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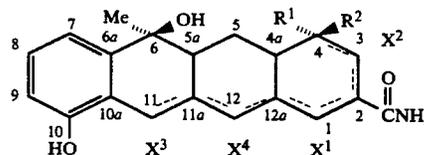
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[57] **ABSTRACT**

Provided is a method of treating humans or animals suffering from a condition or disease characterized by excessive collagen destruction, which comprises administering to said human or animal an effective amount of a 12a-deoxytetracycline represented by the following general formula



The method is effective in the treatment of various articular diseases characterized by excessive collagen destruction.

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