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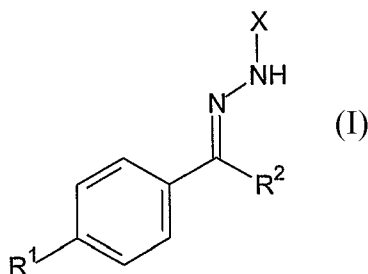
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(57) Abstract: A method is disclosed for treating hyperproliferative body surface lesions, including cancerous or precancerous lesion, such as warts or anogenital cancers, by applying a polyaryl mononitro- or dinitrophenylhydrazone such as (I) wherein R¹ is hydrogen, hydroxy, 2- or 4-hydroxyphenyl, acetate, nitroso, phosphate, azido, nitrile, amino, dimethylamino, sulfate, methylsulfonate, phosphate, succinate or another water soluble electrophilic group capable of hydrogen bonding; R² is C₆H₄OH, C₆H₄N₃, C₆H₄CN, 4-HO-C₆H₄-C₆H₄, C₆H₄OPO₂OH, C₆H₄OSO₂H, C₆H₄NH₂, C₆H₄NHM_e₂, C₆H₄OSO₂Me, C₆H₄OCO(CH₂)_xCO₂H, or C₆H₅Cl; and X is C₆H₃-2,4(NO₂)₂, C₆H₄-4(NO₂), C₆H₄-3(NO₂), or C₆H₃-2,4(NO₂)₂. In a particular example, R¹ is OH, R² is C₆H₄OH and X is C₆H₃-2,4(NO₂)₂.