



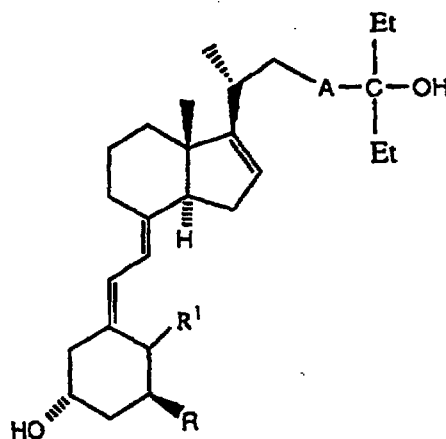
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(57) Abstract

The invention relates to a compound of formula (I) wherein A is a carbon-carbon double bond having the E or Z stereochemical configuration, or A is a carbon-carbon triple bond, Et is ethyl, and R is hydroxy and R¹ is hydrogen or -CH₂, or R is hydrogen or fluoro and R¹ is -CH₂. They stimulate HL-60 cell differentiation and accordingly, are useful as agents for the treatment of neoplastic diseases, such as leukemia.