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5. The method of claim 1, wherein the virus is a negative strand RNA virus or a double stranded DNA virus.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein the virus belongs to a family selected from the group consisting of Bornaviridae, Filoviridae, Paramyxoviridae, Rhabdoviridae, Arenaviridae, Bunyaviridae, Orthomyxoviridae, and Poxviridae.

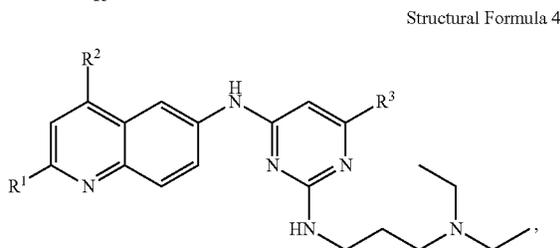
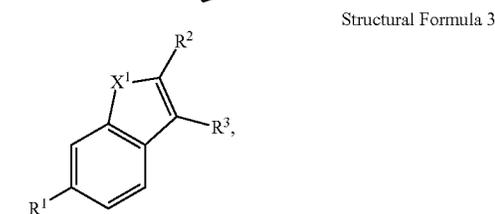
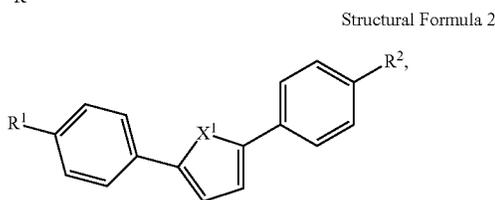
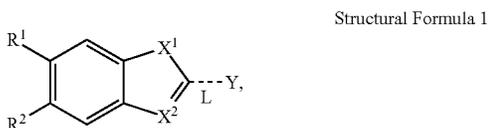
7. The method of claim 1, wherein the virus is an Ebolavirus, a Marburgvirus, an Arenavirus, an Influenzavirus, and an Orthopoxvirus.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein the virus is Zaire Ebolavirus, Reston Ebolavirus, Sudan Ebolavirus, Ivory Coast Ebolavirus, Bundibugyo Ebolavirus, Marburgvirus, Lassa virus, Influenzavirus A, Cowpox virus, or Monkeypox virus.

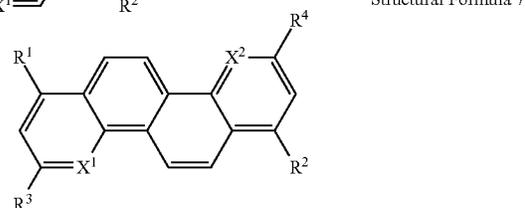
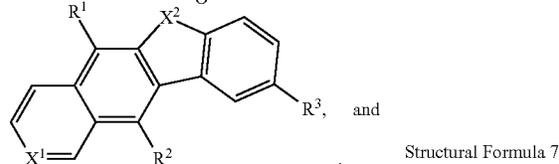
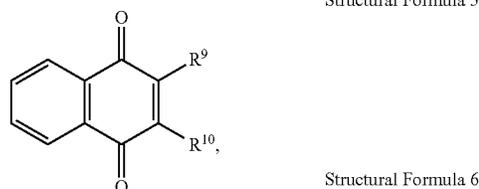
9. The method of claim 1, wherein the virus is not a reverse transcribing diploid single-stranded RNA virus or a reverse transcribing circular double-stranded DNA virus.

10. The method of claim 1, wherein if the virus is an oncornavirus, the compound is an excluded compound.

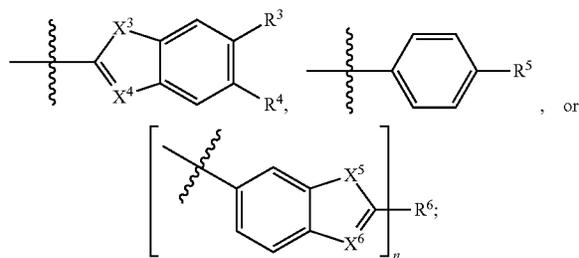
11. A method of treating an infection in a cell or a subject caused by a virus which comprises administering to the cell or the subject an effective amount of a compound having a structural formula selected from the group consisting of



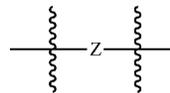
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wherein
Y is



n is 1 or 2;
X¹, X², X³, X⁴, X⁵ and X⁶ are each independently C, N, S, O, SO₂, CR⁷ or NR⁸;
L is a linker which may be a direct bond or



where Z is an optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, dialkenyl, trialkenyl, aryl, amide;

R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶ and R⁷ are each independently hydrogen, amino, amine with stabilized carbocations, carboxyl, optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, alkoxy, aryloxy, cycloalkoxy, heteroaryloxy, alkoxy carbonyl, alkylamino, carbamoyl, alkylaminocarbonyl, alkylsulfhydryl, alkylhydroxymate, or an amide possessing an alkyl substituent;

R⁸ is hydrogen, OH, a halogen, or an optionally substituted alkyl; and

R⁹ and R¹⁰ are each independently optionally substituted mercapto alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, alkoxy, aryloxy, cycloalkoxy, heteroaryloxy, alkoxy carbonyl, alkylamino, carbamoyl, alkylaminocarbonyl, alkylsulfhydryl, or alkylhydroxymate.