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[54] INHIBITION OF NITRIC OXIDE SYNTHASE

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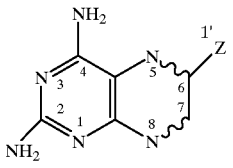
[57] ABSTRACT

The invention comprises a method of effecting nitric oxide synthase inhibition, and nitric oxide level reduction by use of a composition of the structure



wherein Z is an hydroxyl carbon at 1' of the formula CH(OH)—X;

wherein X is selected from the group consisting of CH(OH)—CH3, $(CH(OH))_n$—Y, and $(CH(OH))_n$—$CH2_n$—W;

wherein Y is hydrogen, or lower alkyl, W is hydrogen or hydroxyl, and n is 1–20;

and the 5–6 and 7–8 bonds are each either a single bond or a double bond,

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof (collectively, "C1' aminobiopterin"), and compositions useful in such method.

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