Synthesis of Dimeric Acridine Derived Nucleic Acid Intercalators

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A series of antiviral compounds consisting of an intercalating acridine derived part, a spacer region and a reactive EDTA-derived conjugate was synthesized in an easy sequence. Suitably monoprotected 1,ω-alkyldiamines gave upon reaction with 6,9-dichloro-2-methoxyacridine (**1**) followed by deprotection and reaction with EDTA dianhydride the target molecules. In the presence of ascorbate a reduction of the phage-titer of the MS2 phages by > 8 logarithmic decades was achieved.

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