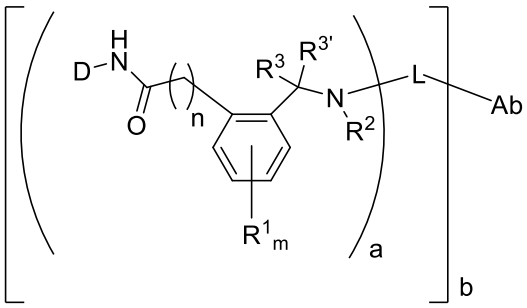
WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A compound of formula (I):



(I),

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

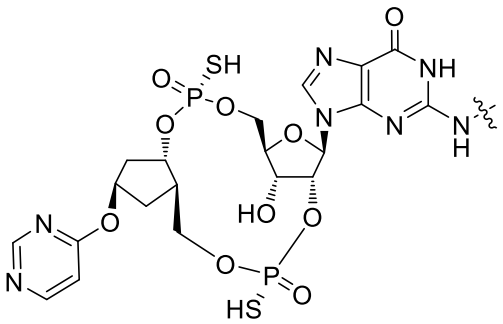
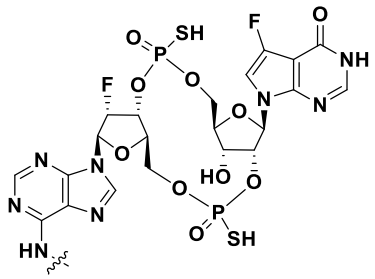
a is an integer from 1 to 20;

b is an integer from 1 to 20;

m is 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4;

n is 0 or 1;

D-NH- is a portion of an amino-substituted compound, wherein the amino-substituted compound has the formula D-NH_2 wherein D-NH_2 is a STING modulator, wherein the STING modulator is a compound having a formula selected from:

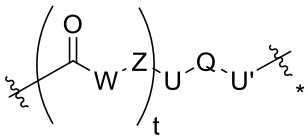
 and  ;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein  is the point of attachment to the carbonyl group of formula (I);

each R^1 is independently selected from C_1-C_4alkyl, O-C_1-C_4alkyl, and halogen;

R^2 is selected from C_1-C_4alkyl and $–(CH_2CH_2O)_s$-CH_3, wherein s is an integer from 1 to 10;

R^3 and $R^{3'}$ are each independently selected from hydrogen and C_1-C_3alkyl;

L is  ;

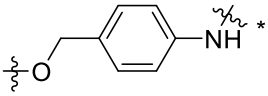
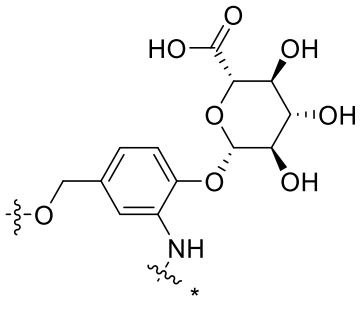
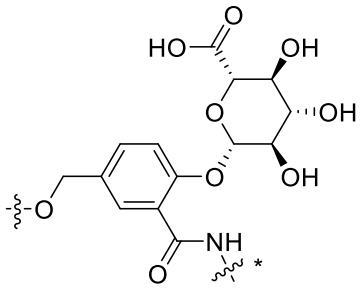
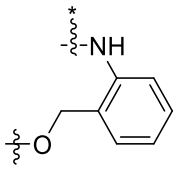
wherein:

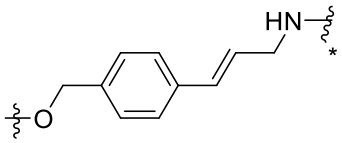
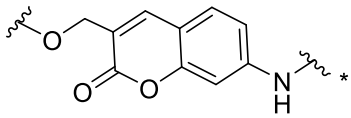
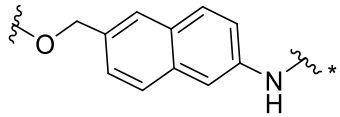
 is the point of attachment to the nitrogen atom;

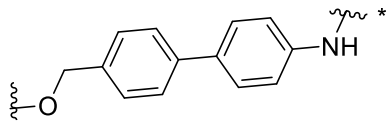
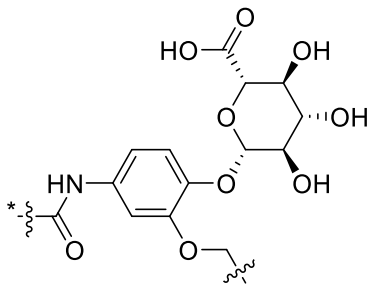
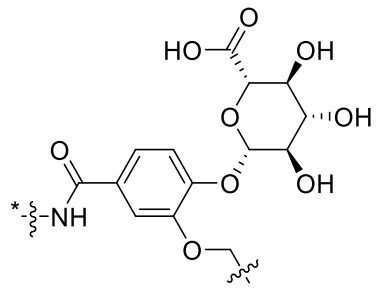
 is the point of attachment to Ab;

t is an integer from 1 and 10;

W is absent or a selected from

 ,  ,  ,  ,

 ,  ,  ,

 ,  , and  ;

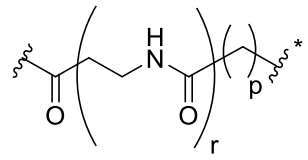
wherein:

 is the point of attachment to the carbonyl group; and

 is the point of attachment to Z;

Z is absent or a peptide of 2 to 5 amino acids;

U and U’ are independently absent or selected from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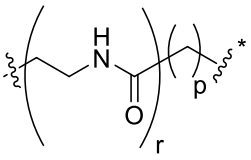
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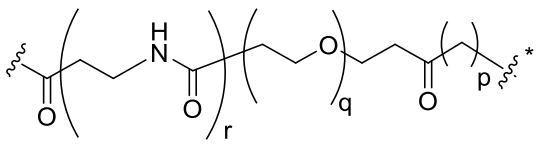
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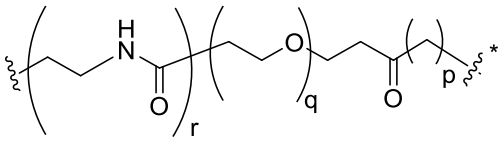
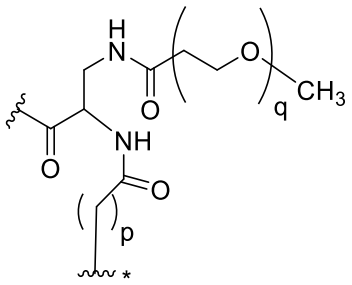
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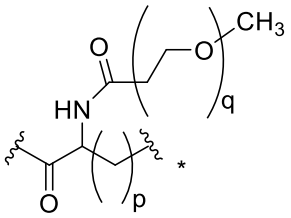
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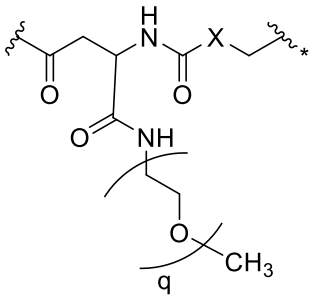
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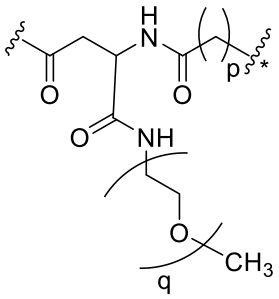
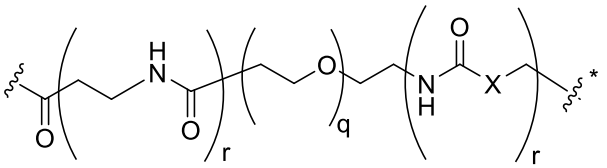
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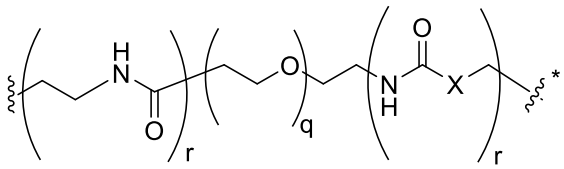
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wherein:

 is the point of attachment to Z;

 is the point of attachment to Q;

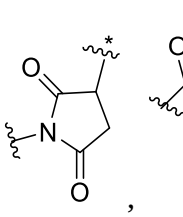
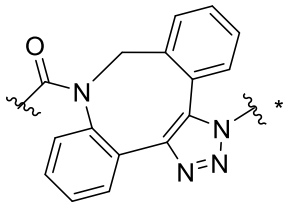
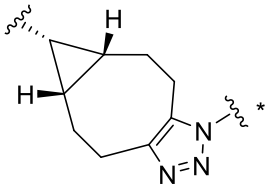
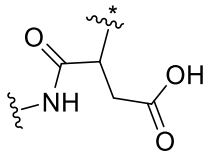
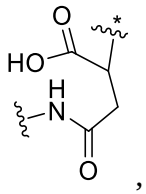
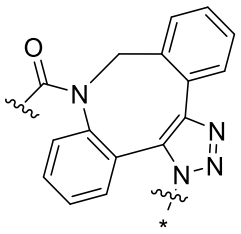
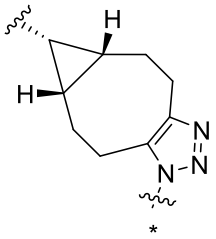
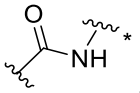
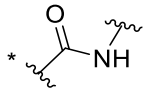
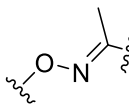
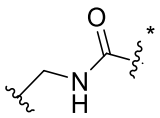
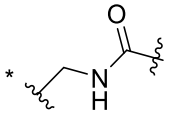
p is an integer from 1 to 6;

q is an integer from 1 to 20;

X is O or $–CH_2-$; and

each r is independently 0 or 1; and

Q is selected from

 ,  ,  ,  ,  ,  ,  ,  ,  ,  ,  , and  ;

wherein

 is the point of attachment to U or, when U is absent, the point of attachment to Z; and

 is the point of attachment to U', or, when U' is absent, the point of attachment to Ab; provided that W and Z are not both absent; and

Ab is an antibody, antibody fragment or an antigen-binding fragment.

2. A compound of claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

a is an integer from 1 to 4;

b is an integer from 1 to 10; and

m is 0.

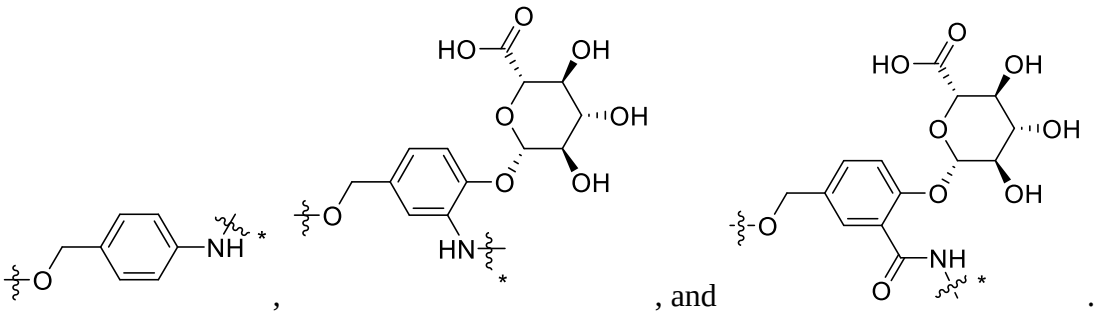
3. A compound of claim 1 or 2, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

m is 0;

n is 0; and

R^3 and $R^{3'}$ are each hydrogen.

4. A compound of any one of claims 1 to 3, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein W is selected from



5. A compound of any one of claims 1 to 4, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein Z is a two-amino acid peptide selected from Val-Cit, Cit-Val, Val-Ala, Ala-Val, Phe-Lys, and Lys-Phe.

6. A compound of claim 1, wherein

t is 1; and

Z is absent or a peptide of 2 amino acids.

7. A compound of any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein R^2 is $–CH_3$, or $–(CH_2CH_2O)_s-CH_3$ and s is an integer from 1 to 10.

8. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of any one of claims 1 to 7, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers.

9. A compound of any one of claims 1 to 7 for use in the treatment of cancer in a subject in need thereof.

10. A compound or composition of any one of claims 1 to 7 for use in stimulating an immune response in a subject in need thereof.