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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to novel, non-peptidic small organic compounds having an affinity for cyclophilin (CyP)-type immunophilin proteins, and to pharmaceutical compositions comprising one or more of the said compounds. The invention further relates to the uses of these compounds and compositions for binding CyP-type proteins, inhibiting their peptidyl-prolyl isomerase activity, and for research, development, and therapeutic applications in a variety of medical disorders.

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This inte	ernational Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:
1. χ	Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
	Although claims 29-45, 48-63 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compounds.
2. X	Claims Nos.: 21–26, 46, 47 because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
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This Inte	ernational Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:
1.	As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2.	As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
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4.	No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:
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The initial phase of the search revealed a very large number of documents relevant to the issue of novelty. So many documents were retrieved that it is impossible to determine which parts of the claim(s) may be said to define subject-matter for which protection might legitimately be sought (Article 6 PCT). For these reasons, a meaningful search over the whole breadth of the claim(s) is impossible. Consequently, the search has been restricted to the use of the compounds as therapeutic agents for the treatment of well-defined conditions as defined in the claims (ie modes of action, such as "blocking the permeability transition pore in mitochondria", claim 46, have not been searched). Claims 21-26,46, and 47 have therefore not been searched. Many novelty destroying compounds for present claim 1 have been found - some representative examples have been cited in the Search Report. Disclaiming these compounds would serve no purpose as they only represent a small fraction of the prior art.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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