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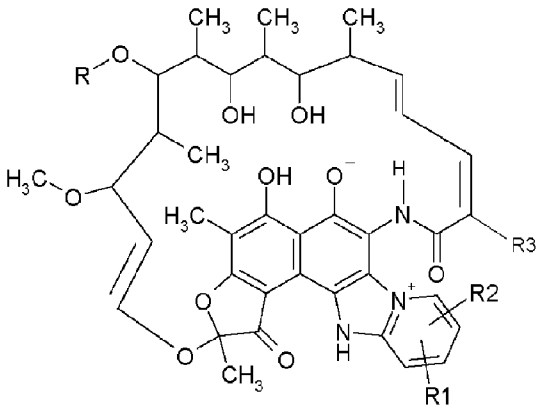
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(54) **Title**: RIFAMYCIN DERIVATIVES



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(57) **Abstract**: Disclosed are compounds including rifamycin derivatives having antibacterial activities, wherein the compounds have the following general formula (I) wherein: R is hydrogen or acetyl R1 and R2 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, (C_{1-4}) alkyl, benzyloxy, mono- and di-(C_{1-3}) alkylamino-(C_{1-4})alkyl, (C_{1-3})alkoxy, (C_{1-4}) alkyl, hydroxy-methyl, hydroxy-(C_{2-4})-alkyl, and nitro or R1 and R2 taken together with two consecutive carbon atoms of the pyridine nucleus form a benzene ring optionally substituted by one or two methyl or ethyl groups and R3 is hydroxyalkyl (C_{1-4}). In addition, processes to obtain these compounds are described. The compounds have antibacterial activity.