valences of the heteroatoms. Substituents may include any substituents described herein, for example, a halogen, a hydroxyl, a carbonyl (such as a carboxyl, an alkoxycarbonyl, a formyl, or an acyl), a thiocarbonyl (such as a thioester, a thioacetate, or a thioformate), an alkoxyl, a phosphoryl, a phosphate, a phosphonate, a phosphinate, an amino, an amido, an amidine, an imine, a cyano, a nitro, an azido, a sulfhydryl, an alkylthio, a sulfate, a sulfonate, a sulfamoyl, a sulfonamido, a sulfonyl, a heterocyclyl, an aralkyl, or an aromatic or heteroaromatic moiety. It will be understood by those skilled in the art that the moieties substituted on the hydrocarbon chain may themselves be substituted, if appropriate.

[0054] Unless specifically stated as "unsubstituted," references to chemical moieties herein are understood to include substituted variants. For example, reference to an "aryl" group or moiety implicitly includes both substituted and unsubstituted variants.

[0055] "Substituted or unsubstituted" means that a given moiety may consist of only hydrogen substituents through available valencies (unsubstituted) or may further comprise one or more non-hydrogen substituents through available valencies (substituted) that are not otherwise specified by the name of the given moiety. For example, isopropyl is an example of an ethylene moiety that is substituted by $-CH_3$. In general, a non- hydrogen substituent may be any substituent that may be bound to an atom of the given moiety that is specified to be substituted. Examples of substituents include, but are not limited to, aldehyde, alicyclic, aliphatic, (C_{1-10}) alkyl, alkylene, alkylidene, amide, amino, aminoalkyl, aromatic, aryl, bicycloalkyl, bicycloaryl, carbamoyl, carbocyclyl, carboxyl, carbonyl group, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylene, ester, halo, heterobicycloalkyl, heterocycloalkylene, heteroaryl, heterobicycloaryl, heterocycloalkyl, oxo, hydroxy, iminoketone, ketone, nitro, oxaalkyl and oxoalkyl moieties, each of which may optionally also be substituted or unsubstituted. In one particular embodiment, examples of substituents include, but are not limited to, hydrogen, halo, nitro, cyano, thio, oxy, hydroxy, carbonyloxy, (C_{1-10}) alkoxy, (C_{4-12}) aryloxy, hetero (C_{1-10})aryloxy, carbonyl, oxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, amino, (C_{1-10}) alkylamino, sulfonamido, imino, sulfonyl, sulfinyl, (C_{1-10}) alkyl, halo (C_{1-10}) alkyl, hydroxy (C_{1-10}) alkyl, carbonyl (C_{1-10})alkyl, thiocarbonyl (C_{1-10}) alkyl, sulfonyl (C_{1-10}) alkyl, sulfinyl (C_{1-10}) alkyl, (C_{1-10})azaalkyl, imino (C_{1-10}) alkyl, (C_{1-10}) cycloalkyl (C_{1-5}) alkyl, hetero (C_{3-12}) cycloalkyl

(C_{1-10}) alkyl, aryl (C_{1-10}) alkyl, hetero (C_{1-10}) aryl (C_{1-10}) alkyl, (C_{9-12}) bicycloaryl (C_{i_s}) alkyl, hetero (C_{e-I2}) bicycloaryl (C_{1-5}) alkyl, (C_{3-12}) cycloalkyl, hetero (C_{3-12}) cycloalkyl, (C_{9-12}) bicycloalkyl, hetero (C_{3-I2}) bicycloalkyl, (C_{4-I2}) aryl, hetero (C_{1-10}) aryl, (C_{9-12}) bicycloaryl and hetero (C_{4-12}) bicycloaryl. In addition, the substituent is itself optionally substituted by a further substituent. In one particular embodiment, examples of the further substituent include, but are not limited to, hydrogen, halo, nitro, cyano, thio, oxy, hydroxy, carbonyloxy, (C_{1-10})alkoxy, (C_{4-12}) aryloxy, hetero (C_{1-10}) aryloxy, carbonyl, oxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, amino, (C_{1-10}) alkylamino, sulfonamido, imino, sulfonyl, sulfinyl, (C_{1-10}) alkyl, halo (C_{1-10})alkyl, hydroxy (C_{1-10}) alkyl, carbonyl (C_{1-10}) alkyl, thiocarbonyl (C_{1-10}) alkyl, sulfonyl (C_{1-10}) alkyl, sulfinyl (C_{1-10})alkyl, (C_{1-10}) azaalkyl, imino (C_{1-10}) alkyl, (C_{3-12}) cycloalkyl (C_{1-5}) alkyl, hetero (C_{3-12}) cycloalkyl (C_{1-10}) alkyl, aryl (C_{1-10}) alkyl, hetero (C_{i-io}) aryl (C_{i_5}) alkyl, (C_{9-I2}) bicycloaryl (C_{1-5}) alkyl, hetero (C_{8-12}) bicycloaryl (C_{i_s}) alkyl, (C_{3-12}) cycloalkyl, hetero (C_{3-12}) cycloalkyl, (C_{9-12}) bicycloalkyl, hetero (C_{3-12}) bicycloalkyl, (C_{4-12}) aryl, hetero (C_{1-10}) aryl, (C_{9-12}) bicycloaryl and hetero (C_{4-12}) bicycloaryl.

[0056] The compounds of the present compound of formula 1 may be present in the form of pharmaceutically acceptable salts. The compounds of the present disclosure may also be present in the form of pharmaceutically acceptable esters (i.e., the methyl and ethyl esters of the acids of formula I to be used as prodrugs). The compounds of the present disclosure may also be solvated, i.e. hydrated. The solvation may be effected in the course of the manufacturing process or may take place i.e. as a consequence of hygroscopic properties of an initially anhydrous compound of formula I (hydration).

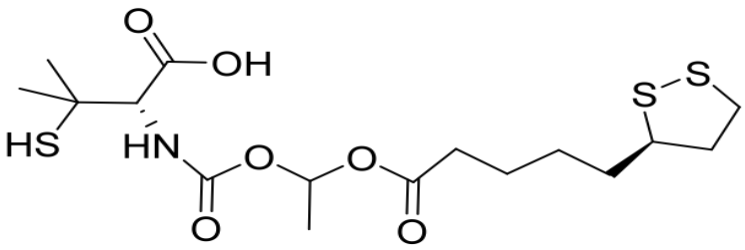
[0057] Compounds that have the same molecular formula but differ in the nature or sequence of bonding of their atoms or the arrangement of their atoms in space are termed "isomers." Isomers that differ in the arrangement of their atoms in space are termed "stereoisomers." Diastereomers are stereoisomers with opposite configuration at one or more chiral centers which are not enantiomers. Stereoisomers bearing one or more asymmetric centers that are non- superimposable mirror images of each other are termed "enantiomers." When a compound has an asymmetric center, for example, if a carbon atom is bonded to four different groups, a pair of enantiomers is possible. An enantiomer

CLAIMS:

What is claimed is:

1. A compound comprising:

   a pharmaceutically acceptable compound 1A comprising;



   or a pharmaceutical acceptable salt thereof.

2. A composition comprising the compound of claim 1 and at least one of R-(+)-lipoic acid, acetylecysteine and dimercaprol and at least one of zinc acetate and triethylene tetramine.

3. The composition of claim 2, is administered as a peroral, topical, transmucosal, inhalation, targetted delivery or sustained release formulation.