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and a composition comprising a therapeutically effective
amount of said compound. The present invention also
provides a method for inhibiting hepatitis C virus (HCV)
polymerase, a method for inhibiting HCV viral replication,

and a method for treating or preventing HCV infection.
Processes for making said compounds, and synthetic
intermediates employed in said processes, are also pro-
vided. formula (I)

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