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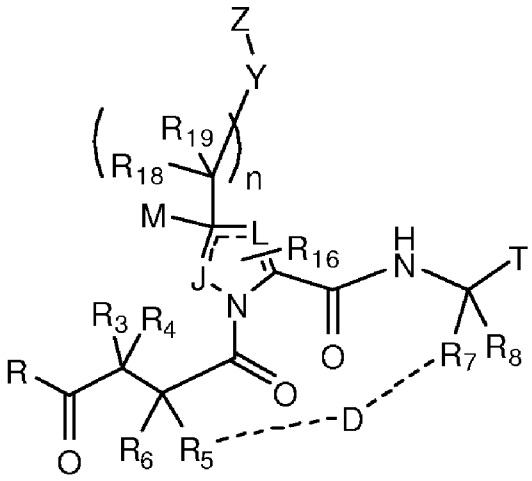
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(54) Title: 4-AMINO-4-OXOBUTANOYL PEPTIDE CYCLIC ANALOGUES, INHIBITORS OF VIRAL REPLICATION



(I)

(57) Abstract: The invention provides 4-amino-4-oxobutanoyl peptides and cyclic analogues thereof of Formula I and the pharmaceutically salts thereof. The variables are defined herein. Certain compounds of Formula I are useful as antiviral agents. 4-amino-4-oxobutanoyl peptide cyclic analogues as 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 peptide cyclic analogues and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers. Such pharmaceutical compositions may contain a 4-amino-4-oxobutanoyl peptide cyclic analogue as the only active agent or may contain a combination of a 4-amino-4-oxobutanoyl peptide cyclic analogue and one or more other pharmaceutically active agents. The invention also provides methods for treating viral infections, including Hepatitis C infections, in patients.

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