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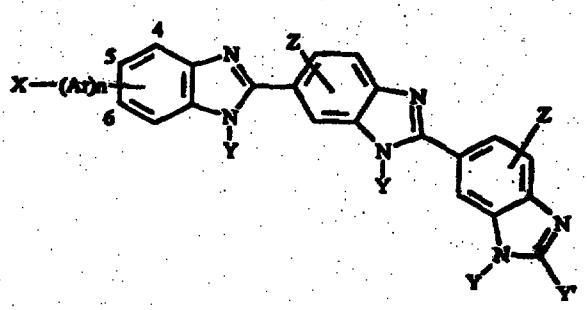
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(57) Abstract

The invention provides a topoisomerase poision of formula (I) wherein Ar is aryl or a nitrogen–, sulfur– or oxygen–containing heteroaromatic group; X is H, CN, CHO, OH, acetyl, CF_3, O(C_1–C_4)alkyl, NO_2, NH_2, halogen or halo–(C_1–C_4)alkyl; each Y is individually H, (C_1–C_4)alkyl or aralkyl; Y' is phenyl, or methoxyphenyl; n is 0 or 1; and each Z is individually H, (C_1–C_4)alkyl, halogen or halo(C_1–C_4)alkyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; for use in medical therapy (e.g. the treatment of fungal infection or cancer). The invention also provides novel compounds of formula (I); pharmaceutical compositions comprising compounds of formula (I); and therapeutic methods, comprising treating fungal infection or treating cancer by administering at least one compound of formula (I).


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