ci/mL [^{33} P]-CTP; 10 mM MgCl₂; 60 mM NaCl; 100 μ g/ml BSA; 0.021 μ M DCoH heteropolymer RNA template; and 5 nM NS5B (1b-BK Δ 55) enzyme are incubated at room temperature for 1 hour. The assay is then terminated by the addition of 500 mM EDTA (50 μ L). The reaction mixture is transferred to a Millipore DE81 filter plate and the incorporation of labeled CTP is determined using Packard TopCount. Compound IC₅₀ values can then be calculated from experiments with 10 serial 3-fold dilutions of the inhibitor in duplicate. The intrinsic potency (K_i) of an NTP inhibitor is derived from its NS5B IC₅₀ using the Cheng-Prusoff equation for a competitive inhibitor, as described in Cheng *et al.*, *Biochem Pharmacol* 22:3099-3108 (1973): $K_i = IC_{50} / (1 + [S]/K_m)$, where [S] = 1 μ M, and K_m is the concentration of cognate NTP yielding half-maximal enzyme activity in the assay absent exogenous inhibitors.

Data was obtained using this method for the NTP analogs of selected compounds below of the present invention, and is set forth below. This data indicates that the nucleoside triphosphate (NTP) of the compounds are potent and effective inhibitors of HCV NS5B polymerase. Data is also presented for comparative compounds, labeled as Compound B and Compound C.

Compound	NTP K _i (μ M)
 47	0.3

 34	0.003
 45	0.1
 Compound B	1.5
 Compound C	0.03

EXAMPLE 35

Replicon Activity and Cytotoxicity Assays

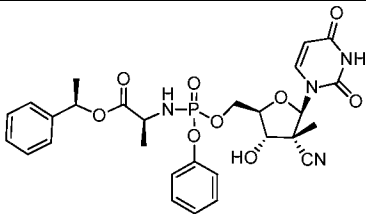
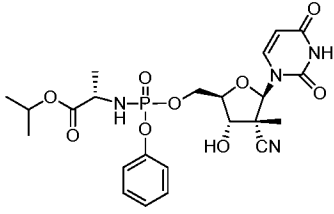
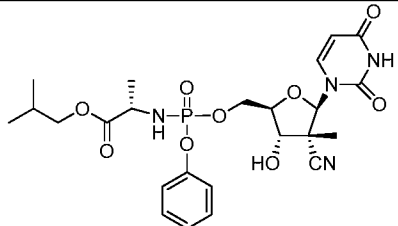
- 5 To measure cell-based anti-HCV activity of the compounds of the present invention, replicon cells (1b-Con1) are seeded at 5000 cells/well in 96-well plates one day prior to treatment with a compound of the invention. Various concentrations of a test compound of the invention in DMSO are then added to the replicon cells, with the final concentration of DMSO at 0.5% and fetal bovine serum at 10% in the assay media. Cells are harvested three days

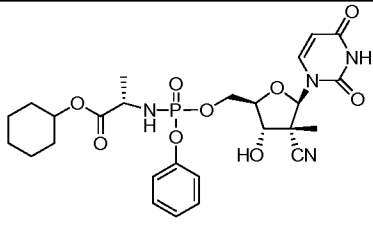
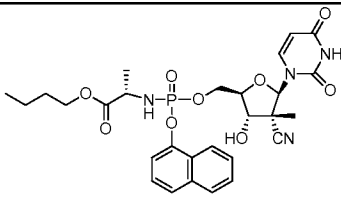
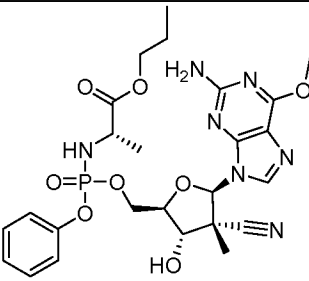
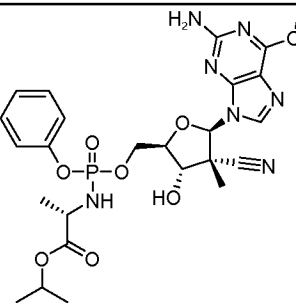
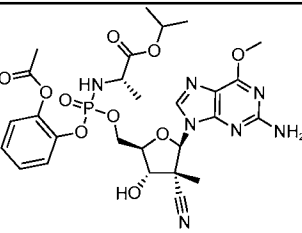
post-dosing and the replicon RNA level is determined using real-time RT-PCR (Taqman assay) with GAPDH RNA as endogenous control. EC₅₀ values are calculated from experiments with 10 serial twofold dilutions of the inhibitor in triplicate. To measure cytotoxicity in replicon cells of an inhibitor, an MTS assay is performed according to the manufacturer's protocol for CellTiter

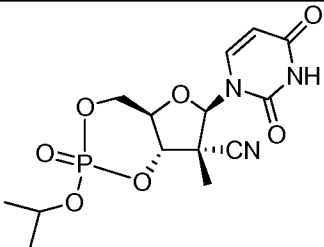
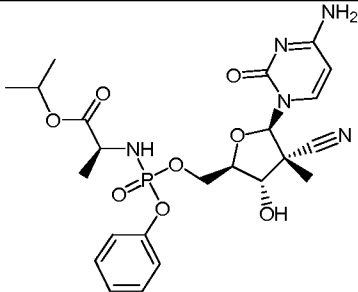
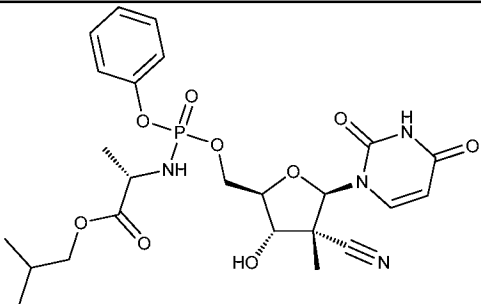
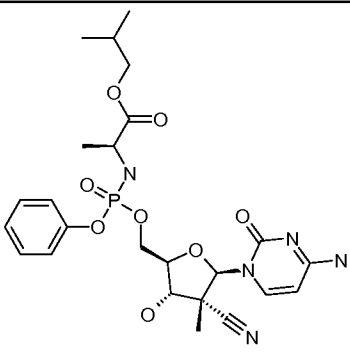
5 96 Aqueous One Solution Cell Proliferation Assay (Promega, Cat # G3580) three days post dosing on cells treated identically as in replicon activity assays. CC₅₀ is the concentration of inhibitor that yields 50% inhibition compared to vehicle-treated cells. Cytotoxicity in other types of cells can be measured using the same MTS protocol.

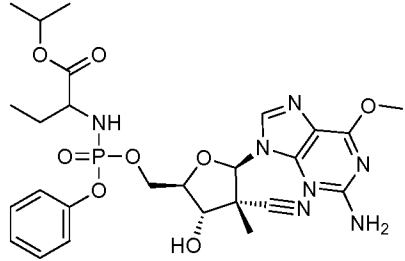
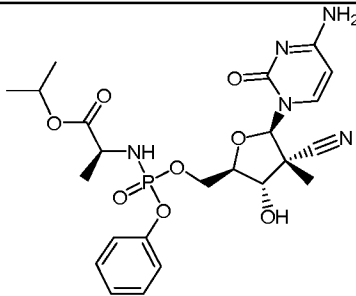
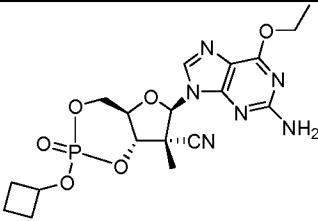
Data was obtained using this method for selected compounds of the present invention, and is set forth below. This data indicates that the compound possesses significant

10 cytotoxicity windows over replicon activity.

Compound	Replicon (1b) EC ₅₀ (μM)	Cytotoxicity (μM)
 57	34	>100
 61	8.3	>100
 64	1.4	>100

 70	2.4	NA
 74	2.7	>100
 90	2.1	NA
 95	2.2	>100
 98	8.9	15

 47	1.3	>100
 210	5.2	>100
 53	1.3	>100
 206	0.4	92

 228	2.2	>100
 195	0.9 (1a)	>100
 45	1.2	>100

NA = Not Available

EXAMPLE 36*Mitochondrial Toxicity Assay*

Mitochondrial toxicity in replicon cells of an inhibitor can be evaluated by its effect on the mitochondrial genome copy number relative to a nuclear gene control. Replicon cells are seeded at 60,000 cells/well in 6-well plates one day prior to inhibitor treatment. Various concentrations of an inhibitor in culture medium are added on the first day of treatment and dosing media are refreshed every three days thereafter. Cells are harvested at the indicated days post dosing; the total DNA is isolated using DNeasy Blood & Tissue Kit (Qiagen, Cat # 69504) and quantitated by standard spectrophotometric methods. Two alternative sets of mitochondrial-specific DNA primer can be used: 1) 5'-CACCCAAGAACAGGGTTTGT-3' (SEQ. ID. NO. 3) (F3212, forward), 5'-TGGCCATGGGTATGTTGTTAA-3' (SEQ. ID. NO. 4)

(R3319, reverse), 6-FAM-5'-TTACCGGGCTCTGCCATCT-3'-TAMRA (SEQ. ID. NO. 5) (probe) (see Bai *et al.*, *Ann NY Acad Sci* 1011:304-309 (2004)); or 2) 5'-

TGCCCCGCCATCATCCTA-3' (SEQ. ID. NO. 6) (COX II, forward), 5'-

CGTCTGTTATGTAAAGGATGCGT-3' (SEQ. ID. NO. 7) (COX II, reverse), 6-FAM-5'-

5 TCCTCATCGCCCTCCCATCCC-3'-TAMRA (SEQ. ID. NO. 8) (probe) (see Stuyver *et al.*, *Antimicrob Agents Chemother* 46:3854-3860 (2002)). Primers are used at 500 nM and probes at 200 nM in the Taqman quantitative PCR assay. The nuclear gene control quantitation is run in parallel for 18S DNA using ABI PDAR part # 4310875 (20X). The Δ CT value (CT difference between mt DNA and 18S DNA) from inhibitor-treated cells is compared to that of vehicle-treated cells. Mitochondrial toxicity in other types of cells can be measured using the same protocol.

Uses of the 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivatives

The 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivatives are useful in human and
15 veterinary medicine for treating or preventing a viral infection in a patient. In one embodiment, the 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivatives can be inhibitors of viral replication. In another embodiment, the 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivatives can be inhibitors of HCV replication. Accordingly, the 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivatives are useful for treating viral infections, such as HCV. In accordance with the invention, the 2'-Cyano Substituted
20 Nucleoside Derivatives can be administered to a patient in need of treatment or prevention of a viral infection.

Accordingly, in one embodiment, the invention provides methods for treating a viral infection in a patient comprising administering to the patient an effective amount of at least one 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivative or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

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Treatment or Prevention of a Flaviviridae Virus

The 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivatives can be useful for treating or preventing a viral infection caused by the Flaviviridae family of viruses.

30 Examples of Flaviviridae infections that can be treated or prevented using the present methods include but are not limited to, dengue fever, Japanese encephalitis, Kyasanur Forest disease, Murray Valley encephalitis, St. Louis encephalitis, Tick-borne encephalitis, West Nile encephalitis, yellow fever and Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) infection.

In one embodiment, the Flaviviridae infection being treated is hepatitis C virus infection.

Treatment or Prevention of HCV Infection

5 The 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivatives are useful in the inhibition of HCV, the treatment of HCV infection and/or reduction of the likelihood or severity of symptoms of HCV infection and the inhibition of HCV viral replication and/or HCV viral production in a cell-based system. For example, the 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivatives are useful in treating infection by HCV after suspected past exposure to HCV by such means as blood
10 transfusion, exchange of body fluids, bites, accidental needle stick, or exposure to patient blood during surgery or other medical procedures.

In one embodiment, the hepatitis C infection is acute hepatitis C. In another embodiment, the hepatitis C infection is chronic hepatitis C.

Accordingly, in one embodiment, the invention provides methods for treating
15 HCV infection in a patient, the methods comprising administering to the patient an effective amount of at least one 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivative or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof. In a specific embodiment, the amount administered is effective to treat or prevent infection by HCV in the patient. In another specific embodiment, the amount administered is effective to inhibit HCV viral replication and/or viral production in the patient.

20 The 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivatives are also useful in the preparation and execution of screening assays for antiviral compounds. For example the 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivatives are useful for identifying resistant HCV replicon cell lines harboring mutations within NS5B, which are excellent screening tools for more powerful antiviral compounds. Furthermore, the 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivatives are useful
25 in establishing or determining the binding site of other antivirals to the HCV NS5B polymerase.

The compositions and combinations of the present invention can be useful for treating a patient suffering from infection related to any HCV genotype. HCV types and subtypes may differ in their antigenicity, level of viremia, severity of disease produced, and response to interferon therapy as described in Holland *et al.*, *Pathology*, 30(2):192-195 (1998).

30 The nomenclature set forth in Simmonds *et al.*, *J Gen Virol*, 74(Pt11):2391-2399 (1993) is widely used and classifies isolates into six major genotypes, 1 through 6, with two or more related subtypes, *e.g.*, 1a and 1b. Additional genotypes 7-10 and 11 have been proposed, however the phylogenetic basis on which this classification is based has been questioned, and

thus types 7, 8, 9 and 11 isolates have been reassigned as type 6, and type 10 isolates as type 3 (see Lamballerie *et al.*, *J Gen Virol*, 78(Pt1):45-51 (1997)). The major genotypes have been defined as having sequence similarities of between 55 and 72% (mean 64.5%), and subtypes within types as having 75%-86% similarity (mean 80%) when sequenced in the NS-5 region (see
5 Simmonds *et al.*, *J Gen Virol*, 75(Pt 5):1053-1061 (1994)).

Combination Therapy

In another embodiment, the present methods for treating or preventing HCV infection can further comprise the administration of one or more additional therapeutic agents
10 which are not 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivatives.

In one embodiment, the additional therapeutic agent is an antiviral agent.

In another embodiment, the additional therapeutic agent is an immunomodulatory agent, such as an immunosuppressive agent.

Accordingly, in one embodiment, the present invention provides methods for
15 treating a viral infection in a patient, the method comprising administering to the patient: (i) at least one 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivative (which may include two or more different 2'-Substituted Nucleoside Derivatives), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and (ii) at least one additional therapeutic agent that is other than a 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivative, wherein the amounts administered are together effective to treat or prevent a viral
20 infection.

When administering a combination therapy of the invention to a patient, therapeutic agents in the combination, or a pharmaceutical composition or compositions comprising therapeutic agents, may be administered in any order such as, for example, sequentially, concurrently, together, simultaneously and the like. The amounts of the various
25 actives in such combination therapy may be different amounts (different dosage amounts) or same amounts (same dosage amounts). Thus, for non-limiting illustration purposes, a 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivative and an additional therapeutic agent may be present in fixed amounts (dosage amounts) in a single dosage unit (*e.g.*, a capsule, a tablet and the like).

In one embodiment, the at least one 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivative
30 is administered during a time when the additional therapeutic agent(s) exert their prophylactic or therapeutic effect, or *vice versa*.

In another embodiment, the at least one 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivative and the additional therapeutic agent(s) are administered in doses commonly employed when such agents are used as monotherapy for treating a viral infection.

In another embodiment, the at least one 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivative and the additional therapeutic agent(s) are administered in doses lower than the doses commonly employed when such agents are used as monotherapy for treating a viral infection.

In still another embodiment, the at least one 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivative and the additional therapeutic agent(s) act synergistically and are administered in doses lower than the doses commonly employed when such agents are used as monotherapy for treating a viral infection.

In one embodiment, the at least one 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivative and the additional therapeutic agent(s) are present in the same composition. In one embodiment, this composition is suitable for oral administration. In another embodiment, this composition is suitable for intravenous administration. In another embodiment, this composition is suitable for subcutaneous administration. In still another embodiment, this composition is suitable for parenteral administration.

Viral infections and virus-related disorders that can be treated or prevented using the combination therapy methods of the present invention include, but are not limited to, those listed above.

In one embodiment, the viral infection is HCV infection.

The at least one 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivative and the additional therapeutic agent(s) can act additively or synergistically. A synergistic combination may allow the use of lower dosages of one or more agents and/or less frequent administration of one or more agents of a combination therapy. A lower dosage or less frequent administration of one or more agents may lower toxicity of therapy without reducing the efficacy of therapy.

In one embodiment, the administration of at least one 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivative and the additional therapeutic agent(s) may inhibit the resistance of a viral infection to these agents.

Non-limiting examples of additional therapeutic agents useful in the present compositions and methods include an interferon, an immunomodulator, a viral replication inhibitor, an antisense agent, a therapeutic vaccine, a viral polymerase inhibitor, a nucleoside inhibitor, a viral protease inhibitor, a viral helicase inhibitor, a virion production inhibitor, a viral

entry inhibitor, a viral assembly inhibitor, an antibody therapy (monoclonal or polyclonal), and any agent useful for treating an RNA-dependent polymerase-related disorder.

In one embodiment, the additional therapeutic agent is a viral protease inhibitor.

In another embodiment, the additional therapeutic agent is a viral replication

5 inhibitor.

In another embodiment, the additional therapeutic agent is an HCV NS3 protease inhibitor.

In still another embodiment, the additional therapeutic agent is an HCV NS5B polymerase inhibitor.

10 In another embodiment, the additional therapeutic agent is a nucleoside inhibitor.

In another embodiment, the additional therapeutic agent is an interferon.

In yet another embodiment, the additional therapeutic agent is an HCV replicase inhibitor.

In another embodiment, the additional therapeutic agent is an antisense agent.

15 In another embodiment, the additional therapeutic agent is a therapeutic vaccine.

In a further embodiment, the additional therapeutic agent is a virion production inhibitor.

In another embodiment, the additional therapeutic agent is an antibody therapy.

In another embodiment, the additional therapeutic agent is an HCV NS2 inhibitor.

20 In still another embodiment, the additional therapeutic agent is an HCV NS4A inhibitor.

In another embodiment, the additional therapeutic agent is an HCV NS4B inhibitor.

In another embodiment, the additional therapeutic agent is an HCV NS5A

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In yet another embodiment, the additional therapeutic agent is an HCV NS3 helicase inhibitor.

In another embodiment, the additional therapeutic agent is an HCV IRES inhibitor.

30 In another embodiment, the additional therapeutic agent is an HCV p7 inhibitor.

In a further embodiment, the additional therapeutic agent is an HCV entry inhibitor.

In another embodiment, the additional therapeutic agent is an HCV assembly inhibitor.

In one embodiment, the additional therapeutic agents comprise a viral protease inhibitor and a viral polymerase inhibitor.

5 In still another embodiment, the additional therapeutic agents comprise a viral protease inhibitor and an immunomodulatory agent.

In yet another embodiment, the additional therapeutic agents comprise a polymerase inhibitor and an immunomodulatory agent.

10 In another embodiment, the additional therapeutic agents comprise a viral protease inhibitor and a nucleoside.

In another embodiment, the additional therapeutic agents comprise an immunomodulatory agent and a nucleoside.

In one embodiment, the additional therapeutic agents comprise an HCV protease inhibitor and an HCV polymerase inhibitor.

15 In another embodiment, the additional therapeutic agents comprise a nucleoside and an HCV NS5A inhibitor.

In another embodiment, the additional therapeutic agents comprise a viral protease inhibitor, an immunomodulatory agent and a nucleoside.

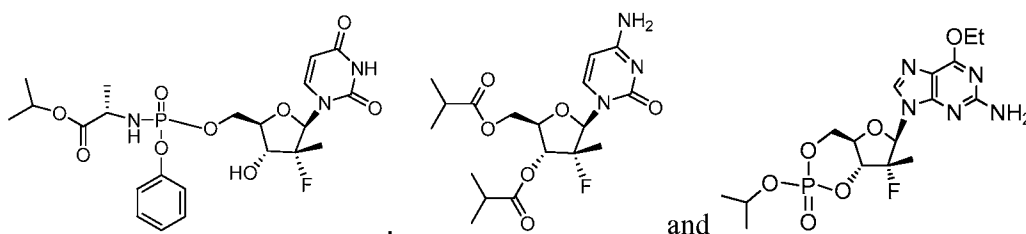
20 In a further embodiment, the additional therapeutic agents comprise a viral protease inhibitor, a viral polymerase inhibitor and an immunomodulatory agent.

In another embodiment, the additional therapeutic agent is ribavirin.

HCV polymerase inhibitors useful in the present compositions and methods include, but are not limited to, VP-19744 (Wyeth/ViroPharma), PSI-7851 (Pharmasset), RG7128 (Roche/Pharmasset), PSI-7977 (Pharmasset), PSI-938 (Pharmasset), PSI-879 (Pharmasset), PSI-25 661 (Pharmasset), PF-868554/filibuvir (Pfizer), VCH-759/VX-759 (ViroChem Pharma/Vertex), HCV-371 (Wyeth/ViroPharma), HCV-796 (Wyeth/ViroPharma), IDX-184 (Idenix), IDX-375 (Idenix), NM-283 (Idenix/Novartis), GL-60667 (Genelabs), JTK-109 (Japan Tobacco), PSI-6130 (Pharmasset), R1479 (Roche), R-1626 (Roche), R-7128 (Roche), MK-0608 (Isis/Merck), INX-8014 (Inhibitex), INX-8018 (Inhibitex), INX-189 (Inhibitex), GS 9190 (Gilead), A-848837 30 (Abbott), ABT-333 (Abbott), ABT-072 (Abbott), A-837093 (Abbott), BI-207127 (Boehringer-Ingelheim), BILB-1941 (Boehringer-Ingelheim), MK-3281 (Merck), VCH-222/VX-222 (ViroChem/Vertex), VCH-916 (ViroChem), VCH-716(ViroChem), GSK-71185 (Glaxo SmithKline), ANA598 (Anadys), GSK-625433 (Glaxo SmithKline), XTL-2125 (XTL

Biopharmaceuticals), and those disclosed in Ni *et al.*, *Current Opinion in Drug Discovery and Development*, 7(4):446 (2004); Tan *et al.*, *Nature Reviews*, 1:867 (2002); and Beaulieu *et al.*, *Current Opinion in Investigational Drugs*, 5:838 (2004).

Other HCV polymerase inhibitors useful in the present compositions and methods include, but are not limited to, those disclosed in International Publication Nos. WO 08/082484, WO 08/082488, WO 08/083351, WO 08/136815, WO 09/032116, WO 09/032123, WO 09/032124 and WO 09/032125; and the following compounds:



and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

Interferons useful in the present compositions and methods include, but are not limited to, interferon alfa-2a, interferon alfa-2b, interferon alfacon-1 and petroleum etherG-interferon alpha conjugates. "PEG-interferon alpha conjugates" are interferon alpha molecules covalently attached to a petroleum etherG molecule. Illustrative petroleum etherG-interferon alpha conjugates include interferon alpha-2a (RoferonTM, Hoffman La-Roche, Nutley, New Jersey) in the form of pegylated interferon alpha-2a (*e.g.*, as sold under the trade name PegasysTM), interferon alpha-2b (IntronTM, from Schering-Plough Corporation) in the form of pegylated interferon alpha-2b (*e.g.*, as sold under the trade name petroleum etherG-IntronTM from Schering-Plough Corporation), interferon alpha-2b-XL (*e.g.*, as sold under the trade name petroleum etherG-IntronTM), interferon alpha-2c (Berofer AlphaTM, Boehringer Ingelheim, Ingelheim, Germany), petroleum etherG-interferon lambda (Bristol-Myers Squibb and ZymoGenetics), interferon alfa-2b alpha fusion polypeptides, interferon fused with the human blood protein albumin (AlbuferonTM, Human Genome Sciences), Omega Interferon (Intarcia), Locteron controlled release interferon (Biolex/OctoPlus), Biomed-510 (omega interferon), Peg-IL-29 (ZymoGenetics), Locteron CR (Octoplus), R-7025 (Roche), IFN- α -2b-XL (Flamel Technologies), belerofon (Nautilus) and consensus interferon as defined by determination of a consensus sequence of naturally occurring interferon alphas (InfergenTM, Amgen, Thousand Oaks, California).

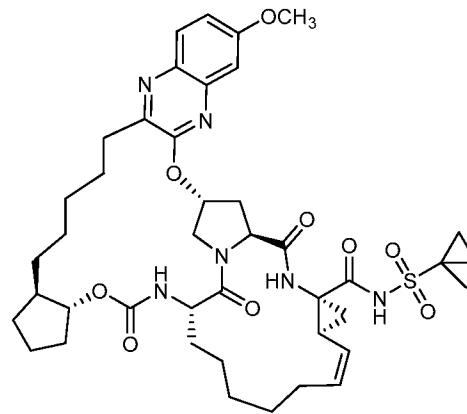
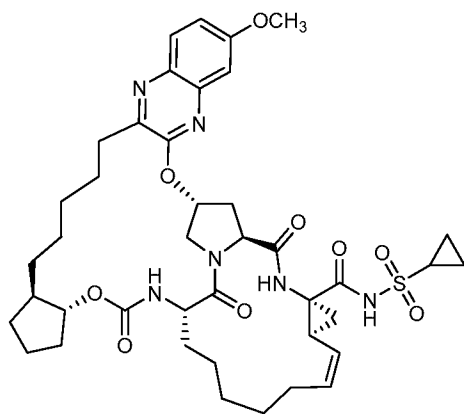
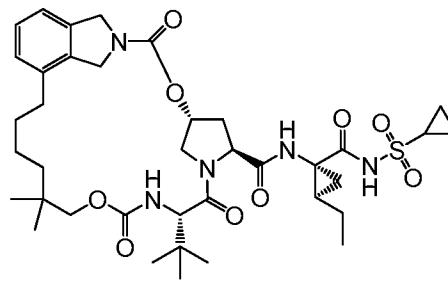
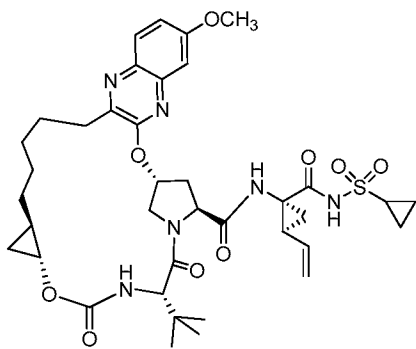
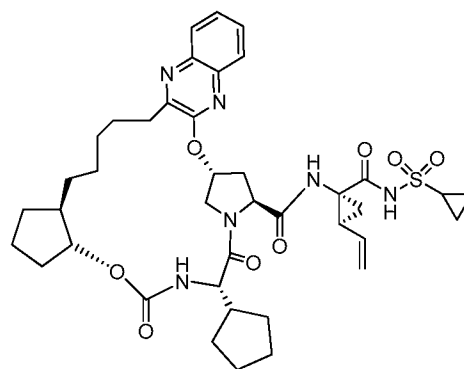
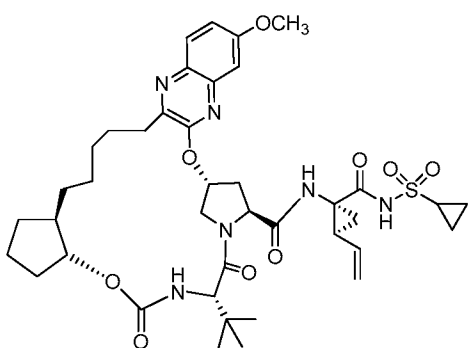
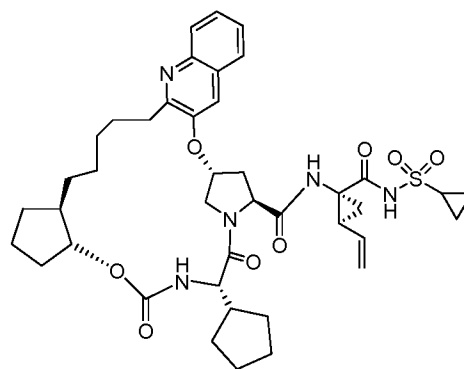
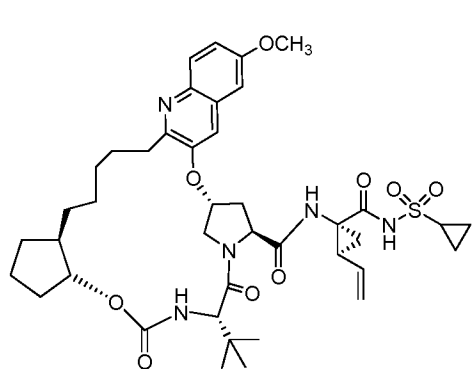
Antibody therapy agents useful in the present compositions and methods include, but are not limited to, antibodies specific to IL-10 (such as those disclosed in US Patent Publication No. US2005/0101770, humanized 12G8, a humanized monoclonal antibody against human IL-10, plasmids containing the nucleic acids encoding the humanized 12G8 light and heavy chains were deposited with the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC) as deposit numbers PTA-5923 and PTA-5922, respectively), and the like).

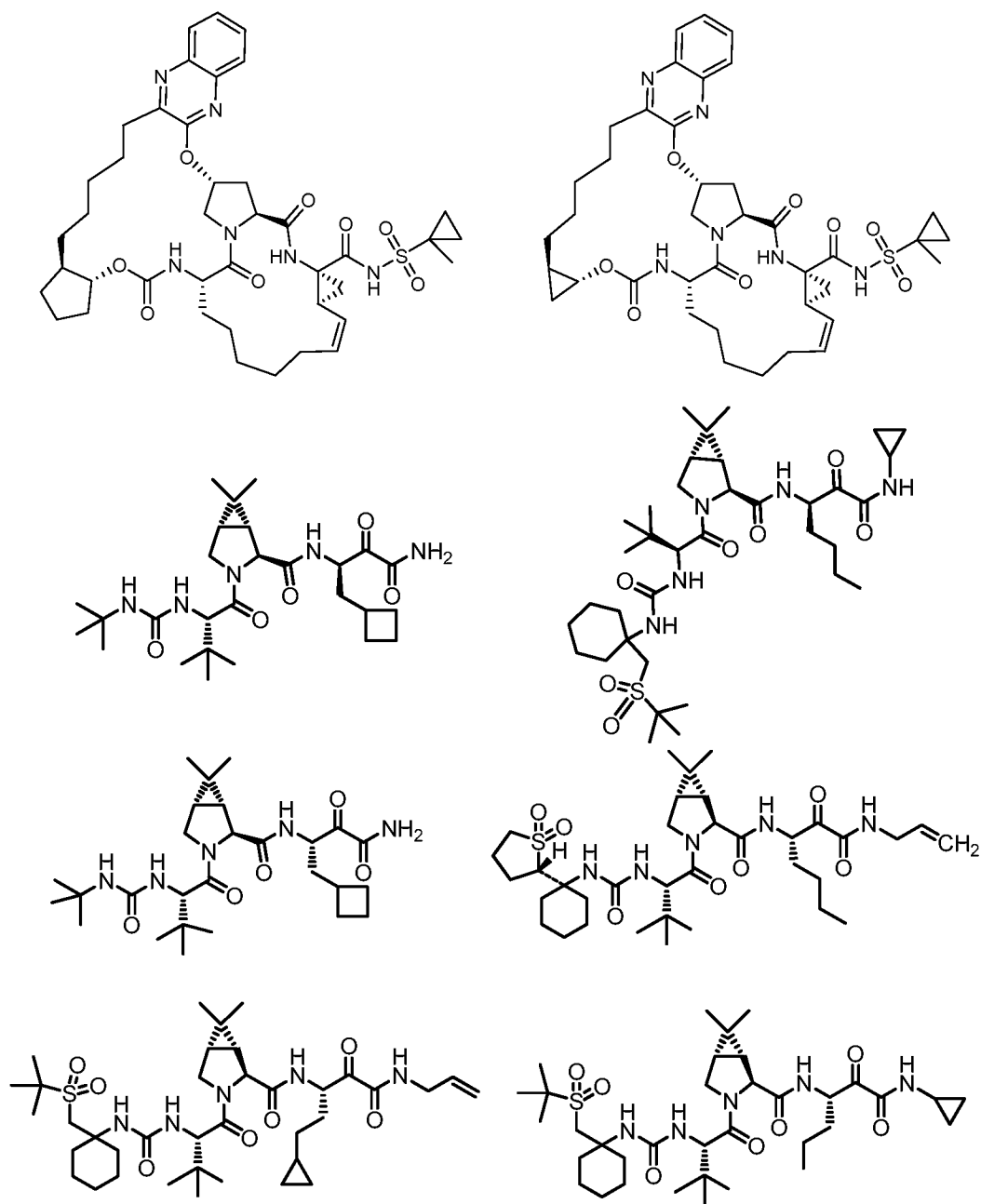
Examples of viral protease inhibitors useful in the present compositions and methods include, but are not limited to, an HCV protease inhibitor.

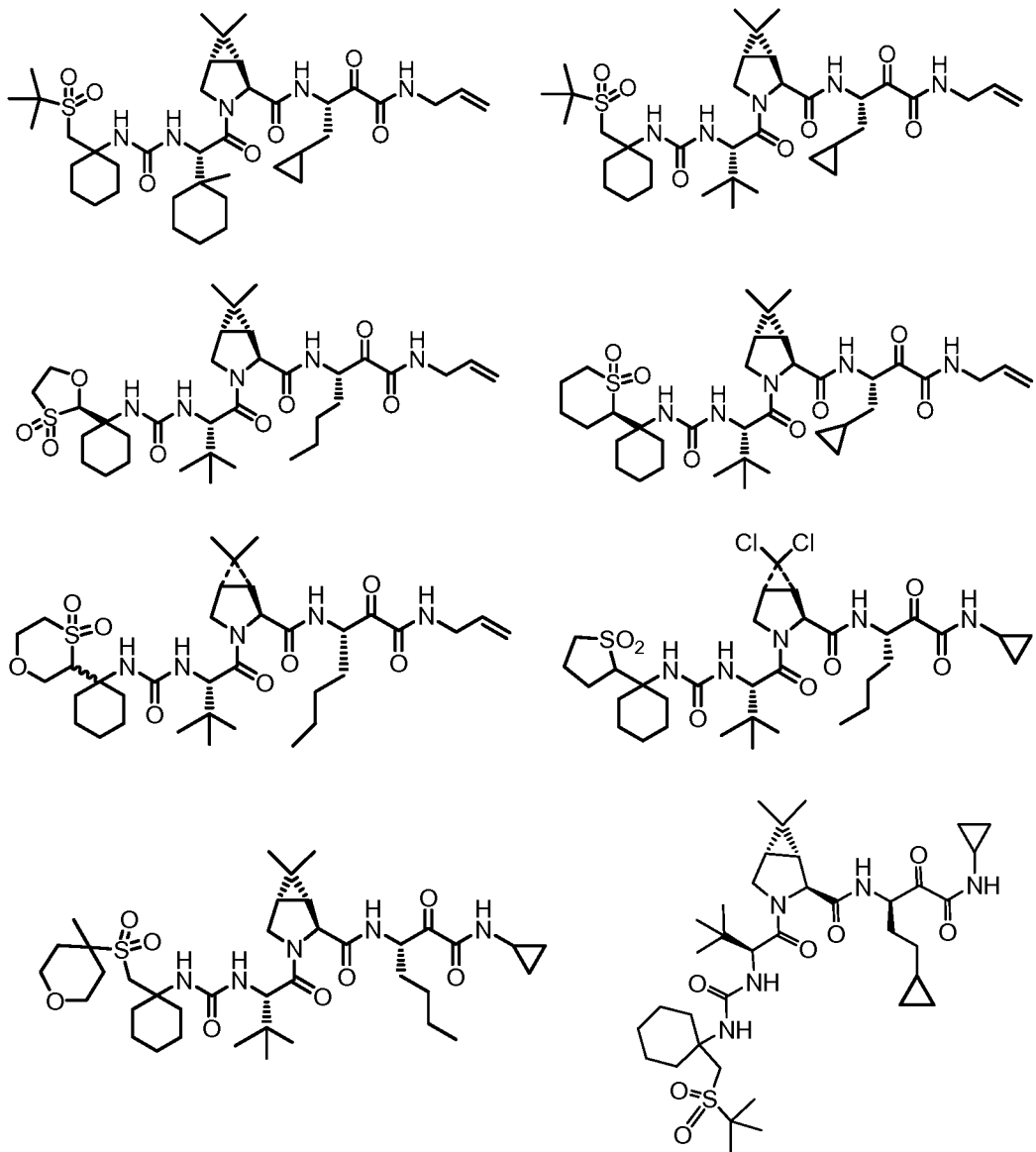
HCV protease inhibitors useful in the present compositions and methods include, but are not limited to, those disclosed in U.S. Patent Nos. 7,494,988, 7,485,625, 7,449,447, 7,442,695, 7,425,576, 7,342,041, 7,253,160, 7,244,721, 7,205,330, 7,192,957, 7,186,747, 7,173,057, 7,169,760, 7,012,066, 6,914,122, 6,911,428, 6,894,072, 6,846,802, 6,838,475, 6,800,434, 6,767,991, 5,017,380, 4,933,443, 4,812,561 and 4,634,697; U.S. Patent Publication Nos. US20020068702, US20020160962, US20050119168, US20050176648, US20050209164, US20050249702 and US20070042968; and International Publication Nos. WO 03/006490, WO 03/087092, WO 04/092161 and WO 08/124148.

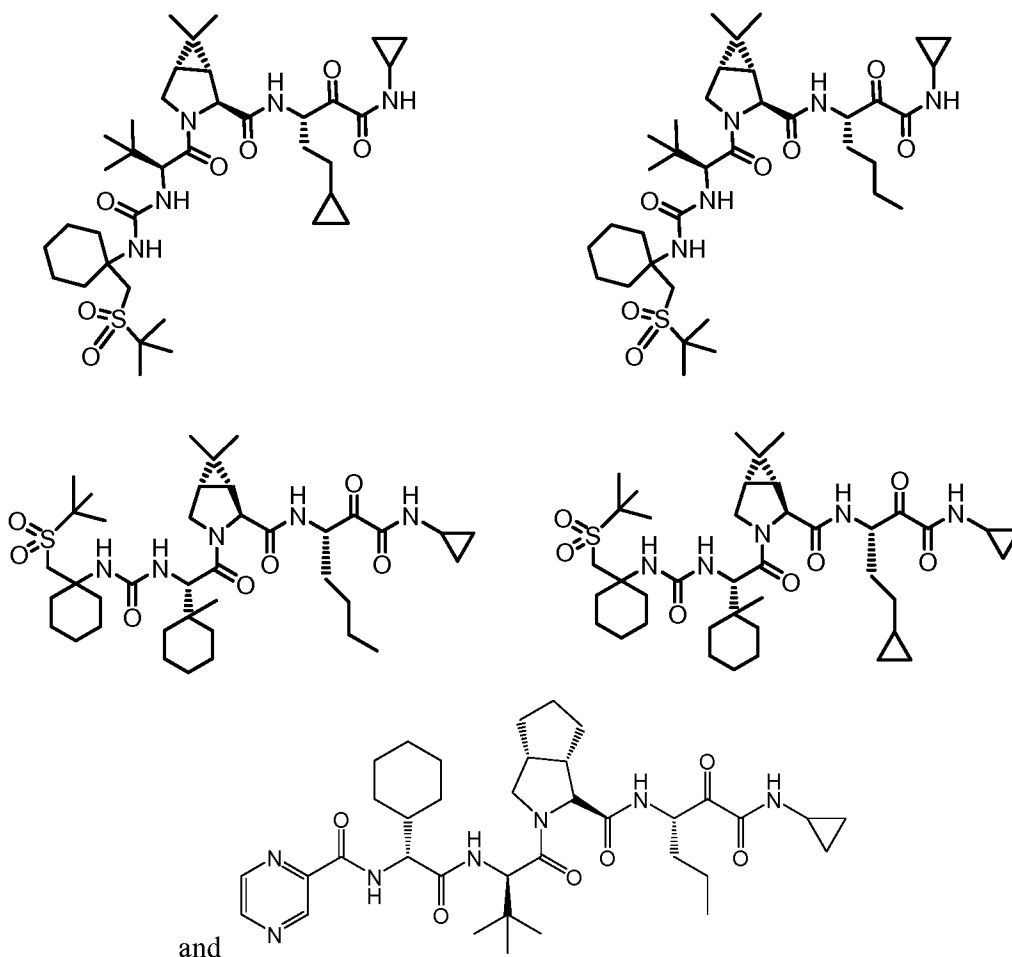
Additional HCV protease inhibitors useful in the present compositions and methods include, but are not limited to, VX-950 (Telaprevir, Vertex), VX-500 (Vertex), VX-813 (Vertex), VBY-376 (Virobay), BI-201335 (Boehringer Ingelheim), TMC-435 (Medivir/Tibotec), ABT-450 (Abbott/Enanta), TMC-435350 (Medivir), RG7227 (Danoprevir, InterMune/Roche), EA-058 (Abbott/Enanta), EA-063 (Abbott/Enanta), GS-9256 (Gilead), IDX-320 (Idenix), ACH-1625 (Achillion), ACH-2684 (Achillion), GS-9132 (Gilead/Achillion), ACH-1095 (Gilead/Achillion), IDX-136 (Idenix), IDX-316 (Idenix), ITMN-8356 (InterMune), ITMN-8347 (InterMune), ITMN-8096 (InterMune), ITMN-7587 (InterMune), BMS-650032 (Bristol-Myers Squibb), VX-985 (Vertex) and PHX1766 (Phenomix).

Further examples of HCV protease inhibitors useful in the present compositions and methods include, but are not limited to, the following compounds:









and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

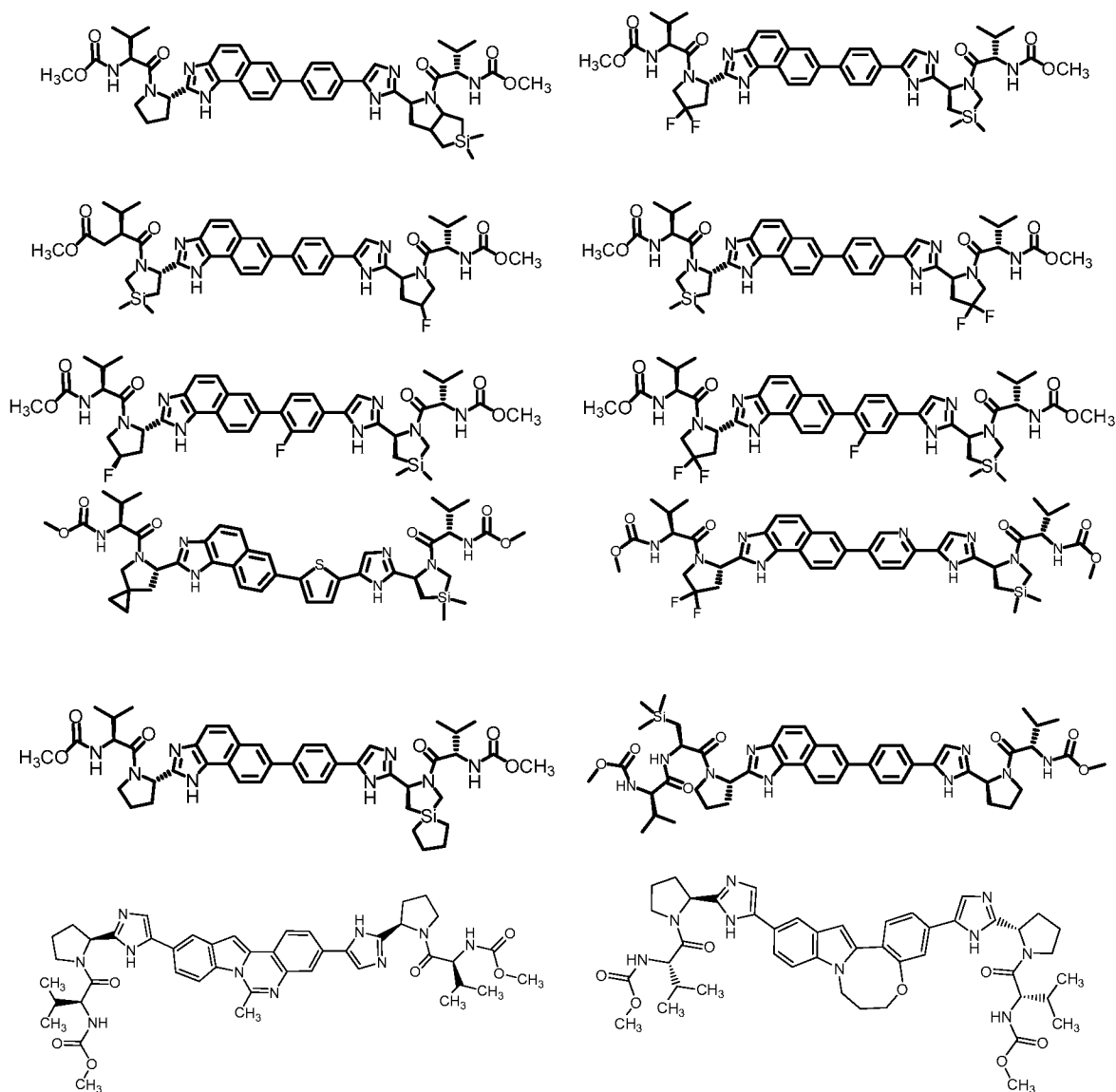
Viral replication inhibitors useful in the present compositions and methods include, but are not limited to, HCV replicase inhibitors, IRES inhibitors, NS4A inhibitors, NS3 helicase inhibitors, NS5A inhibitors, NS5B inhibitors, ribavirin, AZD-2836 (Astra Zeneca), viramidine, A-831 (Arrow Therapeutics), EDP-239 (Enanta), ACH-2928 (Achillion), GS-5885 (Gilead); an antisense agent or a therapeutic vaccine.

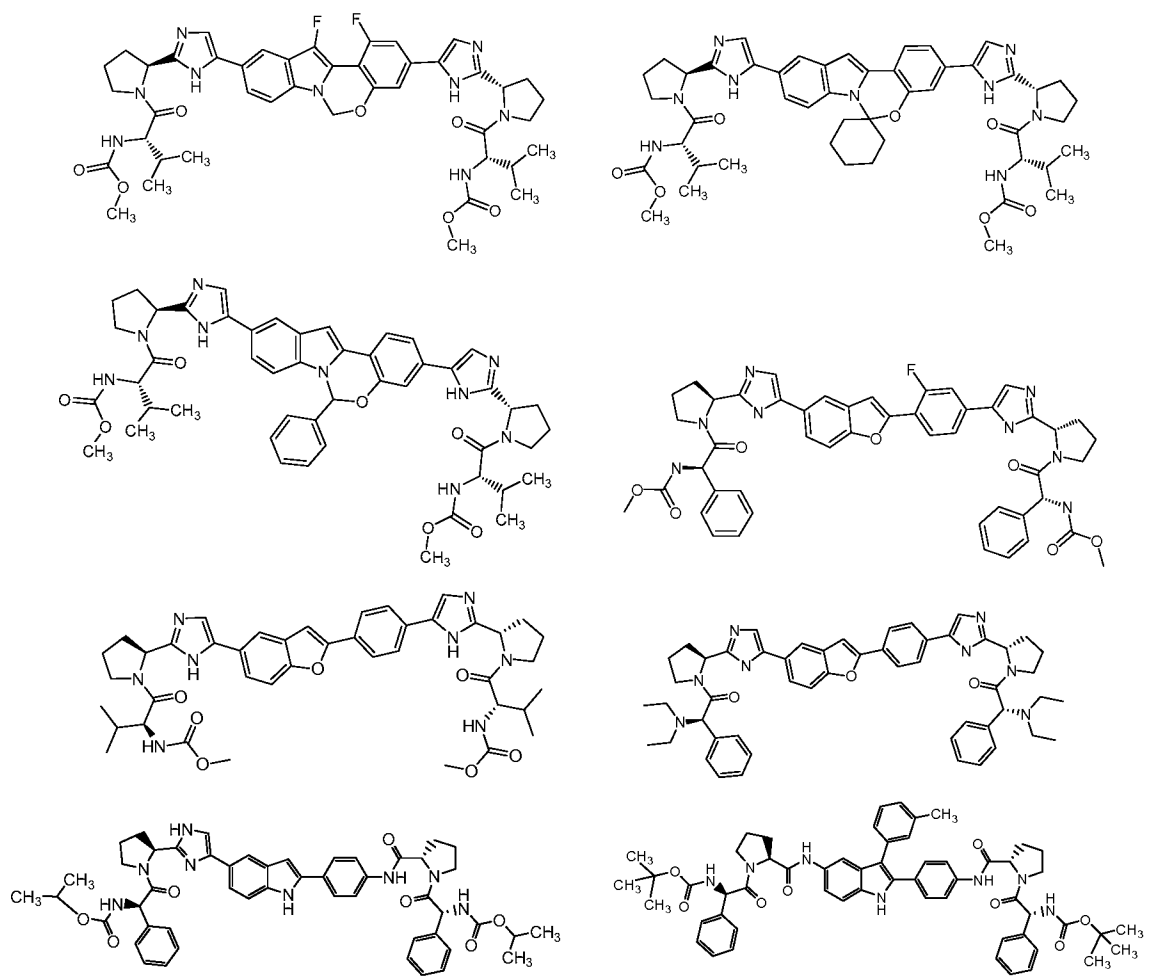
Viral entry inhibitors useful as second additional therapeutic agents in the present compositions and methods include, but are not limited to, PRO-206 (Progenics), REP-9C (REPICor), SP-30 (Samaritan Pharmaceuticals) and ITX-5061 (iTherx).

HCV NS4A inhibitors useful in the useful in the present compositions and methods include, but are not limited to, those disclosed in U.S. Patent Nos. 7,476,686 and 7,273,885; U.S. Patent Publication No. US20090022688; and International Publication Nos. WO 2006/019831 and WO 2006/019832. Additional HCV NS4A inhibitors useful as second additional therapeutic agents in the present compositions and methods include, but are not limited to, AZD2836 (Astra Zeneca), ACH-1095 (Achillion) and ACH-806 (Achillion).

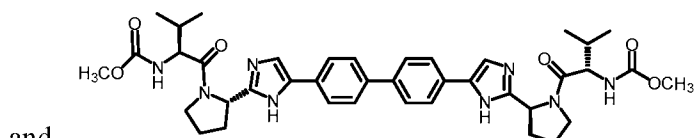
HCV NS5A inhibitors useful in the present compositions and methods include, but are not limited to, ACH-2928 (Achilon), A-832 (Arrow Therapeutics), AZD-7295 (Astra Zeneca/Arrow), GS-5885 (Gilead), PPI-461 (Presidio), PPI-1301 (Presidio), BMS-824383 (Bristol-Myers Squibb) and BMS-790052 (Bristol-Myers Squibb). Additional HCV NS4A

5 inhibitors useful as second additional therapeutic agents in the present compositions and methods include, but are not limited to those disclosed in International Publication No. WO 2010/111483 and the following compounds:





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and

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

HCV replicase inhibitors useful in the present compositions and methods include, but are not limited to, those disclosed in U.S. Patent Publication No. US20090081636.

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Therapeutic vaccines useful in the present compositions and methods include, but are not limited to, IC41 (Intercell Novartis), CSL123 (Chiron/CSL), GI 5005 (Globeimmune), TG-4040 (Transgene), GNI-103 (GENimmune), Hepavaxx C (ViRex Medical), ChronVac-C (Inovio/Tripep), PeviPRO™ (Pevion Biotect), HCV/MF59 (Chiron/Novartis), MBL-HCV1 (MassBiologics), GI-5005 (GlobeImmune), CT-011 (CureTech/Teva) and Civacir (NABI).

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Examples of further additional therapeutic agents useful in the present compositions and methods include, but are not limited to, Ritonavir (Abbott), TT033

(Benitec/Tacere Bio/Pfizer), Sirna-034 (Sirna Therapeutics), GNI-104 (GENimmune), GI-5005 (GlobeImmune), IDX-102 (Idenix), LevovirinTM (ICN Pharmaceuticals, Costa Mesa, California); Humax (Genmab), ITX-2155 (Ithrex/Novartis), PRO 206 (Progenics), HepaCide-I (NanoVirocides), MX3235 (Migenix), SCY-635 (Scynexis); KPE02003002 (Kemin Pharma),
 5 Lenocta (VioQuest Pharmaceuticals), IET – Interferon Enhancing Therapy (Transition Therapeutics), Zadaxin (SciClone Pharma), VP 50406TM (Viropharma, Incorporated, Exton, Pennsylvania); Taribavirin (Valeant Pharmaceuticals); Nitazoxanide (Romark); Debio 025 (Debiopharm); GS-9450 (Gilead); PF-4878691 (Pfizer); ANA773 (Anadys); SCV-07 (SciClone Pharmaceuticals); NIM-881 (Novartis); ISIS 14803TM (ISIS Pharmaceuticals, Carlsbad,
 10 California); HeptazymeTM (Ribozyne Pharmaceuticals, Boulder, Colorado); ThymosinTM (SciClone Pharmaceuticals, San Mateo, California); MaxamineTM (Maxim Pharmaceuticals, San Diego, California); NKB-122 (JenKen Bioscience Inc., North Carolina); Alinia (Romark Laboratories), INFORM-1 (a combination of R7128 and ITMN-191); and mycophenolate mofetil (Hoffman-LaRoche, Nutley, New Jersey).

15 The doses and dosage regimen of the other agents used in the combination therapies of the present invention for the treatment or prevention of HCV infection can be determined by the attending clinician, taking into consideration the approved doses and dosage regimen in the package insert; the age, sex and general health of the patient; and the type and severity of the viral infection or related disease or disorder. When administered in combination,
 20 the 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivative(s) and the other agent(s) can be administered simultaneously (*i.e.*, in the same composition or in separate compositions one right after the other) or sequentially. This particularly useful when the components of the combination are given on different dosing schedules, *e.g.*, one component is administered once daily and another component is administered every six hours, or when the preferred pharmaceutical compositions
 25 are different, *e.g.*, one is a tablet and one is a capsule. A kit comprising the separate dosage forms is therefore advantageous.

Generally, a total daily dosage of the at least one 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivative(s) alone, or when administered as combination therapy, can range from about 1 to about 2500 mg per day, although variations will necessarily occur depending on the target of
 30 therapy, the patient and the route of administration. In one embodiment, the dosage is from about 10 to about 1000 mg/day, administered in a single dose or in 2-4 divided doses. In another embodiment, the dosage is from about 1 to about 500 mg/day, administered in a single dose or in 2-4 divided doses. In still another embodiment, the dosage is from about 1 to about 100 mg/day,

administered in a single dose or in 2-4 divided doses. In yet another embodiment, the dosage is from about 1 to about 50 mg/day, administered in a single dose or in 2-4 divided doses. In another embodiment, the dosage is from about 500 to about 1500 mg/day, administered in a single dose or in 2-4 divided doses. In still another embodiment, the dosage is from about 500 to about 1000 mg/day, administered in a single dose or in 2-4 divided doses. In yet another embodiment, the dosage is from about 100 to about 500 mg/day, administered in a single dose or in 2-4 divided doses.

In one embodiment, when the additional therapeutic agent is INTRON-A interferon alpha 2b (commercially available from Schering-Plough Corp.), this agent is administered by subcutaneous injection at 3MIU(12 mcg)/0.5mL/TIW for 24 weeks or 48 weeks for first time treatment.

In another embodiment, when the additional therapeutic agent is petroleum etherG-INTRON interferon alpha 2b pegylated (commercially available from Schering-Plough Corp.), this agent is administered by subcutaneous injection at 1.5 mcg/kg/week, within a range of 40 to 150 mcg/week, for at least 24 weeks.

In another embodiment, when the additional therapeutic agent is ROFERON A interferon alpha 2a (commercially available from Hoffmann-La Roche), this agent is administered by subcutaneous or intramuscular injection at 3MIU(11.1 mcg/mL)/TIW for at least 48 to 52 weeks, or alternatively 6MIU/TIW for 12 weeks followed by 3MIU/TIW for 36 weeks.

In still another embodiment, when the additional therapeutic agent is petroleum etherGASUS interferon alpha 2a pegylated (commercially available from Hoffmann-La Roche), this agent is administered by subcutaneous injection at 180 mcg/1mL or 180 mcg/0.5mL, once a week for at least 24 weeks.

In yet another embodiment, when the additional therapeutic agent is INFERGEN interferon alphacon-1 (commercially available from Amgen), this agent is administered by subcutaneous injection at 9 mcg/TIW is 24 weeks for first time treatment and up to 15 mcg/TIW for 24 weeks for non-responsive or relapse treatment.

In a further embodiment, when the additional therapeutic agent is Ribavirin (commercially available as REBETOL ribavirin from Schering-Plough or COPEGUS ribavirin from Hoffmann-La Roche), this agent is administered at a daily dosage of from about 600 to about 1400 mg/day for at least 24 weeks.

In one embodiment, one or more compounds of the present invention are administered with one or more additional therapeutic agents selected from: an interferon, an immunomodulator, a viral replication inhibitor, an antisense agent, a therapeutic vaccine, a viral polymerase inhibitor, a nucleoside inhibitor, a viral protease inhibitor, a viral helicase inhibitor, a viral polymerase inhibitor, a virion production inhibitor, a viral entry inhibitor, a viral assembly inhibitor, an antibody therapy (monoclonal or polyclonal), and any agent useful for treating an RNA-dependent polymerase-related disorder.

In another embodiment, one or more compounds of the present invention are administered with one or more additional therapeutic agents selected from an HCV protease inhibitor, an HCV polymerase inhibitor, an HCV replication inhibitor, a nucleoside, an interferon, a pegylated interferon and ribavirin. The combination therapies can include any combination of these additional therapeutic agents.

In another embodiment, one or more compounds of the present invention are administered with one additional therapeutic agent selected from an HCV protease inhibitor, an interferon, a pegylated interferon and ribavirin.

In still another embodiment, one or more compounds of the present invention are administered with two additional therapeutic agents selected from an HCV protease inhibitor, an HCV replication inhibitor, a nucleoside, an interferon, a pegylated interferon and ribavirin.

In another embodiment, one or more compounds of the present invention are administered with an HCV protease inhibitor and ribavirin. In another specific embodiment, one or more compounds of the present invention are administered with a pegylated interferon and ribavirin.

In another embodiment, one or more compounds of the present invention are administered with three additional therapeutic agents selected from an HCV protease inhibitor, an HCV replication inhibitor, a nucleoside, an interferon, a pegylated interferon and ribavirin.

In one embodiment, one or more compounds of the present invention are administered with one or more additional therapeutic agents selected from an HCV polymerase inhibitor, a viral protease inhibitor, an interferon, and a viral replication inhibitor. In another embodiment, one or more compounds of the present invention are administered with one or more additional therapeutic agents selected from an HCV polymerase inhibitor, a viral protease inhibitor, an interferon, and a viral replication inhibitor. In another embodiment, one or more compounds of the present invention are administered with one or more additional therapeutic

agents selected from an HCV polymerase inhibitor, an HCV NS5A inhibitor, a viral protease inhibitor, an interferon, and ribavirin.

In one embodiment, one or more compounds of the present invention are administered with one additional therapeutic agent selected from an HCV polymerase inhibitor, a viral protease inhibitor, an interferon, and a viral replication inhibitor. In another embodiment, one or more compounds of the present invention are administered with ribavirin.

In one embodiment, one or more compounds of the present invention are administered with two additional therapeutic agents selected from an HCV polymerase inhibitor, a viral protease inhibitor, an interferon, and a viral replication inhibitor.

In another embodiment, one or more compounds of the present invention are administered with ribavirin, interferon and another therapeutic agent.

In another embodiment, one or more compounds of the present invention are administered with ribavirin, interferon and another therapeutic agent, wherein the additional therapeutic agent is selected from an HCV polymerase inhibitor, a viral protease inhibitor, and a viral replication inhibitor.

In still another embodiment, one or more compounds of the present invention are administered with ribavirin, interferon and a viral protease inhibitor.

In another embodiment, one or more compounds of the present invention are administered with ribavirin, interferon and an HCV protease inhibitor.

In another embodiment, one or more compounds of the present invention are administered with ribavirin, interferon and boceprevir or telaprevir.

In a further embodiment, one or more compounds of the present invention are administered with ribavirin, interferon and an HCV polymerase inhibitor.

In another embodiment, one or more compounds of the present invention are administered with pegylated-interferon alpha and ribavirin.

Compositions and Administration

Due to their activity, the 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivatives are useful in veterinary and human medicine. As described above, the 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivatives are useful for treating or preventing HCV infection in a patient in need thereof.

When administered to a patient, the 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivatives can be administered as a component of a composition that comprises a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or vehicle. The present invention provides pharmaceutical compositions

comprising an effective amount of at least one 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivative and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. In the pharmaceutical compositions and methods of the present invention, the active ingredients will typically be administered in admixture with suitable carrier materials suitably selected with respect to the intended form of administration, *i.e.*, oral tablets, capsules (either solid-filled, semi-solid filled or liquid filled), powders for constitution, oral gels, elixirs, dispersible granules, syrups, suspensions, and the like, and consistent with conventional pharmaceutical practices. For example, for oral administration in the form of tablets or capsules, the active drug component may be combined with any oral non-toxic pharmaceutically acceptable inert carrier, such as lactose, starch, sucrose, cellulose, magnesium stearate, dicalcium phosphate, calcium sulfate, talc, mannitol, ethyl alcohol (liquid forms) and the like. Solid form preparations include powders, tablets, dispersible granules, capsules, cachets and suppositories. Powders and tablets may be comprised of from about 0.5 to about 95 percent inventive composition. Tablets, powders, cachets and capsules can be used as solid dosage forms suitable for oral administration.

Moreover, when desired or needed, suitable binders, lubricants, disintegrating agents and coloring agents may also be incorporated in the mixture. Suitable binders include starch, gelatin, natural sugars, corn sweeteners, natural and synthetic gums such as acacia, sodium alginate, carboxymethylcellulose, polyethylene glycol and waxes. Among the lubricants there may be mentioned for use in these dosage forms, boric acid, sodium benzoate, sodium acetate, sodium chloride, and the like. Disintegrants include starch, methylcellulose, guar gum, and the like. Sweetening and flavoring agents and preservatives may also be included where appropriate.

Liquid form preparations include solutions, suspensions and emulsions and may include water or water-propylene glycol solutions for parenteral injection.

Liquid form preparations may also include solutions for intranasal administration.

Also included are solid form preparations which are intended to be converted, shortly before use, to liquid form preparations for either oral or parenteral administration. Such liquid forms include solutions, suspensions and emulsions.

For preparing suppositories, a low melting wax such as a mixture of fatty acid glycerides or cocoa butter is first melted, and the active ingredient is dispersed homogeneously therein as by stirring. The molten homogeneous mixture is then poured into convenient sized molds, allowed to cool and thereby solidify.

Additionally, the compositions of the present invention may be formulated in sustained release form to provide the rate controlled release of any one or more of the components or active ingredients to optimize therapeutic effects, *i.e.*, antiviral activity and the like. Suitable dosage forms for sustained release include layered tablets containing layers of varying disintegration rates or controlled release polymeric matrices impregnated with the active components and shaped in tablet form or capsules containing such impregnated or encapsulated porous polymeric matrices.

In one embodiment, the one or more 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivatives are administered orally.

In another embodiment, the one or more 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivatives are administered intravenously.

In one embodiment, a pharmaceutical preparation comprising at least one 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivative is in unit dosage form. In such form, the preparation is subdivided into unit doses containing effective amounts of the active components.

Compositions can be prepared according to conventional mixing, granulating or coating methods, respectively, and the present compositions can contain, in one embodiment, from about 0.1% to about 99% of the 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivative(s) by weight or volume. In various embodiments, the present compositions can contain, in one embodiment, from about 1% to about 70% or from about 5% to about 60% of the 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivative(s) by weight or volume.

The quantity of 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivative in a unit dose of preparation may be varied or adjusted from about 1 mg to about 2500 mg. In various embodiment, the quantity is from about 10 mg to about 1000 mg, 1 mg to about 500 mg, 1 mg to about 100 mg, and 1 mg to about 100 mg.

For convenience, the total daily dosage may be divided and administered in portions during the day if desired. In one embodiment, the daily dosage is administered in one portion. In another embodiment, the total daily dosage is administered in two divided doses over a 24 hour period. In another embodiment, the total daily dosage is administered in three divided doses over a 24 hour period. In still another embodiment, the total daily dosage is administered in four divided doses over a 24 hour period.

The amount and frequency of administration of the 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivatives will be regulated according to the judgment of the attending clinician considering such factors as age, condition and size of the patient as well as severity of the

symptoms being treated. Generally, a total daily dosage of the 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivatives range from about 0.1 to about 2000 mg per day, although variations will necessarily occur depending on the target of therapy, the patient and the route of administration. In one embodiment, the dosage is from about 1 to about 200 mg/day, administered in a single dose or in 2-4 divided doses. In another embodiment, the dosage is from about 10 to about 2000 mg/day, administered in a single dose or in 2-4 divided doses. In another embodiment, the dosage is from about 100 to about 2000 mg/day, administered in a single dose or in 2-4 divided doses. In still another embodiment, the dosage is from about 500 to about 2000 mg/day, administered in a single dose or in 2-4 divided doses.

The compositions of the invention can further comprise one or more additional therapeutic agents, selected from those listed above herein. Accordingly, in one embodiment, the present invention provides compositions comprising: (i) at least one 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivative or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; (ii) one or more additional therapeutic agents that are not a 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivative; and (iii) a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, wherein the amounts in the composition are together effective to treat HCV infection.

In one embodiment, the present invention provides compositions comprising a Compound of Formula (I) and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

In another embodiment, the present invention provides compositions comprising a Compound of Formula (I), a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, and a second therapeutic agent selected from the group consisting of HCV antiviral agents, immunomodulators, and anti-infective agents.

In another embodiment, the present invention provides compositions comprising a Compound of Formula (I), a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, and two additional therapeutic agents, each of which are independently selected from the group consisting of HCV antiviral agents, immunomodulators, and anti-infective agents.

Kits

In one aspect, the present invention provides a kit comprising a therapeutically effective amount of at least one 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivative, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate, ester or prodrug of said compound and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, vehicle or diluent.

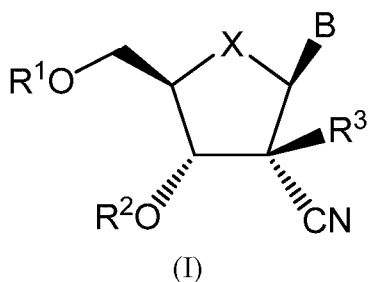
In another aspect the present invention provides a kit comprising an amount of at least one 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivative, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate, ester or prodrug of said compound and an amount of at least one additional therapeutic agent listed above, wherein the amounts of the two or more active ingredients result in a desired therapeutic effect. In one embodiment, the one or more 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivatives and the one or more additional therapeutic agents are provided in the same container. In one embodiment, the one or more 2'-Cyano Substituted Nucleoside Derivatives and the one or more additional therapeutic agents are provided in separate containers.

The present invention is not to be limited by the specific embodiments disclosed in the examples that are intended as illustrations of a few aspects of the invention and any embodiments that are functionally equivalent are within the scope of this invention. Indeed, various modifications of the invention in addition to those shown and described herein will become apparent to those skilled in the art and are intended to fall within the scope of the appended claims.

A number of references have been cited herein, the entire disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A compound having the structure:

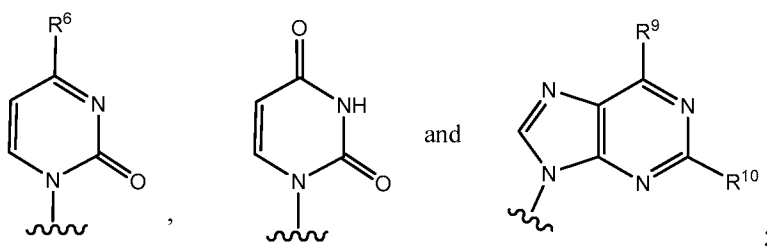


or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,
wherein:

X is O, S or CH₂;

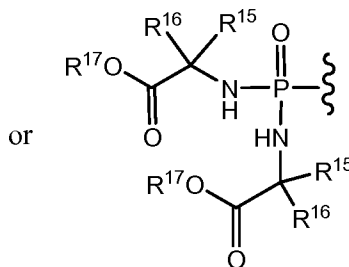
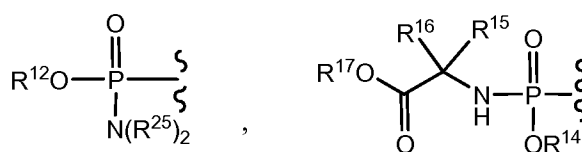
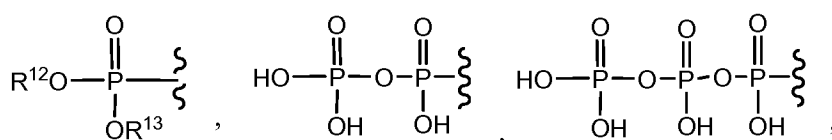
B is a natural or non-natural purine or pyrimidine base, or B is selected from one

of the following groups:

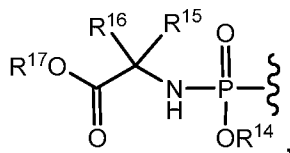


Y is N or -C(R¹⁹)-;

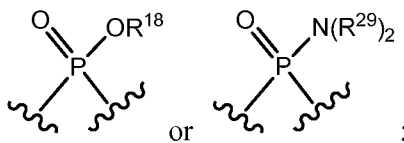
R¹ is H,



R^2 is H or



or R^1 and R^2 join to form a group having the formula:



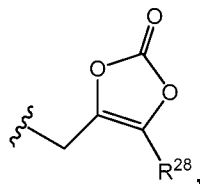
- 5 R^3 is C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_1 - C_6 haloalkyl, C_1 - C_6 hydroxyalkyl, C_2 - C_6 alkenyl, C_2 - C_6 alkynyl or C_3 - C_7 cycloalkyl;
- R^4 , R^5 , R^7 and R^8 are each independently H, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_1 - C_6 haloalkyl, C_1 - C_6 hydroxyalkyl, halo, $-OR^{20}$, $-SR^{20}$ or $-N(R^{20})_2$;
- R^6 , R^9 and R^{10} are each independently selected from H, C_1 - C_6 alkyl,
- 10 C_2 - C_6 alkenyl, C_2 - C_6 alkynyl, C_3 - C_7 cycloalkyl, 5- or 6-membered monocyclic heteroaryl, 9- or 10-membered bicyclic heteroaryl, halo, $-OR^{20}$, $-SR^{20}$, $-S(O)R^{20}$, $-S(O)_2R^{20}$, $-S(O)_2N(R^{20})_2$, $-NHC(O)OR^{20}$, $-NHC(O)N(R^{20})_2$, C_1 - C_6 haloalkyl, C_1 - C_6 hydroxyalkyl, $-O-(C_1-C_6 \text{ haloalkyl})$, $-CN$, $-NO_2$, $-N(R^{20})_2$, $-NH(C_1-C_6 \text{ alkylene})-(5- \text{ or } 6\text{-membered monocyclic heteroaryl})$, $-NH(C_1-C_6 \text{ alkylene})-(9- \text{ or } 10\text{-membered bicyclic heteroaryl})$, $-C(O)R^{20}$, $-C(O)OR^{20}$, $-C(O)N(R^{20})_2$ and -
- 15 $NHC(O)R^{20}$, wherein said C_2 - C_6 alkenyl group and said C_2 - C_6 alkynyl group can be optionally substituted a halo group;
- R^{12} is H or $-(C_1-C_6 \text{ alkylene})-T-R^{21}$;
- R^{13} is H or $-(C_1-C_6 \text{ alkylene})-T-R^{21}$, or R^{12} and R^{13} can join to form a C_2 - C_4 alkylene group between the oxygen atoms that R^{12} and R^{13} are attached to, wherein said C_2 - C_4
- 20 alkylene group is substituted with at least one C_6 - C_{10} aryl group;
- R^{14} is H, C_6 - C_{10} aryl, 5- or 6-membered monocyclic heteroaryl or 9- or 10-membered bicyclic heteroaryl, wherein said C_6 - C_{10} aryl group, said 5- or 6-membered monocyclic heteroaryl group and said 9- or 10-membered bicyclic heteroaryl group can be optionally substituted with R^{22} ;
- 25 R^{15} is H, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_3 - C_7 cycloalkyl, phenyl or benzyl, wherein said C_1 - C_6 alkyl can be optionally substituted with a group selected from halo, $-OR^{20}$, $-SR^{20}$, guanidino, $-N(R^{20})_2$, $-C(O)OR^{20}$, $-C(O)N(R^{20})_2$, $-NHC(O)R^{20}$, 5- or 6-membered monocyclic heteroaryl and 9- or 10-membered bicyclic heteroaryl, and wherein said phenyl group and said benzyl group can

be optionally substituted with up to 2 groups, each independently selected from C₁-C₆ alkyl, halo and -OR²⁰;

R¹⁶ is H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, phenyl or benzyl, wherein said C₁-C₆ alkyl can be optionally substituted with a group selected from halo, -OR²⁰, -SR²⁰, guanidino, -
 5 N(R²⁰)₂, -C(O)OR²⁰, -C(O)N(R²⁰)₂, -NHC(O)R²⁰, 5- or 6-membered monocyclic heteroaryl and 9- or 10-membered bicyclic heteroaryl, and wherein said phenyl group and said benzyl group can be optionally substituted with up to 2 groups, each independently selected from C₁-C₆ alkyl, halo and -OR²⁰;

R¹⁷ is H, C₁-C₂₀ alkyl, C₂-C₂₀ alkenyl, -(C₁-C₃ alkylene)_m-(C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl), -
 10 (C₁-C₃ alkylene)_m-(C₆-C₁₀ aryl) or adamantyl, wherein said C₁-C₂₀ alkyl group, said C₂-C₂₀ alkenyl group, said C₆-C₁₀ aryl group and said adamantyl group can be optionally substituted with up to three groups, each independently selected from halo, -OR²⁰, -C(O)OR²⁰, CN, NO₂, C₁-C₆ haloalkyl, C₁-C₆ hydroxyalkyl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, C₆-C₁₀ aryl, 5- or 6-membered monocyclic heteroaryl, 9- or 10-membered bicyclic heteroaryl, -N(R²⁰)₂, -C(O)N(R²⁰)₂, -SR²⁰, -
 15 S(O)R²⁰, -S(O)₂R²⁰, -S(O)₂N(R²⁰)₂, -NHC(O)R²⁰, -NHC(O)OR²⁰ and -NHC(O)N(R²⁰)₂ and;

R¹⁸ is H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, -(C₁-C₃ alkylene)_m-C₆-C₁₀ aryl, 5- or 6-membered monocyclic heteroaryl, 9- or 10-membered bicyclic heteroaryl or:



wherein said C₆-C₁₀ aryl group, said 5- or 6-membered monocyclic heteroaryl group and said 9-
 20 or 10-membered bicyclic heteroaryl group can be optionally substituted with up to five groups, each independently selected from C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, halo, -OR²⁰, -SR²⁰, C₁-C₆ haloalkyl, C₁-C₆ hydroxyalkyl, -O-(C₁-C₆ haloalkyl), -CN, -NO₂, -N(R²⁰)₂, -C(O)OR²⁰, -C(O)N(R²⁰)₂ and -NHC(O)R²⁰;

R¹⁹ is H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ haloalkyl, C₁-C₆ hydroxyalkyl, halo, -OR²⁰, -SR²⁰,
 25 N(R²⁰)₂, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, C₆-C₁₀ aryl, 5- or 6-membered monocyclic heteroaryl or 9- or 10-membered bicyclic heteroaryl;

each occurrence of R²⁰ is independently H, C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, C₁-C₆ haloalkyl, C₁-C₆ hydroxyalkyl, -(C₁-C₃ alkylene)_m-(C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl), -(C₁-C₃ alkylene)_m-(C₆-C₁₀ aryl), -(C₁-C₃ alkylene)_m-(4 to 7-membered heterocycloalkyl), -(C₁-C₃ alkylene)_m-(5- or 6-membered
 30 monocyclic heteroaryl) or -(C₁-C₃ alkylene)_m-(9- or 10-membered bicyclic heteroaryl), wherein

said C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl group, said C₆-C₁₀ aryl group, said 4 to 7-membered heterocycloalkyl group, said -(5- or 6-membered monocyclic heteroaryl group or said 9- or 10-membered bicyclic heteroaryl group can be optionally substituted with R²⁶;

each occurrence of R²¹ is independently H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ haloalkyl, C₁-C₆ hydroxyalkyl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkenyl, 5- or 6-membered monocyclic heteroaryl, 9- or 10-membered bicyclic heteroaryl, -OR²⁰, -O-(C₁-C₆ haloalkyl) or -N(R²⁰)₂, wherein said C₂-C₆ alkenyl group, said C₂-C₆ alkynyl group, said C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl group, said C₃-C₇ cycloalkenyl group, said C₆-C₁₀ aryl group, said 5- or 6-membered monocyclic heteroaryl group and said 9- or 10-membered bicyclic heteroaryl group can be optionally substituted with up to five groups, each independently selected from C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, halo, -OR²⁰, -SR²⁰, C₁-C₆ haloalkyl, C₁-C₆ hydroxyalkyl, -O-(C₁-C₆ haloalkyl), -CN, -NO₂, -N(R²⁰)₂, -C(O)R²⁰, -C(O)OR²⁰, -C(O)N(R²⁰)₂ and -NHC(O)R²⁰;

R²² represents from one to five substituent groups, each independently selected from C₁-C₆ alkyl, halo, -OR²⁰, -SR²⁰, C₁-C₆ haloalkyl, C₁-C₆ hydroxyalkyl, -O-(C₁-C₆ haloalkyl), -CN, -NO₂, -N(R²⁰)₂, -C(O)OR²⁰, -C(O)N(R²⁰)₂ and -NHC(O)R²⁰, or any two R²² groups on adjacent ring carbon atoms can combine to form -O-R²³-O-;

R²³ is -[C(R²⁴)₂]_n;

each occurrence of R²⁴ is independently H or C₁-C₆ alkyl;

each occurrence of R²⁵ is independently H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, -(C₁-C₃ alkylene)_m-(C₆-C₁₀ aryl), 4 to 7-membered heterocycloalkyl, 5- or 6-membered monocyclic heteroaryl or 9- or 10-membered bicyclic heteroaryl, wherein said C₁-C₆ alkyl group, said C₂-C₆ alkenyl group, said C₂-C₆ alkynyl group, said C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl group, said C₆-C₁₀ aryl group, said 4 to 7-membered heterocycloalkyl group, said -(5- or 6-membered monocyclic heteroaryl group or said 9- or 10-membered bicyclic heteroaryl group can be optionally substituted with R²⁶; or two R²⁵ groups, together with the common nitrogen atom to which they are attached, join to form a 4- to 7-membered heterocycloalkyl group;

R²⁶ represents from one to five substituent groups, each independently selected from C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, halo, -OR²⁷, -SR²⁷, C₁-C₆ haloalkyl, C₁-C₆ hydroxyalkyl, -O-(C₁-C₆ haloalkyl), -CN, -NO₂, -N(R²⁷)₂, -C(O)OR²⁷, -C(O)N(R²⁷)₂ and -NHC(O)R²⁷;

each occurrence of R²⁷ is independently H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ haloalkyl, C₁-C₆ hydroxyalkyl, -(C₁-C₃ alkylene)_m-(C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl), -(C₁-C₃ alkylene)_m-(C₆-C₁₀ aryl), -(C₁-C₃

alkylene)_m-(4 to 7-membered heterocycloalkyl), -(C₁-C₃ alkylene)_m-(5- or 6-membered monocyclic heteroaryl) or -(C₁-C₃ alkylene)_m-(9- or 10-membered bicyclic heteroaryl);

R²⁸ is H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ haloalkyl, C₁-C₆ hydroxyalkyl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkenyl, 5- or 6-membered monocyclic heteroaryl, 9- or 10-membered bicyclic heteroaryl, -OR²⁰, -O-(C₁-C₆ haloalkyl) or -N(R²⁰)₂, wherein said C₂-C₆ alkenyl group, said C₂-C₆ alkynyl group, said C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl group, said C₃-C₇ cycloalkenyl group, said C₆-C₁₀ aryl group, said 5- or 6-membered monocyclic heteroaryl group and said 9- or 10-membered bicyclic heteroaryl group can be optionally substituted with up to five groups, each independently selected from C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, halo, -OR²⁰, -SR²⁰, C₁-C₆ haloalkyl, C₁-C₆ hydroxyalkyl, -O-(C₁-C₆ haloalkyl), -CN, -NO₂, -N(R²⁰)₂, -C(O)R²⁰, -C(O)OR²⁰, -C(O)N(R²⁰)₂ and -NHC(O)R²⁰;

each occurrence of R²⁹ is independently H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ haloalkyl, C₁-C₆ hydroxyalkyl, -(C₁-C₃ alkylene)_m-(C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl), -(C₁-C₃ alkylene)_m-(C₆-C₁₀ aryl), -(C₁-C₃ alkylene)_m-(4 to 7-membered heterocycloalkyl), -(C₁-C₃ alkylene)_m-(5- or 6-membered monocyclic heteroaryl) or -(C₁-C₃ alkylene)_m-(9- or 10-membered bicyclic heteroaryl), wherein said C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl group, said C₆-C₁₀ aryl group, said 4 to 7-membered heterocycloalkyl group, said -(5- or 6-membered monocyclic heteroaryl) group or said 9- or 10-membered bicyclic heteroaryl group can be optionally substituted with R²⁶;

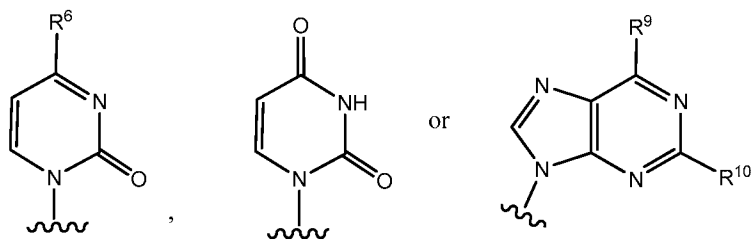
each occurrence of T is independently -S-, -O-, -SC(O)-, -SC(S)-, -OC(O)- and -OC(S)-;

each occurrence of m is independently 0 or 1; and

each occurrence of n is independently 1 or 2.

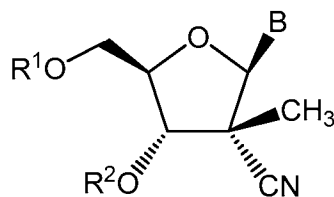
2. The compound of claim 1, wherein X is O.

3. The compound of claim 1 or 2, wherein B is:



R⁶ and R¹⁰ are each independently -NH₂ or -NHC(O)CH₃; and R⁹ is -OH or -O-(C₁-C₆ alkyl).

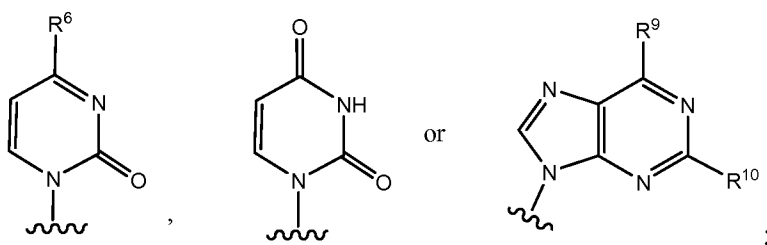
4. The compound of any one of claims 1-3, wherein R³ is methyl.
5. The compound of claim 1 having the formula:



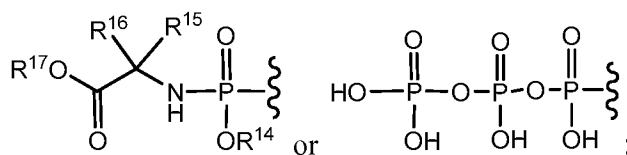
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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,
wherein:

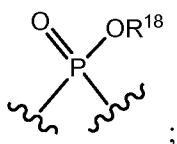
B is:



R¹ is H,



R² is H, or R¹ and R² join to form a group having the formula:



R⁶ and R¹⁰ are each independently -N(R²⁰)₂;

R⁹ is -OH or -O-(C₁-C₆ alkyl);

R¹⁴ is C₆-C₁₀ aryl, which can be optionally substituted with a halo group;

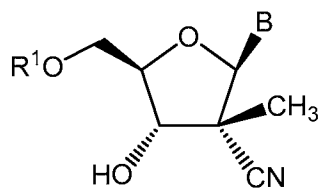
R¹⁵ and R¹⁶ are each independently H or C₁-C₆ alkyl;

R¹⁷ is C₁-C₆ alkyl;

R¹⁸ is C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl or C₆-C₁₀ aryl; and

each occurrence of R²⁰ is independently H or -C(O)-(C₁-C₆ alkyl).

6. The compound of claim 1 having the formula:

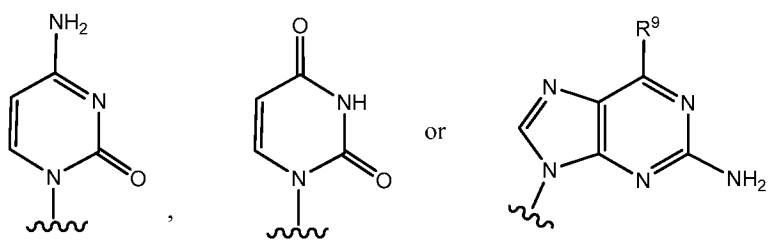


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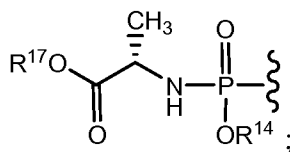
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

5 wherein:

B is:



R¹ is:

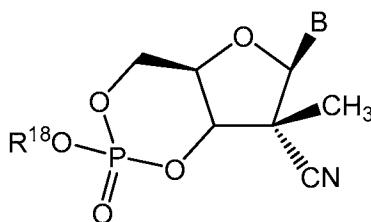


10 R⁹ is -OH or -O-(C₁-C₆ alkyl);

R¹⁴ is phenyl, which can be optionally substituted with up to 2 halo groups, which can be the same or different; and

R¹⁷ is C₁-C₆ alkyl.

15 7. The compound of claim 1 having the formula:

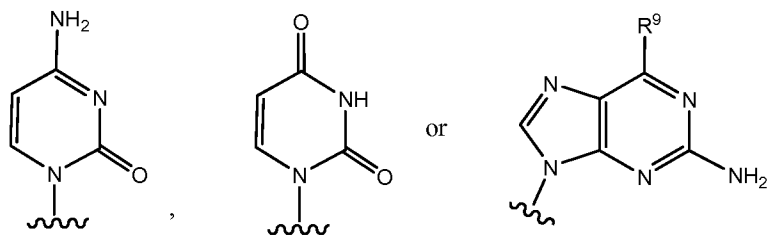


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20 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

wherein:

B is:

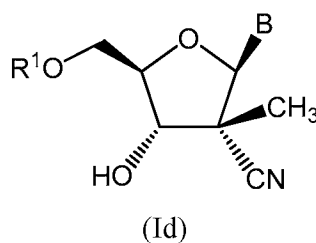


R^9 is $-\text{OH}$ or $-\text{O}-(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6 \text{ alkyl})$; and

R^{18} is aryl or $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl.

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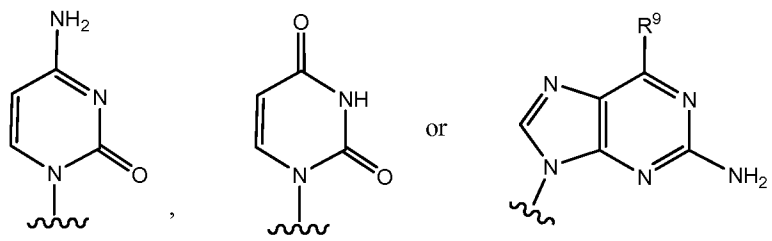
8. The compound of claim 1 having the formula:



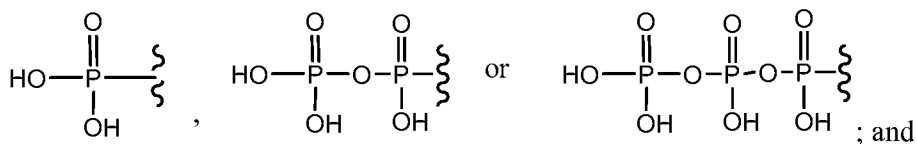
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

10 wherein:

B is:



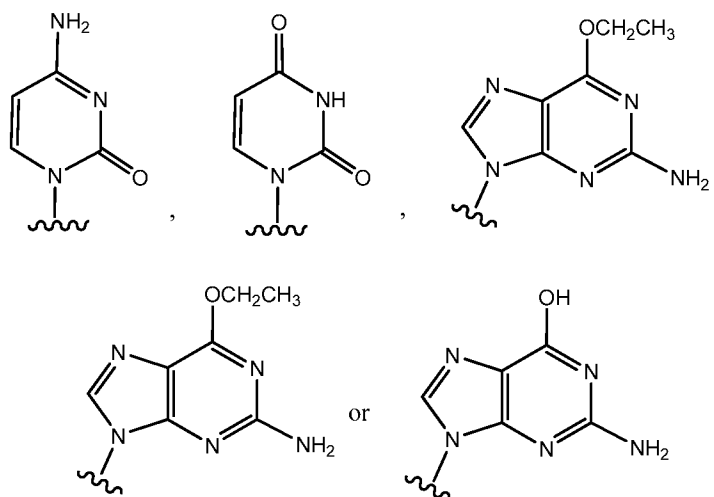
R^1 is:



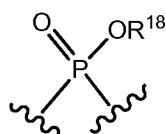
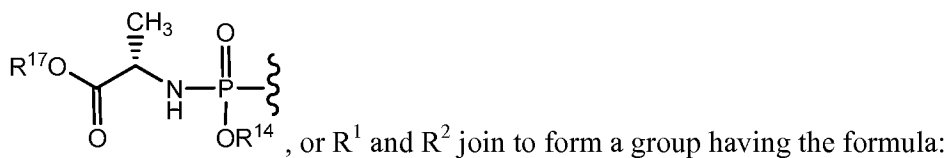
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R^9 is $-\text{OH}$ or $-\text{O}-(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6 \text{ alkyl})$.

9. The compound of any one of claims 1-8, wherein B is:

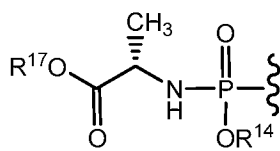


10. The compound of any one of claims 1-4, wherein R^1 is H or



5 , wherein R^{14} is C_6 - C_{10} aryl, which can be optionally substituted as set forth in claim 1; R^{17} is C_1 - C_6 alkyl; and R^{18} is C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_3 - C_7 cycloalkyl or C_6 - C_{10} aryl.

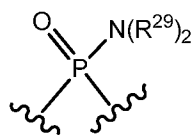
11. The compound of any one of claims 1-6, wherein R^1 is



10 , wherein R^{14} is naphthyl or phenyl, which can be optionally substituted with F or Cl; and R^{17} is methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, n-butyl or neopentyl.

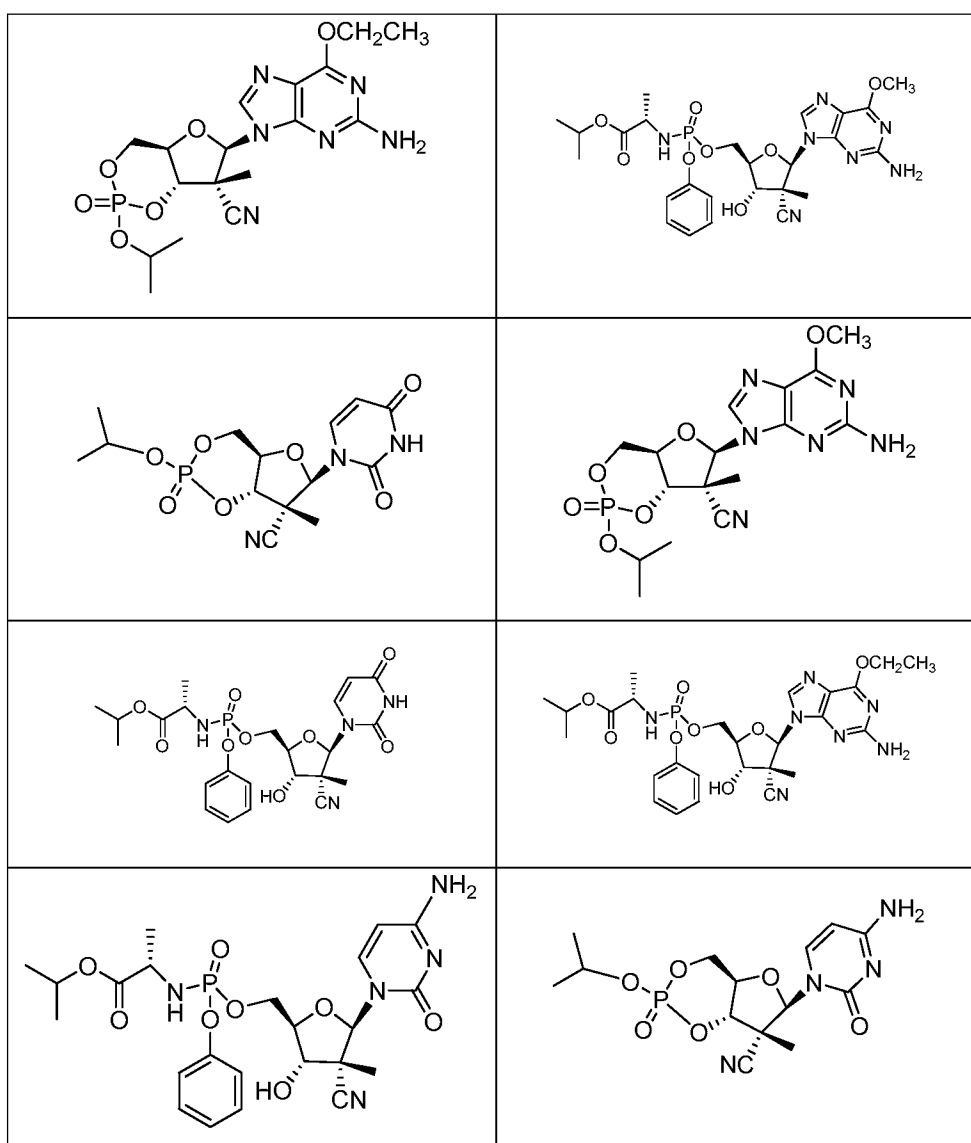
12. The compound of any claim 7, wherein R^{18} is C_1 - C_6 alkyl.

13. The compound of any one of claims 1-4, wherein R^1 and R^2 join to form a
15 group having the formula:



14. The compound of claim 1 being one of the compounds numbered 1-243 in
5 the above specification.

15. The compound of claim 1 having the structure:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

16. A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of the compound of any of claims 1 to 15, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

17 The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 16, further comprising a second therapeutic agent selected from the group consisting of HCV antiviral agents, immunomodulators, and anti-infective agents.

18. The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 17, further comprising a third therapeutic agent selected from the group consisting of HCV protease inhibitors, HCV NS5A inhibitors and HCV NS5B polymerase inhibitors.

19. The use of the compound according to any of claims 1 to 15, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, in the preparation of a medicament for inhibiting HCV NS5A activity or for preventing and/or treating infection by HCV in a patient in need thereof.

20. A method of treating a patient infected with HCV comprising the step of administering an amount of (i) the compound according to any of claims 1 to 15, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, or (ii) the composition according to any of claims 16 to 18 effective to prevent and/or treat infection by HCV in said patient.

21. The method according to claim 20, further comprising the step of administering pegylated-interferon alpha and an HCV protease inhibitor to said patient.

22. The method according to claim 20 or 21, further comprising the step of administering ribavirin to said patient.

23. The use of the compound according to any of claims 1 to 15, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, in a pharmaceutical composition for inhibiting HCV NS5A activity or for preventing and/or treating infection by HCV in a patient in need thereof.