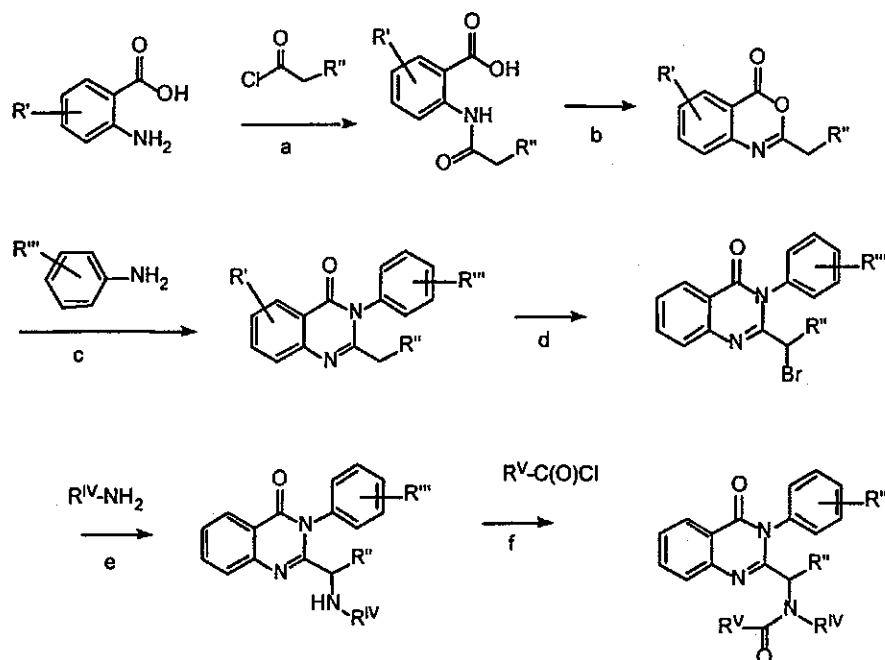
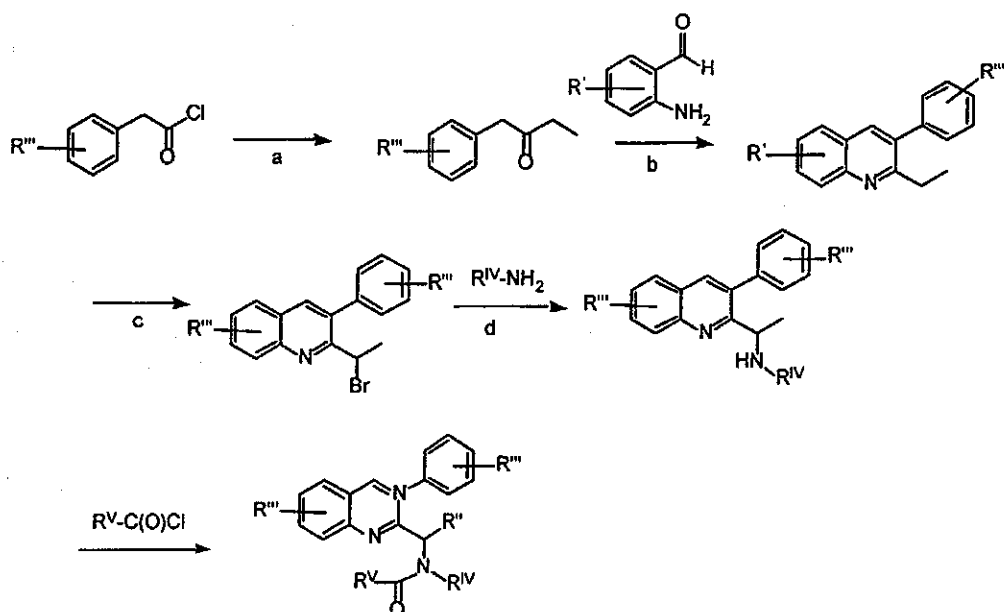


FIG. 1



(a) DMF, RT (b) AcO_2 , 118-130°C (c) i. CHCl_3 , 80°C; ii. cat. NaOH, ethylene glycol, 130°C
(d) Br_2 , NaOAc, HOAc, 40°C (e) EtOH, 80°C (f) NEt_3 , cat. DMAP, 1,4-dioxane

FIG. 2



a Et_2Zn , AlCl_3 , CH_2Cl_2 , -30°C- rt. b R' -substituted-o-aminobenzaldehyde, 33% KOH, EtOH. c Br_2 , NaOAc, HOAc. d EtOH, 80°C.

FIG. 3

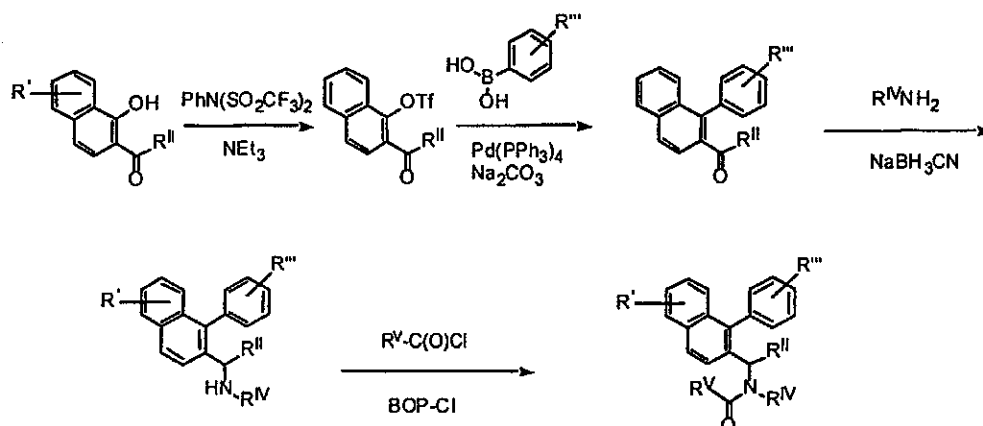
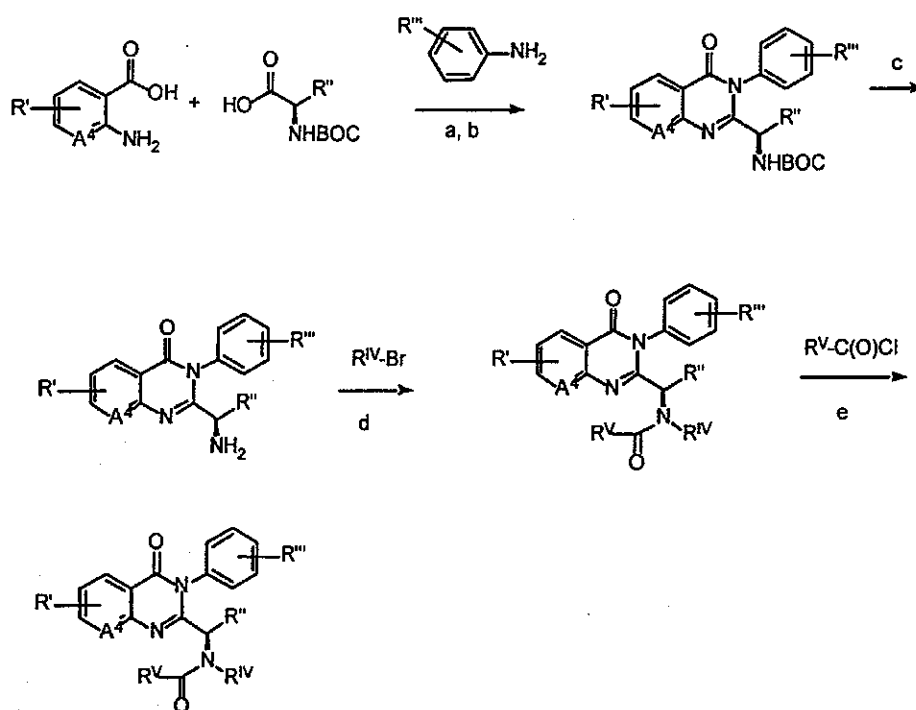


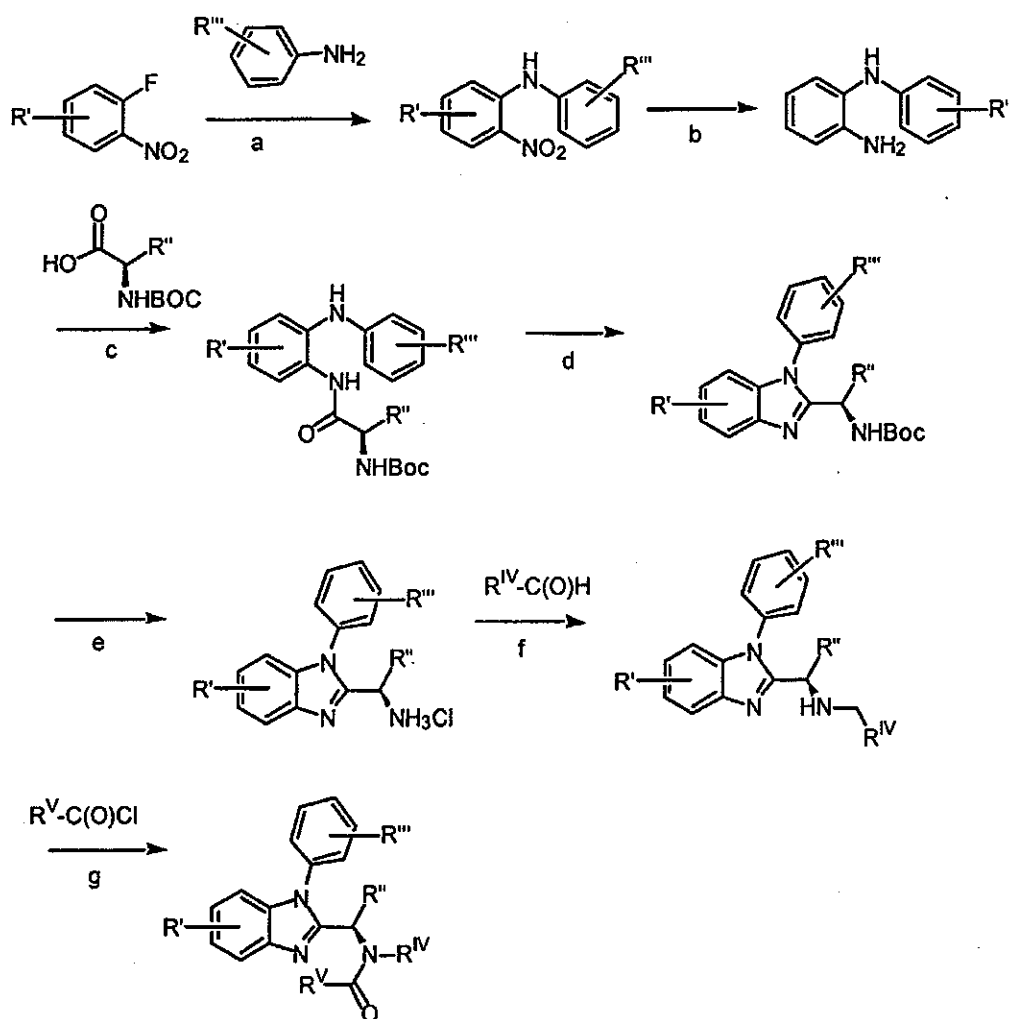
FIG. 4



a. $\text{P}(\text{OPh})_3$, pyridine, 55 °C, 14 h; b. R^{III} substituted aniline, 55 °C, 1 h;
 c. TMSI, MeCN, 25 °C, 1 h; d. KI, K_2CO_3 , DMPU; e. EDC, HOBT,
 CH_2Cl_2 .
 $\text{A}^4 = \text{C}$ or N

FIG. 5

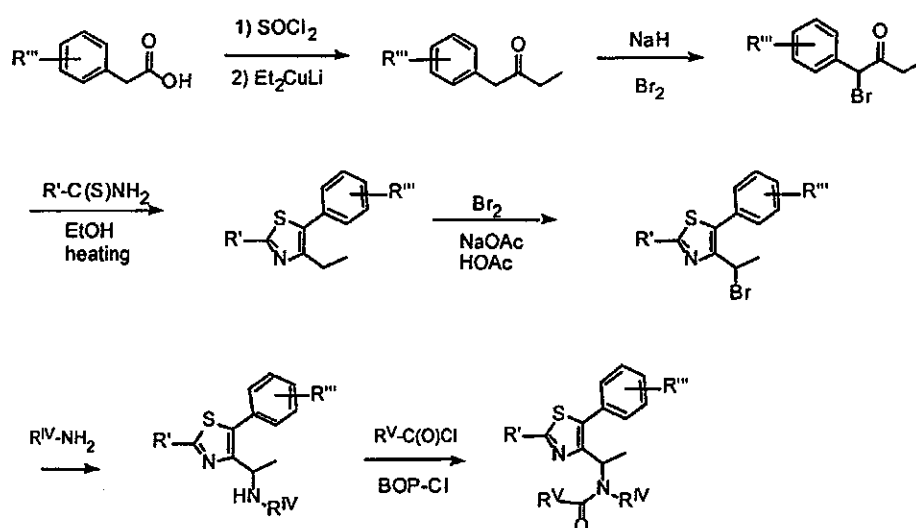
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a K_2CO_3 , DMF, $125^\circ C$, 16h. b H_2 , Pd/C, rt. c D- Boc-Ala-OH, EDC, HOBT, NMM, DMF.
d HOAc, $90^\circ C$. e 4M HCl in dioxane, EtOAc, rt. f $NaBH_3CN$, MeOH, rt. g Bop-Cl, Et_3N , THF, rt.

FIG. 6

Part A



Part B

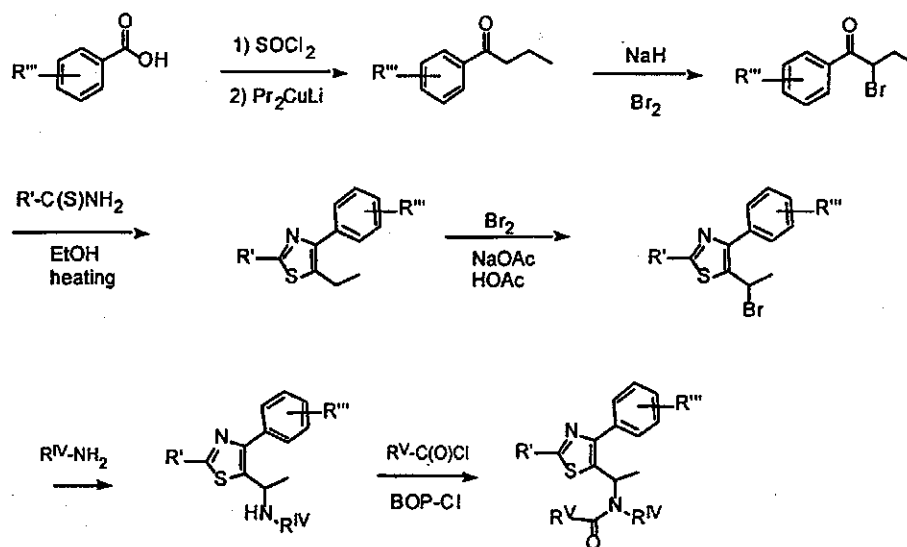


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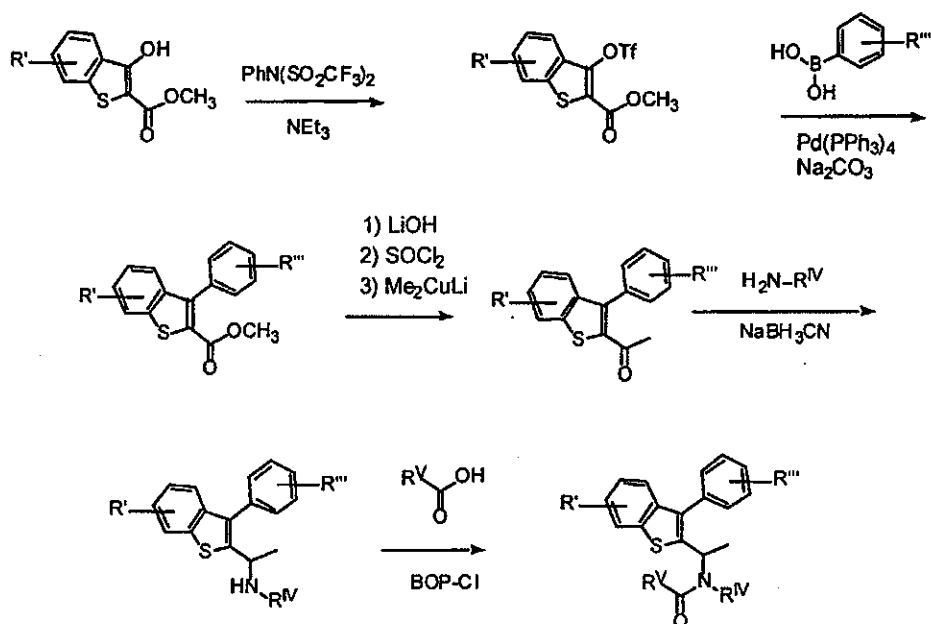
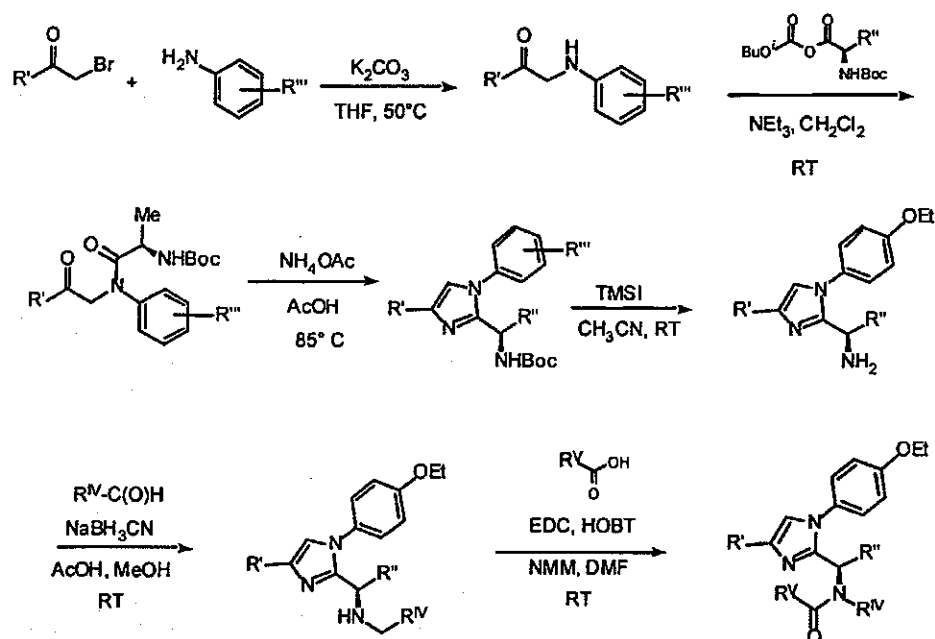


FIG. 8



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FIG. 9

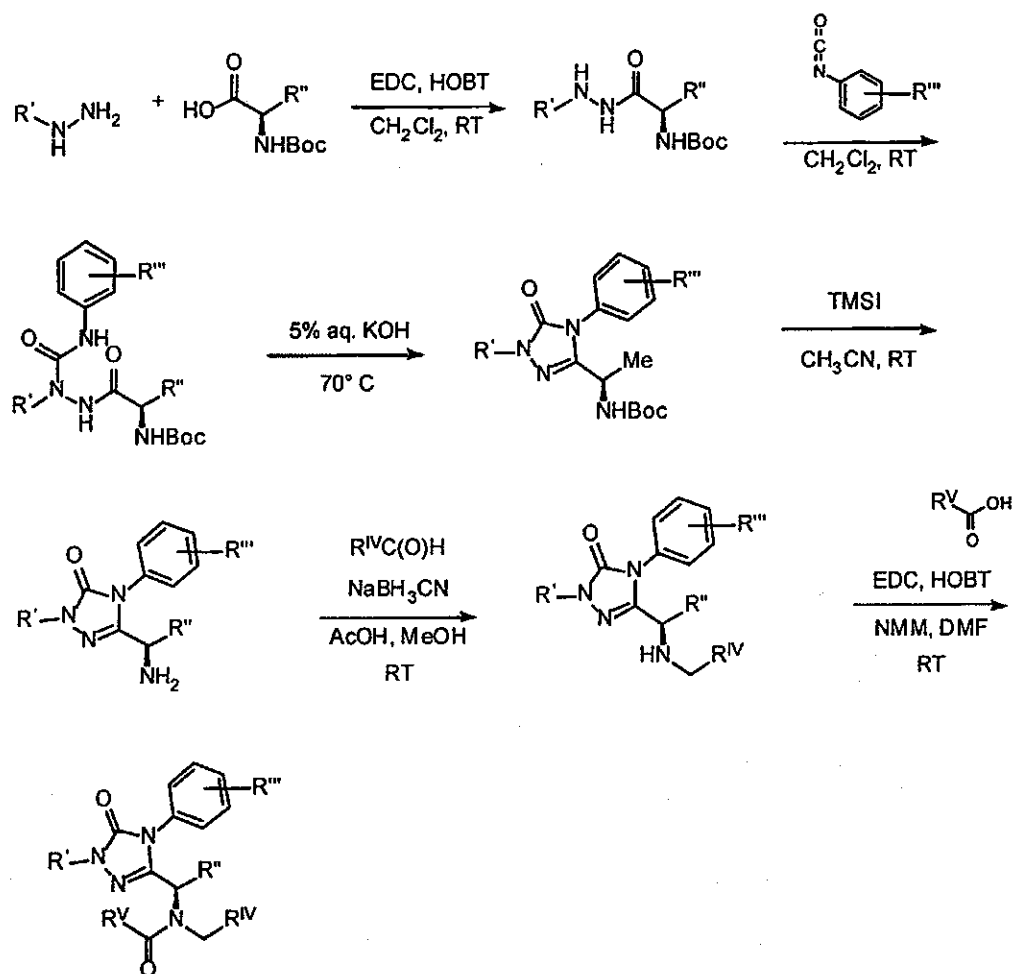
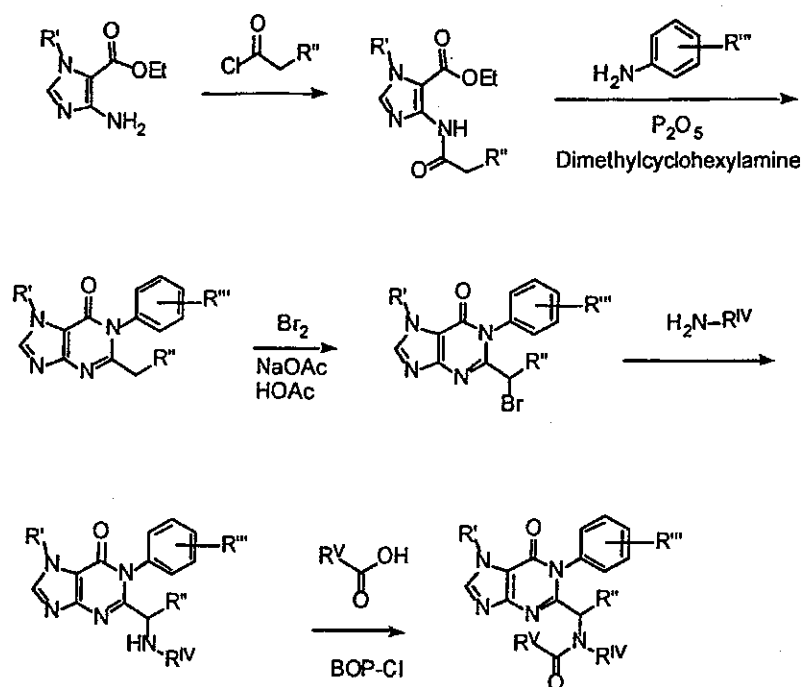


FIG. 10



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FIG. 11

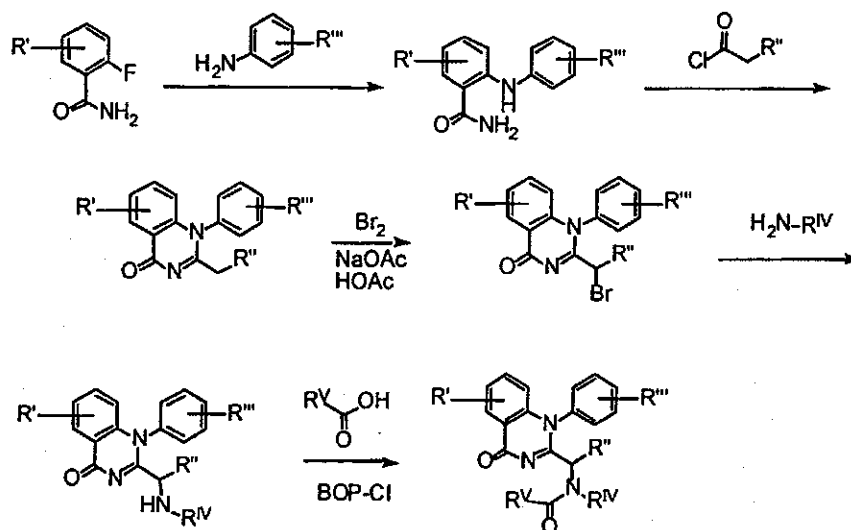


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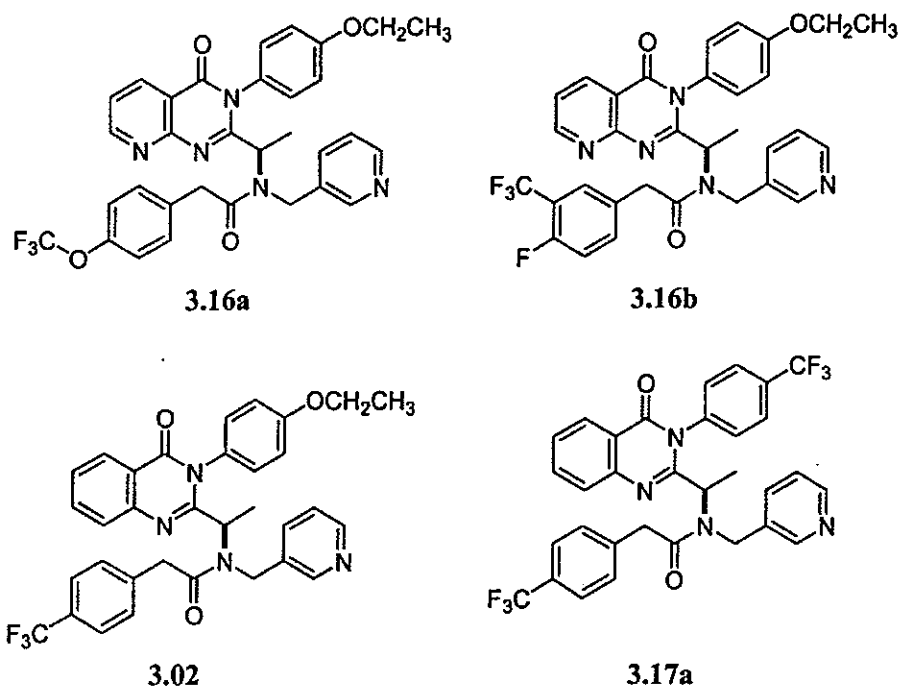


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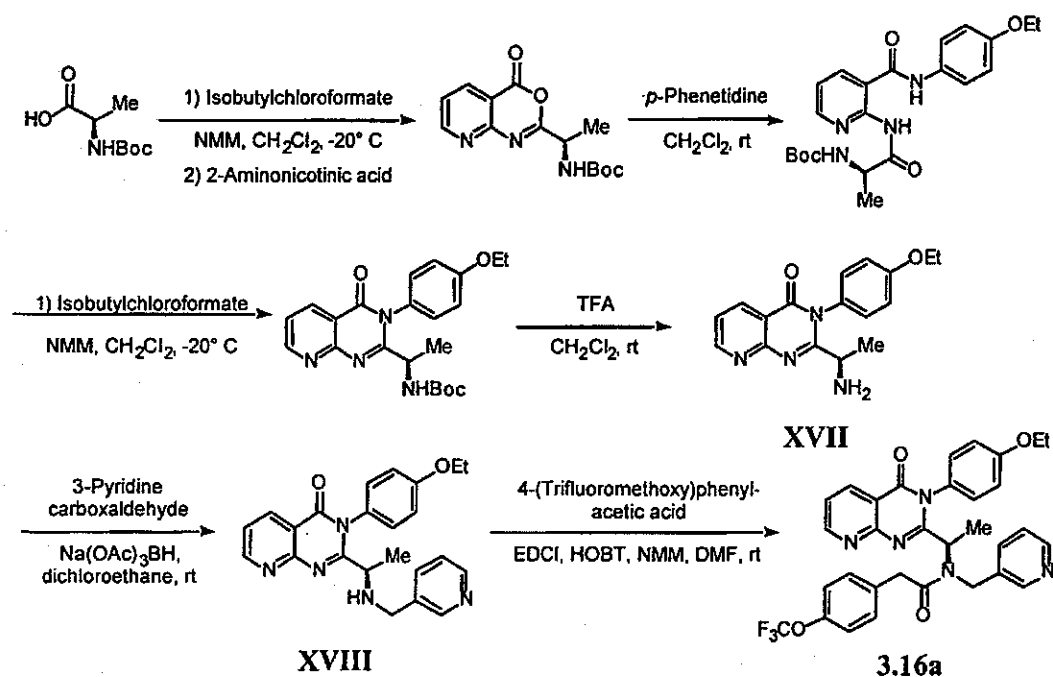
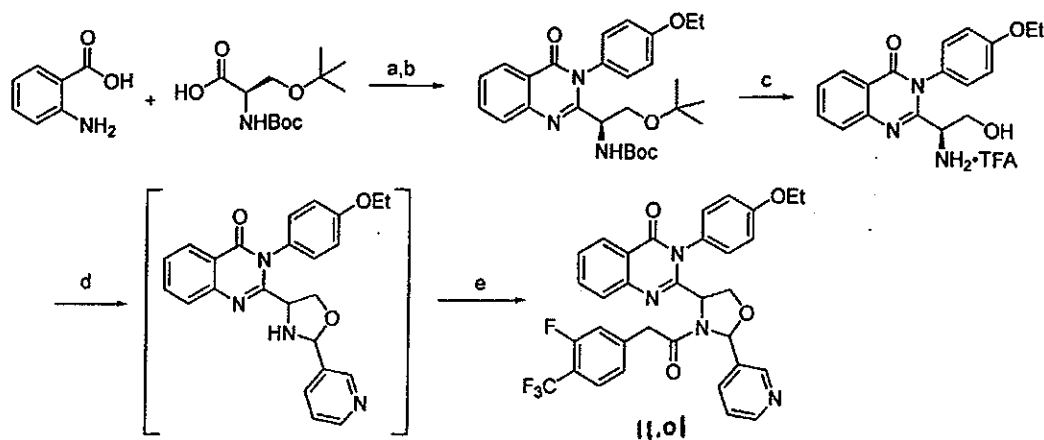
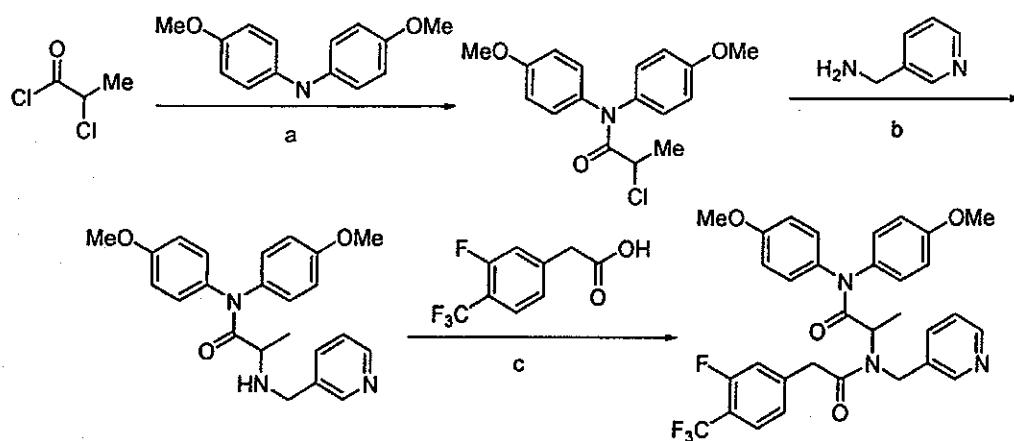


FIG. 14



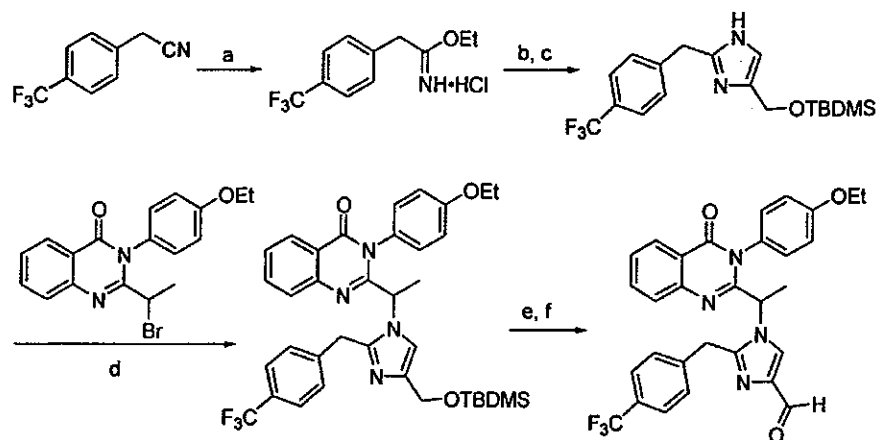
a. $P(OPh)_3$, pyridine, 80°C; b. p-Ethoxyaniline, 50°C; c. TFA, DCM; d. 3-Pyridylcarboxaldehyde, NEt_3 , $MgSO_4$, DCM; e. 3-Fluoro-4-trifluoromethylphenylacetic acid, BOP-Cl.

FIG. 15



a. NEt_3 , DCM; b. EtOH, 90°C; c. BOP-Cl, DMF.

FIG. 16



a. HCl (gas), EtOH; b. NH₃, EtOH; c. TBDMSCl, Imidazole, DMF; d. K₂CO₃, DMF, 50°C; e. HCl (conc.), EtOH; f. MnO₂, DCM.

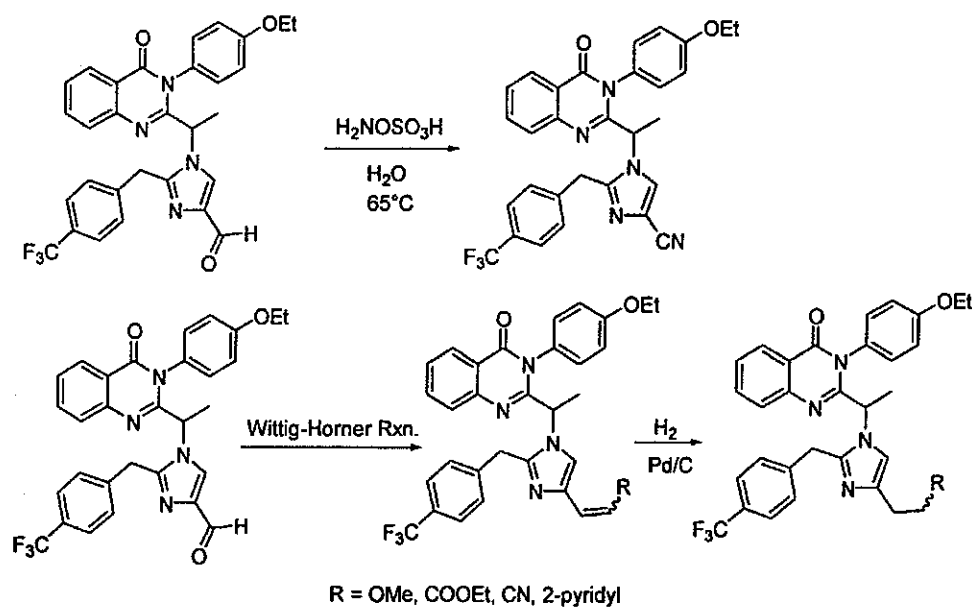
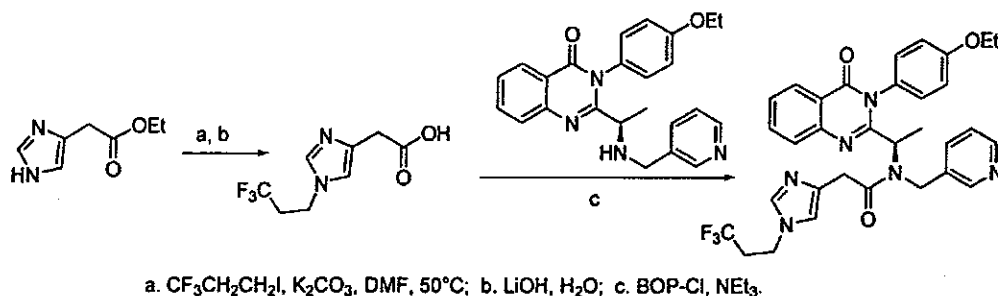


FIG. 17



a. CF₃CH₂CH₂I, K₂CO₃, DMF, 50°C; b. LiOH, H₂O; c. BOP-Cl, NEt₃.

FIG. 18

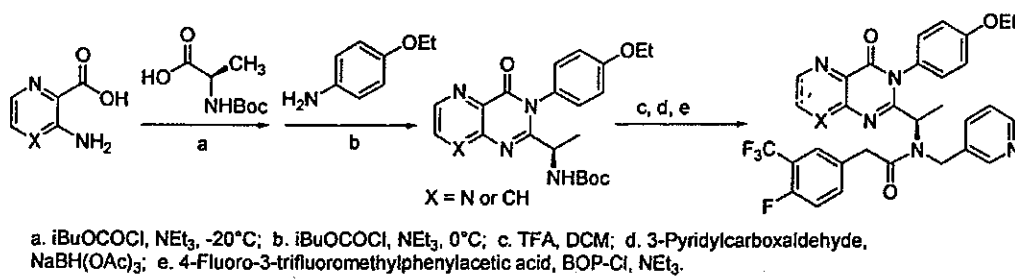


FIGURE 19

Table

CXCR3 binding assay IC50 $\geq$ 10 μ M=X; 10 μ M>IC50 $\geq$ 1 μ M=XX; IC50<1 μ M=XXX

Compound	IC50
1.01	XX
1.02	XXX
1.03	XXX
1.04	XX
1.05	XXX
1.06	X
1.07	XXX
1.08	XXX
1.09	X
1.1	XXX
1.11	X
1.12	XX
1.13	XX
1.14	XX
1.15	XX
1.16	XXX
1.17	XXX
1.18	XXX
1.19	XXX
1.2	XX
1.21	XXX
1.22	XXX
1.23	XXX
1.24	XXX
1.25	XXX
1.26	XXX
1.27	XXX
1.28	XX
1.29	XXX
1.3	XXX
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1.32	XXX
1.33	XX
1.34	XXX
1.35	XX
1.36	XX
1.37	XX
1.38	XX
1.39	XXX
1.4	XX
1.42	XX
1.43	XXX
1.44	X
1.45	X

Compound	IC50
1.47	XX
1.48	XXX
1.49	XXX
1.5	XX
1.51	X
1.53	XXX
1.54	XXX
1.55	X
2.01	XXX
2.02	XXX
2.03	XX
2.04	XX
2.05	XXX
2.06	XXX
2.07	XXX
2.08	XXX
2.09	XXX
2.1	XXX
2.11	XXX
2.12	XXX
3.01	XXX
3.02	XXX
3.03	XXX
3.04	XXX
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3.08	XXX
3.09	XXX
3.1	XXX
3.11	XXX
3.12	XXX
3.13	XXX
3.14	XXX
3.15	XXX
3.16	X

Compound	IC50
4.01	XXX
4.03	X
5.01	X
6.01	XXX
6.02	XX
7.01	XX
8.01	X
9.01	XXX
9.02	XXX
9.03	XXX
9.04	XXX
9.05	XXX
9.06	XXX
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9.09	X
9.10	
10.01	XXX
10.02	XX
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