Polyanion Inhibitors of Human Immunodeficiency Virus and Other Viruses. 6. Micelle-like Anti-HIV Polyanionic Compounds Based on a Carbohydrate Core

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A new class of polyanionic compounds, inhibitors of human immunodeficiency virus, was obtained from radical addition of mercapto acid or mercapto ester on a perallylated carbohydrate under UV irradiation with a catalytic amount of AIBN. Unlike the polyanions that we have previously prepared by polymerization reactions, the compounds are structurally well defined. Polyanions bearing 16 carboxylate groups showed a 50% inhibitory concentration (IC₅₀) of $0.1-4.1 \,\mu$ g/mL against HIV-1 in MT-4 cells while not being toxic to the host cells at concentrations up to 125 μ g/mL. The most potent polyanions also proved active against human cytomegalovirus at concentrations of $1-14 \,\mu$ g/mL. No activity was observed against any of the other viruses tested (i.e., herpes simplex virus, vesicular stomatitis virus, Sindbis, Semliki forest, parainfluenza-3, Junin, Tacaribe, Coxsackie B4, polio-1, reo-1, or vaccinia virus).

Introduction

Recently,¹ we have shown that polyanions obtained by γ -polymerization of aqueous micellar solutions of surfactants derived from undec-10-enoic acid (Scheme 1) markedly inhibit the replication of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV-1 and HIV-2) in cell culture. Their IC₅₀ values were in the range of 0.1–3.6 µg/mL, while they were not toxic to the host cells (CEM-4 or MT-4) at concentrations up to 100 µg/mL or even higher.

We have also shown^{2,3} that the γ -polymerization of aqueous micellar solutions of ω -insaturated ionic surfactants led to polymers of relatively low molecular weight, the degree of polymerization being close to the aggregation number of the starting micelle. Their molecular weights ranged from 6000 to 10 000 Da according to the structure of the involved monomer.

Although these values are rather low for polymers, they are still too high to consider the *in vivo* use of these polyanions. Indeed, with such molecular weights these compounds could have a tendency to accumulate in tissues or organs.⁴ Moreover, 5000 Da is considered as a limit for a drug to be able to pass through the various biological barriers.⁵ In order to avoid undesirable effects and to improve the bioavailability of polyanionic compounds, we explored two different approaches. The first one consisted of the synthesis, through telomerization, of oligomers possessing a structure similar to that of the previous polyanions but with a molecular weight lower than 5000 Da. Such telomeric polyanions have proven to be effective against HIV.⁶ The other approach is presented here.

Synthesis

This synthetic route consisted in mimicking the globular structure of polymerized anionic surfactants (Scheme 1) by functionalizing each hydroxyl group of a sugar, used as a polyol, with a hydrocarbon chain bearing an anionic group. As illustrated in the case of Scheme 1



the methyl α -D-glucopyranoside (Scheme 2), it permitted the access to polyanions of well-defined structure, their anionic group number being strictly related to the number of hydroxyl groups in the starting carbohydrate. We also applied this strategy to D-glucose and the disaccharides cellobiose, maltose, lactose, and sucrose. To mimic the hydrophobic chains of the polymerized anionic micelles, we prepared the corresponding *O*perallylic ethers. Then on each allyl function we condensed either a thioglycolate, a 3-mercaptopropanoate, a 2-mercaptosuccinate, or a 2-mercaptoethanesulfonate anionic group, by a radical mechanism.

The *O*-perallylation reactions of sucrose⁷ and cellobiose were performed with allyl bromide in the presence of potassium hydroxide in DMSO at room temperature. The yields of the allylation step ranged from 50% to 88%. The *O*-perallylations of the other carbohydrates were performed with allyl bromide in the presence of sodium hydride⁸ in DMF under sonication at 0 °C.

Methyl 3-mercaptopropanoate, methyl thioglycolate, or diethyl 2-mercaptosuccinate were allowed to react with 1-*O*-methyl-2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-allyl- α -D-glucopyranoside (**1**) in refluxing THF (Scheme 2), the radical addition being initiated with AIBN under UV irradiation⁹ ($\lambda = 254$ nm). The use of AIBN alone led to poor results. On the contrary, the simultaneous use of AIBN and UV^{7d} improved the yield of the coupling reactions (65–89%; see Table 1). The obtained esters **7–9** were purified by chromatography on silica gel (CH₂Cl₂– AcOEt). They were then saponified to their corresponding sodium salts **10–12**. This step gave good yields (73% and 72%, respectively) for compounds **10** and **11** but led to a poor result for compound **12** which bears eight ester groups (29% yield).

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Scheme 2



Scheme 3



Scheme 4



In the same manner, the saponification reactions ¹⁰ of similar polyesters derived from D-glucose or sucrose and possessing a high number of ester functions were incomplete, and under forced conditions, destruction of the compounds occurred. We think that as soon as a sufficient number of ester groups has been saponified, the presence of the corresponding negative charges on the molecule strongly inhibits the saponification, by the hydroxide ion, of the remaining ester groups.

To avoid this difficulty, the free mercaptoalcanoic acids were allowed to react, in the same conditions (AIBN/UV), with the *O*-perallylated sugars 2-6 (40– 73% yield). The obtained polycarboxylic acids were transformed into their sodium salt by neutralization with 1 equiv of sodium hydroxide (Scheme 3). The sodium polycarboxylates 13-19 were purified by gel filtration chromatography (Sephadex G-10 or G-25, ultrapure water being used as eluent).

Polysulfonates derived from D-glucose or sucrose were prepared by radical addition of sodium 2-mercaptoethanesulfonate on the corresponding *O*-perallylated sugars with a 53-64% yield (Scheme 4). The sodium polysulfonates **20** and **21** were purified by gel filtration chromatography as indicated above.

Biological Results

The polyanions were evaluated for their inhibitory effects on human immunodeficiency virus, either HIV-1

Table 1. Anti-HIV Activity of Polyanions in CEM-4 Cells

polyanion	charge number	CC ₅₀ ^a (µM)	$\mathrm{IC}_{50}{}^{b}\left(\mu\mathrm{M}\right)$
10	4	>370	>370
11	4	>346	>346
12	8	>265	69.0
13	5	>98.0	>98.0
14	10	>74.0	>74.0
15	8	>59.3	>59.3
16	16	>45.1	3.02
20	5	>83.3	>83.3
21	8	>50.6	>50.6

^{*a*} 50% cytotoxic concentration, or compound concentration required to reduce the viability of uninfected CEM-4 cells by 50%. ^{*b*} 50% inhibitory concentration, or compound concentration required to inhibit HIV-induced cytopathicity by 50%.

(III_B) in CEM-4 cells (Table 1) or HIV-1 (III_B) and HIV-2 (ROD) in MT-4 cells (Table 2).

None of them proved to be cytotoxic, their CC₅₀ being invariably higher than 50 μ M. Only those compounds bearing 16 carboxylate groups inhibited HIV replication at low concentrations (IC₅₀ = $0.04-1.85 \mu$ M). As we have previously reported,⁶ a minimum charge number on the polyanion is required to obtain inhibition of HIV cytopathicity. As noted for other polyanions,¹¹ test compounds were 10-100-fold more inhibitory to HIVinduced cytopathicity in MT-4 cells than to syncytium formation between HIV-infected HUT-78 cells and uninfected MOLT-4 cells (Table 2). A similar correlation was found between the charge number on the polyanions and their inhibitory effect on HIV-induced giant cell formation as mentioned above for their inhibitory effect on HIV-induced cytopathicity. Only those compounds bearing 16 carboxylate groups were found to inhibit HIV-induced syncytium formation. All compounds tested proved to be at least 10 times more active against HIV-1-induced cytopathicity than HIV-2-induced cytopathicity.

Marked activity was noted with some of the compounds ($17\alpha + \beta$ and 17β) against human cytomegalovirus (HCMV) (IC₅₀ = 0.4–6.3 μ M). No appreciable activity was noted with any of the compounds against various other viruses such as herpes simplex virus (HSV-1, HSV-2), vaccinia, vesicular stomatitis virus, parainfluenza-3, reovirus type 1, Sindbis, Semliki forest, Junin, Tacaribe, Coxsackie B4 and polio-1 (Table 3). The compounds (listed in Table 3) were not toxic (as assessed by either microscopically detectable alteration of normal cell morphology or inhibition of cell growth) to E₆SM,

Table 2. Anti-HIV Activity of Polyanions in MT-4 Cells

			IC ₅₀ ^b cytopa	(µM) thicity	IC_{50}^{c} (μ M) syncytium formation		
polyanion	charge number	СС ₅₀ ^а (µМ)	HIV-1	HIV-2	HIV-1	HIV-2	
14	10	>185	85.9	>185	>185	>185	
15	8	>148	29	>148	>148	>148	
16	16	>113	0.18	2.89	22.6	22.6	
17 (α+β)	16	>56.4	0.04	4.17	1.80	54.2	
$17\beta^d$	16	>56.4	0.37	4.47	3.61	54.2	
18	16	>56.4	1.85	>56.4	>113	>113	
19	16	>56.4	0.67	>56.4	>113	>113	
20	5	>208	99.1	>208	>208	>208	
21	8	>127	>127	>127	>127	>127	

^{*a*} 50% cytotoxic concentration, or compound concentration required to reduce the viability of uninfected MT-4 cells by 50%. ^{*b*} 50% inhibitory concentration, or compound concentration required to inhibit HIV-induced cytopathicity in MT-4 cells by 50%. ^{*c*} 50% inhibitory concentration, or compound concentration required to inhibit by 50% HIV-induced syncytium formation upon coculturing persistently HIV-infected HUT-78 cells with MOLT-4 (clone 8) cells. ^{*d*} In the case of the cellobiose derivative, it has been possible to isolate a pure fraction of the β-anomer at the stage of the perallylated precursor (see experimental section).

HEL, HeLa, and Vero cells at concentrations up to 180 μ M (Table 4).

Given the relative low number of compounds found to be active against HIV, a detailed structure–activity relationship (SAR) could not be made. It is obvious, however, that a minimum number of anionic charges seems to be required for anti-HIV activity. This corresponds to approximately seven negative charges per molecular mass fraction of 1000. From the compounds studied here, $17\alpha + \beta$ and 17α emerged as the most active against HIV-1. These compounds were also active against HIV-1-induced syncytium formation, which points to their potential usefulness against SI (syncytium-inducing) variants of HIV-1. Moreover, $17\alpha + \beta$ and 17α were also found to be active against CMV, a virus that often occurs in conjunction with HIV-1.

Experimental Protocols

Unless noted otherwise, all starting materials were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. *N*,*N*-Dimethylformamide was distilled under reduce pressure from calcium oxide and stored over 4 Å molecular sieves under nitrogen. Tetrahydrofuran (THF) was distilled over lithium aluminum hydride under nitrogen immediately prior to use.

Merck silica gel 60 F_{254} (0.25 mm) plates were employed for analytical TLC. Compounds were revealed by UV (254 nm), iodine, 20% aqueous sulfuric acid, or 10% methanolic ninhydrin sprayings.

Merck silica gel 60 H was used for silica gel column chromatography. Melting points were determined using a Bucchi 530 apparatus. Reactions under ultrasound were performed on a 72434 Bioblock Scientific Vibra cell apparatus. Infrared spectra were obtained on a IR-FT Bonem MB-100 spectrometer. ¹H and ¹³C NMR were recorded on Bruker AC200 and WP200SY spectrometers, respectively. For ¹H and ¹³C NMR we have used the numbering system presented in Chart 1.

Chemical shifts are expressed in ppm (δ) and coupling constants in hertz. Mass spectra were recorded on a Jeol DX 100 spectrometer. Used matrix was *m*-nitrobenzylic alcohol (NOBA) or thioglycerol (GT). Microanalyses were performed in the analytical department of the CNRS (ENSCM-Montpellier). C, H, and S elemental analysis was done for most of the compounds; the observed deviations to the indicated formula were always less than 0.4%.

Allylation: Method A. Sodium hydride (0.1 mol, 1.5 equiv per OH function) (60% in mineral oil) was washed under nitrogen with 2×10 mL of dry pentane. The hydride was suspended in 75 mL of dimethylformamide, and the carbohydrate was added in small portions. The reaction mixture under an inert atmosphere was put in an ultrasonic cleaning bath for 1 h; 0.1 mol of allyl bromide (1.5 equiv per OH function) in solution with 8 mL of DMF was added slowly at 0-5 °C. After 2 h of stirring at room temperature, the excess of sodium hydride was destroyed with methanol. The excess of allyl bromide and DMF was eliminated under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted in 150 mL of dichloromethane, and the mixture was washed twice with water. The organic layer was dried with sodium sulfate and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residual oil was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with dichloromethaneethyl acetate as eluent.

Method B. Disaccharide (10 mmol) was suspended under an inert atmosphere in 40 mL of dimethyl sulfoxide with vigorous stirring at 15 °C; 13.9 mL of allyl bromide (160 mmol, 2 equiv per OH group) and 9.0 g of potassium hydroxide were added slowly. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir for

Table 3. Activity $(IC_{50}, \mu M)^a$ of Polyanions against Several DNA and RNA Viruses, Other than HIV

		dextran									
virus	cell line	sulfate	14	15	16	17 α+β	17β	18	19	20	21
HSV-1TK ⁻ (B2006)	E ₆ SM		>296	>237	>181	45	68	>181	>181	>333	>203
VMW1837	E ₆ SM		>296	>237	>181	>181	>181	>181	>181	>333	>101
(KOS)	E_6SM	0.2	>296	>237	>181	>181	136	>181	>181	>333	>101
(F)	E_6SM		>296	>237	>181	ND^{b}	ND	ND	ND	>333	>101
(McIntyre)	E_6SM		>296	>237	>181	ND	ND	ND	ND	>333	>101
HSV-2(G)	E_6SM	0.2	>296	>237	>181	45	136	>181	>181	>333	>101
(196)	E_6SM		>296	>237	>181	ND	ND	ND	ND	>333	>101
(Lyons)	E_6SM		>296	>119	>135	ND	ND	ND	ND	>333	>101
HCMV(AD-169)	HEL	0.06	>37	>30	>22	1.4	6.3	>22	>22	>42	>25
(Davis)	HEL	0.08	>37	>30	>22	0.4	3.6	>22	>22	>42	>25
vaccinia	E_6SM	10	>296	>237	>181	>181	>181	>181	>181	>333	>101
	E_6SM	0.2	>296	>237	>181	>181	>181	>181	>181	>83	>101
vesicular stomatitis	HeLa	>20	>148	>119	>90	>181	>181	>181	>181	>167	>51
parainfuenza-3	Vero	>20	>148	>59	>90	>181	>181	>181	>181	>167	>101
reovirus-1	Vero	>20	>148	>59	>90	>181	>181	>181	>181	>167	>101
Sindbis	Vero	>20	>148	>59	>90	>181	>181	>181	>181	>167	>101
Semliki forest	Vero	>20	>148	>59	>90	ND	ND	ND	ND	>167	>101
Junin	Vero	0.7	>37	>12	>22	>22	>22	>22	>22	>42	>25
Tacaribe	Vero	0.7	>37	>12	>22	>22	>22	>22	>22	>42	>25
Coxsackie B4	Vero	>20	>148	>59	>90	>181	>181	>181	>181	>167	>101
	HeLa	>20	>148	>119	>90	>181	>181	>181	>181	>167	>51
polio-1	HeLa	>20	>148	>119	>90	ND	ND	ND	ND	>167	>51

^{*a*} 50% inhibitory concentration, or compound concentration required to reduce virus-induced cytopathicity by 50%. Virus was added in the presence of the compounds, and the cells were further incubated until the cytopathic effect (CPE) was scored. ^{*b*} ND, not determined.

Table 4. Cytotoxicity of the Polyanions for Different Cell Lines^a

cell line	dextran sulfate	14	15	16	17 α+β	17 eta	18	19	20	21
E6SM	>40	>296	>237	>181	>181	>181	>181	>181	>333	>203
HEL	>20	>37	>30	>22	>22	>22	>22	>22	>42	>25
HeLa	>20	>148	>119	>90	>181	>181	>181	>181	>167	>101
Vero	>20	>148	>119	>90	>181	>181	>181	>181	>167	>101

^{*a*} Minimum cytotoxic concentration, or compound concentration (μ M) required to cause a microscopically detectable alteration of normal cell morphology. For HEL cells, the values correspond to the 50% inhibitory concentration (μ M) required to inhibit cell growth by 50%.

Chart 1



2.5 h at room temperature. The mixture was filtered using a Buchner funnel, and the filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure to eliminate the excess of allyl bromide and solvent. The residue was dissolved in 200 mL of dichloromethane, and the mixture was washed twice with water. The organic layer was dried with sodium sulfate and evaporated under reduced pressure. The oily residue was purified on a silica gel column with hexane–ethyl acetate as eluent.

Methyl 2,3,4,6-tetra-*O***-allyl**-α-D-**glucopyranoside (1):** method A; yield 88%; R_f 0.37 (CH₂Cl₂/AcOEt, 95/5, v/v); ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.41 (m, 5H, 3H₈, H₆, H₇), 3.67 (m, 4H, H₂, H₃, H₄, H₅), 4.18 (m, 8H, 8H₁), 4.77 (d, 1H, H₁, $J_{1-2} =$ 3.51 Hz), 5.22 (m, 8H, 8H₃), 5.94 (m, 4H, 4H₂); MS (FAB⁺, NBA) m/z 353 (M – H)⁺, 323 (M + H – MeOH)⁺, 265 (M + H – MeOH – allylOH)⁺.

Penta-*O***-allyl**-D-**glucopyranose (2):** method A; yield 73% $(\alpha/\beta; 7/3); \alpha, R_f 0.68$ (CH₂Cl₂/AcOEt, 95/5, v/v); $\beta, R_f 0.70$ (CH₂-Cl₂/AcOEt, 95/5, v/v); ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.24 (m, 4H, H₂, H₃, H₄, H₅), 3.53 (q, 1H, H₇, $J_{5-7} = 3.1$ Hz, $J_{6-7} = 11$ Hz), 3.63 (q, 1H, H₆, $J_{5-6} < 1$ Hz, $J_{6-7} = 10.8$ Hz), 4.09 (m, 11H, 10H₁', H₁), 5.17 (m, 10H, 10H₃), 5.8 (m, 5H, 5H₂); MS (FAB⁺, NBA) m/z 379 (M – H)⁺, 323 (M + H – allylOH)⁺, 265 (M + H – 2allylOH)⁺.

Octa-O-allylsucrose (3): method B; yield 48%; R_f 0.48 (CH₂Cl₂/AcOEt, 98/2, v/v); ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.35 (m, 9H, 9 glycosidic H), 4.15 (m, 20H, 4 glycosidic H, 16H₁), 5.25 (m, 16H, 16H₃), 5.5 (d, 1H, H₁, $J_{1-2} = 3.38$ Hz), 5.95 (m, 8H, 8H₂); MS (FAB⁺, NBA) *m*/*z* 661 (M – H)⁺, 547 (M + H – 2allylOH)⁺, 323 (M + H – C₁₈H₂₇O₆)⁺.

Octa-*O***-allyl**-*β*-D-**cellobiose (4)**: method B; yield 38% (α + β); β anomer isolated by silica gel column chromatography (cyclohexane/AcOEt, 85/15–75/25, v/v); R_f 0.54 (cyclohexane/AcOEt, 75/25, v/v); ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3–3.4 (m, 7 glycosidic H), 3.5–3.75 (m, 5 glycosidic H), 3.85–4.4 (m, 17H, 16H₁, 1H₁), 4.9–5.2 (m, 16H, 16H₃), 5.25 (d, 1H, 1H₇), 5.7–6.0 (m, 8H, 8H₂); ¹³C NMR (25.178 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 67.75–73.55 (C₆, C₁₂, 8C₁), 74.45–81.86 (C₂, C₈, C₃, C₅, C₁₁), 101.08 (C₁), 102.05 (C₇), 114.9–117.12 (8C₃), 134.26–136.14 (8C₂); MS (FAB⁺, NBA) *m*/*z* 663 [M + H]⁺, 685 [M + H]⁺, 685 [M + H]⁺, 701 [M + Na]⁺, 323 [M + H – C₁₈H₂₇O₆]⁺, 605 [M + H – allyIOH]⁺, 547 [M + H – 2allyIOH]⁺, 489 [M + H – 3allyIOH]⁺.

Octa-O-allyl-D-**lactose (5):** method A; yield 48%; $R_f 0.59$ (cyclohexane/AcOEt, 75/25, v/v); ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.1–3.8 (12 glycosidic H), 3.85–4.5 (17H, 16H_{1'}, 1H₁), 5–5.4 (17H, 16H₃, 1H₇), 5.75–6.15 (8H, 8H₂); MS (FAB⁺, NBA) m/z 685 [M + Na]⁺, 605 [M + H – allylOH]⁺, 547 [M + H – 2allylOH]⁺, 489 [M + H – 3allylOH]⁺, 323 [M + H – $C_{18H_27O_6}$]⁺.

Octa-*O***-allyl**-**D-maltose (6):** method A; yield 64% ($\alpha + \beta$); R_{f} 0.59 (cyclohexane/AcOEt, 75/25, v/v); ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.2–3.7 (m, 12 glycosidic H), 3.9–4.5 (m, 16H, 16H₁), 4.85 (d, 1H), 5–5.3 (m, 16H, 16H₃), 5.6 (dd, 1H), 5.75–6.0 (m, 8H, 8H₂); ¹³C NMR (25.178 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 67.86–68.82 (C₆, C₁₂), 72–73 (8C₁), 95.9 (C₁), 102.08 (C₇), 115.19–116.15 (8C₃), 134.3–135.9 (8C₂); MS (FAB⁺, NBA) m/z 663 [M + H]⁺, 685 [M + Na]⁺, 605 [M + H – allylOH]⁺, 547 [M + H – 2allylOH]⁺, 489 [M + H – 3allylOH]⁺, 323 [M + H–C₁₈H₂₇O₆]⁺.

Radical Addition of Mercapto Esters on the Methyl 2,3,4,6-Tetra-*O***-allyl-** α -D-**glucopyranoside.** General **Method.** In a quartz reactor was disposed 1.0 mmol of tetraallyl derivative 1 dissolved in 40 mL of THF, peroxide free. The solution was degassed with nitrogen for 15 min; 6.0 mmol of mercapto ester was added (1.5 equiv per allyl function) with 50 mg of AIBN as radical initiator. The mixture was irradiated for 3 h with UV light ($\lambda = 254$ nm; Rayonet apparatus) under an inert atmosphere. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography of silica gel eluted with a mixture of dichloromethane and ethyl acetate.

Methyl 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-(3-(((methoxycarbonyl)methyl)thio)propyl)-α-D-glucopyranoside (7): obtained by the addition of 0.6 mL of methyl thioglycolate (6.8 mmol) on 0.4 g (1.1 mmol) of **1** under UV irradiation for 2 h; yield 89%; $\tilde{R_f}$ 0.32 (CH₂Cl₂/AcOEt, 90/10, v/v); ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl33) δ 1.83 (m, 8H, 8H₅), 2.65 (t, 8H, 8H₄, $J_{4'-5'} = 6.4$ Hz), 3.16 (s, 8H, 8H2), 3.18 (m, 1H, H5), 3.31 (s, 3H, 3H8), 3.67 (s, 12H, 4COOCH₃), 3.76-3.4 (m, 15H, H₂, H₃, H₄, H₆, H₇, 8H₆'), 4.71 (d, 1H, H₁, J_{1-2} = 3.46 Hz); ¹³C NMR (25.178 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 28.84-29.9 (4C5', 4C4'), 32.99-33.0 (4C2'), 51.81 (4OCH3), 54.32 (C_8) , 71.27, 70.77, 69.39, 69.25, 68.63 $(4C_{6'}, C_6)$, 70.89, 77.8, 80.42, 81.53 (C₂, C₃, C₄, C₅), 97.5 (C₁), 170.9 (C₁); MS (FAB⁺, NBA) *m*/*z* 779 [M + H]⁺, 747 [M + H - CH₃OH]⁺, 641 [M + $H - CH_3OH - HSCH_2CO_2CH_3]^+$, 615 $[M + H - HO(CH_2)_3$ -SCH₂CO₂CH₃]⁺, 583 [M + H - CH₃OH - HO(CH₂)₃SCH₂CO₂-CH₃]+

Methyl 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-(3-(((methoxycarbonyl)ethyl)thio)propyl)-α-D-glucopyranoside (8): obtained by the addition of 0.68 mL of methyl 3-mercaptopropanoate (6.2 mmol) on 0.4 g (1.1 mmol) of 1 under UV irradiation for 2 h; yield 75%; R_f 0.41 (CH₂Cl₂/AcOEt, 80/20, v/v); ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.82 (m, 8H, 8H₆'), 2.54 (m, 16H, 8H₃', 8H₅'), 2.71 (t, 8H, 8H_{2'}, $J_{2'-3'} = 7.3$ Hz), 3.2 (m, 1H, H₅), 3.31 (s, 3H, 3H₈), 3.63 (s, 12H, 4COOCH₃), 3.78-3.42 (m, 15H, H₂, H₃, H₄, H₆, H₇, 8H₇), 4.71 (d, 1H, H₁, $J_{1-2} = 3.37$ Hz); ¹³C NMR (25.178) MHz, CD₃CN) δ 26.5 (4C₃), 28.04–30.43 (4C₅', 4C₆), 34.36 (4C_{2'}), 51.15 (4COOCH₃), 54.29 (C₈), 71.39, 70.84, 69.37, 69.28, 68.7 (4C_{7'}, C₆), 70.12, 77.83, 80.45, 81.52 (C₂, C₃, C₄, C₅), 97.5 (C₁), 172.2 (C₁); MS (FAB⁺, NBA) m/z 833 [M – H]⁺, 747 [M + H - CH₃CH₂CO₂CH₃]⁺, 659 [M + H - 2CH₃CH₂CO₂CH₃]⁺ 625 [M + H - CH₃OH - HO(CH₂)₃S(CH₂)₂ - CO₂CH₃]⁺, 447 $[M + H - CH_3OH - 2HO(CH_2)_3S(CH_2)_2CO_2CH_3]^+$

Methyl 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-(3-((1,2-bis(ethoxycarbonyl)ethyl)thio)propyl)- α -D-glucopyranoside (9): obtained by the addition of 1.36 g of diethyl 2-mercaptosuccinate (6.6 mmol) on 0.33 g (0.92 mmol) of 1 under UV irradiation for 3 h; yield 55%; R_f 0.65 (CH₂Cl₂/AcOEt, 85/15, v/v); ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.2 (q, 24H, CH₃ ester), 1.81 (m, 8H, 8H₆), 2.6 (m, 12H, 4H₂', 8H₅'), 2.91 (q, 4H, 4H₂', $J_{2'gem} = 16.9$ Hz, $J_{2'-3'} = 10.1$ Hz), 3.2 (m, 2H, H₆, H₇), 3.2 (s, 3H, 3H₈), 3.63 (s, 8H, 4COOCH₂), 3.44–3.72 (m, 16H, H₂, H₃, H₄, H₅, 4H₃', 8H₆'), 4.71 (d, 1H, H₁, $J_{1-2} = 3.36$ Hz); ¹³C NMR (25.178 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 13.5 (8CH₃ ester), 27.91, 28, 28.1 (4C₅'), 29.3–30.19 (4C₆'), 36.35 (4C₂'), 54.3 (C₈), 60.6, 61.0 (4COOCH₂CH₃), 68.57–71.23 (4C_{7'}', C₆), 70.1, 77.78, 81.45, 81.5 (C₂–C₅), 97.5 (C₁), 170.5, 171.6 (COO-Et); MS (FAB⁺, NBA) m/z 1177 [M – H]⁺, 1147 [M + H – CH₃OH]⁺, 1005 [M + H – ethyl succinate]⁺, 883 [M + H – CH₃OH – HO(CH₂)₃SCH(CO₂CH₂CH₃)CH₂CO₂CH₂-CH₃]⁺.

Saponification of Esters 7–9. Polyester (0.30 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture of 4 mL of THF and 3 mL of a 1 M methanolic solution of sodium hydroxide (3 mmol). After 3 h of stirring at room temperature, the tetracarboxylate was filtered off. The precipitate was dissolved in a small amount of water and purified by column chromatography on a silanized gel column with distilled water as eluent. The fractions were collected and lyophilized.

Methyl 2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-(3-(((sodium oxycarbonyl)methyl)thio)propyl)-α-D-glucopyranoside (10): yield 73%; mp 250 °C dec; R_f 0.52 (acetone/ethyl acetate/acetic acid/water, 38/60/1/1, v/v); ¹H NMR (250 MHz, D₂O) δ 1.74 (m, 8H, H_{5'}), 2.49 (t, 8H, 8H_{4'}, $J_{4'-5'}$ = 7.1 Hz), 3.05 (s, 8H, 8H_{2'}), 3.24 (s, 3H, 3H₈), 3.33-3.75 (m, 14H, 8H_{6'}, H₂-H₇), 4.78 (d, 1H, H₁, J_{1-2} = 3.37 Hz); MS (FAB⁻, TG) m/z 787 [M - Na]⁻, 674 (M - Na - HSCH₂CO₂Na]⁻, 615 [M - Na - HO(CH₂)₃SCH₂CO₂Na]⁻, 501 [M - Na - HO(CH₂)₃SCH₂CO₂Na]⁻. Anal. (C₂₇H₄₂O₁₄S₄Na₄) C, H, S.

Methyl 2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-(3-(((sodium oxycarbonyl)ethyl)thio)propyl)-α-D-glucopyranoside (11): yield 72%; mp 232 °C dec; R_f 0.4 (acetone/ethyl acetate/acetic acid/water, 38/ 60/1/1); ¹H NMR (250 MHz, D₂O) δ 1.86 (m, 8H, H₆), 2.42 (t, 8H, 8H₂', $J_{2'-3'} = 7.2$ Hz), 2.6 (m, 8H, 8H₅'), 2.69 (t, 8H, H₃), 3.28 (s, 3H, 3H₈), 3.33-3.75 (m, 14H, 8H₆', H₂-H₇), 4.78 (d, 1H, H₁, $J_{1-2} = 3.37$ Hz); ¹³C NMR (25.178 MHz, D₂O) δ 28.8-30.1 (C_{3'}, C_{5'}, C_{6'}), 38.6 (C₂'), 56.03 (C₈), 69.75, 70.7, 72.7, 73.1 (4C_{7'}, C₆), 70.4, 78.5, 80.42, 82.00 (C₂, C₃, C₄, C₅), 98.2 (C₁), 179.46 (C₁); MS (FAB⁻, TG) *m/z* 843 [M - Na]⁻, 821 [M + H - 2Na]⁻. Anal. (C₃₁H₅₀O₁₄S₄Na₄) C, H, S.

Methyl 2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-(**3**-((**1**,2-bis(sodiumoxycarbonyl)ethyl)thio)propyl)-α-D-glucopyranoside (**12**): yield 29%; mp 250 °C dec; R_f 0.24 (acetone/ethyl acetate/acetic acid/water, 3/5/1/1, v/v); ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.74 (m, 8H, 8H₆), 2.26 (m, 4H, 4H₂), 2.51 (m, 12H, 4H₂, 8H₅), 3.24 (s, 3H, 3H₈), 3.44–3.72 (m, 18 H, H₂, H₃, H₄, H₅, H₆, H₇, 4H₃', 8H₆), 4.71 (d, 1H, H₁, $J_{1-2} = 3.36$ Hz); MS (FAB⁻, TG) m/z 1107 [M – Na]⁻, 1085 [M + H – 2Na]⁻, 1063 [M + H – 3Na]⁻, 923 [M + H – 2NaCO₂(CH₂)₂CO₂Na]⁻. Anal. (C₃₅H₄₆O₂₂S₄Na₈) C, H. S.

Radical Addition of Mercapto Acid on the Perallylated Carbohydrate. General Method. In a quartz reactor was disposed 1.0 mmol of perallylated derivative dissolved in 40 mL of THF, peroxide free, or a mixture of THF/water (1/1, v/v) in the case of the 2-mercaptosuccinic acid. The solution was degassed with nitrogen for 15 min, and 1.5–2.0 equiv per allyl function of mercapto acid was added with 50 mg of AIBN as radical initiator. The mixture was irradiated for 3 h with UV light ($\lambda = 254$ nm; Rayonet apparatus) under an inert atmosphere.

The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure, and the residue was treated with 0.5 mol of aqueous sodium hydroxide (1.2 equiv per acid group). Vigorous stirring continued until residue dissolution. The pH of the solution was adjusted to 8.5-9.0 with acidic resin (Dowex 50W2), and then the mixture was lyophilized. The solid obtained was purified by exclusion column chromatography with Sephadex G25 eluted with ultrapure water.

Penta-*O*-(3-(((sodium oxycarbonyl)ethyl)thio)propyl)β-D-glucopyranose (13): obtained by the addition of 0.46 mL of 3-mercaptopropanoic acid (5.28 mmol) on 0.26 g (0.68 mmol) of 2 under UV irradiation for 3.5 h; yield 63%; mp 261 °C dec; R_f 0.4 (acetone/ethyl acetate/acetic acid/water, 38/60/1/1, v/v); ¹H NMR (250 MHz, D₂O) δ 1.86 (m, 10H, 10H₆), 2.45 (t, 10H, 10H₂', $J_{2'-3'} = 7.14$ Hz), 2.61 (m, 10H, 10H₅'), 2.72 (t, 10H, 10H₃', $J_{2'-3'} = 7.15$ Hz), 3.07 (m, 1H, H₅), 3.39 (m, 2H, H₆, H₇), 3.78 (m, 13H, H₂, H₃, H₄, 10H₇), 4.19 (d, 1H, H₁, $J_{1-2} = 7.69$ Hz); ¹³C NMR (25.178 MHz, D₂O) δ 28.24–28.46 (C₃'), 29.29– 30.2 (C₅', C₆'), 37.7 (C₂'), 69.57, 69.85, 70.50, 72.53, 72.62, 73.18 (5C₇', C₆), 74.39, 78.60, 82.23, 84.45 (C₂, C₃, C₄, C₅), 103.11 (C₁), 181 (C₁'); MS (FAB⁻, TG) m/z 975 [M + H – 2Na]⁻, 953 [M + 2H – 3Na]⁻, 931 [M + 3H – 4Na]⁻, 909 [M + 4H – 5Na]⁻, 803 [M + H – 2Na – HO(CH₂)₃S(CH₂)₂CO₂Na]⁻. Anal. (C₃₆H₅₇O₁₆S₅Na₅) C, H, S.

Penta-*O***-(3-((1,2-bis(sodium oxycarbonyl)ethyl)thio)**propyl)-*β*-D-glucopyranose (14): obtained by the addition of 0.98 g of 2-mercaptosuccinic acid (6.53 mmol) on 0.25 g (0.66 mmol) of **2** under UV irradiation for 5 h; yield 73%; mp 252 °C dec; R_f 0.26 (acetone/ethyl acetate/acetic acid/water, 3/5/1/ 1, v/v); ¹H NMR (250 MHz, D₂O) δ 1.75 (m, 10H, 10H₆'), 2.32 (m, 5H, 5H₂'), 2.56 (m, 15H, 5H₂', 10H₅'), 2.94 (m, 1H, H₅), 3.17 (m, 2H, H₆, H₇), 3.78 (m, 18H, H₂, H₃, H₄, 5H₃', 10H₇'), 4.26 (d, 1H, H₁, $J_{1-2} = 7.8$ Hz); ¹³C NMR (25.178 MHz, D₂O) δ 28.33-30.26 (C₅', C₆'), 40.6-40.69 (C₂'), 47.36 (C₃'), 69.76, 70.12, 70.80, 72.67, 73.23 (5C₇', C₆), 74.40, 78.61, 82.23, 84.48 (C₂, C₃, C₄, C₅), 103.16 (C₁), 179.05, 179.53, 180.3 (C₁', CO₂⁻); MS (FAB⁻, TG) m/z 1305 [M + H - 2Na]⁻, 1283 [M + 2H - 3Na]⁻, 1261 [M + 3H - 4Na]⁻, 1239 [M + 4H - 5Na]⁻, 1123 [M + H - 2Na - NaCO₂CHCHCO₂Na]⁻, 1101 [M + 2H - 3Na -NaCO₂CHCHCO₂Na]⁻. Anal. (C₄₁H₅₂O₂₆S₅Na₁₀) C, H, S.

Octa-O-(3-(((sodium oxycarbonyl)ethyl)thio)propyl)-D-sucrose (15): obtained by the addition of 0.525 mL of 3-mercaptopropanoic acid (6.0 mmol) on 0.25 g (0.38 mmol) of octa-O-allylsucrose (3) under UV irradiation for 4 h; yield 56%; mp 259 °C dec; $R_f 0.65$ (acetone/ethyl acetate/acetic acid/water, 6/2/1/1, v/v); ¹H NMR (250 MHz, D₂O) δ 1.75 (m, 10H, 10H₆), 2.45 (t, 10H, 10H_{2'}, $J_{2'-3'} = 7.4$ Hz), 2.51 (m, 10H, 10H_{5'}), 2.62 (t, 10H, 10H_{3'}, $J_{2'-3'} = 6.3$ Hz), 3.2-4.05 (m, 29H, H₂-H₁₂, $10H_{7'}$), 5.39 (d, 1H, H₁, $J_{1-2} = 3.27$ Hz); ¹³C NMR (25.178 MHz, D_2O) δ 28.43 ($C_{3'}$), 29.43–30.3 ($C_{5'}$, $C_{6'}$), 38.3 ($C_{2'}$), 69.49, 70.64, 70.72, 70.92, 71.07, 72.36, 72.62, 73.08 (8C7, C6, C7, C12), 71.46, 78.23, 79.46, 80.28, 81.81, 82.63, 84.06 (C2, C3, C4, C5, C9, C10, C11), 90.76 (C1), 104.8 (C8), 181.56 (C1); MS (FAB-, TG) m/z 1663 [M - Na]⁻, 1641 [M + H - 2Na]⁻, 1619 [M + 2H - 3Na]⁻, 1597 [M + 3H - 4Na]⁻, 1575 [M + 4H - 5Na]⁻, 1493 [M + H $2Na - H(CH_2)_3S(CH_2)_2CO_2H^{-}, 1471 [M + H - 2Na - 2Na$ H(CH₂)₃S(CH₂)₂CO₂Na]⁻. Anal. (C₆₀H₉₄O₂₇S₈Na₈) C, H, S.

Octa-*O*-(3-((1,2-bis(sodium oxycarbonyl)ethyl)thio)propyl)-D-sucrose (16): obtained by the addition of 0.91 g of 2-mercaptosuccinic acid (6.0 mmol) on 0.26 g (0.39 mmol) of octa-*O*-allylsucrose (3) under UV irradiation for 7 h; yield 58%; mp 195 °C dec; R_f 0.26 (acetone/ethyl acetate/acetic acid/water, 3/5/1/1, v/v); ¹H NMR (250 MHz, D₂O) δ 1.9 (m, 16H, 16H₆), 2.5 (m, 8H, 8H₂), 2.65 (m, 24H, 8H₂', 16H₅), 3.25 (m, 4H, 2 glycosidic CH₂), 3.6 (m, 33H, 9 glycosidic H, 8H₃, 16H₇), 5.5 (m, 1H, H₁); ¹³C NMR (25.178 MHz, D₂O) δ 28.50–30.6 (C₅', C₆'), 41.84 (C₂'), 48.07 (C₃'), 69.31–73.17 (5C₇', C₆, C₇, C₁₁), 74.58, 78.18–83.68 (C₂, C₃, C₄, C₅, C₉, C₁₀, C₁₁), 91.03 (C₁), 103.16 (C₈), 179.05, 179.53, 180.3 (C₁', CO₂⁻). MS (FAB⁻, TG) m/z 1861 [M + 15H – 16Na]⁻. Anal. (C₆₈H₈₆O₄₃S₈Na₁₆) C, H, S.

Octa-*O***-**(3-((1,2-bis(sodium oxycarbonyl)ethyl)thio)propyl)-D-cellobiose (17): obtained by the addition of 0.70 g of 2-mercaptosuccinic acid (4.67 mmol) on 0.20 g (0.30 mmol) of octa-*O*-allylcellobiose (4) under UV irradiation for 8 h; yield 40%; mp 270 °C dec; R_f 0.4 (acetone/ethyl acetate/acetic acid/ water, 1/1/1/1, v/v); IR (KBr, ν cm⁻¹) 1580 (C=O), 1415 (C-O); ¹H NMR (250 MHz, D₂O) δ 1.6–2.2 (m, 16H, 16H₆), 2.3– 2.6 (m, 8H, 8H₂), 2.5–3.0 (m, 24H, 8H₂, 16H₅), 3.3–4 (m, 38H, 8H₃, 16H₇, 14 glycosidic H); ¹³C NMR (25.178 MHz, D₂O) δ 28.17–34.9 (C₅', C₆'), 41.3 (C₂), 48.07 (C₃), 68.4–72.4 (C₆, C₁₂, 8C₇), 73.36–82.80 (C₂, C₃, C₄, C₅, C₈, C₉, C₁₀, C₁₁), 96.5 (C₁), 103.2 (C₇), 180.25–180.8 (C₁', CO₂⁻); MS (FAB⁻, TG) *m/z* 1861 [M + 15H – 16Na]⁻. Anal. (C₆₈H₈₆O₄₃S₈Na₁₆) C, H, S.

Octa-*O***-(3-((1,2-bis(sodium oxycarbonyl)ethyl)thio)**propyl)-D-lactose (18): obtained by the addition of 0.78 g of 2-mercaptosuccinic acid (5.20 mmol) on 0.215 g (0.32 mmol) of octa-*O*-allyllactose (5) under UV irradiation for 5.5 h; yield 60%; mp >265 °C dec; R_f 0.55 (acetone/ethyl acetate/acetic acid/ water, 1/3/1/1, v/v); IR (KBr, ν cm⁻¹) 1585 (C=O), 1410 (C-O); ¹H NMR (250 MHz, D₂O) δ 1.8–2.1 (m, 16H, 16H₆), 2.4–

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2.6 (m, 8H, 8H₂'), 2.6–2.85 (m, 24H, 8H₂', 16H₅'), 3.4–4.1 (m, 37H, 8H₃', 16H₇', 13 glycosidic H, H₇); MS (FAB⁻, TG) m/z 1861 [M + 15H – 16Na]⁻. Anal. (C₆₈H₈₆O₄₃S₈Na₁₆) C, H, S.

Octa-*O***-**(3-((1,2-bis(sodium oxycarbonyl)ethyl)thio)propyl)-D-maltose (19): obtained by the addition of 0.78 g of 2-mercaptosuccinic acid (5.20 mmol) on 0.375 g (0.57 mmol) of octa-*O*-allylmaltose (**6**) under UV irradiation for 5 h; yield 60%; mp 250 °C dec; R_t 0.30 (acetone/ethyl acetate/acetic acid/ water, 1/3/1/1, v/v); IR (KBr, ν cm⁻¹) 1576 (C=O), 1417 (C-O); ¹H NMR (250 MHz, D₂O) δ 1.7–2.1 (m, 16H, 16H₆), 2.4– 2.55 (m, 8H, 8H₂), 2.6–2.9 (m, 24H, 8H_{2'}, 16H_{5'}), 3.4–4.1 (m, 37H, 8H_{3'}, 16H_{7'}, 13 glycosidic H, H₇); ¹³C NMR (25.178 MHz, D₂O) δ 28.45–29.55 (C_{5'}, C_{6'}), 41.74 (C_{2'}), 48.05 (8C_{3'}), 69.2– 73.73 (C₆, C₁₂, C_{7'}), 78.0–85.19 (C₂, C₃, C₄, C₅, C₈, C₉, C₁₀, C₁₁), 179.0–180.58 (C_{1'}, CO₂⁻); MS (FAB⁻, TG) *m*/*z* 1861 [M + 15H – 16Na]⁻. Anal. (C₆₈H₈₆O₄₃S₈Na₁₆) C, H, S.

Radical Addition of Sodium 2-Mercaptoethanesulfonate on Perallylated Carbohydrate. General Method. The perallylated carbohydrate (0.50 mmol) was dissolved in 25 mL of acetonitrile in a quartz reactor; the sodium 2-mercaptoethanesulfonate (1.5 equiv per allyl function) was added in solution with 10 mL of water. The mixture was degassed for 15 min with nitrogen, and 50 mg of AIBN was added. The reaction mixture was irradiated for 4 h with UV light ($\lambda = 254$ nm). The end of the reaction was determined by TLC, the solvents were eliminated by evaporation under reduced pressure, a byproduct of AIBN was discarded by filtration, and the filtrate was lyophilized. The residue was purified by exclusion column chromatography with Sephadex gel G10 or G25 eluted with pure water.

Penta-*O***-(3-(((sodium oxysulfonyl)ethyl)thio)propyl)**- β -D-**Glucopyranose (20):** yield 64%; mp > 265 °C dec; R_f 0.31 (acetone/ethyl acetate/acetic acid/water, 5/3/2/2, v/v); ¹H NMR (250 MHz, D₂O) δ 1.89 (m, 10H, H₅), 2.65 (t, 10H, H₄), 2.87 and 3.1 (2t, 2 × 10H, H₁', H₂'), 3.7 (m, 16H, H₂-H₇, 10H₇), 4.38 (d, 1H, H₁, $J_{1-2} = 7.9$ Hz); ¹³C NMR (25.178 MHz, D₂O) δ 26.3 (C₂'), 28.7–30.1 (C₅'), 51.9 (C₁'), 69.76–73.05 (C₆, 5C₆), 74.52, 78.67, 82.29, 84.51 (C₂, C₃, C₄, C₅), 103.17 (C₁); MS (FAB⁻, NOBA) *m*/*z* 1177 [M – Na]⁻, 1155 [M + H – 2Na]⁻, 1133 [M + 2H – 3Na]⁻. Anal. (C₃₁H₅₇O₂₁S₁₀Na₅) C, H, S.

Octa-*O***(3-(((sodium oxysulfonyl)ethyl)thio)propyl)sucrose (21):** yield 53%; mp >265 °C dec; R_f 0.23 (acetone/ethyl) acetate/acetic acid/water, 5/3/2/2, v/v); ¹H NMR (250 MHz, D₂O) δ 1.78 (m, 16H, H₅), 2.57 (t, 16H, H₄', $J_{4'-5'} = 3.0$ Hz), 2.76, 3.0 (2q, 2 × 16H, H₁', H₂'), 3.65 (m, 19H, H₂-H₇, H₁₀-H₁₂, 10H₇), 4.06 (d, 1H, H₉, $J_{9-10} = 7.75$ Hz), 5.42 (d, 1H, H₁, $J_{1-2} = 3.37$ Hz); ¹³C NMR (25.178 MHz, D₂O) δ 26.37 (C₂'), 28.6–30.2 (C₅'), 51.9 (C₁'), 69.54–72.92 (C₆, C₇, C₁₂, 8C₆'), 71.2, 78.2–84.11 (C₂, C₃, C₄, C₅, C₉, C₁₀, C₁₁), 90.76 (C₁), 104.8 (C₈); MS (FAB⁻, NOBA) m/z 1951 [M – Na]⁻, 1929 [M + H – 2Na]⁻. Anal. (C₅₂H₉₄Q₃₅S₁₆Na₈) C, H, S.

Biological Methods. Antiviral Assays. Cytotoxicity measurements were based on inhibition of cell growth. The cell lines used for both the anti-HIV activity and cytotoxicity assays were CEM-4 and MT-4 cells. The different compounds were evaluated for their anti-HIV activity according to wellestablished procedures.^{1,12,13} The origin of the viruses (human immunodeficiency virus type 1 (HIV-1) (strain HTLV-III_B/LAI), HIV-2 (strain LAV_{ROD}), herpes simplex virus type 1 (HSV-1) (strains KOS, F, and McIntyre), thymidine kinase-deficient (TK⁻) HSV-1 (strain B2006), TK⁻/TK⁺ HSV-1 (strain VMW 1837), herpes simplex virus type 2 (HSV-2) (strains G, Lyons, and 196), human cytomegalovirus (HCMV) (strains AD169 and Davis), vaccinia virus, vesicular stomatitis virus, parainfluenza virus type 3, reovirus type 1, Junin virus, Tacaribe virus, Sindbis virus, Semliki forest virus, Coxsackie B4 virus, and poliovirus type 1) has been described previously.^{12,13}

Syncytium Formation. MOLT-4 (clone 8) cells $(1 \times 10^{6} \text{ cells/mL})$ were cultured with an equal number of HUT-78/HIV-1 or HUT-78/HIV-2 cells in microtiter tray wells containing various concentrations of the test compounds. After a 24 h cocultivation period, the number of giant cells was recorded microscopically, as described previously.¹⁴

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