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[54] METHOD FOR THE TREATMENT OF MALARIA

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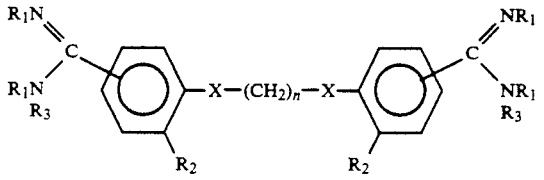
[57] **ABSTRACT**

A method for treating malaria which comprises to an afflicted host patient a therapeutically effective amount of a compound have the structure of formula I:



wherein X is O or NH; $R_1$ is H or two $R_1$ groups on the same amidine group together represents $-(CH_2)_m-$, wherein m=**2**, **3** or **4**; $R_2$ is H, $NH_2$, Cl, $NO_2$; $R_3$ is H, $CH_3$ or $CH_2CH_3$ and n=**2–6** or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof provided that when X is O, both $R_2$ and both $R_3$ can not be H.

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