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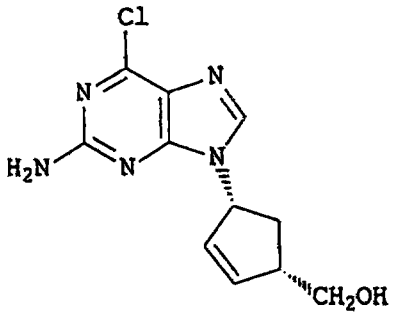
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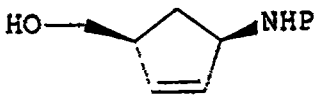
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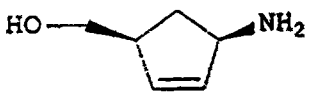
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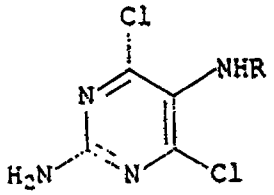
(I)



(IV)



(V)



(VI)

(57) Abstract

The present invention relates to a process for the preparation of a carbocyclic purine nucleoside analogue of formula (I), its salts and pharmaceutically acceptable derivatives thereof which comprises hydrolysing a compound of formula (IV) wherein P is a protecting group, in the presence of an acid, condensing the product of formula (V) formed *in situ* in the presence of a base with a compound of formula (VI) followed by *in situ* ring closure of the resulting intermediate.