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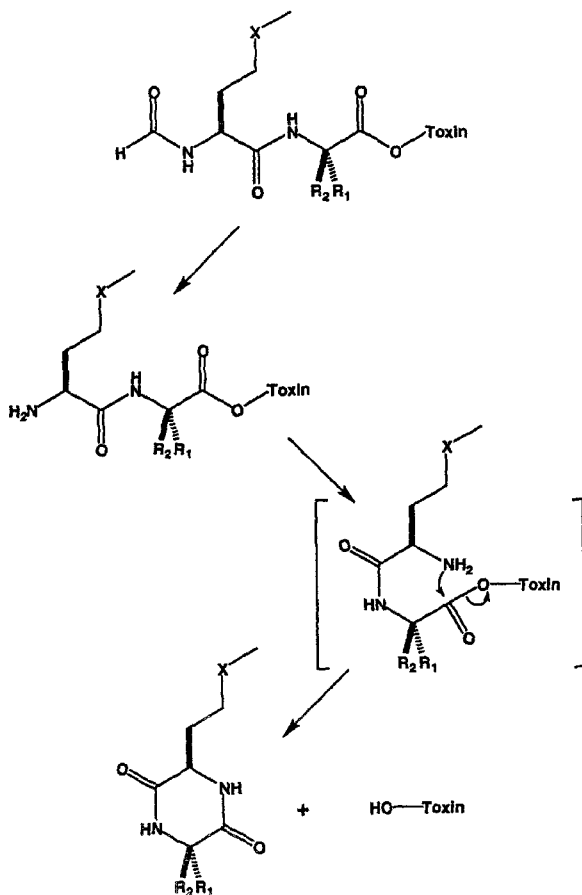
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(57) Abstract: This invention provides a method for inhibiting the growth of a microorganism that expresses Peptide Deformylase by contacting the microorganism with an effective amount of the compound described herein. This method inhibits the growth of gram-positive and gram-negative microorganism, e.g., *S. aureus*, *S. epidermidis*, *K. pneumoniae*, *E. aerogenes*, and *E. cloacae*. This method can be practiced in vitro, ex vivo and in vivo. Further provided is a method for alleviating the symptoms of an infection by a Peptide Deformylase expressing microorganism in a subject by administering or delivering to the subject an effective amount of the compound described above.

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