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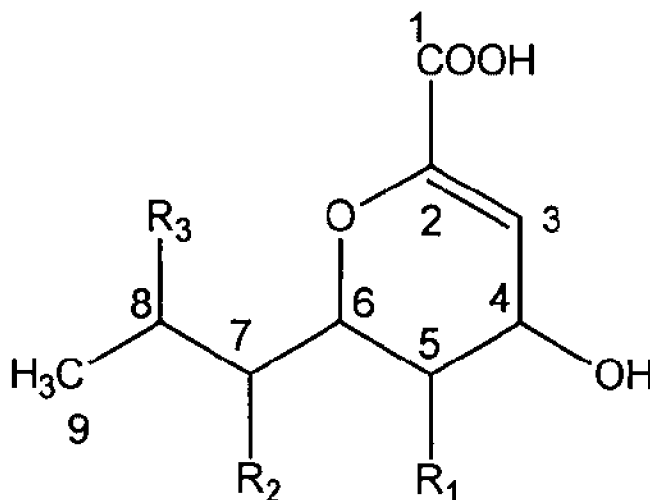
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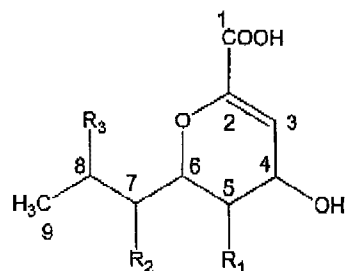


(57) **Abrégé/Abstract:**

The present invention describes compounds of Formula I (see formula I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salts or derivatives thereof. Compositions comprising compounds of Formula I are also described. The present invention further relates to a method of producing non-2-enonate compounds.

ABSTRACT

The present invention describes compounds of Formula I



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salts or derivatives thereof. Compositions comprising compounds of Formula I are also described. The present invention further relates to a method of producing non-2-enone compounds.

INHIBITORS OF SIALIDASE OR SIALIDASE-LIKE ENZYMES

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to inhibitors of sialidase or sialidase-like enzymes. More specifically, the invention is directed to compounds for inhibition of sialidase or sialidase-like enzymes from virus, bacteria, or humans.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The adhesion of pathogens to host cell surfaces is the initial and most critical step in their development of infection or disease. Several viral and bacterial families are known to utilize host sialic acid sugars for adherence or host-pathogen interactions (Lehmann et al, 2006). Sialic acid sugars are nonulosonic sugars, a family of nine-carbon α -keto acids. These molecules have been extensively investigated as drug targets.

However, there are currently a limited number of treatments available for viral and/or bacterial infections; unfortunately, many pathogens have developed resistance to the current medicines. Additionally, existing vaccination methods are not effective in guarding against all influenza virus infection, especially for newly emerging pandemic strains, as the coat of the virus changes continually and rapidly. These changes are predominantly found within surface epitopes of the abundant hemagglutinin (H) and neuraminidase (N) components, preventing their recognition by host antibodies. H and N are two large proteins on the viral particle surface that bind sialic acids of the host; the sialic acid binding activity of H mediates initial adherence to and entry into target cells, whereas N cleaves host sialic acids allowing the release of new progeny virus from infected cells, facilitating the invasion of other host cells (Moscona, 2005). The combination of various H and N components is the basis for classification of influenza A, with 16 H subtypes and 9 N subtypes identified so far. However, the sialic acid binding ability remains constant amongst all infective H and N variants formed through antigenic drift. In addition, many respiratory bacterial pathogens such as *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Hemophilus influenzae* and *Streptococcus pneumoniae* produce neuraminidases (N). For the former, this N enzyme is required for biofilm formation and plays a key role in the initial stages of pulmonary infection, for example lung infections in cystic fibrosis patients (Soong et al., 2006).

Current antibiotics to treat influenza, such as Zanamivir and Oseltamivir, are sialic acid mimics that inhibit the function of N, thereby trapping progeny virus at the cell surface and limiting viral infection to one round of replication. They are rationally-designed synthetic derivatives, based

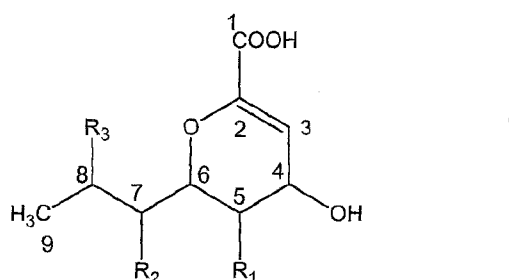
on knowledge of the transition state of sialic acid and the 3-dimensional structure of N's binding pocket (Colman, 1994). However, the chemistries involved in producing these compounds are challenging, which presents a further obstacle in providing treatment (Ishikawa et al., 2009; Lagoja and Clercq, 2008).

As the threat of a global pandemic looms on the horizon, the development of more potent and effective pathogen inhibitors has gained in importance. However, compounds capable of treating or preventing pandemic disease remain elusive.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

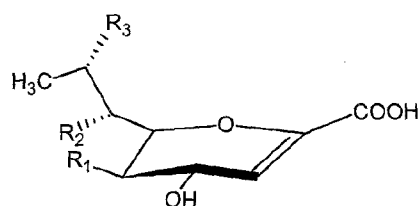
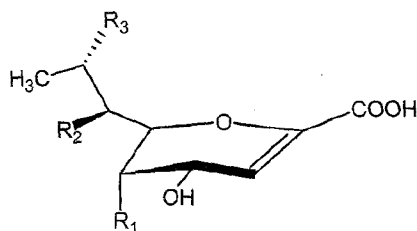
The present invention relates to inhibitors of sialidase or sialidase-like enzymes. More specifically, the invention is directed to compounds for inhibition of sialidase or sialidase-like enzymes from virus, bacteria, or humans.

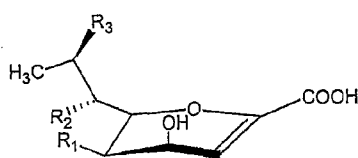
In particular, the present invention provides compounds of Formula I



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or derivative thereof, wherein R_1 is NHAc, NHAm, NHAmNMe(a), NHAmNMe(b), NHAmNMe(c), NHAmNMe(d), NHAmdiNMe(a), NHPPr₂,3diOMe, NHPPr, Glu, GluNMe, or NH₄HB; R_2 is NHAc, NHAla, NHAm, NHFo, NH₃HB, (N-acetyl-D-alanyl)amido, or NHPPr; and R_3 is a hydroxyl or amino group (Fig. 1A).

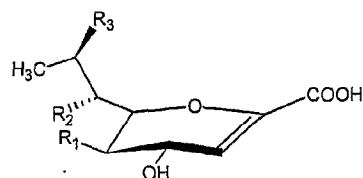
In one embodiment of the present invention, the compound may be





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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or derivative thereof, wherein R_1 , R_2 and R_3 are as defined for Formula I (Figs. 1A and 1B).

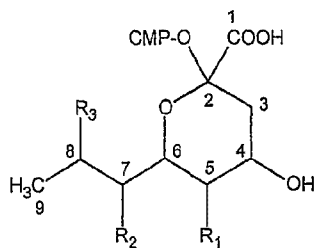
The present invention encompasses bioreversible derivatives of the compounds of the present invention. The bioreversible derivative may be a C1-carboxylate ester of the compound of the present invention, wherein the ester comprises substituted or unsubstituted C1-C12.

The present invention further provides a composition comprising one or more than one compound of Formula I, and/or one or more than one bioreversible derivative of a compound of Formula I.

The present invention also provides a method of producing non-2-enonate compounds. The method may comprise the step of: heating a CMP-nonulosonate compound (a precursor), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or derivative thereof to a sufficient temperature and for a sufficient time so as to form the respective non-2-enonate (Figures 2 and 3). The nonulosonate may be a nonulosonate of human or bacterial origin. For example, the nonulosonate may be a sialic acid, or salt or derivative thereof; a pseudaminic acid, or salt or derivative thereof; or a legionaminic acid, or salt or derivative thereof.

In one embodiment, the method of the present invention may encompass a method of producing the compounds of the present invention (Figure 2), comprising the step of:

- a) heating a compound of Formula VI



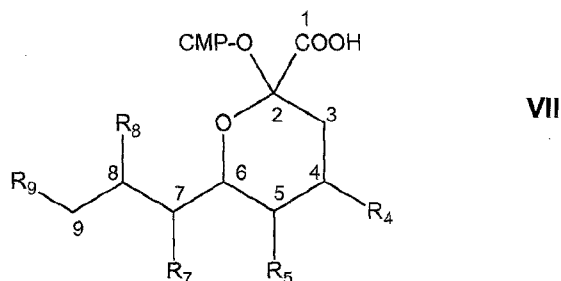
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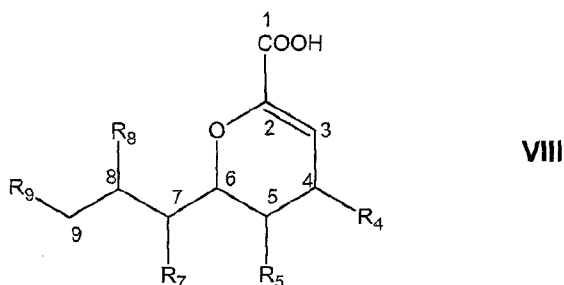
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or derivative thereof, to a sufficient temperature and for a sufficient time so as to form the compound of Formula I, wherein R₁, R₂ and R₃ are as described for Formula I.

In another embodiment, the method of the present invention may encompass a method of producing a sialic acid non-2-enonate derivative (Fig 3), comprising the step of:

a) heating a compound of Formula VII



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or derivative thereof, to a sufficient temperature and for a sufficient time so as to form the sialic acid non-2-enonate derivative of formula VIII



wherein

R₄ is selected from OH, O-acetyl, O-Fuc, O-Gal, or guanidino;

R₅ is selected from amino, N-acetyl, N-glycolyl, hydroxyl, N-acetimidoyl (acetamidino), N-glycolyl-O-acetyl, N-glycolyl-O-methyl, N-glycolyl-O-2-Neu5Gc, or N-azido-acetyl;

R₇ is selected from OH or O-acetyl;

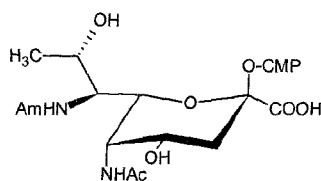
R₈ is selected from OH, O-acetyl, O-methyl, O-sulfate, O-Sia, O-Glc, amino or azido; and

R₉ is selected from OH, O-acetyl, O-lactyl, O-phosphate, O-sulfate, O-Sia, amino or azido.

The methods as described above may optionally include a step of purifying the compounds.

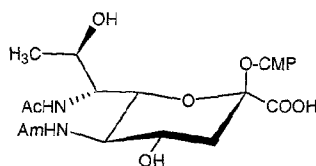
The compounds of the present invention, and those used in the methods of the present invention, may be derived from natural compounds. As such, the present compounds may exhibit better potency in inhibiting sialidase or sialidase-like enzymes than those derived from rational design.

The present invention also provides a method of producing compound **3**

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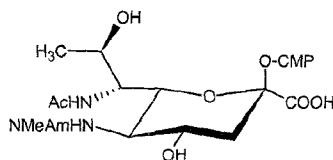
comprising contacting an enzyme of SEQ ID NO:1 with compound CMP-Pse5NHAc7NHAc under suitable conditions for the production of compound **3**.

The present invention also provides a method of producing compound **7**

**7**

comprising contacting an enzyme of SEQ ID NO:4 with compound CMP-Leg5NHAc7NHAc under suitable conditions for the production of compound **7**.

The present invention also provides a method of producing compound **9**

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comprising contacting an enzyme of SEQ ID NO:7 with compound CMP-Leg5NHAm7NHAc under suitable conditions for the production of compound **9**.

The present invention further provides a method of inhibiting sialidase or sialidase-like enzymes. The method may comprise the step of contacting the sialidase or sialidase-like enzyme with a compound of Formula I, or a composition comprising one or more than one compound of Formula I. The sialidase or sialidase-like enzymes may be of viral, bacterial, or

human origin. For example, the compound of Formula I may be Leg5NHAc7NHAc 2-ene, Pse5NHAc7NHAc 2-ene, Leg5NHAm7NHAc 2-ene, or a combination thereof.

The present invention additionally provides a method of treating or preventing bacterial or viral infections. The method may comprise the step of administering one or more than one compound of Formula I, or a composition comprising one or more than one compound of Formula I to a subject in need thereof.

The present invention provides a facile and high-yielding process for producing non-2-enonate sugars. CMP-nonulosonate sugars, such as those precursors described above, may be heated in dry N,N'-dimethylformamide (DMF) resulting in mainly non-2-enonate sugar, CMP and non-reacted CMP-nonulosonate. Further purification is then simple, typically only requiring an ion-exchange chromatography step. Importantly, the non-reacted CMP-nonulosonate may be recovered, making the present process extremely efficient.

The present process has generated the production of novel non-2-enonate compounds derived from bacterial sialic acid-like sugars, such as compounds **2**, **4**, **6**, **8** and **10**. Thus, the family of bacterial sialic acid-like sugars may now be exploited to produce their respective novel non-2-enonate forms, which may then be evaluated for their ability to inhibit neuraminidase (or sialidase) enzymes. The CMP-activated forms of the bacterial sialic acid-like sugars could be subjected to the present process, producing the respective non-2-enonate forms. Furthermore, as the process of the present invention also functions with CMP-sialic acids (for example compound **11**), non-2-enonate sialic acid-based compounds (for example, compound **12**) may be prepared. Even without performing large-scale reactions, mg quantities of each non-2-enonate could be attained in near-pure quality. Each non-2-enonate derivative prepared in the Examples below was verified by exact-mass analysis (Table 8) with several being structurally characterized by NMR (Tables 4-7).

Additional aspects and advantages of the present invention will be apparent in view of the following description. The detailed description and examples, while indicating preferred embodiments of the invention, are given by way of illustration only, as various changes and modifications within the scope of the invention will become apparent to those skilled in the art in light of the teachings of this invention.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

These and other features of the invention will now be described by way of example, with reference to the appended drawings, wherein:

FIGURE 1A shows the structure of the compound of Formula I and possible substituents. NHAc = acetamido; NHAla = N-(D-alanyl); NHAm = acetamidino; NHAmNMe = N-methyl-acetamidino; NHAm₂NMe = di-N-methyl-acetamidino; NHPr₂,3diOMe = (2,3-di-O-methyl-propionoyl)amino; Glu = (glutam-4-yl)amino; GluNMe = (N-methyl-glutam-4-yl)amino; NH₃HB = N-(R)-3-hydroxybutanoyl; NH₄HB = N-4-hydroxybutanoyl; NHFo = N-formyl; NHPr = N-2,3-dihydroxypropionyl; (N-acetyl-D-alanyl)amido; NH₂ = amino; OH = hydroxyl.

FIGURE 1B shows preferred embodiments of the compounds of the present invention. When R₃ is OH (hydroxyl), then Formula II: 5-(R₁)-7-(R₂)-3,5,7,9-tetradecoxy-L-*glycero*-L-*manno*-non-2-enonate, Formula III: 5-(R₁)-7-(R₂)-3,5,7,9-tetradecoxy-L-*glycero*-D-*galacto*-non-2-enonate, Formula IV: 5-(R₁)-7-(R₂)-3,5,7,9-tetradecoxy-D-*glycero*-D-*talo*-non-2-enonate, Formula V: 5-(R₁)-7-(R₂)-3,5,7,9-tetradecoxy-D-*glycero*-D-*galacto*-non-2-enonate. When R₃ is NH₂ (amino), then Formula II: 5-(R₁)-7-(R₂)-8-amino-3,5,7,8,9-pentadeoxy-L-*glycero*-L-*manno*-non-2-enonate, Formula III: 5-(R₁)-7-(R₂)-8-amino-3,5,7,8,9-pentadeoxy-L-*glycero*-D-*galacto*-non-2-enonate, Formula IV: 5-(R₁)-7-(R₂)-8-amino-3,5,7,8,9-pentadeoxy-D-*glycero*-D-*talo*-non-2-enonate, Formula V: 5-(R₁)-7-(R₂)-8-amino-3,5,7,8,9-pentadeoxy-D-*glycero*-D-*galacto*-non-2-enonate. R₁ and R₂ are as defined in FIGURE 1A.

FIGURE 2 shows a schematic of the method for preparing derivatives of bacterial sialic acid-like non-2-enonate compounds of the present invention. The precursor of the compounds of Formula VI include a cytidine 5'-monophosphate (CMP) moiety. These precursors may be produced using a combination of enzymatic and chemical synthesis steps.

FIGURE 3 shows a schematic of the method for preparing sialic acid non-2-enonate derivatives. The precursors (Formula VII) used in the method include a cytidine 5'-monophosphate (CMP) moiety, which may be produced using a combination of enzymatic and chemical synthesis steps. R₄ = OH, O-acetyl, O-Fuc, O-Gal, or guanidino; R₅ = amino, N-acetyl, N-glycolyl, hydroxyl, N-acetimidoyl (acetamidino), N-glycolyl-O-acetyl, N-glycolyl-O-methyl, N-glycolyl-O-2-Neu5Gc, or N-azido-acetyl; R₇ = OH or O-acetyl; R₈ = OH, O-acetyl, O-methyl, O-sulfate, O-Sia, O-Glc, amino, or azido; R₉ = OH, O-acetyl, O-lactyl, O-phosphate, O-sulfate, O-Sia, amino, or azido.

FIGURE 4 shows a mass spectrometry (MS) spectrum of a precursor molecule, purified CMP-pseudaminic acid (CMP-Pse), after re-suspension in water; some dissociation of CMP and Pse are observed due to the instability of CMP-sugars in the absence of salt.

FIGURE 5 is a bar graph comparing influenza A neuraminidase (N1) inhibition using various concentrations of compound **8** (Leg5NHAm7NHAc 2-ene) and ATA (Aurintricarboxylic acid;

Hashem et al., 2009) in a MUNANA fluorescence based assay. ATA displays similar inhibition to compound **12** (Neu5NHAc 2-ene) or DANA.

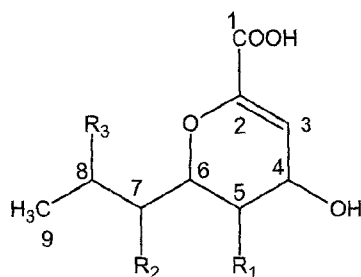
DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to inhibitors of sialidase or sialidase-like enzymes. More specifically, the invention is directed to compounds for inhibition of sialidase or sialidase-like enzymes from virus, bacteria, or humans.

The challenge of developing or isolating more potent and effective pathogen inhibitors remains unmet, despite much activity in the area of sialic acid derivatives and/or mimics. The derivatives and mimics have been explored as potential disruptors of pathogen adherence and host-pathogen interaction via the sialic acid molecules present in the host.

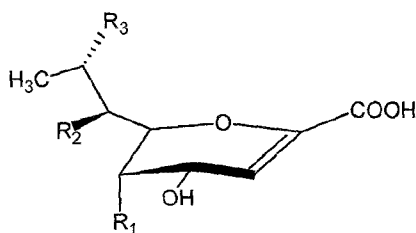
In addition to sialic acid, two other structurally distinct nonulosonic sugars, pseudaminic (Pse; Schoenhofen et al., 2006a) and legionaminic (Leg; Schoenhofen et al., 2009) acid have been characterized. These sialic acid-like sugars are constituents of microbial glycans, and their structural similarity to sialic acid may render them effective sialic acid mimics. Currently, pseudaminic acid, legionaminic acid, and their derivatives can only be produced in sub-gram quantities, either by complex chemical and/or enzymatic synthesis *in vitro* or by isolation from natural resources.

The present invention provides non-2-enonate derivatives of bacterial sialic acid-like compounds, compounds of Formula I

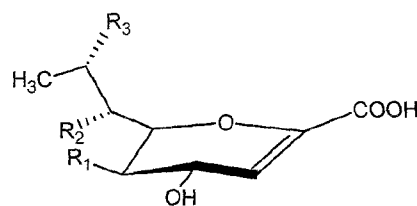


or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or derivative thereof, wherein R₁ is NHAc, NHAm, NHAmNMe(a), NHAmNMe(b), NHAmNMe(c), NHAmNMe(d), NHAmNMe(e), NHPr2,3diOMe, NHPr, Glu, GluNMe, or NH4HB; R₂ is NHAc, NHAla, NHAm, NHFo, NH3HB, (N-acetyl-D-alanyl)amido, or NHPr; and R₃ is hydroxyl or amino group (Fig. 1A).

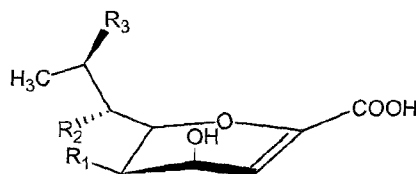
A person of skill in the art would recognize that a number of chiral centres are present in Formula I. The chiral centres may be in either configuration. For example, and without wishing to be limiting in any manner, in one embodiment of the present invention, the compound may be



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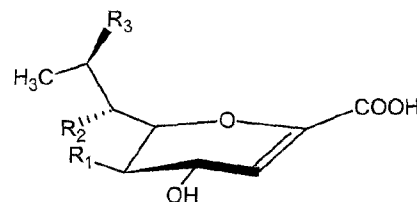


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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or derivative thereof, wherein R_1 , R_2 , and R_3 are as defined for Formula I. Thus, when R_3 is OH (hydroxyl), then the compounds may be:

Formula II: 5-(R_1)-7-(R_2)-3,5,7,9-tetradeoxy-L-glycero-L-manno-non-2-enonate,

Formula III: 5-(R_1)-7-(R_2)-3,5,7,9-tetradeoxy-L-glycero-D-galacto-non-2-enonate,

Formula IV: 5-(R_1)-7-(R_2)-3,5,7,9-tetradeoxy-D-glycero-D-talo-non-2-enonate,

Formula V: 5-(R_1)-7-(R_2)-3,5,7,9-tetradeoxy-D-glycero-D-galacto-non-2-enonate.

Alternatively, when R_3 is NH_2 (amino), then the compounds may be:

Formula II: 5-(R_1)-7-(R_2)-8-amino-3,5,7,8,9-pentadeoxy-L-glycero-L-manno-non-2-enonate,

Formula III: 5-(R_1)-7-(R_2)-8-amino-3,5,7,8,9-pentadeoxy-L-glycero-D-galacto-non-2-enonate,

Formula IV: 5-(R_1)-7-(R_2)-8-amino-3,5,7,8,9-pentadeoxy-D-glycero-D-talo-non-2-enonate,

Formula V: 5-(R_1)-7-(R_2)-8-amino-3,5,7,8,9-pentadeoxy-D-glycero-D-galacto-non-2-enonate.

For example, and without wishing to be limiting in any manner, the compounds of the present invention may be, but are not limited to a compound of Formula II wherein R_1 is NHAc and R_2 is NHAc or NHAm. In another example, the compound may be, but are not limited to a

compound of Formula V wherein R_1 is NHAc, NHAm, NHAmNMe(a), NHAmNMe(b), NHAmNMe(c), NHAmNMe(d), Glu, or GluNMe, and R_2 is NHAc.

In a specific, non-limiting example, the compounds of the present invention may be, but are not limited to:

5,7-diacetamido-3,5,7,9-tetradexy-L-*glycero*-L-*manno*-non-2-enonate (Pse5NHAc7NHAc 2-ene);

5-acetamido-7-acetamidino-3,5,7,9-tetradexy-L-*glycero*-L-*manno*-non-2-enonate (Pse5NHAc7NHAm 2-ene);

5-(2,3-di-O-methyl-propionyl)amino-7-acetamido-3,5,7,9-tetradexy-L-*glycero*-L-*manno*-non-2-enonate (Pse5NHPr2,3diOMe7NHAc 2-ene);

5-(2,3-di-O-methyl-propionyl)amino-7-acetamidino-3,5,7,9-tetradexy-L-*glycero*-L-*manno*-non-2-enonate (Pse5NHPr2,3diOMe7NHAm 2-ene);

5,7-diacetamido-3,5,7,9-tetradexy-L-*glycero*-D-*galacto*-non-2-enonate (8eLeg5NHAc7NHAc 2-ene);

5-acetamido-7-N-(R)-3-hydroxybutanoyl-3,5,7,9-tetradexy-L-*glycero*-D-*galacto*-non-2-enonate (8eLeg5NHAc7NH3HB 2-ene);

5-acetamido-7-N-formyl-3,5,7,9-tetradexy-L-*glycero*-D-*galacto*-non-2-enonate (8eLeg5NHAc7NHFo 2-ene);

5,7-diacetamido-3,5,7,9-tetradexy-D-*glycero*-D-*talo*-non-2-enonate (4eLeg5NHAc7NHAc 2-ene);

5-acetamidino-7-acetamido-3,5,7,9-tetradexy-D-*glycero*-D-*talo*-non-2-enonate (4eLeg5NHAm7NHAc 2-ene);

5-di-N-methyl-acetamidino-7-acetamido-3,5,7,9-tetradexy-D-*glycero*-D-*talo*-non-2-enonate (4eLeg5NHAmDiNMe7NHAc 2-ene);

5,7-diacetamido-8-amino-3,5,7,8,9-pentadexy-D-*glycero*-D-*galacto*-non-2-enonate (Leg5NHAc7NHAc8N 2-ene);

5,7-diacetamido-3,5,7,9-tetradexy-D-*glycero*-D-*galacto*-non-2-enonate (Leg5NHAc7NHAc 2-ene);

5-acetamido-7-N-(D-alanyl)-3,5,7,9-tetradexy-D-*glycero*-D-*galacto*-non-2-enonate (Leg5NHAc7NHAla 2-ene);

5-acetamidino-7-acetamido-3,5,7,9-tetradexy-D-*glycero*-D-*galacto*-non-2-enonate (Leg5NHAm7NHAc 2-ene);

5-N-methyl-acetamidino-7-acetamido-3,5,7,9-tetradexy-D-*glycero*-D-*galacto*-non-2-enonate (Leg5NHAmNMe7NHAc 2-ene);

5-di-N-methyl-acetamidino-7-acetamido-3,5,7,9-tetradecoxy-D-glycero-D-galacto-non-2-enonate (Leg5NHAm_{di}NMe7NHAc 2-ene);
5-(glutam-4-yl)amino-7-acetamido-3,5,7,9-tetradecoxy-D-glycero-D-galacto-non-2-enonate (Leg5Glu7NHAc 2-ene);
5-(N-methyl-glutam-4-yl)amino-7-acetamido-3,5,7,9-tetradecoxy-D-glycero-D-galacto-non-2-enonate (Leg5GluNMe7NHAc 2-ene);
or pharmaceutically acceptable salts or derivatives thereof.

The compounds of Formula I also encompass chemical derivatives of the compounds as described above. For example, the hydroxyl groups at C4 and/or the hydroxyl or amino groups at C8 may be derivatized by methods commonly used in the art. In a specific example, and not wishing to be limiting, the hydroxyl groups at C4 and/or C8 may be modified to O-acetyl; in another non-limiting example, the hydroxyl group at C8 can be modified such that it is O-linked to N-acetyl-glutamine. Chemical modifications of R group substituents are also encompassed by the present invention. These may include, but are not limited to modification of the R₃ amino group, the amino functionality of the N-(D-alanyl) [NHAla] group, amino functionalities of the acetamidino [NHAm] groups, the amino functionality of the (glutam-4-yl)amino [Glu] group, the free amino group of the NHAmNMe group, or the carboxyl functionality of (glutam-4-yl)amino [Glu] or (N-methyl-glutam-4-yl)amino [GluNMe] groups.

Pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the compounds of Formula I may include, but are not limited to acid or base addition salts derived from pharmaceutically acceptable inorganic and organic acids and bases; these salts may include, but are not limited to chlorides, sulfates, carbonates, phosphates, citrates, acetates, tartrate, carbonate, tannate, and stearate. Acid or base addition salts may be produced by reacting a compound of Formula I with an appropriate acid or base.

The present invention also encompasses bioreversible derivatives of the compounds of the present invention; these bioreversible derivatives may also be referred to as "prodrugs". By the term "bioreversible derivatives" or "prodrug", it is meant that the compounds of the present invention are presented as pharmacologically inert chemical derivatives; the bioreversible derivative is metabolized *in vivo* to the active molecule (i.e., the compounds of the present invention). The bioreversible derivatives may improve the physicochemical properties of the compounds of the present invention; for example, and without wishing to be limiting in any manner, the bioreversible derivatives may improve solubility, stability, and/or retention of the compounds of the present invention. The bioreversible derivative may be prepared using any bioreversible derivatizing technique known in the art (Yamashita et al. 2009). For example, and without wishing to be limiting in any manner, the bioreversible derivative may be obtained

by conversion of the C1 carboxylate group of the compounds of the present invention to an ester; the ester may be a substituted or unsubstituted C1-C12 ester.

The compounds as described above may mimic the structure of sialic acid. Without wishing to be bound by theory, such compounds may inhibit the function of neuraminidase (N), thereby trapping progeny virus at the cell surface and limiting viral infection to one round of replication. Precursors to the compounds of the present invention were identified within, or on the surface of *Campylobacter*, *Legionella*, *Clostridium*, *Providencia*, *Helicobacter*, *Pseudomonas*, *Vibrio*, and other species (Li et al., 2010; Beynon et al., 1994; Shashkov et al., 2007; Mazumder et al., 2008; Knirel et al., 2003; Schoenhofen et al., 2006a, 2009; McNally et al., 2007; Logan et al., 2002, 2006, 2009; Kooistra et al., 2002; Thibault et al., 2001; Twine et al., 2008; Hashii et al., 2003; Schirm et al., 2005). For example, there are hundreds of thousands of proteins making up the flagella of *Campylobacter* species, and each of these proteins may contain up to 19 unique sialic acid-like sugars, the result being that the entire filament is coated with these sugars (Thibault et al., 2001; McNally et al., 2007). As the compounds of the present invention are derived from these natural products, they may exhibit far more potency as inhibitors of influenza, viruses in general, or bacteria than those resulting from rational drug design.

The ability to bind sialic acid remains constant amongst all infective H and N variants formed through antigenic drift. In fact, it has been shown that mutations found within the sialic acid binding pocket of N significantly attenuated virulence (Gubareva et al., 2000). As sialic acid binding of H and N is critical to the virulence of influenza, the development of resistance to the compounds of the present invention would likely result in non-infective virus, as changes to the active sites of H and N would prevent their normal role of binding sialic acid. Thus, the antigenic drift normally observed, which changes the surface epitopes of influenza, would not prevent the inhibition by the compounds of the present invention.

The present invention further provides compositions, also referred to herein as "formulations", comprising the compounds of the present invention, bioreversible derivatives thereof, or a combination thereof. In addition to the compounds of the present invention, the compositions may comprise a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent or excipient (or "pharmacologically acceptable ingredient"). The carrier, diluent or excipient may be any suitable carrier, and must be compatible with other ingredients in the composition, and with the method of delivery of the composition. The composition may be in any suitable form; for example, the composition may be provided in liquid form, suspension form, powder form (for example, lyophilised), capsule or tablet form. For example, and without wishing to be limiting, when the composition is provided in suspension form, the carrier may comprise water, saline, a suitable buffer, or additives to improve solubility and/or stability; reconstitution to produce the

suspension is effected in a buffer at a suitable pH. In a specific, non-limiting example, the pharmaceutically acceptable carrier may be saline. Dry powders may also include additives to improve stability and/or carriers to increase bulk/volume; for example, and without wishing to be limiting, the dry powder composition may comprise sucrose or trehalose. It would be within the competency of a person of skill in the art to prepare suitable compositions comprising the present compounds.

For example, and without wishing to be limiting in any manner, pharmacologically acceptable ingredients for nutraceutical and/or pharmaceutical compositions, include anti-adherents, binders (e.g. starches, sugars, cellulose, hydroxypropyl cellulose, ethyl cellulose, lactose, xylitol, sorbitol and maltitol), coatings (e.g. cellulose, synthetic polymers, corn protein zein and other polysaccharides), disintegrants (e.g. starch, cellulose, cross-linked polyvinyl pyrrolidone, sodium starch glycolate and sodium carboxymethyl cellulose), fillers/diluents (e.g. water, plant cellulose, dibasic calcium phosphate, vegetable fats and oils, lactose, sucrose, glucose, mannitol, sorbitol and calcium carbonate), flavors and colors, glidants, lubricants (e.g. talc, silica, vegetable stearin, magnesium stearate and stearic acid), preservatives (e.g. vitamin A, vitamin E, vitamin C, selenium, cysteine, methionine, citric acid, sodium citrate, methyl paraben and propyl paraben), antioxidants, sorbents, sweeteners, and mixtures thereof.

The formulations of the present invention may comprise one or more than one of the compounds of the present invention; in particular, and without wishing to be limiting in any manner, the present invention encompasses a composition comprising a mixture (or "cocktail") of the compounds of the present invention. Such a mixture may provide a composition with increased potency and may prevent the development of resistance.

The compounds of the present invention, or compositions comprising the compounds, may be used for the treatment or prophylaxis of bacterial or viral infections. Because the compounds of the present invention mimic sialic acid and are naturally-derived, they may exhibit improved potency over rationally designed drugs. The compounds of the present invention may inhibit the function of neuraminidase (N), thereby trapping progeny virus at the cell surface and limiting viral infection to one round of replication. The compounds may also inhibit human sialidases or neuraminidases, and may be used to modify biological activity for human disease treatment purposes.

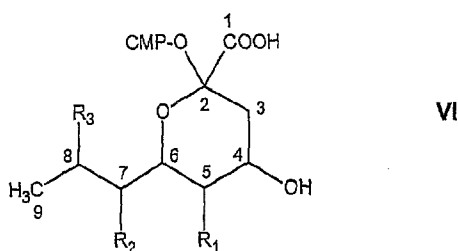
The formulations of the present invention may be delivered by any suitable route of administration known in the art. For example, and without wishing to be limiting, the formulations may be delivered intra-nasally or orally. In a non-limiting example, the compositions of the present invention are applied intra-nasally.

The compounds and compositions of the present invention may be administered in a suitable amount or dosage form. As would be recognized by one of skill in the art, the particular amount or dosage will vary based on the specific compound, the route of administration, the infection being treated, and the specifics of the patient. However, a suitable amount or dosage may be, but is not limited to the range of about 0.01 to 750 mg/kg of bodyweight per day; for example, the suitable amount may be 0.01, 0.05, 0.1, 0.5, 1, 5, 10, 50, 100, 150, 200, 250, 300, 350, 400, 450, or 500 mg/kg of bodyweight per day, or any amount there between.

The present invention further provides a method of producing non-2-enonate derivatives of nonulosonate sugars. Nonulosonate sugars, also referred to herein as "nonulosonic acid", are nine-carbon α -keto acids, and may include but are not limited to sialic acid, pseudaminic acid, and legionaminic acid. The method may comprise the step of: heating a CMP-nonulosonate derivative compound (a precursor), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or derivative thereof to a sufficient temperature and for a sufficient time so as to form the non-2-enonate derivative. The nonulosonate derivative may be a nonulosonate of human or bacterial origin. For example, the nonulosonate derivative may be a sialic acid derivative, or salt or derivative thereof; a pseudaminic acid derivative, or salt or derivative thereof; or a legionaminic acid derivative, or salt or derivative thereof.

The present invention also encompasses a method of producing a compound of Formula I. The method may comprise the steps of

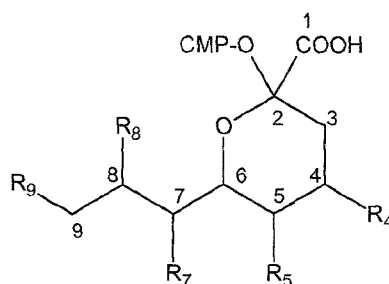
- a) heating a compound of Formula VI



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or derivative thereof, to a sufficient temperature and for a sufficient time so as to form the compound of Formula I, wherein R_1 , R_2 , and R_3 are the same as those described for the compound of Formula I.

In another embodiment, the method of the present invention may encompass a method of producing a sialic acid derivative of Formula VIII, comprising the step of:

- a) heating a compound of Formula VII



VII

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or derivative thereof, to a sufficient temperature and for a sufficient time so as to form the sialic acid non-2-enonate derivative of Formula VIII, wherein

R₄ is selected from OH, O-acetyl, O-Fuc, O-Gal, or guanidino;

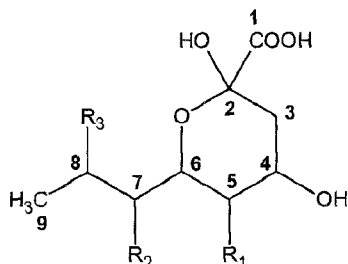
R₅ is selected from amino, N-acetyl, N-glycolyl, hydroxyl, N-acetimidoyl (acetamidino), N-glycolyl-O-acetyl, N-glycolyl-O-methyl, N-glycolyl-O-2-Neu5Gc, N-azido-acetyl;

R₇ is selected from OH or O-acetyl;

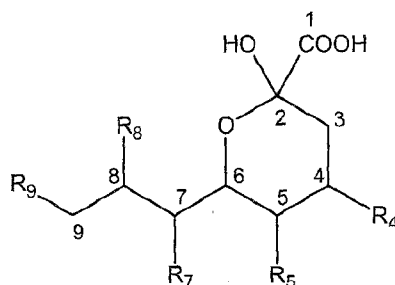
R₈ is selected from OH, O-acetyl, O-methyl, O-sulfate, O-Sia, O-Glc, amino or azido; and

R₉ is selected from OH, O-acetyl, O-lactyl, O-phosphate, O-sulfate, O-Sia, amino or azido.

The precursor compounds (Formula VI and VII) may be obtained using enzymatic and/or chemical synthesis steps, starting from compounds of Formula IX and X, respectively.



IX



X

The compounds of Formula IX and X may be naturally-occurring compounds (Li et al., 2010; Beynon et al., 1994; Shashkov et al., 2007; Mazumder et al., 2008; Knirel et al., 2003; Schoenhofen et al., 2006a, 2009; McNally et al., 2007; Logan et al., 2002, 2006, 2009;

Kooistra et al., 2002; Thibault et al., 2001; Twine et al., 2008; Hashii et al., 2003; Schirm et al., 2005), and/or may be purchased, synthesized, or isolated using methods known in the art (Hemeon and Bennet, 2007). In order to prepare the precursor compounds of Formula VI, the compounds of Formula IX are conjugated to cytidine 5'-monophosphate (CMP) by enzymatic reaction, wherein R_1 , R_2 and R_3 are the same as those described for the compound of Formula I; similarly, to prepare the precursor compounds of Formula VII, the compounds of Formula X are conjugated to cytidine 5'-monophosphate (CMP) by enzymatic reaction, wherein the R groups are the same as those described for the compound of Formula VIII (Figure 3). For example, and without wishing to be limiting, the precursor compound may be prepared by the methods, or by slightly modified methods, described by Schoenhofen et al. (2006a, 2009), International Application No. PCT/CA2009/001800, filed December 16, 2009, or US Provisional Application Serial No. 61/326,015. Alternatively, the compounds of Formula VI or VII may be prepared by chemical conjugation of CMP to a compound of Formula IX or X, respectively, for example, as described by Kajihara et al (1995).

In the methods as described above, the "sufficient temperature" may be any temperature in the range of about 37°C to about 110°C; for example, and without wishing to be limiting, the temperature may be about 37, 38, 39, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100, 105 or 110°C, or any temperature there between, or any range of temperatures within the temperatures just defined. In a specific, non-limiting example, the sufficient temperature may be about 95, 100, or 105°C, or any temperature there between.

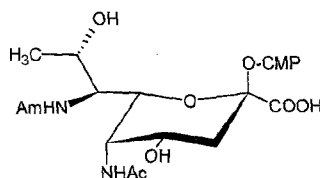
The "sufficient time" in the methods described above may be any time within the range of about 0.1 minutes to about 60 minutes, or about 1 hour to about 24 hours; for example, and without wishing to be limiting, the time may be about 0.1, 0.5, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, minutes, or 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, or 24 hours, or any time therebetween, or any range of times within the times just defined. In a specific, non-limiting example, the sufficient time may be 15 or 20 minutes, or may be 6 hours.

The reaction may occur in any suitable organic or aqueous environment. For example, the reaction may occur in N,N'-dimethylformamide (DMF), water, saline, a suitable buffer, or buffered saline.

The methods as described above may further comprise a further step of purifying the compounds of Formula I. The purification of the compounds of the present invention may be done in any suitable manner known in the art. For example, and without wishing to be limiting, the compounds may be purified by chromatography, precipitation or re-crystallization, or any

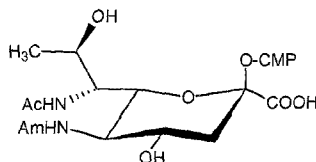
other suitable method. For example, by removing precipitate from reactions and/or subjecting reactions to anion-exchange chromatography (for example, by MonoQ 4.6/100 PE, GE Healthcare, or other suitable apparatus) using ammonium bicarbonate buffer.

The present invention also provides a method of producing compound **3**

**3**

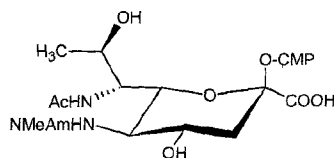
comprising contacting an enzyme of SEQ ID NO:1 with compound CMP-Pse5NHAc7NHAc under suitable conditions for the production of compound **3**. Those of skill in the art would be familiar with conditions suitable for the present reaction.

The present invention also provides a method of producing compound **7**

**7**

comprising contacting an enzyme of SEQ ID NO:4 with compound CMP-Leg5NHAc7NHAc under suitable conditions for the production of compound **7**. Those of skill in the art would be familiar with conditions suitable for the present reaction.

The present invention also provides a method of producing compound **9**

**9**

comprising contacting an enzyme of SEQ ID NO:7 with compound CMP-Leg5NHAm7NHAc under suitable conditions for the production of compound 9. Those of skill in the art would be familiar with conditions suitable for the present reaction.

The present invention further provides a method of inhibiting sialidase or sialidase-like enzymes, comprising contacting the sialidase or sialidase-like enzyme with an effective amount of the compound of Formula I, or a composition comprising one or more than one compound of Formula I. By the term sialidase, also referred to herein as "neuraminidase", it is meant a protein on the viral particle surface that binds sialic acids of the host; sialidase or neuraminidase cleaves host sialic acids allowing the release of new progeny virus from infected cells, facilitating the invasion of other host cells (Moscona, 2005). Sialic acid mimics may inhibit the function of N, thereby trapping progeny virus at the cell surface and limiting viral infection to one round of replication. By the term sialidase-like enzyme, it is meant an enzyme that shows activity similar to neuraminidase, i.e., that cleaves sialic acids. The sialidase or sialidase-like enzymes may be of viral, bacterial, or human origin. Without wishing to be bound by theory, contacting the sialidase or sialidase-like enzyme with a compound encompassed by the present invention prevents its action on sialic acid molecules. The compound of Formula I may be Leg5NHAc7NHAc 2-ene, Pse5NHAc7NHAc 2-ene, Leg5NHAm7NHAc 2-ene, or a combination thereof.

The present invention additionally provides a method of treating or preventing bacterial or viral infections. The method may comprise the step of administering an effective amount of one or more than one compound of Formula I, or a composition comprising one or more than one compound of Formula I to a subject in need thereof.

By the term "effective amount" in the methods as described above, it is meant an amount to provide sialidase or sialidase-like enzyme-inhibiting effect. Without wishing to be bound by theory, this in turn may provide treatment of or prevention from bacterial or viral infections. An effective amount is often based on the weight of the subject to whom it is administered, and may be easily determined by those of skill in the art.

The process for producing non-2-enonate sugars described herein is facile and high-yielding. CMP-nonulosonate sugars, such as those precursors described above, may be heated in dry N,N'-dimethylformamide (DMF) resulting in mainly non-2-enonate sugar, CMP and non-reacted CMP-nonulosonate. Further purification is then simple, typically only requiring an ion-exchange chromatography step. Importantly, the non-reacted CMP-nonulosonate may be recovered, making the present process extremely efficient.

Therefore, the process of the present invention may facilitate the preparation of a highly diverse library of non-2-enonate sugars, in which the only limiting factor is the abundance of novel CMP-nonulosonate derivatives (Figures 1-3). Importantly, the present process has generated the production of novel non-2-enonate compounds derived from bacterial sialic acid-like sugars, such as compounds **2**, **4**, **6**, **8** and **10**. Thus, the family of bacterial sialic acid-like sugars may now be exploited to produce their respective novel non-2-enonate forms, which may then be evaluated for their ability to inhibit neuraminidase (or sialidase) enzymes. The CMP-activated forms of the bacterial sialic acid-like sugars could be subjected to the present process, producing the respective non-2-enonate forms. The bacterial sialic acid-like sugars may be, but is not limited to those which have been previously identified (for example, see Li et al., 2010; Beynon et al., 1994; Shashkov et al., 2007; Mazumder et al., 2008; Knirel et al., 2003; Schoenhofen et al., 2006a, 2009; McNally et al., 2007; Logan et al., 2002, 2006, 2009; Kooistra et al., 2002; Thibault et al., 2001; Twine et al., 2008; Hashii et al., 2003; Schirm et al., 2005), naturally-derived sugars, or may be synthetic derivatives thereof.

Furthermore, as the process of the present invention also functions with CMP-sialic acids (for example compound **11**), non-2-enonate sialic acid-based compounds (for example, compound **12**) may be prepared. Moreover, this process may be utilized for the cost-effective production of current antivirals such as zanamivir (a 4-guanidino derivative of compound **12**), the difference between in production being the presence of a 4-guanidino CMP-sialic acid derivative (in the production of zanamivir). Interestingly, the conversion of CMP-legionaminic acid derivatives (D-*glycero*-D-*galacto* configuration) to corresponding non-2-enonate sugars was higher than that observed for CMP-pseudaminic acid derivatives (L-*glycero*-L-*manno* configuration), which suggests a possible influence of stereochemistry (approximately 90% and 35% conversion, respectively). Without performing large-scale reactions, mg quantities of each non-2-enonate could be attained in near-pure quality using the process of the present invention. Each non-2-enonate derivative prepared in the Examples below was verified by exact-mass analysis (Table 8) with several being structurally characterized by NMR (Tables 4-7).

The present invention will be further illustrated in the following examples. However, it is to be understood that these examples are for illustrative purposes only and should not be used to limit the scope of the present invention in any manner.

Example 1: Enzyme production

Enzymes were prepared for production of CMP-nonulosonate precursors to specific compounds of the present invention. Plasmid DNA construction and sequencing were similar to previously described methods (Schoenhofen et al., 2006a; 2006b; 2009).

a. PseA enzyme: a nucleotide sequence encoding the sequence

MGSSHHHHHHGSMKFCKKCVMPDTPDLHFDEEGVCDACRSQEAKNQINWQEREKE
 FFELIKKYKKHPVYDCVIGVSGGKDSTFQVVKMLELGLNPLCVCFEPSVPTKIGRKNLDNL
 NHLGVDLIHIKRPKVYQKLAREAFIRTDGNEWQNH LGIFTSVPRIAVNFGVPLI IWGES PQI
 EYGGPASSKNKNILGREWLEEF GLLGNRASDMLGVNGITEKD LFLYTYP SDEELQ RVGV
 TGLFLGY YFKWDYKKILEISK KYGFLTLDHPVETTYENFENLDCYSNHVHDYLYCKYGF G
 RATDNACLDIRLGYISREEGVRLAQKYDGKPPKKA IKKYLEFSGFSEEEFQKIVDSFTNKKI
 FKRDENGKFIRDYDGS LVRKDECVLK (SEQ ID NO:1),

an enzyme based on PseA (Cj1316c), was cloned into plasmid pFO4 (as described by Schoenhofen et al., 2006b) using oligonucleotides

NRC64 5'-GGATCCATGAAATTTTGTAAAAAATGTGTGATGCCAG-3' (SEQ ID NO:2) and

NRC65 5'-CTCGAGTCATTTTAAACACACTCGTCTTTTCTTACC-3' (SEQ ID NO:3).

The resulting plasmid, pNRC39.1, was transformed by electroporation into electro-competent Top10F' or DH10B (Invitrogen) *Escherichia coli* cells for cloning purposes, and were sequenced as described previously (Schoenhofen et al., 2006a; 2006b; 2009). The vector was introduced into BL21[DE3] (Novagen) *E. coli* cells for Cj1316c protein production

b. LegA enzyme: a nucleotide sequence encoding the sequence

MGSSHHHHHHGSMIYCDHCVMPNTRPGINFTKDKEGKNICSACINHKNKENIDYKARFKE
 LEVLCDKYRRMNGKFEYDCAIAVSGGKDSHFQVHIMKEKLGMPILFSVEDNFTMT EAGK
 KNLKNLSETFGCHIISLKPDIKTQKKVMLKTFEKYGKPTWFIDRLIYSYPFAMALKFNTPLL V
 YGENVSYEYGGSDTEETPSAKEIFLNGVASDLNINEFIDDEIKEENLQLFFNPNDKDKLDKLN
 PIYLSYFVKWNSYSNYIFAKSRGFTDLEGEWDRMTCAENFDQVDSIGYILHAWMKYPKFG
 HACASDYAARFVRYGLLSRKEAIELVQKRDHKLDNKCVEDFCNFIGISKTTFWKIVEKHYN
 MDLFYKNDFGEFKLKNKLQ (SEQ ID NO:4),

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an enzyme based on PtmG (Cj1324), was cloned into plasmid pFO4 (as described by Schoenhofen et al., 2006b) using oligonucleotides

NRC-97 5'-GGATCCATGATTTATTGTGATCACTGCGTG-3' (SEQ ID NO:5) and

NRC98 5'-CTCGAGTTATTGTAATTTGTTTTTAATTTAAATTCTCC-3' (SEQ ID NO:6).

The resulting plasmid, pNRC50.2, was transformed by electroporation into electro-competent Top10F' or DH10B (Invitrogen) *Escherichia coli* cells for cloning purposes, and were sequenced as described previously (Schoenhofen et al., 2006a; 2006b; 2009). The vector was introduced into BL21-CodonPlus[DE3]-RIL (Novagen) *E. coli* cells for Cj1324 protein production.

c. LegM enzyme: a nucleotide sequence encoding the sequence

MGSSHHHHHGSQNSLEAYTMKYNENGYGLLPDGHVVRFYERILKYKLNKINGNLLDF
GCGNGVHSAYFQSKGFKTFGIDIVPSLKEIWEQNISGGGYCKIIEPNSSIKGLFDENMDIIFA
NQSLYYIPLKELKQNILEFYELLNTGGILFATMMSKKNYFSSHSQKEEKNGLSKVEINGRLN
ETSFHFIDKAEDLENLFQPFETLFLGDYDPINFYFEGSAHHYIYIGIKK (SEQ ID NO:7),

an enzyme based on PtmH (Cj1325/26), was cloned into plasmid pFO4 (as described by Schoenhofen et al., 2006b) using oligonucleotides

NRC308 5'-GGATCCCAAACTCATTAGAAGCTTATACAATGAAATATAATG -3' (SEQ ID NO:8) and

NRC309 5'-GAATTCTTATTTTTTAATACCTATATAAATATAATGGTGTGCCG-3' (SEQ ID NO:9).

GenBank annotates the ORFs Cj1325 and Cj1326 separately, although this was found to be one contiguous ORF, referred to herein as Cj1325/26. The separate annotation may be due to the presence of a poly G tract between Cj1325 and Cj1326. Initial cloned plasmids contained 10 G's within this region, which disrupted the reading frame and prevented expression of full-length enzyme. As such, site-directed mutagenesis using oligonucleotides

1325/26-F

5'-

GAAATTTGGGAGCAAAATATTAGCGGAGGAGGATATTGTAAAATTATAGAACCAAATTC
-3' (SEQ ID NO:10)

1325/26-R

5'-

GAATTTGGTTCTATAATTTTACAATATCCTCCTCCGCTAATATTTTGCTCCCAAATTC-
3' (SEQ ID NO:11)

was performed using the QuikChange II mutagenesis kit (Stratagene) according to the manufacturer's instructions to disrupt the poly G tract. The resulting plasmid, designated pNRC180.6, had the sequence GGAGGAGGA in this region and allowed full-length protein (SEQ ID NO:7) production. The plasmid was transformed by electroporation into electro-competent Top10F' or DH10B (Invitrogen) *Escherichia coli* cells for cloning purposes, and were sequenced as described previously (Schoenhofen et al., 2006a; 2006b; 2009). The vector was introduced into BL21-CodonPlus[DE3]-RIL (Novagen) *E. coli* cells for Cj1325/26 protein production.

Protein expression: *E. coli* strains used for protein expression were either those prepared in a-c above, or those described by Schoenhofen et al. (2006a; 2006b; 2009), such as pNRC8.1, which encodes HP0840His₆; pNRC37.1, which encodes His₆HP0366; pNRC129.2, which encodes His₆HP0327; pNRC131.1, which encodes HP0326BHis₆; pNRC36.3, which encodes His₆HP0178; pNRC38.1, which encodes His₆HP0326A; pNRC16.1, which encodes Cj1319His₆; pNRC83.1, which encodes His₆Cj1320; pNRC164.3, which encodes His₆Cj1298; pNRC134.1, which encodes His₆Cj1328; pNRC51.1, which encodes His₆Cj1327; and pNRC139.1, which encodes Cj1331His₆. Briefly, each expression strain was grown in 1 to 2 l of 2x yeast tryptone (Schoenhofen et al., 2006b), depending on expression level, with either kanamycin (50 µg ml⁻¹), ampicillin (75 µg ml⁻¹) or ampicillin and chloramphenicol (75 µg ml⁻¹ and 40 µg ml⁻¹) for selection. The cultures were grown at 30°C, induced at an OD₆₀₀ of 0.6 with 0.1 mM isopropyl-1-thio-β-D-galactopyranoside, and harvested 2.75 h later. In general, cell pellets were re-suspended in lysis buffer (50 mM sodium phosphate, 400 mM NaCl, 10 mM β-mercaptoethanol) containing 10 mM imidazole and complete protease inhibitor mixture, EDTA-free (Roche Applied Science). After addition of 10 µg ml⁻¹ of DNaseI (Roche Applied Science), the cells were disrupted by two passes through an emulsiflex C5 (20,000 psi). Lysates were centrifuged at 100,000 x g for 50 min at 4 °C, and the supernatant fraction was applied to a 2 ml nickel-nitrilotriacetic acid (Qiagen) column equilibrated in 10 mM imidazole lysis buffer, using a flow rate of 1 ml min⁻¹. After sample application, the column was washed with 10 column volumes of 10 mM imidazole lysis buffer. To elute the protein of interest, a linear gradient from 10 to 100 mM imidazole, in lysis buffer, over 25 column volumes was applied to the column prior to a final pulse of 20 column volumes of 200 mM imidazole lysis buffer. Fractions containing the purified protein of interest, as determined by SDS-PAGE (12.5%) and

Coomassie staining, were pooled and dialyzed against dialysis buffer (25 mM sodium phosphate, 25 mM sodium chloride) overnight at 4 °C. The pH of all buffers was adjusted from 7.3 to 7.8 depending on the theoretical pI of each protein. Protein concentration was measured spectrophotometrically using A_{280} 0.1% values (His₆PseA, 1.254; His₆LegA, 1.288; His₆LegM, 1.086; and those values described by Schoenhofen et al., 2006a; 2006b; 2009).

Example 2: Production of precursor compounds

The precursor compounds **1**, **3**, **5**, **7**, **9**, and **11** were prepared. Compounds **1** (Example 4), **5** (Example 6), and **11** (Example 9) were enzymatically produced and purified according to previously published methods (Schoenhofen et al., 2006a; 2009; Karwaski et al., 2002). For example, compound **1** was prepared by the methods described by Schoenhofen et al (2006a). The CMP-pseudaminic acid enzymatic reaction was then passed through an Amicon Ultra-15 (10,000 MWCO) filter membrane before purification. The filtered CMP-pseudaminic acid sample was then lyophilized and desalted/purified using a Superdex Peptide 10/300 GL (GE Healthcare) column in 25 mM ammonium bicarbonate, pH 7.9. For further purity, elution fractions containing CMP-pseudaminic acid from above were subjected to anion-exchange chromatography (Mono Q 4.6/100 PE, GE Healthcare) using ammonium bicarbonate pH 7.9. Quantification of CMP-pseudaminic acid preparations was determined using the molar extinction coefficient of CMP ($\epsilon_{260}=7,400$). The pure fractions were diluted with water, and sodium hydroxide was added to give approximately 2 molar equivalents of NaOH for every mole of CMP-pseudaminic acid. After lyophilization, CMP-sugars remain in sodium form.

Compounds **3** (Example 5), **7** (Example 7), and **9** (Example 8) were produced as described below. Reaction mixtures for each of compounds **3**, **7**, and **9** were as follows:

- a. His₆PseA reactions for the production of compound **3** (CMP-Pse5NHAc7NHAm) contained 0.8 mM compound **1** (CMP-Pse5NHAc7NHAc), 8 mM L-Gln or other amino acid, 2.4 mM ATP, 4 mM MgCl₂, and 1 mM DTT with 0.6 to 0.8 mg/ml His₆PseA (of Example 1) in dialysis buffer.
- b. His₆LegA reactions for the production of compound **7** (CMP-Leg5NHAm7NHAc) contained 0.8 mM compound **5** (CMP-Leg5NHAc7NHAc), 8 mM L-Gln or other amino acid, 2.4 mM ATP, and 4 mM MgCl₂ with 0.6 to 0.8 mg/ml His₆LegA (of Example 1) in dialysis buffer.
- c. His₆LegM reactions for the production of compound **9** (CMP-Leg5NHAmNMe7NHAc) contained 1 mM compound **7** (CMP-Leg5NHAm7NHAc) and 1.25 mM SAM, with 0.5 to 1 mg/ml His₆LegM (of Example 1) in dialysis buffer.

All chemicals used were purchased from Sigma.

Reactions mixtures for the production of compounds **3**, **7**, and **9** were incubated overnight at 37°C. Reaction mixtures were then passed through an Amicon Ultra-15 (10,000 molecular weight cut-off) or Ultra-4 (5,000 molecular weight cut-off) filter membrane before analysis. As required, CMP-nonulosonates were lyophilized and desalted/purified using a Superdex Peptide 10/300 GL (Amersham Biosciences) column in ammonium bicarbonate, pH 7.9. For further purity, the CMP-nonulosonate samples above were subjected to anion-exchange chromatography (Mono Q 4.6/100 PE, Amersham Biosciences) using ammonium bicarbonate pH 7.9.

Quantification of CMP-nonulosonate sugar preparations was determined using the molar extinction coefficient of CMP ($\epsilon_{260}=7,400$). Two molar equivalents of either NaOH or NaCl were added to final CMP-nonulosonate preparations, which were then diluted 5x with water and lyophilized.

For structural characterization of compounds **3** and **7**, purified material was dissolved in >99% D₂O. Structural analysis was performed using a Varian Inova 500 MHz (¹H) spectrometer with a Varian Z-gradient 3 mm probe, or a Varian 600 MHz (¹H) spectrometer with a Varian 5 mm Z-gradient probe. All spectra were referenced to an internal acetone standard (δ_H 2.225 ppm and δ_C 31.07 ppm). Results are shown in Tables 1-2.

Table 1. NMR chemical shifts δ (ppm) for CMP-5-acetamido-7-acetamidino-3,5,7,9-tetradexoxy-L-glycero-L-manno-nonulosonic acid (CMP-Pse5NHAc7NHAm, compound **3**).

H3ax	1.66	C2	101.0
H3eq	2.24	C3	37.0
H4	4.27	C4	65.7
H5	4.32	C5	49.8
H6	4.35	C6	72.4
H7	3.88	C7	59.2
H8	4.30	C8	68.7
H9	1.26	C9	17.8

Table 2. NMR chemical shifts δ (ppm) for CMP-5-acetamidino-7-acetamido-3,5,7,9-tetradexoxy-D-glycero-D-galacto-nonulosonic acid (CMP-Leg5NHAm7NHAc, compound **7**).

H3ax	1.68	C2	100.9
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H3eq	2.52	C3	42.0
H4	4.13	C4	68.3
H5	3.50	C5	57.1
H6	4.45	C6	71.3
H7	3.78	C7	55.6
H8	4.06	C8	65.8
H9	1.12	C9	19.4

In the production of CMP-Pse5NHAc7NHAm (compound **3**) and CMP-Leg5NHAm7NHAc (compound **7**), the enzymes PseA and LegA, respectively, appeared to exhibit characteristics similar to glutamine-dependent amidotransferases (Gn-ATs). Gn-AT enzymes generate ammonia from the glutamine amide nitrogen and transfer it to an acceptor, producing glutamate and an aminated product (Massiere and Badet-Denisot, 1998). For some, Gn-AT enzymes, one molecule of ATP is required in the reaction to adenylate or phosphorylate the acceptor prior to product formation. Similar to Gn-AT enzymes, PseA and LegA catalyzed the production of compound **3** from **1** (CMP-Pse5NHAc7NHAc) and compound **7** from **5** (CMP-Leg5NHAc7NHAc), respectively, in the presence of L-Gln and ATP. ATP was absolutely required for the reaction to occur and could not be effectively replaced by other NTP donors. In the presence of ATP and substrate, with no nitrogen donor added, some product formation was observed, likely attributable to pre-activated or pre-charged enzyme from purification. This background activity was subtracted from all experimental results obtained prior to interpretation of data. Similar to many other Gn-AT enzymes, PseA and LegA could utilize exogenous ammonia as the nitrogen donor. Importantly, PseA and LegA differed greatly from Gn-AT enzymes in that several L-amino acids (Asp, Arg, Ser, Gly, Gln, Asn, Ile, His, Val, Met, Leu, Ala, Glu) could be utilized as a nitrogen donor, as opposed to Gn-AT enzymes which have only been reported to utilize Gln or Asn (Massiere and Badet-Denisot, 1998) as nitrogen donors. To our understanding, this is the first report of such an enzyme function and suggests a different catalytic mechanism to that proposed for the Gn-AT family of enzymes, especially since the α -carbon nitrogen of amino acids would be utilized by PseA and LegA as opposed to Gn-AT enzymes that utilize the amino acid side chain nitrogen. In general, PseA reactions resulted in approximately 30% product conversion, suggesting feedback inhibition, whereas LegA reactions resulted in nearly 100% product conversion.

The LegM enzyme catalyzed the formation of **9** (CMP-Leg5NHAmNMe7NHAc) from **7** in an S-adenosyl methionine (SAM)-dependent manner. Although most SAM-dependent methyltransferases are inhibited by the reaction byproduct S-adenosyl-L-homocysteine (SAH)

(Aktas and Narberhaus, 2009), LegM did not appear to be inhibited by SAH as product conversion of approximately 80-90 % could be attained. Interestingly, we tried similar reactions with Lpg0747 from *Legionella pneumophila* str. Philadelphia 1, but no detectable activity was observed, possibly due to SAH feedback inhibition. As mentioned in Example 1, the *legM* gene contained a poly-G tract in the middle, allowing regulation of protein expression by phase variation. The *lpg0747* sequence does not contain a similar poly-G tract. This difference may explain the varied response of Lpg0747 and LegM to SAH, as Lpg0747 activity would rely on SAH feedback control, whereas LegM activity may be regulated at the transcriptional level by poly-G tract induced phase variation

Example 3: Characterization of precursor compounds

Precursor compounds prepared in Example 2 were characterized using CE-MS analysis.

For CE-MS, mass spectra were acquired using an API3000 mass spectrometer (Applied Biosystems/Sciex, Concord, ON, Canada). CE was performed using a Prince CE system (Prince Technologies, Netherlands). CE separation was obtained on a 90 cm length of bare fused-silica capillary (365 μ m OD x 50 μ m ID) with CE-MS coupling using a liquid sheath-flow interface and isopropanol:methanol (2:1) as the sheath liquid. An aqueous buffer comprising 30 mM morpholine (adjusted to pH9 with formic acid) was used for all experiments in the negative-ion mode. Results verifying the production of each CMP-nonulosonate precursor **1**, **3**, **5**, **7**, **9** and **11** are shown in Table 3, where observed m/z ions from CE-MS correspond accurately to the calculated masses.

Table 3. CE-MS data (negative ion mode) of CMP-nonulosonate sugars (precursor compounds) prepared. The m/z ions indicated here were not present in negative control samples (data not shown).

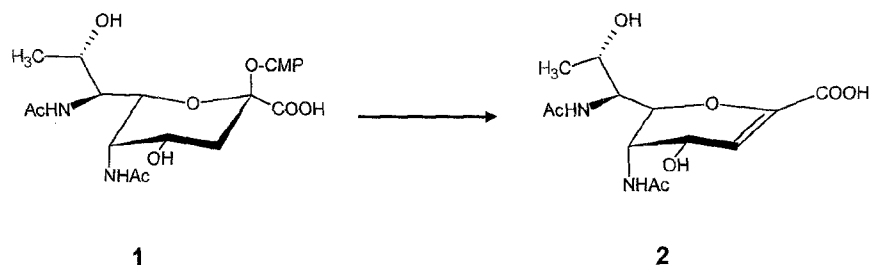
Compound		Observed m/z ion	Calculated mass	Formula (M)	Comments
1	CMP-Pse5NHAc7NHAc	638.2	638.2	C22 H34 O15 N5 P	M-H
3	CMP-Pse5NHAc7NHAm	637.4	637.2	C22 H35 O14 N6 P	M-H
5	CMP-Leg5NHAc7NHAc	638.2	638.2	C22 H34 O15 N5 P	M-H
7	CMP-Leg5NHAm7NHAc	637.2	637.2	C22 H35 O14 N6 P	M-H
9	CMP-Leg5NHAmNMe7NHAc	651.4	651.2	C23 H37 O14 N6 P	M-H
11	CMP-Neu5NHAc	613.2	613.1	C20 H31 O16 N4 P	M-H

Additionally, Figure 4 shows MS data of the purified CMP-pseudaminic acid in water, which indicates that the material is very clean. While some free CMP and pseudaminic acid can be

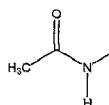
observed in Figure 4, this is due to the instability of CMP-sugars in the absence of salt; this dissociation is significantly reduced if resuspended in buffer containing sodium (data not shown). Similar results were obtained for other precursor compounds (data not shown).

Example 4: Production of Pse5NHAc7NHAc 2-ene

Compound **2** was produced in accordance with the following reaction scheme:



where NHAc =



Compound **1** was heated for 3 h at 105°C in dry N,N'-dimethylformamide (DMF; 1ml/mg). After cooling, the mixture was centrifuged at about 2000 rpm for 20 min and the supernatant was diluted 5x with water, then lyophilized. Further purification of compound **2** was performed by ion-exchange chromatography (MonoQ 4.6/100 PE, GE Healthcare) using ammonium bicarbonate buffer. Approximately two molar equivalents of NaOH was added to the purified compound, which was then diluted 5x with water and lyophilized.

Quantitation of compound **2** was performed using NMR by comparison to an internal standard; ¹H NMR spectrum was acquired and the integrals calculated for the C-6 CH₃ proton region of rhamnose (internal standard) were compared to those calculated for the C-9 CH₃ proton region of **2**.

For structural characterization of compound **2**, purified material was dissolved in >99% D₂O. Structural analysis was performed using a Varian Inova 500 MHz (¹H) spectrometer with a Varian Z-gradient 3 mm probe, or a Varian 600 MHz (¹H) spectrometer with a Varian 5 mm Z-gradient probe. All spectra were referenced to an internal acetone standard (δ_H 2.225 ppm and δ_C 31.07 ppm). Results are shown in Table 4.

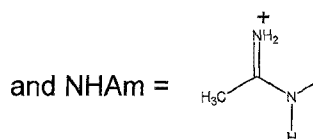
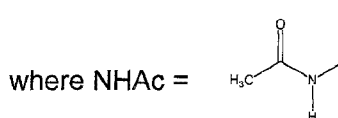
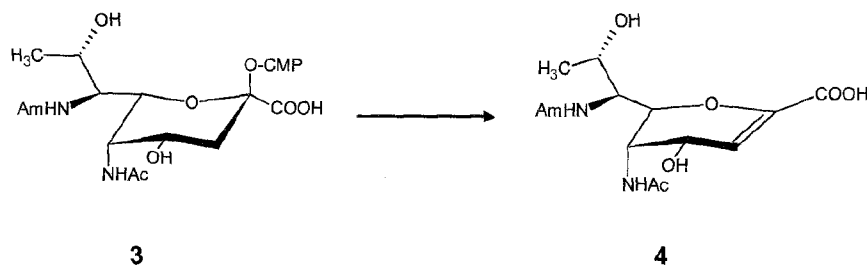
Table 4. NMR chemical shifts δ (ppm) and coupling constants for the 5,7-diacetamido-3,5,7,9-tetra-deoxy-L-glycero-L-manno-non-2-enonate (Pse5NHAc7NHAc 2-ene) compound.

H3	5.59 ($J_{3,4}$ 1.8; $J_{3,5}$ 1.8)	C3	109.4
H4	4.7 ($J_{4,5}$ 5.7)	C4	65.6
H5	4.38 ($J_{5,6}$ 0)	C5	46.3
H6	4.17 ($J_{6,7}$ 10)	C6	77
H7	4.26 ($J_{7,8}$?)	C7	54.4
H8	4.27 ($J_{8,9}$ 6.4)	C8	68
H9	1.16	C9	16.8

The ^1H NMR spectra (data not shown) showed complete disappearance of the two H-3 resonances at δ 1.60 and 2.20 ppm and replacement by a new peak at δ 5.59 ppm, indicative of the formation of free CMP and 5,7-diacetamido-3,5,7,9-tetradeoxy-L-glycero-L-manno-non-2-enonate.

Example 5: Production of *Pse5NHAc7NHAm 2-ene*

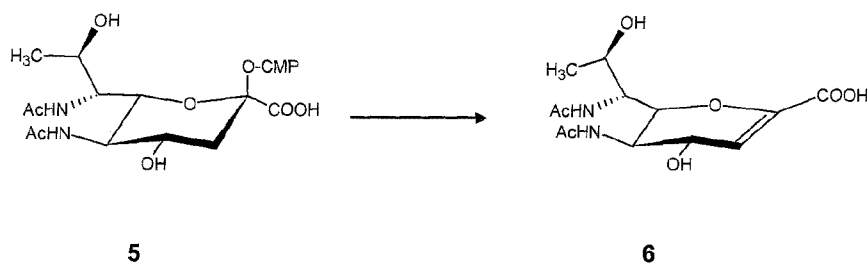
Compound **4** was produced in accordance with the following reaction scheme:



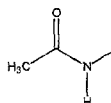
Compound **3** was heated for 3 at 105°C in dry N,N'-dimethylformamide (DMF; 1ml/mg). After cooling, the mixture was centrifuged at about 2000 rpm for 20 min and the supernatant was diluted 5x with water, then lyophilized. Further purification of compound **4** was performed by ion-exchange chromatography (MonoQ 4.6/100 PE, GE Healthcare) using ammonium bicarbonate buffer. Approximately two molar equivalents of NaCl was added to the purified compound, which was then diluted 5x with water and lyophilized.

Example 6: Production of *Leg5NHAc7NHAc 2-ene*

Compound **6** was produced in accordance with the following reaction scheme:



where NHAc =



Compound **5** was heated for 3 h at 105°C in dry N,N'-dimethylformamide (DMF; 1 ml/mg). After cooling, the mixture was centrifuged at about 2000 rpm for 20 min and the supernatant was diluted 5x with water, then lyophilized. Further purification of compound **6** was performed by ion-exchange chromatography (MonoQ 4.6/100 PE, GE Healthcare) using ammonium bicarbonate buffer. Approximately two molar equivalents of NaOH was added to the purified compound, which was then diluted 5x with water and lyophilized.

Quantitation of compound **6** was performed using NMR by comparison to an internal standard; ¹H NMR spectrum was acquired and the integrals calculated for the C-6 CH₃ proton region of rhamnose (internal standard) were compared to those calculated for the C-9 CH₃ proton region of **6**.

For structural characterization of compound **6**, purified material was dissolved in >99% D₂O. Structural analysis was performed using a Varian Inova 500 MHz (¹H) spectrometer with a Varian Z-gradient 3 mm probe, or a Varian 600 MHz (¹H) spectrometer with a Varian 5 mm Z-gradient probe. All spectra were referenced to an internal acetone standard (δ_H 2.225 ppm and δ_C 31.07 ppm). Results are shown in Table 5.

Table 5. NMR chemical shifts δ (ppm) and coupling constants for the 5,7-diacetamido-3,5,7,9-tetrahydroxy-D-glycero-D-galacto-non-2-enone (Leg5NHAc7NHAc 2-ene) compound.

H3	5.68 (<i>J</i> _{3,4} 2.1)	C3	109.6
H4	4.4 (<i>J</i> _{4,5} 10.3)	C4	69.7
H5	3.89 (<i>J</i> _{5,6} 10)	C5	51.2
H6	4.4 (<i>J</i> _{6,7} 0)	C6	76.2
H7	3.92 (<i>J</i> _{7,8} 9.4)	C7	54.7
H8	4.01 (<i>J</i> _{8,9} 6.3)	C8	67

H9

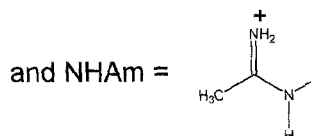
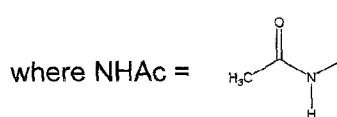
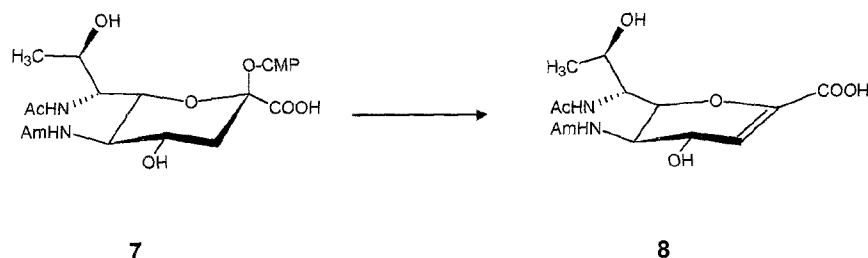
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C9

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Example 7: Production of Leg5NHAm7NHAc 2-ene

Compound **8** was produced in accordance with the following reaction scheme:



Compound **7** was heated for 3 h at 105°C in dry N,N'-dimethylformamide (DMF; 1ml/mg). After cooling, the mixture was centrifuged at about 2000 rpm for 20 min and the supernatant was diluted 5x with water, then lyophilized. Further purification of compound **8** was performed by ion-exchange chromatography (MonoQ 4.6/100 PE, GE Healthcare) using ammonium bicarbonate buffer. Approximately two molar equivalents of NaCl was added to the purified compound, which was then diluted 5x with water and lyophilized.

Quantitation of compound **8** was performed using NMR by comparison to an internal standard; ¹H NMR spectrum was acquired and the integrals calculated for the C-6 CH₃ proton region of rhamnose (internal standard) were compared to those calculated for the C-9 CH₃ proton region of **8**.

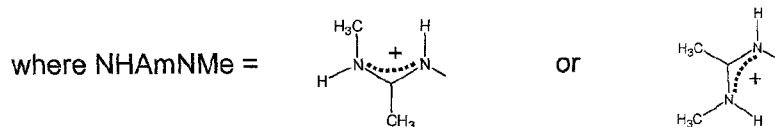
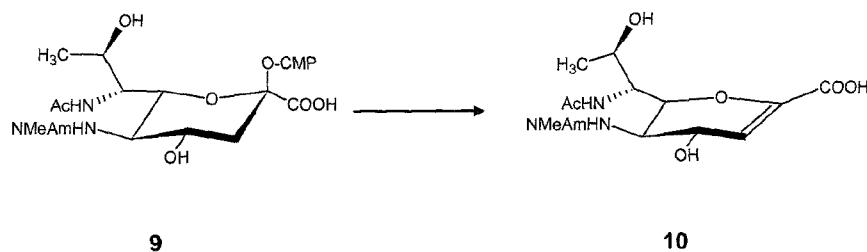
For structural characterization of compound **8**, purified material was dissolved in >99% D₂O. Structural analysis was performed using a Varian Inova 500 MHz (¹H) spectrometer with a Varian Z-gradient 3 mm probe, or a Varian 600 MHz (¹H) spectrometer with a Varian 5 mm Z-gradient probe. All spectra were referenced to an internal acetone standard (δ_H 2.225 ppm and δ_C 31.07 ppm). Results are shown in Table 6.

Table 6 NMR chemical shifts δ (ppm) and coupling constants for the 5-acetamidino-7-acetamido-3,5,7,9-tetra-deoxy-D-glycero-D-galacto-non-2-enonate (Leg5NHAm7NHAc 2-ene) compound.

H3	5.71 ($J_{3,4}$ 2.1)	C3	108.9
H4	4.57 ($J_{4,5}$ ~9)	C4	69.5
H5	3.72 ($J_{5,6}$ 10.4)	C5	54.8
H6	4.54 ($J_{6,7}$ 0)	C6	75.2
H7	3.93 ($J_{7,8}$ 9.4)	C7	54.8
H8	4.05 ($J_{8,9}$ 6.3)	C8	66.5
H9	1.19	C9	20.4

Example 8: Production of Leg5NHAmNMe7NHAc 2-ene

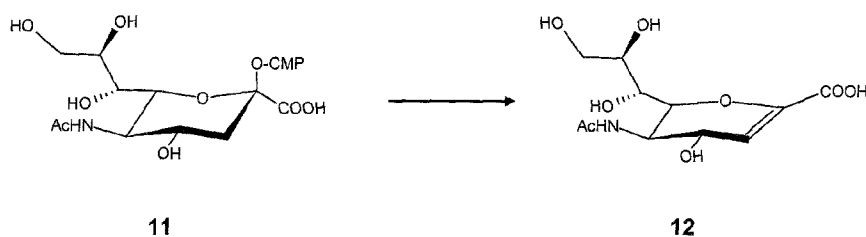
Compound **10** was produced in accordance with the following reaction scheme:



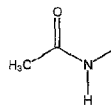
Compound **9** was heated for 2 h at 105°C in dry N,N'-dimethylformamide (DMF; 1ml/mg). After cooling, the mixture was centrifuged at about 2000 rpm for 20 min and the supernatant was diluted 5x with water, then lyophilized. Further purification of compound **10** was performed by ion-exchange chromatography (MonoQ 4.6/100 PE, GE Healthcare) using ammonium bicarbonate buffer. Approximately two molar equivalents of NaCl was added to the purified compound, which was then diluted 5x with water and lyophilized.

Example 9: Production of Neu5NHAc 2-ene

Compound **12** was produced in accordance with the following reaction scheme:



where NHAc =



Compound **11** was heated for 6 h at 105°C in dry N,N'-dimethylformamide (DMF; 1ml/mg). After cooling, the mixture was centrifuged at about 2000 rpm for 20 min and the supernatant was diluted 5x with water, then lyophilized. Further purification of compound **12** was performed by ion-exchange chromatography (MonoQ 4.6/100 PE, GE Healthcare) using ammonium bicarbonate buffer. Approximately two molar equivalents of NaCl was added to the purified compound, which was then diluted 5x with water and lyophilized.

For structural characterization of compound **12**, purified material was dissolved in >99% D₂O. Structural analysis was performed using a Varian Inova 500 MHz (¹H) spectrometer with a Varian Z-gradient 3 mm probe, or a Varian 600 MHz (¹H) spectrometer with a Varian 5 mm Z-gradient probe. All spectra were referenced to an internal acetone standard (δ_H 2.225 ppm and δ_C 31.07 ppm). Results are shown in Table 7.

Table 7. NMR chemical shifts δ (ppm) and coupling constants for the 5-acetamido-3,5-dideoxy-D-glycero-D-galacto-non-2-enonate (Neu5NHAc 2-ene) compound.

H3	5.69 ($J_{3,4}$ 2.36)	C3	108.7
H4	4.47 ($J_{4,5}$ 8.82)	C4	68.3
H5	4.06 ($J_{5,6}$ 9.84)	C5	50.9
H6	4.21	C6	76.4
H7	3.60 ($J_{7,8}$ 9.35)	C7	
H8	3.94 ($J_{8,9}$ 2.8; $J_{8,9'}$ 6.3)	C8	
H9	3.89		
H9'	3.64		

These values agree with previously published results (Beau et al., 1984).

Example 10: Characterization of non-2-enonate compounds

Non-2-enonate compounds prepared in Examples 4-9 were characterized using exact mass analysis.

The exact mass analysis was performed on a Waters QTOF 2, using positive ions electrode spray. An internal mass standard was added to each sample and the samples were introduced to the MS via a flow injection method. The MS data was collected using Masslynx 4.1 and the molecular formula was deduced using the same software package. The error threshold arbitrary set at 30 ppm and no isotope fitting were used in the molecular formula determination. Results verifying the production of each non-2-enonate compound **2**, **4**, **6**, **8**, **10** and **12** are shown in Table 8, where observed m/z ions from exact mass analysis correspond accurately to their calculated mass.

Table 8. Exact mass analysis (positive ion mode) of certain non-2-enonate compounds prepared. The m/z ions indicated here were not present in negative control samples (data not shown).

Sample		Observed m/z ion	Calculated mass	Formula (M)	Comments
Pse5NHAc7NHAc 2-ene	2	339.1127	339.1168	C ₁₃ H ₂₀ O ₇ N ₂	M+Na
Pse5NHAc7NHAm 2-ene	4	338.1332	338.1328	C ₁₃ H ₂₁ O ₆ N ₃	M+Na
Leg5NHAc7NHAc 2-ene	6	339.1127	339.1168	C ₁₃ H ₂₀ O ₇ N ₂	M+Na
Leg5NHAm7NHAc 2-ene	8	316.1471	316.1509	C ₁₃ H ₂₁ O ₆ N ₃	M+H
Leg5NHAmNMe7NHAc 2-ene	10	330.1666	330.1665	C ₁₄ H ₂₃ O ₆ N ₃	M+H
Neu5NHAc 2-ene	12	314.0905	314.0852	C ₁₁ H ₁₇ O ₈ N ₁	M+Na

Example 11: Neuraminidase inhibition assays

The ability of compound **8** (from Example 7) to inhibit neuraminidase activity was evaluated.

The neuraminidase activity of influenza A neuraminidase samples (N1) was measured using a fluorescent neuraminidase assay as described by Potier et al (1979) and Buxton et al (2000) with slight modification (Hashem et al., 2009). In brief, equal amounts of neuraminidase samples (normalized by HA contents) containing various inhibitor concentrations (0.0005 µg/ml; 0.005 µg/ml; 0.05 µg/ml; 0.5 µg/ml; 5 µg/ml; 50 µg/ml; 200 µg/ml; 500 µg/ml) were

incubated with MUNANA [2-(4-methylumbelliferyl)- α -D-N- acetylneuraminic acid] for 60min at 37°C, followed by the addition of Stop Solution comprised of 0.14M NaOH in 83% Ethanol. Measurements of the fluorescent product were done using an excitation of 360nm and emission of 448nm.

Results are shown in Figure 5 and Table 9. As seen in Table 9, inhibition of N1 enzyme could be achieved with compound **8** concentrations of 200 μ g/ml, with little inhibition observed at 50 μ g/ml. Even though compound **8** was not as potent an inhibitor as Aurintricarboxylic acid (ATA), a compound with a similar inhibitory profile to Neu5NHAc 2-ene (compound **12** or DANA; Hashem et al., 2009), this result demonstrates the ability of bacterial, sialic acid-like, non-2-enonate sugars to inhibit neuraminidase enzymes *in vitro*, with potential to be used as anti-viral therapeutics. Some neuraminidase inhibitors have been shown to exhibit selectivity in the type of neuraminidase they inhibit; for example, zanamivir is very selective for and is very potent against influenza neuraminidases, but much less potent against bacterial or mammalian neuraminidases (Colman, 1999). The present bacterial, sialic acid-like, non-2-enonate sugars may be more potent against bacterial or mammalian neuraminidases. To note, compound **12** appears to have modest potency against all 3 classes of neuraminidases (Colman, 1999).

Table 9. A comparison of influenza A neuraminidase (N1) inhibition using various concentrations of compound **8** (Leg5NHAm7NHAc 2-ene) and ATA (Aurintricarboxylic acid; Hashem et al., 2009) in a MUNANA fluorescence based assay.

Inhibitor Concentration (μ g/ml)	Fluorescence Observed	
	Compound 8	ATA
500	5554	378
200	8765	807
50	14315	2726
5	15074	10543
0.5	15242	14914
0.05	15212	15079
0.005	15222	15340
0.0005	15746	15741

The embodiments and examples described herein are illustrative and are not meant to limit the scope of the invention as claimed. Variations of the foregoing embodiments, including alternatives, modifications and equivalents, are intended by the inventors to be encompassed by the claims. Furthermore, the discussed combination of features might not be necessary for the inventive solution.

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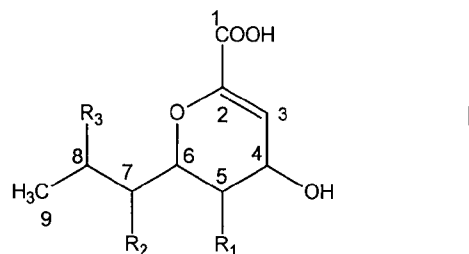
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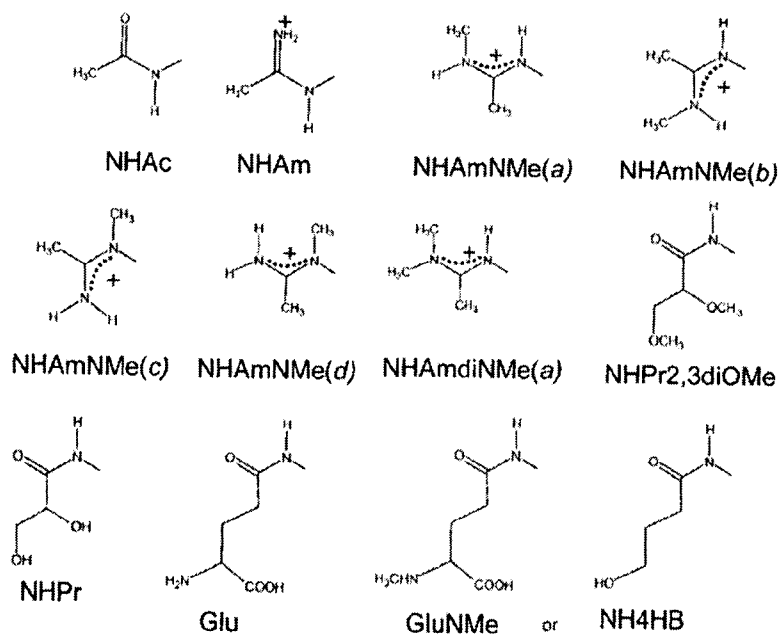
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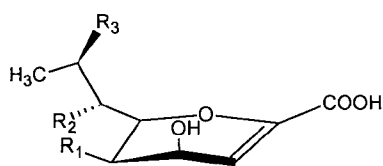
1. A compound of Formula I



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or derivative thereof, wherein R₁ is

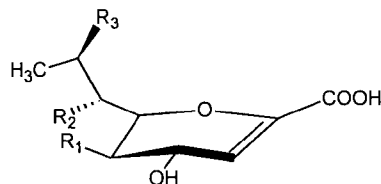


; R₂ is



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or



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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or derivative thereof,

wherein R₁, R₂, R₃, and the derivative are as defined in claim 1.

3. The compound of claim 1 or 2, wherein the compound is selected from the group consisting of:

5,7-diacetamido-3,5,7,9-tetradecoxy-L-*glycero*-L-*manno*-non-2-enonate (Pse5NHAc7NHAc 2-ene);

5-acetamido-7-acetamidino-3,5,7,9-tetradecoxy-L-*glycero*-L-*manno*-non-2-enonate (Pse5NHAc7NHAm 2-ene);

5-(2,3-di-O-methyl-propionyl)amino-7-acetamido-3,5,7,9-tetradecoxy-L-*glycero*-L-*manno*-non-2-enonate (Pse5NHPr2,3diOMe7NHAc 2-ene);

5-(2,3-di-O-methyl-propionyl)amino-7-acetamidino-3,5,7,9-tetradecoxy-L-*glycero*-L-*manno*-non-2-enonate (Pse5NHPr2,3diOMe7NHAm 2-ene);

5,7-diacetamido-3,5,7,9-tetradecoxy-L-*glycero*-D-*galacto*-non-2-enonate (8eLeg5NHAc7NHAc 2-ene);

5-acetamido-7-N-(R)-3-hydroxybutanoyl-3,5,7,9-tetradecoxy-L-*glycero*-D-*galacto*-non-2-enonate (8eLeg5NHAc7NH3HB 2-ene);

5-acetamido-7-N-formyl-3,5,7,9-tetradecoxy-L-*glycero*-D-*galacto*-non-2-enonate (8eLeg5NHAc7NHFo 2-ene);

5,7-diacetamido-3,5,7,9-tetradecoxy-D-*glycero*-D-*talo*-non-2-enonate (4eLeg5NHAc7NHAc 2-ene);

5-acetamidino-7-acetamido-3,5,7,9-tetradecoxy-D-*glycero*-D-*talo*-non-2-enonate (4eLeg5NHAm7NHAc 2-ene);

5-di-N-methyl-acetamidino-7-acetamido-3,5,7,9-tetradecoxy-D-*glycero*-D-*talo*-non-2-enonate (4eLeg5NHAm7NMe7NHAc 2-ene);

5,7-diacetamido-8-amino-3,5,7,8,9-pentadeoxy-D-*glycero*-D-*galacto*-non-2-enonate (Leg5NHAc7NHAc8N 2-ene);

5,7-diacetamido-3,5,7,9-tetradecoxy-D-*glycero*-D-*galacto*-non-2-enonate (Leg5NHAc7NHAc 2-ene);

5-acetamido-7-N-(D-alanyl)-3,5,7,9-tetradecoxy-D-*glycero*-D-*galacto*-non-2-enonate (Leg5NHAc7NHAla 2-ene);

5-acetamidino-7-acetamido-3,5,7,9-tetradecoxy-D-*glycero*-D-*galacto*-non-2-enonate (Leg5NHAm7NHAc 2-ene);

5-N-methyl-acetamidino-7-acetamido-3,5,7,9-tetradecoxy-D-*glycero*-D-*galacto*-non-2-enonate (Leg5NHAmNMe7NHAc 2-ene);

5-di-N-methyl-acetamidino-7-acetamido-3,5,7,9-tetradecoxy-D-*glycero*-D-*galacto*-non-2-enonate (Leg5NHAmNMe7NHAc 2-ene);

5-(glutam-4-yl)amino-7-acetamido-3,5,7,9-tetradecoxy-D-*glycero*-D-*galacto*-non-2-enonate (Leg5Glu7NHAc 2-ene);

5-(N-methyl-glutam-4-yl)amino-7-acetamido-3,5,7,9-tetradecoxy-D-*glycero*-D-*galacto*-non-2-enonate (Leg5GluNMe7NHAc 2-ene); and

pharmaceutically acceptable salts or derivatives thereof,

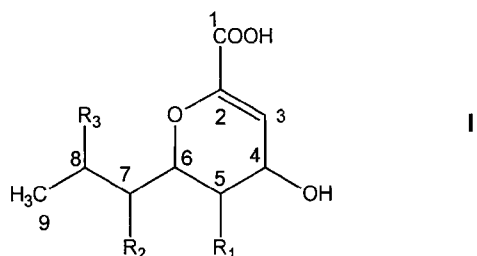
wherein the derivatives comprise modification of the hydroxyl group at C4 and/or C8 to O-acetyl or modification of the hydroxyl group at C8 such that it is O-linked to N-acetyl-glutamine.

4. A compound that is a bioreversible derivative of the compound of any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the bioreversible derivative is able to be metabolized to the compound of any one of claims 1 to 3.

5. The compound of claim 4, wherein the bioreversible derivative is a C1-carboxylate ester of the compound of any one of claims 1 to 3.

6. A composition comprising at least one compound of any one of claims 1 to 5 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent or excipient.

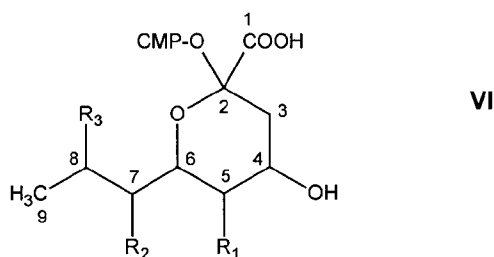
7. A method of producing a compound of Formula I



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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein the method comprises the step of:

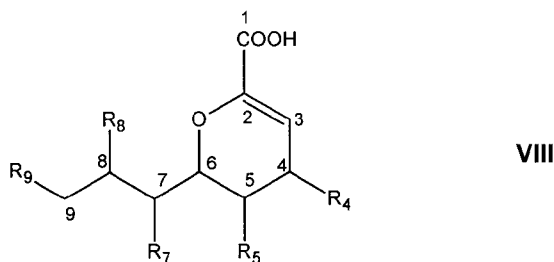
- a) heating a compound of Formula VI



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, to a sufficient temperature and for a sufficient time so as to form the compound of Formula I or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

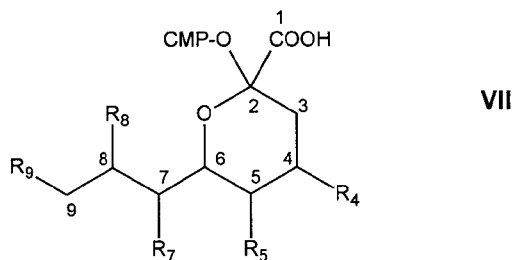
wherein R₁ is NHAc, NHAm, NHAmNMe(a), NHAmNMe(b), NHAmNMe(c), NHAmNMe(d), NHAmNMe(e), NHPr2,3diOMe, NHPr, Glu, GluNMe, or NH4HB; R₂ is NHAc, NHAla, NHAm, NHFo, NH3HB, (N-acetyl-D-alanyl)amido, or NHPr; and R₃ is a hydroxyl or amino group.

8. A method of producing a compound of Formula VIII



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein the method comprises the step of:

- a) heating a compound of Formula VII



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, to a sufficient temperature and for a sufficient time so as to form the sialic acid non-2-enonate derivative of formula VIII or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

wherein

R₄ is selected from OH, O-acetyl, O-Fuc, O-Gal, or guanidino;

R₅ is selected from amino, N-acetyl, N-glycolyl, hydroxyl, N-acetimidoyl (acetamidino), N-glycolyl-O-acetyl, N-glycolyl-O-methyl, N-glycolyl-O-2-Neu5Gc, or N-azido-acetyl;

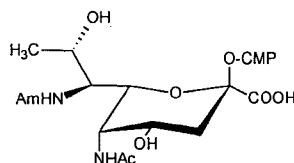
R₇ is selected from OH or O-acetyl;

R₈ is selected from OH, O-acetyl, O-methyl, O-sulfate, O-Sia, O-Glc, amino or azido; and

R₉ is selected from OH, O-acetyl, O-lactyl, O-phosphate, O-sulfate, O-Sia, amino or azido.

9. The method of claim 7 or 8, further comprising a step of purifying the compound.

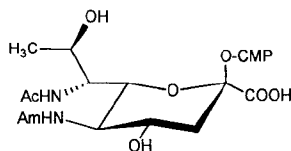
10. A method of producing compound **3**



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wherein the method comprises contacting an enzyme of SEQ ID NO:1 with compound CMP-Pse5NHAc7NHAc in the presence of L-Gln or ammonia and ATP under suitable conditions for the production of compound **3**.

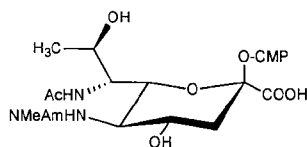
11. A method of producing compound **7**



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wherein the method comprises contacting an enzyme of SEQ ID NO:4 with compound CMP-Leg5NHAc7NHAc in the presence of L-Gln or ammonia and ATP under suitable conditions for the production of compound 7.

12. A method of producing compound 9



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wherein the method comprises contacting an enzyme of SEQ ID NO:7 with compound CMP-Leg5NHAm7NHAc in the presence of S-adenosylmethionine under suitable conditions for the production of compound 9.

13. The use of a compound of any one of claims 1 to 5 or a composition of claim 6 for inhibiting a sialidase or sialidase-like enzyme.

14. The use of claim 13, wherein the sialidase or sialidase-like enzyme is of viral, bacterial, or human origin.

15. The use of claim 13 or 14, wherein the compound is Leg5NHAc7NHAc 2-ene, Pse5NHAc7NHAc 2-ene, Leg5NHAm7NHAc 2-ene, or a combination of two or more thereof.

16. The use of the compound of any one of claims 1 to 5 or the composition of claim 6 in the treatment or prevention of a bacterial or viral infection.

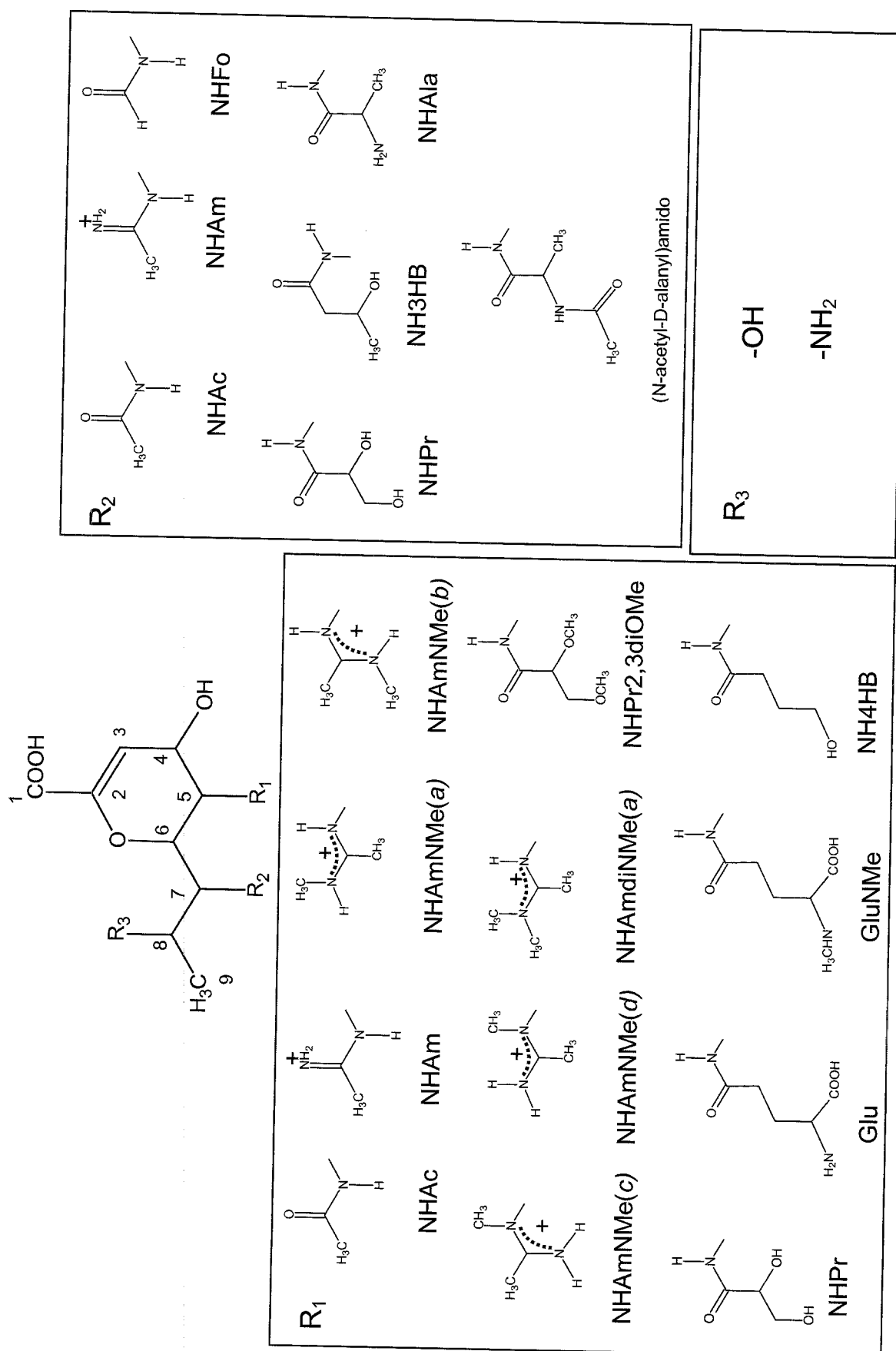


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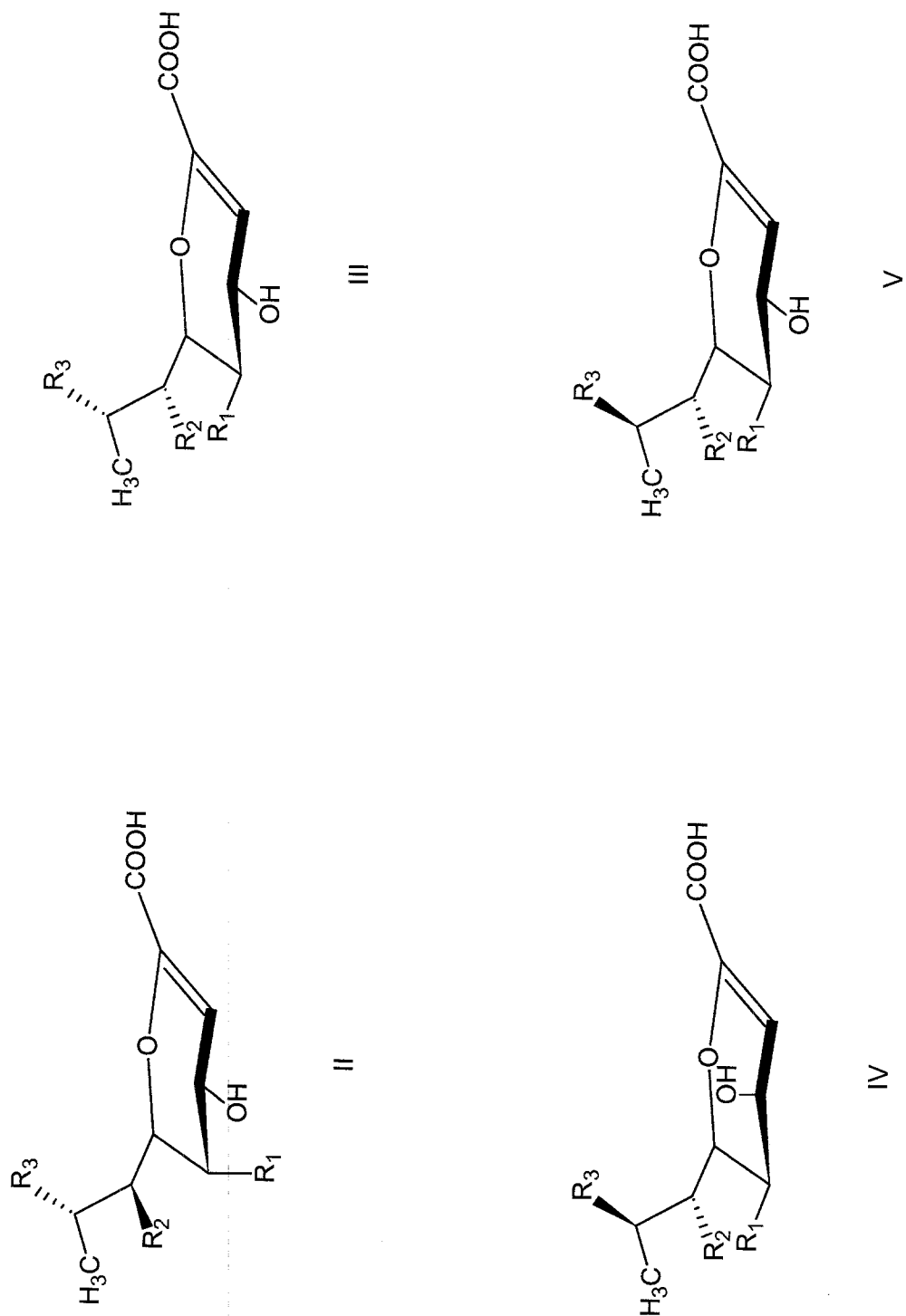


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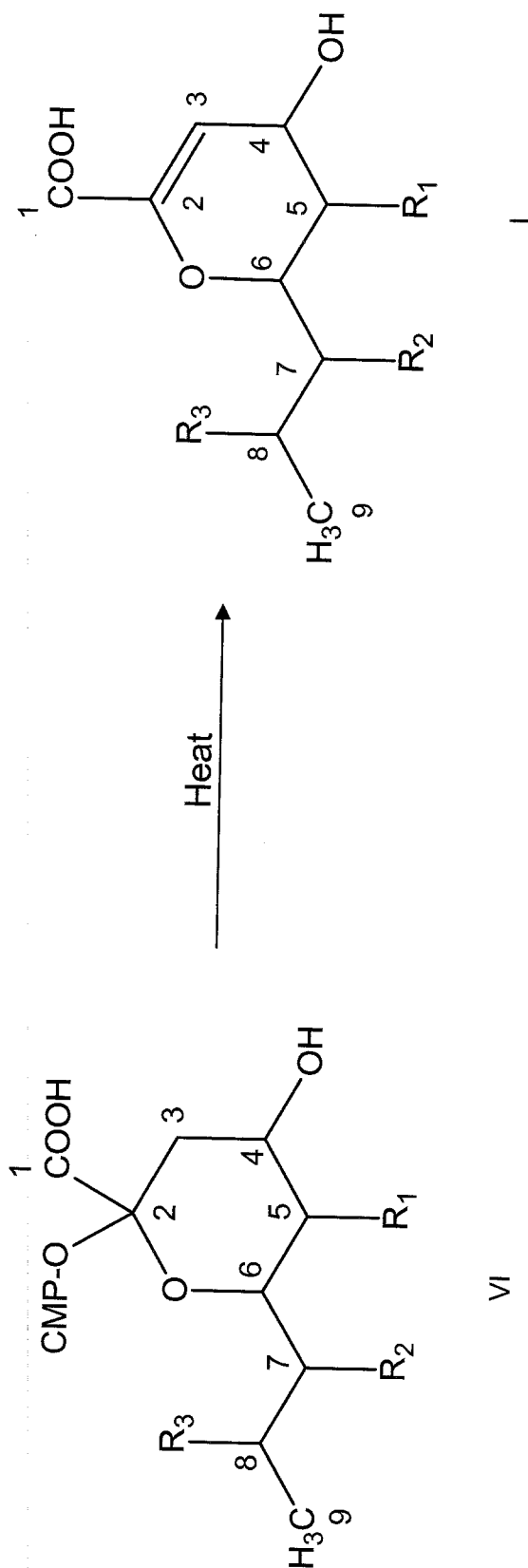


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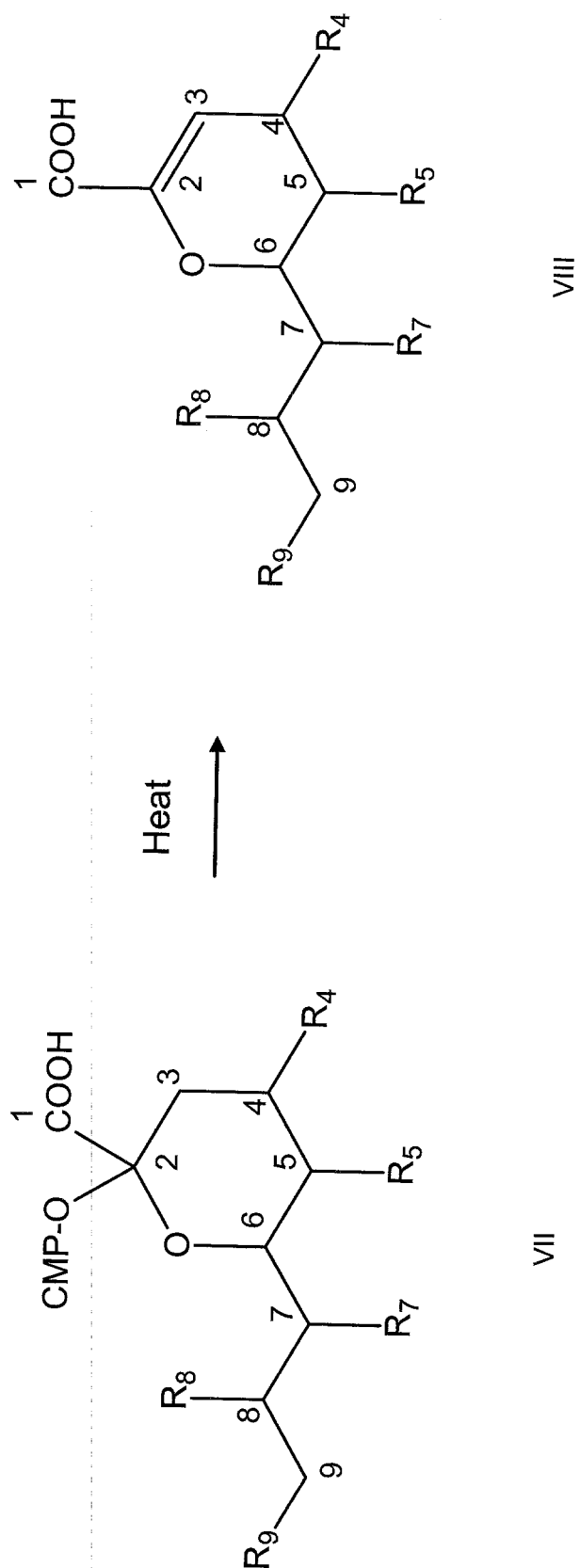


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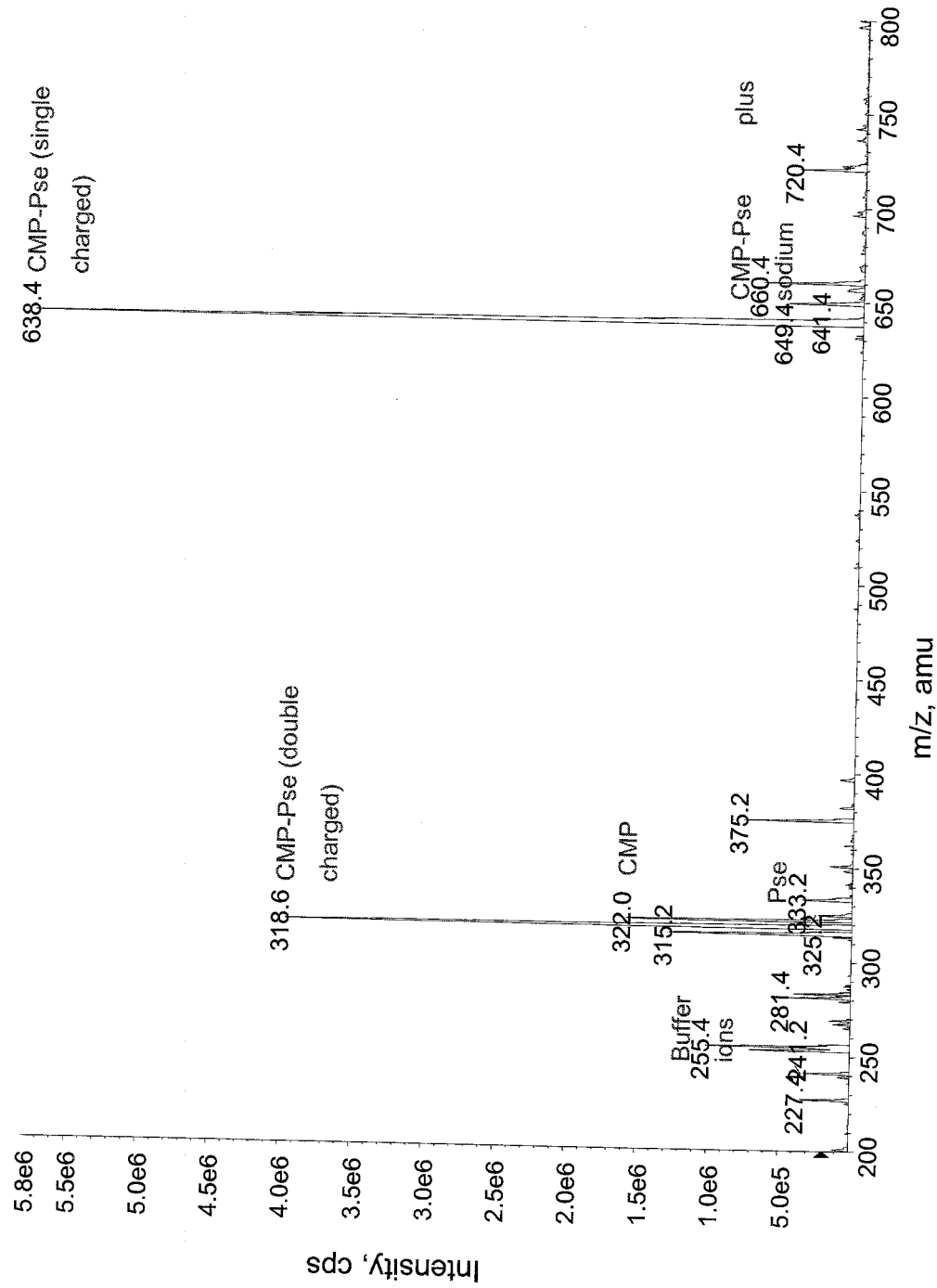


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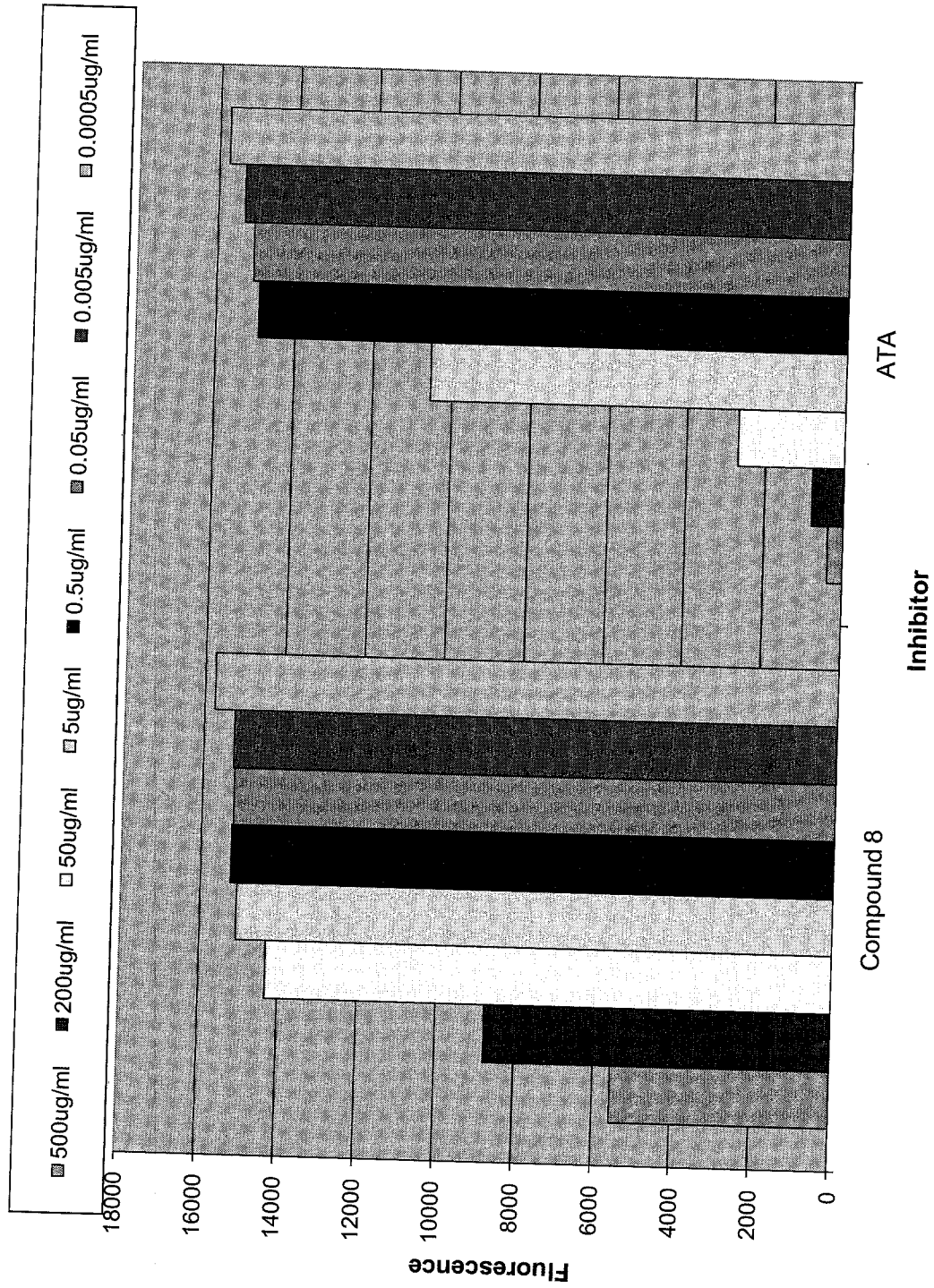
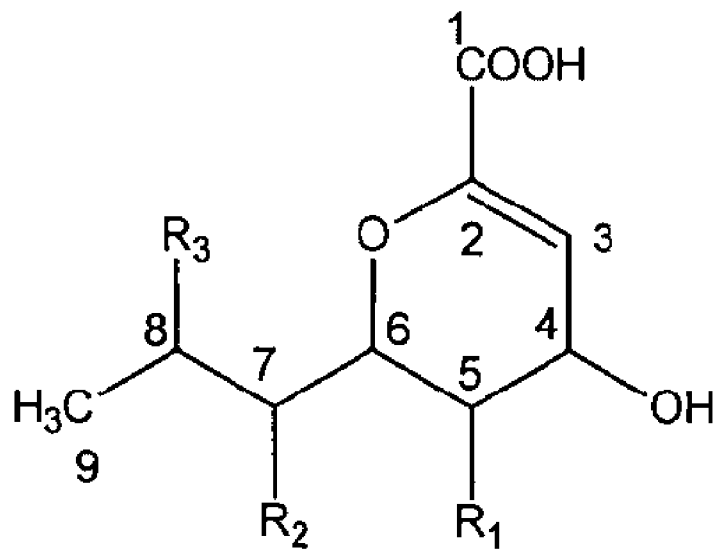


FIG. 5



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