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Structural optimization of 3-hydroxy-N'-arylidene propanehydrazoneamides provided new analogs with nanomolar to subnanomolar antiplasmodial activity against asexual blood stages of *Plasmodium falciparum*, excellent parasite selectivity, and nanomolar activity against the earliest forms of gametocyte development. Particularly, derivatives with a 1,3-dihalo-6-trifluoromethylphenanthrene moiety showed outstanding in vivo properties and demonstrated in part curative activity in the *Plasmodium berghei* mouse model when administered perorally.

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