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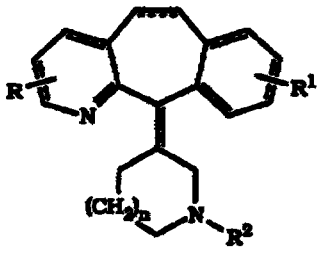
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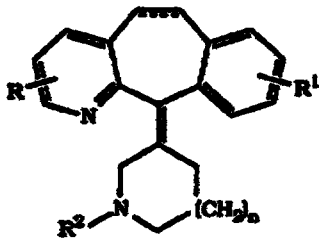
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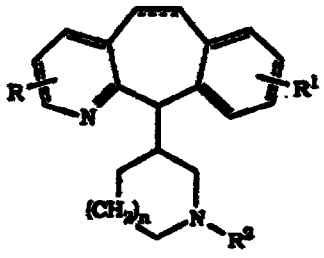
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(Ia)



(Ib)



(Ic)

(57) Abstract

A method of inhibiting Ras function and therefore inhibiting cellular growth is disclosed. The method comprises the administration of a novel compound of formula (Ia), (Ib) or (Ic) wherein: R and R^1 are H, alkyl, halogeno, OH, alkoxy, NH_2, alkylamino, dialkylamino, CF_3, SO_3H, CO_2R^3, NO_2, SO_2NH_2, or $CONHR^4$; n is 0 or 1; R^2 is a group of the formula $R^5C(O)$-, $R^5CH_2C(O)$-, $R^5C(R^6)_2C(O)$-, R^5SO_2-, $R^5CH_2SO_2$-, $R^5SCH_2C(O)$-, $R^5OC(O)$-, $R^5NHC(O)$-, $R^5C(O)C(O)$- or $R^5SC(O)$-; R^5 is alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, arylalkenyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl, heteroarylalkenyl or heterocycloalkyl; and R^6 is alkyl or $C(R^6)_2$ is a carboxyclic ring; or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.