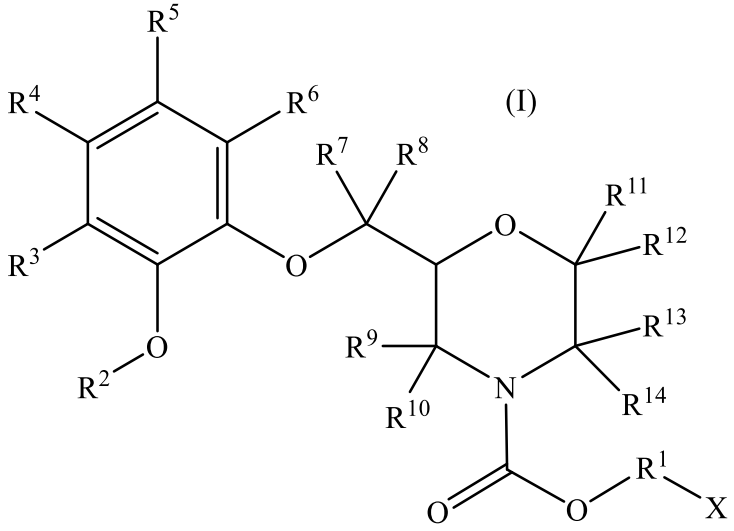
WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A compound of Formula I, a stereoisomer thereof, or a salt thereof:



wherein:

R^1 is alkyl, heterocyclyl, or a pyridyl;

R^2 is alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, or heterocyclyl;

R^3-R^{14} are each independently H, F, Cl, Br, I, CN, NO_2, alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, or heterocyclyl; and

X is halogen, an amino acid residue with a hydrophobic side chain, or ester, wherein X may also be H only when R^1 is pyridyl.

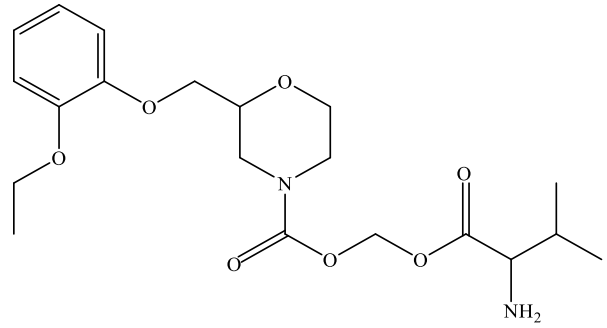
2. The compound of claim 1, wherein R^1 is CH_2, CH_2CH_2, CH_3CH, $CH_2CH_2CH_2$, $CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_2$, $(CH_3)_2C$, $(CH_3)_2CHCH$, or $(CH_3)_3CCH$.

3. The compound of claim 1, wherein the amino acid residue with a hydrophobic side chain is unsubstituted.

4. The compound of claim 3, wherein the amino acid residue with a hydrophobic side chain is valine.

5. The compound of claim 4, wherein R_1 is CH_2, CH_3CH, or $(CH_3)_2CHCH$.

6. The compound of claim 5 that is:



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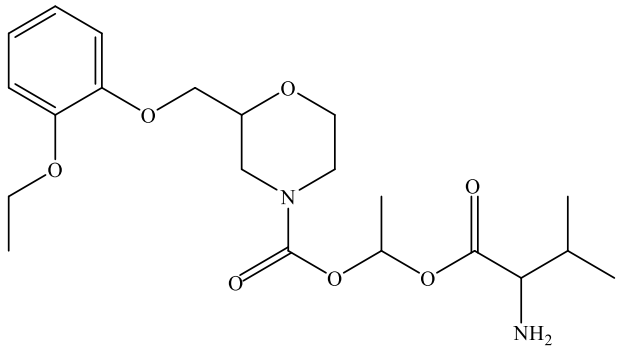

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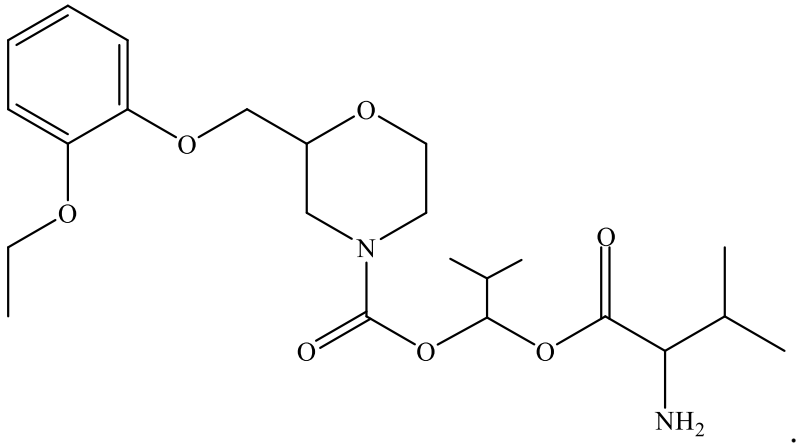

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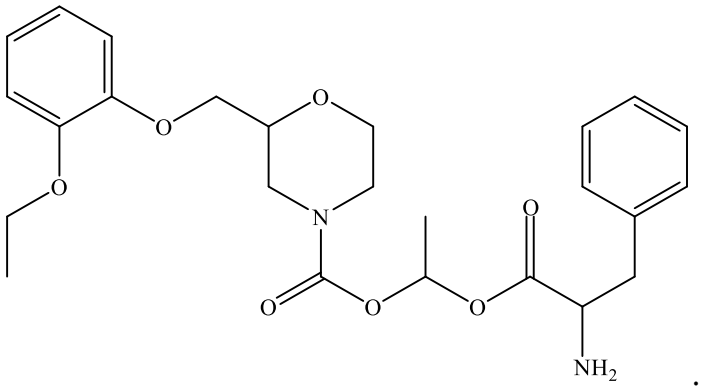
7. The compound of claim 3, wherein the amino acid residue with a hydrophobic side chain is phenylalanine.

8. The compound of claim 7, wherein R_1 is CH_3CH.

9. The compound of claim 8 having the structure



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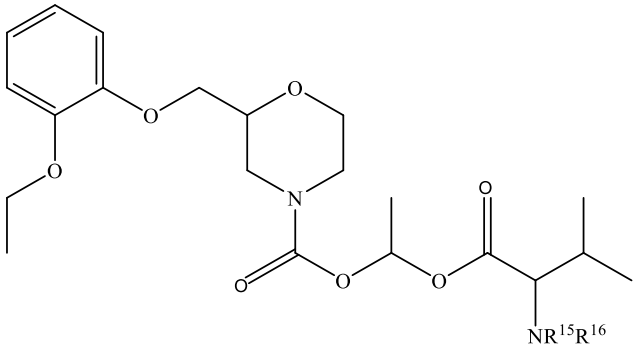
10. The compound of claim 3, wherein each of R^3-R^{14} is independently H, F, Cl, Br, I, or alkyl.

11. The compound of claim 10, wherein each of R^3-R^{14} are each independently H or C_1-C_6 alkyl.

12. The compound of claim 11, wherein R^3-R^{14} are all H.

13. The compound of claim 12, wherein R^1 is CH_2, CH_2CH_2, CH_3CH, $CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_2$, $CH_3CH_2CH_2CH$, or $(CH_3)_3CCH$.

14. A compound of formula:



wherein:

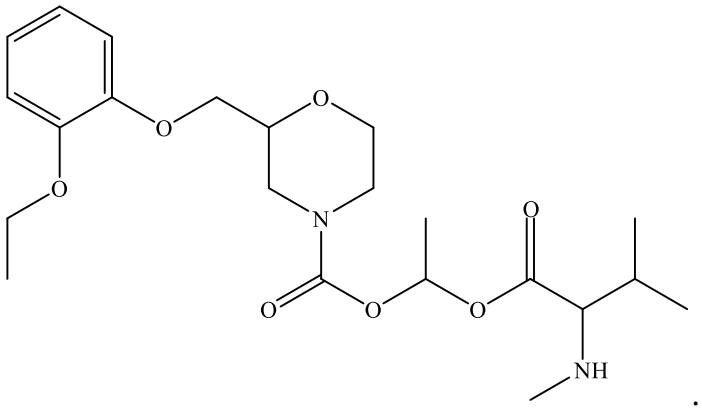
R^{15} is H, alkyl, –C(O)OR^{17}, or –C(O)R^{17}, wherein R^{17} is H or alkyl; and

R^{16} is H, alkyl, –C(O)OR^{17}, or –C(O)R^{17}, wherein R^{17} is H or alkyl.

15. The compound of claim 14, wherein R^{15} is alkyl and R^{16} is H or alkyl.

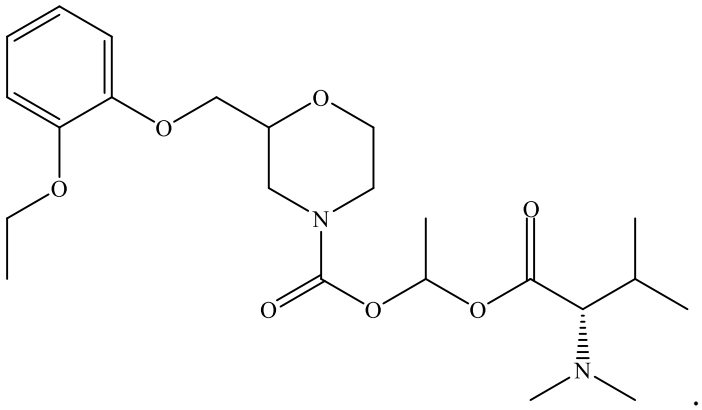
16. The compound of claim 15, wherein R^{15} is methyl and R^{16} is H or methyl.

17. The compound of claim 16 having the structure:



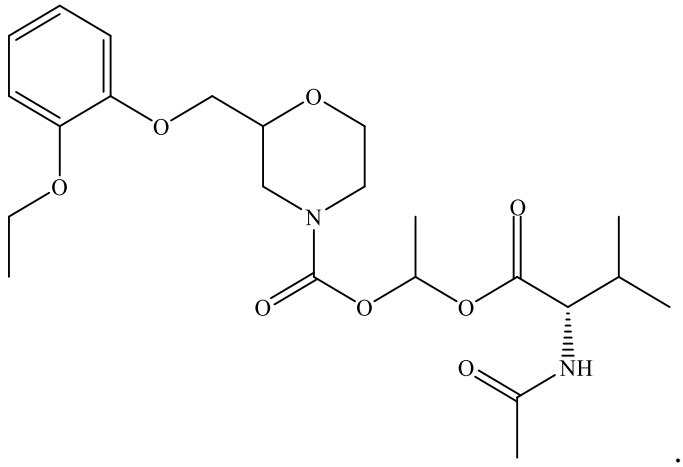
18. The compound of claim 16, wherein R^{15} and R^{16} are methyl.

19. The compound of claim 18 having the structure:



20. The compound of claim 14, wherein R^{15} is $-C(O)R^{17}$ in which R^{17} is methyl, and R^{16} is H.

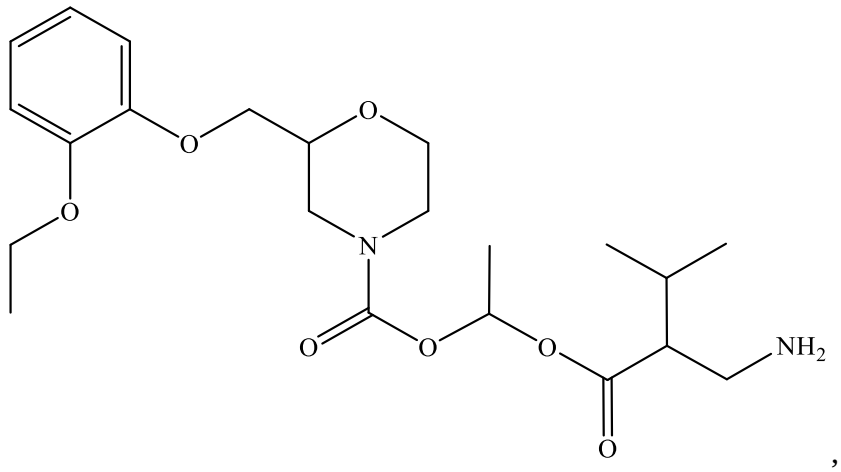
21. The compound of claim 20 having the structure:

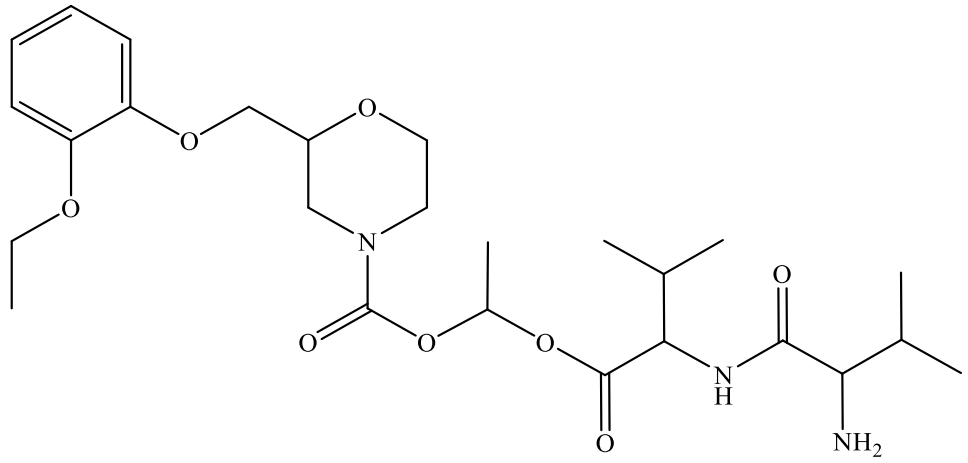


22. The compound of claim 1, wherein R_1 is CH_2 or CH_3CH.

23. The compound of claim 22, wherein X is an ester.

24. The compound of claim 23 which is:





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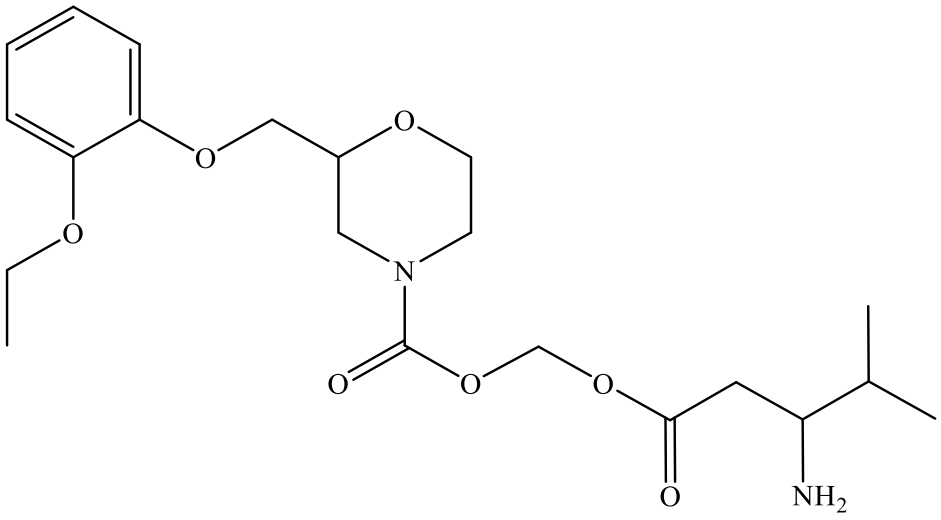

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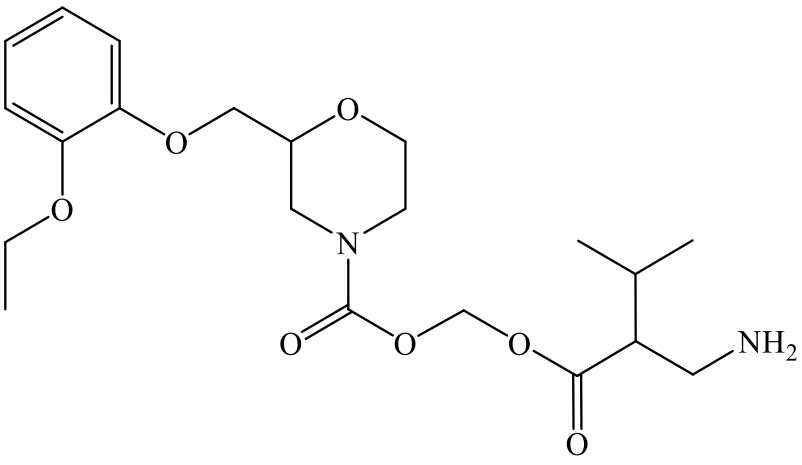

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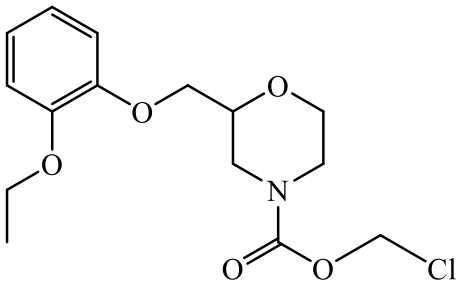
25. The compound of claim 1 which is:



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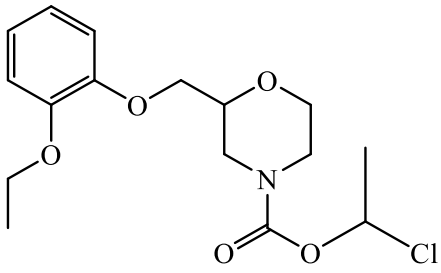
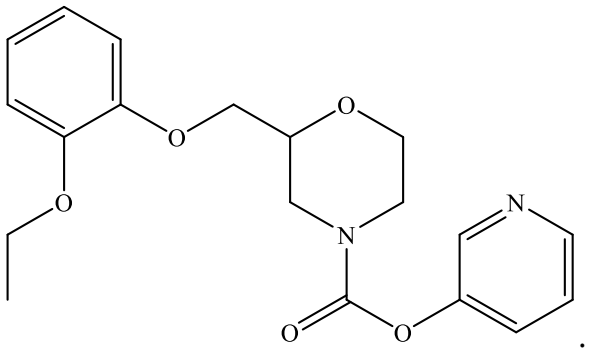


(Intermediate 3).

26. The compound of claim 1, wherein R^1 is a pyridyl group and X is H.

27. The compound of claim 26 that is:



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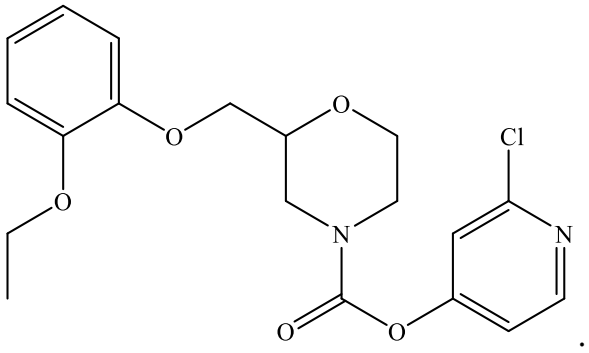
28. The compound of claim 1, wherein R^1 is a pyridyl group and X is F, Cl, Br, or I.

29. The compound of claim 28 that is: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