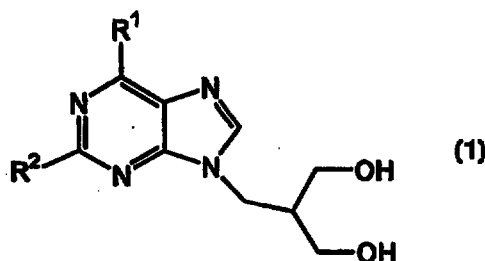




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This invention relates to the use of a compound of formula (1) where: R¹ is hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, azido, alkoxy, aryloxy, thio, alkylthio, amino, alkylamino, hydrazino, hydroxylamino, benzyloxy, NRR' or NRCOR'; R² is hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, azido, alkoxy, aryloxy, thio, alkylthio, amino, alkylamino, hydrazino, hydroxylamino, benzyloxy, NRR' or NRCOR'; and R and R' are independently selected from hydrogen, alkyl and aryl; or a salt and pharmaceutically acceptable derivatives thereof; in the treatment and/or prophylaxis of hepatitis B viral infection.