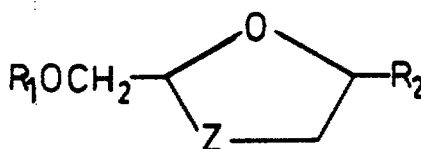


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ABSTRACT

Disclosed are compounds of the formula



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wherein R_1 is hydrogen;

R_2 is a purine or pyrimidine base or an analogue or derivative thereof;

Z is S, S=O or SO_2 ; and

pharmaceutically acceptable derivatives thereof.

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Also described are use of the compounds as antiviral agents, pharmaceutical formulations, and methods for the preparation of the compounds.

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