

Title (en)  
5,6-O-ISOALKYLIDENE ASCORBIC ACID DERIVATIVES.

Title (de)  
5,6-O-ISOALKYLIDEN-ASCORBINSÄUREABKÖMMLINGE.

Title (fr)  
DERIVES D'ACIDE 5,6-O-ISOALKYLIDENE ASCORBIQUE.

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Abstract (en)  
[origin: WO8200642A1] Novel, highly effective nitrosoureas useful in the treatment of mammalian tumors. The high degree of selectivity of the compounds is attributed to the positioning of certain electronegative groups on the ss-carbon of the unnitrosated side of the molecule. Hypothetically, this may aid in hydrogen bonding to certain enzyme active sites, thereby more selectively eliminating enzymatic maintenance of proteins masking tumor cell surface antigens, which in turn prevent normal immune system destruction of neoplastic tissue. The activity of the compounds is further shown to be superior to that of MeCCNU (1-(4-trans-methylcyclohexyl)-3-(2-chloroethyl)-3-nitrosourea), a highly active compound commonly employed in cancer chemotherapy. Compounds of the following general formula are disclosed: (FORMULA) and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein hal is chlorine or fluorine; R is a hydroxy, halogen, carboxylic acid group or derivatives thereof; n is 4 to 7, wherein the cycloalkyl group may be optionally substituted with one or more methyl groups or hydroxyl groups.

Abstract (fr)  
Nouveaux produits de condensation entre des cétolactones d'énediol tel que de l'acide 5,6-O-isopropylidène ascorbique et des isocyanates de 2-chloroéthyle présentant une puissante activité anti-tumorale probablement sans la libération d'agents d'alkylation *in vivo*. Bien que les structures des produits ne puissent pas être facilement tirées au clair, il apparaît que leur activité est supérieure à celle du BCNU (bis(2-chloroéthyle)-N-nitrosourea) et parallèle à celle de la nitrosourea NeCCNU(1-(4-trans-methylcyclohexyl)-3-(2-chlorotéthyle)-3-nitrosourea), qui est toxique et très efficace. Les composés préférés sont des produits de condensation selon la formule (FORMULE) où R2 et R3 représentent un groupe alkyle inférieur contenant de 1 à 3 atomes de carbone ou H et hal-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-N=C=O (B) où hal représente I, Br ou Cl.

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