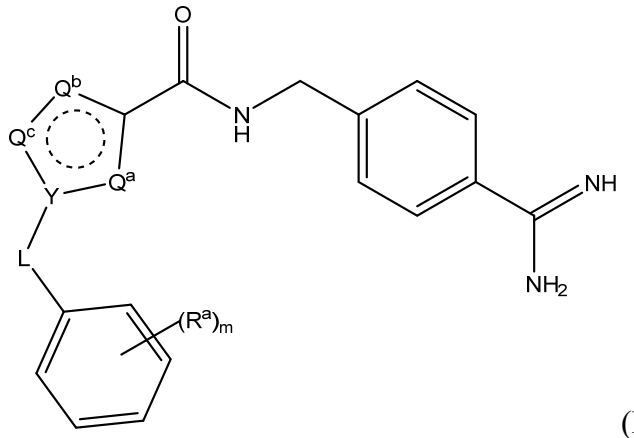
CLAIMS:

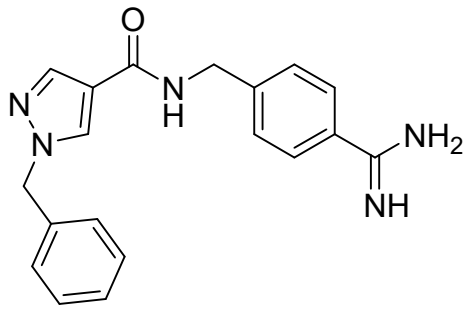
1. A process for preparing a compound of Formula I



(Formula I), or a salt thereof,

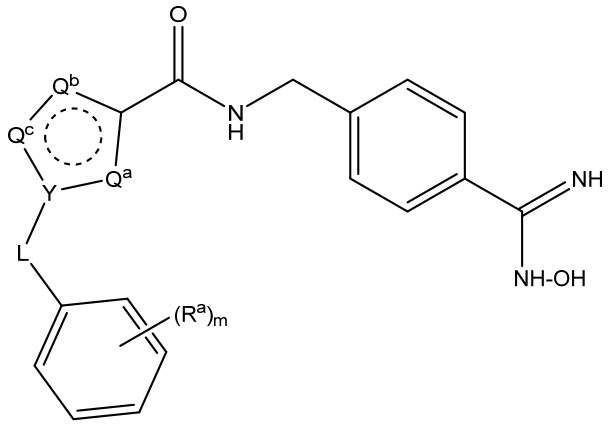
wherein

the compound of Formula I is



the method comprising:

(a) subjecting a compound of Formula II to catalytic hydrogenation, to provide the compound of Formula I as a crude product, wherein the compound of Formula II is:



(Formula II)

wherein the subscript m is 0;

L is CH_2;

Q^a and Q^b are each $C(R^q)$, wherein each R^q is H

Q^c is N

Y is N.

2. The process of claim **1**, wherein the catalytic hydrogenation comprise Raney nickel and H_2.

3. The process of claim **2**, wherein the catalytic hydrogenation comprise Raney nickel at 10 to 40 mol%, and H_2 at 2 to 20 kg/cm^3.

4. The process of claim **3**, wherein the catalytic hydrogenation comprise Raney nickel at about 20 mol%, and H_2 at about 10 kg/cm^3.

5. The process of any one of claims **1** to **4**, wherein the catalytic hydrogenation further comprise acetic acid as a solvent, and heating at a temperature of 30°C to 70°C.

6. The process of any one of claims **2** to **5**, further comprising:

(b) forming a slurry of the crude product in water at a temperature of 25°C to 70°C to provide a nickel-depleted product.

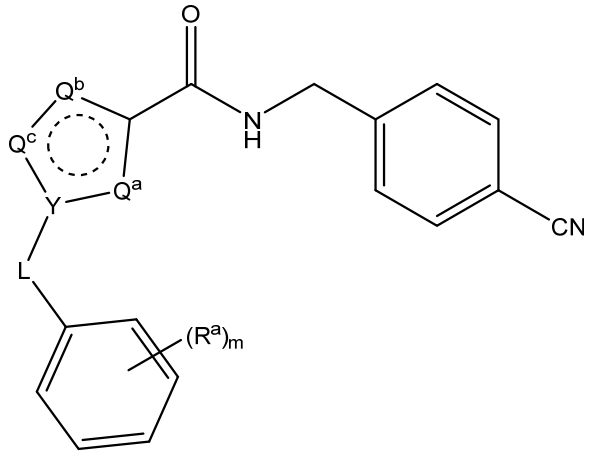
7. The process of claim **6**, further comprising:

(c) heating the nickel-depleted product in a solvent to remove further nickel.

8. The process of claim **7**, wherein the solvent comprises a mixture of ethanol and acetic acid.

9. The process of claim **7**, wherein the solvent comprises a mixture of methanol, dimethyl glyoxime, and methyl-t-butyl ether.

10. The process of any one of claims **1** to **9**, wherein the compound of Formula II is obtained by combining a compound of Formula III with hydroxylamine or a salt thereof under basic conditions, wherein the compound of Formula III is:



(Formula III),

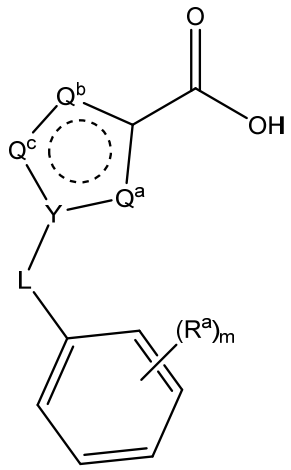
to provide the compound of Formula II.

11. The process of claim **10**, wherein the basic conditions comprise triethylamine and ethanol.

12. The process of claim **11**, wherein the basic conditions further comprise heating at a temperature of 50°C to 75°C.

13. The process of any one of claims **10** to **12**, wherein about 3 equivalents of hydroxylamine and triethylamine are used per equivalent of compound of Formula III.

14. The process of any one of claims **10** to **13**, wherein the compound of Formula III is obtained by reacting a compound of Formula IV with 4-(aminomethyl)benzonitrile hydrochloride under aprotic conditions, wherein the compound of Formula IV is:



(Formula IV).

15. The process of claim **14**, wherein the aprotic conditions comprise triethylamine in dichloromethane.

16. The process of claim **14** or **15**, wherein the aprotic conditions further comprise 1-propanephosphonic anhydride in ethyl acetate (T3P®).

17. The process of and one of claims **14** to **16**, wherein the aprotic conditions comprise incubating the compound of Formula IV with 4-(aminomethyl)benzonitrile hydrochloride and 1-propanephosphonic anhydride at a temperature of 5°C to 39°C.