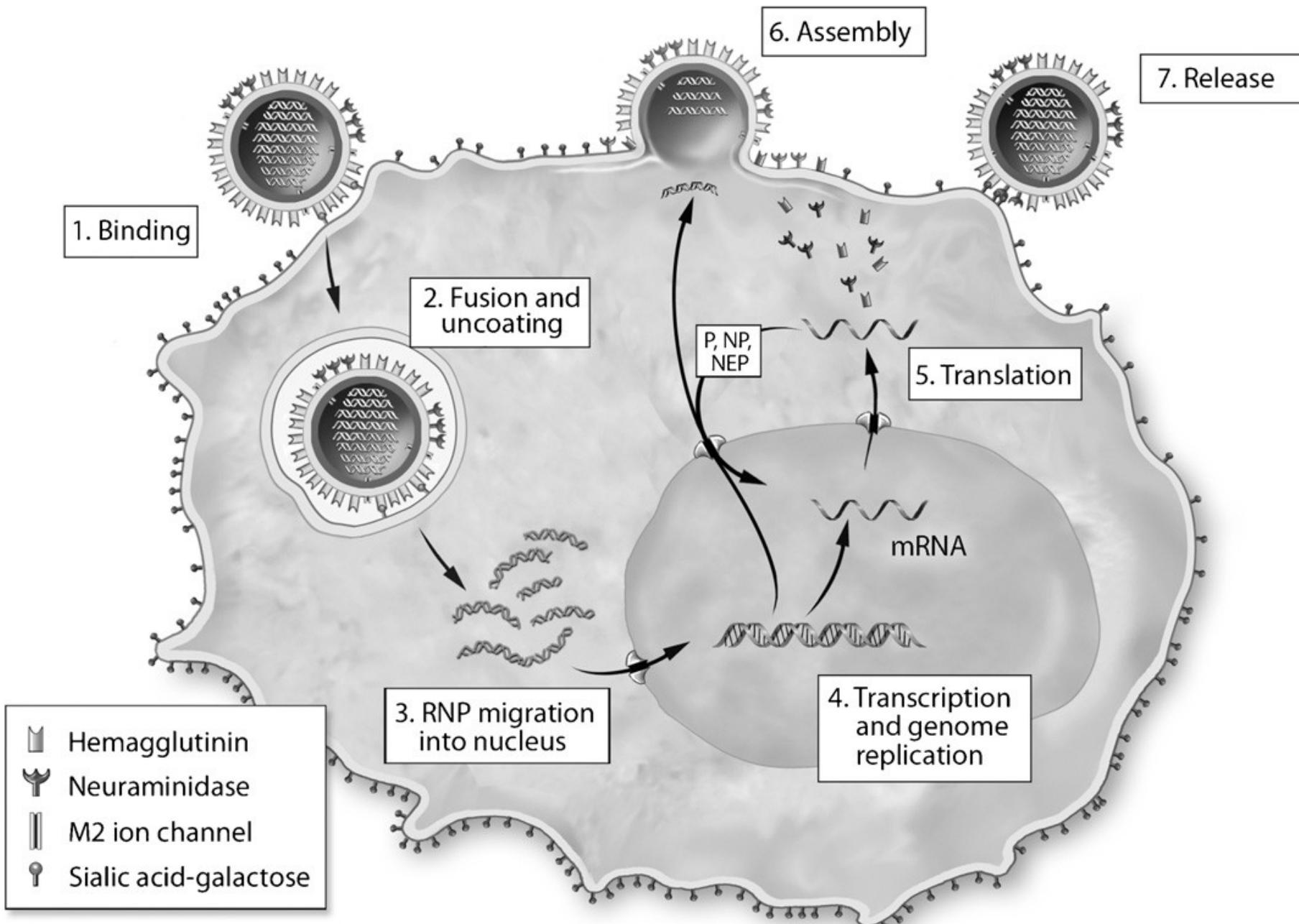


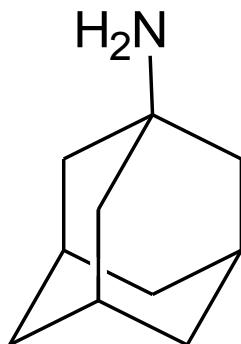
# **Antiviral drugs**

1. Adamantane derivatives
2. Neuraminidase inhibitors
3. Viral replication inhibitors
4. Viral proteases inhibitors
5. Immunotherapeutics

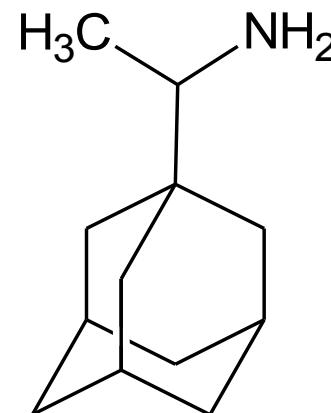
# Replication cycle of the influenza virus type A



## 1. Adamantane derivatives



1-aminotricykl[3.3.1.1]decane



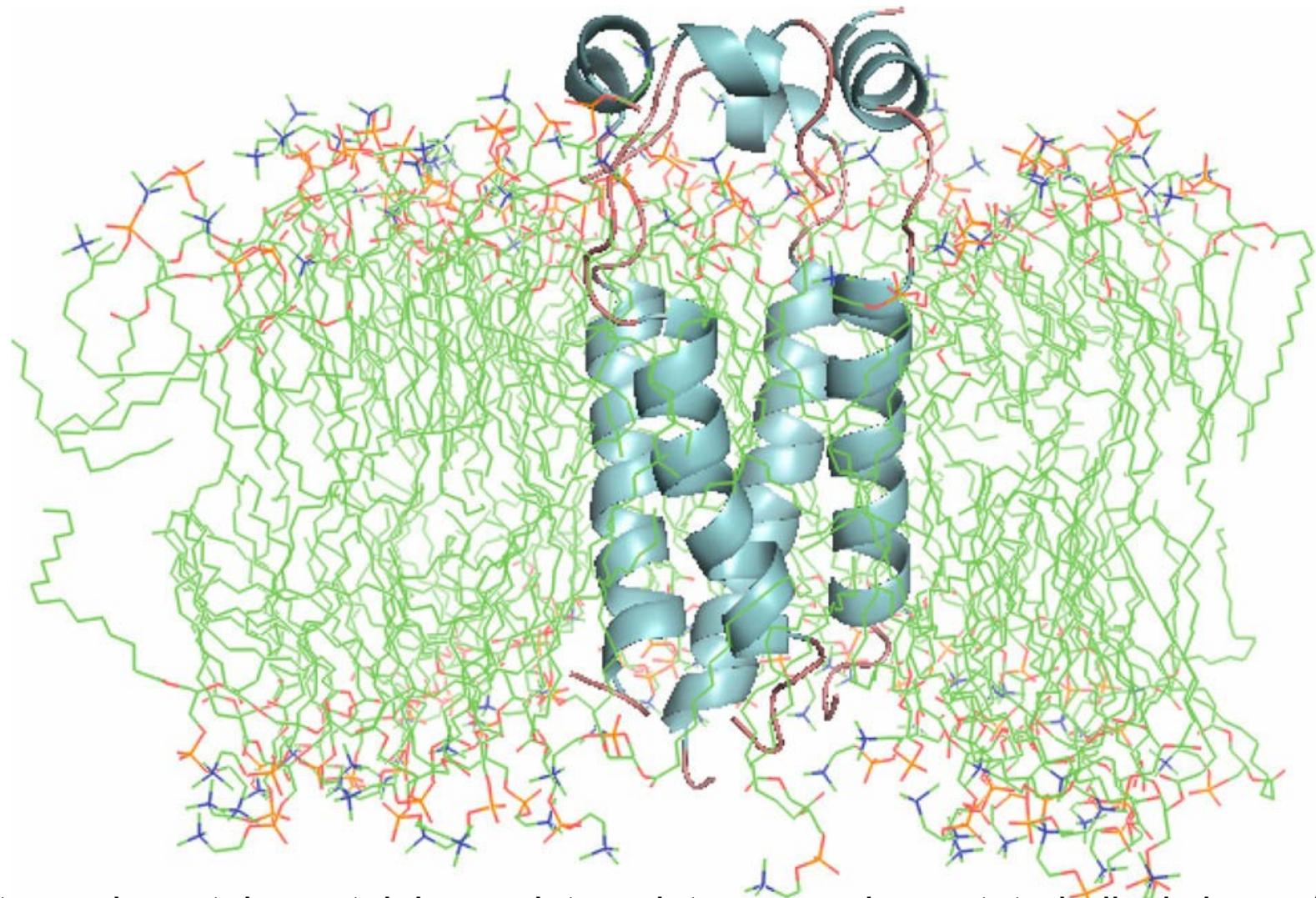
1-(aminoethyl)tricykl[3.3.1.1]decane

1-aminoadamantane  
**amantadine**  
•also antiparkinsonic

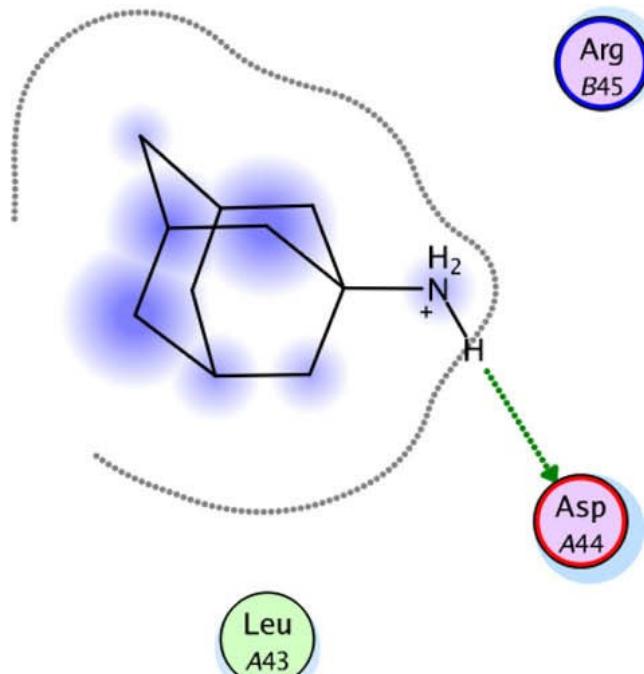
1-(1-aminoethyl)adamantane  
**rimantadine**

- against influenza of type A only; ineffective against swine influenza H1N1
- mechanism of action: inhibition of replication of influenza virus type A by blocking of transmembrane protein - proton channel M2
- namely prophylactic
- frequent resistance (M gene mutation)
- adverse effects: frequent; sleeplessness, hallucinations, orthostatic hypotension, depressions, nausea, vomiting

## Ion channel M2 of the influenza virus H1N1 2009 (swine influenza)

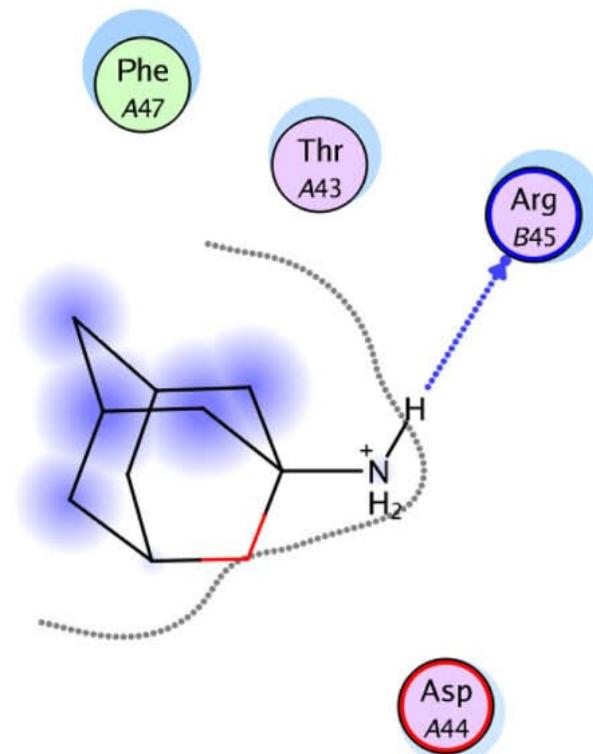


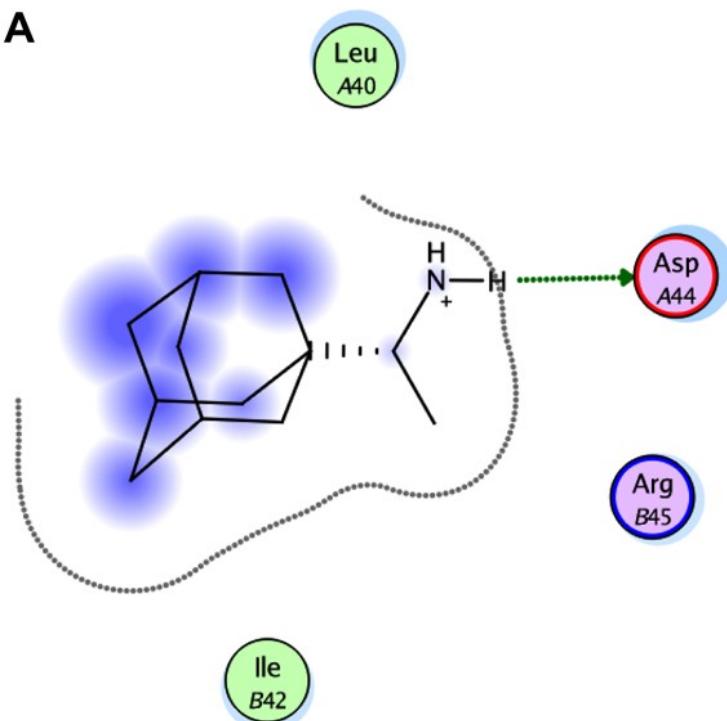
- homotetrameric protein containing an integral transmembrane tetrahedral channel consists of 97 amino acid rests in every unit; every unit contains the C-terminal domain from 54 AA, the transmembrane domain from 19 AA and the extracellular N-terminal domain from 24 AA
- proton-selective channel is controlled by endosomal pH values; it leads endosomal protons into the virion
- this channel is probably fundamental for the life cycle of the virus

**A**Phe  
A47

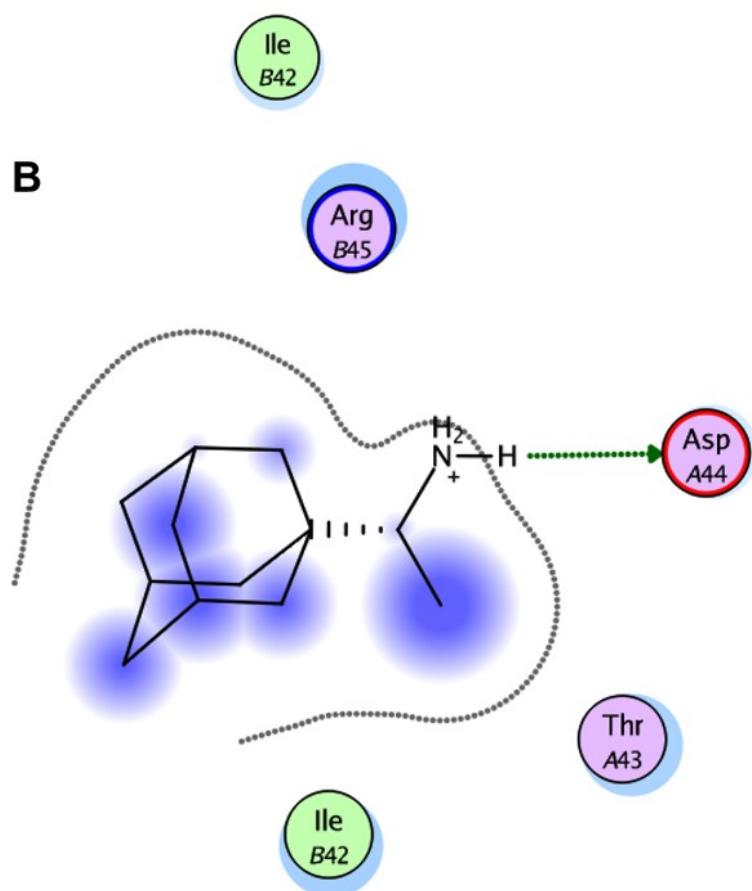
Interaction of amantadine with proton channel M2 of viruses H5N1 (A) and H1N1 (B)

- adamantane antivirotics are bound to the outside „lipoid pocket“ near Trp41 (in addition H-bridge to Asp 44), the molecule acts as an „molecular wedge“, which stabilizes close conformation of the channel gate and increases energy barrier for its opening
- blue spots represent sizes or electron clouds of lipophilic fragments of M2 channel which interact with the drug by hydrophobic interactions

**B**

**A**

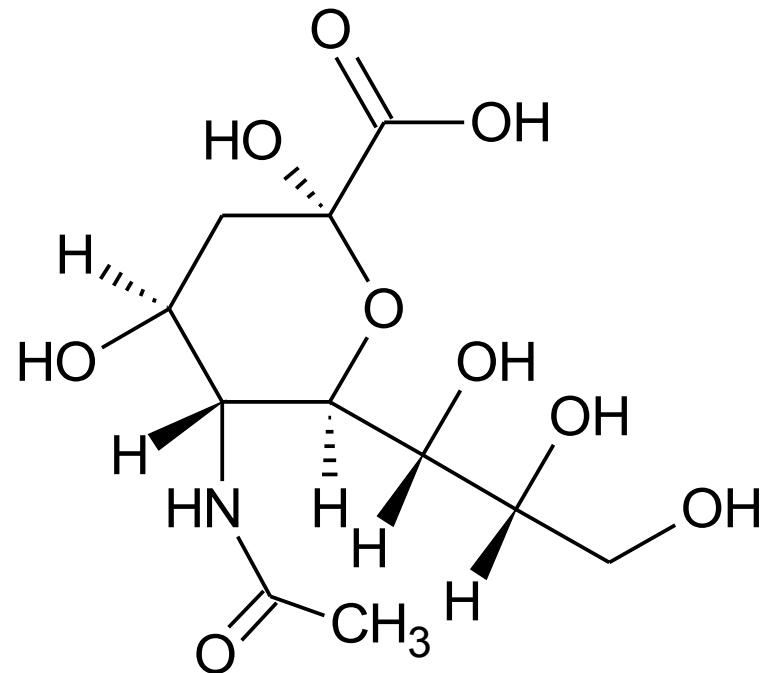
Interaction of rimantadine with proton channel M2 of H5N1 (A) and H1N1 (B) viruses

**B**

## 2. Viral neuraminidase inhibitors

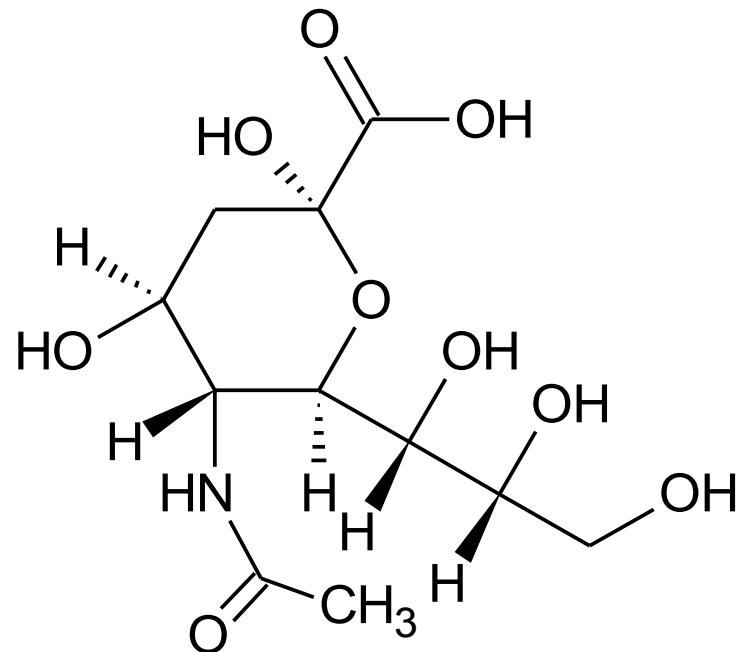
Neuraminidase (sialidase, acyl-neuramidyl hydrolase):

- glycoprotein
- glucosidase which cleaves specifically glycoside bonds  $\alpha$ -2 $\rightarrow$ 3 and  $\alpha$ -2 $\rightarrow$ 6 to galactose
- enzyme cleaving N-acetylneuraminic acid away from more complex oligosaccharides on the cell surface and thus facilitating releasing of virions from the infected cell and their spreading to other cells of host organism
- also acts as a superficial antigen of the influenza virus with principal significance for the immunity response
- in mammals and birds, 9 neuraminidase serotypes and 16 hemagglutinin serotypes have been found up to now (hemagglutinin is also a superficial antigen)

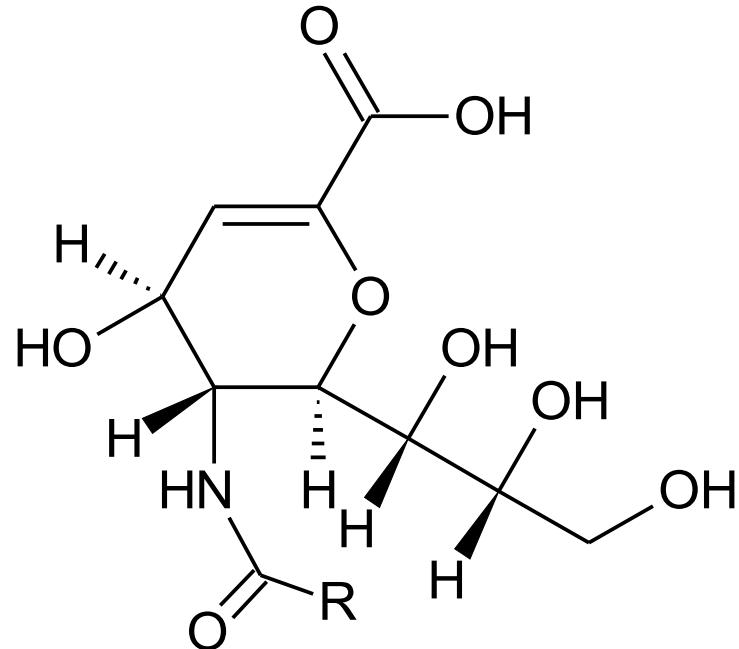


N-acetylneuraminic acid  
Aceneuramic acid [INN]

## N-acetylneuraminic acid and 1<sup>st</sup> experimental neuraminidase inhibitors



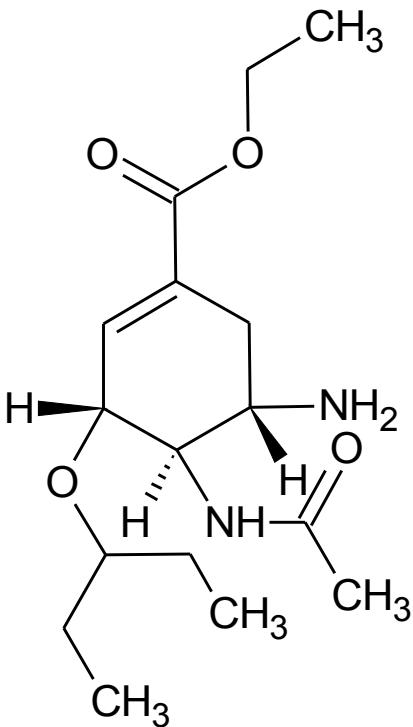
N-acetylneuraminic acid  
Aceneuramic acid [INN]



R = -CH<sub>3</sub>  
2-Deoxy-2,3-dehydro-N-acetylneuraminic acid  
**DANA**

R = -CF<sub>3</sub>  
2-Deoxy-2,3-dehydro-N-trifluoroacetylneuraminic acid  
**FANA**

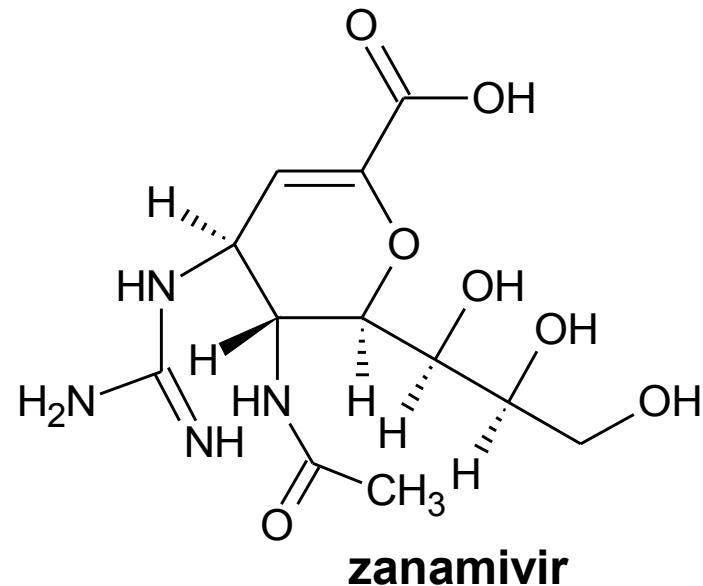
## Viral neuraminidase inhibitors



**oseltamivir**

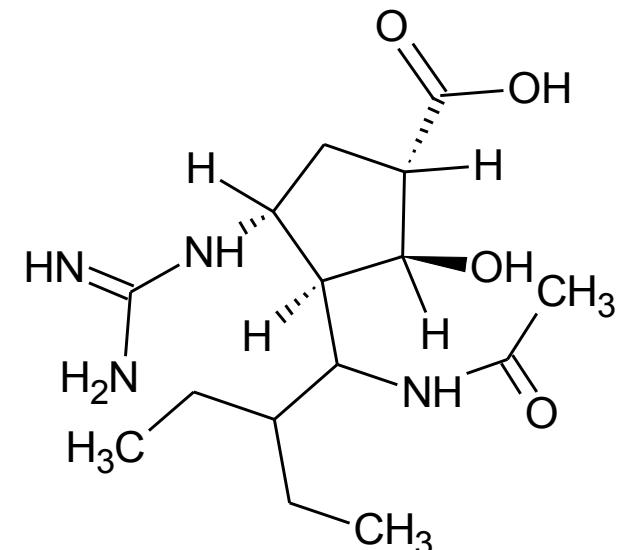
Tamiflu® cps.

- effective against H1N1 (swine), not against H5N1 (bird)



Relenza® inh. plv. dos.

- intranasal administration only
- dimeric and multimeric forms with expected greater activity, longer elimination half-time and greater bioavailability are being developed

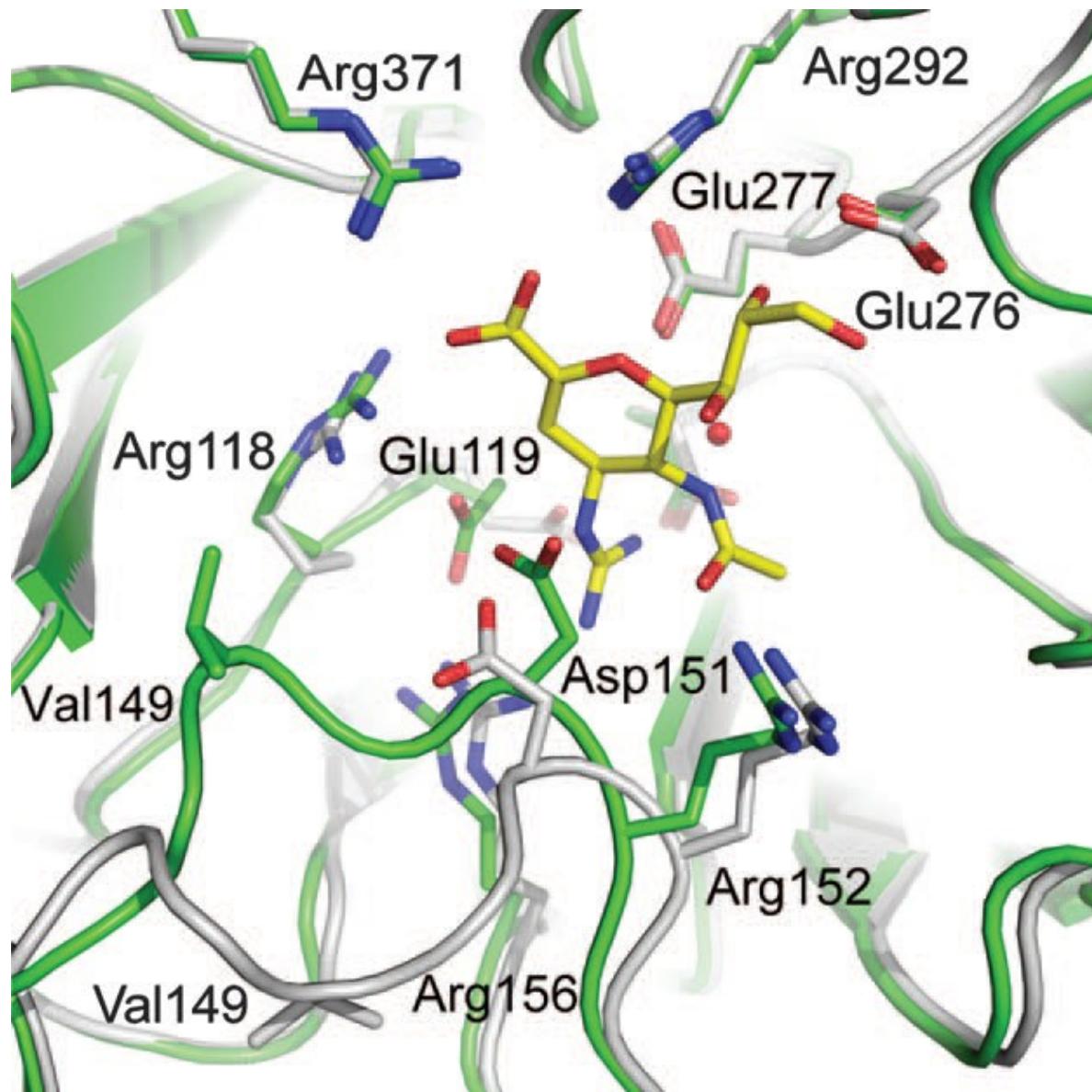


**peramivir**

BCX-1812

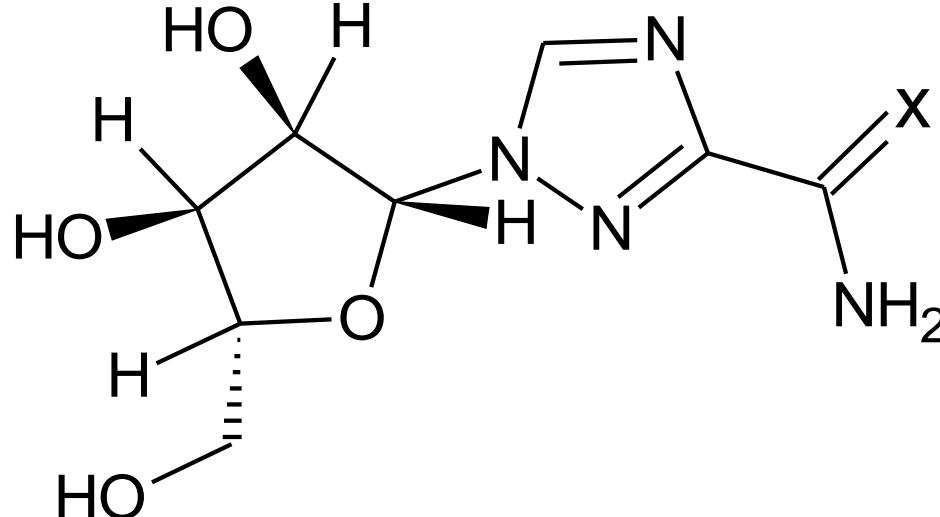
- i.v. administration
- some 3<sup>rd</sup> phase clinical tests completed, some proceeds

- development of forms for i.v. or i.m. administration



A model of binding of zanamivir to the active site of neuraminidase of reconstructed H1N1 virus from 1918 (similar to swine 2009)

### 3. Inhibitors of replication of RNA viruses



X = O

1-β-D-ribofuranosyl-1,2,4-triazole-3-carboxamide

**ribavirin**

- broad spectrum including SARS-coronavirus (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome)
- known since 1970<sup>th</sup>
- approved for treatment of HCV (hepatitis C; ± pegylated interferon) and RSV (respiration syncytial virus) in children
- mechanisms of action:
  1. inhibition of inosine-5'-monophosphate dehydrogenase (changes IMP to xanthosine-5'-monophosphate in *de novo* synthesis of GMP)
  2. direct interference with transcription and replication

Rebetol®, Copegus®

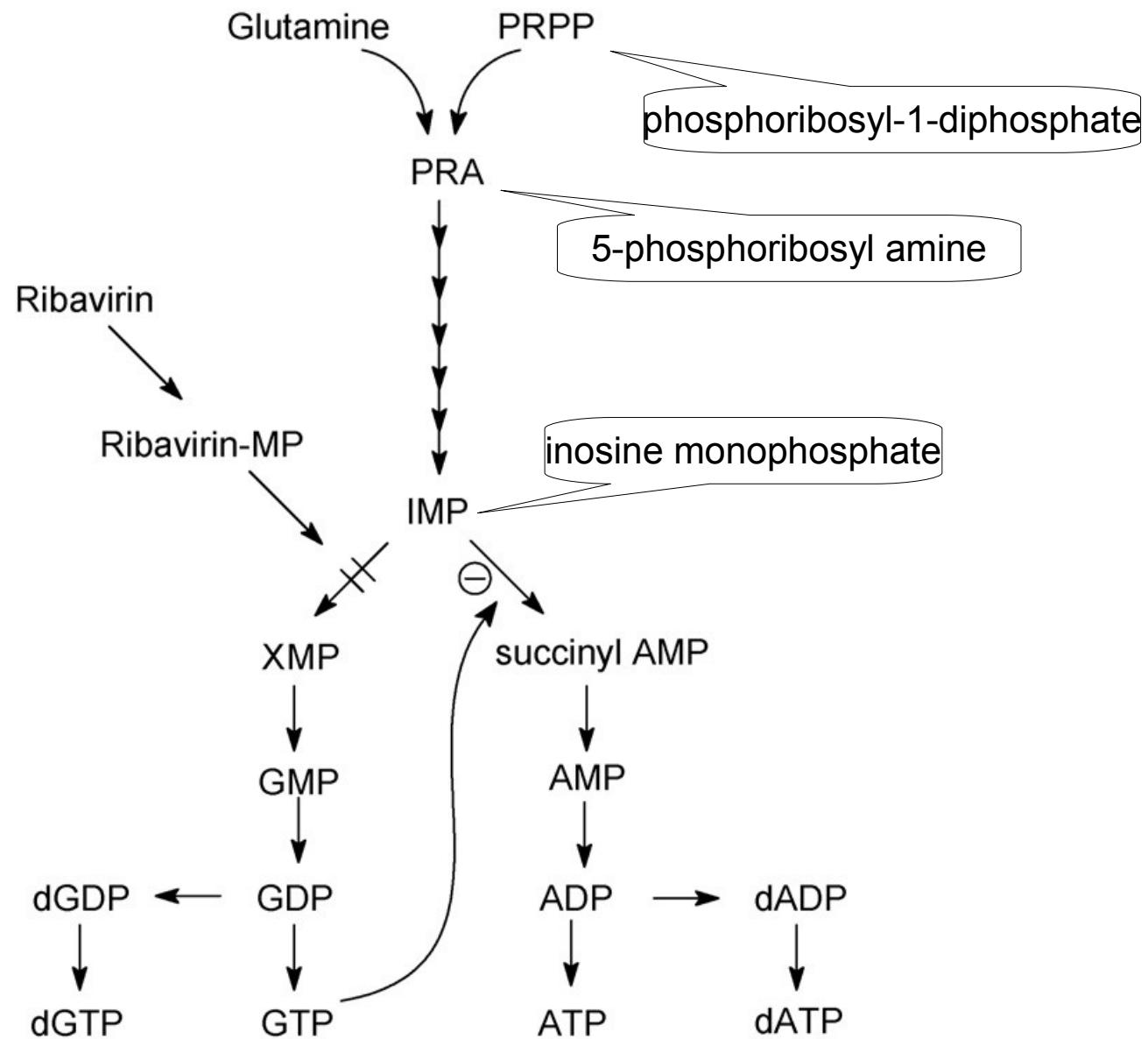
X = NH

**viramidin**

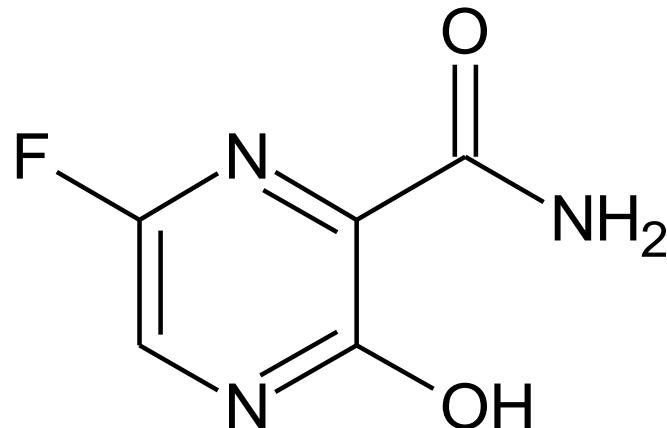
syn. **taribavirin [USAN]**

- prodrug, expected lower toxicity (hemolysis), clinical trials of the 3<sup>rd</sup> phase for HCV completed

## Mechanism of action of ribavirin



### 3. Inhibitors of replication of RNA viruses



#### **favipiravir**

5-fluoro-3-hydroxypyrazine-2-carboxamide

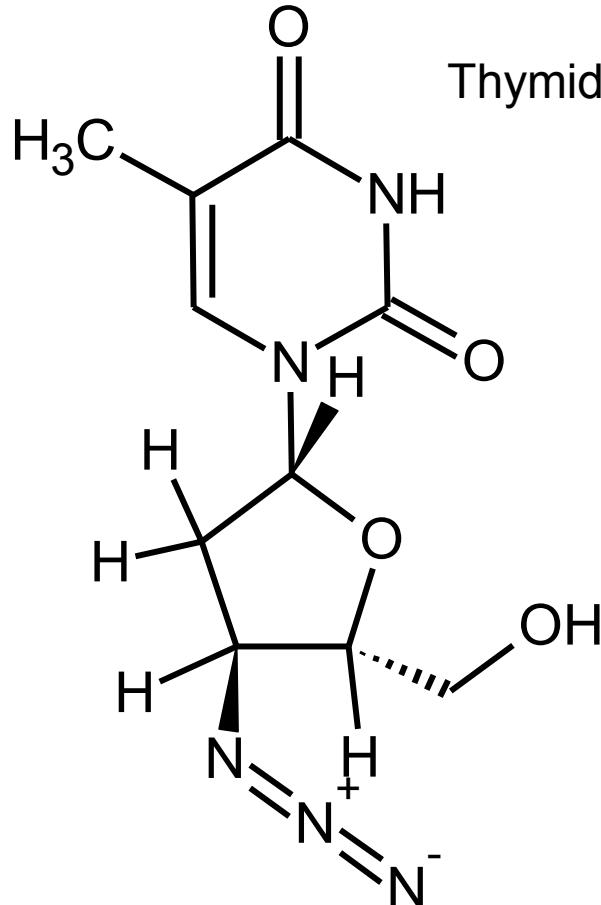
T-705

- broad spectrum including influenza A, B, C
- clinical trials of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> phases (pharmacokinetics, dose finding for influenza)
- mechanism of action: after entering the cell, phosphorylation to monophosphate by phosphoribosyl transferase and further to triphosphate by gell kinase; in this form the drug inhibits RNA-dependent RNA-polymerase
- *in vitro* very active against H5N1 (bird) and seasonal influenzas
- low toxicity, no cytotoxic effect

### 3. Inhibitors of replication of RNA viruses

#### Reverse transcriptase inhibitors

- reverse transcriptase = RNA-dependent DNA-polymerase discovered in 1970<sup>th</sup> by Temin, Mizutani and Baltimore in oncoviruses
- catalyses „reversal“ transcript of viral RNA into DNA in retroviruses



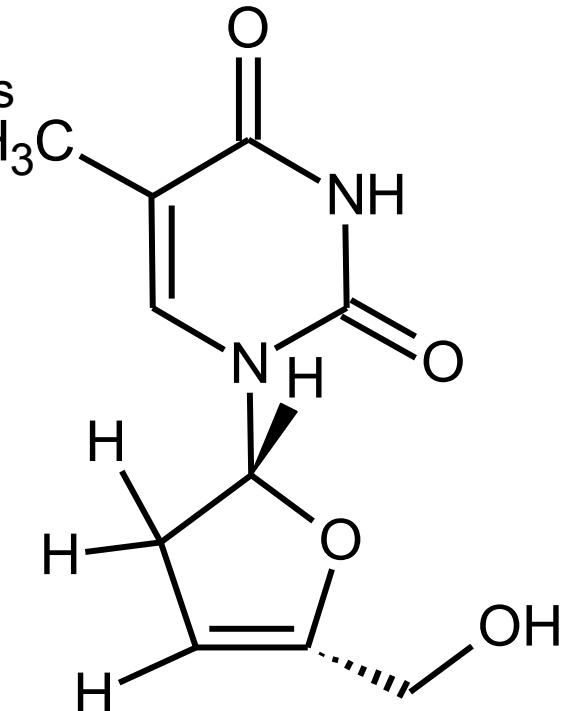
3'-azido-2', 3'-dideoxythymidine

**zidovudine**

azidothymidin, AZT

Retrovir®

Thymidine analogues



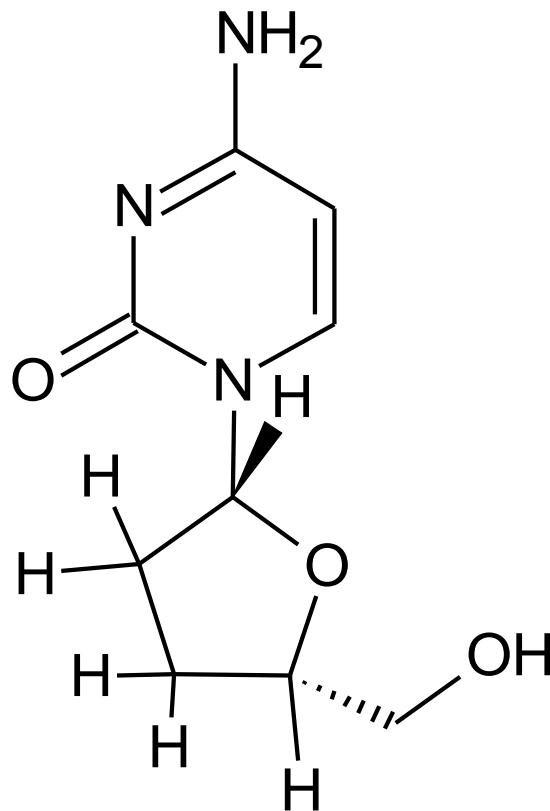
2', 3'-didehydro-2', 3'-dideoxythymidine

**stavudine**

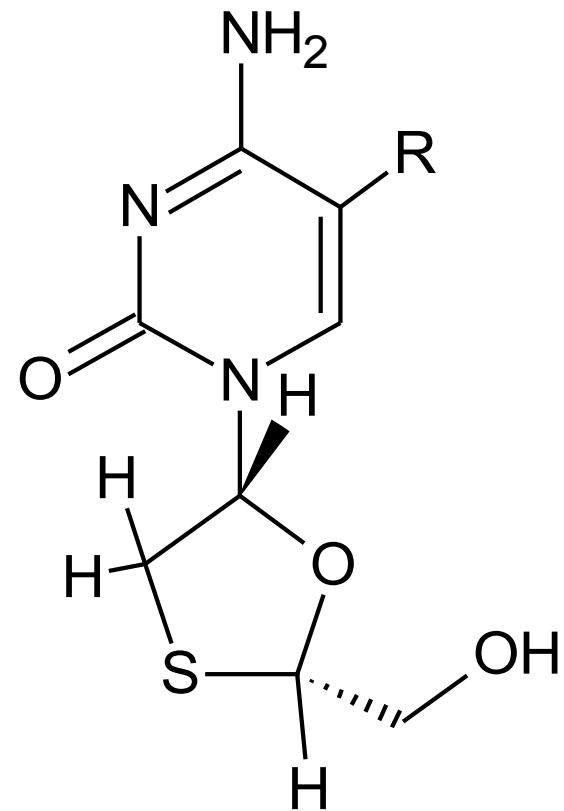
Zerit®

- treatment of HIV infections

Reverse transcriptase inhibitors  
Cytidine analogues



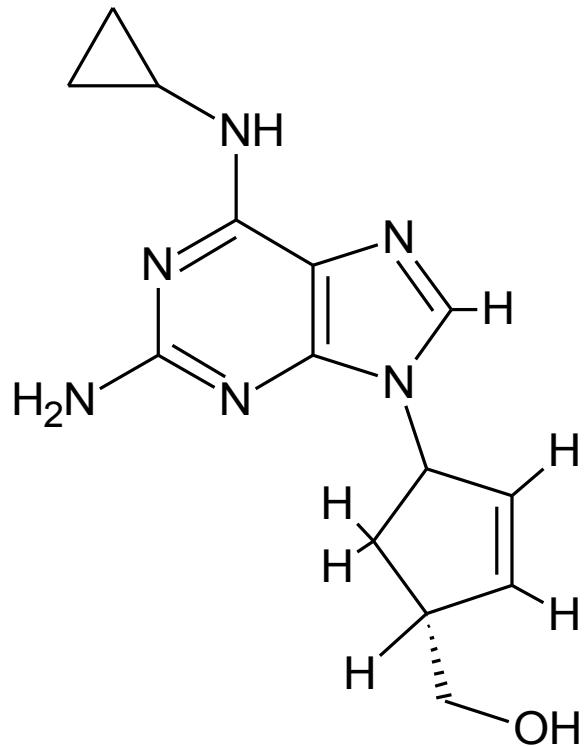
2',3'-dideoxycytidine  
**zalcitabine**  
ddC  
Hivid®



R = -H    2',3'-dideoxy-3'-thiacytidine  
**lamivudine**  
3TC  
Epivir®  
R = -F    2',3'-dideoxy-5-fluor-3'-thiacytidine  
**emtricitabine**  
Emtriva®

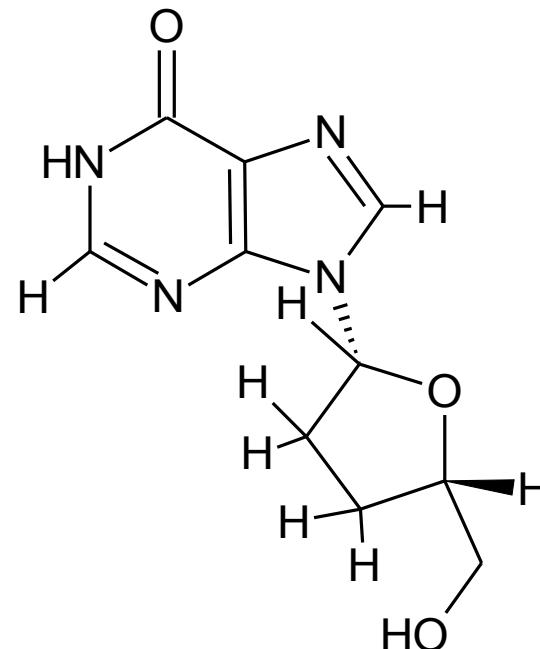
•treatment of HIV infections

Reverse transcriptase inhibitors  
Purine derivatives



{(1*R*)-4-[2-amino-6-(cyclopropylamino)-9*H*-purin-9-yl]cyclopent-2-en-1-yl}methanol

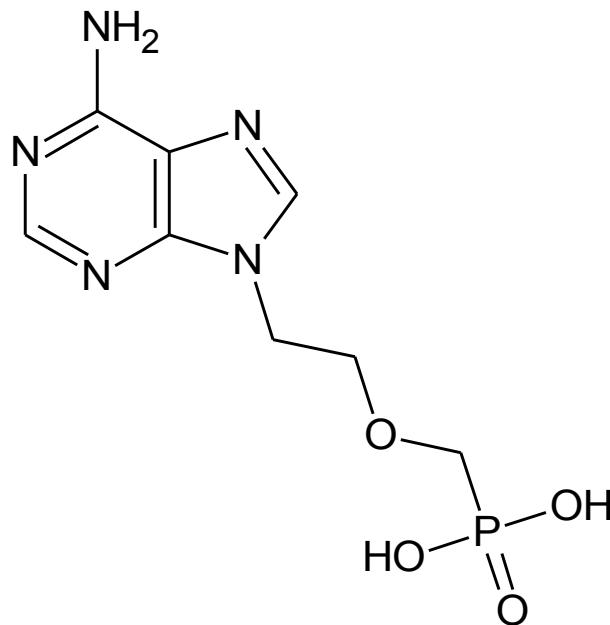
**abakavir**  
ABC  
Ziagen®



2',3'-didehydroinosine

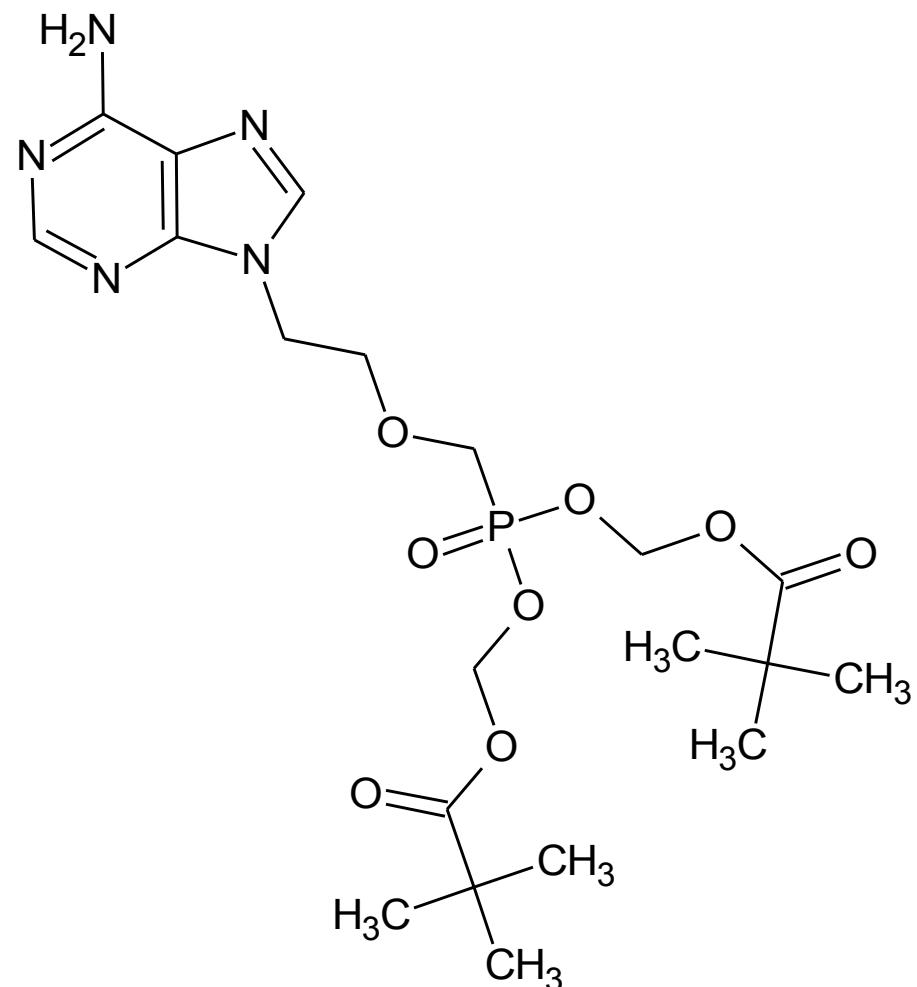
**didanosine**  
ddI  
Videx®

## Nucleotide reverse transcriptase inhibitors



9-(fosfonylmethoxyethyl)adenine  
**adefovir**

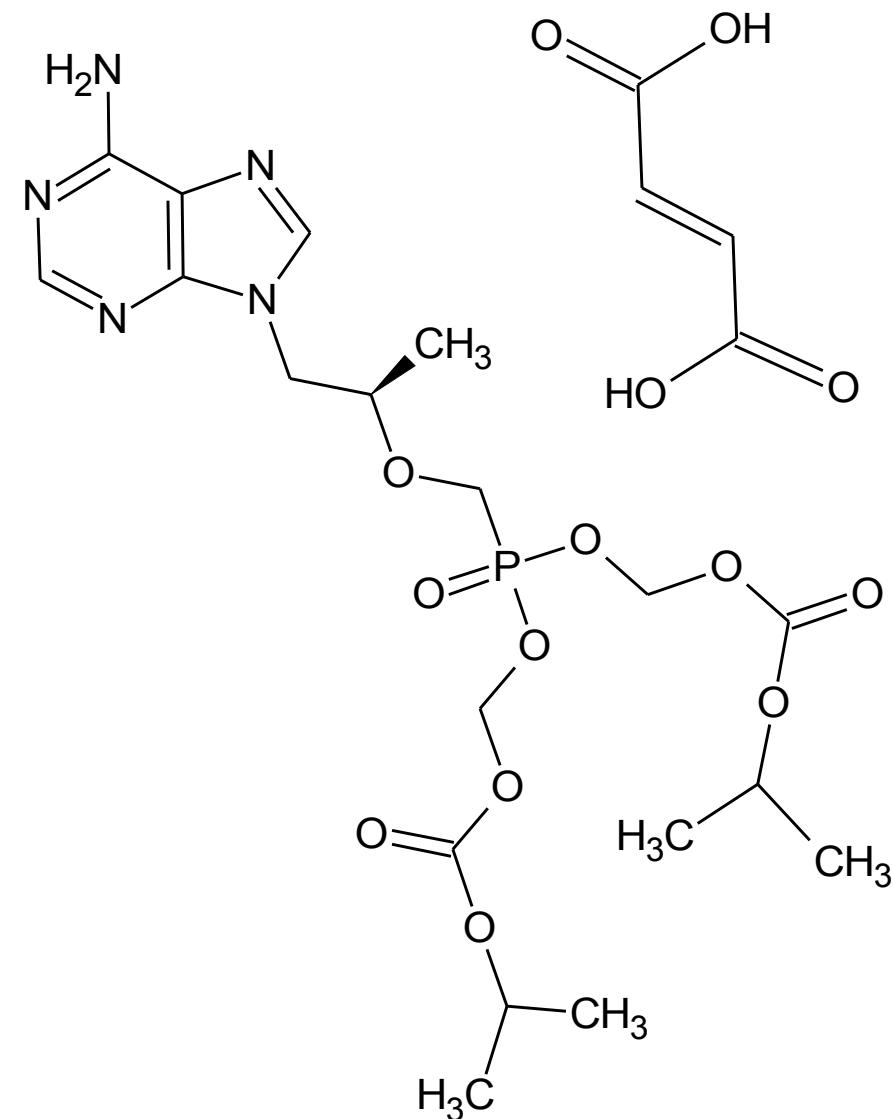
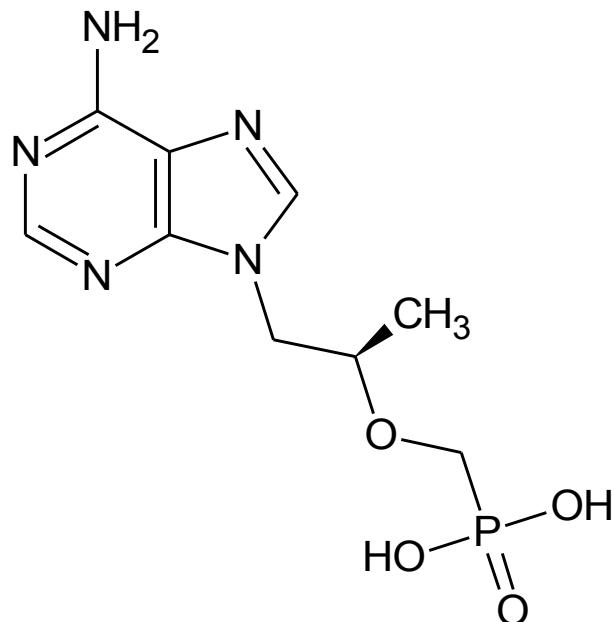
- originally developed against HIV, in doses which were needed it was nephrotoxic
- now treatment of HBV (hepatitis B)



**adefovir dipivoxil**  
• a prodrug with improved lipophilicity and bioavailability

- prof. Antonín Holý, Inst. of Org. Chem. and Biochem., Prague
- nominated for Nobel Prize

## Nucleotide reverse transcriptase inhibitors

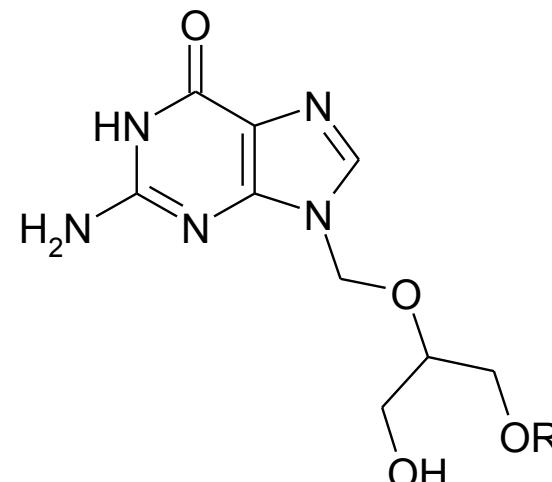
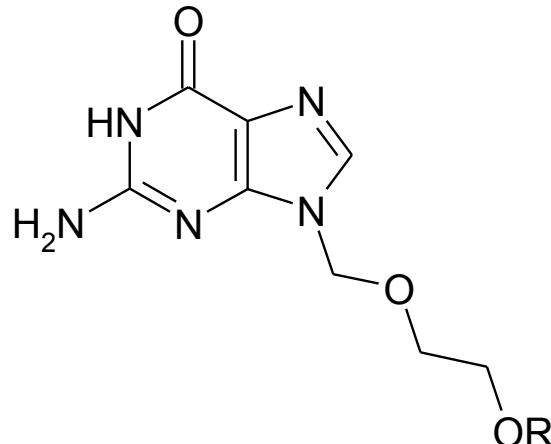


(R)-9-[(2-fosfonylethoxy)propyl]adenine  
**tenofovir**  
•against HIV

- tenofovir disoproxil fumarate**
- clinical studies for HBV and HIV
- Viread ® tbl., Truvada ® cps. (+ emtricitabine)

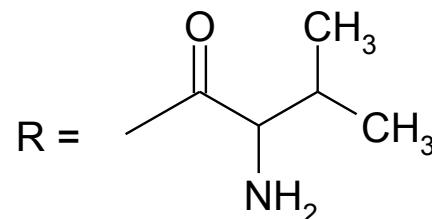
## Inhibitors of DNA polymerase of herpetic viruses

- DNA polymerase of *Herpesviridae* family consists of 2 units: the catalytic subunit UL 54 + additive protein UL 44



$\text{R} = -\text{H}$

**aciclovir**  
*Aciclovirum PhEur*



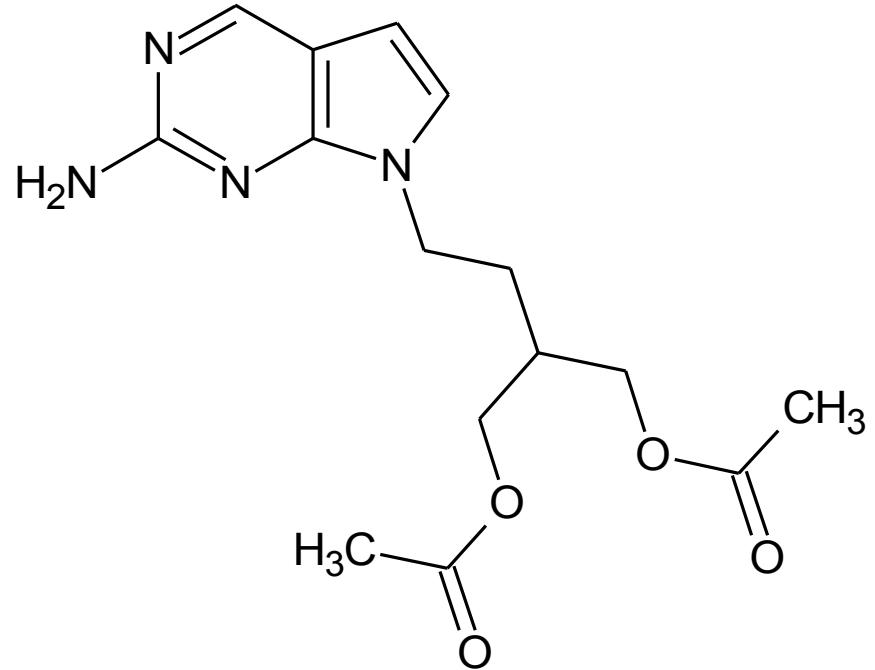
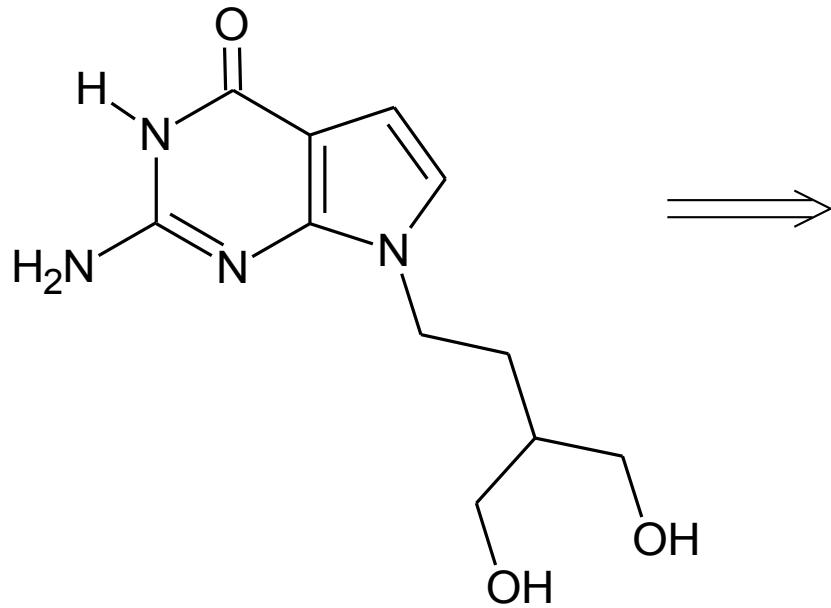
**ganciclovir**

**valaciclovir**

**valganciclovir**

- nucleoside analogues, guanine derivatives
- herpetic infections including HCMV (human cytomegalovirus)
- prodrugs – valine esters have improved biological availability

## Inhibitors of DNA polymerase of herptic viruses



**penciclovir**

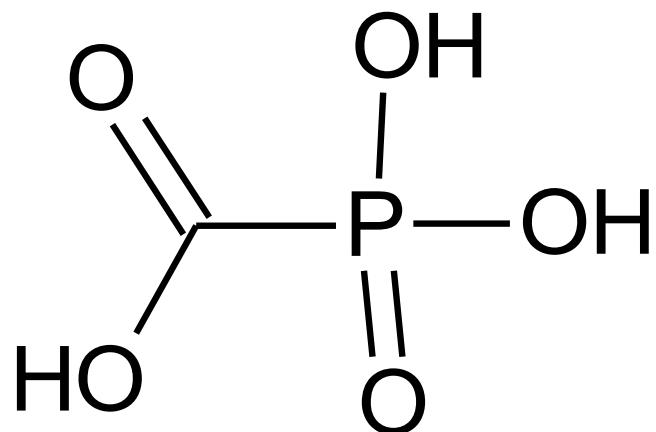
Vectavir ® drm crm

**famciclovir**

•competitive inhibitor

Famciclovir Arrow ® por tbl flm

## Inhibitors of DNA polymerase of herptic viruses



**foscarnet**

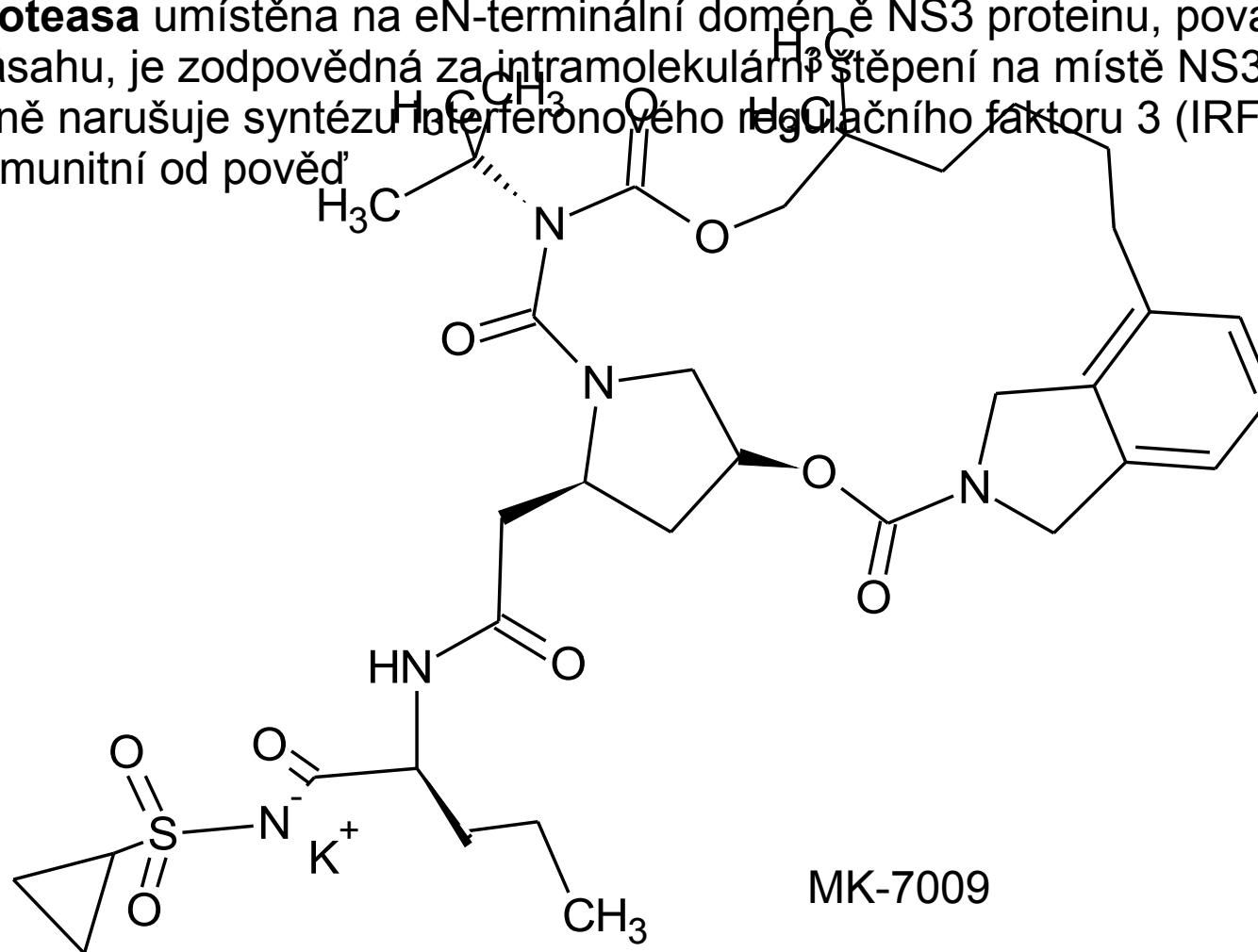
*Foscarnetum natricum hexahydricum PhEur*

- CMV retinitis, other herpesviruses, HIV
- mechanism of action: inhibits viral DNA polymerase by binding to the diphosphate binding site and by blocking of cleaving of diphosphate away from the triphosphate of terminal nucleoside which is added to the growing DNA chain
- blocks also reversal transcriptase

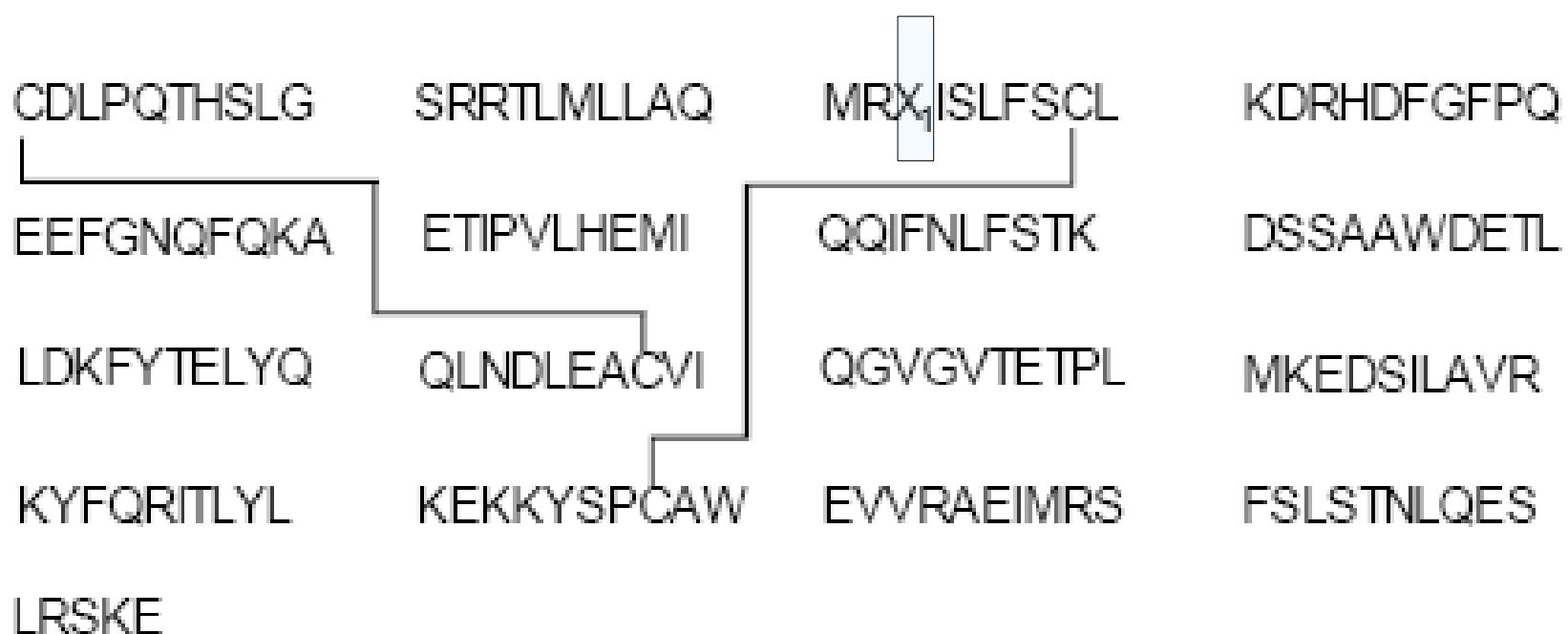
## Viral proteases inhibitors

### Inhibitors of HCV (hepatitis C virus) NS3 protease

- hepatitis C: 2 – 15 % of the world population are estimated to be infected, WHO:  $1.7 \cdot 10^8$  people (2006)
  - 10 – 20 % overcomes the virus, the rest becomes permanent virus hosts, in 10 – 20 %, cirrhosis or liver cancer is developed
  - transfer is parenteral, sexual or vertical (mother → child)
- **NS3 proteasa** umístěna na eN-terminální doméně NS3 proteinu, považována za důležité místo zásahu, je zodpovědná za intramolekulární řeštení na místě NS3/4A a následné procesy
  - současně narušuje syntézu interferonového regulačního faktoru 3 (IRF-3) hostitele, čímž snižuje imunitní odpověď



## Protilátky



interferon  $\alpha_2$

*Interferoni alfa-2 solutio concentrata ČL 2005*

X1 = Lys  $\alpha_{2a}$

X1 = Arg  $\alpha_{2b}$

• protivirová aktivita v průběhu syntézy virové RNA a bílkoviny

• antiproliferační aktivita

• výroba rekombinantní technikou na bakteriích

• též pegylovaný: peginterferon alfa-2a (Pegasys ® ) - na N-konci N<sup>2</sup>, N<sup>6</sup>-dikarboxy-Lys esterifikovaný PEG-monomethyletherem