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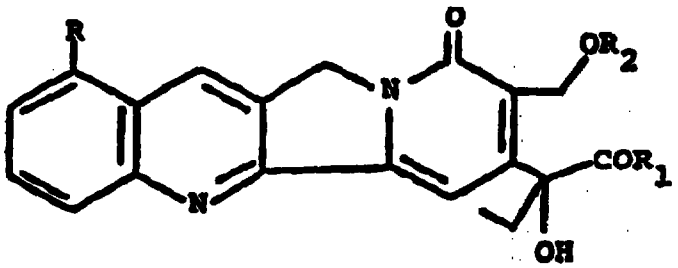
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(57) Abstract

The present invention relates to the isolation or the semisynthesis of novel alkaloids of formula (I) present in different parts of Mappia foetida as well as the pharmaceutical use thereof and the use thereof as novel syntones for the preparation of compounds with antitumor and antiviral activities; the same products are novel syntones for the preparation of novel analogues of camptothecin and of Foetidines I and II. The particular water solubility of these novel compounds is of remarkable importance as it allows the parenteral administration without requiring derivatization.



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