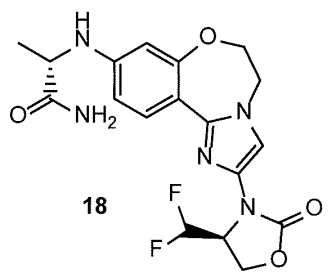


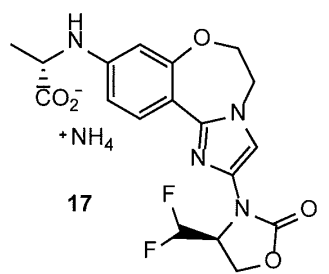
CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A process for the preparation of compound **18**, having the structure:

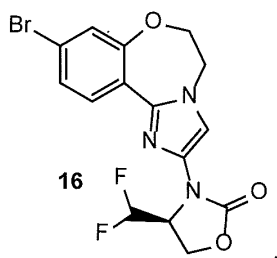


comprising reacting compound **17**, having the structure:



with ammonia and a peptide coupling reagent selected from the group consisting of *N*-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-*N'*-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride/*N*-hydroxysuccinimide; *N*-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-*N'*-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride/1-hydroxybenzotriazole; and 1,1'-carbonyldiimidazole (CDI), to form compound **18**.

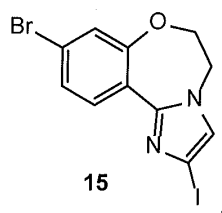
2. The process of claim 1, wherein the peptide coupling reagent is *N*-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-*N'*-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride/*N*-hydroxysuccinimide.
3. The process of claim 1 or 2 wherein compound **17** is prepared by a process comprising reacting compound **16**, having the structure:



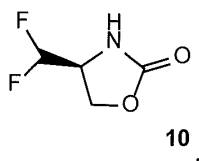
with (*S*)-2-aminopropanoic acid and a copper (I) catalyst to form compound **17**.

4. The process of claim 3, wherein the copper (I) catalyst is copper(I) oxide.

5. The process of claim 3 or 4 wherein compound **16** is prepared by a process comprising reacting compound **15**, having the structure:



with compound **10**, having the structure:



a copper salt and a ligand to form compound **16**.

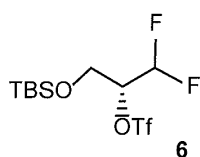
6. The process of claim 5, wherein the copper salt is copper(II) acetate.

7. The process of claim 5 or 6, wherein the ligand is *trans*-*N,N*-dimethylcyclohexane-1,2-diamine.

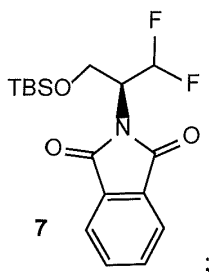
8. The process of claim 5 or 6, wherein the ligand is 3,4,7,8-tetramethyl-1,10-phenanthroline.

9. The process of any one of claims 5 to 8, wherein compound **10** is prepared by a process comprising:

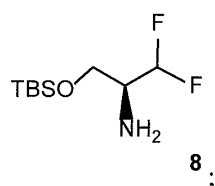
(a) reacting compound **6**, having the structure:



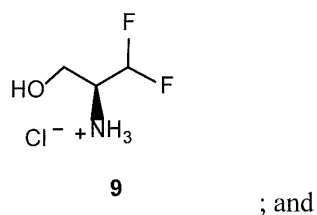
with potassium phthalimide to form compound **7**, having the structure:



(b) reacting compound **7** with hydrazine in water to form compound **8**, having the structure:



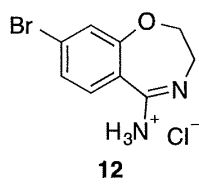
(c) reacting compound **8** with hydrochloric acid to form compound **9**, having the structure:



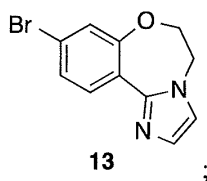
(d) reacting compound **9** with triphosgene to form compound **10**.

10. The process of any one of claims 5 to 9, wherein compound **15** is prepared by a process comprising:

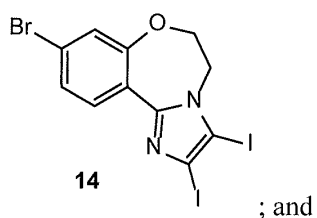
(a) reacting compound **12**, having the structure:



with chloroacetaldehyde to form compound **13**, having the structure:



(b) reacting compound **13** with *N*-iodosuccinimide to form compound **14**, having the structure:



(c) reacting compound **14** with a ethylmagnesium bromide to form compound **15**.

11. Ammonium (*S*)-2-((2-((*S*)-4-(difluoromethyl)-2-oxooxazolidin-3-yl)-5,6-dihydrobenzo[*f*]imidazo[1,2-*d*][1,4]oxazepin-9-yl)amino)propionate (compound **17**), having the structure:

