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(54) Title: METHOD OF TREATING HEPATITIS DELTA VIRAL INFECTION

(57) Abstract: A method for the treatment for hepatitis delta infection in a host, that includes administering an effective amount of a nucleoside or a nucleoside analog or a prodrug or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof that suppresses the expression of the hepatitis B surface or preS1 antigen in the host 100-fold or more relative to pretreatment values *in vivo*; or to not move than 1 microgram per milliliter *in vivo*. In a preferred embodiment, the nucleoside is L-FMAU, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or prodrug thereof.