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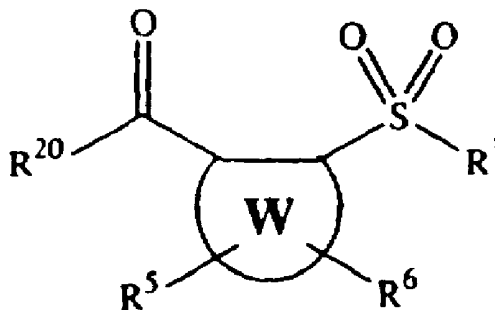
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(54) Abstract Title: **Method for characterizing a highly parallelized liquid handling technique using microplates and test kit for carrying out the method**

(57) This invention is directed to a process for inhibiting aggrecanase activity. The process comprises administering a therapeutically effective amount of a sulfonyl aromatic or heteroaromatic hydroxamic acid, a derivative thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of the hydroxamic acid or derivative to a host animal. The compound generally corresponds in structure to the following formula: , wherein W and the R groups are described in more detail in Applicants' specification.



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