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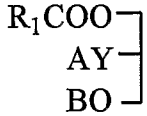
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(I)

R_1-CO-OR_2 (II)

$(R_1\text{-CO-O})_kM$ (IIa)

R_1-Z-SO_2-OR_2 (III)

$(R_1\text{-Z-SO}_2\text{-O})_kM$ (IIIa)

(57) Abstract: Use of a composition comprising a compound of any of formulae I, II, Ila, III and Illa; or a combination thereof wherein each R_1 is independently $C_{7\text{-}11}$ alkyl; A and B are independently H or CO-R_1; R_2 is H or $C_{1\text{-}4}$ alkyl; M is a metal monocation (k = 1) or dication (k = 2); Y is 0 or NH; and Z is 0, NH, CH_2O or a bond; for the manufacture of a medicament for stimulating erythropoiesis. Preferably, the composition further comprises human erythroporietin.

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