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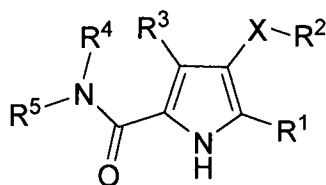
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(I)

(57) Abstract: Compounds of Formula (I) are HIV reverse transcriptase inhibitors, wherein X, R¹, R², R³, R⁴ and R⁵ are defined herein. The compounds of Formula (I) and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts are useful in the inhibition of HIV reverse transcriptase, the prophylaxis and treatment of infection by HIV and in the prophylaxis, delay in the onset or progression, and treatment of AIDS. The compounds and their salts can be employed as ingredients in pharmaceutical compositions, optionally in combination with other antivirals, immunomodulators, antibiotics or vaccines.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
 IPC: C07D 207/337(2006.01)

USPC: 548/537
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
 U.S. : 548/537

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	Database CAS ONLINE on STN, Chem. Abstr., Accession No. 2002:777963, WO 2002079234 A1 (Istituto di Ricerche di Biologia Molecolare P. Angeletti Spa, Italy; et al.) 10 October 2002 (10.10.2002), abstract.	5

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Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. Claims Nos.: 1-4 and 6-11
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:
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3. Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
 2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying additional fees, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fees.
 3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

 4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:
- Remark on Protest**
- The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest and, where applicable, the payment of a protest fee.
 - The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest but the applicable protest fee was not paid within the time limit specified in the invitation.
 - No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Continuation of Box II Reason 2:

The numerous variables, e.g. (X, T, U, R1, Rk, RI, R2, R3, R4, R5, Ra, Rb, CycA, AryA, HetA, CycB, CycC, CycD, CycE, AryB, AryC, AryD, AryE, HetB, Het C, Het D, Het E, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, CycQ, AryQ, HetQ, HetR, Z, etc.) and their voluminous, complex meanings and their virtual incomprehensible permutations and combinations make it impossible to determine the full scope and complete meaning of the claimed subject matter. As presented the claimed subject matter cannot be regarded as being a clear and concise description for which protection is sought and as such the listed claims do not comply with the requirements of PCT Article 6. Thus it is impossible to carry out a meaningful search on same. A search will be carried out on the first discernable invention of claim 5 which is the first four listed compounds: N-(2,4-dichlorobenzyl)-N,3-dimethyl-4-(1-phenylsulfonyl)-1H-pyrrole-2,5-dicarboxamide; N-(2,4-dichlorobenzyl)-4-[(3,5-dichlorophenyl)sulfonyl]-N,3-dimethyl-1H-pyrrole-2,5-dicarboxamide; N-benzyl-N,3-dimethyl-4-(3,5-dimethylphenylsulfonyl)-1H-pyrrole-2,5-dicarboxamide; and N-(2-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-N,3-dimethyl-4-(phenylsulfonyl)-1H-pyrrole-2,5-dicarboxamide.

Continuation of B. FIELDS SEARCHED Item 3:

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STN structure search