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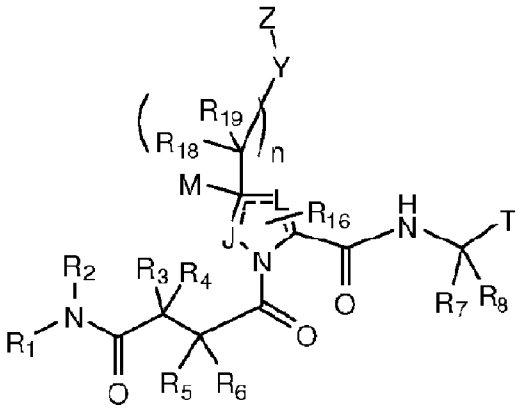
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(54) Title: NEW 4-AMINO-4-OXOBUTANOYL PEPTIDES AS INHIBITORS OF VIRAL REPLICATION



(I)

(57) Abstract: The invention provides 4-amino-4-oxobutanoyl peptides of Formula I and the pharmaceutically salts and hydrates thereof. The variables R, R_1, R_6-R_8, R_{16}, R_{18}, R_{19}, M, n, T, Y, and Z are defined herein. Certain compounds of Formula I are useful as antiviral agents. The 4-amino-4-oxobutanoyl peptides disclosed herein are potent and/ or selective inhibitors of viral replication, particularly Hepatitis C virus replication. The invention also provides pharmaceutical compositions containing one or more 4-amino-4-oxobutanoyl peptides and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers. Such pharmaceutical compositions may contain a 4-amino-4-oxobutanoyl peptides as the only active agent or may contain a combination of a 4-amino-4-oxobutanoyl peptides and one or more other pharmaceutically active agents. The invention also provides methods for treating viral infections, including Hepatitis C infections.

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