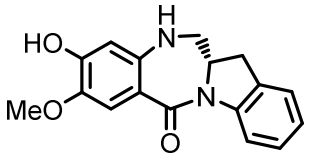
CLAIMS

1. A compound represented by the following structural formula:



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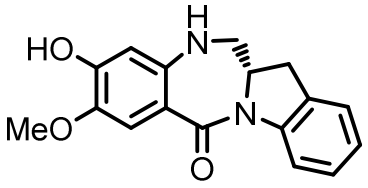
2. A method for preparing compound **3b** represented by the following structural formula:



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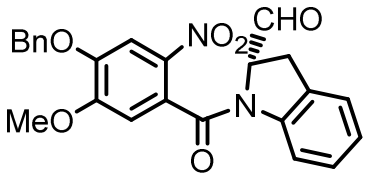
comprising reacting compound **3a** represented by the following structural formula:



3a

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with hydrogen in the presence of a palladium catalyst, to form compound **3b**.

3. The method of claim 2, wherein the palladium catalyst is palladium on carbon (Pd/C).

4. The method of claim 2, wherein the reaction is carried out in methanol.

5. The method of claim 2, wherein the reaction is carried out at room temperature.

6. The method of claim 5, wherein the reaction is carried out at room temperature overnight.

7. The method of claim 2, wherein the method further comprises purifying compound **3b** by silica gel chromatography.

8. The method of claim 3, wherein the reaction is carried out at room temperature.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein the reaction is carried out at room temperature overnight.

10. The method of claim 3, wherein the method further comprises purifying compound **3b** by silica gel chromatography.

11. The method of claim 2, wherein the palladium catalyst is palladium on carbon (Pd/C) and the reaction is carried out in methanol.

12. The method of claim 11, wherein the reaction is carried out at room temperature.

13. The method of claim 12, wherein the reaction is carried out at room temperature overnight.

14. The method of claim 11, wherein the method further comprises purifying compound **3b** by silica gel chromatography.