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(57) Abstract

This invention provides analogs of hemiasterlin, methods of synthesis of the analogs and use of the analogs as a cytotoxic and anti-mitotic agents.

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Therefore only claims 10, 14, 18 and subject- matter in as far as it depends on these claims has been searched.

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