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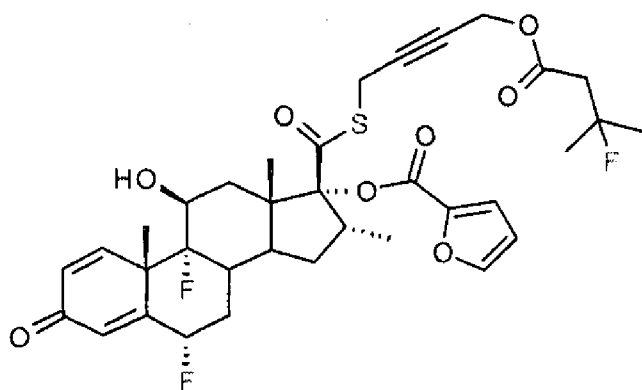
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(54) Title: METHODS FOR TREATMENT OF INFLAMMATORY CONDITIONS USING S-[4-(3-FLUORO-3-METHYLBUTYRYLOXY) BUT-2-YNYL] 6ALPHA, 9ALPHA-DIFLUORO-17ALPHA-(FURAN-2-YL) CARBONYLOXY-11BETA -HYDROXY-16ALPHA-METHYL-3-OXOANDROSTA-1,4-DIENE-17BETA -CARBOTHIOATE.

**formula I**

(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to methods of treatment of inflammatory conditions using *S* -[4-(3-fluoro-3-methylbutyryloxy)-but-2-ynyl]6 α ,9 α -difluoro-17 α -(furan-2-yl)carbonyloxy-11 β -hydroxy-16 α -methyl-3-oxoandrost-1,4-diene-17 β -carbothioate (compound of formula I), a novel anti-inflammatory compound of the androstane series and its processes of preparation.



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