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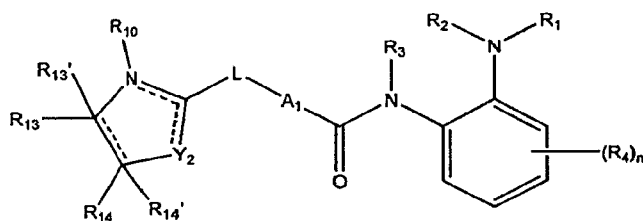
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(I)

(57) Abstract: Compounds, pharmaceutical compositions, kits and methods are provided for use with histone deacetylases (HDACs) that comprise a compound selected from the group consisting of formula (I) wherein the variables are as defined herein.

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
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Box 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.:
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 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:

see additional sheet

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 an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.

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.:

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- The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Continuation of Box II.2

Claims Nos.:

The initial phase of the search revealed a very large number of documents relevant to the issue of novelty of the first invention. So many documents were retrieved that it is impossible to determine which parts of the claims 1-80 (part) may be said to define subject-matter for which protection might legitimately be sought (Article 6 PCT). For these reasons, the search was performed taking into consideration the non-compliance in determining the extent of the search of claims 1-80 (part) and the search was restricted to a generalization of the examples provided, namely compounds with a 5-membered imidazole (also with one N substituted by another heterocycle) condensed to a 6-membered aromatic cycle and linking units consisting of -A-CH₂-, wherein A is an heterocycle.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure. If the application proceeds into the regional phase before the EPO, the applicant is reminded that a search may be carried out during examination before the EPO (see EPO Guideline C-VI, 8.5), should the problems which led to the Article 17(2) declaration be overcome.

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-6, 8-9, 12-22 (all part), 23, 24-72 (part), 73, 74-80 (part)

Compounds with A1=1,4-phenyl and differing in the linker unit (L) and /or the 5-m. N-heterocycle etc. It includes intermediates possessing the same differentiating element (A1=1,4-phenyl).

2. claims: 1-7, 10-22, 24-72, 74-80 (all part)

Compounds and intermediates with A1=1,2 or 1,3-phenyl differing therefore from the previous in the anchoring position of the A1 unit.

3. claims: 1-21, 24-71, 74-80 (all part)

All other compounds and intermediates wherein A1 is not phenyl, differing in the nature of the center A1 cycle

4. claims: 81-82

Intermediates not possessing the differentiating unit (A1).

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