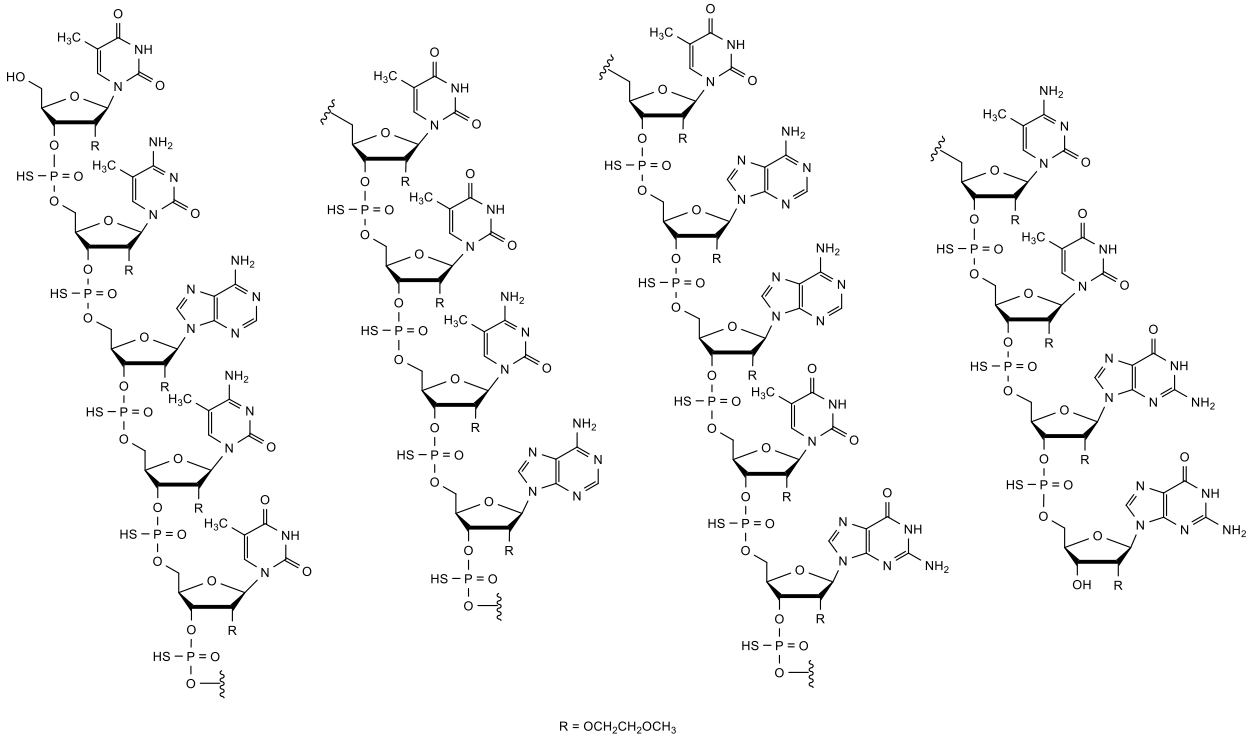
CLAIMS

1. Use of an antisense compound having the following structure



or a salt thereof, in the manufacture of a medicament for treating spinal muscular atrophy (SMA) in a human subject in need thereof, wherein the medicament is to be administered to the human subject in at least two loading doses by intrathecal injection, wherein

(i) the first loading dose of the medicament is to be equivalent to about 50 mg of the antisense compound; and

(ii) the second loading dose of the medicament is to be equivalent to about 50 mg of the antisense compound, which is to be administered 10 to 20 days after administration of the first loading dose.

2. The use of claim 1, wherein at least one further intrathecal injection is to be administered in the form of a maintenance dose, wherein the at least one maintenance dose is equivalent to about 28 mg of the antisense compound.

3. The use of claim 1, wherein further intrathecal injection maintenance doses of the medicament are to be administered, beginning about 4 months after administration of the second loading dose and continuing once about every 4 months thereafter, wherein each maintenance dose is equivalent to about 28 mg of the antisense compound.

4. The use of claim 3, wherein the second loading dose is to be administered about 14 days after administration of the first loading dose.

5. The use of claim 1, wherein further intrathecal injections are to be administered, whereby:

(iii) a third loading dose of the medicament that is equivalent to about 50 mg of the antisense compound, is to be administered 10 to 20 days after administration of the second loading dose; and

(iv) maintenance doses of the medicament, beginning about 4 months after administration of the third loading dose and continuing once about every 4 months thereafter, are to be administered, wherein each maintenance dose is equivalent to about 28 mg of the antisense compound.

6. The use of claim 5, wherein the second loading dose is to be administered about 14 days after administration of the first loading dose and the third loading dose is to be administered about 14 days after administration of the second loading dose.

7. The use of claim 1, wherein further intrathecal injections are to be administered whereby:

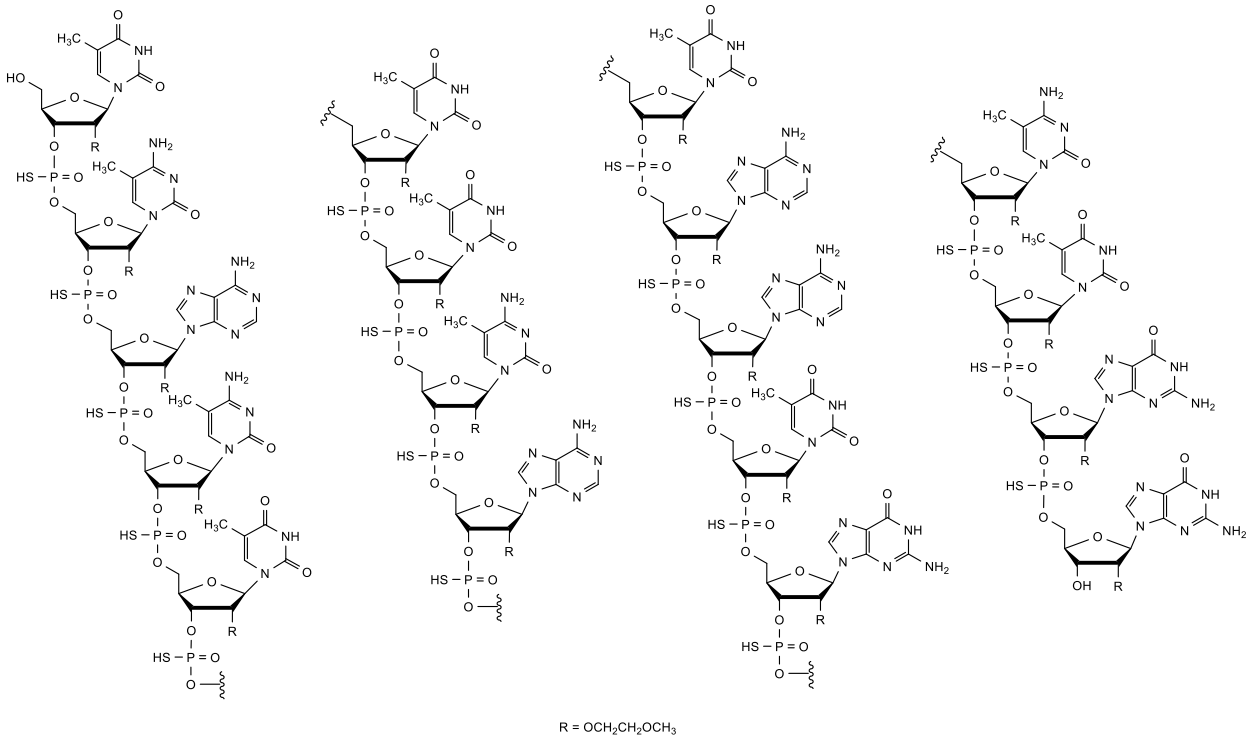
(iii) a third loading dose of the medicament that is equivalent to about 50 mg of the antisense compound, is to be administered 10 to 20 days after administration of the second loading dose;

(iv) a fourth loading dose of the medicament that is equivalent to about 50 mg of the antisense compound, is to be administered 10 to 20 days after administration of the third loading dose; and

(v) maintenance doses of the medicament, beginning about 4 months after administration of the fourth loading dose and continuing once about every 4 months thereafter, are to be administered wherein each maintenance dose is equivalent to about 28 mg of the antisense compound.

8. The use of claim 7, wherein the second loading dose is to be administered about 14 days after administration of the first loading dose, the third loading dose is to be administered about 14 days after administration of the second loading dose, and the fourth loading dose is to be administered about 14 days after administration of the third loading dose.

9. Use of subject an antisense compound having the following structure:

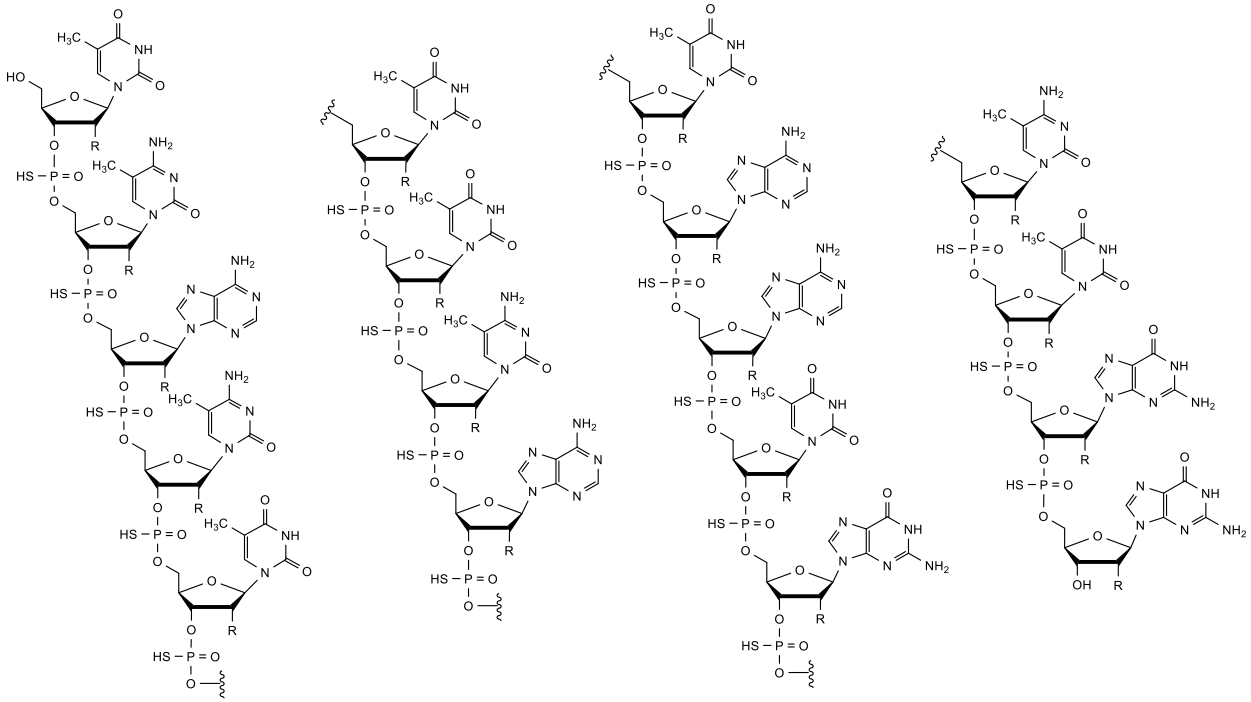


or a salt thereof, in the manufacture of a medicament for treating spinal muscular atrophy (SMA) in a human subject in need thereof, whereby the medicament is to be administered to the human subject when the human subject had previously been administered one or more doses of the medicament, and wherein the one or more previously administered doses had been equivalent to about 12 mg of the antisense compound, and whereby the medicament is to be administered to the human subject by intrathecal injection through:

(i) a loading dose of the medicament that is equivalent to about 50 mg of the antisense compound, which is to be administered 3-6 months after administration of the last previously administered dose equivalent to about 12 mg of the antisense compound; and

(ii) maintenance doses of the medicament, beginning about 4 months after administration of the loading dose and continuing once about every 4 months thereafter, wherein each maintenance dose is equivalent to about 28 mg of the antisense compound.

10. Use of an antisense compound having the following structure:



or a salt thereof, in the manufacture of a medicament for treating spinal muscular atrophy (SMA) in a human subject in need thereof, whereby the medicament is to be administered to the human subject when the human subject had previously been administered one or more doses of the medicament, wherein the one or more previously administered doses were equivalent to about 12 mg of the antisense compound, and whereby the medicament is to be administered to the human subject by intrathecal injection through:

(i) a first loading dose of the medicament that is equivalent to about 28 mg of the antisense compound, which is to be administered 3-6 months after administration of the last previously administered dose equivalent to about 12 mg of the antisense compound;

(ii) a second loading dose of the medicament that is equivalent to about 50 mg of the antisense compound, which is to be administered about 4 months after administration of the first loading dose; and

(iii) maintenance doses of the medicament, beginning about 4 months after administration of the second loading dose and continuing once about every 4 months thereafter, wherein each maintenance dose is equivalent to about 28 mg of the antisense compound.

11. The use of any one of claims 9 or 10, wherein the human subject had previously been administered at least five doses of the medicament, wherein each of the at least five previously administered doses was equivalent to about 12 mg of the antisense compound.

12. The use of any one of claims 1 to 11, wherein the human subject has (i) type I SMA; (ii) type II SMA; (iii) type III SMA; or (iv) type IV SMA.

13. The use of any one of claims 1 to 11, wherein the human subject is presymptomatic for SMA.

14. The use of any one of claims 1 to 13, wherein the human subject is to be administered the medicament using a spinal anesthesia needle.

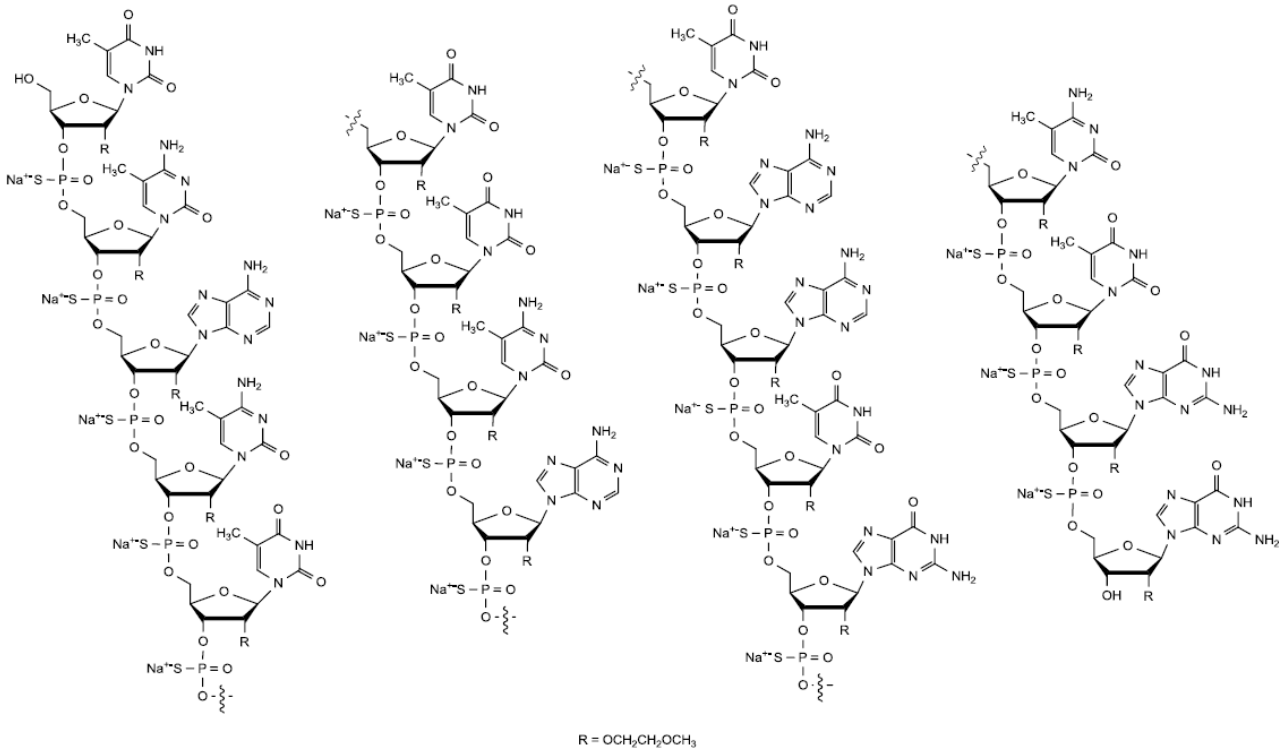
15. The use of any one of claims 1 to 14, wherein the medicament is to be administered in an injection volume of 5.0 mL

16. The use of claim 15, wherein the medicament is dissolved in phosphate buffered saline (PBS).

17. The use of claim 15, wherein the medicament is dissolved in artificial cerebrospinal fluid (aCSF).

18. The use of any one of claims 1 to 17, wherein the salt of the antisense compound is a sodium salt.

19. The use of any one of claims 1 to 17, wherein the salt of the antisense compound has the following structure:



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20. The use of any one of claims 1 to 19, wherein a neurofilament level in a biological sample obtained from the human subject before and/or after initiation of treatment is detected.

21. The use of claim 20, whereby:

a first neurofilament level in a first biological sample obtained from the human subject before initiation of treatment is to be measured;

the medicament is to be administered to the human subject according to any one of the preceding claims; and

at least one subsequent neurofilament level in a second biological sample

obtained from the human subject after administering all loading doses and at least one maintenance dose of the medicament is to be measured.

22. The use of claim 20, whereby:

a first neurofilament level in a first biological sample obtained from the human subject before initiation of treatment is to be measured;

a first loading dose of the medicament is to be administered to the human subject according to any one of the preceding claims; and

at least one subsequent neurofilament level in a biological sample obtained from the human subject after administering said first loading dose of the medicament is to be measured.

23. The use of claim 20, whereby:

a first neurofilament level in a first biological sample obtained from the human subject before initiation of treatment is to be measured;

a first loading dose and a second loading dose of the medicament is to be administered to the human subject according to any one of the preceding claims; and

at least one subsequent neurofilament level in a biological sample obtained from the human subject after administering said first loading dose and said second loading dose of the medicament is to be measured.

24. The use of any one of claims 21-23, wherein the subsequent neurofilament level is reduced by at least 50% compared to the first neurofilament level.

25. The use of any one of claims 22-23, wherein the subsequent neurofilament level is equal to or higher than the first neurofilament level and wherein further doses of the medicament are to be administered to the human subject.

26. The use of any one of claims 20 to 25, wherein the neurofilament is a neurofilament heavy chain (NF-H), medium/intermediate chain (NF-M), or light chain (NF-L).

27. The use of claims 20 to 26, wherein the first and second biological samples are blood, serum, plasma, or cerebrospinal fluid.