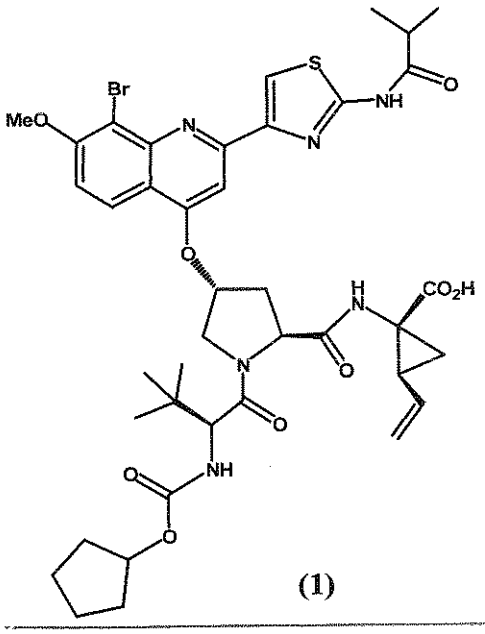
anti-HCV compounds, as described in U.S. Patents 6,828,301 and 7,157,424 and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0033959 . However, there remains a need in the art for a pharmaceutical formulation of Compound (1) that is sufficiently optimized, stable and bioavailable.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE ~~INVENTION~~DISCLOSURE

The present ~~invention~~disclosure overcomes the aforementioned problems by providing a lipid-based pharmaceutical composition of Compound (1), suitable for oral administration via a liquid- or semi-solid-filled capsule.

In an aspect, there is provided a liquid pharmaceutical composition comprising:

(a) a compound of formula (1):



(1)

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

(b) one or more pharmaceutically acceptable lipids; and

(c) one or more pharmaceutically acceptable hydrophilic surfactants.

The lipid-based pharmaceutical compositions of the present ~~invention~~disclosure constitute a type of self-emulsifying drug delivery system (hereinafter "SEDDS"), and they exhibit acceptable stability and bioavailability and are therefore particularly suited for the therapeutic delivery of Compound (1).

The pharmaceutical compositions of the present ~~invention~~disclosure all comprise Compound (1), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, together with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable lipids and hydrophilic surfactants. The compositions of the present ~~invention~~disclosure may optionally include one or more additional ingredients , e.g., pharmaceutically acceptable hydrophilic solvents, solidifying agents, antioxidants, etc., as will be discussed in more detail below. The pharmaceutical compositions are liquid or semi-solid and are preferably encapsulated in a capsule for oral administration.

Another important ~~aspect~~embodiment of the present ~~invention~~disclosure involves a method of treating a hepatitis C viral infection in a mammal by administering to the mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a pharmaceutical composition of the present ~~invention~~disclosure.