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<p>(54) Title: HYDROXYETHYLAMINO SULPHONAMIDES USEFUL AS RETROVIRAL PROTEASE INHIBITORS</p>		
<p>(57) Abstract</p>		
<p>Hydroxyethylamino sulphonamide compounds of formulae (1) and (2), wherein A, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>6</sup>, x, P<sup>1</sup> and P<sup>2</sup> are as defined in claims 1 and 8 are effective as retroviral protease inhibitors, and in particular as inhibitors of HIV protease.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">(1)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(2)</p>	

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**Hydroxyethylamino sulphonamides useful as retroviral protease inhibitors****RELATED APPLICATION**

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application of co-owned and co-pending U.S. patent  
application Serial No. 08/204,827 filed March 2, 1994,  
which is a continuation in part application of co-owned  
and co-pending PCT/US93/07814, filed August 24, 1993,  
10 which is a continuation in part application of co-owned  
U.S. patent application Serial No. 07/934,984 filed  
August 25, 1992, now abandoned, each of which is  
incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION****1. Field of the Invention**

The present invention relates to retroviral  
protease inhibitors and, more particularly, relates to  
20 novel compounds and a composition and method for  
inhibiting retroviral proteases. This invention, in  
particular, relates to sulfonamide-containing  
hydroxyethylamine protease inhibitor compounds, a  
composition and method for inhibiting retroviral  
25 proteases such as human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)  
protease and for treating a retroviral infection, e.g.,  
an HIV infection. The subject invention also relates to  
processes for making such compounds as well as to  
intermediates useful in such processes.

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**2. Related Art**

During the replication cycle of retroviruses,  
gag and gag-pol gene transcription products are translated  
as proteins. These proteins are subsequently processed by  
35 a virally encoded protease (or proteinase) to yield viral  
enzymes and structural proteins of the virus core. Most  
commonly, the gag precursor proteins are processed into

the core proteins and the pol precursor proteins are processed into the viral enzymes, e.g., reverse transcriptase and retroviral protease. It has been shown that correct processing of the precursor proteins by the retroviral protease is necessary for assembly of infectious virions. For example, it has been shown that frameshift mutations in the protease region of the pol gene of HIV prevents processing of the gag precursor protein. It has also been shown through site-directed mutagenesis of an aspartic acid residue in the HIV protease active site that processing of the gag precursor protein is prevented. Thus, attempts have been made to inhibit viral replication by inhibiting the action of retroviral proteases.

Retroviral protease inhibition typically involves a transition-state mimetic whereby the retroviral protease is exposed to a mimetic compound which binds (typically in a reversible manner) to the enzyme in competition with the gag and gag-pol proteins to thereby inhibit specific processing of structural proteins and the release of retroviral protease itself. In this manner, retroviral replication proteases can be effectively inhibited.

Several classes of compounds have been proposed, particularly for inhibition of proteases, such as for inhibition of HIV protease. Such compounds include hydroxyethylamine isosteres and reduced amide isosteres. See, for example, EP O 346 847; EP O 342,541; Roberts et al, "Rational Design of Peptide-Based Proteinase Inhibitors, "Science, 248, 358 (1990); and Erickson et al, "Design Activity, and 2.8Å Crystal Structure of a C<sub>2</sub> Symmetric Inhibitor Complexed to HIV-1 Protease," Science, 249, 527 (1990).

Several classes of compounds are known to be useful as inhibitors of the proteolytic enzyme renin. See, for example, U.S. No. 4,599,198; U.K. 2,184,730; G.B. 2,209,752; EP O 264 795; G.B. 2,200,115 and U.S. SIR H725. Of these, G.B. 2,200,115, GB 2,209,752, EP O 264,795, U.S. SIR H725 and U.S. 4,599,198 disclose urea-containing hydroxyethylamine renin inhibitors. EP 468 641 discloses renin inhibitors and intermediates for the preparation of the inhibitors, which include sulfonamide-containing hydroxyethylamine compounds, such as 3-(t-butoxycarbonyl)amino-cyclohexyl-1-(phenylsulfonyl)amino-2(5)-butanol. G.B. 2,200,115 also discloses sulfamoyl-containing hydroxyethylamine renin inhibitors, and EP 0264 795 discloses certain sulfonamide-containing hydroxyethylamine renin inhibitors. However, it is known that, although renin and HIV proteases are both classified as aspartyl proteases, compounds which are effective renin inhibitors generally cannot be predicted to be effective HIV protease inhibitors.

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#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The present invention is directed to virus inhibiting compounds and compositions. More particularly, the present invention is directed to retroviral protease inhibiting compounds and compositions, to a method of inhibiting retroviral proteases, to processes for preparing the compounds and to intermediates useful in such processes. The subject compounds are characterized as sulfonamide-containing hydroxyethylamine inhibitor compounds.

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