



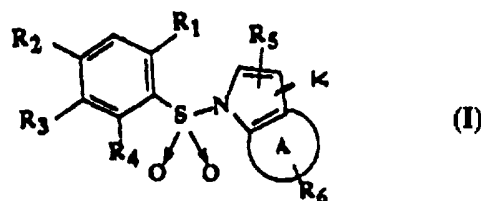
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(57) Abstract

This invention relates to new 1H-Pyrrol-1-yl and 1H-Indol-1-yl Aryl Sulphones of Formula (I) that may be useful in the medical therapy of retrovirus infections and in particular of HIV-1 infections. The compounds reported herein may be used alone or in combination with other antiretroviral compounds, preferably chosen among reverse transcriptase inhibitors such as, for example, nucleoside analogues, wherein: R¹ = NO₂, NH₂, halogen, NHCH₂Z (Z = H, alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl), NHCOW (W = H, alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl); R² = H, halogen; R³ = R⁴ = H, NO₂, NH₂, CH₃, halogen; R⁵ = H, (2)-COX, (3)-COX, (X = OR, alkyl, aryl, CCl₃, N(alkyl)₂); R = alkyl cycloalkyl, aryl arylmethyl; (2)-CONHY (Y = H, alkyl, aryl); R⁶ = H, halogen, NO₂, NH₂, OCH₃; A = H, phenyl; K = H, CHO, CH₂NC₅H₁₁, CH₂NC₄H₈NCH₃.



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TECHNICAL FIELD

5 This invention relates to new 1H-Pyrrol-1-yl and 1H-Indol-1-yl Aryl Sulphones that may be usefull in the medical therapy of retrovirus infections and in particular of HIV-1 infections.

BACKGROUND ART

10 Viral infections represent health problems whose solution depends on the development of vaccines and/or selective antiviral drugs, i.e. drugs that inhibit the multiplication of viruses without interfering with the growth of normal cells.

Among viral infections, the AIDS pandemic has rised widespread concern and, following the identification of human retroviruses as its causative agents, several targets susceptible of selective inhibition have been identified in the multiplication cycle of human immunodeficiency viruses (HIV). One of these targets is the reverse transcriptase (RT), a virus-coded enzyme that can be inhibited by two different groups of compounds. The first group consists of nucleoside analogues such as 3'-azido-3'-deoxythymidine (AZT), 2',3'-dideoxyinosine (ddI), 2',3'-dideoxycytidine (ddC), 2',3'-didehydro-2',3'-dideoxythymidine (D4T) which, upon activation by cellular kinases, compete with natural substrates and efficiently inhibit the reverse transcription of both HIV-1 and HIV-2. Compounds of this group have been described by Mitsuya *et al.*, PNAS 82, 7096-7100, 1985; Yarchoan *et al.*, Science 245, 412-415, 1989; Mitsuya *et al.*, PNAS 83, 1911-1915, 1986; Lin. *et al.*, Biochem.Pharmacol. 36, 2713-2718, 1987.

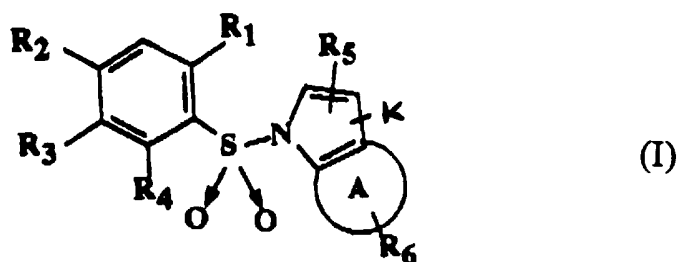
The second group comprises non-nucleoside RT inhibitors (NNRTI) such as 1-[(2-hydroxy-ethoxy) methyl]-6-phenylthio)thymine (HEPT), tetrahydroimidazo-[4,5,1-*jk*]-[1-4]-benzodiazepine-2(1*H*)-one and thione (TIBO), 6,11-dihydro-11-cyclopropyl-4-methyldipyrido-[2-3-*b*:2',3'-*e*]-[1,4]-diazepin-6-one (neviparine), bis-heteroaryl-piperazine (BHAP), which do not need activation by cellular enzymes, do not compete for the dNTP substrate site and specifically inhibit the multiplication of HIV-1 but neither of HIV-2 nor of other retro, RNA or DNA viruses. Compounds of this group have been described by Miyasaka *et al.*, J. Med. Chem. 32, 2507-2509, 1989;

Pauwels *et al.*, Nature 343, 470-474, 1990; Merluzzi *et al.*, Science, 250, 1411-1413, 1990; Romero *et al.*, PNAS, 88, 8806-8810, 1991.

The development of toxicity, which is a major problem with the nucleoside analogues, and the emergence of resistant mutants, which is of major concern with the NNRTI, are the most significant clinical limits of the above RT inhibitors. For this reason, the search for new antiviral compounds and the development of suitable therapeutic strategies aimed at reducing toxicity and preventing drug resistance is still a priority in the fight against AIDS.

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This invention relates to new compounds of general formula (I)



wherein:

$R^1 = \text{NO}_2, \text{NH}_2, \text{halogen}, \text{NHCH}_2\text{Z} (\text{Z} = \text{H}, \text{alkyl}, \text{aryl}, \text{heteroaryl}), \text{NHCOW} (\text{W} = \text{H}, \text{alkyl}, \text{aryl}, \text{heteroaryl});$

$R^2 = \text{H}, \text{halogen};$

$R^3 = R^4 = \text{H}, \text{NO}_2, \text{NH}_2, \text{CH}_3, \text{halogen};$

$R^5 = \text{H}, (2)\text{-COX}, (3)\text{-COX}, (\text{X} = \text{OR}, \text{alkyl}, \text{aryl}, \text{CCl}_3, \text{N}(\text{alkyl}_2)); \text{R} = \text{alkyl}, \text{cycloalkyl}, \text{aryl}, \text{arylmethyl}; (2)\text{-CONHY} (\text{Y} = \text{H}, \text{alkyl}, \text{aryl});$

$R^6 = \text{H}, \text{halogen}, \text{NO}_2, \text{NH}_2, \text{OCH}_3;$

$\text{A} = \text{H}, \text{phenyl}.$

$\text{K} = \text{H}, \text{CHO}, \text{CH}_2\text{NC}_5\text{H}_{11}, \text{CH}_2\text{NC}_4\text{H}_8\text{NCH}_3$

The compounds of the invention may be useful in the therapy of retrovirus infections, and in particular of HIV-1. They may be used alone or in combination with other

antiretroviral compounds, such as reverse transcriptase inhibitors and, in particular, nucleoside analogues.

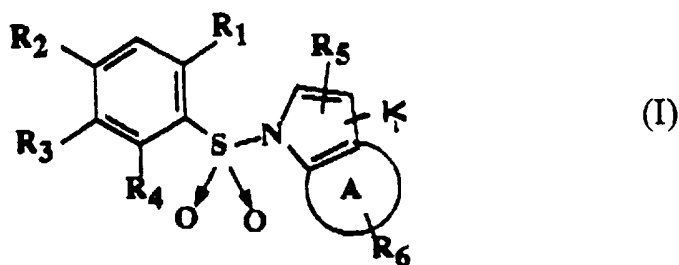
BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figures 1A and 1B represent the behaviour of p24 antigen by various types of treatment.

5 Figures 2A and 2B represent the behaviour of HIV-1 gag sequences by various types of treatment.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The present invention allows to circumvent the prior art limits through the use of compounds of general formula (I)



10 wherein:

R^1 = NO_2 , NH_2 , halogen, NHCH_2Z ($\text{Z} = \text{H}$, alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl), NHCOW ($\text{W} = \text{H}$, alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl);

$R^2 = \text{H}$, halogen;

$R^3 = R^4 = \text{H}$, NO_2 , NH_2 , CH_3 , halogen;

15 $R^5 = \text{H}$, (2)- COX , (3)- COX , ($\text{X} = \text{OR}$, alkyl, aryl, CCl_3 , $\text{N}(\text{alkyl}_2)$); $R = \text{alkyl}$, cycloalkyl, aryl, arylmethyl; (2)- CONHY ($\text{Y} = \text{H}$, alkyl, aryl);

$R^6 = \text{H}$, halogen, NO_2 , NH_2 , OCH_3 ;

$\text{A} = \text{H}$, phenyl.

$\text{K} = \text{H}$, CHO , $\text{CH}_2\text{NC}_5\text{H}_{11}$, $\text{CH}_2\text{NC}_4\text{H}_8\text{NCH}_3$

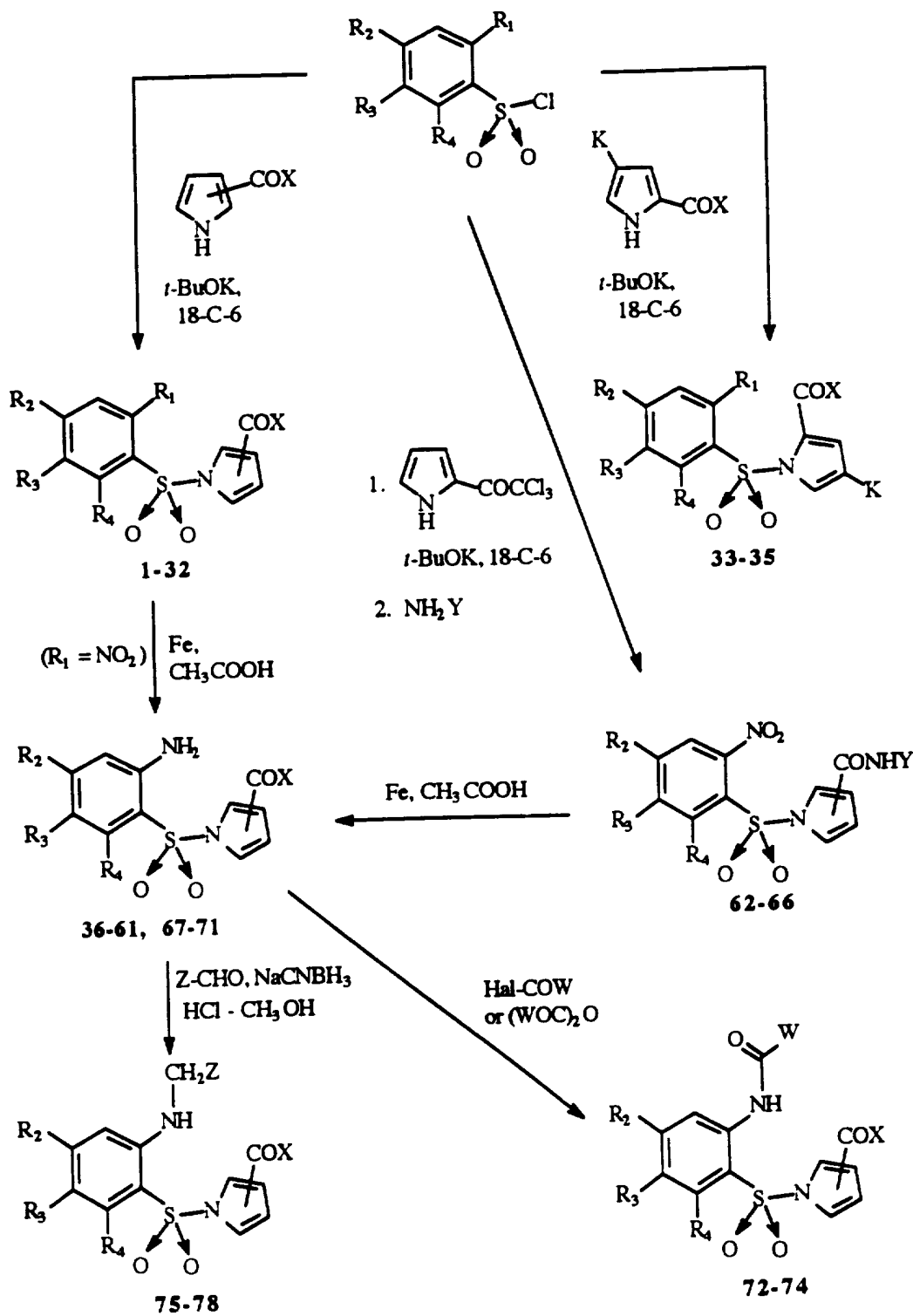
20 Compounds of formula (I) and their chemical and physical characteristics are reported in tables 1 and 2, respectively.

Compounds of general formula (I) may be prepared by the processes described below.

Nitroaryl pyrrolyl sulfones 1-35 were synthesized by reaction of respective benzenesulfonyl chlorides with alkyl pyrrole-2-carboxylates and 2-acetylpyrrole in the presence of potassium *tert*-butoxide and 18-crown-6 (Scheme 1).

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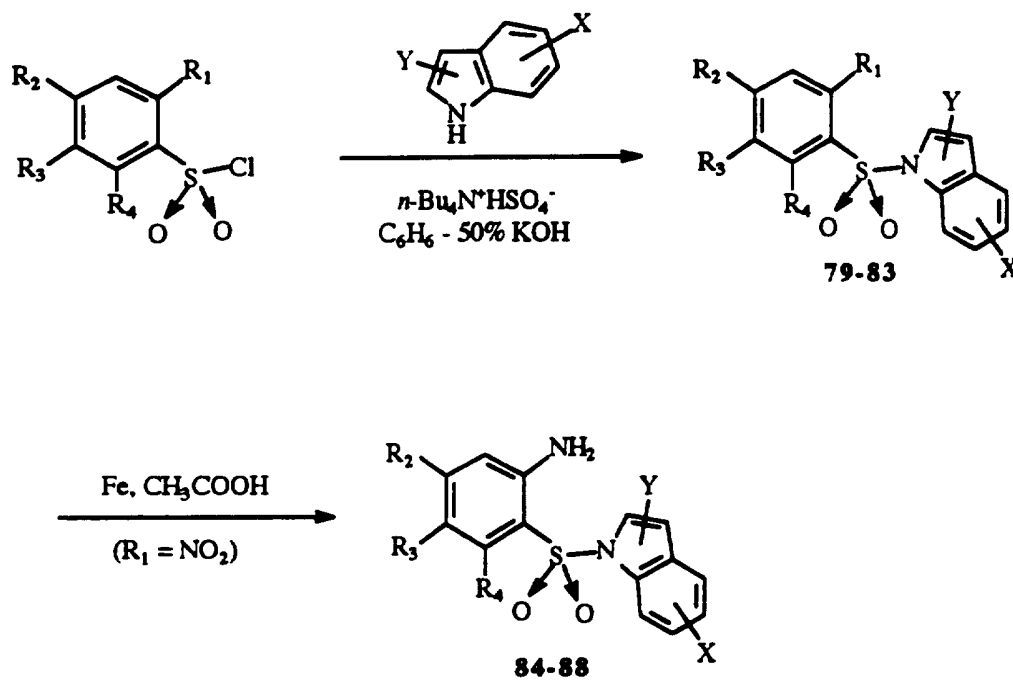
Scheme 1



$\text{X} = \text{OR}$, alkyl, aryl, CCl_3 , $\text{CON}(\text{alkyl})_2$;
 $\text{R} = \text{alkyl}$, cycloalkyl, aryl, arylmethyl;
 $\text{Y} = \text{H}$, alkyl, aryl;
 $\text{Z} = \text{H}$, alkyl, aryl, heteroalkyl;
 $\text{W} = \text{H}$, alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl;
 $\text{K} = \text{CHO}$, CH_2OH .

Nitroaryl indolyl sulfones **79-83** were obtained by phase transfer-reaction of respective benzenesulfonyl chlorides with indole or ethyl indole-2-carboxylate in the presence of *n*-tetrabutylammonium hydrogen sulfate in benzene - aqueous 50% potassium hydroxide medium (Scheme 2).

Scheme 2



$X = \text{H, Cl, NO}_2, \text{OCH}_3, \text{NH}_2$;
 $Y = \text{H, COOR, CONH}_2, \text{CONHR, COR}$;
 $R = \text{H, alkyl, aryl, arylmethyl}$.

Displacement of trichloromethyl group of 1-(2-nitrobenzenesulfonyl)-2-trichloroacetyl-1H-pyrrole by amines afforded the corresponding amides 62-66.

Iron powder reduction of nitro derivatives in glacial acetic acid by heating at 60°C for 2 h furnished the related anilines 36-61, 67-71 and 84-88.

5 Reaction of ethyl 1-(2-amino-5-chlorobenzenesulfonyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate with formaldehyde in the presence of sodium cyanoborohydride in methanol-hydrochloric acid afforded the required N-methyl derivative 76. In a similar way were prepared the N-alkyl derivatives 75, 77 and 78.

10 Amides 72-74 were obtained by refluxing 1-(2-amino-5-chlorobenzenesulfonyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate with acyl chlorides in pyridine (73 and 74) or by treating with aceto formic anhydride (72).

The processes for the preparation of the compounds according to the present invention are illustrated by the following examples.

Example 1

15 **Condensation of arylsulfonyl chlorides with 1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylic esters and 2-acetylpyrrole. Methyl 1-(2-Nitrobenzenesulfonyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate.**

A solution of 2-methoxycarbonyl-1H-pyrrole (12.50 g, 0.10 mol) in dry THF (210 mL) was added dropwise to a well-stirred mixture of potassium *tert*-butoxide (13.46 g, 0.10 mol) and 18-crown-6 (2.83 g, 0.01 mol) in the same solvent (210 mL). After 15 min the
20 suspension was cooled on an ice-bath and then treated by dropping with a solution of 2-nitrobenzenesulfonyl chloride (22.16, 0.10 mol) in dry THF (210 mL). Stirring was continued at room temperature for 3.5 h, then the mixture was concentrated to a small volume and the residue was shaken between ethyl acetate and water. The organic layer was separated, washed with brine and dried. Removal of the solvent furnished the crude
25 product which was purified by chromatography on alumina (chloroform). Yield 58%, mp 143°C (toluene/cyclohexane). ¹H-NMR (DMSO-d₆): δ 3.61 (s, 3H), 6.56 (t, 1H), 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.75-8.05 (m, 4H), 8.16 ppm (dd, 1H). IR: ν 1720 cm⁻¹ (CO). Anal. C₁₂H₁₀N₂O₆S (310.28) C, H, N, S.

Example 2

Condensation of benzenesulfonyl chlorides with indole and ethyl 2-indolecarboxylate. 1-(2-Nitrobenzenesulfonyl)-1H-indole.

50% KOH (20 mL) was dropped while stirring into a solution of indole (2.34 g, 0.02 mol) and *n*-tetrabutylammonium hydrogen sulfate (0.68 g, 0.002 mol) in benzene (40 mL). After 5 min a solution of 2-nitrobenzenesulfonyl chloride (4.43 g, 0.02 mol) in benzene (20 mL) was added dropwise. Reaction was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. Every 20 min was added 2-nitrobenzenesulfonyl chloride (2.21 g, 0.01 mol) in the same solvent (10 mL). The mixture was diluted with water and the organic layer separated, washed with brine and dried. Removal of the solvent gave the crude product which was purified by passing through an alumina column (chloroform). Yield 93%, mp 98–100°C (toluene/cyclohexane). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃): δ 6.74 (d, 1H), 7.22–7.38 (m, 2H), 7.54–7.78 (m, 6 H), 7.85 ppm (m, 1H). Anal. C₁₄H₁₀N₂O₄S (302.30) C, H, N, S.

Example 3

Reduction of nitro group into amino. 1-(2-Amino-4-chlorobenzenesulfonyl)-1H-pyrrole.

Iron powder (5.2 g) was added over a period of 15 min to a stirred solution of 1-(2-nitro-4-chlorobenzenesulfonyl)-1H-pyrrole (5.00 g, 0.017 mol) in glacial acetic acid (50 mL) while heating at 60°C, then the mixture was maintained at 60°C for 2 h. After evaporation of the solvent, the residue was shaken between ethyl acetate and water. Organic extracts were separated, washed with brine and dried. The residue was purified on alumina column (chloroform). Yield 83%, mp 167–168°C (toluene/ligroin). ¹H-NMR (DMSO-d₆): δ 6.31 (t, 2H), 6.58–6.65 (m, 3H), 6.88 (d, 1H), 7.38 (t, 2H), 7.65 ppm (d, 1H). IR: ν 3380, 3480 cm⁻¹ (NH₂). Anal. C₁₀H₉ClN₂O₂S (256.71) C, H, N, Cl, S.

Example 4

Alkylation of aminosters. 1-(2-Methylaminobenzenesulfonyl)-1H-pyrrole.

NaBH₃CN (0.32 g, 0.005 mol) Was carefully added into a mixture of 1-(2-aminobenzenesulfonyl)-1H-pyrrole (1.00 g, 0.0045 mol), 37% aqueous formaldehyde (0.4 mL), 6N HCl / CH₃OH 1:1 (0.74 mL), methanol (18 mL), then reaction was stirred

at room temperature for 36 h. After concentration to a small volume the mixture was extracted with chloroform, washed with 5% NaHCO₃, then with brine and dried. Removal of the solvent furnished a residue which was purified on alumina column (dichloromethane/petroleum ether 1:1). Yield 45%, mp 134°C (ligroin). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃): δ 2.87 (d, 3H), 6.15–6.35 (m, 3H), 6.67 (m, 2H), 7.15 (t, 2H), 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.72 ppm (dd, 1H). IR: ν 3440 cm⁻¹ (NH). Anal. C₁₁H₁₂N₂O₂S (236.28) C, H, N, S.

Example 5

Acylation of aminosters. Example. Ethyl 1-(2-Acetamido-5-chlorobenzenesulfonyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate.

Acetyl chloride (1.17 g, 0.0148 mol) was dropped into an ice cooled solution of 1-(2-amino-5-chlorobenzenesulfonyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate (1.00 g, 0.003 mol) in dry pyridine (10 mL), the reaction was refluxed overnight. After cooling mixture was poured on crushed ice, made acid with 12N HCl and shaken with ethyl acetate. Organic layer was separated, washed with brine and dried. After evaporation of the solvent, the crude product was purified on silica gel column (chloroform). Yield 84%, mp 119–121°C (cyclohexane). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃): δ 1.26 (t, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 4.18 (q, 2H), 6.36 (t, 1H), 7.09 (m, 1H), 7.43–7.55 (m, 2H), 7.71 (m, 1H), 8.42 (d, 1H), 9.47 ppm (br s, 1H). IR: ν 1650, 1720 (CO), 3250 cm⁻¹ (NH). Anal. C₁₅H₁₅ClN₂O₅S (370.80) C, H, N, Cl, S.

20 BIOLOGICAL ACTIVITY

In order to describe the usefulness of compounds of formula (I) for the treatment of infections caused by retroviruses, herein will be presented the results of experiments aimed at evaluating:

- potency, selectivity, spectrum and mode of anti-HIV activity;
- cytotoxicity for normal human cells;
- efficacy in suppressing the HIV-1 infection in long-term cultures.

Compounds were solubilized in DMSO at an initial concentration of 100 mM and then were serially diluted in RPMI 1640.

The following cell lines were used in cytotoxicity and antiviral assays: C8166 and MT-4, human CD4⁺ T-cell lines purchased from the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC). Cells were grown in RPMI-1640 medium supplemented with 10% FCS, 100

units/mL penicillin and 100 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ streptomycin. The cultures were incubated at 37 °C in a humidified, 5% CO₂ atmosphere. The absence of mycoplasma contamination was checked periodically by the Hoechst staining method.

Human immunodeficiency viruses type-1 (HIV-1, III_B strain) and type 2 (HIV-2, CBL-20 and ROD strains) were obtained from the supernatant of persistently infected H9/III_B and CEM cells, respectively. Additional laboratory strains (MN, RF and 105/F, the latter an AZT-resistant strain) and a clinical isolate (CAMAS) were used. The HIV stock solutions were titrated in C8166 cells and kept at -80 °C until use.

Anti-HIV activity, spectrum and mode of action.

The activity of compounds against the HIV-1 multiplication in acutely infected cells was based on inhibition of the virus-induced cytopathogenicity (CPE) in MT-4 cells. Briefly, 50 μL of culture medium additioned of 10% FCS and containing 1×10^4 MT-4 cells were added to each well of flat bottomed microtitre trays containing 50 μL of medium without or with serial concentrations of the test compounds. 20 μL of a viral suspension were then added to give 100 CCID₅₀/well. After 4 days incubation at 37 °C, the number of viable MT-4 cells was determined by the 3-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-2,5-diphenyl-tetrazolium bromide (MTT) method (Pauwels R. *et al.*, J. Virol. Meth. 20, 309-321, 1988). Alternatively, cell-free culture supernatants were assayed by the HIV-1 p24 antigen enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA, Abbott). Cytotoxicity of compounds was evaluated in parallel with their antiviral activity and was based on the viability of mock-infected cells, as monitored by the MTT method. As shown in Table 3, representative compounds of the invention were found non-cytotoxic for MT-4 cells at concentrations higher than 100 μM (see CC₅₀ column). Many of them were active against the HIV-1 multiplication at concentrations ranging from 1 to 20 μM (see EC₅₀ column), whereas five compounds turned out highly potent showing EC₅₀ in the submicromolar range.

In order to determine whether these compounds were targeted at the RT, they were tested against the HIV-1 recombinant reverse transcriptase (rRT). Assays were performed at 37° for 30 min. in a 50 μL reaction mixture containing 50 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.8), 1 mM dithiothreitol, 80 mM KCl, 6 mM MgCl₂, 0.1 mg/mL BSA, 10 mM [³H]-dTTP (1 Ci/mmol), 0.05 OD₂₆₀ units/mL of Poly(rA)-oligo(dT)₁₀ and 1.6×10^{-3} units of enzyme (a unit was defined as the amount of enzyme necessary to incorporate 1 nmol of [³H]-dTTP into the

5 Poly(rA)-oligo(dT)₁₀ template in 1 min. at 37°). 40 µL aliquots were spotted on glass fiber filters (Whatman GF/A) and processed for determination of trichloroacetic acid-insoluble radioactivity. With the exception of 72, 73 and 74 (Table 3), all compounds resulted inhibitory to the rRT at concentrations (see IC₅₀ column) comparable to those active in cell culture-based assays. This confirmed that compounds of formula (I) with R¹ = NH₂/NO₂ interfere with the HIV-1 multiplication by inhibiting the RT activity.

Table 3. Cytotoxicity and anti-HIV-1 activity of compounds of general formula (I).

Compd	^a CC ₅₀	^b EC ₅₀	^c IC ₅₀ ± SD	^d SI
1	>300	5.0	7.5	>60
2	>300	15	22	>20
36	>300	22	19.5	>14
37	>300	9.9	8.0	>30
41	>300	0.18	0.45± 0.09	>1666
42	>300	0.08	0.40± 0.05	>3750
43	110	0.22	0.40± 0.14	500
44	>300	0.14	0.27± 0.10	>2140
45	100	0.40	0.90± 0.12	250
72	>300	1	>20	>300
73	>300	1	>20	>300
74	>300	1	>20	>300
Nevirapine	>300	0.3	0.60	>1000
AZT	>20	0.01		>2000

^aCompound dose (µM) required to reduce the viability of mock-infected MT-4 cells by 50%, as determined by the MTT method.

^bCompound dose (µM) required to achieve 50% protection of MT-4 cells from the HIV-induced cytopathicity, as determined by the MTT method. Data represent mean values for three separate experiments. Variation among triplicate samples was less than 12%.

^cCompound dose (µM) required to inhibit the HIV-1 rRT activity by 50% ± standard deviation.

^dSelectivity index: CC₅₀/ EC₅₀ ratio.

The anti-HIV activity of compounds **41**, **42** and **72** was evaluated also against additional HIV-1 laboratory strains (MN, RF), an highly AZT-resistant strain (105/F), a clinical isolate (CAMAS) and two HIV-2 strains (CBL 20, ROD). All the HIV-1 strains resulted sensitive (Table 4), whereas the HIV-2 strains were both unsusceptible to inhibition by compounds of formula (I).

Table 4. Activity of compounds **41**, **42** and **72** against different HIV strains

Compd	^a EC ₅₀					
	HIV-1				HIV-2	
	^c NM	^c RF	^c 105/F	^d CAMAS	CBL 20	ROD
41	0.22	0.24	0.09	0.35	>100	>100
42	0.03	0.09	0.08	0.08	>100	>100
72	0.9	1.4	0.8	1.0	>100	>100
AZT	0.01	0.007	>1.5	0.007	0.01	0.02

^aData represent mean values for two separate experiments. Variation among duplicate samples was less than 15%.

^bCompound dose (μ M) required to achieve 50% protection of C8166 cells from the HIV-2-induced cytopathicity.

^cCompound dose (μ M) required to reduce the number of syncytia by 50%. Untreated cultures contained 80 syncytia/field.

^dCompound dose (μ M) required to reduce p24 levels by 50%.

The activity of compounds **41**, **42** and **72** was evaluated in cultures infected at different multiplicities by measuring p24 antigen levels. Nevirapine, AZT ddi and ddC were used as reference drugs. Interestingly, the compounds of the invention were inhibitory to HIV-1 also in cells acutely infected at high multiplicities of infection (m.o.i.). In this respect they behaved similarly to nevirapine and AZT, but differently from ddi and ddC. In fact, at m.o.i. \geq 1.0 the later were unable to prevent the viral breakthrough even when used at high concentrations.

Cytotoxicity for normal human cells.

In order to get more insights into the cytotoxic potential of compounds of formula (I), **41**, **42** and **72** were tested in vitro against peripheral blood lymphocytes (PBL) from HIV-

negative donors and bone marrow granulocyte/monocyte (CFU-GM) precursors from healthy individuals. AZT was used as reference drug. PBL and CFU-GM were obtained by separation on Fycoll-Hypaque gradients. After extensive washings, cells were resuspended (1×10^6 cells/mL) in RPMI-1640 with 10% FCS and incubated overnight to allow adhesion of the macrophages to the plastic.

Table 5. Activity of compounds 41, 42 and 72 in cultures infected with HIV-1 at different multiplicities of infection.

Compd	^a EC ₅₀		
	m.o.i. 0.01	m.o.i. 0.1	m.o.i. 1.0
41	0.18	0.4	1.2
42	0.08	0.3	0.9
72	0.9	1.9	4.7
Nevirapine	0.1	0.2	0.7
AZT	0.008	0.02	0.09
ddI	5.2	15	>20
ddC	1.2	3.7	>10

^aCompound dose (μ M) required to reduce the level of p24 antigen by 50% at day 4 post infection. Data represent mean values for two separate experiments. Variation among duplicate samples was less than 15%.

Cytotoxicity of compounds for activated PBL was evaluated by resuspending non-adherent cells at 1×10^6 cells/mL in growth medium and stimulating with PHA (2.5μ g/mL) for 24 hrs before dilution to 1×10^5 cells/mL in medium containing PHA (2.5μ g/mL), IL-2 (50 U/mL) and various concentrations of the test compounds. Viable cell numbers were determined six days later. Under these conditions, untreated PBL were able to undergo exponential growth for up to four cell cycles, as determined by viable cell counts. For cytotoxicity evaluations in resting PBL, non-adherent cells were resuspended at high density (1×10^6 cells/mL) and were treated for 3 days with the test compounds. Then, the cells were extensively washed to remove the inhibitors and were stimulated with PHA for 24 hrs before being diluted to 1×10^5 cells/mL in medium containing PHA and IL-2. Cell viability was determined after incubation at 37°C for six days. CFU/GM (2×10^5 /mL) were resuspended in Iscove medium containing 0.3% agar

and growth factors from the supernatant of 5637 cells. After ten days at 37°C, colonies (of about 40 cells) were scored under the light microscope.

Table 6. Cytotoxicity of compound 41, 42 and 72 for human cells.

Compd	^a CC ₅₀		
	^b PBL _{PHA}	^c PBL _{resting}	^d CFU-GM
41	>100	>100	>100
42	>100	>100	>100
72	>100	>100	>100
AZT	^e 23	>100	^e 2.4

^aCompound dose (μM) required to reduce cell growth (PBL) or colony formation (CFU-GM) by 50%.

^bPHA-stimulated were resuspended in IL₂-containing medium in the presence of the drugs.

^cPBL were treated with the test drugs for 3 days and then were stimulated with PHA and allowed to grow in drug-free medium.

^dCFU-GM, colony forming units of bone marrow hematopoietic progenitors of granulocytes / macrophages.

^eData represent mean values for two separate experiments. Variation among duplicate samples was less than 14%.

As shown in Table 6, 41, 42 and 72 proved non-cytotoxic ($\text{CC}_{50} > 100 \mu\text{M}$) for both PHA-stimulated and resting PBL, whereas AZT resulted cytotoxic for activated PBL. Moreover, when the cytotoxicity of each compound for myeloid precursor cells was evaluated, compounds of formula (I) resulted non-cytotoxic, whereas AZT showed a CC_{50} of 2.4 μM .

Efficacy in suppressing the HIV-1 infection.

The long-term anti-HIV-1 activity of compound 42 and AZT, alone and in combination, was evaluated in cultures of MT-4 cells and was based on both evaluation of p24 antigen levels and protection from the HIV-1-induced CPE, as monitored by the Elisa test and the MTT method, respectively. Briefly, 1×10^6 MT-4 cells were infected with 1×10^6 CCID₅₀ (1 CCID₅₀ = 25 -250 infectious virions) at 20 °C for 1 hr, washed three times, resuspended at 2×10^5 cells/mL as such (m.o.i. ≥ 1) or after dilution 1:10 (m.o.i. =

0.1) or 1:100 (m.o.i. = 0.01) with medium containing 2×10^5 uninfected cells/mL. 1×10^4 cells/well were seeded in 96 multiwell plates and grown at 37°C in a humidified 5% CO_2 atmosphere in the absence or presence of the drugs, alone or in combination. 4 days later, the whole sample (0.1 mL) was resuspended in 0.9 mL of fresh medium containing the given drug concentrations and seeded in 24 multiwell plates. After 4 more days, the whole culture (1.0 mL) was resuspended in 9 mL of fresh medium (containing the given drug concentrations) in a 25-cm^2 flask. Starting at day 12, only one-tenth (in 25-cm^2 flasks) or one hundredth (in 24 multiwell plates) of each culture was further transplanted. It is worth noting that the above procedure, while settling conditions suitable for continuous exponential growth of the cultures, on the other hand allowed to keep all the cells which were originally infected (or the virus produced by them) up to day 12 post infection (p.i.).

When used alone at $10\ \mu\text{M}$, **42** delayed up to day 12 the rise of p24 antigen (Fig. 1A) and the development of the virus-induced CPE (Fig. 1B). Under the same conditions, AZT $2.5\ \mu\text{M}$ reduced to very low (although still detectable) levels the p24 antigen, prevented the virus-induced CPE and allowed exponential growth of the culture up to day 32 post infection (p.i.). However, when AZT was removed, the HIV-1 multiplication resumed within few days, as evidenced by the rise of p24 levels, production of infectious virus (1.2×10^6 CCID₅₀/mL) and cell death. In the experiment of Fig. 1 removal of AZT was carried out 20 days p.i., but analogous results were obtained when AZT was removed as early as 4 days p.i. and as late as 28 days p.i..

On the contrary, when the cells were treated with compound **42**, $10\ \mu\text{M}$, in combination with AZT, $2.5\ \mu\text{M}$ (Fig.1), total lack of both p24 antigen and HIV-1-induced CPE was observed for as long as 32 days. Interestingly, when HIV-1-infected cultures that had been treated with the above combination for 4 days were further transplanted in drug-free medium, no signs of resumption of viral multiplication became evident up to day 32 p.i..

PCR analyses of the experiment in Fig. 1 were in agreement with the above observations. The HIV-1 DNA was checked (as described by Bagnarelli *et al.*, J. Med. Virol. 34, 89-95. 1991; Menzo *et al.*, J. Clinical Microbiol. 30, 1752-1757, 1992) by using the set of primers SK38 and SK39, which amplify an internal, highly conserved fragment (115 bp) of the *gag* gene. The reaction mixture was subjected to 35 cycles of denaturation at 93°C

for 15 seconds, annealing at 60 °C for 15 seconds, extension at 72 °C for 30 seconds. The extension step of the last cycle was 10 minutes longer to ensure full completion of the newly synthesized strains. Amplified products were analyzed by electrophoresis on low melting point agarose gel and visualized by ethidium bromide staining.

5 As shown in Fig.2A, the treatment with AZT 2.5 μ M was unable to prevent the synthesis of HIV-1 gag sequences, that could be evidenced from day 4 through day 32, no matter whether p24 antigen was barely detectable and infectious virus was absent. By contrast, the cultures treated with the 42-AZT combination remained free of gag DNA sequences starting from day 8 on. The same was true for the samples from which the drugs were
10 removed by day 4 p.i. (Fig.2B).

Due to their characteristics, the compounds according to the present invention find a useful use in the therapy of retrovirus infections, used both alone or in combination with other antiretroviral compounds.

Therefore the present invention refers also to pharmaceutical compositions containing as
15 active substance a compound having formula (I) as well as to a therapeutic method for treating the retrovirus infections.

Said pharmaceutical compositions are characterized by containing as active substance a pharmacologically effective amount of a substance of formula (I) in mixture with pharmacologically acceptable diluents and excipients.

20 Said therapeutic method consists in administering by oral route a dose of 10 mg per day and per Kg. of body weight of a compound of formula (I).

Table 1 - Chemical Structure of Derivatives 1-88

Compd	R	R ¹	R ²	R ³	R ⁴	R ⁵	K	X	Y	Z	A
1	CH ₃	NO ₂	H	H	H	(2)COX	-	OR	-	-	H
2	C ₂ H ₅	NO ₂	H	H	H	(2)COX	-	OR	-	-	H
3	C ₂ H ₅	Cl	H	H	H	(2)COX	-	OR	-	-	H
4	C ₂ H ₅	F	H	H	H	(2)COX	-	OR	-	-	H
5	-	NO ₂	H	H	H	(2)COX	-	CH ₃	-	-	H
6	CH ₃	NO ₂	Cl	H	H	(2)COX	-	OR	-	-	H
7	C ₂ H ₅	NO ₂	Cl	H	H	(2)COX	-	OR	-	-	H
8	C ₂ H ₅	NO ₂	Cl	Cl	H	(2)COX	-	OR	-	-	H
9	CH ₃	NO ₂	H	Cl	H	(2)COX	-	OR	-	-	H
10	C ₂ H ₅	NO ₂	H	Cl	H	(2)COX	-	OR	-	-	H
11	<i>n</i> -C ₃ H ₇	NO ₂	H	Cl	H	(2)COX	-	OR	-	-	H
12	<i>i</i> -C ₃ H ₇	NO ₂	H	Cl	H	(2)COX	-	OR	-	-	H
13	CH ₂ CHCH ₂	NO ₂	H	Cl	H	(2)COX	-	OR	-	-	H
14	CH ₂ C ₆ H ₅	NO ₂	H	Cl	H	(2)COX	-	OR	-	-	H
15	(CH ₂) ₂ NEt ₂	NO ₂	H	Cl	H	(2)COX	-	OR	-	-	H
16	C ₂ H ₅	NO ₂	H	CH ₃	H	(2)COX	-	OR	-	-	H
17	CH ₃	Cl	H	NO ₂	H	(2)COX	-	OR	-	-	H
18	C ₂ H ₅	Cl	H	NO ₂	H	(2)COX	-	OR	-	-	H
19	<i>n</i> -C ₄ H ₉	NO ₂	H	Cl	H	(2)COX	-	OR	-	-	H
20	<i>i</i> -C ₄ H ₉	NO ₂	H	Cl	H	(2)COX	-	OR	-	-	H
21	<i>s</i> -C ₄ H ₉	NO ₂	H	Cl	H	(2)COX	-	OR	-	-	H
22	C ₃ H ₅	NO ₂	Cl	H	Cl	(2)COX	-	OR	-	-	H
23	C ₆ H ₅	NO ₂	H	Cl	H	(2)COX	-	OR	-	-	H
24	<i>cyclo</i> -C ₃ H ₉	NO ₂	H	Cl	H	(2)COX	-	OR	-	-	H
25	<i>cyclo</i> -C ₆ H ₁₁	NO ₂	H	Cl	H	(2)COX	-	OR	-	-	H
26	CH ₂ CCH	NO ₂	H	Cl	H	(2)COX	-	OR	-	-	H
27	<i>cyclo</i> -C ₃ H ₅ CH ₂	NO ₂	H	Cl	H	(2)COX	-	OR	-	-	H
28	C ₂ H ₅	NO ₂	H	H	Cl	(2)COX	-	OR	-	-	H
29	C ₂ H ₅	NO ₂	H	Cl	H	(3)COX	-	OR	-	-	H

Table I - Chemical Structure of Derivatives 1-88

Compd	R	R ¹	R ²	R ³	R ⁴	R ⁵	R ⁶	R ⁷	R ⁸	K	X	Y	Z	A
30	-	NO ₂	H	H	H	(2)COX	-	-	-	-	CH ₃	-	-	H
31	-	NO ₂	H	H	H	(3)COX	-	-	-	-	CH ₃	-	-	H
32	-	NO ₂	H	H	H	(3)COX	-	-	-	-	C ₆ H ₅	-	-	H
33	C ₂ H ₅	NO ₂	H	H	H	(2)COX	-	-	-	CHO	OR	-	-	H
34	C ₂ H ₅	NO ₂	H	H	H	(2)COX	-	-	-	CH ₂ NC ₃ H ₁₁	OR	-	-	H
35	C ₂ H ₅	NO ₂	H	H	H	(2)COX	-	-	-	CH ₂ NC ₄ H ₈ NCH ₃	OR	-	-	H
36	CH ₃	NH ₂	H	H	H	(2)COX	-	-	-	-	OR	-	-	H
37	C ₂ H ₅	NH ₂	H	H	H	(2)COX	-	-	-	-	OR	-	-	H
38	CH ₃	NH ₂	Cl	H	H	(2)COX	-	-	-	-	OR	-	-	H
39	C ₂ H ₅	NH ₂	Cl	H	H	(2)COX	-	-	-	-	OR	-	-	H
40	C ₂ H ₅	NH ₂	Cl	Cl	H	(2)COX	-	-	-	-	OR	-	-	H
41	CH ₃	NH ₂	H	Cl	H	(2)COX	-	-	-	-	OR	-	-	H
42	C ₂ H ₅	NH ₂	H	Cl	H	(2)COX	-	-	-	-	OR	-	-	H
43	<i>n</i> -C ₃ H ₇	NH ₂	H	Cl	H	(2)COX	-	-	-	-	OR	-	-	H
44	<i>i</i> -C ₃ H ₇	NH ₂	H	Cl	H	(2)COX	-	-	-	-	OR	-	-	H
45	CH ₂ CHCH ₂	NH ₂	H	Cl	H	(2)COX	-	-	-	-	OR	-	-	H
46	CH ₂ C ₆ H ₅	NH ₂	H	Cl	H	(2)COX	-	-	-	-	OR	-	-	H
47	(CH ₂) ₂ NEt ₂	NH ₂	H	Cl	H	(2)COX	-	-	-	-	OR	-	-	H
48	C ₂ H ₅	NH ₂	H	CH ₃	H	(2)COX	-	-	-	-	OR	-	-	H
49	CH ₃	Cl	H	NH ₂	H	(2)COX	-	-	-	-	OR	-	-	H
50	C ₂ H ₅	Cl	H	NH ₂	H	(2)COX	-	-	-	-	OR	-	-	H
51	<i>n</i> -C ₄ H ₉	NH ₂	H	Cl	H	(2)COX	-	-	-	-	OR	-	-	H
52	<i>i</i> -C ₄ H ₉	NH ₂	H	Cl	H	(2)COX	-	-	-	-	OR	-	-	H
53	<i>s</i> -C ₄ H ₉	NH ₂	H	Cl	H	(2)COX	-	-	-	-	OR	-	-	H
54	C ₂ H ₅	NH ₂	Cl	H	Cl	(2)COX	-	-	-	-	OR	-	-	H
55	C ₆ H ₅	NH ₂	H	Cl	H	(2)COX	-	-	-	-	OR	-	-	H
56	<i>cyclo</i> -C ₃ H ₉	NH ₂	H	Cl	H	(2)COX	-	-	-	-	OR	-	-	H
57	<i>cyclo</i> -C ₆ H ₁₁	NH ₂	H	Cl	H	(2)COX	-	-	-	-	OR	-	-	H
58	CH ₂ CCH	NH ₂	H	Cl	H	(2)COX	-	-	-	-	OR	-	-	H

Table 1 - Chemical Structure of Derivatives 1-88

Compd	R	R ¹	R ²	R ³	R ⁴	R ⁵	K	X	Y	Z	A
59	cyclo-C ₃ H ₅ CH ₂	NH ₂	H	Cl	H	(2)COX	-	OR	-	-	H
60	C ₂ H ₅	NH ₂	H	H	Cl	(2)COX	-	OR	-	-	H
61	C ₂ H ₅	NH ₂	H	Cl	H	(3)COX	-	OR	-	-	H
62	-	-	H	H	H		-	-	H	-	H
63	-	-	H	Cl	H		-	-	H	-	H
64	-	-	H	Cl	H		-	-	C ₂ H ₅	-	H
65	-	-	H	Cl	H		-	-	(C ₂ H ₅) ₂	-	H
66	-	-	H	Cl	H		-	-	(CH ₃)CH ₂ Ph	-	H
67	-	NH ₂	H	H	H	(2)COX	-	NH ₂	-	-	H
68	-	NH ₂	H	Cl	H	(2)COX	-	NH ₂	-	-	H
69	-	NH ₂	H	Cl	H	(2)COX	-	NHC ₂ H ₅	-	-	H
70	-	NH ₂	H	Cl	H	(2)COX	-	N(C ₂ H ₅) ₂	-	-	H
71	-	NH ₂	H	Cl	H	(2)COX	-	(CH ₃)CH ₂ Ph	-	-	H
72	C ₂ H ₅	NHCHO	H	Cl	H	(2)COX	-	OR	-	-	H
73	C ₂ H ₅	NHCOCH ₃	H	Cl	H	(2)COX	-	OR	-	-	H
74	C ₂ H ₅	NHCOC ₂ H ₅	H	Cl	H	(2)COX	-	OR	-	-	H
75	-	-	H	H	H	(2)COX	-	OR	-	H	H
76	C ₂ H ₅	-	H	Cl	H	(2)COX	-	OR	-	H	H
77	C ₂ H ₅	-	H	Cl	H	(2)COX	-	OR	-	CH ₃	H
78	C ₂ H ₅	-	H	Cl	H	(2)COX	-	OR	-	n-C ₃ H ₇	H
79	-	NO ₂	H	H	H		-	H	H	-	Ph
80	-	NO ₂	Cl	H	H		-	H	H	-	Ph
81	-	NO ₂	H	Cl	H		-	H	H	-	Ph
82	-	NO ₂	H	Cl	H		-	H	(2)-COOC ₂ H ₅	-	Ph
83	-	Cl	H	NO ₂	H		-	H	H	-	Ph
84	-	NH ₂	H	H	H		-	H	H	-	Ph
85	-	NH ₂	Cl	H	H		-	H	H	-	Ph
86	-	NH ₂	H	Cl	H		-	H	H	-	Ph
87	-	NH ₂	H	Cl	H		-	H	(2)-COOC ₂ H ₅	-	Ph
88	-	Cl	H	NH ₂	H		-	H	H	-	Ph

Table 2. Chemical and Physical Data of Derivatives 1-8C (page 1).

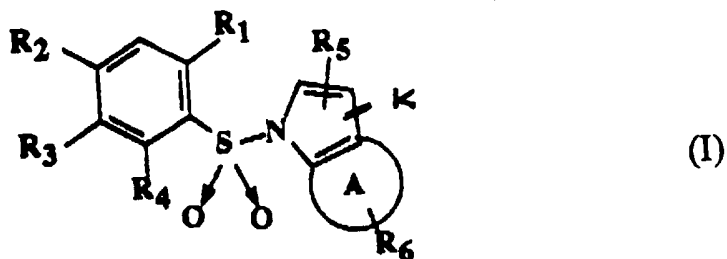
Compd	Mol. Weight	Cryst. Solvent	M. P. °C
1	310.28	toluene/cyclohexane	143
2	324.31	benzenz/cyclohexane	120-122
3	313.75	ligroin	78-80
4	297.30	ligroin	61-62
5	294.28	toluene/cyclohexane	148-149
6	344.72	toluene/cyclohexane	149-150
7	358.75	toluene/cyclohexane	124-125
8	393.20	cyclohexane	115
9	344.72	toluene/cyclohexane	128-129
10	358.75	toluene/cyclohexane	121-122
11	372.78	cyclohexane	98-99
12	372.78	cyclohexane	132-133
13	370.76	cyclohexane	123-124
14	420.82	toluene/cyclohexane	149-147
15	429.87	ligroin	65-66
16	338.33	toluene/cyclohexane	99
17	344.72	toluene/cyclohexane	159-161
18	358.75	cyclohexane	120-121
19	386.80	cyclohexane	68-69
20	386.80	cyclohexane	98-99
21	386.80	toluene/cyclohexane	119-120
22	393.19	toluene/cyclohexane	135-136
23	406.80	toluene/cyclohexane	170-171
24	398.82	cyclohexane	98
25	412.84	cyclohexane	124-125
26	368.75	toluene/cyclohexane	156-157
27	384.79	cyclohexane	104-105
28	358.75	toluene/cyclohexane	151-153
29	358.75	-	oil
30	328.72	toluene/cyclohexane	185
31	328.72	toluene/cyclohexane	131-132
32	390.77	toluene/cyclohexane	158-159
33	386.76	toluene/cyclohexane	191-192
34	455.91	ligroin	117-119
35	470.92	toluene/cyclohexane	116-118
36	280.29	toluene/cyclohexane	119-120
37	294.32	aqueous ethanol	95-97
38	314.74	toluene/cyclohexane	113-114
39	328.77	ligroin	109
40	363.21	toluene/cyclohexane	132-133
41	314.74	toluene/ligroin	156-159
42	328.44	toluene/cyclohexane	143-145
43	342.80	cyclohexane	65-66
44	342.80	toluene/cyclohexane	127
45	340.78	cyclohexane	77
46	390.84	toluene/cyclohexane	92-93
47	399.89	ligroin	80-81
48	308.35	toluene/cyclohexane	117
49	314.74	toluene/cyclohexane	157
50	328.77	toluene/ligroin	110-111
51	356.82	cyclohexane	102
52	356.82	cyclohexane	90-92
53	356.82	cyclohexane	118
54	363.21	toluene/cyclohexane	147-148
55	376.81	toluene/cyclohexane	125-126
56	368.83	toluene/cyclohexane	122-123
57	382.86	toluene/cyclohexane	156-157
58	338.76	toluene/cyclohexane	103-105
59	354.80	cyclohexane	92-93
60	328.77	cyclohexane	103-104
61	328.77	toluene/cyclohexane	120
62	295.27	ethanol	216-217
63	329.71	ethanol	195-196

Table 2. Chemical and Physical Data of Derivatives 1-82 (page 2).

64	357.77	toluene/cyclohexane	170-172
65	358.82	cyclohexane	113-114
66	433.86	toluene/cyclohexane	139-141
67	265.29	ethanol	133-134
68	299.73	ethanol	173-175
69	327.62	ethanol	158-160
70	355.84	toluene/cyclohexane	142-145
71	403.88	toluene/cyclohexane	134-136
72	356.78	toluene/cyclohexane	109-111
73	370.80	cyclohexane	119-121
74	442.87	cyclohexane	89-90
75	236.28	ligroin	134
76	342.79	cyclohexane	119-120
77	356.82	ligroin	128-129
78	384.87	ligroin	98-99
79	302.30	toluene/cyclohexane	98-100
80	336.74	toluene/cyclohexane	134
81	336.74	toluene/cyclohexane	110-111
82	408.81	toluene/cyclohexane	157-158
83	336.74	toluene/cyclohexane	134-134
84	272.32	toluene/cyclohexane	115-116
85	306.76	toluene/cyclohexane	143-145
86	306.76	toluene/cyclohexane	106-107
87	378.83	cyclohexane	77-78
88	306.76	toluene/cyclohexane	117-118

CLAIMS

- 1 1. Compounds having general formula (I)



2 wherein:

3 $R^1 = \text{NO}_2, \text{NH}_2, \text{halogen}, \text{NHCH}_2\text{Z}$ ($\text{Z} = \text{H}, \text{alkyl}, \text{aryl}, \text{heteroaryl}$), NHCOW ($\text{W} = \text{H},$
4 $\text{alkyl}, \text{aryl}, \text{heteroaryl}$);

5 $R^2 = \text{H}, \text{halogen}$;

6 $R^3 = R^4 = \text{H}, \text{NO}_2, \text{NH}_2, \text{CH}_3, \text{halogen}$;

7 $R^5 = \text{H}, (2)\text{COX}, (3)\text{-COX}$, ($\text{X} = \text{OR}, \text{alkyl}, \text{aryl}, \text{CCl}_3, \text{N}(\text{alkyl}_2)$); $\text{R} = \text{alkyl}, \text{cycloalkyl},$
8 $\text{aryl}, \text{arylmethyl}$; $(2)\text{-CONHY}$ ($\text{Y} = \text{H}, \text{alkyl}, \text{aryl}$);

9 $R^6 = \text{H}, \text{halogen}, \text{NO}_2, \text{NH}_2, \text{OCH}_3$;

10 $\text{A} = \text{H}, \text{phenyl}$.

11 $\text{K} = \text{H}, \text{CHO}, \text{CH}_2\text{NC}_5\text{H}_{11}, \text{CH}_2\text{NC}_4\text{H}_8\text{NCH}_3$

1 2. Compounds according to claim 1, wherein: $R^1 = \text{NH}_2$; $R^2 = \text{H}$; $R^3 = \text{Cl}$; $R^4 = \text{H}$; $R^5 =$
2 $(2)\text{COX}$ with $\text{X} = \text{OCH}_3$ and $\text{A} = \text{H}$

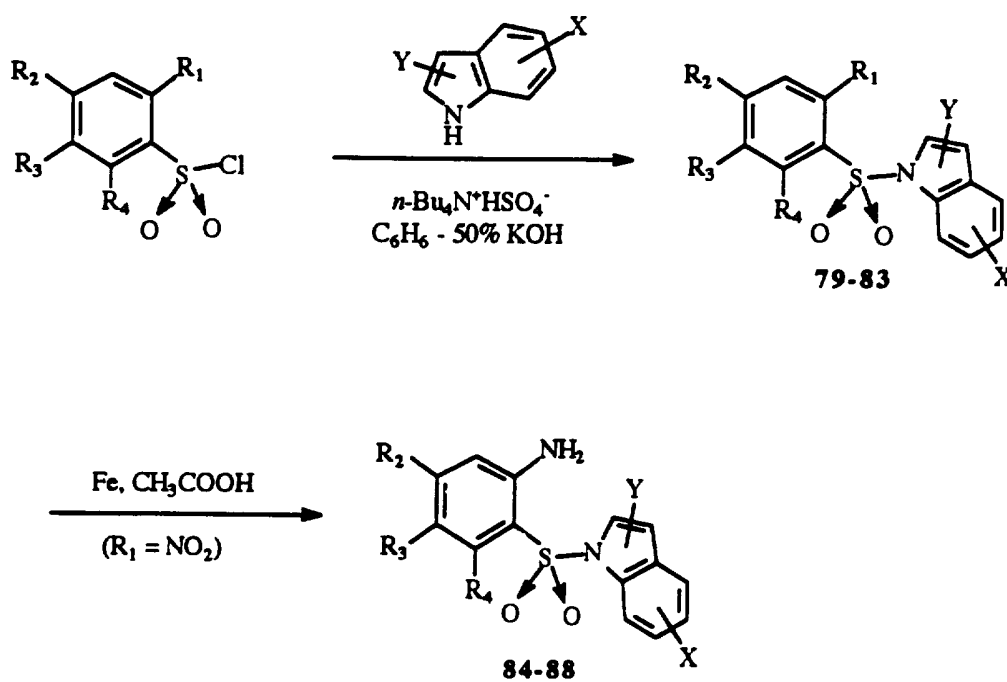
1 3. Compounds according to claim 1, wherein: $R^1 = \text{NH}_2$; $R^2 = \text{H}$; $R^3 = \text{Cl}$; $R^4 = \text{H}$; $R^5 =$
2 $(2)\text{COX}$ with $\text{X} = \text{OC}_2\text{H}_5$ and $\text{A} = \text{H}$

1 4. Compounds according to claim 1, wherein: $R^1 = \text{NHCHO}$; $R^2 = \text{H}$; $R^3 = \text{Cl}$; $R^4 = \text{H}$;
2 $R^5 = (2)\text{COX}$ with $\text{X} = \text{OC}_2\text{H}_5$ and $\text{A} = \text{H}$

1 5. Process for the preparation of compounds having general formula (I) according to
2 claim 1, characterized by the steps of the following scheme (1).

- 1 6. Process for the preparation of compounds having general formula (I), characterized by
 2 the steps of the following steps (2).

Scheme 2



X = H, Cl, NO₂, OCH₃, NH₂;
 Y = H, COOR, CONH₂, CONHR, COR;
 R = H, alkyl, aryl, arylmethyl.

1 7. Pharmaceutical composition usefull in the medical therapy of retrovirus infections
2 characterized by containing as active substance a pharmacologically effective amount of
3 a substance according to claim 1 in mixture with pharmacologically acceptable diluents
4 and excipients.

1 8. Therapeutic method for the medical treatment of retrovirus infections consisting of
2 administering by oral route a dose of 10 mg per day and per Kg. of body weight of a
3 compound according to claim 1.

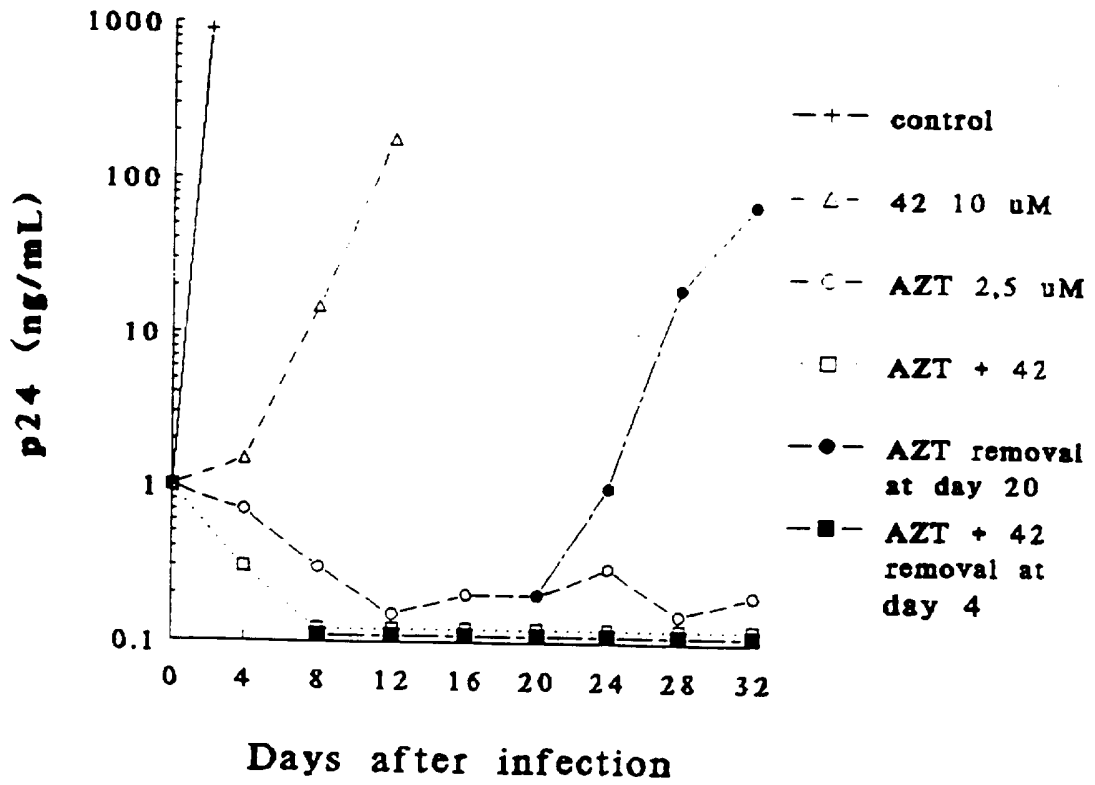


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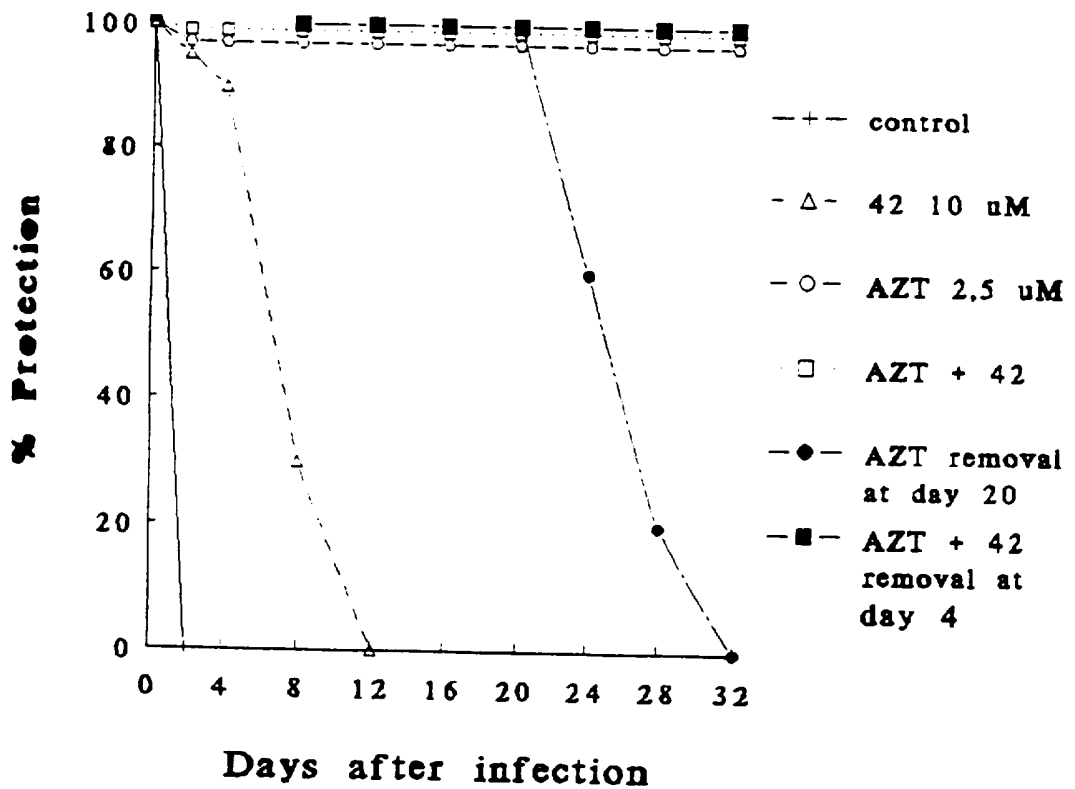
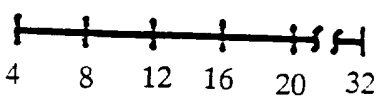
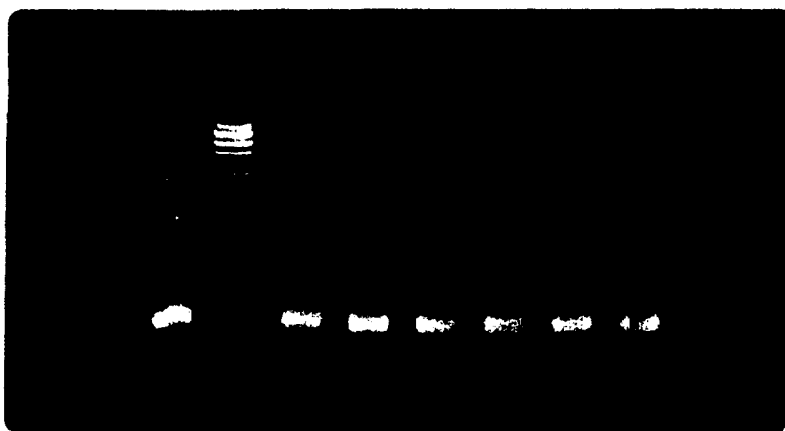
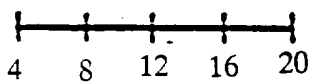
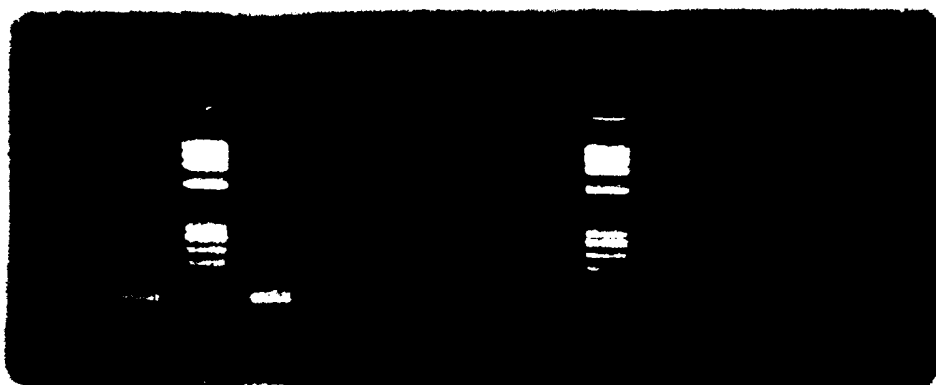


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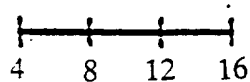


DAYS AFTER INFECTION

FIG. 2A



DAYS AFTER INFECTION



DAYS AFTER DRUG
REMOVAL

FIG. 2B

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
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