METHODS OF USING PYRIDINIUM AND THIAZOLIUM COMPOUNDS AS REAGENTS, DIAGNOSTIC COMPOUNDS AND THERAPEUTIC AGENTS.

Figure 1

Abstract: Methods of using pyridinium and thiazolium compounds, homologs, analogs and derivatives thereof as reagents, diagnostic tools and therapeutic agents are provided.
INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC(8) - A61K 31/425; A01N 43/78, 43/40 (2008.04)
USPC - 514/358, 365
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED
Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
USPC - 514/358, 365

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USPC - 514/227.5, 230.5, 504/156, 548/151, 204 (see search terms below)

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
PubWEST(USPT,PGB,P,EPAP,JPAB); Google
Search Terms Used:
- electrophoretic probe, thiazole, pyridinium, stilbazium, stilbazolium, stilbazole, antibody, disease, disorder, stain, fluorescent

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