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(57) Abstract

Compounds of the present invention include cell growth inhibitors which are peptides of Formula (I):, A – B – D – E – F – $(G)_r$ – $(K)_s$ – L and acid salts thereof, wherein A, B, D, E, F, G and K are α–amino acid residues, and s and r are each, independently, 0 or 1. L is a monovalent radical, such as, for example, an amino group, an N–substituted amino group, a β–hydroxylamino group, a hydrazido group, an alkoxy group, a thioalkoxy group, an aminoxy group, or an oximato group. The present invention also includes a method for treating cancer in a mammal, such as a human, comprising administering to the mammal an effective amount of a compound of Formula (I) in a pharmaceutically acceptable composition.