MORPHOLINYL CONTAINING BENZIMIDAZOLES AS INHIBITORS OF RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS REPLICATION

The present invention is concerned with morpholinyl containing benzimidazoles having antiviral activity, in particular, having an inhibitory activity on the replication of the respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). It further concerns the preparation thereof and compositions comprising these compounds.

Human RSV or Respiratory Syncytial Virus is a large RNA virus, member of the family of Paramyxoviridae, subfamily pneumoviridae together with bovine RSV virus. Human RSV is responsible for a spectrum of respiratory tract diseases in people of all ages throughout the world. It is the major cause of lower respiratory tract illness during infancy and childhood. Over half of all infants encounter RSV in their first year of life, and almost all within their first two years. The infection in young children can cause lung damage that persists for years and may contribute to chronic lung disease in later life (chronic wheezing, asthma). Older children and adults often suffer from a (bad) common cold upon RSV infection. In old age, susceptibility again increases, and RSV has been implicated in a number of outbreaks of pneumonia in the aged resulting in significant mortality.

Infection with a virus from a given subgroup does not protect against a subsequent infection with an RSV isolate from the same subgroup in the following winter season. Re-infection with RSV is thus common, despite the existence of only two subtypes, A and B.

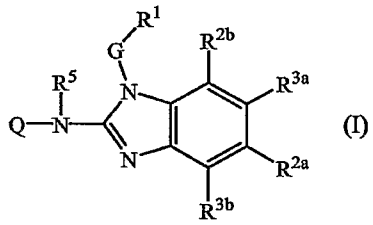
Today only three drugs have been approved for use against RSV infection. A first one is ribavirin, a nucleoside analogue, provides an aerosol treatment for serious RSV infection in hospitalized children. The aerosol route of administration, the toxicity (risk of teratogenicity), the cost and the highly variable efficacy limit its use. The other two drugs, RespiGam® and palivizumab, polyclonal and monoclonal antibody immunostimulants, are intended to be used in a preventive way.

Other attempts to develop a safe and effective RSV vaccine have all met with failure thus far. Inactivated vaccines failed to protect against disease, and in fact in some cases enhanced disease during subsequent infection. Life attenuated vaccines have been tried with limited success. Clearly there is a need for an efficacious non-toxic and easy to administer drug against RSV replication.

Previously, benzimidazoles and imidazopyridines as inhibitors of RSV replication have been described in WO 01/00611, WO 01/00612 and WO 01/00615.

Several series of benzimidazolyl and imidazopyridinyl piperidines have been described in patents, patent applications and publications of janssen Pharmaceutica N.V. as compounds possessing antihistaminic properties. See for example EP-A-5 318, EP-A-99 139, EP-A-145 037, WO-92/01687, Janssens F. et al. in Journal of Medicinal Chemistry, Am. Chem. Soc., Vol. 28, no. 12, pp. 1934-1943 (1985).

The present invention concerns inhibitors of RSV replication, which can be represented by formula (I)

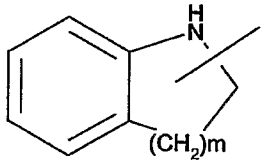


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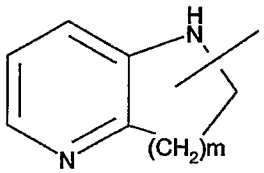
their prodrugs, *N*-oxides, addition salts, quaternary amines, metal complexes and stereochemically isomeric forms wherein

G is a direct bond or C_{1-10}alkanediyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents individually selected from the group of substituents consisting of hydroxy, C_{1-6}alkyloxy, Ar^1C_{1-6}alkyloxy, C_{1-6}alkylthio, Ar^1C_{1-6}alkylthio, $HO(-CH_2-CH_2-O)_n-$, C_{1-6}alkyloxy$(-CH_2-CH_2-O)_n-$ or Ar^1C_{1-6}alkyloxy$(-CH_2-CH_2-O)_n-$;

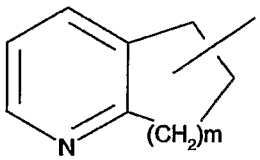
R^1 is Ar^1 or a monocyclic or bicyclic heterocycle being selected from piperidinyl, piperazinyl, pyridyl, pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl, pyrimidinyl, furanyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, thienyl, pyrrolyl, thiazolyl, oxazolyl, imidazolyl, isothiazolyl, pyrazolyl, isoxazolyl, oxadiazolyl, quinolinyl, quinoxalinyl, benzofuranyl, benzothienyl, benzimidazolyl, benzoxazolyl, benzthiazolyl, pyridopyridyl, naphthiridinyl, 1*H*-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridinyl, 3*H*-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridinyl, imidazo[1,2-a]-pyridinyl, 2,3-dihydro-1,4-dioxino[2,3-b]pyridyl or a radical of formula



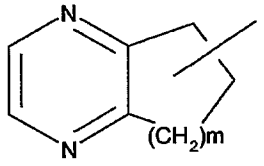
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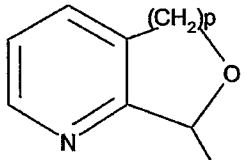
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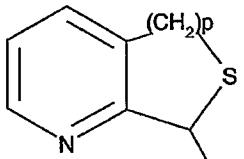
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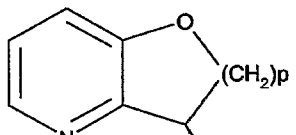
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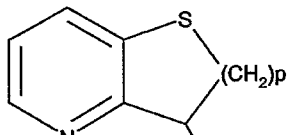
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wherein each of said monocyclic or bicyclic heterocycles may optionally be substituted with 1 or where possible more, such as 2, 3, 4 or 5, substituents individually selected from the group of substituents consisting of halo, hydroxy, amino, cyano, carboxyl, C_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkyloxy, C_{1-6}alkylthio, C_{1-6}alkyloxyC_{1-6}alkyl, Ar^1, Ar^1C_{1-6}alkyl, Ar^1C_{1-6}alkyloxy, hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl, mono-or di(C_{1-6}alkyl)amino, mono-or di(C_{1-6}alkyl)aminoC_{1-6}alkyl, polyhaloC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkylcarbonylamino, C_{1-6}alkyl-SO_2-NR^{5c}-, Ar^1-SO_2-NR^{5c}-, C_{1-6}alkyloxycarbonyl, -C(=O)-$NR^{5c}R^{5d}$, HO(-CH_2-CH_2-O)$_n$-, halo(-CH_2-CH_2-O)$_n$-, C_{1-6}alkyloxy(-CH_2-CH_2-O)$_n$-, Ar^1C_{1-6}alkyloxy(-CH_2-CH_2-O)$_n$- and mono-or di(C_{1-6}alkyl)amino(-CH_2-CH_2-O)$_n$-;

each n independently is 1, 2, 3 or 4;

each m independently is 1 or 2;

each p independently is 1 or 2;

each t independently is 0, 1 or 2;

Q is R^7, pyrrolidinyl substituted with R^7, piperidinyl substituted with R^7 or homo-piperidinyl substituted with R^7 wherein

R^7 is C_{1-6}alkyl substituted with a heterocycle or R^7 is C_{1-6}alkyl substituted with both a radical –OR^8 and a heterocycle, wherein said heterocycle is selected from the group consisting of oxazolidine, thiazolidine, 1-oxo-thiazolidine, 1,1-dioxothiazolidine, morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl, 1-oxo-thiomorpholinyl, 1,1-dioxothiomorpholinyl, hexahydrooxazepine, hexahydrothiazepine, 1-oxo-hexahydrothiazepine, 1,1-dioxo-hexahydrothiazepine; wherein each of said heterocyle may be optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of C_{1-6}alkyl, hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl, aminocarbonylC_{1-6}alkyl, hydroxy, carboxyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminocarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonylamino, aminosulfonyl and mono- or di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminosulfonyl;

R^8 is hydrogen, C_{1-6}alkyl or Ar^1C_{1-6}alkyl;

one of R^{2a} and R^{3a} is selected from halo, optionally mono- or polysubstituted C_{1-6}alkyl, optionally mono- or polysubstituted C_{2-6}alkenyl, nitro, hydroxy, Ar^2, N($R^{4a}R^{4b}$),

$N(R^{4a}R^{4b})$sulfonyl, $N(R^{4a}R^{4b})$carbonyl, C_{1-6}alkyloxy, Ar^2oxy, Ar^2C_{1-6}alkyloxy, carboxyl, C_{1-6}alkyloxycarbonyl, or $-C(=Z)Ar^2$; and the other one of R^{2a} and R^{3a} is hydrogen;

wherein

- =Z is =O, $=CH-C(=O)-NR^{5a}R^{5b}$, $=CH_2$, $=CH-C_{1-6}$alkyl, =N-OH or $=N-O-C_{1-6}$alkyl; and
- the optional substituents on C_{1-6}alkyl and C_{2-6}alkenyl can be the same or can be different relative to one another, and are each independently selected from the group of substituents consisting of hydroxy, cyano, halo, nitro, $N(R^{4a}R^{4b})$, $N(R^{4a}R^{4b})$sulfonyl, Het, Ar^2, C_{1-6}alkyloxy, C_{1-6}alkyl-$S(=O)_t$, Ar^2oxy, Ar^2-$S(=O)_t$, Ar^2C_{1-6}alkyloxy, Ar^2C_{1-6}alkyl-$S(=O)_t$, Het-oxy, Het-$S(=O)_t$, $HetC_{1-6}$alkyloxy, $HetC_{1-6}$alkyl-$S(=O)_t$, carboxyl, C_{1-6}alkyloxycarbonyl and $-C(=Z)Ar^2$;

in case R^{2a} is different from hydrogen then R^{2b} is hydrogen, C_{1-6}alkyl or halogen and R^{3b} is hydrogen;

in case R^{3a} is different from hydrogen then R^{3b} is hydrogen, C_{1-6}alkyl or halogen and R^{2b} is hydrogen;

R^{4a} and R^{4b} can be the same or can be different relative to one another, and are each independently selected from the group of substituents consisting of hydrogen, C_{1-6}alkyl, Ar^2C_{1-6}alkyl, (Ar^2)(hydroxy)C_{1-6}alkyl, Het-C_{1-6}alkyl, hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl, mono- and di-(C_{1-6}alkyloxy)C_{1-6}alkyl, (hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl)oxyC_{1-6}alkyl, Ar^1C_{1-6}alkyloxy-C_{1-6}alkyl, dihydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl, (C_{1-6}alkyloxy)(hydroxy)C_{1-6}alkyl, (Ar^1C_{1-6}alkyloxy)(hydroxy)C_{1-6}alkyl, Ar^1oxy-C_{1-6}alkyl, (Ar^1oxy)(hydroxy)-C_{1-6}alkyl, aminoC_{1-6}alkyl, mono- and di(C_{1-6}alkyl)amino-C_{1-6}alkyl, carboxyl-C_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkyloxycarbonylC_{1-6}alkyl, aminocarbonylC_{1-6}alkyl, mono- and di(C_{1-6}alkyl)aminocarbonylC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkylcarbonylC_{1-6}alkyl, (C_{1-4}alkyloxy)$_2$-P(=O)-C_{1-6}alkyl, (C_{1-4}alkyloxy)$_2$P(=O)-O-C_{1-6}alkyl, aminosulfonyl- C_{1-6}alkyl, mono- and di(C_{1-6}alkyl)aminosulfonyl-C_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl, Ar^2carbonyl, Het-carbonyl, Ar^2C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl, Het-C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-6}alkylsulfonyl, aminosulfonyl, mono- and di(C_{1-6}alkyl)aminosulfonyl, Ar^2sulfonyl, Ar^2C_{1-6}alkyl-sulfonyl, Ar^2, Het, Het-sulfonyl, $HetC_{1-6}$alkylsulfonyl;

R^5 is hydrogen or C_{1-6}alkyl;

R^{5a} and R^{5b} can be the same or can be different relative to one another, and are each independently hydrogen or C_{1-6}alkyl; or

R^{5a} and R^{5b} taken together may form a bivalent radical of formula $-(CH_2)_s-$ wherein s is 4 or 5;

R^{5c} and R^{5d} can be the same or can be different relative to one another, and are each independently hydrogen or C_{1-6}alkyl; or

R^{5c} and R^{5d} taken together may form a bivalent radical of formula $-(CH_2)_s-$ wherein s is 4 or 5;

Ar^1 is phenyl or phenyl substituted with 1 or more, such as 2, 3 or 4, substituents selected from halo, hydroxy, C_{1-6}alkyl, hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl, polyhaloC_{1-6}alkyl, and C_{1-6}alkyloxy;

Ar^2 is phenyl, phenyl annelated with C_{5-7}cycloalkyl, or phenyl substituted with 1 or more, such as 2, 3, 4 or 5, substituents selected from halo, cyano, C_{1-6}alkyl, Het-C_{1-6}alkyl, Ar^1-C_{1-6}alkyl, cyanoC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{2-6}alkenyl, cyanoC_{2-6}alkenyl, R^{6b}-O-C_{3-6}alkenyl, C_{2-6}alkynyl, cyanoC_{2-6}alkynyl, R^{6b}-O-C_{3-6}alkynyl, Ar^1, Het, R^{6b}-O-, R^{6b}-S-, R^{6c}-SO-, R^{6c}-SO_2-, R^{6b}-O-C_{1-6}alkyl-SO_2-, -N($R^{6a}R^{6b}$), polyhalo-C_{1-6}alkyl, polyhaloC_{1-6}alkyloxy, polyhaloC_{1-6}alkylthio, R^{6c}-C(=O)-, R^{6b}-O-C(=O)-, N($R^{6a}R^{6b}$)-C(=O)-, R^{6b}-O-C_{1-10}alkyl, R^{6b}-S-C_{1-6}alkyl, R^{6c}-S(=O)$_2$-C_{1-6}alkyl, N($R^{6a}R^{6b}$)-C_{1-6}alkyl, R^{6c}-C(=O)-C_{1-6}alkyl, R^{6b}-O-C(=O)-C_{1-6}alkyl, N($R^{6a}R^{6b}$)-C(=O)-C_{1-6}alkyl, R^{6c}-C(=O)-NR^{6b}-, R^{6c}-C(=O)-O-, R^{6c}-C(=O)-NR^{6b}-C_{1-6}alkyl, R^{6c}-C(=O)-O-C_{1-6}alkyl, N($R^{6a}R^{6b}$)-S(=O)$_2$-, H_2N-C(=NH)-;

R^{6a} is hydrogen, C_{1-6}alkyl, Ar^1, Ar^1C_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl, Ar^1carbonyl, Ar^1C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-6}alkylsulfonyl, Ar^1sulfonyl, Ar^1C_{1-6}alkylsulfonyl, C_{1-6}alkyloxyC_{1-6}alkyl, aminoC_{1-6}alkyl, mono- or di(C_{1-6}alkyl)aminoC_{1-6}alkyl, hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl, (carboxyl)-C_{1-6}alkyl, (C_{1-6}alkyloxycarbonyl)-C_{1-6}alkyl, aminocarbonylC_{1-6}alkyl, mono- and di(C_{1-6}alkyl)aminocarbonylC_{1-6}alkyl, aminosulfonyl-C_{1-6}alkyl, mono- and di(C_{1-6}alkyl)aminosulfonyl-C_{1-6}alkyl, Het, Het-C_{1-6}alkyl, Het-carbonyl, Het-sulfonyl, Het-C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl;

R^{6b} is hydrogen, C_{1-6}alkyl, Ar^1 or Ar^1C_{1-6}alkyl;

R^{6c} is C_{1-6}alkyl, Ar^1 or Ar^1C_{1-6}alkyl;

Het is a heterocycle being selected from tetrahydrofuranyl, tetrahydrothienyl, pyrrolidinyl, pyrrolidinonyl, furanyl, thienyl, pyrrolyl, thiazolyl, oxazolyl, imidazolyl, isothiazolyl, pyrazolyl, isoxazolyl, oxadiazolyl, thiadiazolyl, piperidinyl, homopiperidinyl, piperazinyl, morpholinyl, pyridyl, pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl, pyrimidinyl, tetrahydroquinolinyl, quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl, benzodioxanyl, benzodioxolyl, indolinyl, indolyl, each of said heterocycle may optionally be substituted with oxo, amino, Ar^1, C_{1-4}alkyl, aminoC_{1-4}alkyl, Ar^1C_{1-4}alkyl, mono- or di(C_{1-6}alkyl)aminoC_{1-6}alkyl, mono- or di(C_{1-6}alkyl)amino, (hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl)amino, and optionally further with one or two C_{1-4}alkyl radicals.

The invention relates to the use of a compound of formula (I), or a prodrug, *N*-oxide, addition salt, quaternary amine, metal complex and stereochemically isomeric form

thereof, for the manufacture of a medicament for inhibiting RSV replication. Or the invention relates to a method of inhibiting RSV replication in a warm-blooded animal said method comprising the administration of an effective amount of a compound of formula (I), or a prodrug, *N*-oxide, addition salt, quaternary amine, metal complex and stereochemically isomeric form thereof.

In a further aspect, this invention relates to novel compounds of formula (I) as well as methods for preparing these compounds.

The term 'prodrug' as used throughout this text means the pharmacologically acceptable derivatives, e.g. esters and amides, such that the resulting biotransformation product of the derivative is the active drug as defined in the compounds of formula (I). The reference by Goodman and Gilman (The Pharmacological Basis of Therapeutics, 8th ed., McGraw-Hill, Int. Ed. 1992, "Biotransformation of Drugs", p. 13-15) describing prodrugs generally, is hereby incorporated. Prodrugs are characterized by a good aqueous solubility and bioavailability, and are readily metabolized into the active inhibitors *in vivo*.

The terms 'polysubstituted C_{1-6}alkyl' and 'polysubstituted C_{2-6}alkenyl' such as used in the definition of R^{2a} and R^{3a} meant to comprise C_{1-6}alkyl radicals having two or more substituents, for example two, three, four, five or six substituents, in particular two or three substituents, further in particular two substituents. The upper limit of the number of substituents is determined by the number of hydrogen atoms that can be replaced as well as by the general properties of the substituents such as their bulkiness, these properties allowing the skilled person to determine said upper limit.

The term 'C_{1-10}alkanediyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents' as used in the definition of G is meant to comprise C_{1-10}alkanediyl radicals having no, one, two or more substituents, for example no, one, two, three, four, five or six substituents, in particular no, one, two or three substituents, further in particular no, one or two substituents. Also here, the upper limit of the number of substituents is determined by the factors mentioned above.

As used in the foregoing and hereinafter, 'polyhaloC_{1-6}alkyl' as a group or part of a group, e.g. in polyhaloC_{1-6}alkyloxy, is defined as mono- or polyhalo substituted C_{1-6}alkyl, in particular C_{1-6}alkyl substituted with up to one, two, three, four, five, six, or more halo atoms, such as methyl or ethyl with one or more fluoro atoms, for example, difluoromethyl, trifluoromethyl, trifluoroethyl. Also included are perfluoro C_{1-6}alkyl groups, which are C_{1-6}alkyl groups whereion all hydrogen atoms are replaced by fluoro

atoms, e.g. pentafluoroethyl. In case more than one halogen atom is attached to an alkyl group within the definition of polyhaloC_{1-4}alkyl, the halogen atoms may be the same or different.

Each of the monocyclic or bicyclic heterocycles in the definition of R^1 may optionally be substituted with 1 or where possible more substituents, such as 2, 3, 4 or 5, substituents. In particular, said heterocycles may optionally be substituted with up to 4, up to 3, up to 2 substituents, or up to 1 substituent.

Each Ar^1 or Ar^2 may be unsubstituted phenyl or phenyl substituted with 1 or more substituents, such as 5 or 4 substituents or, which is preferred, up to 3 substituents, or up to two substituents, or with one substituent.

A radical 'R^{6b}-O-C_{3-6}alkenyl' or 'R^{6b}-O-$C_{3-6}C_{3-6}$alkynyl' such as mentioned among the substituents of Ar^2 in particular has the R^{6b}-O- group on a saturated carbon atom.

A hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl group when substituted on an oxygen atom or a nitrogen atom preferably is a hydroxyC_{2-6}alkyl group wherein the hydroxy group and the oxygen or nitrogen are separated by at least two carbon atoms.

A dihydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl group as mentioned for example in the definition of R^{4a} and R^{4b}, is a C_{1-6}alkyl group having two hydroxy substituents which in particular are substituted on different carbon atoms. The terms (C_{1-6}alkyloxy)(hydroxy)C_{1-6}alkyl, di(C_{1-6}alkyl-oxy)C_{1-6}alkyl, (Ar^1C_{1-6}alkyloxy)(hydroxy)C_{1-6}alkyl refer to a C_{1-6}alkyl radical substitute with as well a C_{1-6}alkyloxy and a hydroxy group, with two C_{1-6}alkyloxy groups, and with a Ar^1C_{1-6}alkyloxy and a hydroxy group, respectively. Preferably in these radicals the substituents on the C_{1-6}alkyl group are on a carbon atom other than the carbon linked to the nitrogen atom to which R^{4a} and/or R^{4b} are linked.

As used herein C_{1-3}alkyl as a group or part of a group defines straight or branched chain saturated hydrocarbon radicals having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms such as methyl, ethyl, propyl, 1-methylethyl and the like; C_{1-4}alkyl as a group or part of a group defines straight or branched chain saturated hydrocarbon radicals having from 1 to 4 carbon atoms such as the group defined for C_{1-3}alkyl and butyl and the like; C_{2-4}alkyl as a group or part of a group defines straight or branched chain saturated hydrocarbon radicals having from 2 to 4 carbon atoms such as ethyl, propyl, 1-methylethyl, butyl and the like; C_{1-6}alkyl as a group or part of a group defines straight or branched chain saturated hydrocarbon radicals having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms such as the groups defined for C_{1-4}alkyl and pentyl, hexyl, 2-methylbutyl and the like; C_{1-9}alkyl as a group

or part of a group defines straight or branched chain saturated hydrocarbon radicals having from 1 to 9 carbon atoms such as the groups defined for C_{1-6}alkyl and heptyl, octyl, nonyl, 2-methylhexyl, 2-methylheptyl and the like; C_{1-10}alkyl as a group or part of a group defines straight or branched chain saturated hydrocarbon radicals having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms such as the groups defined for C_{1-9}alkyl and decyl, 2-methylnonyl and the like.

The term 'C_{3-6}alkenyl' used herein as a group or part of a group is meant to comprise straight or branched chain unsaturated hydrocarbon radicals having at least one double bond, or preferably having one double bond, and from 3 to 6 carbon atoms such as propenyl, buten-1-yl, buten-2-yl, penten-1-yl, penten-2-yl, hexen-1-yl, hexen-2-yl, hexen-3-yl, 2-methylbuten-1-yl, and the like. The term 'C_{2-6}alkenyl' used herein as a group or part of a group is meant to comprise -C_{3-6}alkenyl groups and ethylene. The term 'C_{3-6}alkynyl' defines straight or branched chain unsaturated hydrocarbon radicals having one triple bond and from 3 to 6 carbon atoms such as propenyl, butyn-1-yl, butyn-2-yl, pentyn-1-yl, pentyn-2-yl, hexyn-1-yl, hexyn-2-yl, hexyn-3-yl, 2-methylbutyn-1-yl, and the like. The term 'C_{2-6}alkynyl' used herein as a group or part of a group is meant to comprise C_{3-6}alkynyl groups and ethynyl.

C_{3-7}cycloalkyl is generic to cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl and cycloheptyl.

C_{2-5}alkanediyl defines bivalent straight and branched chain saturated hydrocarbon radicals having from 2 to 5 carbon atoms such as, for example, 1,2-ethanediyl, 1,3-propanediyl, 1,4-butanediyl, 1,2-propanediyl, 2,3-butanediyl, 1,5-pentanediyl and the like, C_{1-4}alkanediyl defines bivalent straight and branched chain saturated hydrocarbon radicals having from 1 to 4 carbon atoms such as, for example, methylene, 1,2-ethanediyl, 1,3-propanediyl, 1,4-butanediyl and the like; C_{1-6}alkanediyl is meant to include C_{1-4}alkanediyl and the higher homologues thereof having from 5 to 6 carbon atoms such as, for example, 1,5-pentanediyl, 1,6-hexanediyl and the like; C_{1-10}alkanediyl is meant to include C_{1-6}alkanediyl and the higher homologues thereof having from 7 to 10 carbon atoms such as, for example, 1,7-heptanediyl, 1,8-octanediyl, 1,9-nonanediyl, 1,10-decanediyl and the like.

As used herein the term 'R^7 is C_{1-6}alkyl substituted with both a radical $-OR^8$ and a heterocycle' refers to a C_{1-6}alkyl radical bearing two substituents, i.e. the group $-OR^8$ and a heterocycle and linked to the rest of the molecule through a carbon atom of the C_{1-6}alkyl moiety. Preferably the $-OR^8$ group is linked to a carbon atom of the C_{1-6}alkyl moiety that is not adjacent (not in α-position) to a heteroatom (such as a nitrogen atom). More preferably the radical R^7 being C_{1-6}alkyl substituted with both a radical

-OR^8 and a heterocycle' is a radical that can be represented by the formula -CH_2-$CH(OR^8)$-CH_2-.

The heterocycle in R^7 preferably is linked to the group C_{1-6}alkyl via its nitrogen atom. The radicals hexahydrooxazepine, hexahydrothiazepine, 1-oxo-hexahydrothiazepine and 1,1-dioxo-hexahydrothiazepine preferably are 1,4-hexahydrooxazepine, 1,4-hexahydrothiazepine, 1-oxo-1,4-hexahydrothiazepine and 1,1-dioxo-1,4-hexahydrothiazepine.

As used herein before, the term (=O) forms a carbonyl moiety when attached to a carbon atom, a sulfoxide moiety when attached to a sulfur atom and a sulfonyl moiety when two of said terms are attached to a sulfur atom. The term (=N-OH) forms a hydroxyimine moiety when attached to a carbon atom.

The term halo is generic to fluoro, chloro, bromo and iodo. As used in the foregoing and hereinafter, polyhaloC_{1-6}alkyl as a group or part of a group is defined as mono- or polyhalosubstituted C_{1-6}alkyl, in particular methyl with one or more fluoro atoms, for example, difluoromethyl or trifluoromethyl. In case more than one halogen atom is attached to an alkyl group within the definition of polyhaloC_{1-4}alkyl, the halogen atoms may be the same or different.

It should be noted that the radical positions on any molecular moiety used in the definitions may be anywhere on such moiety as long as it is chemically stable.

Radicals used in the definitions of the variables include all possible isomers unless otherwise indicated. For instance pyridyl includes 2-pyridyl, 3-pyridyl and 4-pyridyl; pentyl includes 1-pentyl, 2-pentyl and 3-pentyl.

When any variable occurs more than one time in any constituent, each definition is independent.

Whenever used hereinafter, the term "compounds of formula (I)", or "the present compounds" or similar term is meant to include the compounds of general formula (I), their prodrugs, *N*-oxides, addition salts, quaternary amines, metal complexes and stereochemically isomeric forms. An interesting subgroup of the compounds of formula (I) or any subgroup thereof are the *N*-oxides, salts and all the stereoisomeric forms of the compounds of formula (I).

It will be appreciated that some of the compounds of formula (I) may contain one or more centers of chirality and exist as stereochemically isomeric forms.

The term "stereochemically isomeric forms" as used hereinbefore defines all the possible compounds made up of the same atoms bonded by the same sequence of bonds but having different three-dimensional structures which are not interchangeable, which the compounds of formula (I) may possess.

Unless otherwise mentioned or indicated, the chemical designation of a compound encompasses the mixture of all possible stereochemically isomeric forms which said compound may possess. Said mixture may contain all diastereomers and/or enantiomers of the basic molecular structure of said compound. All stereochemically isomeric forms of the compounds of the present invention both in pure form or in a mixture with each other are intended to be embraced within the scope of the present invention.

Pure stereoisomeric forms of the compounds and intermediates as mentioned herein are defined as isomers substantially free of other enantiomeric or diastereomeric forms of the same basic molecular structure of said compounds or intermediates. In particular, the term 'stereoisomerically pure' concerns compounds or intermediates having a stereoisomeric excess of at least 80% (i. e. minimum 90% of one isomer and maximum 10% of the other possible isomers) up to a stereoisomeric excess of 100% (i.e. 100% of one isomer and none of the other), more in particular, compounds or intermediates having a stereoisomeric excess of 90% up to 100%, even more in particular having a stereoisomeric excess of 94% up to 100% and most in particular having a stereoisomeric excess of 97% up to 100%. The terms 'enantiomerically pure' and 'diastereomerically pure' should be understood in a similar way, but then having regard to the enantiomeric excess, respectively the diastereomeric excess of the mixture in question.

Pure stereoisomeric forms of the compounds and intermediates of this invention may be obtained by the application of art-known procedures. For instance, enantiomers may be separated from each other by the selective crystallization of their diastereomeric salts with optically active acids or bases. Examples thereof are tartaric acid, dibenzoyltartaric acid, ditoluoyltartaric acid and camphosulfonic acid. Alternatively, enantiomers may be separated by chromatographic techniques using chiral stationary phases. Said pure stereochemically isomeric forms may also be derived from the corresponding pure stereochemically isomeric forms of the appropriate starting materials, provided that the reaction occurs stereospecifically. Preferably, if a specific stereoisomer is desired, said compound will be synthesized by stereospecific methods of preparation. These methods will advantageously employ enantiomerically pure starting materials.

The diastereomeric racemates of formula (I) can be obtained separately by conventional methods. Appropriate physical separation methods that may advantageously be employed are, for example, selective crystallization and chromatography, e.g. column chromatography.

For some of the compounds of formula (I), their prodrugs, N-oxides, salts, solvates, quaternary amines, or metal complexes and the intermediates used in the preparation thereof, the absolute stereochemical configuration was not experimentally determined. A person skilled in the art is able to determine the absolute configuration of such compounds using art-known methods such as, for example, X-ray diffraction.

The present invention is also intended to include all isotopes of atoms occurring on the present compounds. Isotopes include those atoms having the same atomic number but different mass numbers. By way of general example and without limitation, isotopes of hydrogen include tritium and deuterium. Isotopes of carbon include C-13 and C-14.

For therapeutic use, salts of the compounds of formula (I) are those wherein the counter-ion is pharmaceutically acceptable. However, salts of acids and bases, which are non-pharmaceutically acceptable may also find use, for example, in the preparation or purification of a pharmaceutically acceptable compound. All salts, whether pharmaceutically acceptable or not are included within the ambit of the present invention.

The pharmaceutically acceptable acid and base addition salts as mentioned hereinabove are meant to comprise the therapeutically active non-toxic acid and base addition salt forms which the compounds of formula (I) are able to form. The pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts can conveniently be obtained by treating the base form with such appropriate acid. Appropriate acids comprise, for example, inorganic acids such as hydrohalic acids, e.g. hydrochloric or hydrobromic acid, sulfuric, nitric, phosphoric and the like acids; or organic acids such as, for example, acetic, propanoic, hydroxyacetic, lactic, pyruvic, oxalic (i.e. ethanedioic), malonic, succinic (i.e. butanedioic acid), maleic, fumaric, malic (i.e. hydroxybutanedioic acid), tartaric, citric, methanesulfonic, ethanesulfonic, benzenesulfonic, *p*-toluenesulfonic, cyclamic, salicylic, *p*-aminosalicylic, pamoic and the like acids.

Conversely said salt forms can be converted by treatment with an appropriate base into the free base form.

The compounds of formula (I) containing an acidic proton may also be converted into their non-toxic metal or amine addition salt forms by treatment with appropriate

organic and inorganic bases. Appropriate base salt forms comprise, for example, the ammonium salts, the alkali and earth alkaline metal salts, e.g. the lithium, sodium, potassium, magnesium, calcium salts and the like, salts with organic bases, e.g. the benzathine, *N*-methyl-D-glucamine, hydrabamine salts, and salts with amino acids such as, for example, arginine, lysine and the like.

The term addition salt as used hereinabove also comprises the solvates, which the compounds of formula (I) as well as the salts thereof, are able to form. Such solvates are for example hydrates, alcoholates and the like.

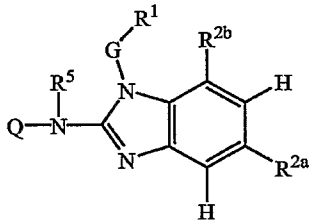
The term "quaternary amine" as used hereinbefore defines the quaternary ammonium salts which the compounds of formula (I) are able to form by reaction between a basic nitrogen of a compound of formula (I) and an appropriate quaternizing agent, such as, for example, an optionally substituted alkyl halide, aryl halide or arylalkyl halide, e.g. methyliodide or benzyliodide. Other reactants with good leaving groups may also be used, such as alkyl trifluoromethane sulfonates, alkyl methane sulfonates, and alkyl p-toluenesulfonates. A quaternary amine has a positively charged nitrogen. Pharmaceutically acceptable counterions include chloro, bromo, iodo, trifluoroacetate and acetate. The counterion of choice can be introduced using ion exchange resins.

The *N*-oxide forms of the present compounds are meant to comprise the compounds of formula (I) wherein one or several nitrogen atoms are oxidized to the so-called *N*-oxide.

It will be appreciated that the compounds of formula (I) may have metal binding, chelating, complexating properties and therefore may exist as metal complexes or metal chelates. Such metalated derivatives of the compounds of formula (I) are intended to be included within the scope of the present invention.

Some of the compounds of formula (I) may also exist in their tautomeric form. Such forms although not explicitly indicated in the above formula are intended to be included within the scope of the present invention.

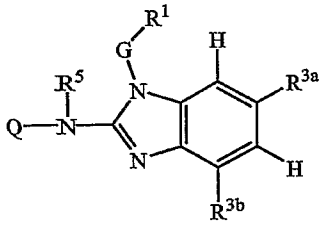
One embodiment of the present invention concerns compounds of formula (I-a):



(I-a)

wherein Q, R^5, G, R^1, R^{2a}, R^{2b} are as specified in the definitions of the compounds of formula (I) or any of the subgroups of compounds of formula (I) specified herein.

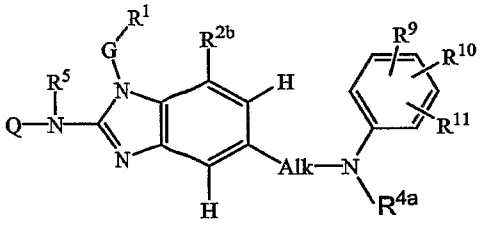
Another embodiment of the present invention concerns compounds of formula (I-b):



(I-b)

wherein Q, R^5, G, R^1, R^{3a}, R^{3b} are as specified in the definitions of the compounds of formula (I) or any of the subgroups of compounds of formula (I) specified herein.

One particular embodiment of the present invention concerns compounds of formula (I-a-1):



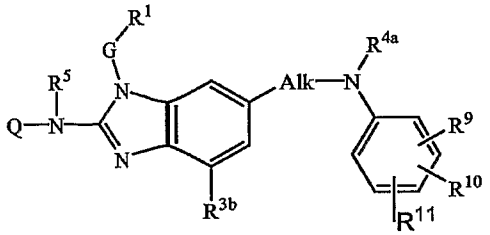
(I-a-1)

wherein Q, R^5, G, R^1, R^{4a} and R^{2b} are as specified in the definitions of the compounds of formula (I) or any of the subgroups of compounds of formula (I) specified herein; and

Alk is C_{1-6}alkanediyl;

R^9, R^{10}, R^{11} independently from one another have the same meanings as the substituents on Ar^2 as specified in the definitions of the compounds of formula (I) or of any of the subgroups thereof; and R^{10} and/or R^{11} may also be hydrogen.

Another particular embodiment of the present invention concerns compounds of formula (I-b-1):



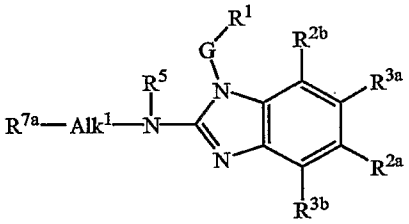
(I-b-1)

wherein Q, R^5, G, R^1, R^{4a} and R^{3b} are as specified in the definitions of the compounds of formula (I) or any of the subgroups of compounds of formula (I) specified herein; and

Alk is C_{1-6}alkanediyl;

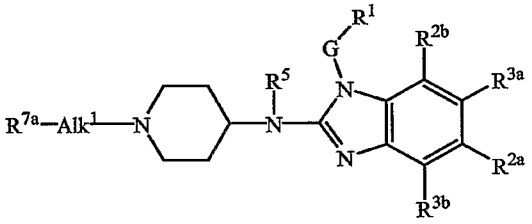
R^9, R^{10}, R^{11} independently from one another have the same meanings as the substituents on Ar^2 as specified in the definitions of the compounds of formula (I) or of any of the subgroups thereof; and $R^{10}$and/or R^{11} may also be hydrogen.

Still other embodiments of the invention are groups of compounds which can be represented by formula:



(I-c)

or by formula:



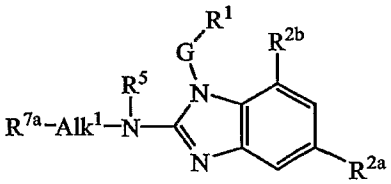
(I-d)

wherein in (I-c) or in (I-d) radicals R^5, G, R^1, R^{2a}, R^{2b}, R^{3a}, R^{3b} are as specified in the definitions of the compounds of formula (I) or in any of the subgroups of compounds of formula (I) specified herein; and

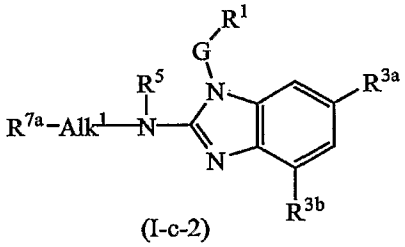
Alk^1 is C_{1-6}alkanediyl;

R^{7a} is a heterocycle, the latter having the meanings of the heterocycle specified for radical R^7 in the definitions of the compounds of formula (I) or in any of the subgroups of compounds of formula (I) specified herein.

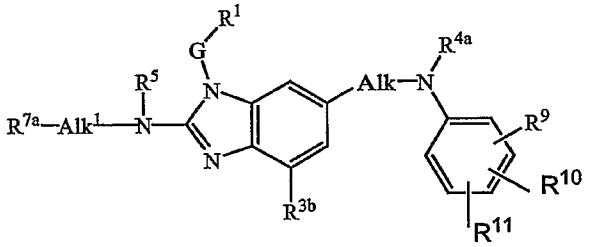
Interesting subgroups are those comprising compounds of formulae:



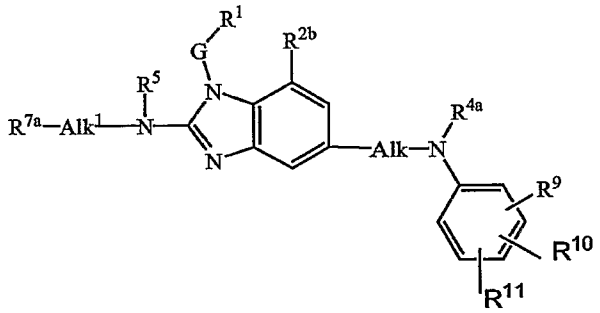
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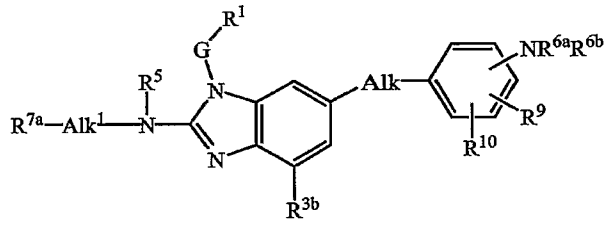
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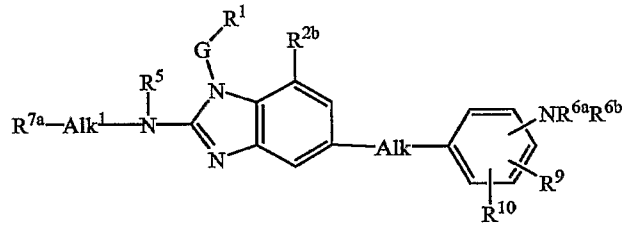
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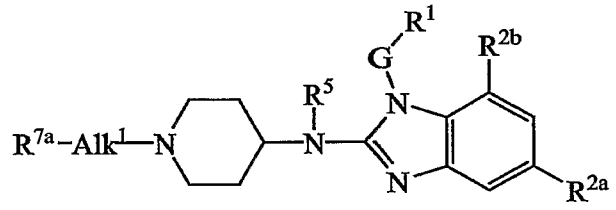
(I-c-4)



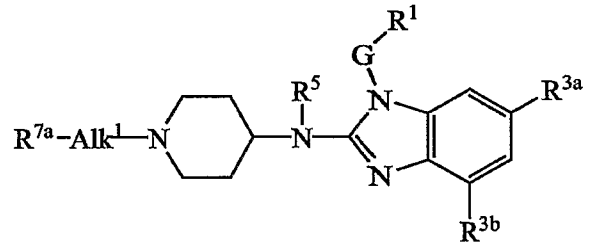
(I-c-5)



(I-c-6)



(I-d-1)



(I-d-2)

wherein in (I-c-1), (I-c-2), (I-c-3), (I-c-4), (I-c-5), (I-c-6), (I-d-1) or (I-d-2) the radicals R^5, G, R^1, R^{2a}, R^{2b}, R^{3a}, R^{3b} are as specified in the definitions of the compounds of formula (I) or any of the subgroups of compounds of formula (I) specified herein; and the radicals Alk, Alk^1, R^{7a}, R^9, R^{10}, R^{11} are as specified above or in any of the

subgroups of compounds of formula (I) specified herein; and in (I-c-5) and (I-c-6) R^{6a} and R^{6b} are as specified in the definitions of the compounds of formula (I) or any of the subgroups of compounds of formula (I) specified herein.

Preferred subgroups are those subgroups of compounds of formula (I) wherein R^{7a} is a heterocycle selected from the group consisting of oxazolidine, thiazolidine, morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl, hexahydrooxazepine, hexahydrothiazepine; wherein each of said heterocycle may be optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of C_{1-6}alkyl, hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl, aminocarbonyl-C_{1-6}alkyl, hydroxy, carboxyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminocarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonylamino, aminosulfonyl and mono- or di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminosulfonyl; or preferably, wherein each of said heterocycle may be optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of C_{1-6}alkyl, hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl, aminocarbonylC_{1-6}alkyl, carboxyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxy-carbonyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminocarbonyl; or more preferably wherein each of said heterocycle may be optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of C_{1-6}alkyl, hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl, aminocarbonylC_{1-6}alkyl.

More preferred subgroups are those subgroups of compounds of formula (I) wherein R^{7a} is a heterocycle, wherein said heterocycle is oxazolidine, thiazolidine, morpholinyl, or thiomorpholinyl, wherein each of said heterocycle may be optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of C_{1-6}alkyl, hydroxy-C_{1-6}alkyl, aminocarbonylC_{1-6}alkyl.

Further preferred subgroups are those subgroups of compounds of formula (I) wherein R^{7a} is a heterocycle, wherein said heterocycle is morpholinyl or thiomorpholinyl, wherein each of said heterocycle may be optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of C_{1-6}alkyl, hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl and aminocarbonyl-C_{1-6}alkyl.

Further preferred subgroups are those subgroups of compounds of formula (I) wherein R^{7a} is a heterocycle, wherein said heterocycle is morpholinyl, which may be optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of C_{1-6}alkyl, hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl, aminocarbonyl-C_{1-6}alkyl.

Most preferred subgroups are those subgroups of compounds of formula (I) wherein R^{7a} is morpholinyl.

Further preferred subgroups are those wherein Alk is ethylene or methylene, more preferably wherein Alk is methylene.

Further preferred subgroups are those wherein Alk^1 is C_{1-4}alkanediyl, more preferably wherein Alk^1 is C_{2-3}alkanediyl.

In (I-a-1), (I-b-1), (I-c-3) or (I-c-4) R^{4a} preferably is hydrogen, hydoxyC_{1-6}alkyl, aminocarbonylC_{1-6}alkyl.

In (I-a-1), (I-b-1), (I-c) (I-d), (I-c-1), (I-c-2), (I-c-3), (I-c-4), (I-c-5), (I-c-6), (I-d-1) or (I-d-2) the radicals
R^9, R^{10}, R^{11} preferably and independently from one another are C_{1-6}alkyl or R^{6b}-O-C_{1-6}alkyl; and $R^{10}$and/or R^{11} may also be hydrogen; or
R^9, R^{10} more preferably and independently from one another are C_{1-6}alkyl or R^{6b}-O-C_{1-6}alkyl; and R^{11} is hydrogen; or
R^9, R^{10} still more preferably are C_{1-6}alkyl and R^{11} is hydrogen; or
R^9 is C_{1-6}alkyl, R^{10} is R^{6b}-O-C_{1-6}alkyl and R^{11} is hydrogen.

It is to be understood that the above defined subgroups of compounds of formulae (I-a), (I-b), etc. as well as any other subgroup defined herein are meant to also comprise any prodrugs, *N*-oxides, addition salts, quaternary amines, metal complexes and stereochemically isomeric forms of such compounds.

Particular subgroups of the compounds of formula (I) are those compounds of formula (I), or any subgroup of compounds of formula (I) specified herein, wherein G is C_{1-10}alkanediyl, more in particular wherein G is methylene.

Other particular subgroups of the compounds of formula (I) are those compounds of formula (I), or any subgroup of compounds of formula (I) specified herein, wherein
(a) R^1 is other than Ar^1; or wherein
(b) R^1 is Ar^1 or a monocyclic heterocycle, which is as specified in the definitions of the compounds of formula (I) or any of the subgroups thereof.

Further particular subgroups of the compounds of formula (I) are those compounds of formula (I), or any subgroup of compounds of formula (I) specified herein, wherein
(c) R^1 is pyridyl optionally substituted with 1 or 2 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halo, hydroxy, amino, cyano, carboxyl, C_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkyloxy, C_{1-6}alkylthio, C_{1-6}alkyloxyC_{1-6}alkyl, Ar^1, Ar^1C_{1-6}alkyl, Ar^1C_{1-6}alkyl-oxy, hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl, mono-or di(C_{1-6}alkyl)amino, mono-or di(C_{1-6}alkyl)amino-C_{1-6}alkyl, polyhaloC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkylcarbonylamino, C_{1-6}alkyl-SO_2-NR^{4a}-,

Ar^1-SO_2-NR^{4a}-, C_{1-6}alkyloxycarbonyl, -C(=O)-$NR^{4a}R^{4b}$, HO(-CH_2-CH_2-O)$_n$-, halo(-CH_2-CH_2-O)$_n$-, C_{1-6}alkyloxy(-CH_2-CH_2-O)$_n$-, Ar^1C_{1-6}alkyloxy(-CH_2-CH_2-O)$_n$- and mono-or di(C_{1-6}alkyl)amino(-CH_2-CH_2-O)$_n$-; or more in particular

(d) R^1 is pyridyl substituted with 1 or 2 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, C_{1-6}alkyl, halo, C_{1-6}alkyloxy, Ar^1C_{1-6}alkyloxy and (C_{1-6}alkyloxy)C_{1-6}alkyloxy; preferably wherein

(e) R^1 is pyridyl substituted with 1 or 2 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, C_{1-6}alkyl, halo and C_{1-6}alkyloxy; or wherein

(f) R^1 is pyridyl substituted with 1 or 2 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydroxy and C_{1-6}alkyl; more preferably wherein

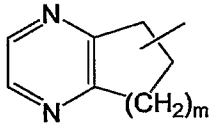
(g) R^1 is pyridyl substituted with hydroxy and C_{1-6}alkyl; or more preferably wherein

(h) R^1 is pyridyl substituted with hydroxy and methyl; or wherein

(i) R^1 is 3-hydroxy-6-methylpyrid-2-yl.

Further embodiments comprise those compounds of formula (I) or any of the subgroups of compounds of formula (I) wherein

(j) R^1 is Ar^1, quinolinyl, benzimidazolyl, a radical of formula



(c-4)

pyrazinyl, or pyridyl; or wherein

(k) R^1 is Ar^1, quinolinyl, benzimidazolyl or a radical of formula (c-4) wherein m is 2, pyrazinyl, or pyridyl;

wherein each of the radicals in (j) and (k) may optionally be substituted with the substituents specified in the definition of the compounds of formula (I) and in particular pyridyl may be substituted as specified above in (a) to (i).

Further embodiments comprise those compounds of formula (I) or any of the subgroups of compounds of formula (I) wherein

(l) R^1 is Ar^1, quinolinyl, benzimidazolyl or a radical of formula (c-4) wherein m is 2, pyrazinyl, or pyridyl, wherein each of these radicals may optionally be substituted with one, two or three radicals selected from the group consisting of halo, hydroxy, C_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkyloxy, Ar^1C_{1-6}alkyloxy, (C_{1-6}alkyloxy)C_{1-6}alkyloxy; or more specifically wherein

(m) R^1 is Ar^1, quinolinyl, benzimidazolyl or a radical of formula (c-4) wherein m is 2, pyrazinyl, or pyridyl, wherein each of these radicals may optionally be substituted

with one, two or three radicals selected from the group consisting of halo, hydroxy, C_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkyloxy, benzyloxy; or more specifically wherein

(n) R^1 is phenyl optionally substituted with one, two or three radicals selected from the group consisting of halo, hydroxy, C_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkyloxy; quinolinyl; a radical (c-4) wherein m is 2, optionally substituted with up to two radicals selected from C_{1-6}alkyl; benzimidazolyl optionally substituted with C_{1-6}alkyl; pyridyl optionally substituted with one or two radicals selected from hydroxy, halo, C_{1-6}alkyl, benzyloxy and C_{1-6}alkyloxy, pyrazinyl optionally substituted with up to three radicals selected from C_{1-6}alkyl; or pyridyl substituted or optionally substituted as specified above in (a) – (i); or wherein

(o) R^1 is phenyl optionally substituted with one or two radicals selected from the group consisting of halo, hydroxy, C_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkyloxy;

(p) R^1 is quinolinyl;

(q) R^1 is a radical (c-4) wherein m is 2, optionally substituted with up to two radicals selected from C_{1-6}alkyl;

(r) R^1 is benzimidazolyl optionally substituted with C_{1-6}alkyl; pyridyl optionally substituted with one or two radicals selected from hydroxy, halo, C_{1-6}alkyl, benzyloxy and C_{1-6}alkyloxy,

(s) R^1 is pyrazinyl optionally substituted with up to three radicals selected from C_{1-6}alkyl.

Preferred subgroups of compounds of formula (I) or any of the subgroups of compounds of formula (I) are those wherein G is a direct bond or methylene and R^1 is as specified above in (a) – (s). Further preferred are the compounds of formula (I) or any of the subgroups specified herein wherein G is a direct bond and R^1 is a radical (c-4), in particular wherein m is 2, optionally substituted with up to two radicals selected from C_{1-6}alkyl. Further preferred are the compounds of formula (I) or any of the subgroups specified herein wherein or G is methylene and R^1 is as specified above in (a) – (s), but is other than a radical (c-4).

Further particular subgroups of the compounds of formula (I) are those compounds of formula (I), or any subgroup of compounds of formula (I) specified herein, wherein R^5 is hydrogen.

Other particular subgroups of the compounds of formula (I) are those compounds of formula (I), or any subgroup of compounds of formula (I) specified herein, wherein Q is R^7.

Interesting compounds are those compounds of formula (I) or of any of the subgroups specified herein, wherein Q is R^7 and the latter is C_{1-6}alkyl substituted with a heterocycle or R^7 is C_{1-6}alkyl substituted with both a radical $-OR^8$ and a heterocycle, wherein said heterocycle is selected from the group consisting of oxazolidine, thiazolidine, morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl, hexahydrooxazepine, hexahydrothiazepine; wherein each of said heterocyle may be optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of C_{1-6}alkyl, hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl, aminocarbonylC_{1-6}alkyl, hydroxy, carboxyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminocarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonylamino, aminosulfonyl and mono- or di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminosulfonyl; or preferably, wherein each of said heterocyle may be optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of C_{1-6}alkyl, hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl, aminocarbonylC_{1-6}alkyl, carboxyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminocarbonyl; or more preferably wherein each of said heterocyle may be optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of C_{1-6}alkyl, hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl, aminocarbonylC_{1-6}alkyl.

An interesting subgroup of compounds are those compounds of formula (I) or of any of the subgroups specified herein, wherein Q is R^7 and the latter is C_{1-6}alkyl substituted with a heterocycle or R^7 is C_{1-6}alkyl substituted with both a radical $-OR^8$ and a heterocycle, wherein said heterocycle is oxazolidine, thiazolidine, morpholinyl, or thiomorpholinyl, wherein each of said heterocyle may be optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of C_{1-6}alkyl, hydroxy-C_{1-6}alkyl, aminocarbonylC_{1-6}alkyl.

A further interesting subgroup of compounds are those compounds of formula (I) or of any of the subgroups specified herein, wherein Q is R^7 and the latter is C_{1-6}alkyl substituted with a heterocycle or R^7 is C_{1-6}alkyl substituted with both a radical $-OR^8$ and a heterocycle, wherein said heterocycle is morpholinyl or thiomorpholinyl, wherein each of said heterocyle may be optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of C_{1-6}alkyl, hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl and aminocarbonyl-C_{1-6}alkyl.

Still a further interesting subgroup of compounds are those compounds of formula (I) or of any of the subgroups specified herein, wherein Q is R^7 and the latter is C_{1-6}alkyl substituted with morpholinyl, which may be optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of C_{1-6}alkyl, hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl, aminocarbonyl-C_{1-6}alkyl, or preferably wherein Q is R^7 and the latter is C_{1-6}alkyl substituted with morpholinyl.

Other particular subgroups of the compounds of formula (I) are those compounds of formula (I), or any subgroup of compounds of formula (I) specified herein, wherein Q is pyrrolidinyl substituted with R^7, piperidinyl substituted with R^7 or homopiperidinyl substituted with R^7; in particular wherein Q is piperidinyl substituted with R^7.

Still other particular subgroups of the compounds of formula (I) are those compounds of formula (I), or any subgroup of compounds of formula (I) specified herein, wherein Q is pyrrolidinyl substituted with R^7, piperidinyl substituted with R^7 or homopiperidinyl substituted with R^7; in particular wherein Q is piperidinyl substituted with R^7; wherein

(a) each R^7 is C_{1-6}alkyl substituted with a heterocycle or R^7 is C_{1-6}alkyl substituted with both a radical $-OR^8$ and a heterocycle, wherein said heterocycle is oxazolidine, thiazolidine, morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl, hexahydrooxazepine, or hexahydrothiazepine; wherein each of said heterocyle may be optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of C_{1-6}alkyl, hydroxylC_{1-6}alkyl, aminocarbonylC_{1-6}alkyl, hydroxy, carboxyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, mono and di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminocarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonylamino, aminosulfonyl and mono- or di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminosulfonyl; or preferably, wherein each of said heterocyle may be optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of C_{1-6}alkyl, hydroxyl-C_{1-6}alkyl, aminocarbonylC_{1-6}alkyl, carboxyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, mono and di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminocarbonyl; or more preferably wherein each of said heterocyle may be optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of C_{1-6}alkyl; or

(b) wherein each R^7 is C_{1-6}alkyl substituted with a heterocycle or R^7 is C_{1-6}alkyl substituted with both a radical $-OR^8$ and a heterocycle, wherein said heterocycle is oxazolidine, thiazolidine, morpholinyl, or thiomorpholinyl, wherein each of said heterocyle may be optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of C_{1-6}alkyl, hydroxy-C_{1-6}alkyl and aminocarbonyl-C_{1-6}alkyl; or

(c) wherein each R^7 is C_{1-6}alkyl substituted with a heterocycle or R^7 is C_{1-6}alkyl substituted with both a radical $-OR^8$ and a heterocycle, wherein said heterocycle is morpholinyl or thiomorpholinyl, wherein each of said heterocyle may be optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of C_{1-6}alkyl, hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl and aminocarbonylC_{1-6}alkyl; or

(d) wherein each R^7 is C_{1-6}alkyl substituted with morpholinyl, which may be optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of C_{1-6}alkyl, hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl, aminocarbonyl-C_{1-6}alkyl; or preferably

(e) wherein Q is R^7 and the latter is C_{1-6}alkyl substituted with morpholinyl.

Of particular interest are the compounds of formula (I) or any of the subgroups specified herein wherein R^8 is hydrogen.

Other subgroups of the compounds of formula (I) are those compounds of formula (I), or any subgroup of compounds of formula (I) specified herein, wherein

(a) R^{4a} and R^{4b} are each independently selected from hydrogen, C_{1-6}alkyl, Ar^2C_{1-6}alkyl, (Ar^2)(hydroxy)C_{1-6}alkyl, Het-C_{1-6}alkyl, hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl, mono- and di-(C_{1-6}alkyloxy)C_{1-6}alkyl, (hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl)oxyC_{1-6}alkyl, Ar^1C_{1-6}alkyloxy-C_{1-6}alkyl, dihydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl, (C_{1-6}alkyloxy)(hydroxy)C_{1-6}alkyl, (Ar^1C_{1-6}alkyloxy)(hydroxy)C_{1-6}alkyl, Ar^1oxyC_{1-6}alkyl, (Ar^1oxy)(hydroxy)-C_{1-6}alkyl, aminoC_{1-6}alkyl, mono- and di(C_{1-6}alkyl)amino-C_{1-6}alkyl, carboxylC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkyloxycarbonyl-C_{1-6}alkyl, aminocarbonylC_{1-6}alkyl, mono- and di(C_{1-6}alkyl)aminocarbonyl-C_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkylcarbonylC_{1-6}alkyl, $(C_{1-4}alkyloxy)_2P(=O)$-C_{1-6}alkyl, $(C_{1-4}alkyloxy)_2P(=O)$-O-C_{1-6}alkyl, aminosulfonyl-C_{1-6}alkyl, mono- and di(C_{1-6}alkyl)aminosulfonyl-C_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl, Ar^2carbonyl, Het-carbonyl, Ar^2C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl, Het-C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl, Ar^2 and Het; or wherein

(b) R^{4a} and R^{4b} are each independently selected from hydrogen, C_{1-6}alkyl, Ar^2C_{1-6}alkyl, (Ar^2)(hydroxy)C_{1-6}alkyl, Het-C_{1-6}alkyl, hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl, mono- and di-(C_{1-6}alkyloxy)C_{1-6}alkyl, (hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl)oxyC_{1-6}alkyl, Ar^1C_{1-6}alkyloxy-C_{1-6}alkyl, dihydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl, (C_{1-6}alkyloxy)(hydroxy)C_{1-6}alkyl, (Ar^1C_{1-6}alkyloxy)(hydroxy)C_{1-6}alkyl, Ar^1oxy-C_{1-6}alkyl, (Ar^1oxy)(hydroxy)-C_{1-6}alkyl, aminoC_{1-6}alkyl, mono- and di(C_{1-6}alkyl)amino-C_{1-6}alkyl, carboxyl-C_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkyloxycarbonylC_{1-6}alkyl, aminocarbonylC_{1-6}alkyl, mono- and di(C_{1-6}alkyl)aminocarbonylC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkylcarbonylC_{1-6}alkyl, $(C_{1-4}alkyloxy)_2$-$P(=O)$-C_{1-6}alkyl, $(C_{1-4}alkyloxy)_2P(=O)$-O-C_{1-6}alkyl, aminosulfonyl-C_{1-6}alkyl, mono- and di(C_{1-6}alkyl)aminosulfonyl-C_{1-6}alkyl, Ar^2 and Het; or wherein

(c) R^{4a} and R^{4b} are each independently selected from hydrogen, C_{1-6}alkyl, Ar^2C_{1-6}alkyl, (Ar^2)(hydroxy)C_{1-6}alkyl, Het-C_{1-6}alkyl, hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl, (C_{1-6}alkyloxy)C_{1-6}alkyl, (hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl)oxyC_{1-6}alkyl, Ar^1C_{1-6}alkyloxy-C_{1-6}alkyl, Ar^1oxy-C_{1-6}alkyl, (Ar^1oxy)(hydroxy)-C_{1-6}alkyl, aminoC_{1-6}alkyl, mono- and di(C_{1-6}alkyl)amino-C_{1-6}alkyl, carboxylC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkyloxycarbonyl-C_{1-6}alkyl, aminocarbonylC_{1-6}alkyl, mono- and di(C_{1-6}alkyl)aminocarbonyl-C_{1-6}alkyl, $(C_{1-4}alkyloxy)_2P(=O)$-C_{1-6}alkyl, $(C_{1-4}alkyloxy)_2P(=O)$-O-C_{1-6}alkyl,

aminosulfonyl-C_{1-6}alkyl, mono- and di(C_{1-6}alkyl)aminosulfonyl-C_{1-6}alkyl and Ar^1; or wherein

(d) R^{4a} and R^{4b} are each independently selected from hydrogen, C_{1-6}alkyl, (Ar^2)(hydroxy)C_{1-6}alkyl, Het-C_{1-6}alkyl, hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl, (C_{1-6}alkyloxy)C_{1-6}alkyl, (hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl)oxyC_{1-6}alkyl, Ar^1C_{1-6}alkyloxy-C_{1-6}alkyl, Ar^1oxyC_{1-6}alkyl, (Ar^1oxy)(hydroxy)-C_{1-6}alkyl, aminoC_{1-6}alkyl, mono- and di(C_{1-6}alkyl)amino-C_{1-6}alkyl, carboxylC_{1-6}alkyl, aminocarbonylC_{1-6}alkyl, mono- and di(C_{1-6}alkyl)-aminocarbonylC_{1-6}alkyl, (C_{1-4}alkyloxy)$_2$P(=O)-C_{1-6}alkyl, (C_{1-4}alkyloxy)$_2$-P(=O)-O-C_{1-6}alkyl, aminosulfonyl-C_{1-6}alkyl, mono- and di(C_{1-6}alkyl)amino-sulfonyl-C_{1-6}alkyl and Ar^1.

Interesting subgroups of the compounds of formula (I) are those compounds of formula (I), or any subgroup of compounds of formula (I) specified herein, wherein

(e) R^{4a} and R^{4b} are each independently selected from hydrogen, morpholinyl-C_{1-6}alkyl, hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl, (C_{1-6}alkyloxy)C_{1-6}alkyl, aminoC_{1-6}alkyl, mono- and di(C_{1-6}alkyl)amino-C_{1-6}alkyl, carboxylC_{1-6}alkyl, aminocarbonylC_{1-6}alkyl, mono- and di(C_{1-6}alkyl)aminocarbonylC_{1-6}alkyl, aminosulfonyl-C_{1-6}alkyl, mono- and di(C_{1-6}alkyl)aminosulfonyl-C_{1-6}alkyl and Ar^1; or wherein

(f) R^{4a} and R^{4b} are each independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl, (C_{1-6}alkyloxy)C_{1-6}alkyl, aminoC_{1-6}alkyl, mono- and di(C_{1-6}alkyl)aminoC_{1-6}alkyl, carboxylC_{1-6}alkyl, aminocarbonylC_{1-6}alkyl, mono- and di(C_{1-6}alkyl)amino-carbonyl-C_{1-6}alkyl; or wherein

(g) R^{4a} and R^{4b} are each independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl, aminocarbonylC_{1-6}alkyl, mono- and di(C_{1-6}alkyl)aminocarbonylC_{1-6}alkyl; or wherein

(h) R^{4a} and R^{4b} are each independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl and aminocarbonylC_{1-6}alkyl.

Other interesting subgroups of the compounds of formula (I) are those compounds of formula (I), or any subgroup of compounds of formula (I) specified herein, wherein R^{4a} is hydrogen and R^{4b} is as specified above in the restricted definitions (a) to (h).

Other subgroups of the compounds of formula (I) are those compounds of formula (I), or any subgroup of compounds of formula (I) specified herein, wherein

(a) Ar^2 is phenyl, phenyl annelated with C_{5-7}cycloalkyl, or phenyl substituted with 1, 2, or 3 substituents selected from halo, cyano, C_{1-6}alkyl, Het-C_{1-6}alkyl, Ar^1-C_{1-6}alkyl, cyanoC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{2-6}alkenyl, cyanoC_{2-6}alkenyl, R^{6b}-O-C_{3-6}alkenyl, C_{2-6}alkynyl, cyanoC_{2-6}alkynyl, R^{6b}-O-C_{3-6}alkynyl, Ar^1, Het, R^{6b}-O-, R^{6b}-S-, R^{6c}-SO-, R^{6c}-SO_2-, R^{6b}-O-C_{1-6}alkyl-SO_2-, -N($R^{6a}R^{6b}$), CF_3, CF_3-oxy, CF_3-thio,

R^{6c}-C(=O)-, R^{6b}-O-C(=O)-, N($R^{6a}R^{6b}$)-C(=O)-, R^{6b}-O-C_{1-6}alkyl, R^{6b}-S-C_{1-6}alkyl, R^{6c}-S(=O)$_2$-C_{1-6}alkyl, N($R^{6a}R^{6b}$)-C_{1-6}alkyl, R^{6c}-C(=O)-C_{1-6}alkyl, R^{6b}-O-C(=O)-C_{1-6}alkyl, N($R^{6a}R^{6b}$)-C(=O)-C_{1-6}alkyl, R^{6c}-C(=O)-NR^{6b}-, R^{6c}-C(=O)-O-, R^{6c}-C(=O)-NR^{6b}-C_{1-6}alkyl, R^{6c}-C(=O)-O-C_{1-6}alkyl, N($R^{6a}R^{6b}$)-S(=O)$_2$-, H_2N-C(=NH)-;

(b) Ar^2 is phenyl, phenyl annelated with C_{5-7}cycloalkyl, or phenyl substituted with 1, 2, or 3 substituents, or with 1 or 2 substituents, selected from halo, cyano, C_{1-6}alkyl, Het-C_{1-6}alkyl, Ar^1-C_{1-6}alkyl, cyanoC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{2-6}alkenyl, cyano-C_{2-6}alkenyl, R^{6b}-O-C_{3-6}alkenyl, C_{2-6}alkynyl, cyanoC_{2-6}alkynyl, R^{6b}-O-C_{3-6}alkynyl, Ar^1, Het, R^{6b}-O-, R^{6b}-S-, R^{6c}-SO-, R^{6c}-SO$_2$-, R^{6b}-O-C_{1-6}alkyl-SO$_2$-, -N($R^{6a}R^{6b}$), CF_3, R^{6c}-C(=O)-, R^{6b}-O-C(=O)-, N($R^{6a}R^{6b}$)-C(=O)-, R^{6b}-O-C_{1-6}alkyl, R^{6b}-S-C_{1-6}alkyl, R^{6c}-S(=O)$_2$-C_{1-6}alkyl, N($R^{6a}R^{6b}$)-C_{1-6}alkyl, R^{6c}-C(=O)-C_{1-6}alkyl, R^{6b}-O-C(=O)-C_{1-6}alkyl, N($R^{6a}R^{6b}$)-C(=O)-C_{1-6}alkyl, R^{6c}-C(=O)-NR^{6b}-, H_2N-C(=NH)-;

(c) Ar^2 is phenyl, phenyl annelated with C_{5-7}cycloalkyl, or phenyl substituted with 1, 2, or 3, or with 1 or 2, substituents selected from halo, cyano, C_{1-6}alkyl, Het-C_{1-6}alkyl, Ar^1-C_{1-6}alkyl, cyanoC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{2-6}alkenyl, cyanoC_{2-6}alkenyl, R^{6b}-O-C_{3-6}alkenyl, C_{2-6}alkynyl, cyanoC_{2-6}alkynyl, R^{6b}-O-C_{3-6}alkynyl, Ar^1, Het, R^{6b}-O-, R^{6b}-S-, R^{6c}-SO$_2$-, -N($R^{6a}R^{6b}$), CF_3, R^{6b}-O-C(=O)-, N($R^{6a}R^{6b}$)-C(=O)-, R^{6b}-O-C_{1-6}alkyl, R^{6b}-S-C_{1-6}alkyl, R^{6c}-S(=O)$_2$-C_{1-6}alkyl, N($R^{6a}R^{6b}$)-C_{1-6}alkyl, R^{6c}-C(=O)-C_{1-6}alkyl, R^{6b}-O-C(=O)-C_{1-6}alkyl, N($R^{6a}R^{6b}$)-C(=O)-C_{1-6}alkyl, R^{6c}-C(=O)-NR^{6b}-;

(d) Ar^2 is phenyl, phenyl annelated with C_{5-7}cycloalkyl, or phenyl substituted with 1, 2, or 3, or with 1 or 2, substituents selected from C_{1-6}alkyl, Het-C_{1-6}alkyl, Ar^1-C_{1-6}alkyl, cyanoC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{2-6}alkenyl, cyanoC_{2-6}alkenyl, R^{6b}-O-C_{3-6}alkenyl, C_{2-6}alkynyl, cyanoC_{2-6}alkynyl, R^{6b}-O-C_{3-6}alkynyl, R^{6b}-O-C_{1-6}alkyl, R^{6b}-S-C_{1-6}alkyl, R^{6c}-S(=O)$_2$-C_{1-6}alkyl, N($R^{6a}R^{6b}$)-C_{1-6}alkyl, R^{6b}-O-C(=O)-C_{1-6}alkyl, N($R^{6a}R^{6b}$)-C(=O)-C_{1-6}alkyl;

(e) Ar^2 is phenyl, or phenyl substituted with 1, 2, or 3 substituents, or with 1 or 2 substituents, selected from C_{1-6}alkyl, Het-C_{1-6}alkyl, Ar^1-C_{1-6}alkyl, cyanoC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{2-6}alkenyl, cyanoC_{2-6}alkenyl, hydroxy-C_{3-6}alkenyl, C_{2-6}alkynyl, cyanoC_{2-6}alkynyl, hydroxy-C_{3-6}alkynyl, R^{6b}-O-C_{1-6}alkyl, amino-S(=O)$_2$-C_{1-6}alkyl, N($R^{6a}R^{6b}$)-C_{1-6}alkyl, R^{6b}-O-C(=O)-C_{1-6}alkyl, amino-C(=O)-C_{1-6}alkyl, mono- and di-C_{1-6}alkyl amino-C(=O)-C_{1-6}alkyl;

(f) Ar^2 is phenyl, or phenyl substituted with 1, 2, or 3 substituents or with 1 or 2 substituents selected from C_{1-6}alkyl, Het-C_{1-6}alkyl, Ar^1-C_{1-6}alkyl, cyanoC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{2-6}alkenyl, cyanoC_{2-6}alkenyl, C_{2-6}alkynyl, cyanoC_{2-6}alkynyl, R^{6b}-O-C_{1-6}alkyl, amino-S(=O)$_2$-C_{1-6}alkyl, R^{6b}-O-C(=O)-C_{1-6}alkyl, amino-C(=O)-C_{1-6}alkyl, mono- and di-C_{1-6}alkylamino-C(=O)-C_{1-6}alkyl;

(g) Ar^2 is phenyl, or phenyl substituted with 1, 2, or 3 substituents or with 1 or 2 substituents selected from C_{1-6}alkyl, R^{6b}-O-C_{1-6}alkyl and amino-C(=O)-C_{1-6}alkyl; or selected from C_{1-6}alkyl, hydroxy-C_{1-6}alkyl and amino-C(=O)-C_{1-6}alkyl.

The limitations in the substitutions on Ar^2 as specified under (a) – (g) above preferably apply to any Ar^2 being part of a radical R^{2a} or R^{3a} being C_{1-6}alkyl substituted with a radical $-NR^{4a}R^{4b}$ wherein R^{4a} and/or R^{4b} is or are a radical Ar^2.

Other subgroups of the compounds of formula (I) are those compounds of formula (I), or any subgroup of compounds of formula (I) specified herein, wherein

(h) Ar^2 is phenyl substituted with C_{1-6}alkyl, Het-C_{1-6}alkyl, Ar^1-C_{1-6}alkyl, cyanoC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{2-6}alkenyl, cyanoC_{2-6}alkenyl, C_{2-6}alkynyl, cyanoC_{2-6}alkynyl, R^{6b}-O-C_{1-6}alkyl, amino-S(=O)$_2$-C_{1-6}alkyl, R^{6b}-O-C(=O)-C_{1-6}alkyl, amino-C(=O)-C_{1-6}alkyl, mono- and di-C_{1-6}alkylamino-C(=O)-C_{1-6}alkyl; and optionally further substituted with one or with two of the substituents of Ar^2 mentioned above in restrictions (a) to (g); or

(i) Ar^2 is phenyl substituted with R^{6b}-O-C_{1-6}alkyl, amino-C(=O)-C_{1-6}alkyl; or phenyl substituted with hydroxy-C_{1-6}alkyl, amino-C(=O)-C_{1-6}alkyl; and optionally further substituted with one or with two of the substituents on Ar^2 mentioned above in restrictions (a) to (g).

The limitations in the substitutions on Ar^2 as specified under (h) – (i) above preferably apply to any Ar^2 being part of a radical R^{2a} or R^{3a} being C_{1-6}alkyl substituted with a radical Ar^2.

Further subgroups are compounds of formula (I) or of any of the subgroups of compounds of formula (I) wherein:

(a) R^{6a} in particular is hydrogen, C_{1-6}alkyl, Ar^1, Ar^1C_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl, Ar^1carbonyl, Ar^1C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-6}alkyloxyC_{1-6}alkyl, aminoC_{1-6}alkyl, mono- or di(C_{1-6}alkyl)aminoC_{1-6}alkyl, hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl, (carboxyl)-C_{1-6}alkyl, (C_{1-6}alkyl-oxycarbonyl)-C_{1-6}alkyl, aminocarbonylC_{1-6}alkyl, mono- and di(C_{1-6}alkyl)amino-carbonylC_{1-6}alkyl, aminosulfonyl-C_{1-6}alkyl, mono- and di(C_{1-6}alkyl)aminosulfonyl-C_{1-6}alkyl, Het, Het-C_{1-6}alkyl, Het-carbonyl, Het-C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl;

(b) R^{6a} more in particular is hydrogen, C_{1-6}alkyl, Ar^1, Ar^1C_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkyloxy-C_{1-6}alkyl, aminoC_{1-6}alkyl, mono- or di(C_{1-6}alkyl)aminoC_{1-6}alkyl, hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl, (carboxyl)-C_{1-6}alkyl, (C_{1-6}alkyloxycarbonyl)-C_{1-6}alkyl, aminocarbonylC_{1-6}alkyl, mono- and di(C_{1-6}alkyl)aminocarbonylC_{1-6}alkyl, aminosulfonyl-C_{1-6}alkyl, mono- and di(C_{1-6}alkyl)aminosulfonyl-C_{1-6}alkyl, Het, Het-C_{1-6}alkyl;

(c) R^{6a} further in particular is hydrogen, C_{1-6}alkyl, Ar^1C_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkyloxyC_{1-6}alkyl, aminoC_{1-6}alkyl, mono- or di(C_{1-6}alkyl)aminoC_{1-6}alkyl, hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl, (carboxyl)-C_{1-6}alkyl, (C_{1-6}alkyloxycarbonyl)-C_{1-6}alkyl, aminocarbonylC_{1-6}alkyl, mono- and di(C_{1-6}alkyl)aminocarbonylC_{1-6}alkyl, aminosulfonyl-C_{1-6}alkyl, mono- and di(C_{1-6}alkyl)aminosulfonyl-C_{1-6}alkyl, Het-C_{1-6}alkyl;

(d) R^{6a} further in particular is hydrogen, C_{1-6}alkyl, Ar^1C_{1-6}alkyl, aminoC_{1-6}alkyl, hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl, (carboxyl)-C_{1-6}alkyl, aminocarbonylC_{1-6}alkyl, aminosulfonyl-C_{1-6}alkyl, morpholinyl-C_{1-6}alkyl; (e) R^{6a} further in particular is hydrogen, hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl, aminocarbonylC_{1-6}alkyl, aminosulfonyl-C_{1-6}alkyl; or wherein

(e) R^{6a} is hydrogen, C_{1-6}alkyl, Ar^1 or Ar^1C_{1-6}alkyl; or R^{6a} is hydrogen or C_{1-6}alkyl; or R^{6a} is hydrogen.

Further subgroups are compounds of formula (I) or of any of the subgroups of compounds of formula (I) wherein:

(f) R^{6b} preferably is hydrogen or C_{1-6}alkyl; or more preferably is hydrogen;

(g) R^{6c} preferably is C_{1-6}alkyl.

In the group of compounds of formula (I) or in any of the subgroups of compounds of formula (I):

(a) Ar^1 preferably is phenyl or phenyl substituted with up to 3 substituents, or with up to 2 substituents, or with one substituent, selected from halo, hydroxy, C_{1-6}alkyl, hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl, trifluormethyl, and C_{1-6}alkyloxy;

(b) Ar^1 more preferably is phenyl or phenyl substituted with up to 3 substituents, or with up to 2 substituents, or with one substituent, selected from halo, hydroxy, C_{1-6}alkyl and C_{1-6}alkyloxy;

(c) Ar^1 more preferably is phenyl or phenyl substituted with up to 3 substituents, or with up to 2 substituents, or with one substituent, selected from halo and C_{1-6}alkyl.

Other subgroups of the compounds of formula (I) are those compounds of formula (I), or any subgroup of compounds of formula (I) specified herein, wherein

(a) Het is tetrahydrofuranyl, furanyl, thienyl, thiazolyl, oxazolyl, imidazolyl, isothiazolyl, pyrazolyl, isoxazolyl, piperidinyl, homopiperidinyl, piperazinyl, morpholinyl, pyridyl, pyrazinyl, pyrimidinyl, tetrahydroquinolinyl, quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl, benzodioxanyl, benzodioxolyl, indolinyl, indolyl, which may optionally be substituted with oxo, amino, Ar^1, C_{1-4}alkyl, aminoC_{1-4}alkyl, Ar^1C_{1-4}alkyl, mono- or di(C_{1-6}alkyl)aminoC_{1-6}alkyl, mono- or di(C_{1-6}alkyl)amino, (hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl)amino, and optionally further with one or two C_{1-4}alkyl radicals; or

(b) Het is tetrahydrofuranyl, furanyl, thienyl, thiazolyl, oxazolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, isoxazolyl, piperidinyl, homopiperidinyl, piperazinyl, morpholinyl, pyridyl, pyrazinyl, pyrimidinyl, tetrahydroquinolinyl, quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl, benzodioxanyl, benzodioxolyl, indolinyl, indolyl, which may optionally be substituted with oxo, amino, Ar^1, C_{1-4}alkyl, aminoC_{1-4}alkyl, and optionally further with one or two C_{1-4}alkyl radicals; or

(c) Het is furanyl, thienyl, pyrazolyl isoxazolyl , morpholinyl, pyrimidinyl, quinolinyl, indolinyl, which may optionally be substituted with one or two C_{1-4}alkyl radicals.

(d) Het is morpholinyl, which may optionally be substituted with one or two C_{1-4}alkyl radicals; or

(d) Het is morpholinyl.

A particular embodiment of the present invention concerns compounds of formula (I) wherein Q, G, R^1 and R^5 are as specified above in the definition of formula (I) or as in any of the subgroups of compounds of formula (I) specified herein; and wherein

(a) one of R^{2a} and R^{3a} is selected from -N($R^{4a}R^{4b}$), ($R^{4a}R^{4b}$)N-CO-, C_{1-6}alkyl substituted with one or two substituents selected from hydroxy, cyano, Ar^2, Het or -N($R^{4a}R^{4b}$) and C_{2-6}alkenyl substituted with cyano or Ar^2; and the other one of R^{2a} and R^{3a} is hydrogen; or

(b) one of R^{2a} and R^{3a} is selected from -N($R^{4a}R^{4b}$); ($R^{4a}R^{4b}$)N-CO-; C_{1-6}alkyl optionally substituted with hydroxy, cyano, Ar^2, Het or -N($R^{4a}R^{4b}$); C_{1-6}alkyl substituted with hydroxy and Ar^2; and C_{2-6}alkenyl substituted with cyano or Ar^2; and the other one of R^{2a} and R^{3a} is hydrogen; or

(c) one of R^{2a} and R^{3a} is selected from ($R^{4a}R^{4b}$)N-CO-; C_{1-6}alkyl optionally substituted with hydroxy, Ar^2, Het or -N($R^{4a}R^{4b}$); and C_{2-6}alkenyl substituted with Ar^2; and the other one of R^{2a} and R^{3a} is hydrogen; and

in case R^{2a} is different from hydrogen then R^{2b} is hydrogen, C_{1-6}alkyl or halogen and R^{3b} is hydrogen;

in case R^{3a} is different from hydrogen then R^{3b} is hydrogen, C_{1-6}alkyl or halogen and R^{2b} is hydrogen;

Ar^2, Het, R^{4a} and R^{4b} are as in the definitions of the compounds of formula (I) or as in any subgroup specified herein.

Another particular embodiment of the present invention concerns compounds of formula (I) wherein Q, G, R^1 and R^5 are as specified above in the definition of formula (I) or as in any of the subgroups of compounds of formula (I) specified herein; and

(d) one of R^{2a} and R^{3a} is selected from $(R^{4a}R^{4b})N$-CO-; C_{1-6}alkyl optionally substituted with hydroxy, Ar^2, Het or -$N(R^{4a}R^{4b})$; and C_{2-6}alkenyl substituted with Ar^1; and the other one of R^{2a} and R^{3a} is hydrogen; or

(e) one of R^{2a} and R^{3a} is selected from $(R^{4a})HN$-CO-; C_{1-6}alkyl optionally substituted with hydroxy, Ar^2, Het, -$NH(R^{4a})$ or -$N(R^{4a})$ Ar^2; and C_{2-6}alkenyl substituted with Ar^1; and the other one of R^{2a} and R^{3a} is hydrogen; or

(f) one of R^{2a} and R^{3a} is C_{1-6}alkyl optionally substituted with hydroxy, Ar^2, Het, -$NH(R^{4a})$ or -$N(R^{4a})$ Ar^2; and the other one of R^{2a} and R^{3a} is hydrogen; or

(g) one of R^{2a} and R^{3a} is C_{1-6}alkyl optionally substituted with hydroxy, Ar^2, -$NH(R^{4a})$ or -$N(R^{4a})$ Ar^2; and the other one of R^{2a} and R^{3a} is hydrogen;

(h) one of R^{2a} and R^{3a} is C_{1-6}alkyl optionally substituted with -$NH(R^{4a})$ or -$N(R^{4a})$ Ar^2; and the other one of R^{2a} and R^{3a} is hydrogen;

(i) one of R^{2a} and R^{3a} is C_{1-6}alkyl optionally substituted with -$NH(R^{4a})$; and the other one of R^{2a} and R^{3a} is hydrogen;

(j) one of R^{2a} and R^{3a} is C_{1-6}alkyl optionally substituted with -$N(R^{4a})$ Ar^2; and the other one of R^{2a} and R^{3a} is hydrogen;

in case R^{2a} is different from hydrogen then R^{2b} is hydrogen or C_{1-6}alkyl and R^{3b} is hydrogen;

in case R^{3a} is different from hydrogen then R^{3b} is hydrogen or C_{1-6}alkyl and R^{2b} is hydrogen;

Ar^2, Het, R^{4a} and R^{4b} are as in the definitions of the compounds of formula (I) or as in any subgroup specified herein.

Another particular embodiment of the present invention concerns compounds of formula (I) wherein Q, G, R^1 and R^5 are as specified above in the definition of formula (I) or as in any of the subgroups of compounds of formula (I) specified herein; wherein R^{2a} and R^{3a} are as defined in (a) – (j) above and R^{2b} and R^{3b} are both hydrogen.

Another embodiment of the present invention concerns compounds of formula (I) wherein Q, G, R^1 and R^5 are as specified above in the definition of formula (I) or as in any of the subgroups of compounds of formula (I) specified herein; wherein

(k) one of R^{2a} and R^{3a} is C_{1-6}alkyl; and the other one of R^{2a} and R^{3a} is hydrogen;

in case R^{2a} is different from hydrogen then R^{2b} is C_{1-6}alkyl and R^{3b} is hydrogen;

in case R^{3a} is different from hydrogen then R^{3b} is C_{1-6}alkyl and R^{2b} is hydrogen.

Still another embodiment of the present invention concerns compounds of formula (I) wherein Q, G, R^1 and R^5 are as specified above in the definition of formula (I) or as in any of the subgroups of compounds of formula (I) specified herein; wherein

one of R^{2a} and R^{3a} is selected from C_{1-6}alkyl substituted with -N($R^{4a}R^{4b}$), wherein R^{4b} is hydrogen;
and the other one of R^{2a} and R^{3a} is hydrogen; and
in case R^{2a} is different from hydrogen then R^{2b} is hydrogen and R^{3b} is hydrogen;
in case R^{3a} is different from hydrogen then R^{3b} is hydrogen and R^{2b} is hydrogen.

Still another embodiment of the present invention concerns compounds of formula (I) wherein Q, G, R^1 and R^5 are as specified above or as in any of the subgroups of compounds specified herein; and
one of R^{2a} and R^{3a} is selected from C_{1-6}alkyl substituted with -N($R^{4a}R^{4b}$); and the other one of R^{2a} and R^{3a} is hydrogen; and
in case R^{2a} is different from hydrogen then R^{2b} is hydrogen and R^{3b} is hydrogen;
in case R^{3a} is different from hydrogen then R^{3b} is hydrogen and R^{2b} is hydrogen; and
further wherein
R^{4a} is Ar^2 and
R^{4b} is C_{1-6}alkyl, Ar^2C_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkyloxyC_{1-6}alkyl, hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyloxyC_{1-6}alkyl, Ar^1C_{1-6}alkyloxyC_{1-6}alkyl, (C_{1-6}alkyloxy)(hydroxy)C_{1-6}alkyl, (Ar^1C_{1-6}alkyloxy)(hydroxy)C_{1-6}alkyl, aminoC_{1-6}alkyl, mono- and di(C_{1-6}alkyl)aminoC_{1-6}alkyl, hydroxy-C_{1-6}alkyl, aminocarbonylC_{1-6}alkyl, mono- and di(C_{1-6}alkyl)aminocarbonylC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxycarbonylC_{1-6}alkyl, hydroxycarbonylC_{1-6}alkyl, Het or Het-C_{1-6}alkyl.

Preferred compounds are those compounds listed in tables 1 through 13, more in particular the compound numbers 1 to 128, 131 to 153, 161 to 164, 171 to 182, 185, and 192 to 293.

Most preferred are:

- compound 3 in Table 1, exemplified in example 11, the name of which is 2-[6-{[2-(3-hydroxy-propyl)-5-methyl-phenylamino]-methyl}-2-(3-morpholin-4-yl-propylamino)-benzimidazol-1-ylmethyl]-6-methyl-pyridin-3-ol,
- compound 58, in Table 2, exemplified in example 14, the name of which is 2-[6-{[(3,5-dimethyl-phenyl)-(2-hydroxy-ethyl)-amino]-methyl}-2-(3-morpholin-4-yl-propylamino)-benzimidazol-1-ylmethyl]-6-methyl-pyridin-3-ol,
- compound 59, in Table 2 the name of which is 2, 2-[6-{[(3,5-dimethyl-phenyl)-(3-aminocarbonyl-propyl)-amino]-methyl}-2-(3-morpholin-4-yl-propylamino)-benzimidazol-1-ylmethyl]-6-methyl-pyridin-3-ol

as well as the prodrugs, *N*-oxides, addition salts, quaternary amines and metal complexes thereof, in particular said three compounds and the acid-addition salts thereof.

The compounds of formula (I) or any of the subgroups thereof can be prepared as in the following reaction schemes.



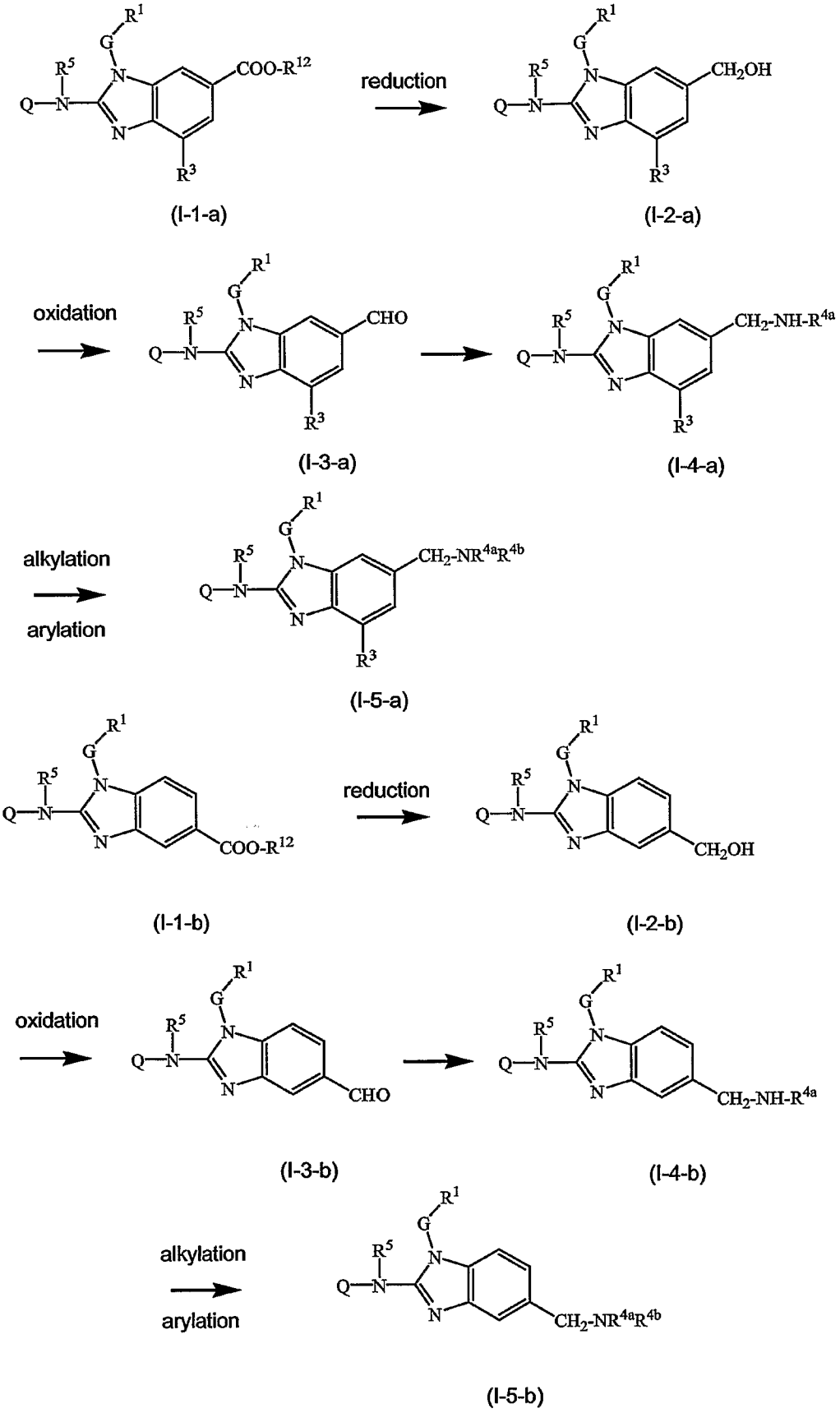
(II) (III) (I)

In this scheme Q, G, R^1, R^{2a}, R^{2b}, R^{3a}, R^{3b}, R^5 have the meanings defined above for the compounds of formula (I) or of any of the subgroups thereof. W is an appropriate leaving group, preferably it is chloro or bromo. The reaction of this scheme is typically conducted in a suitable solvent such as an ether, e.g. THF, a halogenated hydrocarbon, e.g. dichoromethane, $CHCl_3$, toluene, a polar aprotic solvent such as DMF, DMSO, DMA and the like. A base may be added to pick up the acid that is liberated during the reaction. If desired, certain catalysts such as iodide salts (e.g. KI) may be added.

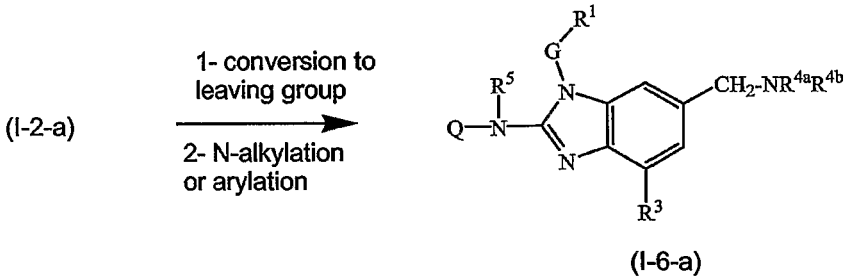
Compounds of formula (I) may be converted into each other following art-known functional group transformation reactions, comprising those described hereinafter.

Compounds of formula (I) wherein R^{2a} or R^{3a} is C_{1-6}alkoxycarbonyl or C_{1-6}alkyl substituted with C_{1-6}alkoxycarbonyl can be reduced, e.g. with $LiAlH_4$, to the corresponding compounds wherein R^{2a} or R^{3a} is hydroxy C_{1-6}alkyl. The latter group can be oxidized to an aldehyde group, e.g. with MnO_2, which can further be derivatized with amines, e.g. with a reductive amination process, to the corresponding C_{1-6}alkylamines or derivatized amines. Alternatively the compounds of formula (I) wherein R^{2a} or R^{3a} is hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl can be converted to the corresponding haloC_{1-6}alkyl compounds, e.g. by treatment with a suitable halogenating agent such as $SOCl_2$ or $POCl_3$, which compounds subsequently are reacted with an amine or amine derivative.

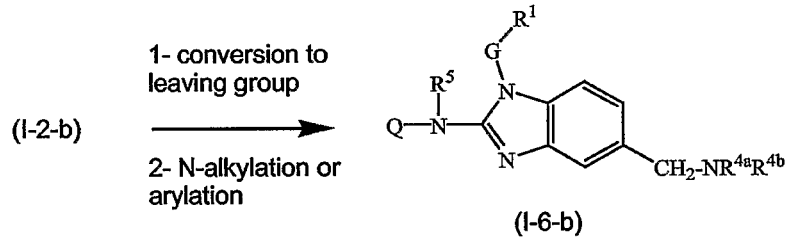
These reactions can be represented in the following reaction schemes wherein a compound (I-1-a) or (I-1-b) is reduced to obtain a compound (I-2-a) or (I-2-b) and subsequently the alcohol group in (I-2-a) or (I-2-b) is oxidized with a mild oxidant to obtain an intermediate (I-3-a) or (I-3-b) and subsequently (I-3-a) or (I-3-b) are alkylated to obtain (I-4-a) or (I-4-b), which is further alkylated to obtain (I-5-a) or (I-5-b), wherein R^{12} is C_{1-6}alkyl wherein is R^{4a} and R^{4b} are as defined in this specification and claims but are other than hydrogen:


reduction
oxidation
alkylation
arylation
(I-1-a)
(I-2-a)
(I-3-a)
(I-4-a)
(I-5-a)
(I-1-b)
(I-2-b)
(I-3-b)
(I-4-b)
(I-5-b)

In the following schemes the alcohol group in (I-2-a) or (I-2-b) is converted to a leaving group and subsequently the thus obtained products are reacted with an amine thus obtaining (I-6-a) or (I-6-b):



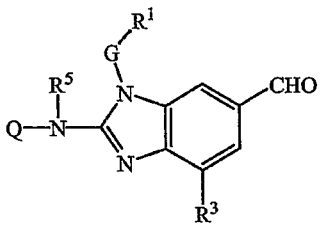
(I-6-a)



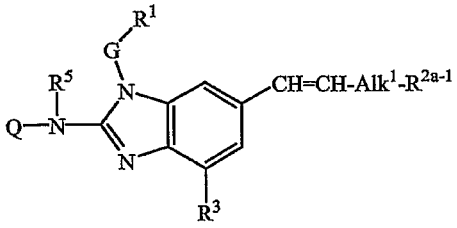
(I-6-b)

Compounds of formula (I) wherein R^{2a} or R^{3a} is an aldehyde can be converted to the corresponding compounds wherein R^{2a} or R^{3a} is C_{2-6}alkenyl or substituted C_{2-6}alkenyl by a Wittig reaction or a Wittig-Horner reaction. In the former instance a Wittig type reagent is used, such as a triphenylphosphoniumylide in a suitable reaction-inert solvent such as an ether, starting from triphenylphosphine and a halo derivative. The Wittig-Horner reaction is performed using a phosphonate, such as e.g. a reagent of formula di(C_{1-6}alkyloxy)-P(=O)-CH_2-CH_2-CN in the presence of a base, preferably a strong base, in an aprotic organic solvent. Compounds wherein R^{2a} or R^{3a} is C_{2-6}alkenyl or substituted C_{2-6}alkenyl can be reduced to the corresponding saturated alkyls, e.g. with hydrogen in the presence of a suitable catalyst such as Raney Ni.

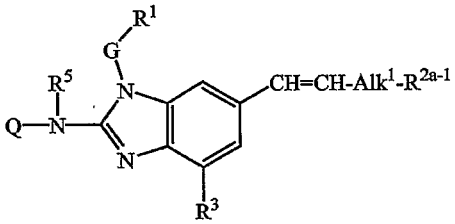
These reactions can be represented in the following reaction schemes wherein an intermediate (I-3-a) or (I-3-b) is converted to a compound (I-7-a) or (I-7-b) using a Wittig or Wittig-Horner procedure; the double bond in (I-7-a) or (I-7-b) is selectively reduced thus obtaining compounds (I-8-a) or (I-8-b); the cyano group in (I-9-a) or (I-9-b) is reduced to a methylene-amine group thus obtaining compounds (I-10-a) or (I-10-b); the latter are mono- or dialkylated the latter thus obtaining compounds (I-11-a) or (I-11-b) ; or (I-12-a) or (I-12-b), wherein Alk^1 is C_{4-6}alkanediyl, R^{2a-1} is any of the substituents on alkenyl as defined in this specification and claims, and preferably wherein R^{2a-1} is Ar^2 or CN:



(I-3-a)

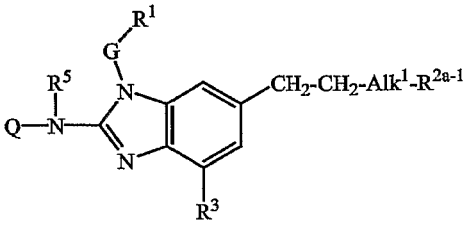


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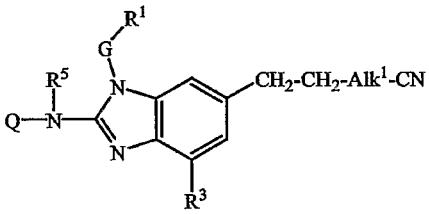


(I-7-a)

reduction

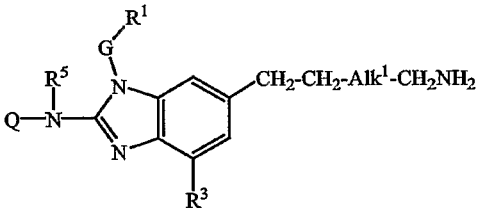


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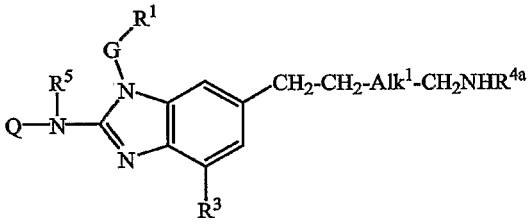
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alkylation

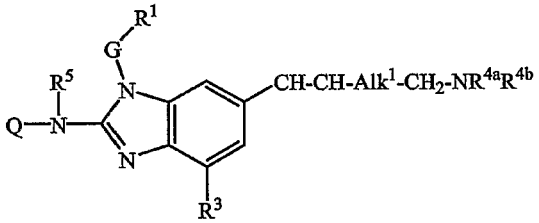
arylation



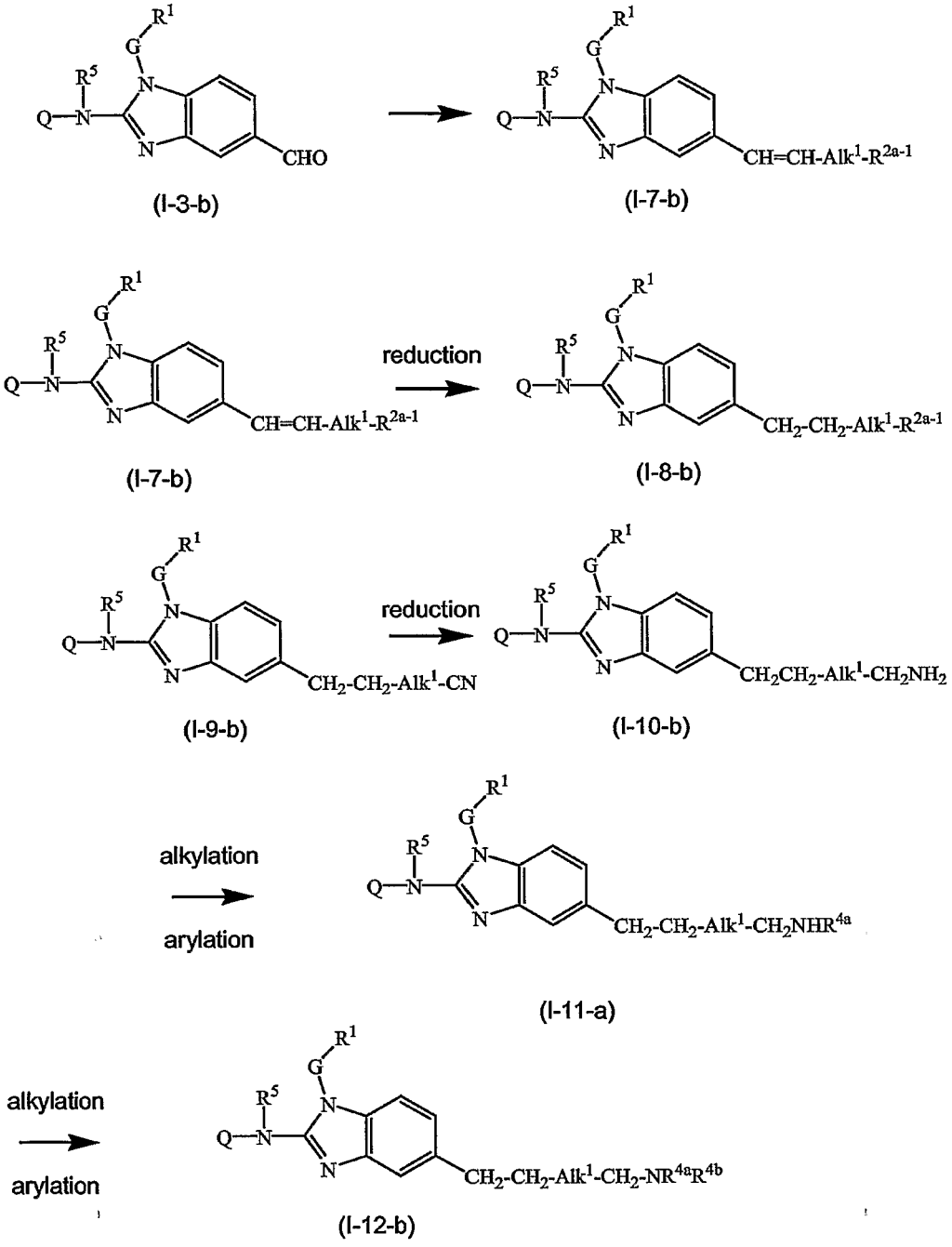
(I-11-a)

alkylation

arylation



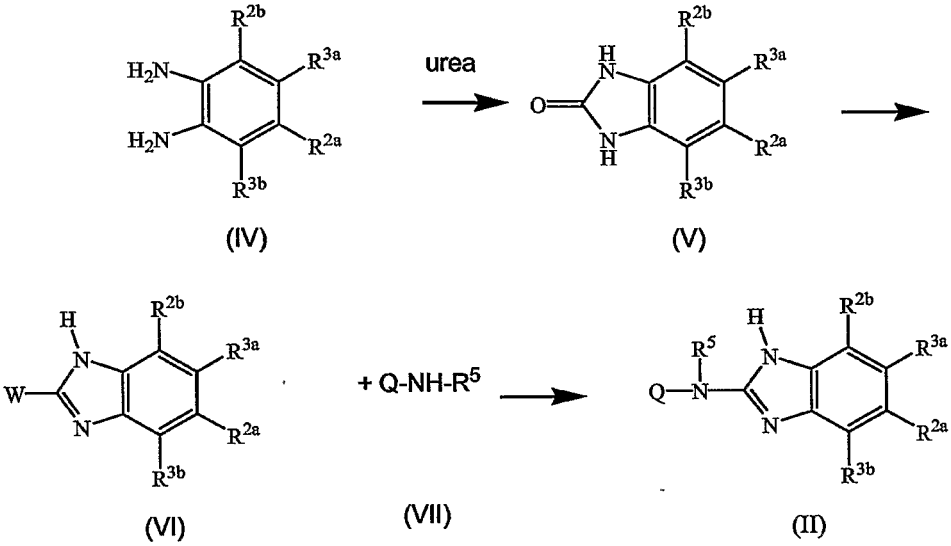
(I-12-a)



Compounds of formula (I) wherein R^{2a} or R^{3a} is an aldehyde can also be derivatized with a Grignard type of reaction to introduce aryl or alkyl groups.

Nitro groups can be reduced to amino groups, which subsequently may be alkylated to mono- or dialkylamino groups, or acylated to arylcarbonylamino or alkylcarbonyl-amino and the like groups. Cyano groups may be reduced to aminomethylene groups, which similarly may be derivatized.

A number of the intermediates used to prepare the compounds of formula (I) are known compounds or are analogs of known compounds which can be prepared following modifications of art-known methodologies readily accessible to the skilled person. A number of preparations of intermediates are given hereafter in somewhat more detail.



(IV) (V) (VI) (VII) (II)

In a first step, a diaminobenzene (IV) is cyclized with urea in a suitable solvent, e.g. xylene, to yield a benzimidazolone (V). The latter is converted to a benzimidazole derivative (V) wherein W is a leaving group as specified above, in particular by reaction of (V) with a suitable halogenating agent, for example $POCl_3$, and the resulting intermediate (VI) is reacted with the amine derivative (VII) to obtain intermediate (II).

The compounds of formula (I) may be converted to the corresponding *N*-oxide forms following art-known procedures for converting a trivalent nitrogen into its *N*-oxide form. Said *N*-oxidation reaction may generally be carried out by reacting the starting material of formula (I) with an appropriate organic or inorganic peroxide. Appropriate inorganic peroxides comprise, for example, hydrogen peroxide, alkali metal or earth alkaline metal peroxides, e.g. sodium peroxide, potassium peroxide; appropriate organic peroxides may comprise peroxy acids such as, for example, benzenecarboperoxoic acid or halo substituted benzenecarboperoxoic acid, e.g. 3-chlorobenzenecarboperoxoic acid, peroxoalkanoic acids, e.g. peroxoacetic acid, alkylhydroperoxides, e.g. t.butyl hydro-peroxide. Suitable solvents are, for example, water, lower alcohols, e.g. ethanol and the like, hydrocarbons, e.g. toluene, ketones, e.g. 2-butanone, halogenated hydrocarbons, e.g. dichloromethane, and mixtures of such solvents.

Pure stereochemically isomeric forms of the compounds of formula (I) may be obtained by the application of art-known procedures. Diastereomers may be separated by physical

methods such as selective crystallization and chromatographic techniques, e.g., counter-current distribution, liquid chromatography and the like.

The compounds of formula (I) as prepared in the hereinabove described processes are generally racemic mixtures of enantiomers which can be separated from one another following art-known resolution procedures. The racemic compounds of formula (I) which are sufficiently basic or acidic may be converted into the corresponding diastereomeric salt forms by reaction with a suitable chiral acid, respectively chiral base. Said diastereomeric salt forms are subsequently separated, for example, by selective or fractional crystallization and the enantiomers are liberated therefrom by alkali or acid. An alternative manner of separating the enantiomeric forms of the compounds of formula (I) involves liquid chromatography, in particular liquid chromatography using a chiral stationary phase. Said pure stereochemically isomeric forms may also be derived from the corresponding pure stereochemically isomeric forms of the appropriate starting materials, provided that the reaction occurs stereospecifically. Preferably if a specific stereoisomer is desired, said compound will be synthesized by stereospecific methods of preparation. These methods will advantageously employ enantiomerically pure starting materials.

In a further aspect, the present invention concerns a pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula (I) as specified herein, or a compound of any of the subgroups of compounds of formula (I) as specified herein, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. A therapeutically effective amount in this context is an amount sufficient to prophylaxictically act against, to stabilize or to reduce viral infection, and in particular RSV viral infection, in infected subjects or subjects being at risk of being infected. In still a further aspect, this invention relates to a process of preparing a pharmaceutical composition as specified herein, which comprises intimately mixing a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier with a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula (I), as specified herein, or of a compound of any of the subgroups of compounds of formula (I) as specified herein.

Therefore, the compounds of the present invention or any subgroup thereof may be formulated into various pharmaceutical forms for administration purposes. As appropriate compositions there may be cited all compositions usually employed for systemically administering drugs. To prepare the pharmaceutical compositions of this invention, an effective amount of the particular compound, optionally in addition salt form or metal complex, as the active ingredient is combined in intimate admixture with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, which carrier may take a wide variety of forms depending on the form of preparation desired for administration. These pharmaceutical

compositions are desirable in unitary dosage form suitable, particularly, for administration orally, rectally, percutaneously, or by parenteral injection. For example, in preparing the compositions in oral dosage form, any of the usual pharmaceutical media may be employed such as, for example, water, glycols, oils, alcohols and the like in the case of oral liquid preparations such as suspensions, syrups, elixirs, emulsions and solutions; or solid carriers such as starches, sugars, kaolin, lubricants, binders, disintegrating agents and the like in the case of powders, pills, capsules, and tablets. Because of their ease in administration, tablets and capsules represent the most advantageous oral dosage unit forms, in which case solid pharmaceutical carriers are obviously employed. For parenteral compositions, the carrier will usually comprise sterile water, at least in large part, though other ingredients, for example, to aid solubility, may be included. Injectable solutions, for example, may be prepared in which the carrier comprises saline solution, glucose solution or a mixture of saline and glucose solution. Injectable suspensions may also be prepared in which case appropriate liquid carriers, suspending agents and the like may be employed. Also included are solid form preparations which are intended to be converted, shortly before use, to liquid form preparations. In the compositions suitable for percutaneous administration, the carrier optionally comprises a penetration enhancing agent and/or a suitable wetting agent, optionally combined with suitable additives of any nature in minor proportions, which additives do not introduce a significant deleterious effect on the skin.

The compounds of the present invention may also be administered via oral inhalation or insufflation by means of methods and formulations employed in the art for administration via this way. Thus, in general the compounds of the present invention may be administered to the lungs in the form of a solution, a suspension or a dry powder, a solution being preferred. Any system developed for the delivery of solutions, suspensions or dry powders via oral inhalation or insufflation are suitable for the administration of the present compounds.

Thus, the present invention also provides a pharmaceutical composition adapted for administration by inhalation or insufflation through the mouth comprising a compound of formula (I) and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. Preferably, the compounds of the present invention are administered via inhalation of a solution in nebulized or aerosolized doses.

It is especially advantageous to formulate the aforementioned pharmaceutical compositions in unit dosage form for ease of administration and uniformity of dosage. Unit dosage form as used herein refers to physically discrete units suitable as unitary

dosages, each unit containing a predetermined quantity of active ingredient calculated to produce the desired therapeutic effect in association with the required pharmaceutical carrier. Examples of such unit dosage forms are tablets (including scored or coated tablets), capsules, pills, suppositories, powder packets, wafers, injectable solutions or suspensions and the like, and segregated multiples thereof.

The compounds of formula (I) show antiviral properties. Viral infections treatable using the compounds and methods of the present invention include those infections brought on by ortho- and paramyxoviruses and in particular by human and bovine respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). A number of the compounds of this invention moreover are active against mutated strains of RSV. Additionally, many of the compounds of this invention show a favorable pharmacokinetic profile and have attractive properties in terms of bioavailabilty, including an acceptable half-life, AUC and peak values and lacking unfavourable phenomena such as insufficient quick onset and tissue retention.

The *in vitro* antiviral activity against RSV of the present compounds was tested in a test as described in the experimental part of the description, and may also be demonstrated in a virus yield reduction assay. The *in vivo* antiviral activity against RSV of the present compounds may be demonstrated in a test model using cotton rats as described in Wyde et al. (Antiviral Research (1998), 38, 31-42).

Due to their antiviral properties, particularly their anti-RSV properties, the compounds of formula (I) or any subgroup thereof, their prodrugs, *N*-oxides, addition salts, quaternary amines, metal complexes and stereochemically isomeric forms, are useful in the treatment of individuals experiencing a viral infection, particularly a RSV infection, and for the prophylaxis of these infections. In general, the compounds of the present invention may be useful in the treatment of warm-blooded animals infected with viruses, in particular the respiratory syncytial virus.

The compounds of the present invention or any subgroup thereof may therefore be used as medicines. Said use as a medicine or method of treatment comprises the systemic administration to viral infected subjects or to subjects susceptible to viral infections of an amount effective to combat the conditions associated with the viral infection, in particular the RSV infection.

The present invention also relates to the use of the present compounds or any subgroup thereof in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment or the prevention of viral infections, particularly RSV infection.

The present invention furthermore relates to a method of treating a warm-blooded animal infected by a virus, or being at risk of infection by a virus, in particular by RSV, said method comprising the administration of an anti-virally effective amount of a compound of formula (I), as specified herein, or of a compound of any of the subgroups of compounds of formula (I), as specified herein.

In general it is contemplated that an antivirally effective daily amount would be from 0.01 mg/kg to 500 mg/kg body weight, more preferably from 0.1 mg/kg to 50 mg/kg body weight. It may be appropriate to administer the required dose as two, three, four or more sub-doses at appropriate intervals throughout the day. Said sub-doses may be formulated as unit dosage forms, for example, containing 1 to 1000 mg, and in particular 5 to 200 mg of active ingredient per unit dosage form.

The exact dosage and frequency of administration depends on the particular compound of formula (I) used, the particular condition being treated, the severity of the condition being treated, the age, weight, sex, extent of disorder and general physical condition of the particular patient as well as other medication the individual may be taking, as is well known to those skilled in the art. Furthermore, it is evident that said effective daily amount may be lowered or increased depending on the response of the treated subject and/or depending on the evaluation of the physician prescribing the compounds of the instant invention. The effective daily amount ranges mentioned hereinabove are therefore only guidelines.

Also, the combination of another antiviral agent and a compound of formula (I) can be used as a medicine. Thus, the present invention also relates to a product containing (a) a compound of formula (I), and (b) another antiviral compound, as a combined preparation for simultaneous, separate or sequential use in antiviral treatment. The different drugs may be combined in a single preparation together with pharmaceutically acceptable carriers. For instance, the compounds of the present invention may be combined with interferon-beta or tumor necrosis factor-alpha in order to treat or prevent RSV infections.

Examples

The following examples are intended to illustrate the present invention and not to limit it thereto.

The terms 'compound 58, compound 143, etc. used in these examples refers to the same compounds in the tables.

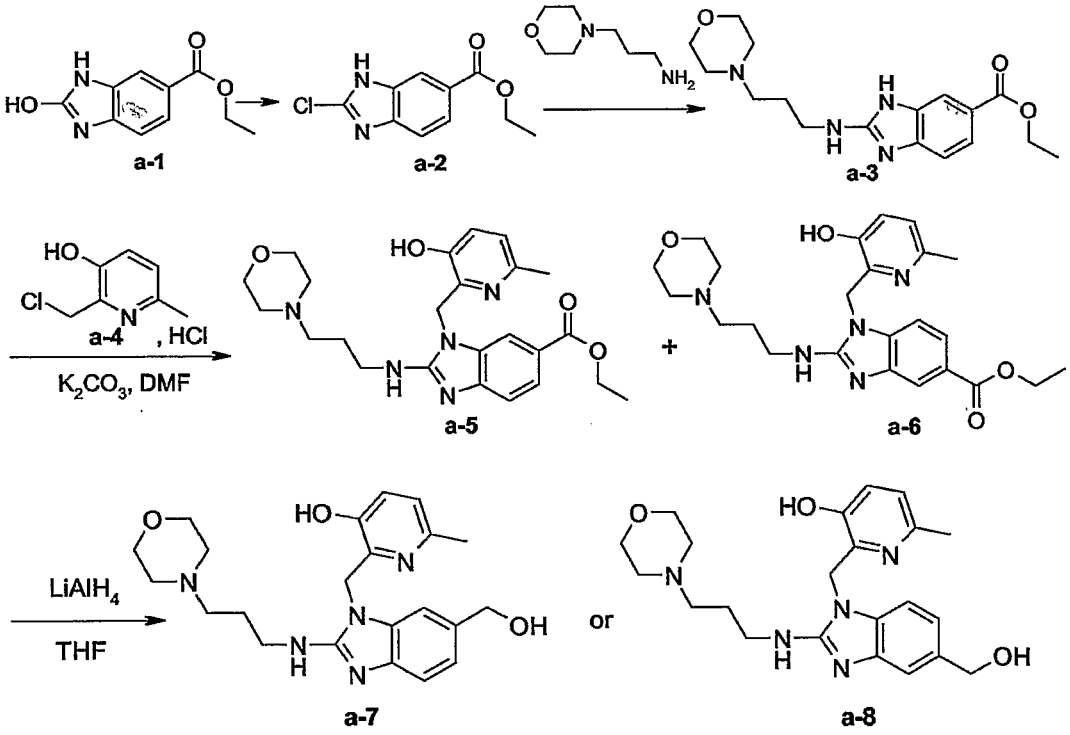
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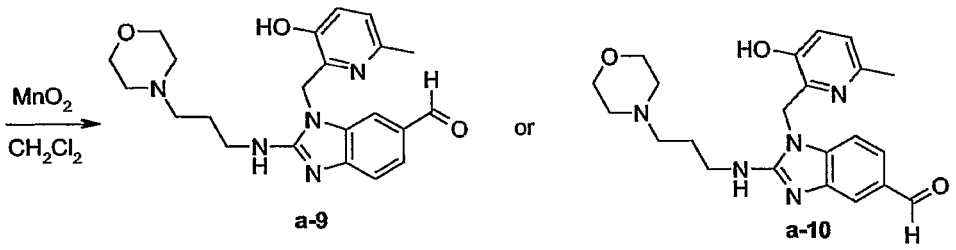
LCT: electrospray ionisation in positive mode, scanning mode from 100 to 900 amu; Xterra MS C18 (Waters, Milford, MA) 5 µm, 3.9 x 150 mm); flow rate 1 ml/min. Two mobile phases (mobile phase A: 85% 6.5mM ammonium acetate + 15% acetonitrile; mobile phase B: 20% 6.5 mM ammonium acetate + 80% acetonitrile) were employed to run a gradient from 100 % A for 3 min to 100% B in 5 min., 100% B for 6 min to 100 % A in 3 min, and equilibrate again with 100 % A for 3 min).

ZQ: electrospray ionisation in both positive and negative (pulsed) mode scanning from 100 to 1000 amu; Xterra RP C18 (Waters, Milford, MA) 5 µm, 3.9 x 150 mm); flow rate 1 ml/min. Two mobile phases (mobile phase A: 85% 6.5mM ammonium acetate + 15% acetonitrile; mobile phase B: 20% 6.5 mM ammonium acetate + 80% acetonitrile) were employed to run a gradient condition from 100 % A for 3 min to 100% B in 5 min., 100% B for 6 min to 100 % A in 3 min, and equilibrate again with 100 % A for 3 min).

Example 1

Scheme A





A mixture of 3,4-diamino benzoic acid ethyl ester (0.166 mol) and urea (0.199 mol) in xylene (300 ml) was stirred under reflux for 12 hours. The reaction was cooled down to room temperature. The precipitate was filtered off, rinsed with xylene and diisopropyl-ether, and then dried, yielding 32 g of intermediate **a-1** (93%, melting point: > 260°C).

A mixture of **a-1** (0.073 mol) in $POCl_3$ (150 ml) was stirred at 100°C. HCl conc. (around 1.5 ml) was added drop wise very carefully until the dissolution of **a-1**. The mixture was stirred at 120°C for 6 hours. The solvent was evaporated until dryness. The residue was takenup in H_2O/ice, basified with K_2CO_3 (powder) and extracted with ethylacetate + 10% methanol. The organic layer was separated, dried (over $MgSO_4$), filtered and the solvent was evaporated until dryness, yielding 13.5 g of intermediate **a-2** (83%, melting point: 178°C).

A mixture of **a-2** (0.0356 mol) and N-propylamino-morpholine (0.0427 mol) was stirred at 120°C for 4 hours, and then taken up in CH_2Cl_2/CH_3OH. The organic layer was washed with a 10% solution of K_2CO_3 in water, dried (over $MgSO_4$), filtered and the solvent was evaporated until dryness. The residue (11.9 g) was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (eluent: $CH_2Cl_2/CH_3OH/NH_4OH$ 94/6/0.2; 15-40μm). The pure fractions were collected and the solvent was evaporated, yielding 6 g of intermediate **a-3** (47%).

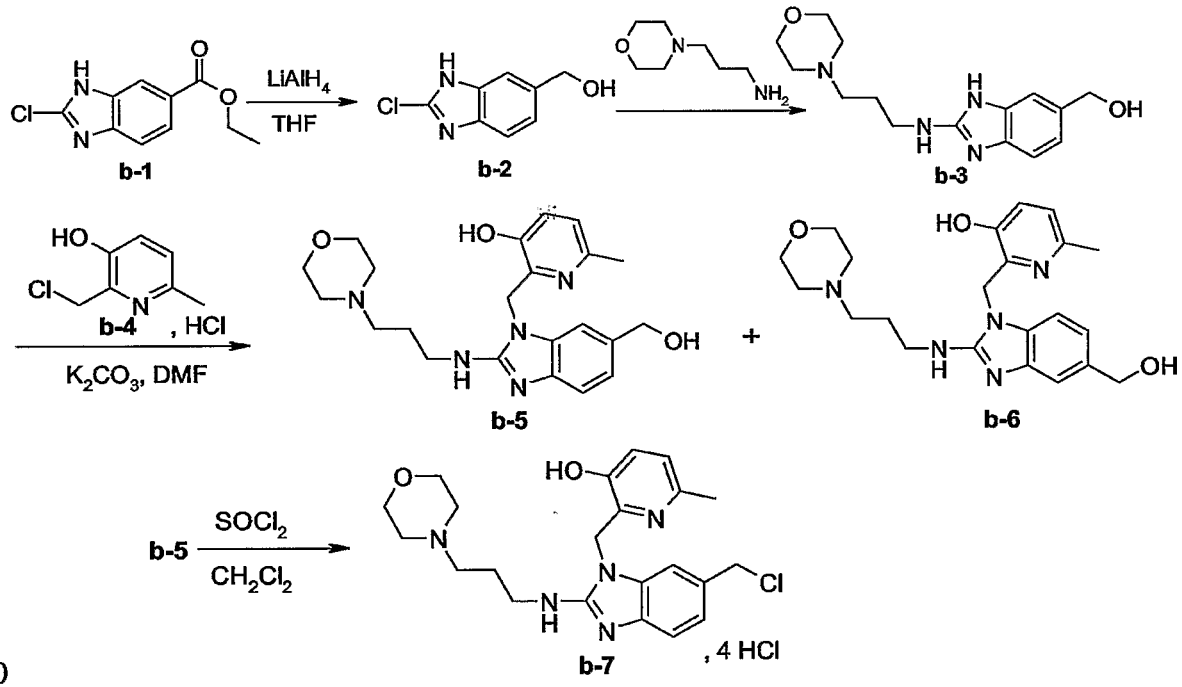
A mixture of **a-3** (0.018 mol), **a-4** (0.027 mol) and K_2CO_3 (0.054 mol) in CH_3CN (100 ml) and dimethylformamide (10ml) was stirred at 80°C for 12 hours. The solvent was evaporated until dryness. The residue was taken up in CH_2Cl_2/H_2O. The organic layer was separated, dried (over $MgSO_4$), filtered and the solvent was evaporated until dryness. The residue was crystallized from 2-propanone. The precipitate was filtered, washed with H_2O and dried, yielding 2.8 g of intermediate **a-6** (34%, melting point: 176°C). The mother layer was evaporated until dryness and purified by chromatography over silica gel (eluent: $CH_2Cl_2/CH_3OH/NH_4OH$ 93/7/0.7; 15-40μm). The pure fractions were collected and the solvent was evaporated. The residue was crystallized from CH_3CN/diisopropylether, yielding 1.6 g of intermediate **a-5** (20%, melting point: 184°C).

A mixture of **a-5** (0.0035 mol) in tetrahydrofuran (60 ml) was cooled down to 5°C under N_2 flow. $LiAlH_4$ (0.0105 mol) was added portion wise. The mixture was stirred at 5°C for 1 hour, and then stirred at room temperature for 2 hours. A minimum of H_2O was added. CH_2Cl_2 was added. The organic layer was separated, dried (over $MgSO_4$), filtered and the solvent was evaporated until dryness. The residue was crystallized from 2-propanone/diisopropylether. The precipitate was filtered off and dried, yielding 1.2 g of intermediate **a-7** (83%). Part of this fraction (0.1g) was crystallized from 2-propanone/CH_3CN/diisopropylether. The precipitate was filtered off and dried, yielding 0.074 g (melting point: 192°C). Intermediate **a-8** (melting point: 134°C) was prepared in an analogous way.

A mixture of **a-7** (0.0024 mol) and MnO_2 (2 g) in CH_2Cl_2 (50ml) was stirred at room temperature for 12 hours, and then filtered over celite. Celite was washed with H_2O. The solvent of the filtrate was evaporated until dryness, yielding 0.9 g of intermediate **a-9** (90%, melting point: 206°C). Intermediate **a-10** was prepared in an analogous way.

Example 2

Scheme B



$LiAlH_4$ (0.146 mol) was added portion wise to a solution of tetrahydrofuran (200 ml) at 5°C under N_2 flow. A solution of **b-1** (0.073 mol) in tetrahydrofuran (200 ml) was then added drop wise. The mixture was stirred at 5°C for 3 hours. A minimum of H_2O was then added, followed by a solution of CH_2Cl_2/CH_3OH (90/10). The resulting mixture

was dried (over $MgSO_4$), filtered and the solvent was evaporated until dryness, yielding 12.6 g of intermediate **b-2** (95%, melting point: 179°C).

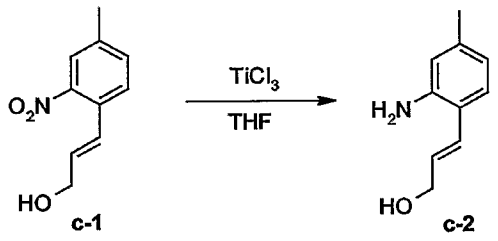
A mixture of **b-2** (0.069 mol) and N-propylamino-morpholine (0.207 mol) was stirred at 125°C for 4 hours, and then taken up in CH_2Cl_2/CH_3OH. The organic layer was washed with a 10% solution of K_2CO_3 in water, dried (over $MgSO_4$), filtered and the solvent was evaporated until dryness. The residue (37 g) was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (eluent: $CH_2Cl_2/CH_3OH/NH_4OH$ 90/10/0.5; 20-45µm). The pure fractions were collected and the solvent was evaporated, yielding 16.5 g of intermediate **b-3** (82%).

A mixture of **b-3** (0.0396 mol), **b-4** (0.0475 mol) and K_2CO_3 (0.1188 mol) in dimethylformamide (110 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 12 hours. The reaction was poured into ice/water. The aqueous layer was saturated with K_2CO_3 (powder) and extracted with a solution of CH_2Cl_2/CH_3OH (95/5). The residue was purified by chromatography over silica gel (eluent: $CH_2Cl_2/CH_3OH/NH_4OH$ 90/10/1; 20-45µm). The pure fractions were collected and the solvent was evaporated, yielding 5.4 g of intermediate **b-5** (33%, melting point: 192°C) and 5 g of intermediate **b-6** (31%, melting point: 134°C).

$SOCl_2$ (0.81 ml) was added drop wise to a mixture of **b-5** (0.0006 mol) in CH_2Cl_2 (10 ml) at 5°C. The mixture was stirred at 5°C for 2 hours, then brought to room temperature and stirred for 12 hours. The solvent was evaporated until dryness, yielding 0.42 g of intermediate **b-7** (100%).

Example 3

Scheme C

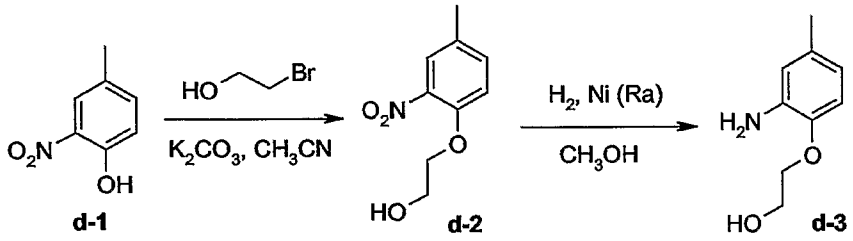


$TiCl_3$ (15% in H_2O) (0.026 mol) was added drop wise at 0°C to a solution of **c-1** (3-(4-Methyl-2-nitro-phenyl)-prop-2-en-1-ol, 0.0026 mol) in tetrahydrofuran (30 ml). The mixture was stirred at 0°C for 30 minutes, then at room temperature for 12 hours, poured into H_2O and basified slowly at 0°C with K_2CO_3. EtOAc was added. The mixture was filtered over celite. Celite was washed with EtOAc. The filtrate was decanted. The organic layer was washed with H_2O, dried (over $MgSO_4$), filtered, and

the solvent was evaporated. The residue (0.4 g) was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (eluent: $CH_2Cl_2/CH_3OH/NH_4OH$ 97/3/0.1). The pure fractions were collected and the solvent was evaporated. Yield: 0.1 g of intermediate **c-2** (3-(2-Amino-4-methyl-phenyl)-prop-2-en-1-ol, 24%).

Example 4

Scheme D

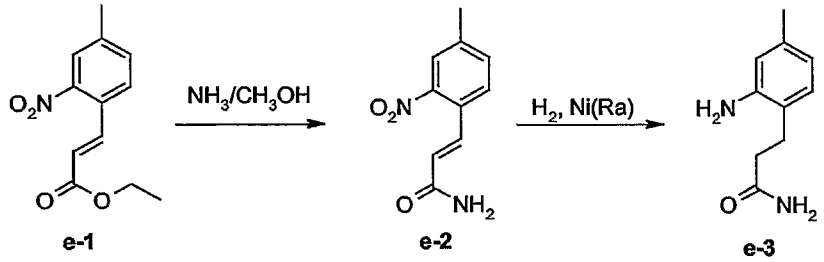


A mixture of **d-1** (4-Methyl-2-nitro-phenol, 0.00653 mol), 2-bromo-ethanol (0.00653 mol) and K_2CO_3 (0.0131 mol) in CH_3CN (15 ml) was stirred under reflux for 6 hours and then cooled down to room temperature. The solution was concentrated. The residue was taken up in CH_2Cl_2 and washed with H_2O. The organic layer was separated, dried (over $MgSO_4$), filtered and concentrated. Yield: 1.3 g of intermediate **d-2** (2-(4-Methyl-2-nitro-phenoxy)-ethanol, 100%). The compound was used directly in the next reaction step.

A mixture of **d-2** (2-(4-Methyl-2-nitro-phenoxy)-ethanol, 0.0066 mol) and Raney Nickel (1.3 g) in CH_3OH (30 ml) was hydrogenated under a 3 bar pressure at room temperature for 2 hours. The solution was filtered through a pad of celite. The pad was rinsed with CH_3OH and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was taken up in CH_2Cl_2. The precipitate was filtered off and dried. Yield: 0.41 g of intermediate **d-3** (2-(2-Amino-4-methyl-phenoxy)-ethanol, 37%, melting point: 135°C).

Example 5

Scheme E



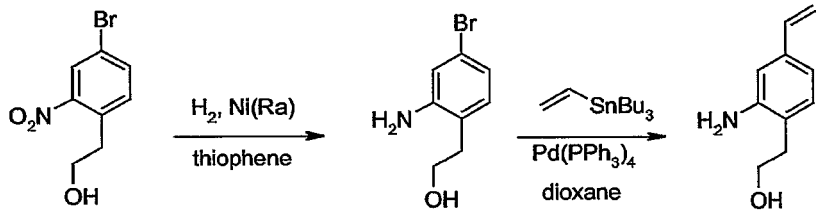
A mixture of **e-1** (3-(4-Methyl-2-nitro-phenyl)-acrylic acid ethyl ester, 0.0063 mol) in a solution of NH_3/CH_3OH 7N (20 ml) was stirred at 80°C for 24 hours, then cooled to room temperature and evaporated. The residue was taken up in CH_2Cl_2. The precipitate

was filtered off and dried. Yield: 0.78 g of **e-2** (3-(4-Methyl-2-nitro-phenyl)-acrylamide, 60%, melting point: 208°C).

A mixture of **e-2** (3-(4-Methyl-2-nitro-phenyl)-acrylamide, 0.0037 mol) and Raney Nickel (0.7 g) in CH_3OH (30 ml) was hydrogenated at room temperature for 2 hours, and then filtered over celite. Celite was washed with CH_3OH. The filtrate was evaporated. Yield: 0.7 g of **e-3** (3-(2-Amino-4-methyl-phenyl)-propionamide, 100%).

Example 6

Scheme F



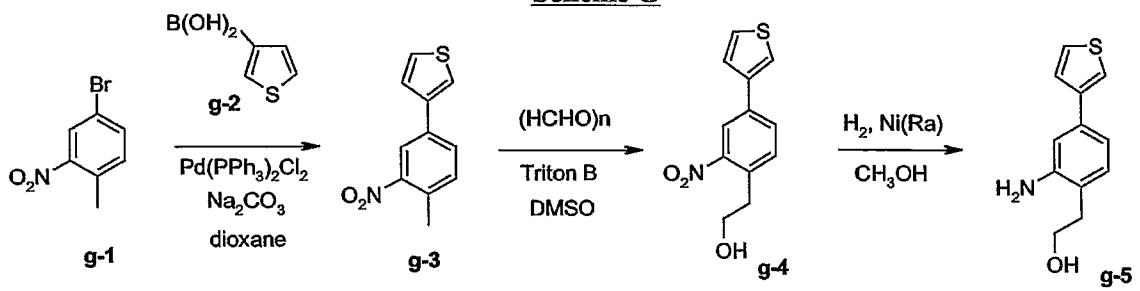
f-1 **f-2** **f-3**

A mixture of **f-1** (2-(4-Bromo-2-nitro-phenyl)-ethanol, 0.002 mol) and Raney Nickel (0.002 mol) in CH_3OH (20 ml) and thiophene (0.5 ml) was hydrogenated at room temperature for 1 hour under a 3 bar pressure, then filtered over celite. Celite was washed with CH_3OH. The filtrate was evaporated. Yield: 0.4 g of **f-2** (2-(2-Amino-4-bromo-phenyl)-ethanol, 91%).

Tributyl-vinyl-stannane (0.0092 mol) was added drop wise at room temperature to a mixture of **f-2** (2-(2-Amino-4-bromo-phenyl)-ethanol, 0.0046 mol) and $Pd(PPh_3)_4$ (0.0004 mol) in dioxane (20 ml) under N_2 flow. The mixture was stirred at 80°C for 12 hours, poured into H_2O and extracted with Ethylacetate. The organic layer was separated, dried (over $MgSO_4$), filtered and the solvent was evaporated. The residue (3.4 g) was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (eluent: CH_2Cl_2/ CH_3OH/NH_4OH 96/4/0.1; 15-40µm). The pure fractions were collected and the solvent was evaporated. Yield: 0.21 g of **f-3** (2-(2-Amino-4-vinyl-phenyl)-ethanol, 28%).

Example 7

Scheme G



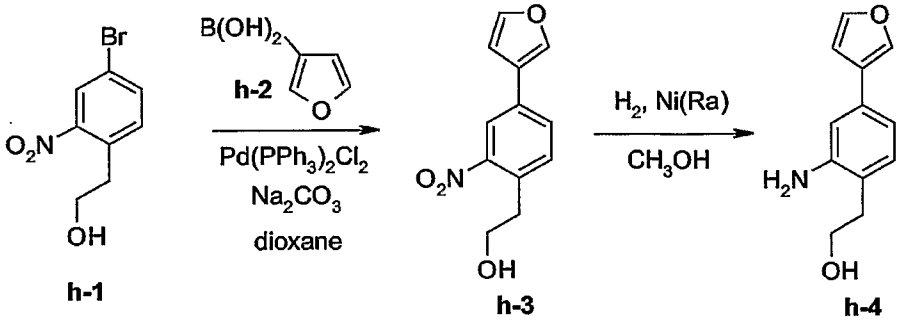
A mixture of **g-1** (4-Bromo-1-methyl-2-nitro-benzene, 0.0104 mol), **g-2** (3-thiopheneboronic acid, 0.0156 mol), Na_2CO_3 2M in H_2O (30 ml) and $Pd(PPh_3)_2Cl_2$ (0.00104 mol) in dioxane (30 ml) was stirred under reflux for 2 hours. The reaction was cooled down to room temperature and ethylacetate was added. The organic layer was separated, washed with a saturated solution of NaCl, dried (over $MgSO_4$), filtered and the solvent was evaporated. Yield: 3.7 g of **g-3** (3-(4-Methyl-3-nitro-phenyl)-thiophene, 100%). The crude compound was used directly in the next reaction step.

A mixture of **g-3** (3-(4-Methyl-3-nitro-phenyl)-thiophene, 0.00502 mol), paraformaldehyde (0.002 mol) and Triton B 40% in H_2O (0.11 ml) in DMSO (1.1 ml) was stirred at 90°C for 3 hours. The crude solution was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (eluent: CH_2Cl_2). Yield: 0.44 g of **g-4** (2-(2-Nitro-4-thiophen-3-yl-phenyl)-ethanol, 35%).

A mixture of **g-4** (2-(2-Nitro-4-thiophen-3-yl-phenyl)-ethanol, 0.00176 mol) and Raney Nickel (0.4 g) in CH_3OH (40 ml) was hydrogenated at room temperature for 2 hours under a 3 bar pressure, then filtered over celite. Celite was washed with CH_3OH. The filtrate was evaporated. Yield: 0.37 g of **g-5** (2-(2-Amino-4-thiophen-3-yl-phenyl)-ethanol, 96%).

Example 8

Scheme H

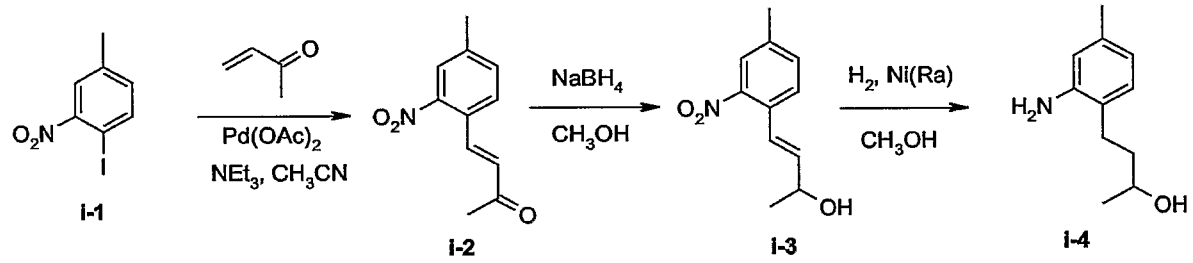


A mixture of **h-1** (2-(4-Bromo-2-nitro-phenyl)-ethanol, 0.00205 mol), **h-2** (furan-3-boronic acid, 0.00307 mol), Na_2CO_3 2M in H_2O (7.5 ml) and $Pd(PPh_3)_2Cl_2$ (0.000205 mol) in dioxane (7.5 ml) was stirred under reflux for 3 hours. The reaction was cooled down to room temperature and ethylacetate was added. The organic layer was separated, washed with a saturated solution of NaCl, dried (over $MgSO_4$), filtered and the solvent was evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (eluent: CH_2Cl_2). Yield: 0.8 g of **h-3** (2-(4-Furan-3-yl-2-nitro-phenyl)-ethanol, 73%).

A mixture of **h-3** (2-(4-Furan-3-yl-2-nitro-phenyl)-ethanol, 0.0015 mol) and Raney Nickel (0.3 g) in CH_3OH (30 ml) was hydrogenated at room temperature for 2 hours under a 3 bar pressure, then filtered over celite. Celite was washed with CH_3OH. The filtrate was evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (eluent: $CH_2Cl_2/CH_3OH/NH_4OH$ 98/2/0.2; 10 µm). Yield: 0.09 g of **h-4** (2-(2-Amino-4-furan-3-yl-phenyl)-ethanol, 30%).

Example 9

Scheme I



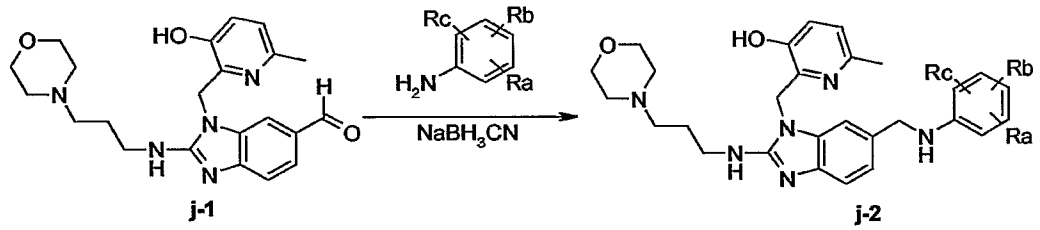
A mixture of **i-1** (1-Iodo-4-methyl-2-nitro-benzene, 0.0038 mol), methyl-vinylketone (0.0076 mol), Et_3N (0.0076 mol) and $Pd(OAc)_2$ (0.00019 mol) in CH_3CN (6 ml) were stirred in a microwave oven (100°C, 100 W) for 5 min. The reaction was then filtered through a pad of celite and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (eluent: CH_2Cl_2/Cyclohexane 70/30). Yield: 0.65 g of **i-2** (4-(4-Methyl-2-nitro-phenyl)-but-3-en-2-one, 78%, melting point: 58°C).

$NaBH_4$ (0.00633 mol) was added drop wise to a solution of **i-2** (4-(4-Methyl-2-nitro-phenyl)-but-3-en-2-one, 0.00316 mol) in CH_3OH (10 ml) at 0°C. The reaction was stirred at 0°C for 1 hour and then poured on ice. The aqueous layer was extracted with ethylacetate. The organic layer was separated, dried (over $MgSO_4$), filtered and the solvent was evaporated. Yield: 0.65 g of **i-3** (4-(4-Methyl-2-nitro-phenyl)-but-3-en-2-ol, 100%). The crude compound was used directly in the next reaction step.

A mixture of **i-3** (4-(4-Methyl-2-nitro-phenyl)-but-3-en-2-ol, 0.00316 mol) and Raney Nickel (0.6 g) in CH_3OH (20 ml) was hydrogenated at room temperature for 2 hours under a 3 bar pressure, then filtered over celite. Celite was washed with CH_3OH. The filtrate was evaporated. Yield: 0.5 g of **i-4** (4-(2-Amino-4-methyl-phenyl)-butan-2-ol, 88%).

Example 10

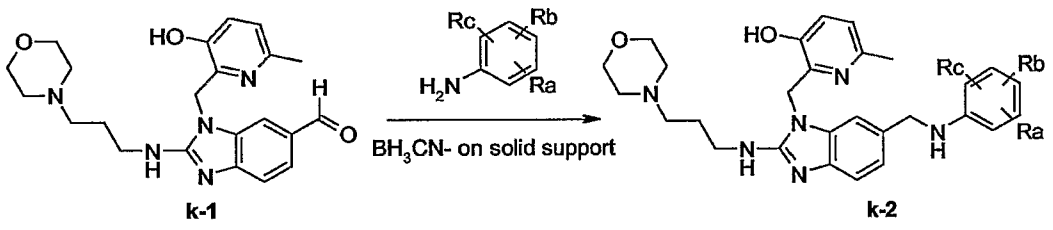
Scheme J



CH_3CO_2H (0.2 ml) was added at room temperature to a mixture of **j-1** (0.0004 mol), 3,5-dimethyl-aniline (0.0005 mol) and $NaBH_3CN$ (0.0005 mol) in CH_3CN (25 ml). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 minutes. CH_3CO_2H (0.2 ml) was added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 hours. The solvent was evaporated until dryness. The residue was taken up in CH_2Cl_2. The organic layer was washed with a 10% solution of K_2CO_3 in water, dried (over $MgSO_4$), filtered and the solvent was evaporated until dryness. The residue (0.24 g) was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (eluent: $CH_2Cl_2/CH_3OH/NH_4OH$ 90/10/0.2; 10µm). The pure fractions were collected and the solvent was evaporated. The residue (0.15g, 60%) was crystallized from 2-propanone/CH_3CN/diisopropylether. The precipitate was filtered off and dried, yielding 0.121 g of 2-[6-[(3,5-dimethyl-phenylamino)-methyl]-2-(3-morpholin-4-yl-propylamino)-benzoimidazol-1-ylmethyl]-6-methyl-pyridin-3-ol (example of **j-2**, compound 23, 48%, melting point: 199°C).

Example 11

Scheme K

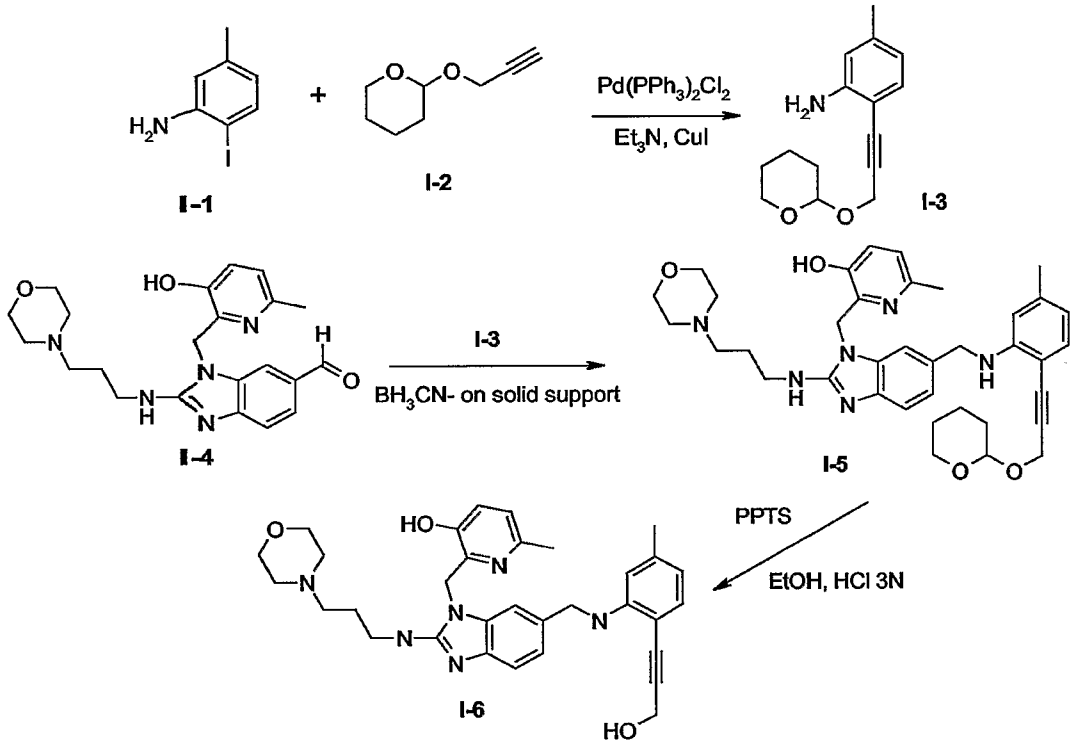


CH_3CO_2H (0.2 ml) was added at room temperature to a mixture of **k-1** (0.0004 mol), 3-(2-amino-4-methyl-phenyl)-propan-1-ol (0.0005 mol) and BH_3CN- on solid support (0.0007 mol) in CH_3OH (20 ml). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for

12 hours. The solid support was filtered off, rinsed with CH_3OH and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was taken up in a 10% solution of K_2CO_3 in water and extracted with CH_2Cl_2/CH_3OH (95/5). The organic layer was separated, dried (over $MgSO_4$), filtered and the solvent was evaporated until dryness. The residue was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (eluent: $CH_2Cl_2/CH_3OH/NH_4OH$ 92/8/1; 10µm). The pure fractions were collected and the solvent was evaporated. The residue was crystallized from 2-propanone/diisopropylether. The precipitate was filtered off and dried, yielding 0.223 g of 2-[6-{[2-(3-Hydroxy-propyl)-5-methyl-phenylamino]-methyl}-2-(3-morpholin-4-yl-propylamino)-benzoimidazol-1-ylmethyl]-6-methyl-pyridin-3-ol (example of k-2, compound 3, 82%, melting point: 208°C).

Example 12

Scheme L



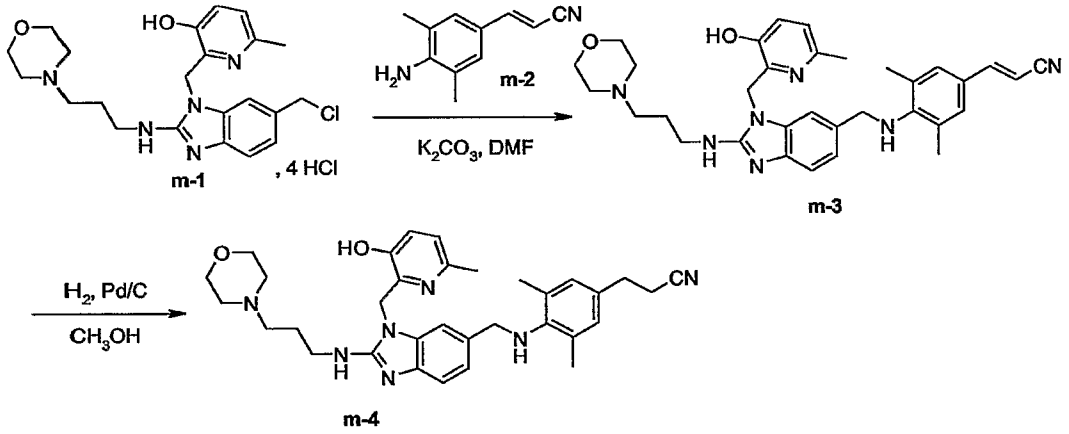
I-2 (0.0103 mol) was added drop wise to a mixture of I-1 (0.0051 mol), $Pd(PPh_3)_2Cl_2$ (0.0005 mol) and CuI (0.0005 mol) in Et_3N (15 ml) under N_2 flow. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4 hours, poured into H_2O and extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was washed with H_2O, dried (over $MgSO_4$), filtered and the solvent was evaporated. The residue (2.1 g) was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (eluent: CH_2Cl_2/cyclohexane 70/30). The pure fractions were collected and the solvent was evaporated. Yield: 1 g of intermediate I-3 (79%).

CH_3CO_2H (5 drops) then BH_3CN- on solid support (0.0009 mol) were added at room temperature to a mixture of **I-4** (0.0004 mol) and **I-3** (0.0007 mol) in CH_3OH (3 ml). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 48 hours, then filtered and washed with CH_2Cl_2/CH_3OH. The filtrate was evaporated. Yield: 0.4 g of intermediate **I-5** (100%). This product was used directly in the next reaction step.

A mixture of **I-5** (0.0004 mol) and pyridinium *p*-toluene sulfonate (0.00004 mol) in EtOH (15 ml) was stirred at 60°C for 12 hours. HCl 3N (5 drops) was added. The mixture was stirred at 60°C for 3 hours, then cooled to room temperature and evaporated. The residue was taken up in CH_2Cl_2/CH_3OH. The organic layer was washed with K_2CO_3 10%, dried (over $MgSO_4$), filtered and the solvent was evaporated. The residue (0.33 g) was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (eluent: $CH_2Cl_2/CH_3OH/NH_4OH$ 94/6/0.5). The pure fractions were collected and the solvent was evaporated. The residue was crystallized from diethyl ether. The precipitate was filtered off and dried. Yield: 0.016 g of 2-[6-{[2-(3-Hydroxy-prop-1-ynyl)-5-methyl-phenylamino]-methyl}-2-(3-morpholin-4-yl-propylamino)-benzoimidazol-1-ylmethyl]-6-methyl-pyridin-3-ol (**I-6**, compound 34, 6%, melting point: 225°C).

Example 13

Scheme M



A mixture of **m-1** (0.000347 mol), **m-2** (0.00041 mol) and K_2CO_3 (0.00173 mol) in dimethylformamide (10 ml) was stirred at 80°C for 3 hours. The reaction was cooled down to room temperature and was poured into a 10% solution of K_2CO_3 in water. The solution was saturated with K_2CO_3 (powder) and extracted with CH_2Cl_2/ CH_3OH (95/5). The organic layer was separated, dried (over $MgSO_4$), filtered and the solvent was evaporated until dryness. The residue (0.15 g) was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (eluent: $CH_2Cl_2/CH_3OH/NH_4OH$ 95/5/0.5; 10µm). The pure

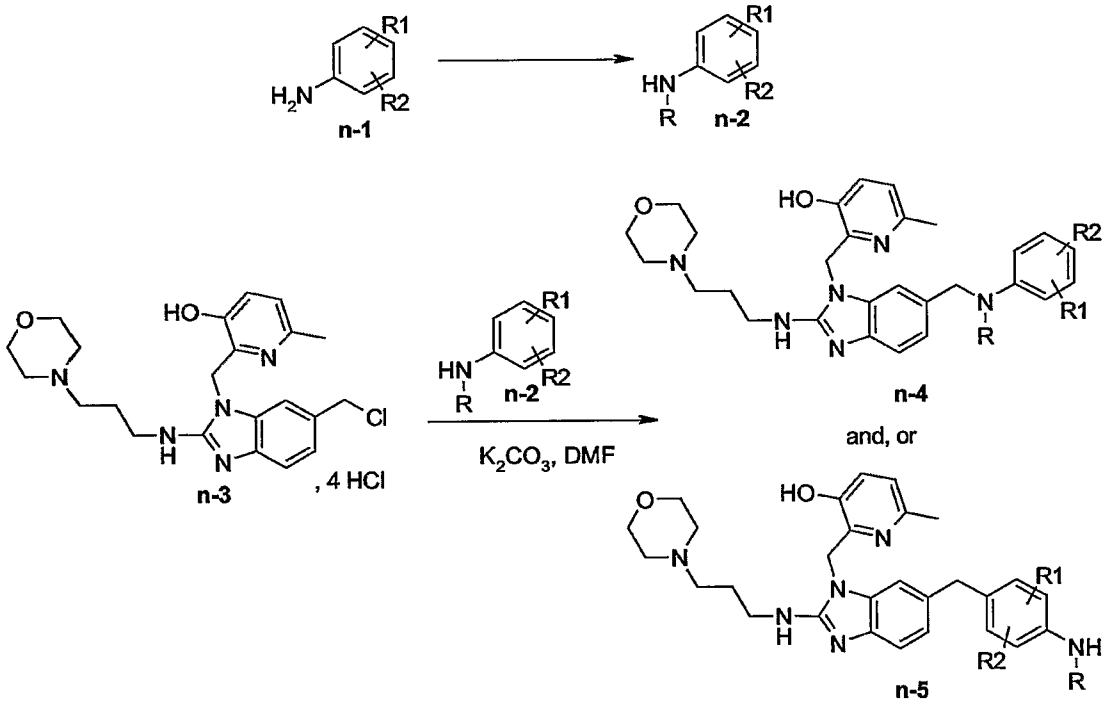
fractions were collected and the solvent was evaporated, yielding 0.03 g of intermediate **m-3** (15%, mixture E/Z (89/11)).

A mixture of **m-3** (0.000106 mol) and Pd/C 10% (0.020g) in CH_3OH (15 ml) and tetrahydrofuran (15 ml) was hydrogenated at room temperature for 6 hours under a 3 bar pressure. The reaction was filtered over celite. The celite was rinsed and the filtrate was evaporated until dryness. The residue (0.06 g) was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (eluent: $CH_2Cl_2/CH_3OH/NH_4OH$ 93/7/0.5; 10µm). The pure fractions were collected and the solvent was evaporated. The residue (0.028 g) was crystallized from 2-propanone/diisopropylether, yielding 0.021 g of 3-(4-{[3-(3-hydroxy-6-methyl-pyridin-2-ylmethyl)-2-(3-morpholin-4-yl-propylamino)-3H-benzoimidazol-5-ylmethyl]-amino}-3,5-dimethyl-phenyl)-propionitrile (**m-4**, compound 49, 35%, melting point: 114°C).

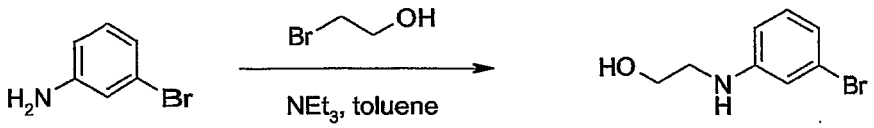
The isomers substituted in position 5 on the benzimidazole moiety were synthesized analogous to the procedures described in schemes J and K, starting from intermediate **a-10**.

Example 14

Scheme N

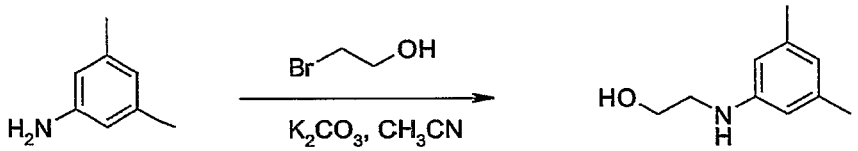


(a) Synthesis of anilines n-2:



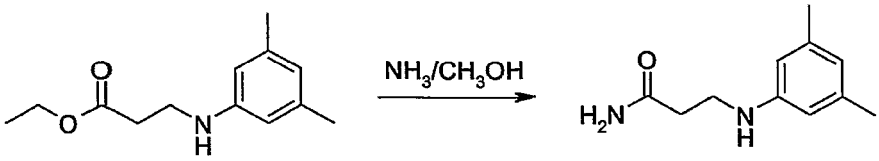
A mixture of 3-bromo-aniline (0.037 mol), 2-bromo-ethanol (0.074 mol) and triethyl-amine (0.0555 mol) in toluene (35 ml) was stirred under reflux for 12 hours. The reaction was cooled down to room temperature and the precipitate was filtered off. The solvent of the filtrate was evaporated until dryness. The residue (22 g) was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (eluent: CH_2Cl_2/ CH_3OH/NH_4OH 98/2/0.1; 20-45µm). The pure fractions were collected and the solvent was evaporated, yielding 4.8 g of 2-(3-bromo-phenylamino)-ethanol (60%).

5-(3,5-dimethyl-phenylamino)-pentanoic acid ethyl ester and 3-(3-bromo-phenylmino)-propionic acid ethyl ester and 4-*m*-tolylamino-butane-1-sulfonic acid amide and phosphoric acid 2-(3,5-dimethyl-phenylamino)-ethyl ester diethyl ester and [2-(3,5-dimethyl-phenylamino)-ethyl]-phosphonic acid diethyl ester and 4-*m*-tolylamino-butane-1-sulfonic acid methylamide were prepared analogously.



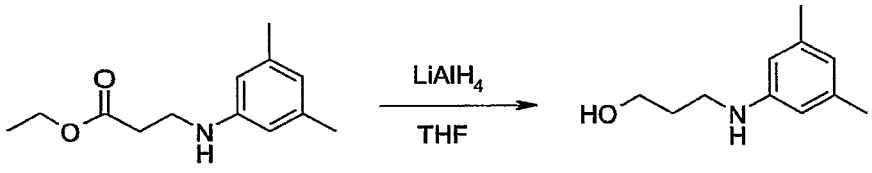
A mixture of 3,5-dimethyl-aniline (0.04 mol), 2-bromo-ethanol (0.033 mol) and K_2CO_3 (0.033 mol) in CH_3CN (50 ml) was stirred at 80°C for 12 hours. The reaction was cooled down to room temperature and the solvent was evaporated. The residue was taken up in CH_2Cl_2/CH_3OH (95/5) and washed with a saturated solution of K_2CO_3 in water. The organic layer was separated, dried (over $MgSO_4$), filtered and the solvent was evaporated until dryness. The residue was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (eluent: CH_2Cl_2/CH_3OH/ NH_4OH 98/2/0.1; 20-45µm). The pure fractions were collected and the solvent was evaporated, yielding 1.9 g of 2-(3,5-dimethyl-phenylamino)-ethanol (29%).

3-(3,5-dimethyl-phenylamino)-propionic acid ethyl ester and 4-(3,5-dimethyl-phenylamino)-butyric acid ethyl ester and (3,5-dimethyl-phenyl)-(2-morpholin-4-yl-ethyl)-amine and [2-(3,5-dimethyl-phenylamino)-ethyl]-carbamic acid tert-butyl ester were prepared analogously.

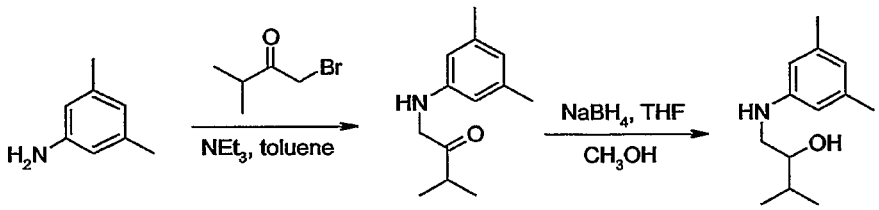


3-(3,5-dimethyl-phenylamino)-propionic acid ethyl ester (0.0026 mol) in a 7N solution of NH_3 in CH_3OH was stirred at 80°C in a sealed vessel. The reaction was cooled down to room temperature and the solvent was evaporated until dryness, yielding 0.5 g of 3-(3,5-dimethyl-phenylamino)-propionamide (100%).

4-(3,5-dimethyl-phenylamino-butyramide and 4-*m*-tolylamino-butyramide and 3-*m*-tolylamino-propionamide and 3-(3-bromo-phenylamino)-propionamide were prepared analogously.

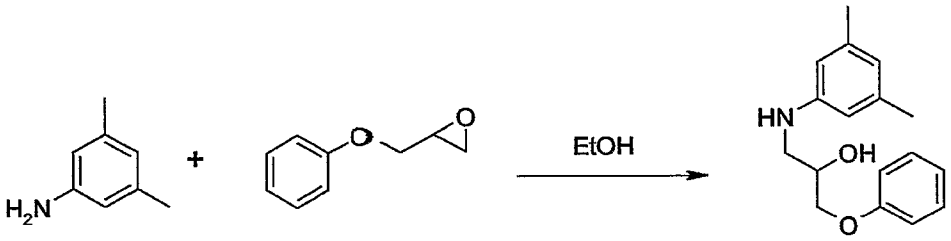


3-(3,5-dimethyl-phenylamino)-propionic acid ethyl ester (0.00226 mol) in tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) was added drop wise to a slurry of $LiAlH_4$ (0.0034 mol) in tetrahydrofuran (10 ml) at 5°C under N_2 flow. The mixture was stirred at 5°C for 1 hour. A minimum of water and CH_2Cl_2/CH_3OH (95/5) were added. The solution was dried (over $MgSO_4$), filtered and the solvent was evaporated until dryness, yielding 0.35 g of 3-(3,5-dimethyl-phenylamino-propan-1-ol (86%). 5-(3,5-dimethyl-phenylamino)-pentan-1-ol was prepared analogously.



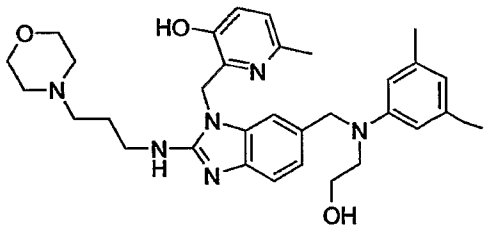
A mixture of 3,5-Dimethyl-phenylamine (0.0289 mol), 1-Bromo-3-methyl-butan-2-one (0.0347 mol) and NEt_3 (0.0433 mol) in toluene (80 ml) was stirred at 120°C for 24 hours. The precipitate was filtered. The filtrate was evaporated until dryness. The residue (6.3 g) was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (Cyclohexane/ AcOEt 95/5; 15-40µm). The pure fractions were collected and the solvent was evaporated. Yield: 0.789 g of 1-(3,5-Dimethyl-phenylamino)-3-methyl-butan-2-one (13%).

$NaBH_4$ (0.0046 mol) was added portion wise at 5°C to a solution of 1-(3,5-Dimethyl-phenylamino)-3-methyl-butan-2-one, 0.0038 mol) in tetrahydrofuran (10 ml) and CH_3OH (10 ml). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 6 hours, poured into K_2CO_3 10% and extracted with CH_2Cl_2. The organic layer was separated, dried (over $MgSO_4$), filtered and the solvent was evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (eluent: $CH_2Cl_2/CH_3OH/NH_4OH$ 99/1/0.1; 20µm). The pure fractions were collected and the solvent was evaporated. Yield: 0.25 g of 1-(3,5-Dimethyl-phenylamino)-3-methyl-butan-2-ol (52%, melting point: 65°C).

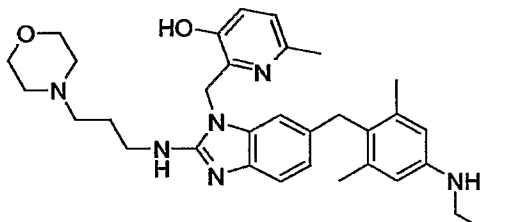


A mixture of 3,5-Dimethyl-phenylamine (0.0422 mol) and 2-phenoxymethyl-oxirane (0.0422 mol) in EtOH (50 ml) was stirred at 80°C for 12 hours, and then cooled to room temperature. The precipitate was filtered, washed with H_2O and dried. The mother layer was evaporated until dryness. The residue was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (eluent: CH_2Cl_2; 10µm). Two fractions were collected and the solvent was evaporated. Yield: 0.4 g of intermediate 1-(3,5-Dimethyl-phenylamino)-3-phenoxy-propan-2-ol (4%, melting point: 65°C).

(b) Synthesis of final compounds n-4 and n-5:



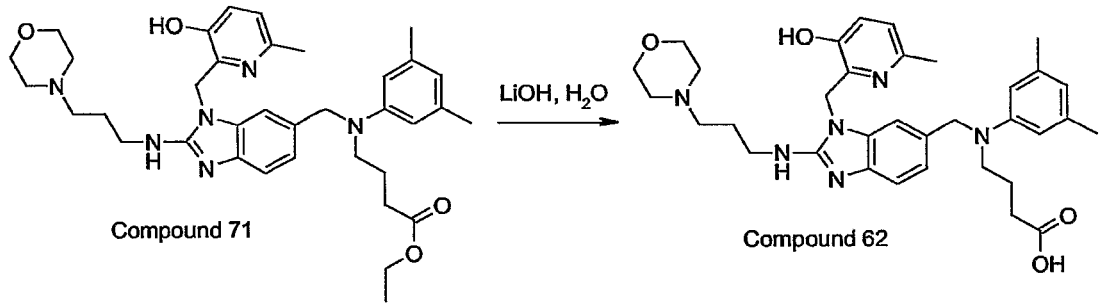
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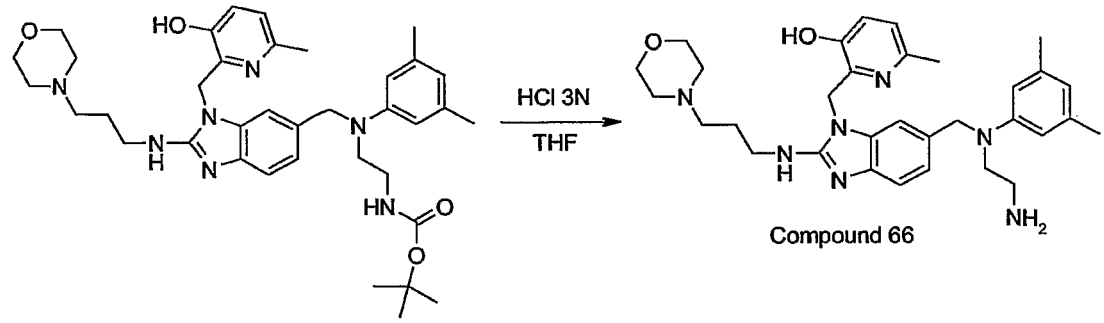
Compound 143

A mixture of n-3 (0.000695 mol), 2-(3,5-dimethyl-phenylamino)-ethanol (0.0009 mol) and K_2CO_3 (0.0035 mol) in dimethylformamide (40ml) was stirred at 80°C for 4 hours. H_2O was added. The solution was saturated with K_2CO_3 (powder) and extracted with CH_2Cl_2/CH_3OH (95/5). The organic layer was separated, dried (over $MgSO_4$), filtered and the solvent was evaporated. The residue (0.5 g) was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (eluent: $CH_2Cl_2/CH_3OH/NH_4OH$ 93/7/0.5; 15-40µm). The pure fractions were collected and the solvent was evaporated, yielding 0.120 g of fraction 1

(31%) and 0.045 g of fraction 2 (12%). Fraction 1 was crystallized from CH_3CN/ diisopropylether. The precipitate was filtered, rinsed with diisopropylether and dried, yielding 0.1 g of 2-[6-{[(3,5-dimethyl-phenyl)-(2-hydroxy-ethyl)-amino]-methyl}-2-(3-morpholin-4-yl-propylamino)-benzoimidazol-1-ylmethyl]-6-methyl-pyridin-3-ol (Compound 58, example of compound **n-4**; 26%, melting point: 180°C). Fraction 2 was crystallized from2-propanone/diisopropylether. The precipitate was filtered, rinsed with diisopropylether and dried, yielding 0.016g of 2-[6-[4-(2-hydroxy-ethylamino)-2,6-dimethylbenzyl]-2-(3-morpholin-4-yl-propylamino)-benzoimidazol-1-ylmethyl]-6-methyl-pyridin-3-ol (Compound 143, example of compound **n-5**, 4%, melting point: 162°C).



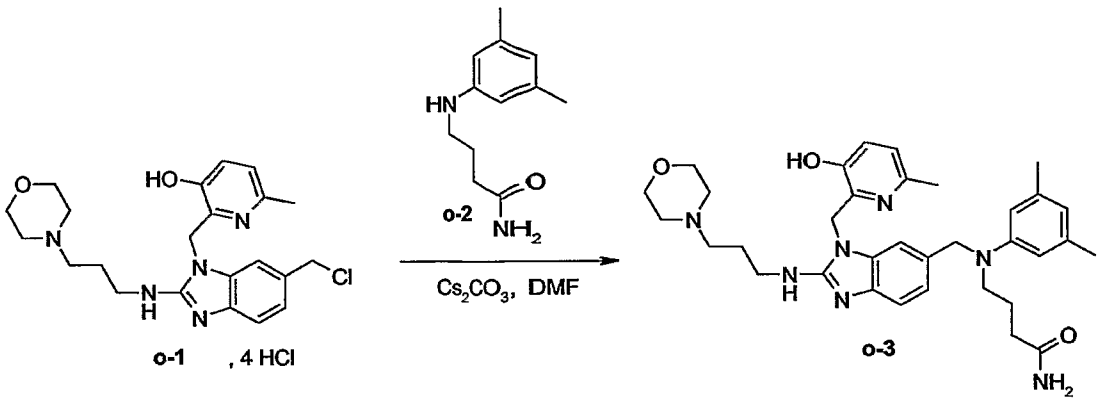
A mixture of 4-{(3,5-dimethyl-phenyl)-[3-(3-hydroxy-6-methyl-pyridin-2-ylmethyl)-2-(3-morpholin-4-yl-propylamino)-3H-benzoimidazol-5-ylmethyl]-amino}-butyric acid ethyl ester (Compound 71), prepared as described for compounds **n-4**, (0.000175 mol) and $LiOH/H_2O$ (0.00035 mol) in tetrahydrofuran (8 ml) and H_2O (8 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 12 hours. The tetrahydrofuran was evaporated and a 1N solution of NaOH in water was added. The solution was extracted with CH_2Cl_2/CH_3OH (95/5). The organic layer was separated, dried (over $MgSO_4$), filtered and the solvent was evaporated. The residue was taken up in H_2O. The precipitate was filtered off and dried, yielding 0.059 g of 4-{(3,5-dimethyl-phenyl)-[3-(3-hydroxy-6-methyl-pyridin-2-ylmethyl)-2-(3-morpholin-4-yl-propylamino)-3H-benzoimidazol-5-ylmethyl]-amino}-butyric acid (Compound 62, 56%, melting point: 121°C).



A mixture of (2-{(3,5-dimethyl-phenyl)-[3-(3-hydroxy-6-methyl-pyridin-2-ylmethyl)-2-(3-morpholin-4-yl-propylamino)-3H-benzoimidazol-5-ylmethyl]-amino}-ethyl)-carbamic acid tert-butyl ester, prepared as described for compounds **n-4**, (0.00012 mol) in a 3N solution of HCl in water (10 ml) and tetrahydrofuran (10 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 12 hours. The precipitate was filtered off and taken up in a 10% solution of K_2CO_3 in water. The solution was saturated with K_2CO_3 (powder) and extracted with CH_2Cl_2/CH_3OH (95/5). The organic layer was separated, dried (over $MgSO_4$), filtered and the solvent was evaporated until dryness. The residue (0.07 g) was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (eluent: $CH_2Cl_2/CH_3OH/NH_4OH$ 92/8/1; 10µm). The pure fractions were collected and the solvent was evaporated. The residue was crystallized from CH_3CN/CH_3OH/ diisopropylether, yielding 0.03 g of 2-[6-{[(2-amino-ethyl)-(3,5-dimethyl-phenyl)-amino]-methyl}-2-(3-morpholin-4-yl-propylamino)-benzoimidazol-1-ylmethyl]-6-methyl-pyridin-3-ol (Compound 66, 44%, melting point: 196°C).

Example 15

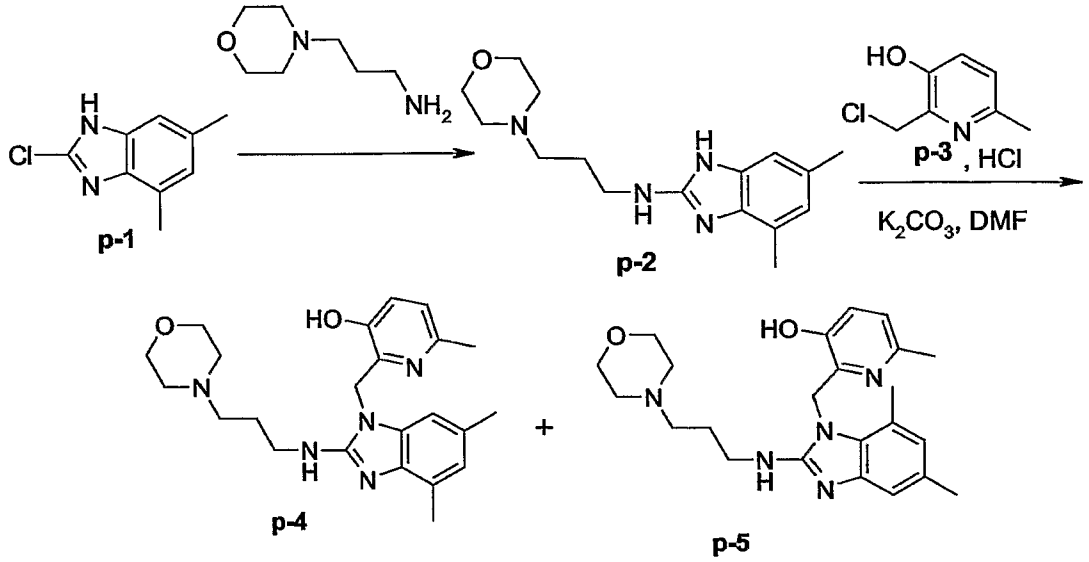
Scheme O



A mixture of **o-1** (0.0125 mol), **o-2** (0.0145 mol) and Cs_2CO_3 (0.0605 mol) in dimethylformamide (300 ml) was stirred at 80°C for 4 hours, poured into ice water and extracted with CH_2Cl_2. The organic layer was separated, dried (over $MgSO_4$), filtered and the solvent was evaporated. The residue (11.3 g) was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (eluent: $CH_2Cl_2/CH_3OH/NH_4OH$ 93/7/0.5; 15-40µm). The pure fractions were collected and the solvent was evaporated. Yield: 2.6 g (35%). This fraction was crystallized from 2-propanone/CH_3OH/Diisopropylether. The precipitate was filtered off and dried. Yield: 2.17 g of 4-{(3,5-Dimethyl-phenyl)-[3-(3-hydroxy-6-methyl-pyridin-2-ylmethyl)-2-(3-morpholin-4-yl-propylamino)-3H-benzoimidazol-5-ylmethyl]-amino}-butyramide (**o-3**, compound 59, 29%, melting point: 170°C).

Example 16

Scheme P

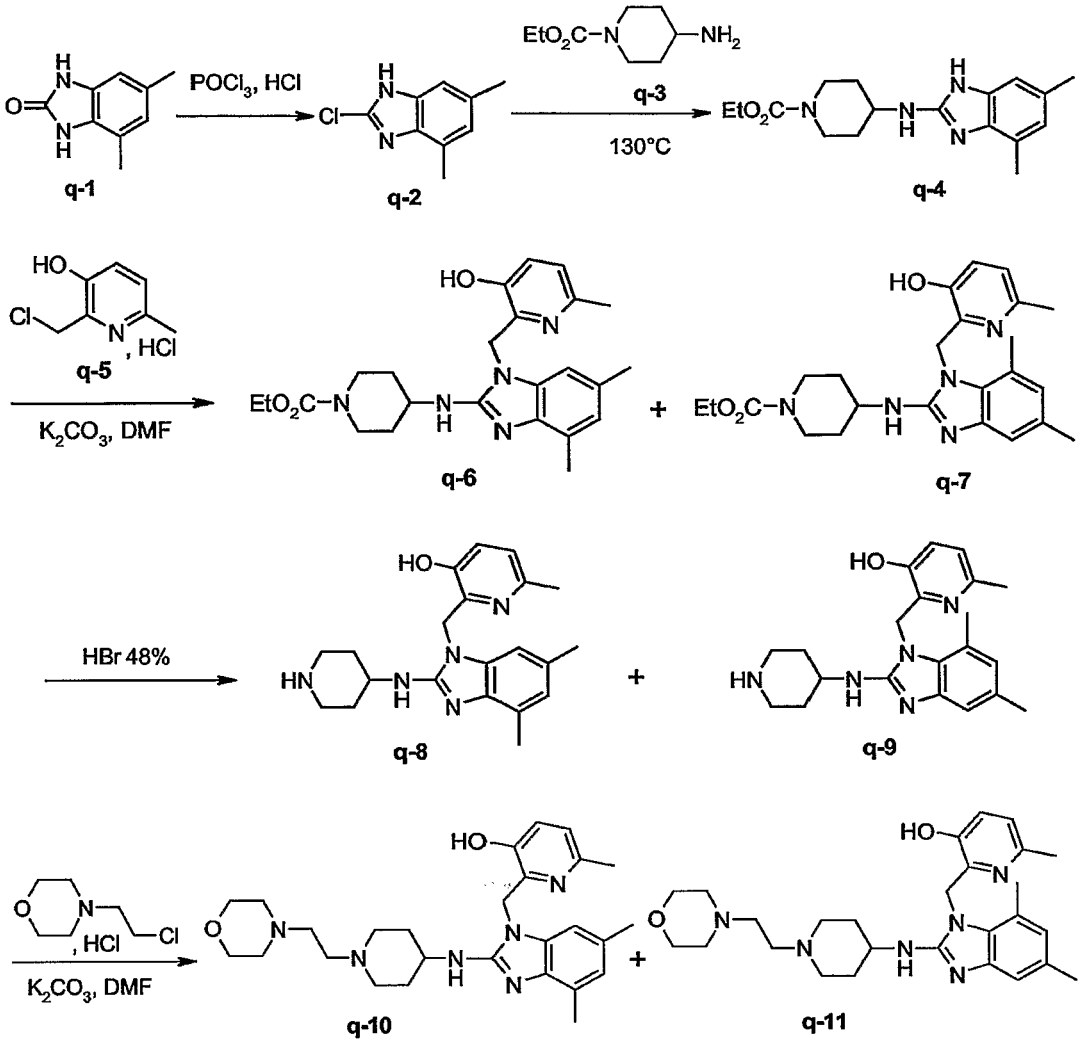


A mixture of **p-1** (0.0011 mol) and N-(propylamino)-morpholine (0.0044 mol) was stirred at 130°C for 4 hours, then brought to room temperature, taken up in H_2O and extracted with CH_2Cl_2. The organic layer was separated, dried (over $MgSO_4$), filtered and the solvent was evaporated. The residue (0.328 g) was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (eluent: CH_2Cl_2/CH_3OH/triethylamine 99/1/0.1 to 90/10/1; 10µm). The pure fractions were collected and the solvent was evaporated, yielding 0.216 g of intermediate **p-2** (68%).

A mixture of **p-2** (0.0007 mol), **p-3** (0.0008 mol) and K_2CO_3 (0.003 mol) in dimethylformamide (6 ml) was stirred at 70°C for 12 hours, then brought to room temperature, taken up in H_2O and extracted with CH_2Cl_2. The organic layer was separated, dried (over $MgSO_4$), filtered and the solvent was evaporated. The residue (0.5 g) was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (eluent: $CH_2Cl_2/CH_3OH/NH_4OH$ 93/7/0.5 then toluene/iPrOH/NH_4OH 80/20/1; 10µm). Two fractions were collected and the solvent was evaporated, yielding 0.13 g of fraction 1 and 0.036 g of fraction 2. Fraction 1 was taken up in diisopropylether. The precipitate was filtered off and dried, yielding 0.1 g of 2-[4,6-dimethyl-2-(3-morpholin-4-yl-propylamino)-benzoimidazol-1-yl-methyl]-6-methyl-pyridin-3-ol (**p-4**, compound 154, 33%, melting point: 228°C). Fraction 2 was taken up in diisopropylether. The precipitate was filtered off and dried, yielding 0.03 g of 2-[5,7-dimethyl-2-(3-morpholin-4-yl-propylamino)-benzoimidazol-1-ylmethyl]-6-methyl-pyridin-3-ol (**p-5**, compound 156, 10%, melting point: 234°C).

Example 17

Scheme Q



The mixture of **q-1** (0.06 mol) and $POCl_3$ (100 ml) was heated at 100°C and HCl 12N (2.5 ml) was added drop wise very carefully. The reaction was then stirred during 12 hours at 120°C and allowed to cool down to room temperature. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and a 10% solution of potassium carbonate in water was added to the residue. The resulting precipitate was filtered off, rinsed with water and dried, yielding 10 g of **q-2** (93%, melting point : 152°C).

q-2 (0.022 mol) and **q-3** (0.088 mol) were stirred at 130°C during 12 hours. The reaction was then allowed to cool down to room temperature, the residue was taken up in acetone and the precipitate was filtered off. The acetone solution was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography over

silica gel (eluent: CH_2Cl_2/MeOH/NH_4OH 95/5/0.1). The pure fractions were collected and the solvent was evaporated, yielding 5 g of **q-4** (72%).

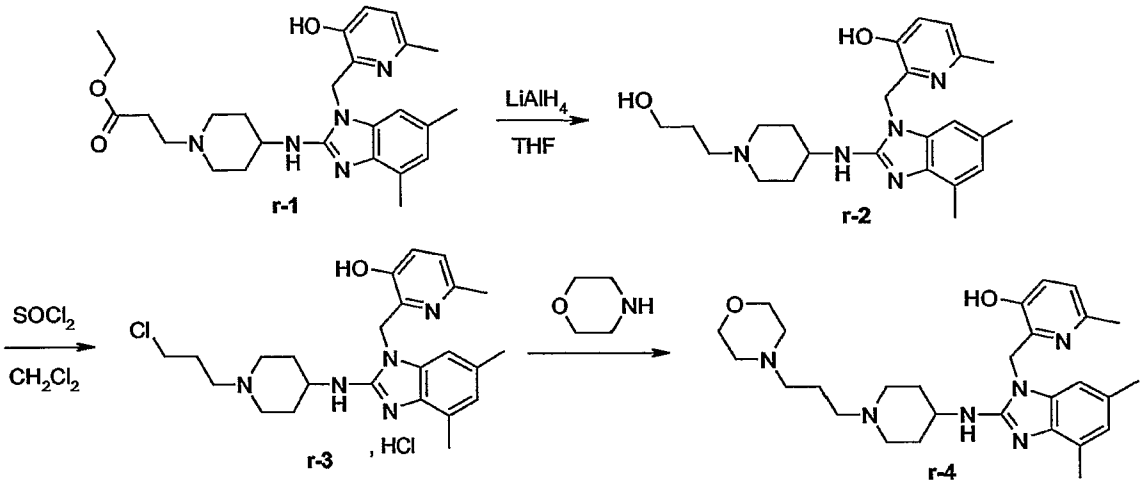
A mixture of **q-4** (0.0158 mol), **q-5** (0.019 mol) and potassium carbonate (0.0553 mol) in dimethylformamide (100ml) was stirred at 70°C for 24 hours. The solvent was evaporated until dryness. The residue was taken up in CH_2Cl_2/CH_3OH (90/10). The organic layer was washed with a 10% solution of K_2CO_3 in water, dried (over $MgSO_4$), filtered and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was taken up in 2-propanone. The precipitate was filtered off, washed with H_2O and dried, yielding 5g of **q-6** and **q-7** (50/50 mixture, 73%).

A mixture of **q-6** and **q-7** (0.0103 mol) in a 48% solution of HBr in water (50 ml) was stirred at 60°C during 12 hours. The solvent was evaporated until dryness. The residue was taken up in CH_2Cl_2/CH_3OH (90/10). 10% solution of K_2CO_3 in water was added. The aqueous layer was saturated with K_2CO_3 (powder). The organic layer was separated, dried (over $MgSO_4$), filtered, and the solvent was evaporated until dryness, yielding 3.7 g of **q-8** and **q-9** (100%). This product was used directly in the next reaction step.

A mixture of **q-8** (0.0006 mol), **q-9** (0.0006 mol), N-(2-chloro-ethyl)-morpholine, HCl (0.0016 mol) and K_2CO_3 (0.0048 mol) in dimethylformamide (30ml) was stirred at room temperature for 48 hours. The solvent was evaporated until dryness. The residue was taken up in CH_2Cl_2. The mixture was filtered. The filtrate was evaporated until dryness. The residue (1.2 g) was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (eluent: $CH_2Cl_2/CH_3OH/NH_4OH$ 90/10/0.5; 10µm). Two fractions were collected and the solvent was evaporated, yielding 0.023 g of fraction 1 (4%) and 0.12 g of fraction 2 (18%). Fraction 1 was crystallized from CH_3OH/CH_3CN/ diisopropylether. The precipitate was filtered off and dried, yielding 0.02 g of 2-[5,7-dimethyl-2-(2-morpholin-4-ylethyl-piperidin-4-ylamino)-benzoimidazol-1-ylmethyl]-6-methyl-pyridin-3-ol (**q-10**, compound 162, 3%, melting point: 226°C). Fraction 2 was crystallized from CH_3OH/ CH_3CN/diisopropylether. The precipitate was filtered off and dried, yielding 0.1 g of 2-[4,6-dimethyl-2-(2-morpholin-4-ylethyl-piperidin-4-ylamino)-benzoimidazol-1-ylmethyl]-6-methyl-pyridin-3-ol (**q-11**, compound 170, 15%, melting point: 237°C).

Example 18

Scheme R



$LiAlH_4$ (0.0002 mol) was added at 5°C to a mixture of 3-{4-[1-(3-hydroxy-6-methyl-pyridin-2-ylmethyl)-4,6-dimethyl-1H-benzoimidazol-2-ylamino]-piperidin-1-yl}-propionic acid ethyl ester (**r-1**; 0.00009 mol; melting point: 172°C) in tetrahydrofuran (10 ml) under N_2 flow. The mixture was stirred at 5°C for 1 hour, then at room temperature for 3 hours. A minimum of H_2O and ethylacetate were added. The organic layer was separated, dried (over $MgSO_4$), filtered and the solvent was evaporated until dryness. The residue was crystallized from 2-propanone/CH_3CN/ diisopropylether. The precipitate was filtered off and dried, yielding 0.026 g of 2-{2-[1-(3-hydroxy-propyl)-piperidin-4-ylamino]-4,6-dimethyl-benzoimidazol-1-ylmethyl}-6-methyl-pyridin-3-ol (**r-2**; 68%, melting point: 209°C).

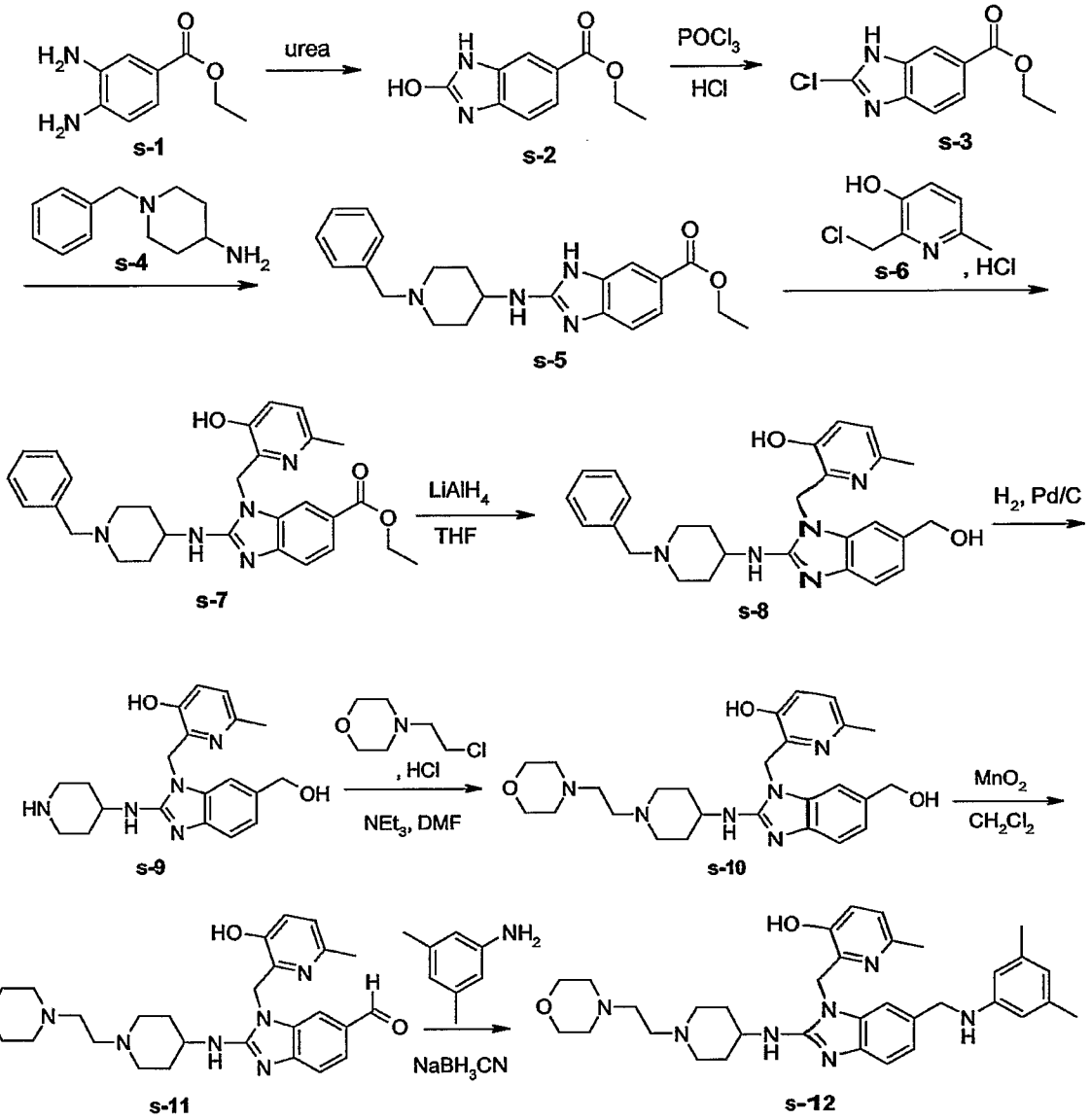
A mixture of **r-2** (0.0001 mol) and CH_2Cl_2 (15 ml) was cooled in a bath of ice. $SOCl_2$ (0.0005 mol) was added drop wise. The mixture was stirred at 5°C for 1 hour, then at room temperature for 12 hours. $SOCl_2$ (0.0005 mol) was added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4 hours. The solvent was evaporated until dryness, yielding 0.06 g of intermediate **r-3** (HCl, 100%). This product was used directly in the next reaction step.

A mixture of **r-3** (0.0001 mol), morpholine (0.0003 mol) and K_2CO_3 (0.0011 mol) in CH_3CN (15 ml) was stirred at 70°C for 6 hours. The solvent was evaporated until dryness. The residue was taken up in CH_2Cl_2/H_2O. The organic layer was separated, dried (over $MgSO_4$), filtered and the solvent was evaporated until dryness. The residue (0.06g) was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (eluent: CH_2Cl_2/ CH_3OH/NH_4OH 88/11/1; 5µm). The pure fractions were collected and the solvent was evaporated, yielding 0.016 g of 2-[4,6-dimethyl-2-(2-morpholin-4-ylpropyl-piperidin-

4-ylamino)-benzoimidazol-1-ylmethyl]-6-methyl-pyridin-3-ol (**r-4**, compound 161, 18%, melting point: 223°C).

Example 19

Scheme S



A mixture of **s-1** (0.166 mol) and urea (0.199 mol) in xylene (300 ml) was stirred under reflux for 12 hours. The reaction was cooled down to room temperature. The precipitate was filtered off, rinsed with xylene and diisopropylether, and then dried, yielding 32 g of intermediate **s-2** (93%, melting point: > 260°C).

A mixture of **s-2** (0.073 mol) in $POCl_3$ (150 ml) was stirred at 100°C. HCl conc. (around 1.5 ml) was added drop wise very carefully until the dissolution of **s-2**. The

mixture was stirred at 120°C for 6 hours. The solvent was evaporated until dryness. The residue was taken-up in H_2O/ice, basified with K_2CO_3 (powder) and extracted with ethylacetate + 10% methanol. The organic layer was separated, dried (over $MgSO_4$), filtered and the solvent was evaporated until dryness, yielding 13.5 g of intermediate **s-3** (83%, melting point: 178°C).

A mixture of **s-3** (0.051 mol) and **s-4** (0.056 mol) was stirred at 160°C for 2 hours. The residue was taken-up in CH_2Cl_2/H_2O and basified with a 10% solution of K_2CO_3 in water. The organic layer was separated, dried (over $MgSO_4$), filtered and the solvent was evaporated until dryness. The residue was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (eluent: CH_2Cl_2/methanol/NH_4OH 95/5/0.5). The pure fractions were collected and the solvent was evaporated, yielding 15.3 g of intermediate **s-5** (79%).

A mixture of **s-5** (0.0396 mol), **s-6** (0.059 mol) and K_2CO_3 (0.1584 mol) in CH_3CN (180 ml) was stirred and refluxed for 12 hours. The solvent was evaporated until dryness. The residue was taken up in CH_2Cl_2. The organic layer was washed with H_2O, dried (over $MgSO_4$), filtered and the solvent was evaporated until dryness. The residue (20 g) was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (eluent: Toluene/ 2-propanol/NH_4OH 85/15/1; 20-45µm). Two fractions were collected and the solvent was evaporated, yielding 5.3 g of fraction 1 (27%) and 6.3 g of fraction 2 (32%). Fraction 1 was crystallized twice in 2-propanone/CH_3CN/diisopropylether. The precipitate was filtered off and dried, yielding 4.9 g of intermediate **s-7** (25%, melting point: 179°C).

$LiAlH_4$ (0.009 mol) was added portion wise to a mixture of **s-7** (0.003 mol) in tetrahydrofuran (60 ml) at 5°C under N_2 flow. The reaction was stirred at 5°C for 1 hour and then at room temperature for 12 hours. Ethylacetate and H_2O were added carefully and the aqueous layer was saturated with K_2CO_3 (powder). The organic layer was separated, dried (over $MgSO_4$) and then filtered over celite. The filtrate was evaporated until dryness, yielding 1.3 g of intermediate **s-8** (97%). The crude product was used directly in the next reaction step.

A mixture of **s-8** (0.0028 mol) and Pd/C 10% (2.5 g) in CH_3OH (40 ml) was hydrogenated at 40°C for 12 hours under an 8 bar pressure, then filtered over celite. Celite was washed with a solution of CH_3OH/tetrahydrofuran (50/50). The filtrate was evaporated until dryness, yielding 1.8 g of intermediate **s-9** (95%, melting point: 260°C).

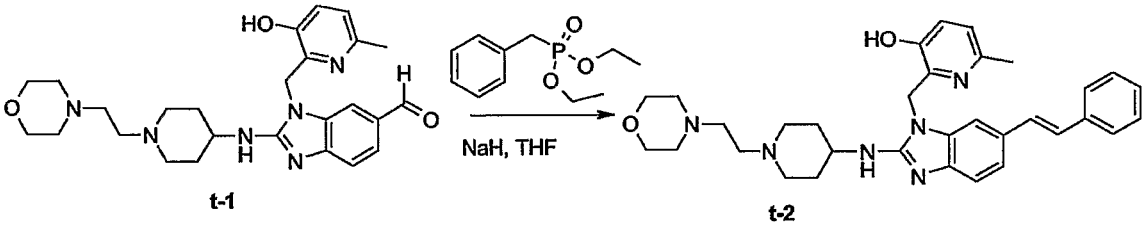
A mixture of **s-9** (0.0027 mol), N-(2-chloro-ethyl)-morpholine, HCl (0.0032 mol) and triethylamine (0.0067 mol) in dimethylformamide (40 ml) was stirred at 50°C for 48 hours, poured into ice water and extracted 3 times with CH_2Cl_2. The organic layer was separated, dried (over $MgSO_4$), filtered and the solvent was evaporated until dryness. The residue was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (eluent: CH_2Cl_2/ CH_3OH/NH_4OH; 85/14/1; 35-70µm). The pure fractions were collected and the solvent was evaporated. The residue was taken up in 2-propanone/diisopropylether. The precipitate was filtered off and dried, yielding 0.8 g of intermediate **s-10** (compound 168, 61%, melting point: 147°C).

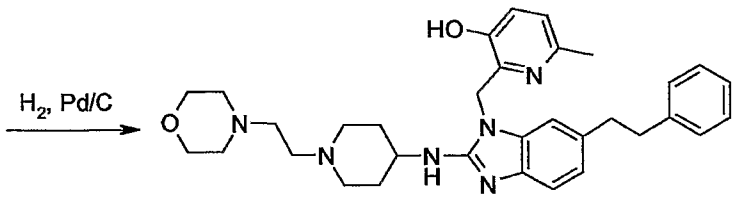
A mixture of **s-10** (0.0014 mol) and MnO_2 (1.6 g) in CH_2Cl_2 (50ml) was stirred at room temperature for 12 hours, and then filtered over celite. The solvent of the filtrate was evaporated until dryness. The residue was crystallized from 2-propanone/ diisopropylether. The precipitate was filtered off and dried, yielding 0.47 g of intermediate **s-11** (67%, melting point: 136°C).

CH_3CO_2H (0.3ml) was added at room temperature to a mixture of **s-11** (0.0005 mol), 3,5-dimethyl-aniline (0.0006 mol) and $NaBH_3CN$ (0.0006 mol) in CH_3CN (30 ml). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 minutes. CH_3CO_2H (0.3 ml) was added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 6 hours. The solvent was evaporated until dryness. The residue was taken up in CH_2Cl_2. The organic layer was washed with a 10% solution of K_2CO_3 in water, dried (over $MgSO_4$), filtered and the solvent was evaporated until dryness. The residue (0.26 g) was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (eluent: $CH_2Cl_2/CH_3OH/NH_4OH$ 90/10/1; 5µm). The pure fractions were collected and the solvent was evaporated. The residue (0.12 g, 36%) was crystallized from CH_3CN/diisopropylether. The precipitate was filtered off and dried, yielding 0.07 g of 2-{6-[(3,5-dimethyl-phenylamino)-methyl]-2-[2-(2-morpholin-4-yl-ethyl)-piperidin-4-ylamino]-benzoimidazol-1-ylmethyl}-6-methyl-pyridin-3-ol (**s-12**, compound 163, 21%, melting point: 150°C).

Example 20

Scheme T





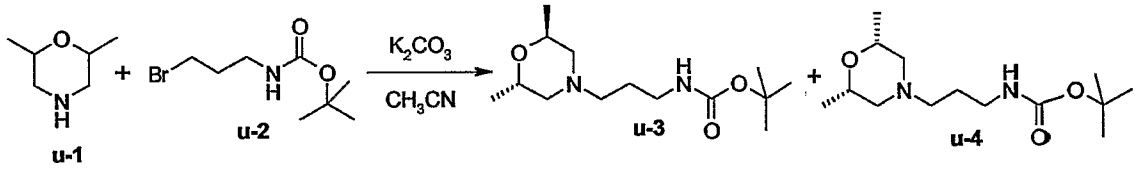
t-3

Benzyl-diethylphosphonate (0.0019 mol) was added to a mixture of NaH (0.0037 mol) in tetrahydrofuran (15 ml) at 5°C under N_2 flow. The mixture was stirred at 5°C for 30 minutes. A solution of **t-1** (0.0006 mol) in tetrahydrofuran (10 ml) was added drop wise. The mixture was stirred at 5°C for 1 hour, then at room temperature for 12 hours. H_2O was added. The mixture was extracted with ethylacetate. The organic layer was separated, dried (over $MgSO_4$), filtered and the solvent was evaporated until dryness. The residue was crystallized from CH_3OH. The precipitate was filtered off and dried, yielding 0.13 g of 6-methyl-2-{2-[2-(2-morpholin-4-yl-ethyl)-piperidin-4-ylamino]-6-styryl-benzoimidazol-1-ylmethyl}-pyridin-3-ol (**t-2**; compound 169, 37%, melting point: 224°C).

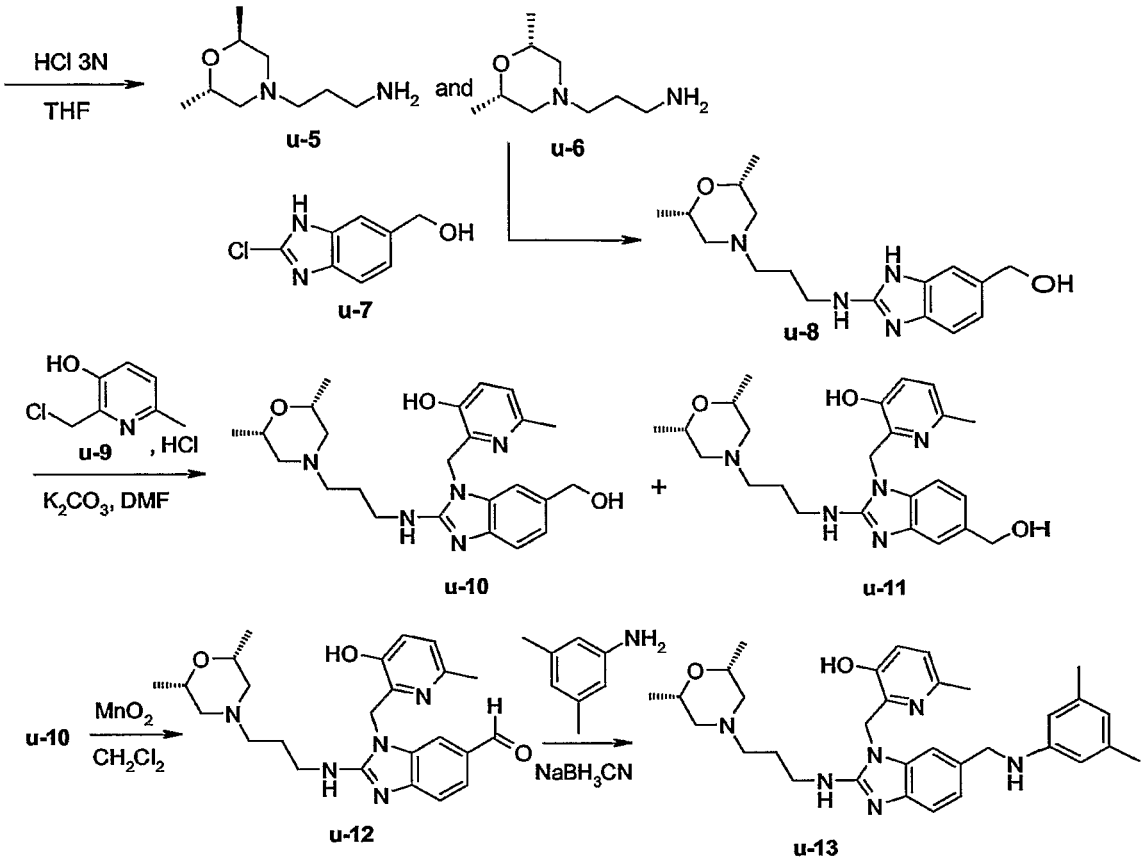
A mixture of **t-2** (0.0002 mol) and Pd/C 10% (0.035g) in CH_3OH (5ml) and tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) was hydrogenated at room temperature for 6 hours under a 8 bar pressure, and then filtered over celite. Celite was washed with H_2O. The filtrate was evaporated until dryness. The residue was taken up in 2-propanone. The precipitate was filtered, washed with H_2O and dried, yielding 0.08 g of 6-methyl-2-{2-[2-(2-morpholin-4-yl-ethyl)-piperidin-4-ylamino]-6-phenethyl-benzoimidazol-1-ylmethyl}-pyridin-3-ol (**t-3**, compound 165, 72%, melting point: 159°C).

Example 21

Scheme U



u-1 u-2 u-3 u-4



A mixture of **u-1** (mixture cis + trans) (0.0379 mol), **u-2** (0.0416 mol) and K_2CO_3 (0.1136 mol) was stirred at 80°C for 12 hours. H_2O was added. The mixture was extracted with CH_2Cl_2. The organic layer was separated, dried (over $MgSO_4$), filtered and the solvent was evaporated. The residue (10 g) was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (eluent: $CH_2Cl_2/CH_3OH/NH_4OH$ 97/3/0.1; 35-70µm). Two fractions were collected and the solvent was evaporated, yielding 3 g of intermediate **u-3** (trans) (29%) and 7.3 g of intermediate **u-4** (cis) (71%).

A mixture of **u-4** (0.0279 mol) in a 3N solution of HCl in water (50 ml) and tetrahydrofuran (50 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 12 hours. K_2CO_3 (powder) was added. CH_2Cl_2 was added. The aqueous layer was saturated with K_2CO_3 (powder). The mixture was extracted with CH_2Cl_2. The organic layer was separated, dried (over $MgSO_4$), filtered and the solvent was evaporated, yielding 4.39 g of intermediate **u-6** (93%). Analogously, **u-5** was prepared.

A mixture of **u-7** (0.0085 mol) and **u-6** (0.0255 mol) was stirred at 120°C for 4 hours. A 10% solution of K_2CO_3 in water was added. The aqueous layer was saturated with K_2CO_3 (powder). The mixture was extracted with CH_2Cl_2. The organic layer was

separated, dried (over $MgSO_4$), filtered and the solvent was evaporated. The residue (4.1 g) was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (eluent: CH_2Cl_2/ CH_3OH/NH_4OH 90/10/1; 15-40μm). The pure fractions were collected and the solvent was evaporated, yielding 1.6 g of intermediate **u-8** (59%).

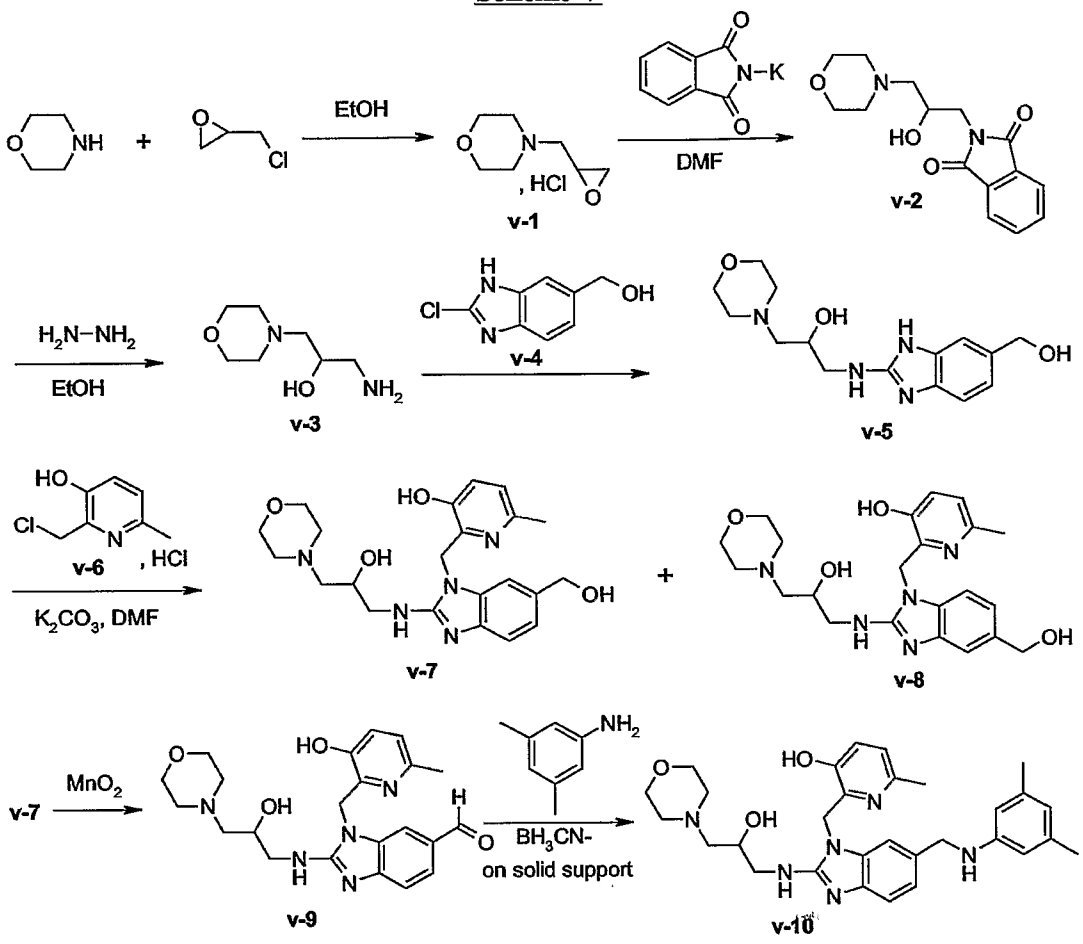
A mixture of **u-8** (0.0048 mol), **u-9** (0.0058 mol) and K_2CO_3 (0.0145 mol) in dimethyl-formamide (30 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 24 hours, poured into H_2O, saturated with K_2CO_3 (powder) and extracted with CH_2Cl_2/CH_3OH. The organic layer was separated, dried (over $MgSO_4$), filtered and the solvent was evaporated until dryness. The residue (3.3 g) was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (eluent: $CH_2Cl_2/CH_3OH/NH_4OH$ 90/10/0.5; 15-40μm). Two fractions were collected and the solvent was evaporated, yielding 0.55 g of intermediate **u-10** (26%) and 0.36 g of intermediate **u-11** (17%). A small fraction of intermediate **u-10** was crystallized from 2-propanone/CH_3CN/diisopropylether. The precipitate was filtered off and dried, yielding 0.04 g (compound 175, melting point: 199°C). A small fraction of intermediate **u-11** was crystallized from 2-propanone/CH_3CN/diisopropylether. The precipitate was filtered off and dried, yielding 0.04 g (compound 187, melting point: 227°C).

A mixture of **u-10** (0.0011 mol) and MnO_2 (1 g) in CH_2Cl_2 (50 ml) and CH_3OH (3 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 12 hours, and then filtered over celite. Celite was washed with H_2O. The filtrate was evaporated until dryness, yielding 0.5 g of intermediate **u-12** (100%). The crude product was used directly in the next reaction step.

CH_3CO_2H (0.25 ml) was added to a mixture of **u-12** (0.0005 mol), 3,5-dimethyl-aniline (0.0006 mol) and $NaBH_3CN$ (0.0006 mol) in CH_2Cl_2 (30 ml). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 hours. A 10% solution of K_2CO_3 in water was added. The mixture was saturated with K_2CO_3 (powder). The organic layer was separated, dried (over $MgSO_4$), filtered and the solvent was evaporated until dryness. The residue was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (eluent: $CH_2Cl_2/CH_3OH/NH_4OH$ 95/5/0.1; 35-70μm). The pure fractions were collected and the solvent was evaporated. The residue (0.25 g, 80%) was crystallized from 2-propanone/CH_3CN/diisopropylether. The precipitate was filtered off and dried, yielding 0.183g of 2-{2-[3-(2,6-dimethyl-morpholin-4-yl)-propylamino]-6-[(3,5-dimethyl-phenylamino)-methyl]-benzoimidazol-1-ylmethyl}-6-methyl-pyridin-3-ol (**u-13,** compound 172, 59%, melting point: 192°C).

Example 22

Scheme V



A mixture of morpholine (0.0116 mol), epichlorohydrin (0.0116 mol) in ethanol (30 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 24 hours. The solvent was evaporated until dryness, yielding 2.08 g of intermediate **v-1** (100%). The crude product was used directly in the next reaction step.

A mixture of **v-1** (0.0116 mol), potassium phthalimide (0.01276 mol) in dimethyl-formamide (25 ml) was stirred under reflux for 4 hours. The solvent was evaporated. The residue was taken up in CH_2Cl_2 and washed with H_2O. The organic layer was separated, dried (over $MgSO_4$), filtered and the solvent was evaporated until dryness, yielding 3.4 g of intermediate **v-2** (100%). The crude product was used directly in the next reaction step.

A mixture of **v-2** (0.116 mol) and hydrazine (15 ml) in ethanol (350 ml) was stirred at 80°C for 1 hour. The reaction was cooled down to room temperature. The precipitate was filtered off and rinsed with ethanol and CH_2Cl_2. A 10% solution of K_2CO_3 in water

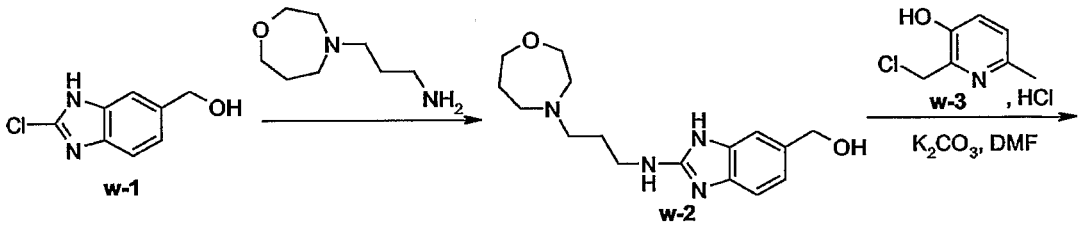
was added. The aqueous layer was saturated with K_2CO_3 (powder) and extracted with CH_2Cl_2/CH_3OH (95/5). The organic layer was separated, dried (over $MgSO_4$), filtered and the solvent was evaporated until dryness, yielding 14.8 g of intermediate **v-3** (80%). The crude product was used directly in the next reaction step.

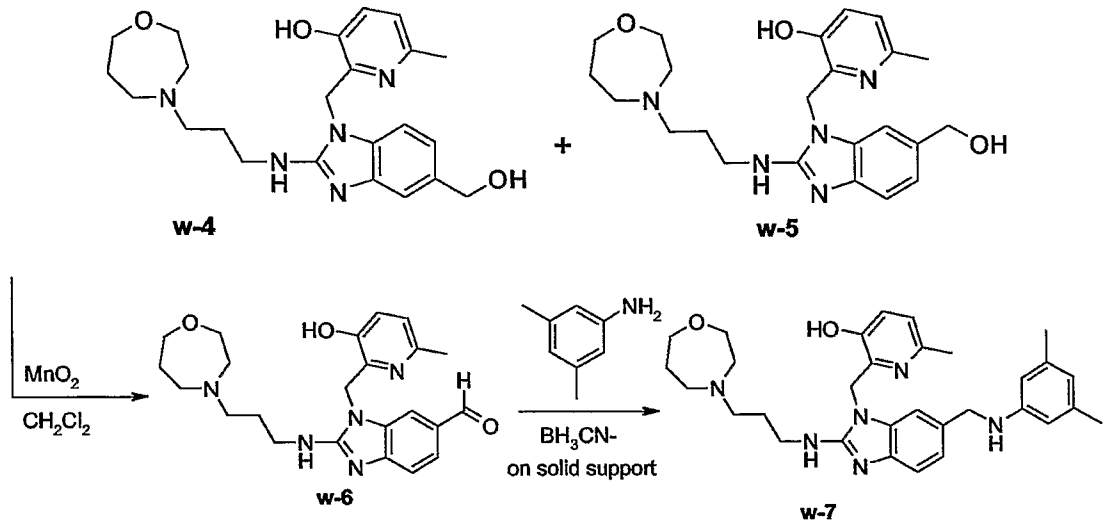
Intermediate **v-5** was prepared in an analogous way to the procedure described for intermediate **u-8**. Intermediates **v-7** (2 g; 31%, melting point: 184°C) and **v-8** (2.1 g; 33%, melting point: 208°C) were prepared in an analogous way to the procedure described for preparing **u-10** and **u-11**. . Intermediate **v-9** (0.77g; 77%, melting point: 152°C) was prepared in an analogous way to the procedure described for intermediate **u-12**.

CH_3CO_2H (0.2 ml) was added at room temperature to a mixture of **v-9** (0.00047 mol), 3,5-dimethyl-aniline (0.00056 mol) and BH_3CN- on solid support (0.000705 mol) in CH_3OH (10 ml). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 18 hours. The solid support was filtered off, rinsed with CH_3OH and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was taken up with a 10% solution of K_2CO_3 in water. The aqueous layer was saturated with K_2CO_3 (powder) and extracted with CH_2Cl_2/CH_3OH (95/5). The organic layer was separated, dried (over $MgSO_4$), filtered and the solvent was evaporated until dryness. The residue was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (eluent: $CH_2Cl_2/CH_3OH/NH_4OH$ 95/5/0.1; 35-70µm). The pure fractions were collected and the solvent was evaporated. The residue (0.2 g) was crystallized from 2-propanone/ diisopropylether. The precipitate was filtered off and dried, yielding 0.154 g of 2-[6-[(3,5-dimethyl-phenylamino)-methyl]-2-(2-hydroxy-3-morpholin-4-yl-propyl-amino)-benzoimidazol-1-ylmethyl]-6-methyl-pyridin-3-ol (**v-10**; compound 171, 62%, melting point: 198°C).

Example 23

Scheme W



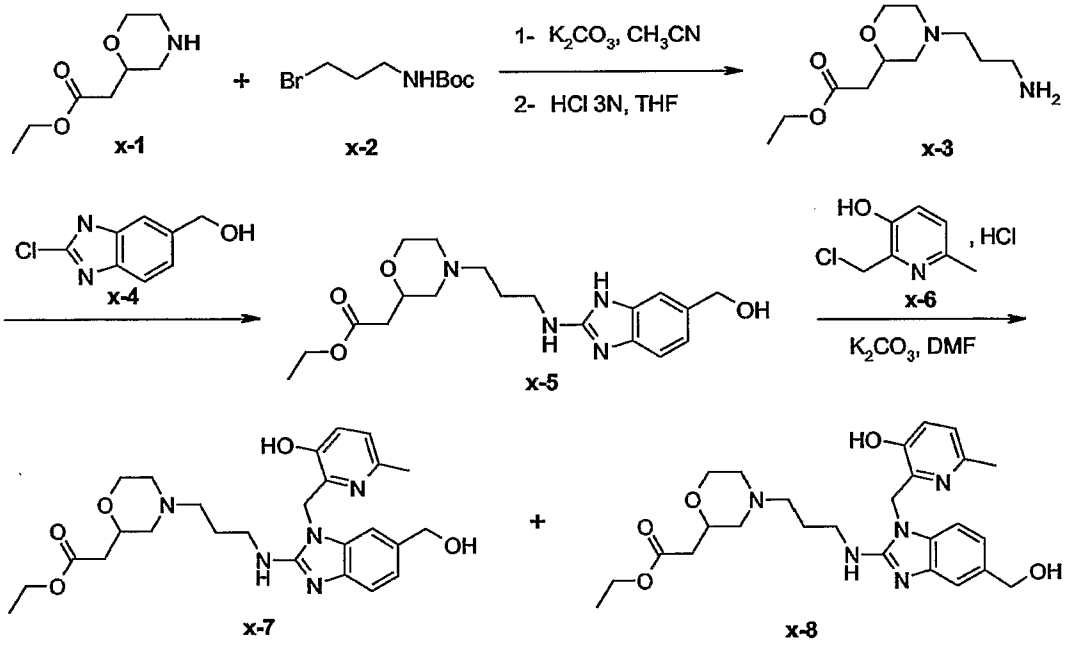


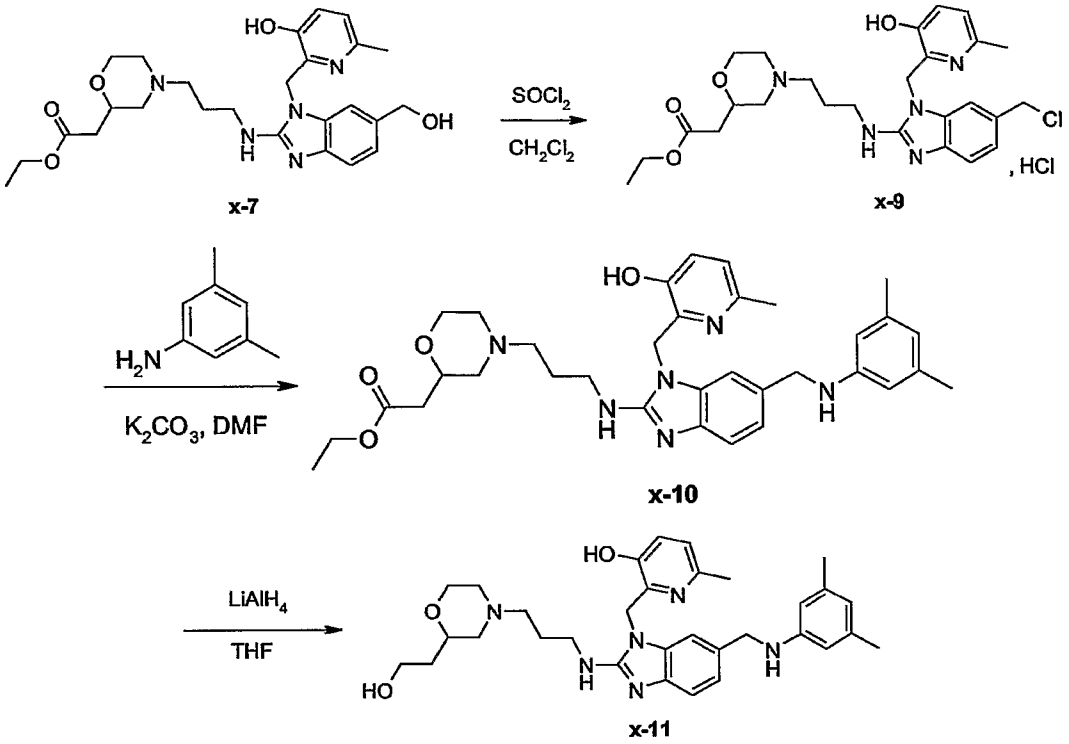
Intermediate **w-2** was prepared in an analogous way to the procedure described for intermediate **u-8**. Intermediates **w-4** (0.28 g; 28%) and **w-5** (0.025 g; 26%) were prepared in an analogous way to the procedure described for intermediate **u-10** and **u-11**. Intermediate **w-6** (0.020 g; 80%) was prepared in an analogous way to the procedure described for intermediate **u-12**.

2-[5-[(3,5-Dimethyl-phenylamino)-methyl]-2-(3-[1,4]oxazepan-4-yl-propylamino)-benzoimidazol-1-ylmethyl]-6-methyl-pyridin-3-ol (**w-7**, compound 174, 0.007 g; 28%) was prepared in an analogous way to the procedure described for compound **v-10**.

Example 24

Scheme X





A mixture of **x-1** (0.0635 mol), **x-2** (0.0635 mol) and K_2CO_3 (0.19 mol) in CH_3CN (110 ml) was stirred at 80°C for 12 hours, then cooled to room temperature, poured on ice and extracted with CH_2Cl_2. The organic layer was separated, dried (over $MgSO_4$), filtered, and the solvent was evaporated until dryness. Yield: 20.2 g (96%). HCl 3N (200ml) and tetrahydrofuran (200 ml) were then added and the reaction was stirred at room temperature for 12 hours. K_2CO_3 was added. CH_2Cl_2 was added. The organic layer was separated, dried (over $MgSO_4$), filtered and the solvent was evaporated until dryness. Yield: 8.4 g of intermediate **x-3** (60%).

A mixture of **x-4** (0.0173 mol) and **x-3** (0.026 mol) was stirred at 125°C for 4 hours, and then taken up in CH_2Cl_2/CH_3OH. The organic layer was washed with saturated K_2CO_3 solution, dried (over $MgSO_4$), filtered and the solvent was evaporated until dryness. The residue (9 g) was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (eluent: $CH_2Cl_2/CH_3OH/NH_4OH$ 90/10/0.5; 20-45µm). Two fractions were collected and the solvent was evaporated. Yield: 0.7 g of intermediate **x-5** (10%).

A mixture of **x-5** (0.0018 mol), **x-6** (0.0022 mol) and K_2CO_3 (0.0056 mol) in dimethylformamide (20 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 12 hours, poured on ice, saturated with K_2CO_3 and extracted with CH_2Cl_2. The organic layer was separated, dried (over $MgSO_4$), filtered and the solvent was evaporated until dryness. The residue (1.4 g) was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (eluent: $CH_2Cl_2/CH_3OH/NH_4OH$ 93/7/0.5; 5-40µm). Two fractions were collected and the solvent was

evaporated. Yield: 0.29 g of intermediate **x-7** (31%) and 0.2 g of intermediate **x-8** (22%).

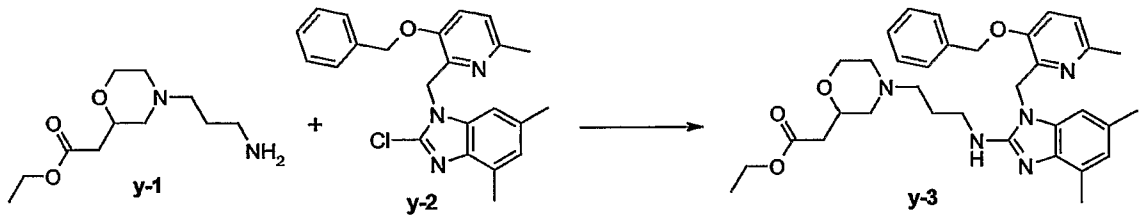
$SOCl_2$ (0.0015 mol) was added at 5°C to a mixture of **x-7** (0.0003 mol) in CH_2Cl_2 (20 ml). The mixture was stirred at 5°C for 2 hours, and then stirred at room temperature for 12 hours. The solvent was evaporated until dryness. The residue was taken up in Diisopropylether. The precipitate was filtered off and dried. Yield: 0.198 g of intermediate **x-9** (HCl salt, 100%).

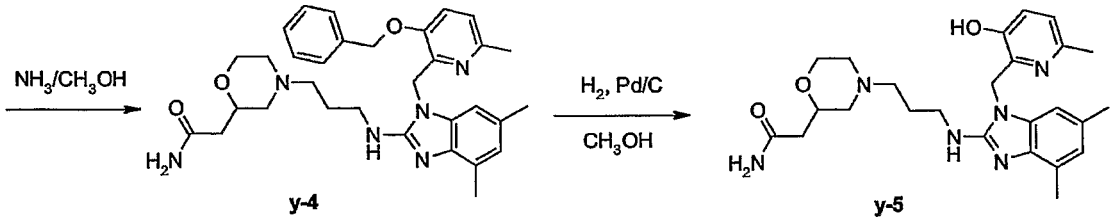
A mixture of **x-9** (0.0003 mol), 3,5-dimethylaniline (0.0003 mol) and K_2CO_3 (0.0015 mol) in dimethylformamide (20 ml) was stirred at 80°C for 4 hours, poured into ice water, saturated with K_2CO_3 and extracted with CH_2Cl_2/CH_3OH. The organic layer was separated, dried (over $MgSO_4$), filtered and the solvent was evaporated until dryness. The residue (0.17 g) was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (eluent: $CH_2Cl_2/CH_3OH/NH_4OH$ 93/7/0.5; 10µm). The pure fractions were collected and the solvent was evaporated. Yield: 0.023 g of intermediate **x-10** (13%).

$LiAlH_4$ (0.00008 mol) was added at 5°C to a mixture of **x-10** (0.00004 mol) in tetrahydrofuran (10 ml). The mixture was stirred at 5°C for 2 hours, poured into H_2O. CH_2Cl_2 was added. The organic layer was separated, dried (over $MgSO_4$), filtered and the solvent was evaporated. The residue (0.023 g) was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (eluent: $CH_2Cl_2/CH_3OH/NH_4OH$ 92/8/0.5; 10µm). The pure fractions were collected and the solvent was evaporated. Yield: 0.009 g of 2-(6-[(3,5-Dimethyl-phenylamino)-methyl]-2-{3-[2-(2-hydroxy-ethyl)-morpholin-4-yl]-propylamino}-benzoimidazol-1-ylmethyl)-6-methyl-pyridin-3-ol (**x-11**, compound 181, 41%).

Example 25

Scheme Y





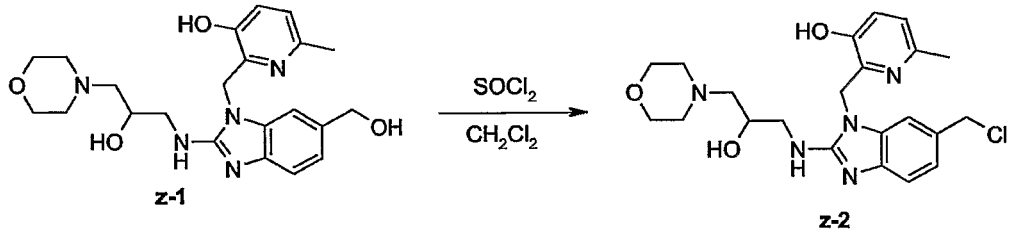
A mixture of **y-2** (0.0012 mol) and **y-1** (0.0073 mol) was stirred at 160°C for 2 hours, and then taken up in CH_2Cl_2/CH_3OH. The organic layer was washed with K_2CO_3 10%, dried (over $MgSO_4$), filtered and the solvent was evaporated until dryness. The residue (1.5 g) was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (eluent: CH_2Cl_2/ CH_3OH/NH_4OH 96/4/0.2; 15-40µm). The pure fractions were collected and the solvent was evaporated. Yield: 0.08 g of intermediate **y-3** (11%).

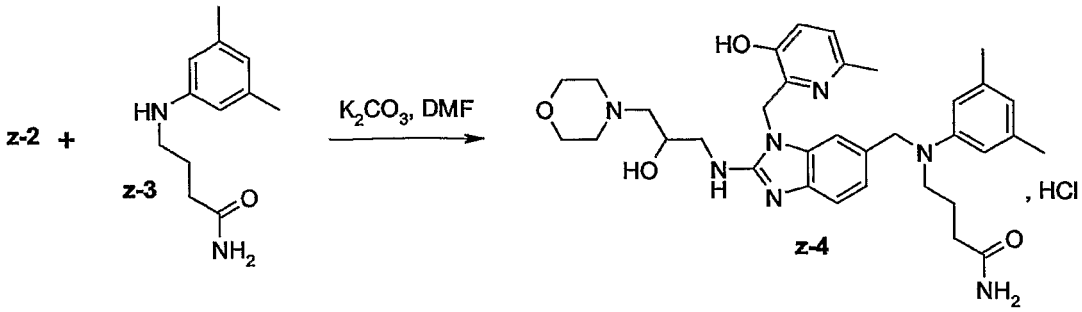
A solution of **y-3** (0.0001 mol) in NH_3/CH_3OH 7N (15 ml) was stirred at 80°C in a sealed vessel for 24 hours. The solvent was evaporated until dryness. Yield: 0.075 g of intermediate **y-4** (100%). The crude compound was used directly in the next reaction step.

A mixture of **y-4** (0.0001 mol) and Pd/C (0.03 g) in CH_3OH (30 ml) was hydrogenated at room temperature for 2 hours under a 3 bar pressure, then filtered over celite. Celite was washed with H_2O. The filtrate was evaporated until dryness. The residue was crystallized from 2-propanone/Diisopropylether. The precipitate was filtered off and dried. Yield: 0.034 g of 2-(4-{3-[1-(3-Hydroxy-6-methyl-pyridin-2-ylmethyl)-4,6-dimethyl-1H-benzoimidazol-2-ylamino]-propyl}-morpholin-2-yl)-acetamide (**y-5**, compound 191, 55%, melting point: 148°C).

Example 26

Scheme Z



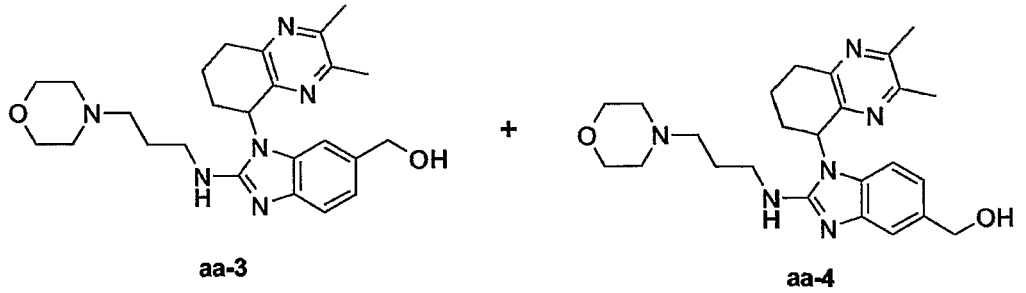


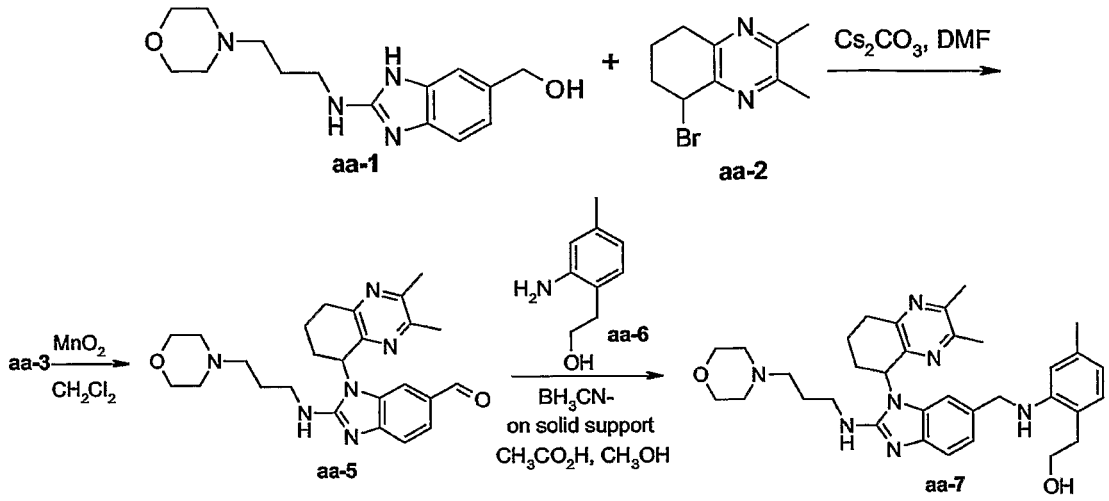
$SOCl_2$ (0.0035 mol) was added drop wise at 5°C to a mixture of **z-1** (0.0007 mol) in CH_2Cl_2 (30 ml). The mixture was stirred at 5°C for 2 hours, and then stirred at room temperature for 12 hours. The solvent was evaporated until dryness. The residue was taken up in Diisopropylether. The precipitate was filtered, washed with H_2O and dried. Yield: 0.415 g of intermediate **z-2** (4 HCl, 100%).

A mixture of **z-2** (0.0014 mol), **z-3** (0.0016 mol) and K_2CO_3 (0.007 mol) in dimethylformamide (80 ml) was stirred at 80°C for 4 hours, poured into ice water, saturated with K_2CO_3 and extracted with CH_2Cl_2. The organic layer was separated, dried (over $MgSO_4$), filtered and the solvent was evaporated until dryness. The residue (1 g) was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (eluent: $CH_2Cl_2/CH_3OH/NH_4OH$ 93/7/1; 10µm). The pure fractions were collected and the solvent was evaporated. Yield: 0.22 g of the free base (26%). This fraction was dissolved in 2-propanone/diisopropylether/HCl 7N and converted into the hydrochloric acid salt. The precipitate was filtered off and dried. Yield: 0.25 g of 4-{(3,5-Dimethyl-phenyl)-[3-(3-hydroxy-6-methyl-pyridin-2-ylmethyl)-2-(2-hydroxy-3-morpholin-4-yl-propylamino)-3H-benzoimidazol-5-ylmethyl]-amino}-butyramide, HCl salt (**z-4**, compound 178, 4 HCl, 24%, melting point: 164°C).

Example 27

Scheme AA





A mixture of **aa-1** (0.0104 mol), **aa-2** (0.0114 mol) and Cs_2CO_3 (0.0034 mol) in dimethylformamide (40 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 12 hours, poured on ice, saturated with K_2CO_3 and extracted with CH_2Cl_2. The organic layer was separated, dried (over $MgSO_4$), filtered and the solvent was evaporated until dryness. The residue (8.6 g) was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (eluent: CH_2Cl_2/ CH_3OH/NH_4OH 94/6/0.5). Two fractions were collected and the solvent was evaporated. Yield F1 and F2. F1 was crystallized from CH_3OH/2-propanone/ diisopropylether. The precipitate was filtered and dried. Yield: 0.75 g of intermediate **aa-3** (compound 311, 16%, melting point: 160°C). F2 was crystallized from few CH_3OH/2-propanone/diisopropylether. The precipitate was filtered, washed with diisopropylether and dried. Yield: 0.4 g of intermediate **aa-4** (compound 336, 9%, melting point: 202°C).

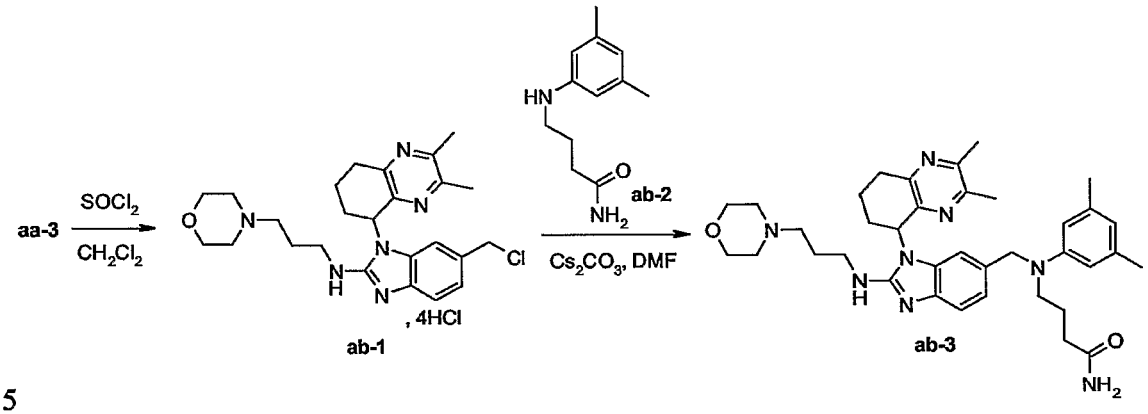
A mixture of **aa-3** (0.0005 mol) and MnO_2 (2.5 g) in CH_2Cl_2 (50 ml) and CH_3OH (few quantity) was stirred at room temperature for 3 hours, and then filtered over celite. Celite was washed with CH_2Cl_2. The filtrate was evaporated until dryness. Yield: 0.21 g of intermediate **aa-5** (84%).

A mixture of **aa-5** (0.0004 mol), **aa-6** (0.0005 mol) and BH_3CN- on solid support (0.0007 mol) in CH_3OH (15 ml) and CH_3CO_2H (1.5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 24 hours, and then filtered. The filtrate was evaporated until dryness. The residue (0.25 g) was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (eluent: CH_2Cl_2/CH_3OH/NH_4OH 95/5/0.5; 5µm). The pure fractions were collected and the solvent was evaporated. The residue was crystallized from 2-propanone. The precipitate was filtered off and dried. Yield: 0.068 g of 2-(2-{[3-(2,3-Dimethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinoxalin-5-yl)-2-(3-morpholin-4-yl-propylamino)-3H-benzoimidazol-5-

ylmethyl]-amino}-4-methyl-phenyl)-ethanol (**aa-7**, compound 193, 25%, melting point: 162°C).

Example 28

Scheme AB

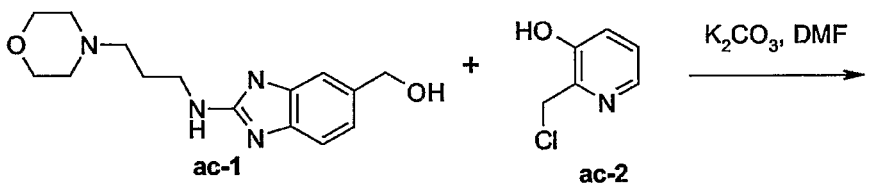


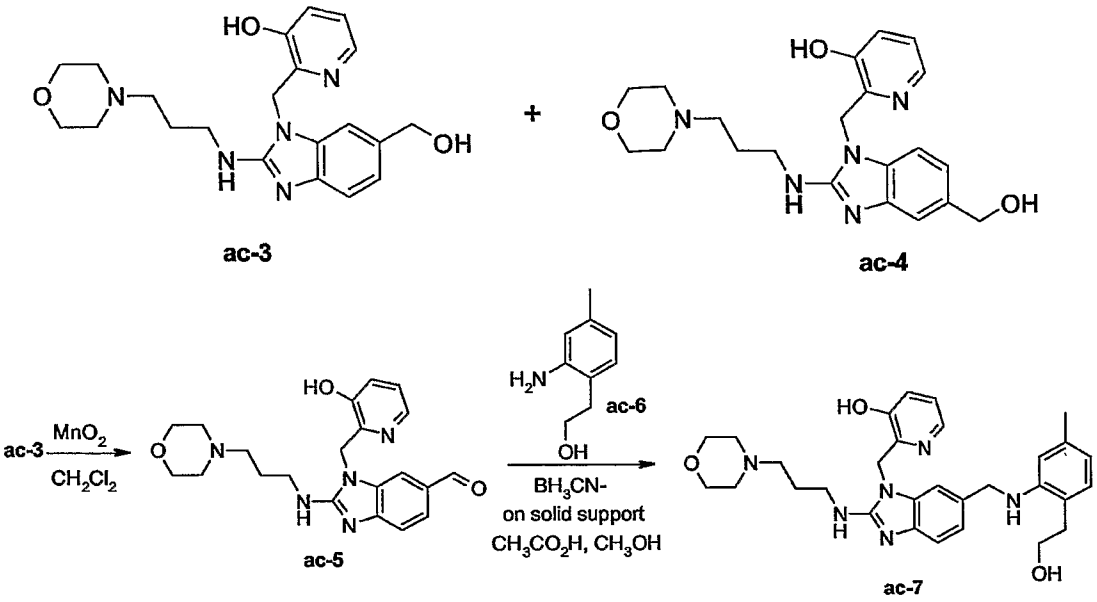
$SOCl_2$ (0.0016 mol) was added drop wise at 5°C to a solution of **aa-3** (0.0003 mol) in CH_2Cl_2 (0.0016 mol). The mixture was stirred at 5°C for 2 hours, and then stirred at room temperature for 12 hours. The solvent was evaporated until dryness. The residue was taken up in diisopropylether. The precipitate was filtered off and dried. Yield: 0.16 g of intermediate **ab-1** (4 HCl, 78%).

A mixture of **ab-1** (0.0003 mol), **ab-2** (0.0003 mol) and Cs_2CO_3 (0.0016 mol) in dimethylformamide (25 ml) was stirred at 80°C for 3 hours, poured on ice, saturated with K_2CO_3 and extracted with CH_2Cl_2. The organic layer was separated, dried (over $MgSO_4$), filtered and the solvent was evaporated until dryness. The residue (0.45 g) was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (eluent: $CH_2Cl_2/CH_3OH/NH_4OH$ 89/10/1; 10µm). The pure fractions were collected and the solvent was evaporated. The residue (0.07 g) was crystallized from 2-propanone/diisopropylether. The precipitate was filtered, washed with H_2O and dried. Yield: 0.07 g of 4-{(3,5-Dimethyl-phenyl)-[3-(2,3-dimethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-quinoxalin-5-yl)-2-(3-morpholin-4-yl-propylamino)-3H-benzoimidazol-5-ylmethyl]-amino}-butyramide (**ab-3**, compound 213, 17%, melting point: 109°C).

Example 29

Scheme AC





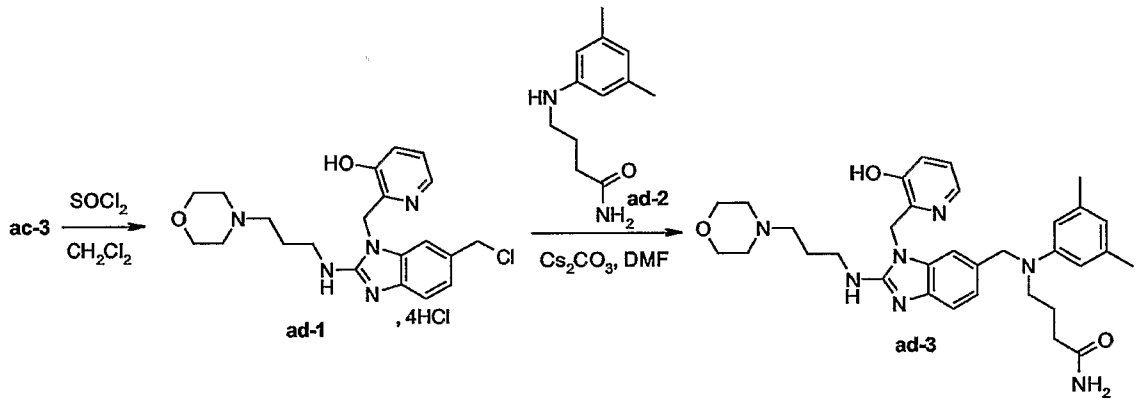
Intermediates **ac-3** (compound 327, 24%, melting point: 254°C) and **ac-4** (compound 359, 17%, melting point: 242°C) were synthesized according to the procedure described for intermediates **aa-3** and **aa-4** but using K_2CO_3 instead of Cs_2CO_3.

Intermediate **ac-5** (80%, melting point: 208°C) was synthesized according to the procedure described for intermediate **aa-5**.

Final compound 2-[6-{[2-(2-Hydroxy-ethyl)-5-methyl-phenylamino]-methyl}-2-(3-morpholin-4-yl-propylamino)-benzoimidazol-1-ylmethyl]-pyridin-3-ol (**ac-7**, compound 192, 81%, melting point: 192°C) was synthesized according to the procedure described for final compound **aa-7**.

Example 30

Scheme AD

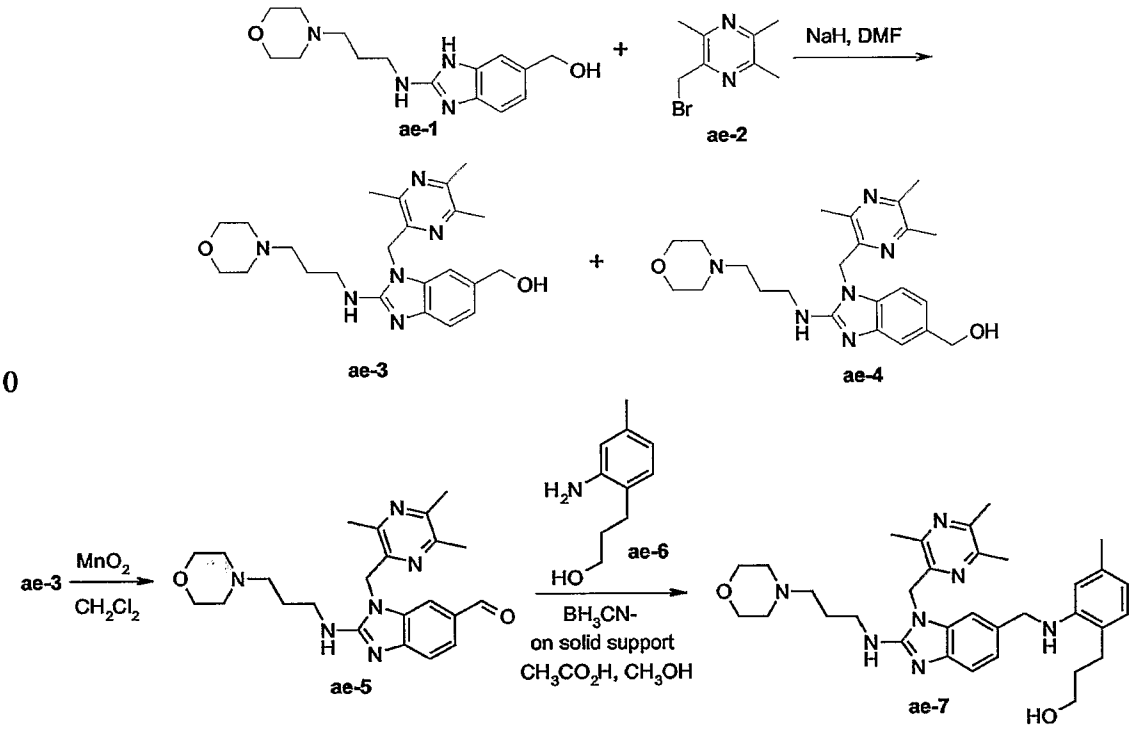


Intermediate **ad-1** (4 HCl, 100%) was synthesized according to the procedure described for intermediate **ab-1**.

Final compound 4-{(3,5-Dimethyl-phenyl)-[3-(3-hydroxy-pyridin-2-ylmethyl)-2-(3-morpholin-4-yl-propylamino)-3H-benzoimidazol-5-ylmethyl]-amino}-butyramide (**ad-3**, compound 228, 17%, melting point: 170°C) was synthesized according to the procedure described for final compound **ab-3**.

Example 31

Scheme AE



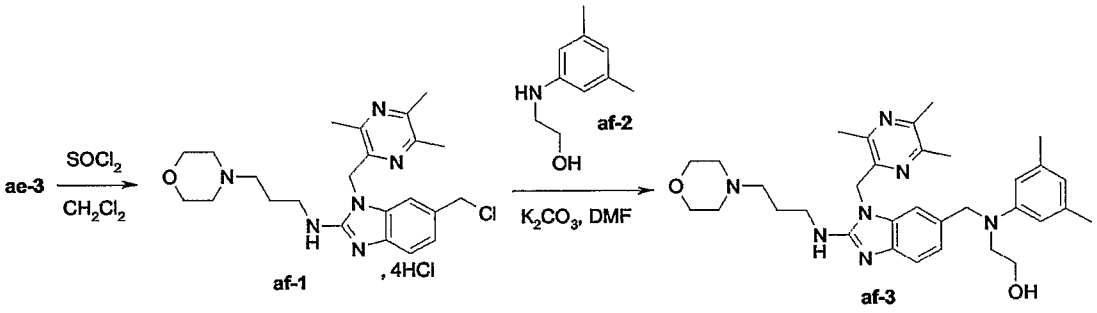
A solution of **ae-2** (0.0246 mol) in dimethylformamide (30 ml) was added to a mixture of **ae-1** (0.0205 mol) and NaH (0.0226 mol) in dimethylformamide (70 ml). The mixture was stirred at 50°C for 48 hours. The solvent was evaporated until dryness. H_2O was added. The mixture was extracted three times with CH_2Cl_2. The organic layer was separated, dried (over $MgSO_4$), filtered and the solvent was evaporated until dryness. The residue (11 g) was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (eluent: $CH_2Cl_2/CH_3OH/NH_4OH$ 95/5/0.5 to 93/7/0.5; 15-40µm). Two fractions were collected and the solvent was evaporated. Yield: 3.6 g of intermediate **ae-3** (41%) and 2.3 g of intermediate **ae-4** (26%).

Intermediate **ae-5** (62%, melting point: 130°C) was synthesized according to the procedure described for intermediate **aa-5**.

Final compound 3-(4-Methyl-2-{[2-(3-morpholin-4-yl-propylamino)-3-(3,5,6-trimethyl-pyrazin-2-ylmethyl)-3H-benzoimidazol-5-ylmethyl]-amino}-phenyl)-propan-1-ol (**ae-7**, compound 255, 41%, melting point: 120°C) was synthesized according to the procedure described for final compound **aa-7**.

Example 32

Scheme AF

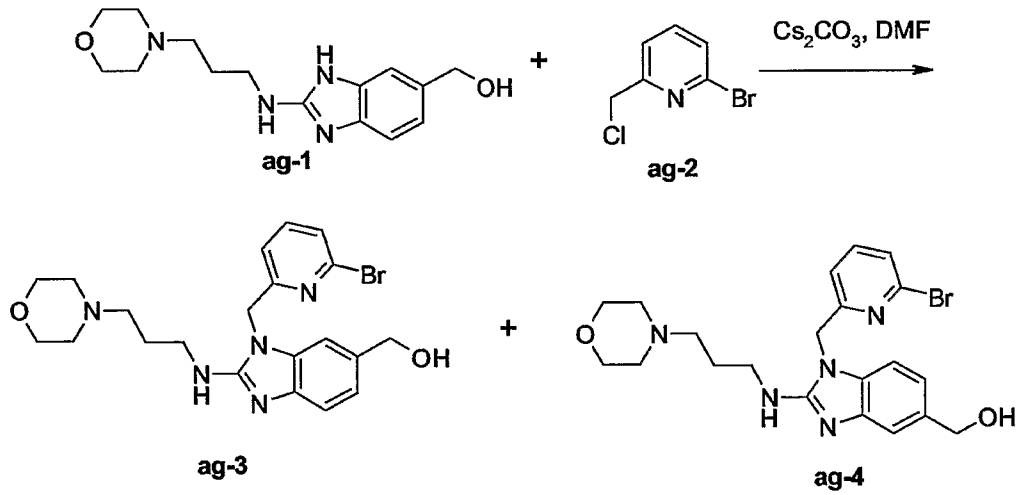


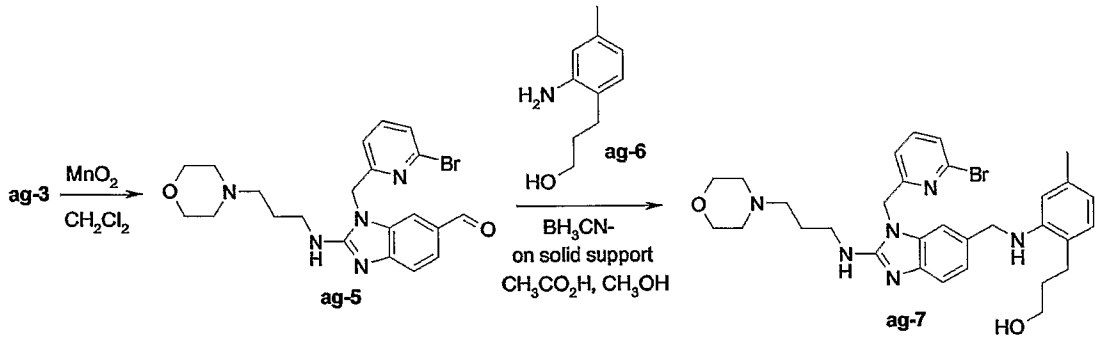
Intermediate **af-1** (4 HCl, 100%) was synthesized according to the procedure described for intermediate **ab-1**.

Final compound 2-{(3,5-Dimethyl-phenyl)-[2-(3-morpholin-4-yl-propylamino)-3-(3,5,6-trimethyl-pyrazin-2-ylmethyl)-3H-benzoimidazol-5-ylmethyl]-amino}-ethanol (**af-3**, compound 233, 24%, melting point: 140°C) was synthesized according to the procedure described for final compound **ab-3** but using K_2CO_3 instead of Cs_2CO_3.

Example 33

Scheme AG





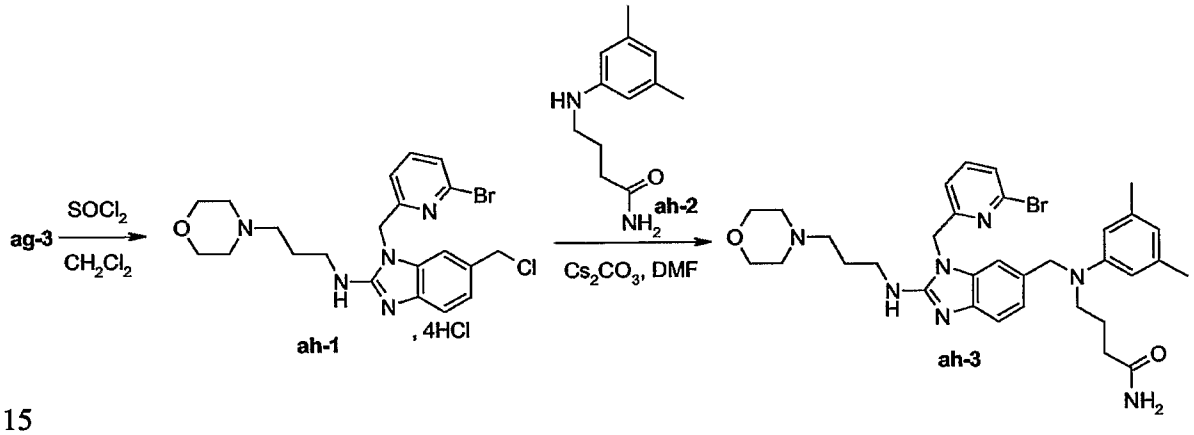
Intermediates **ag-3** (31%) and **ag-4** (30%) were synthesized according to the procedure described for intermediates **aa-3** and **aa-4**.

Intermediate **ag-5** (86%) was synthesized according to the procedure described for intermediate **aa-5**.

Final compound 3-(2-{[3-(6-Bromo-pyridin-2-ylmethyl)-2-(3-morpholin-4-yl-propylamino)-3H-benzoimidazol-5-ylmethyl]-amino}-4-methyl-phenyl)-propan-1-ol (**ag-7**, compound 267, 56%, melting point: 141°C) was synthesized according to the procedure described for final compound **aa-7**.

Example 34

Scheme AH

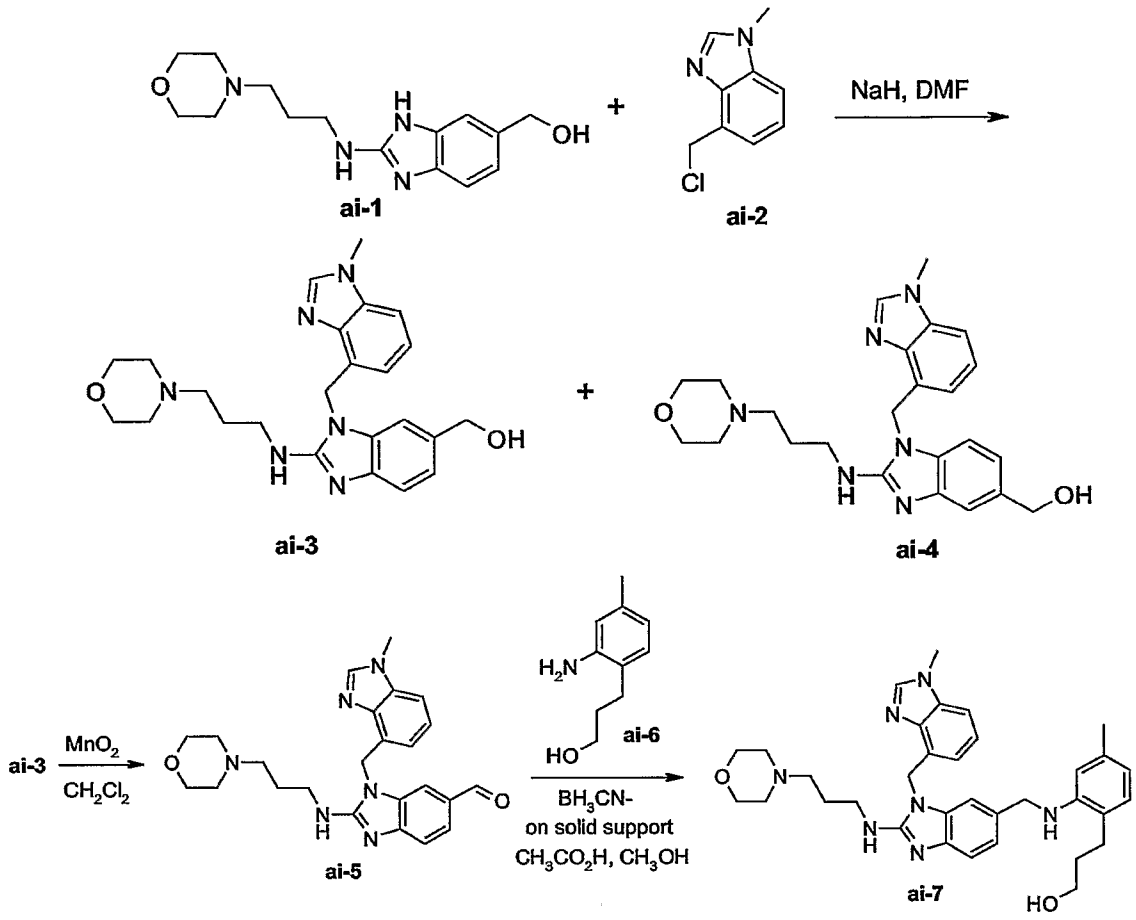


Intermediate **ah-1** (4 HCl, 89%) was synthesized according to the procedure described for intermediate **ab-1**.

Final compound 4-[[3-(6-Bromo-pyridin-2-ylmethyl)-2-(3-morpholin-4-yl-propyl-amino)-3H-benzoimidazol-5-ylmethyl]-(3,5-dimethyl-phenyl)-amino]-butyramide (**ah-3**, compound 261, 18%, melting point: 82°C) was synthesized according to the procedure described for final compound **ab-3**.

Example 35

Scheme AI



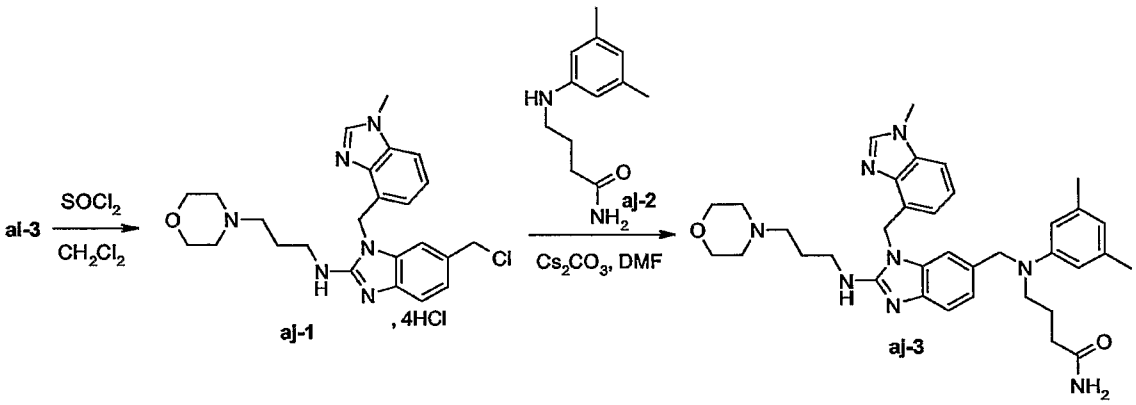
Intermediates **ai-3** (compound 325, 19%, melting point: 167°C) and **ai-4** (compound 358, 9%, melting point: 173°C) were synthesized according to the procedure described for intermediates **ae-3** and **ae-4**.

Intermediate **ai-5** (100%) was synthesized according to the procedure described for intermediate **aa-5**.

Final compound 3-(4-Methyl-2-{[3-(1-methyl-1H-benzoimidazol-4-ylmethyl)-2-(3-morpholin-4-yl-propylamino)-3H-benzoimidazol-5-ylmethyl]-amino}-phenyl)-propan-1-ol (**ai-7**, compound 218, 70%, melting point: 198°C) was synthesized according to the procedure described for final compound **aa-7**.

Example 36

Scheme AJ

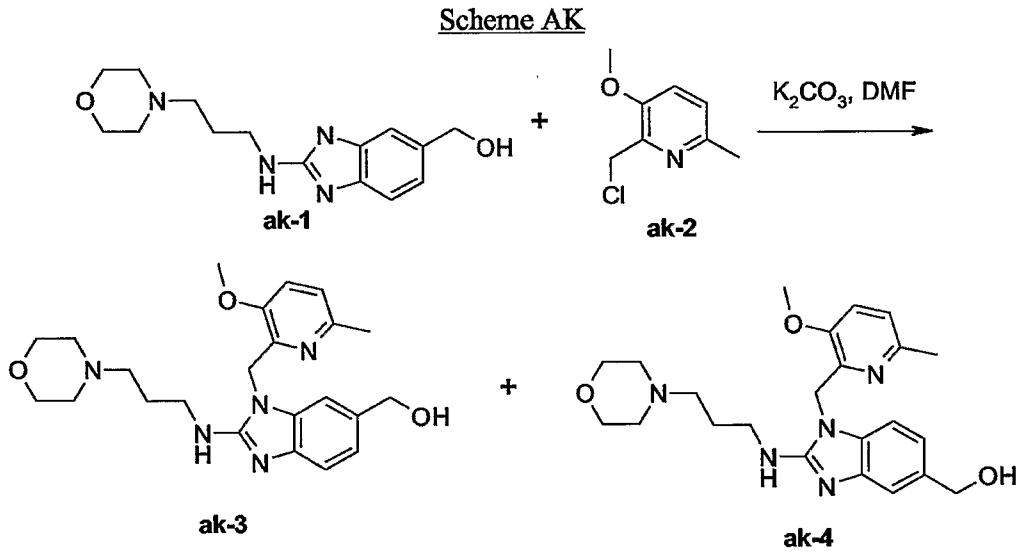


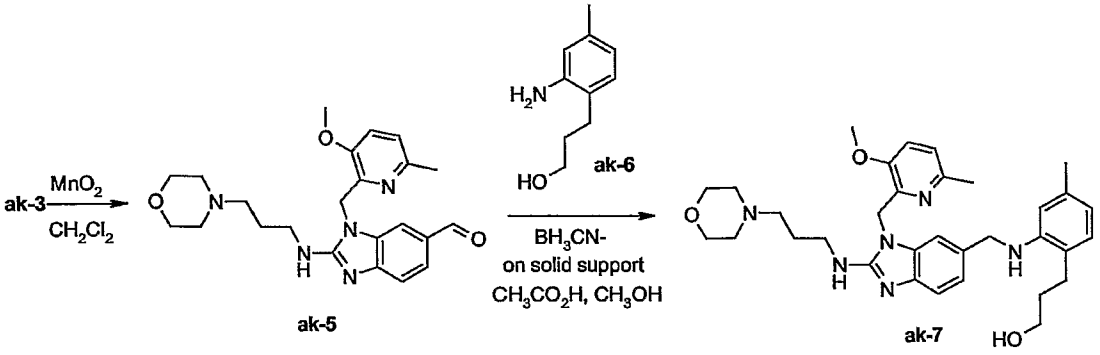
Intermediate **aj-1** (4 HCl, 100%) was synthesized according to the procedure described for intermediate **ab-1**.

Final compound 4-{(3,5-Dimethyl-phenyl)-[3-(1-methyl-1H-benzoimidazol-4-ylmethyl)-2-(3-morpholin-4-yl-propylamino)-3H-benzoimidazol-5-ylmethyl]-amino}-butyramide (**aj-3**, compound 230, 21%, melting point: 206°C) was synthesized according to the procedure described for final compound **ab-3**.

Example 37

Scheme AK





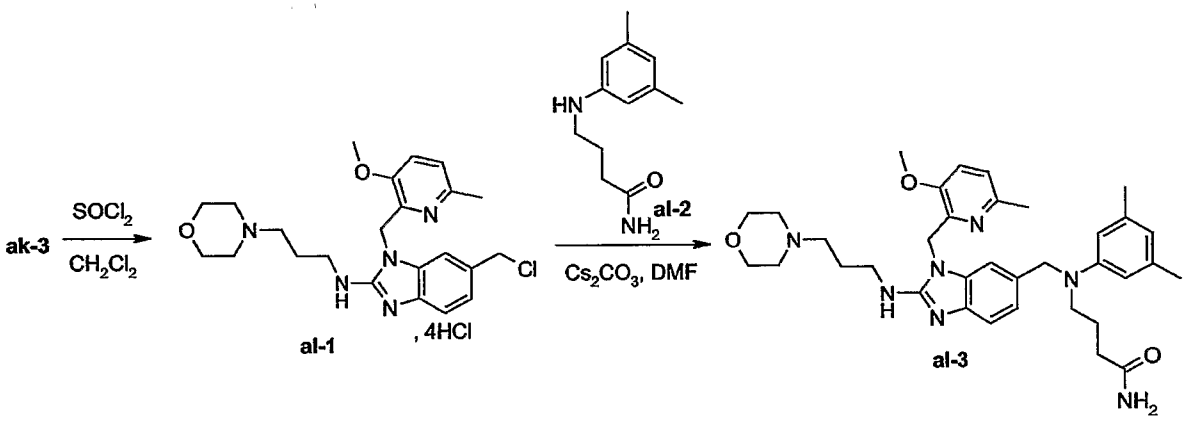
Intermediates **ak-3** (compound 346, 16%, melting point: 135°C) and **ak-4** (compound 360, 12%, melting point: 138°C) were synthesized according to the procedure described for intermediates **aa-3** and **aa-4** but using K_2CO_3 instead of Cs_2CO_3.

Intermediate **ak-5** (70%) was synthesized according to the procedure described for intermediate **aa-5.**

Final compound 3-(2-{[3-(3-Methoxy-6-methyl-pyridin-2-ylmethyl)-2-(3-morpholin-4-yl-propylamino)-3H-benzoimidazol-5-ylmethyl]-amino}-4-methyl-phenyl)-propan-1-ol (**ak-7**, compound 219, 38%, melting point: 132°C) was synthesized according to the procedure described for final compound **aa-7.**

Example 38

Scheme AL



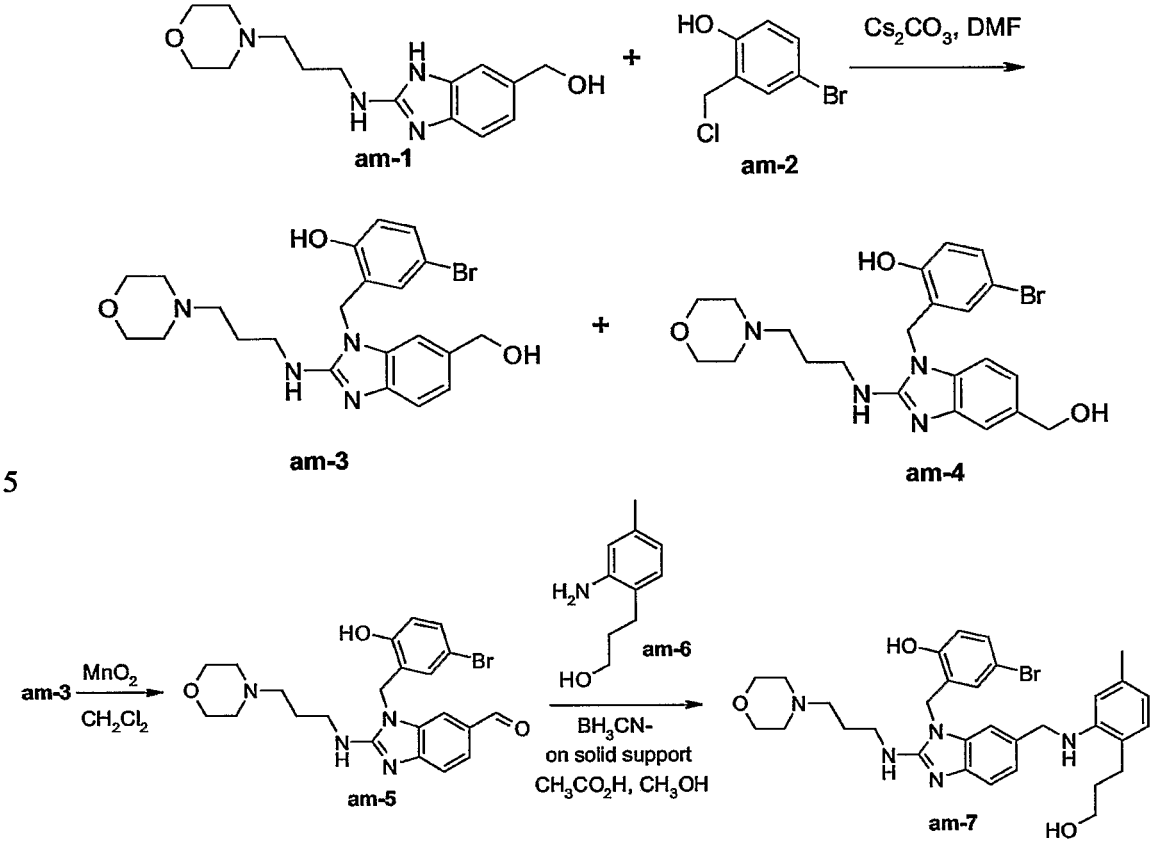
Intermediate **al-1** (4 HCl, 100%) was synthesized according to the procedure described for intermediate **ab-1.**

Final compound -{(3,5-Dimethyl-phenyl)-[3-(3-methoxy-6-methyl-pyridin-2-ylmethyl)-2-(3-morpholin-4-yl-propylamino)-3H-benzoimidazol-5-ylmethyl]-amino}-

butyramide (**al-3**, compound 210, 16%, melting point: 130°C) was synthesized according to the procedure described for final compound **ab-3**.

Example 39

Scheme AM



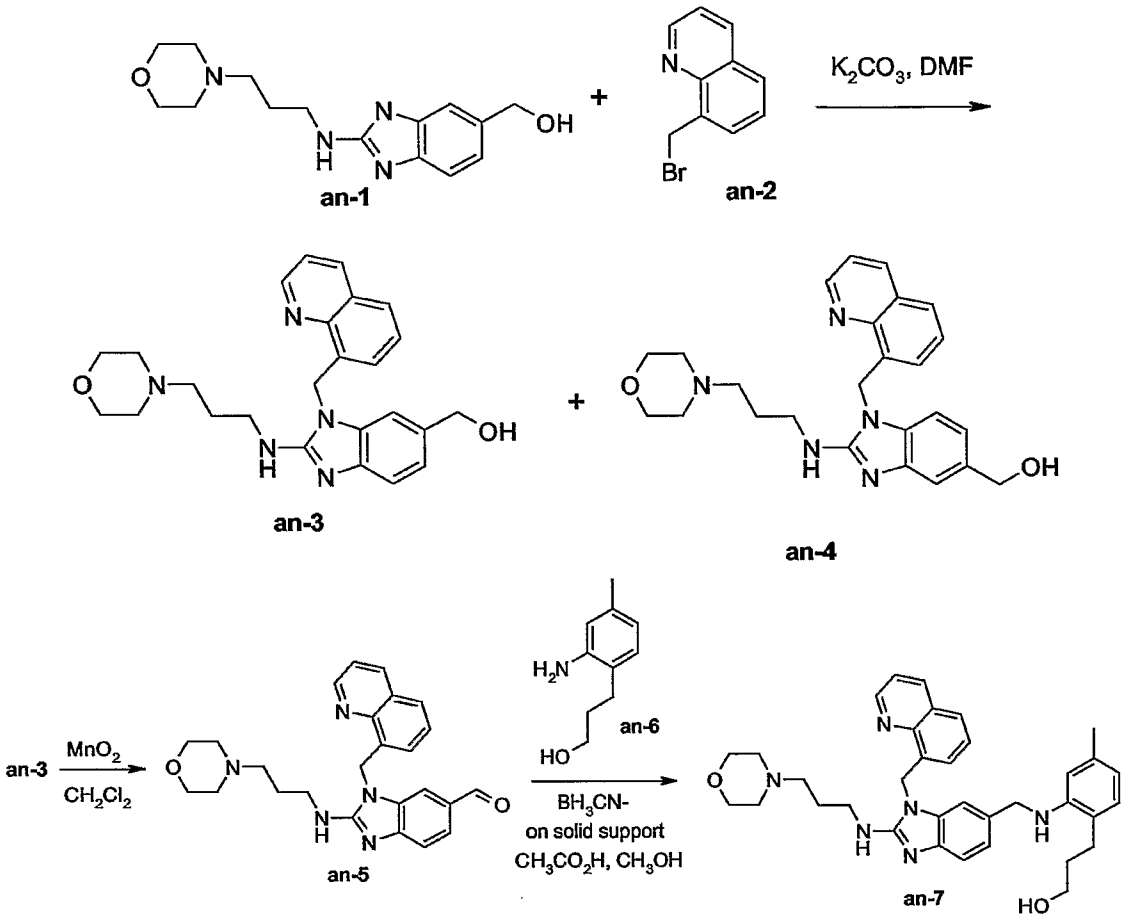
Intermediates **am-3** (compound 308, 8%, melting point: 230°C) and **am-4** (compound 322, 12%, melting point: 235°C) were synthesized according to the procedure described for intermediates **aa-3** and **aa-4**.

Intermediate **am-5** (46%) was synthesized according to the procedure described for intermediate **aa-5**.

Final compound 4-Bromo-2-[6-{[2-(3-hydroxy-propyl)-5-methyl-phenylamino]-methyl}-2-(3-morpholin-4-yl-propylamino)-benzoimidazol-1-ylmethyl]-phenol (**am-7**, compound 201, 42%, melting point: 134°C) was synthesized according to the procedure described for final compound **aa-7**.

Example 40

Scheme AN



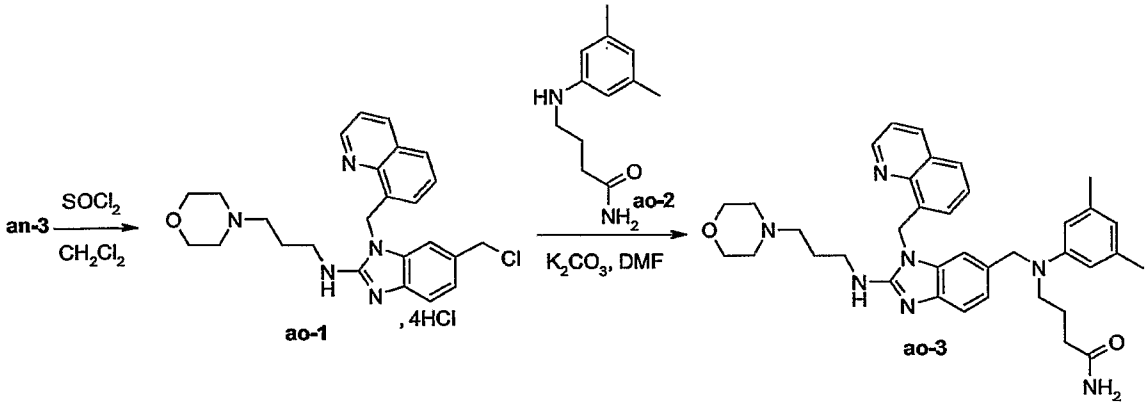
Intermediates **an-3** (22%, melting point: 198°C) and **an-4** (19%, melting point: 200°C) were synthesized according to the procedure described for intermediates **aa-3** and **aa-4** but using K_2CO_3 instead of Cs_2CO_3.

Intermediate **an-5** (82%, melting point: 148°C) was synthesized according to the procedure described for intermediate **aa-5.**

Final compound 3-(4-Methyl-2-{[2-(3-morpholin-4-yl-propylamino)-3-quinolin-8-ylmethyl-3H-benzoimidazol-5-ylmethyl]-amino}-phenyl)-propan-1-ol (**an-7**, compound 234, 50%, melting point: 165°C) was synthesized according to the procedure described for final compound **aa-7**.

Example 41

Scheme AO

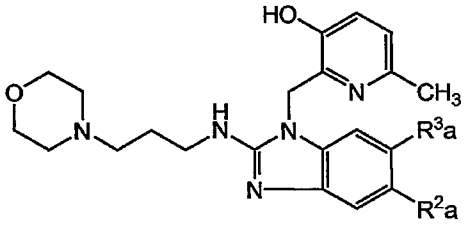


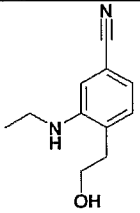
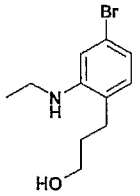
Intermediate **ao-1** (4 HCl, 100%) was synthesized according to the procedure described for intermediate **ab-1**.

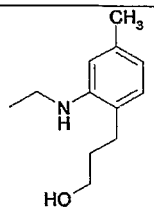
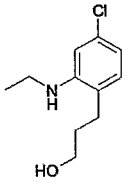
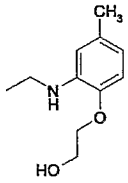
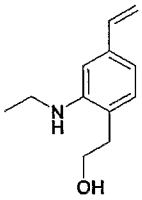
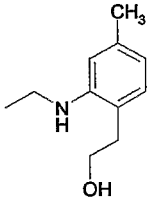
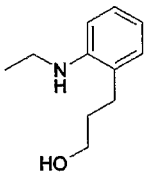
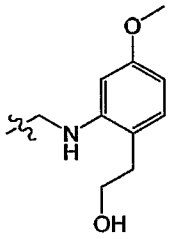
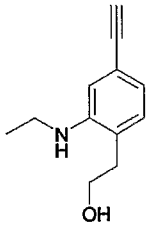
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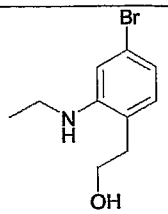
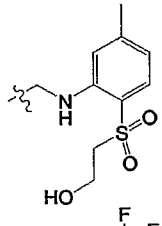
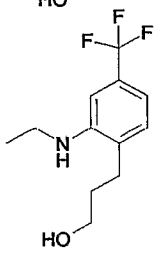
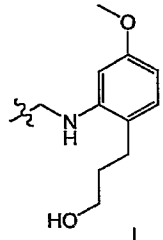
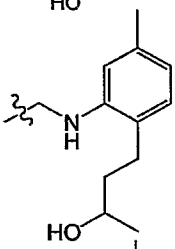
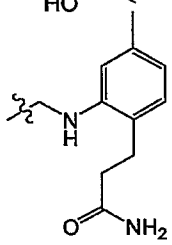
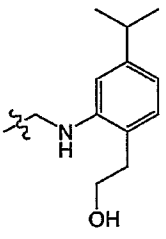
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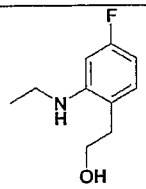
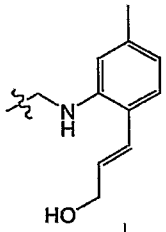
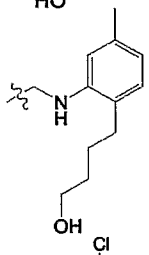
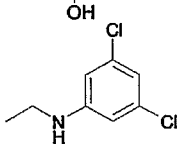
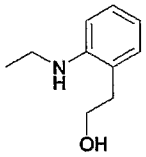
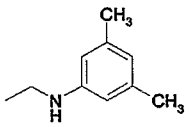
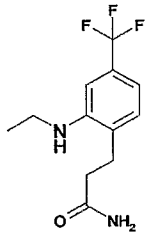
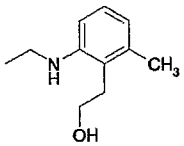
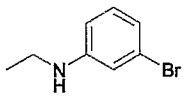
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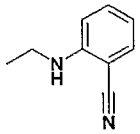
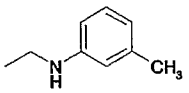
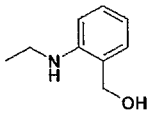
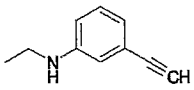
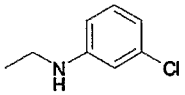
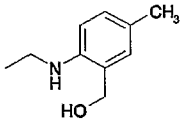
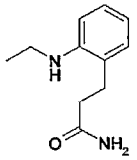
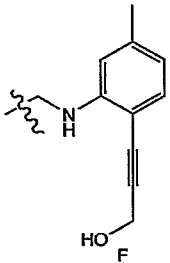
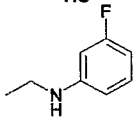
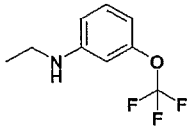
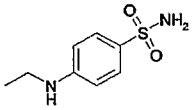
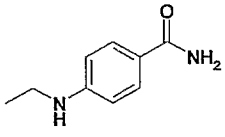


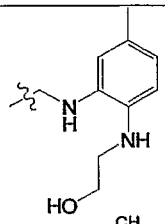
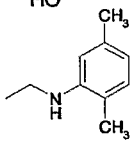
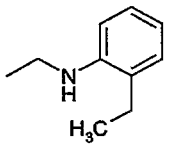
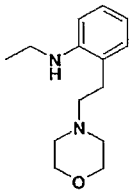
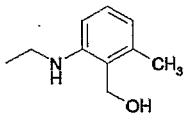
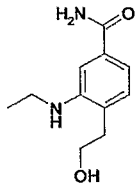
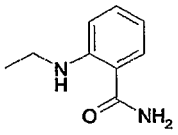
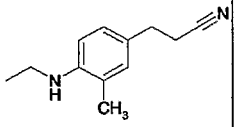
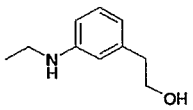
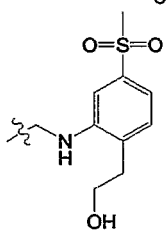
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2	H		10	623	210°C	K

Comp. No.	R^2a	R^3a	Activity	Mass (MH+)	Melting point/salt	Synthesis scheme
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4	H		9.9	579	205°C	K
5	H		9.8	561		K
6	H		> 9.6	557	202°C	K
7	H		9.6	545	199°C	K
8	H		9.6	555	178°C	K
9	H		9.6	561		K
10	H		9.6	555		K

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13	H		9.5	613	232°C	K
14	H		9.4	575	185°C	K
15	H		9.3	573	161°C	K
16	H		9.3	572	190°C	K
17	H		9.3	573		K

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20	H		9.2	573	189°C	K
21	H		9.1	539	206°C	J
22	H		9.1	531	140°C	K
23	H		9	515	199°C	J
24	H			626	185°C	K
25	H		8.9	545	208°C	K
26	H		8.7	565	205°C	K

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31	H		8.6	522	212°C	J
32	H		8.6	531	131°C	K
33	H		8.6	558	164°C	K
34	H		8.6	555	225°C	L
35	H		8.5	505	210°C	J
36	H		8.5	571	163°C	K
37	H		8.5	566	> 260°C	K
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43	H		8.2	531	231°C	K
44	H		8.1	574		K
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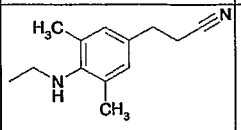
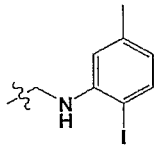
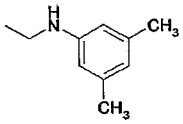
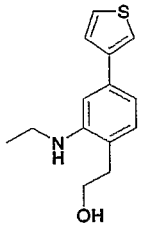
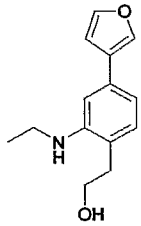
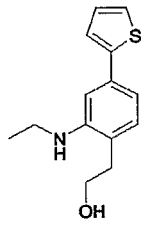
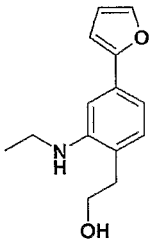
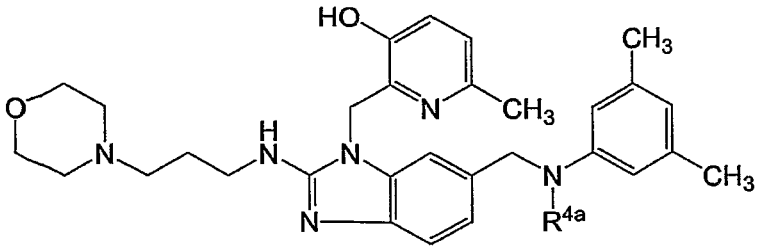
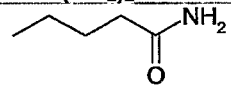
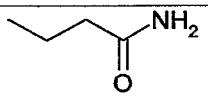
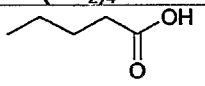
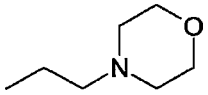
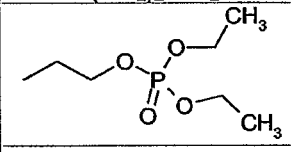
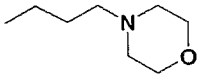
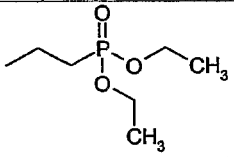
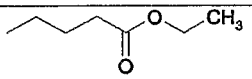
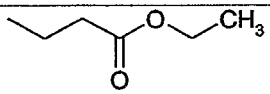
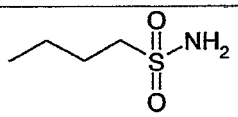
Comp. No.	R^2a	R^3a	Activity	Mass (MH+)	Melting point/salt	Synthesis scheme
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50	H		7.3	627	225°C	K
51		H	7.2	515	176°C	J
52	H	$-CH_2-OH$	7.2	412	192°C	A
53	$-CH_2-OH$	H	5.6	412	134°C	A
54	H			613	194°C	K
55	H			597	228°C	K
56	H			613	220°C	K
57	H			597	230°C	K

Table 2 : compounds prepared according to synthesis scheme N or O



Comp. No.	R^{4a}	Activity	Mass (MH+)	Melting point/salt
58	-$(CH_2)_2$-OH	9.4	559	180°C
59		9.6	600	170°C
60		9.5	586	138°C
61	-$(CH_2)_4$-OH	9.5	587	170°C
62		9.4	601	121°C
63	-$(CH_2)_3$-OH	9.3	573	137°C
64	-$(CH_2)_5$-OH	9.3	601	120°C
65		9	628	169°C
66	-$(CH_2)_2$-NH_2	8.9	558	196°C
67		8.8	695	152°C
68		8.7	642	169°C
69	-$(CH_2)_2$-COOH	8.7	587	128°C
70		8.6	679	175°C
71		8.6	629	130°C
72		8.5	615	136°C
73		9.6	636	136°C

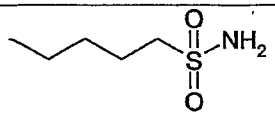
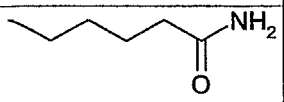
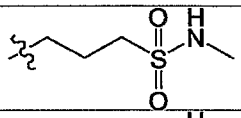
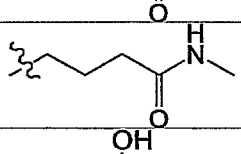
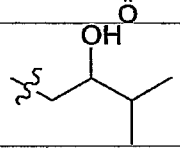
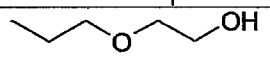
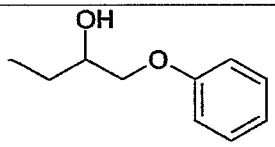
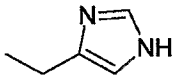
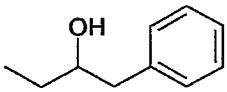
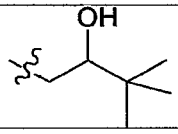
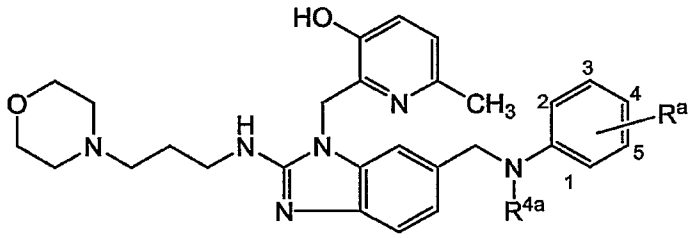
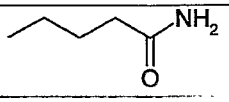
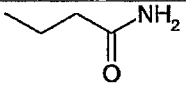
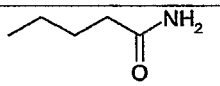
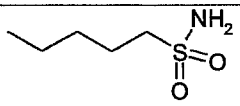
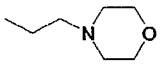
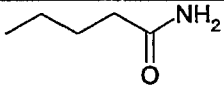
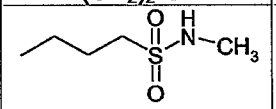
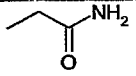
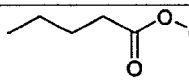
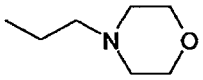
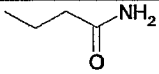
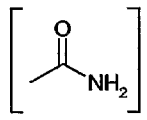
Comp. No.	R^{4a}	Activity	Mass (MH+)	Melting point/salt
74		9.5	650	105°C
75		9.5	614	190°C
76		9.4	650	120°C
77		9.4	614	150°C
78		9.2	601	205°C
79		9.1	603	152°C
80		9.1	665	120°C
81		8.9	595	135°C
82	$-(CH_2)_2-OCH_3$	8.6	573	215°C
83		8.6	649	168°C / HCl
84		8.5	615	230°C

Table 3 : compounds prepared according to synthesis scheme N or O



Comp. No.	R^{4a}	R^a	Activity	Mass (MH+)	Melting point/salt
85	$-(CH_2)_2-OH$	3-Br	9.3	609	210°C
86	$-(CH_2)_2-OH$	5-CH_3	9.3	545	205°C

Comp. No.	R^{4a}	R^{a}	Activity	Mass (MH+)	Melting point/salt
87		3-CH_3	9.2	586	139°C
88	-$(CH_2)_2$-OH	4-CN	9.1	556	195°C
89		3-CH_3	9	572	128°C
90		5-Br	9	650	180°C
91		5-CH_3	8.9	636	140°C
92	-$(CH_2)_4$-OH	3-CH_3	8.8	573	169°C
93	-$(CH_2)_3$-OH	3-CH_3	8.7	559	109°C
94		3-CH_3	8.6	614	153°C
95	-$(CH_2)_3$-OH	5-Br	8.6	623	120°C
96		4-CN	8.6	597	170°C
97	-$(CH_2)_2$-OH	H	8.5	531	190°C
98		5-CH_3	8.5	636	125°C
99	-$(CH_2)_2$-OH	3-[-C≡CH]	8.5	555	186°C
100	-$(CH_2)_2$-$N(CH_3)_2$	3-CH_3	8.4	572	172°C
101		2-[-$(CH_2)_2$-OH]	8.3	588	175°C
102		3-CH_3	8.3	601	150°C
103		6-[-$(CH_2)_2$-OH]	8.2	644	146°C
104		3-[-$(CH_2)_2$-OH]	8.2	602	124°C
105	-$(CH_2)_2$-OH	4-	8.2	574	130°C
106	phenyl	4-OH	8.1	579	175°C
107	-$(CH_2)_2$-OH	6-[-$(CH_2)_2$-OH]	8.1	575	165°C
108	H	6-[-CH_2-NH_2]	8	516	116°C
109	phenyl	3-OH	7.9	579	135°C
110	-$(CH_2)_2$-OH	6-CH_3	7.8	545	165°C

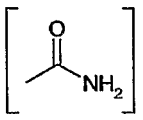
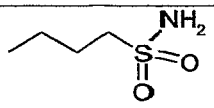
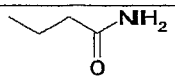
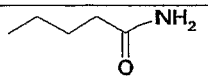
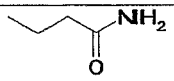
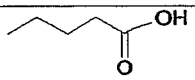
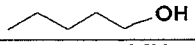
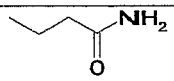
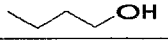
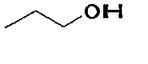
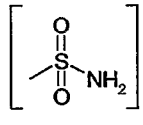
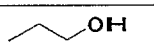
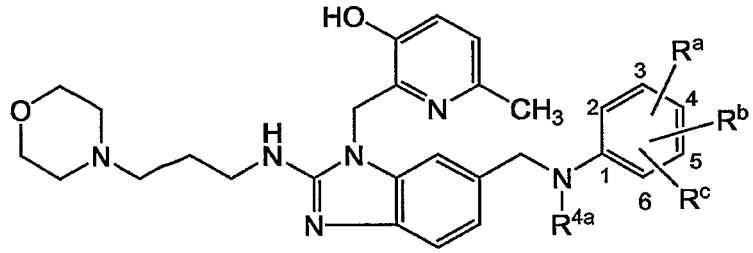
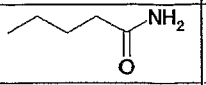
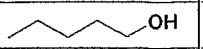
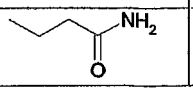
Comp. No.	R^{4a}	R^a	Activity	Mass (MH+)	Melting point/salt
111	$-(CH_2)_2-OH$	2- 	7.6	574	145°C
112		5-[-C≡CH]	9.5	632	142°C
113		5-Br	9.3	636	140°C
114		5-[-C≡CH]	9.3	596	162°C
115		5-[-C≡CH]	9.3	582	147°C
116		5-[-C≡CH]	8.7	597	134°C
117		5-Br	8.6	637	160°C
118		4-CN	8.6	583	195°C
119		4-CN	8.6	570	115°C
120		4- 	8.5	610	135°C
121		5-F	8.3	549	195°C
122	CH_3	6-[$-(CH_2)_2-OH$]	7.5	555	175°C

Table 4: compounds prepared according to synthesis scheme N or O



Comp No.	R^{4a}	R^a	R^b	R^c	Activity	Mass (MH+)	Melting point/salt
123		3-Cl	H	5-Cl	9.6	640	185°C
124		3-Cl	H	5-Cl	9.3	627	202°C
125		3-CH_3	H	6-CH_3	7.9	586	165°C

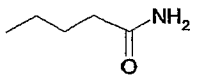
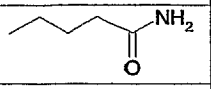
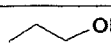
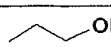
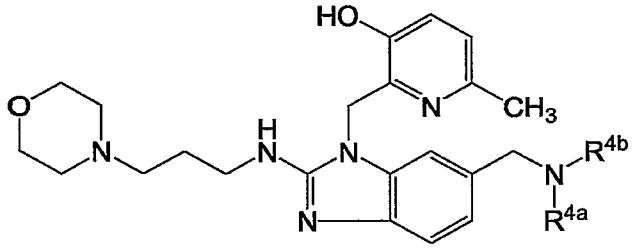
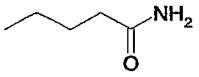
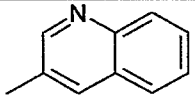
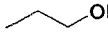
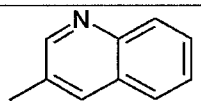
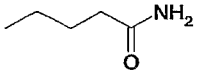
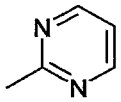
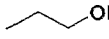
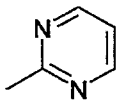
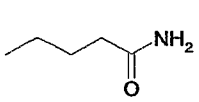
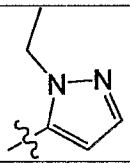
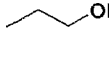
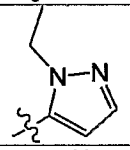
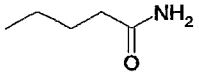
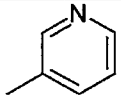
Comp No.	R^{4a}	R^a	R^b	R^c	Activity	Mass (MH+)	Melting point/salt
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127		2-CH_3	3-CH_3	5-CH_3	7.6	614	116°C
128		3-CH_3	H	6-CH_3	7.6	559	172°C
129		2-CH_3	H	5-$CH(CH_3)_2$	6.9	587	143°C
130		2-CH_3	3-CH_3	5-CH_3	6.9	573	199°C

Table 5: compounds prepared according to synthesis scheme N or O



Comp. No.	R4a	R4b	Activity	Mass (MH+)	Melting point/salt
131			9.3	623	168°C
132			8.2	582	175°C
133			8.1	574	215°C
134			7.9	533	150°C
135			7.8	590	129°C
136			7.5	549	105°C
137			7.3	573	185°C

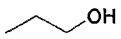
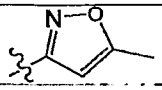
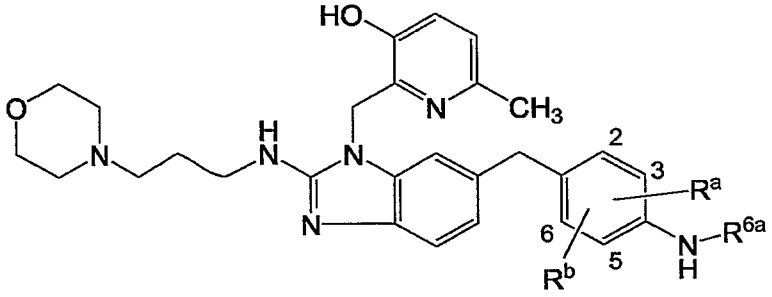
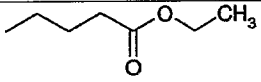
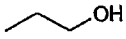
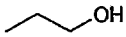
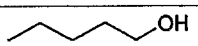
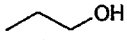
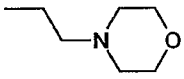
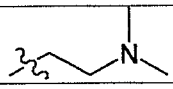
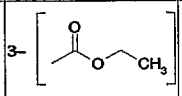
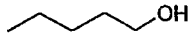
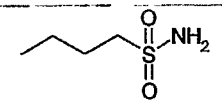
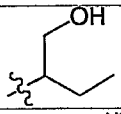
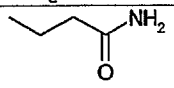
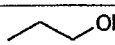
Comp. No.	R4a	R4b	Activity	Mass (MH+)	Melting point/salt
138			7.3	536	230°C

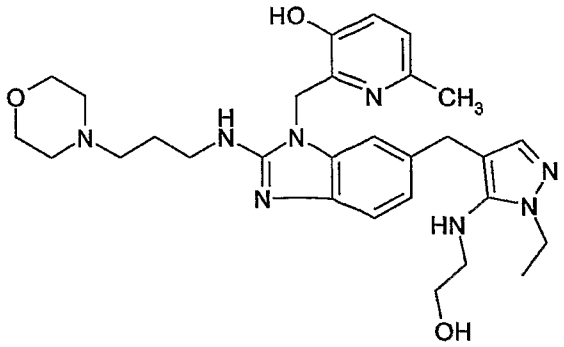
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Comp. No.	R^{6a}	R^a	R^b	Activity	Mass (MH+)	Melting point/salt
139		2-CH_3	6-CH_3	7.6	629	164°C
140		3-CH_3	H	8.1	545	190°C
141		3-OCH_3	H	8.1	561	170°C
142		6-CH_3	H	8.1	573	
143		2-CH_3	6-CH_3	8	559	162°C
144		2-CH_3	6-CH_3	7.9	628	158°C
145		2-CH_3	6-CH_3	7.9	586	140°C
146		3- 	H	7.9	603	150°C
147		2-CH_3	6-CH_3	7.8	587	156°C / HCl
148		2-CH_3	6-CH_3	8.4	636	171°C / HCl
149		2-CH_3	6-CH_3	7.9	187°C	187°C / HCl
150		3-CH_3	6-CH_3	7.9	586	175°C
151		3-CH_3	6-CH_3	7.7	559	210°C

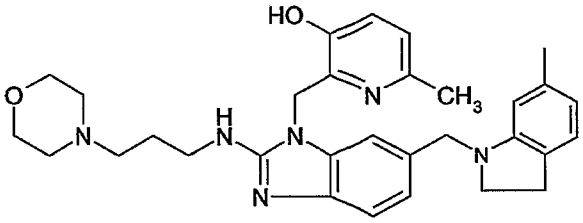
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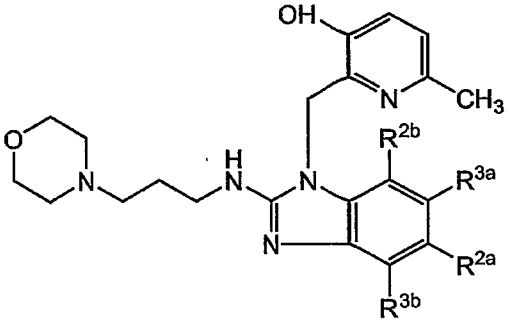
Comp. No.	Activity	Mass (MH+)	Melting point/salt
152	8.1	549	168°C

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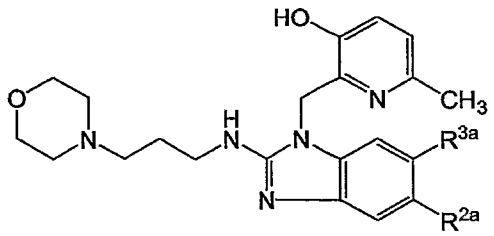
Comp. No.	Activity	Mass (MH+)	Melting point/salt
153	7.3	527	212°C

Table 7 : compounds prepared according to synthesis scheme P



Comp. No.	R^{3b}	R^{2a}	R^{3a}	R^{2b}	Activity	Mass (MH+)	Melting point/salt
154	$-CH_3$	H	$-CH_3$	H	6.9	410	228°C
155	H	H	H	H	6.8	382	203°C
156	H	$-CH_3$	H	$-CH_3$	4.9	410	234°C

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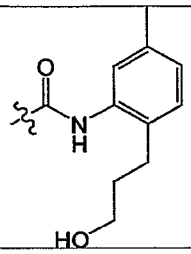
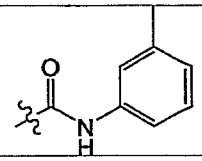
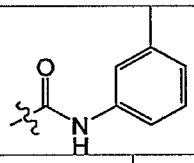
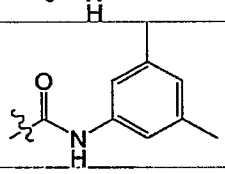
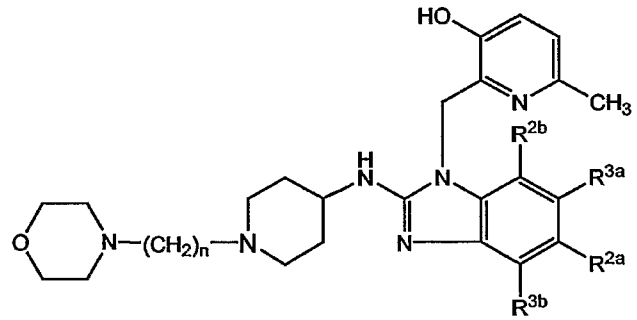
Comp. No.	R^{2a}	R^{3a}	Activity	Mass (MH+)	Melting point/salt
157	H		6.3	576	186°C
158		H	< 4	515	170°C
159	H		4.7	515	168°C
160	H		< 5	529	172°C

Table 9:



Comp. No.	n	R^{3b}	R^{2a}	R^{3a}	R^{2b}	Activity	Mass (MH+)	Melting point/salt	Synthesis scheme
161	3	$-CH_3$	H	$-CH_3$	H	8.6	493	223°C	R
162	2	$-CH_3$	H	$-CH_3$	H	7.9	479	226°C	Q

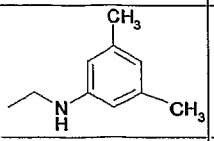
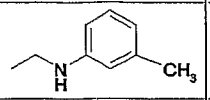
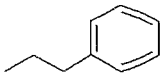
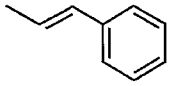
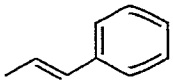
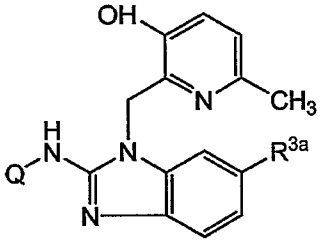
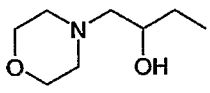
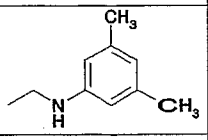
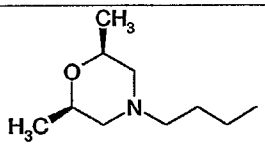
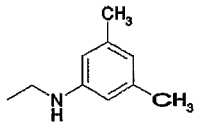
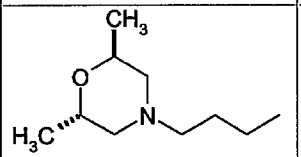
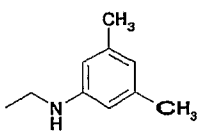
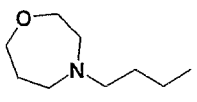
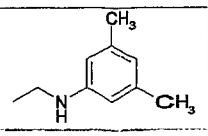
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164	2	H	H		H	7.5	570	130°C	S
165	2	H	H		H	6.9	555	159°C	T
166	2	$-CH_3$	H	H	H	6.8	465	238°C	Q
167	2	H		H	H	6.7	553	225°C	T
168	2	H	H	$-CH_2-OH$	H	6.5	481	147°C	S
169	2	H	H		H	6.2	553	224°C	T
170	2	H	$-CH_3$	H	$-CH_3$	6.1	479	237°C	Q

Table 10:



Comp. No.	Q	R^{3a}	Activity	Mass (MH+)	Melting point/salt	Synthesis scheme
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173			7.7	543	169°C	U
174			8.6	529	–	W

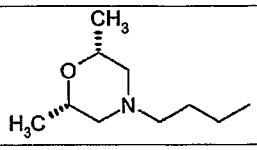
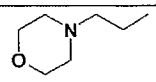
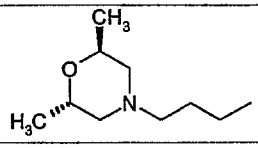
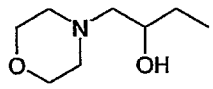
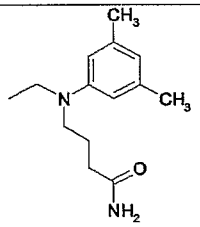
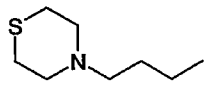
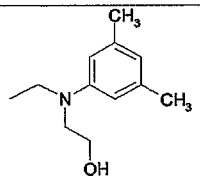
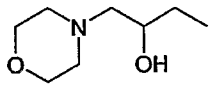
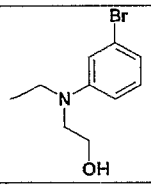
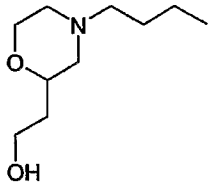
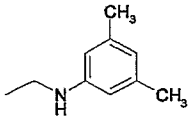
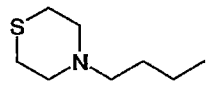
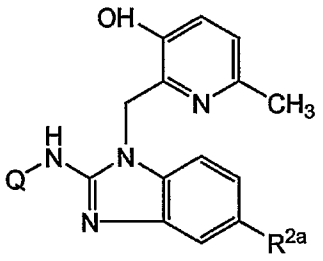
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177		$-CH_2-OH$	5.7	440	202°C	U
178			9.6	750	164°C / HCl	Z
179			9.6	561	210°C	N
180			9.3	625	156°C / HCl	Z
181			8.2	559	-	X
182		$-CH_2-OH$	7.1	428	212°C	A

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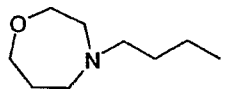
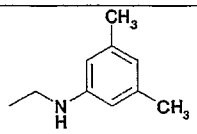
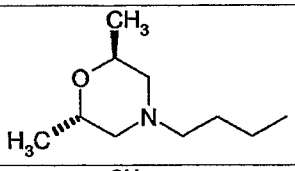
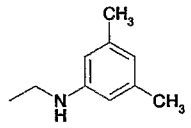
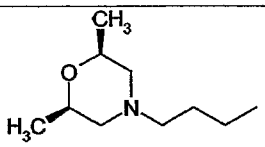
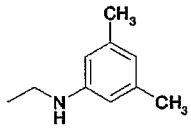
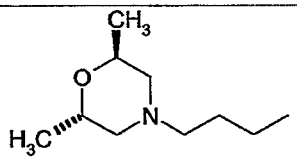
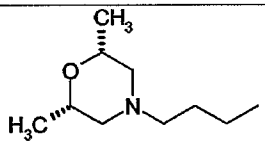
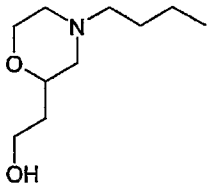
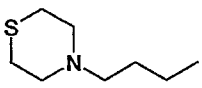
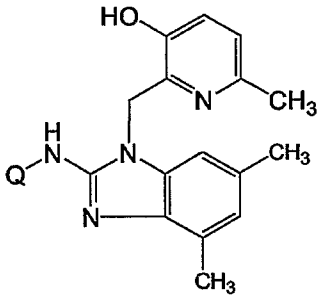
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186		-CH_2-OH	4.9	440	212	U
187		-CH_2-OH	< 4	440	227°C	U
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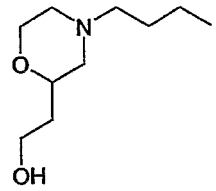
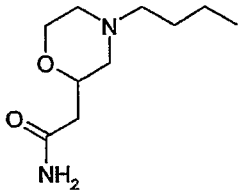
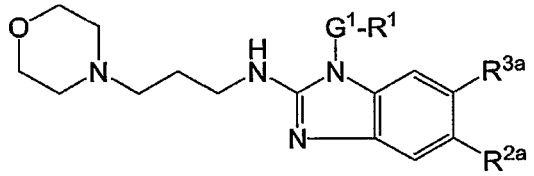
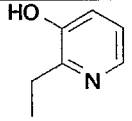
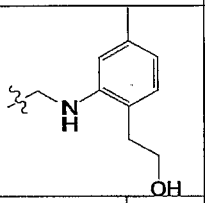
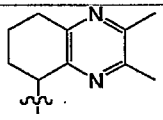
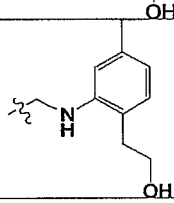
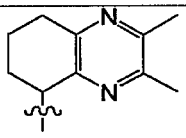
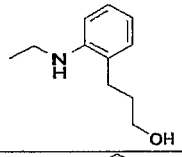
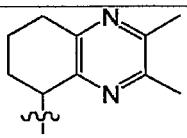
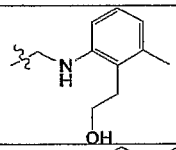
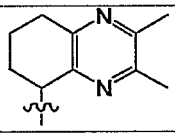
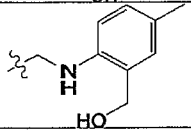
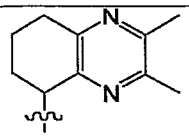
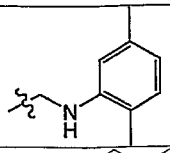
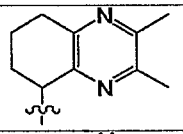
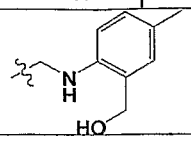
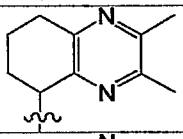
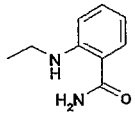
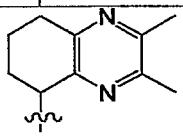
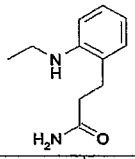
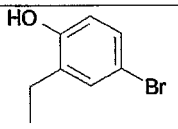
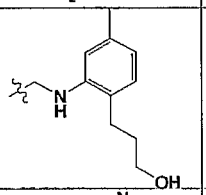
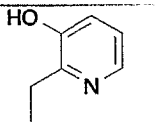
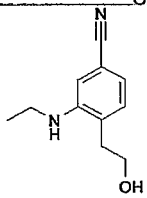
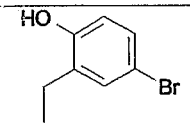
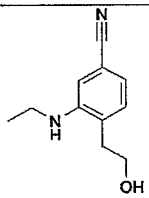
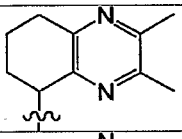
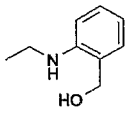
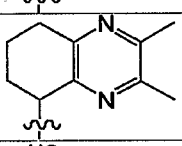
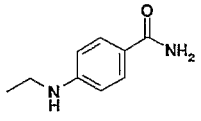
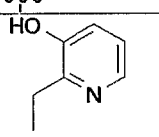
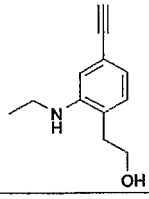
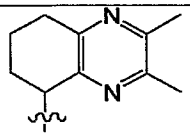
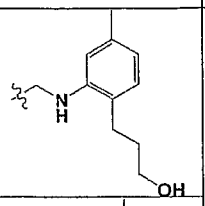
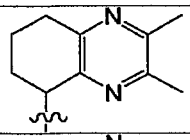
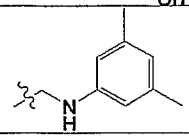
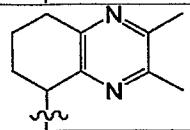
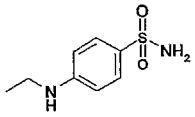
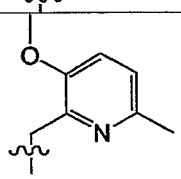
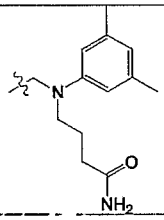
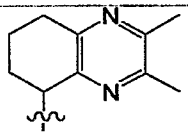
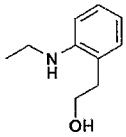
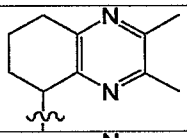
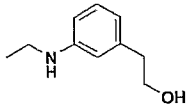
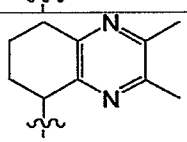
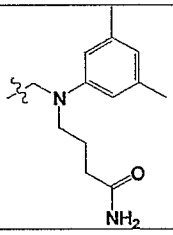
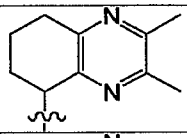
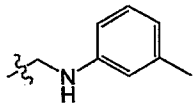
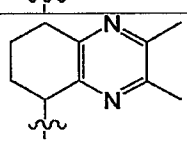
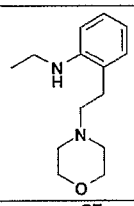
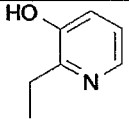
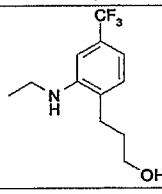
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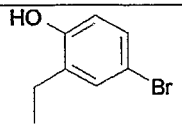
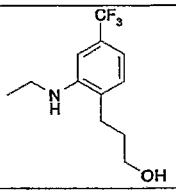
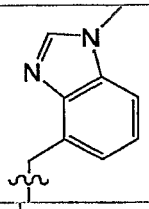
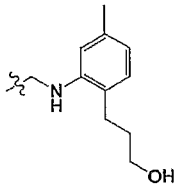
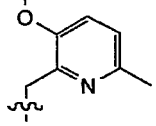
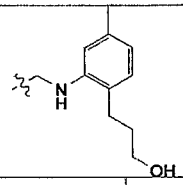
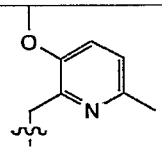
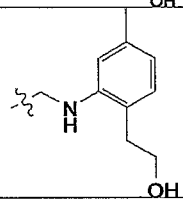
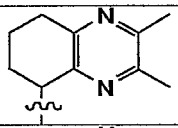
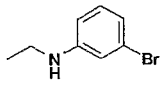
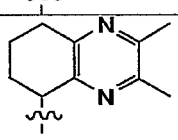
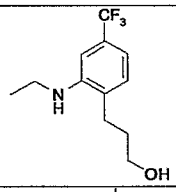
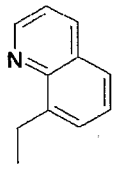
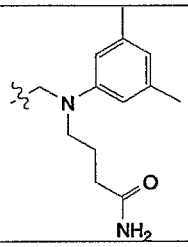
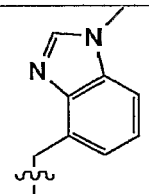
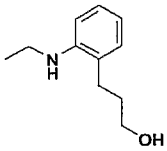
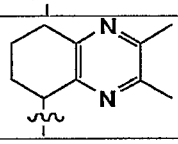
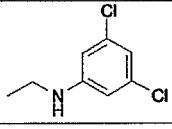
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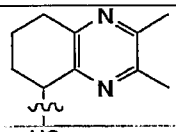
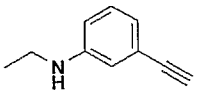
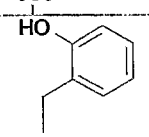
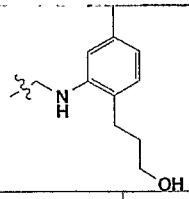
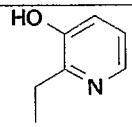
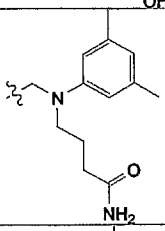
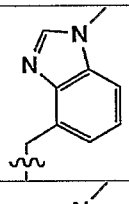
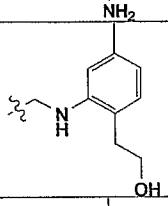
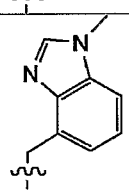
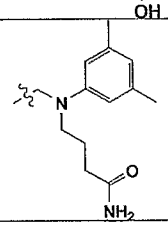
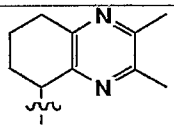
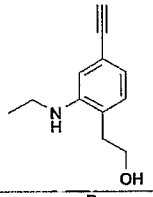
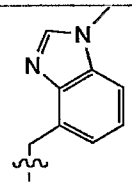
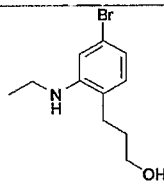
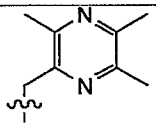
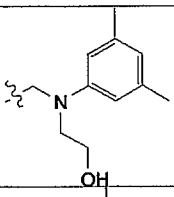
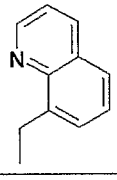
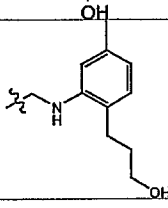


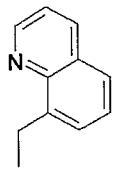
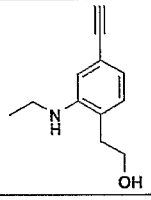
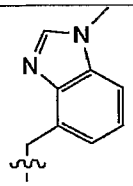
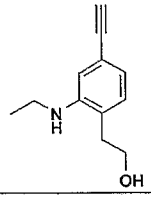
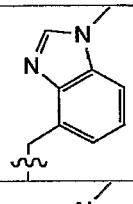
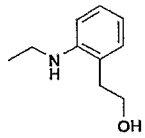
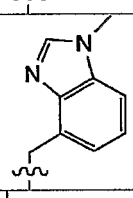
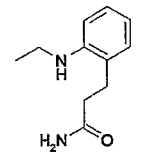
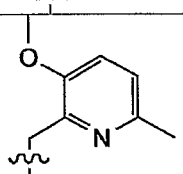
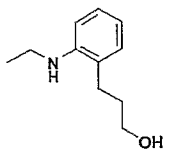
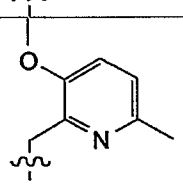
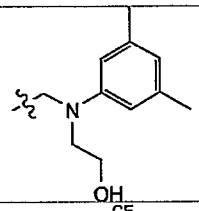
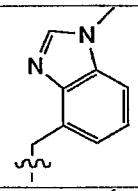
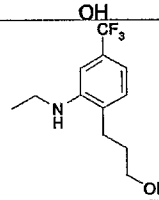
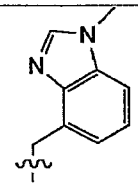
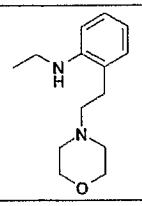
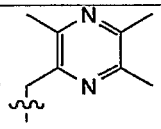
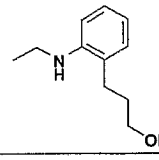
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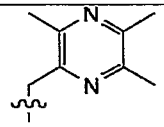
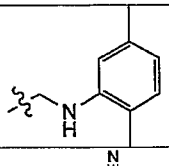
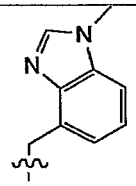
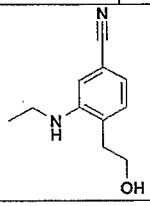
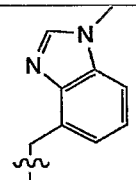
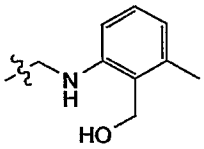
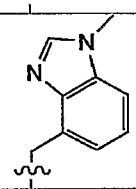
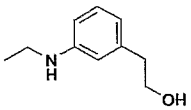
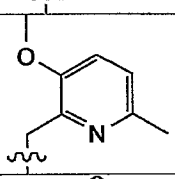
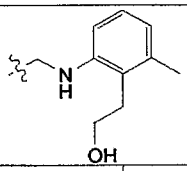
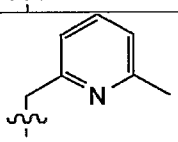
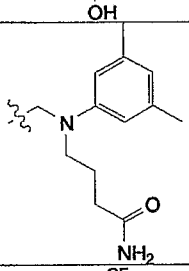
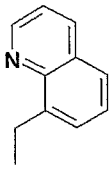
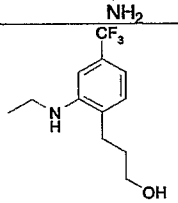
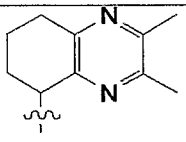
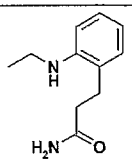
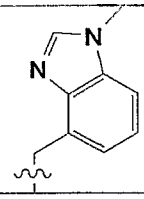
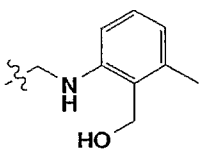
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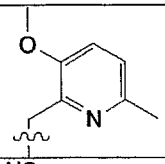
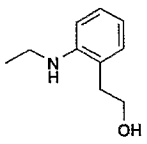
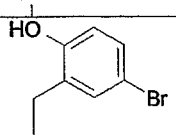
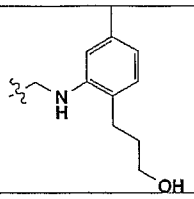
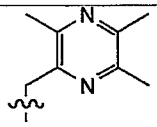
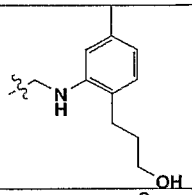
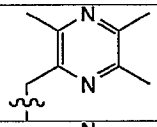
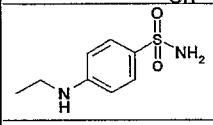
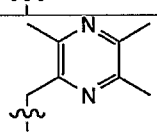
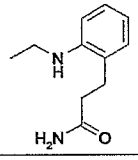
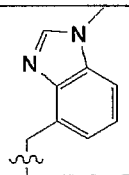
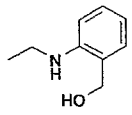
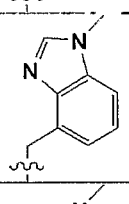
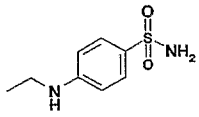
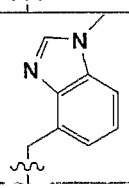
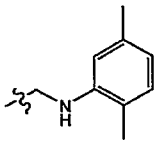
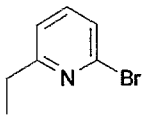
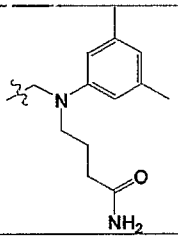
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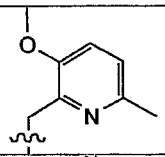
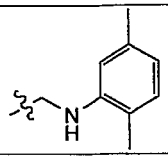
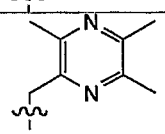
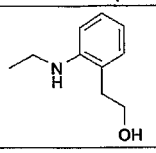
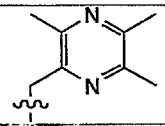
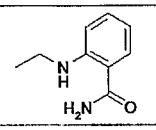
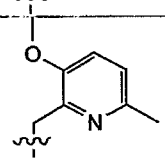
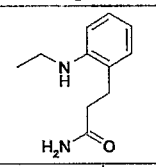
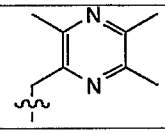
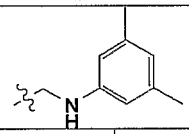
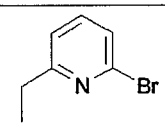
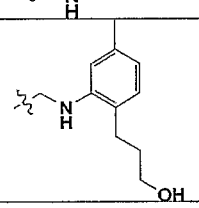
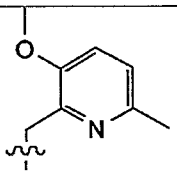
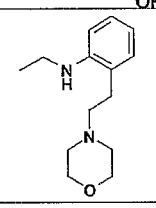
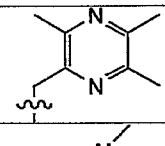
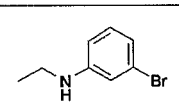
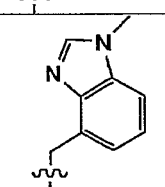
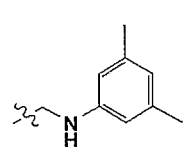
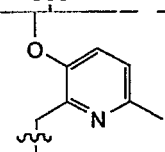
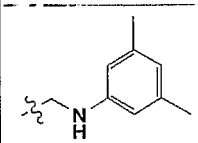
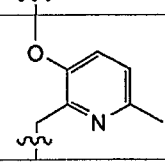
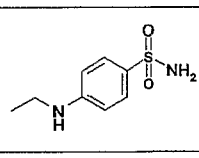
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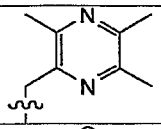
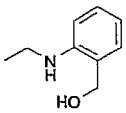
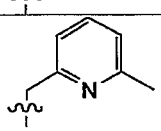
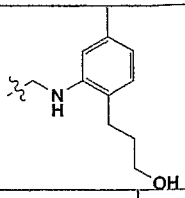
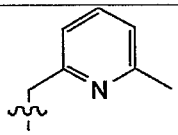
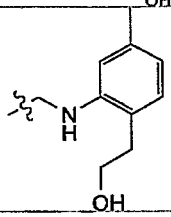
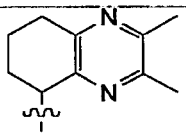
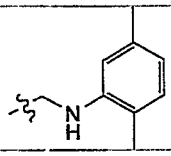
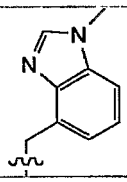
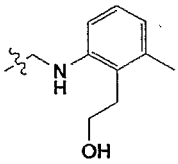
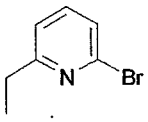
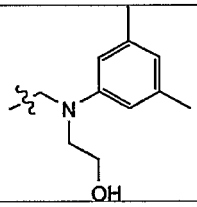
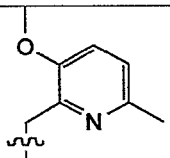
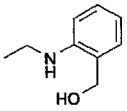
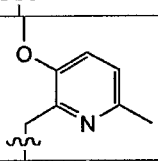
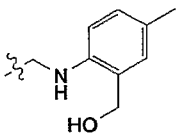
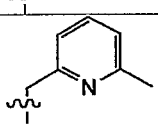
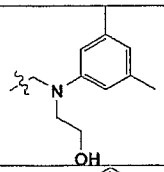
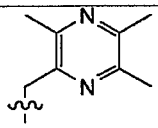
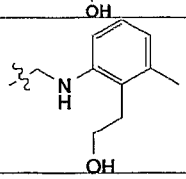
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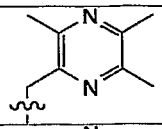
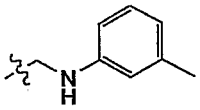
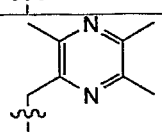
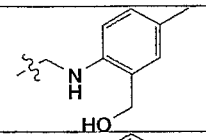
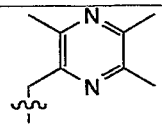
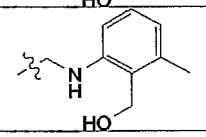
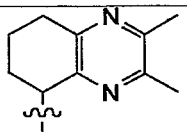
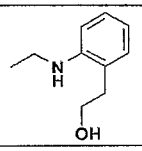
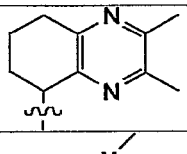
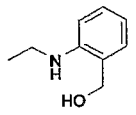
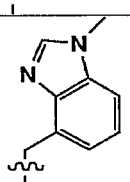
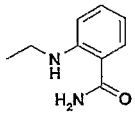
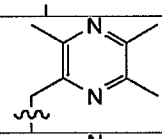
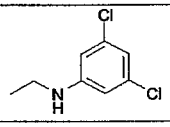
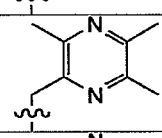
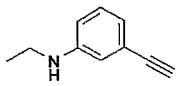
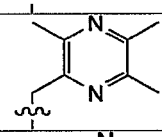
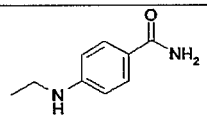
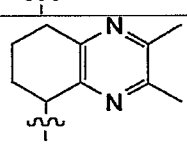
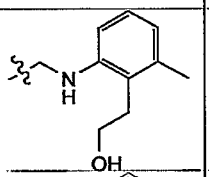
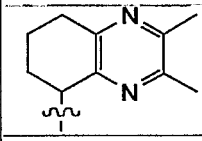
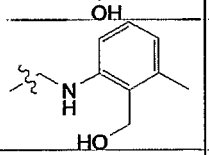
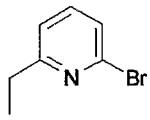
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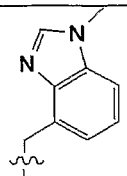
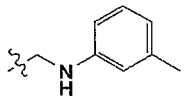
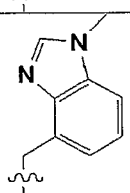
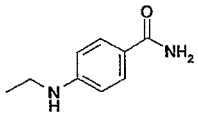
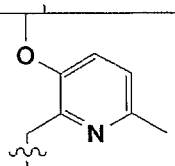
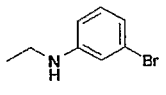
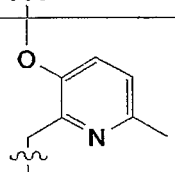
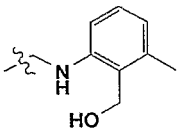
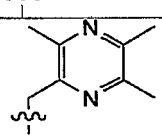
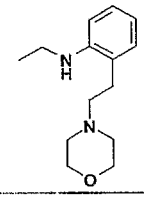
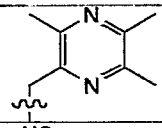
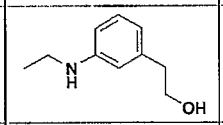
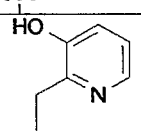
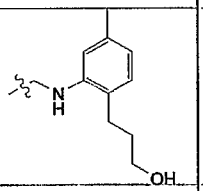
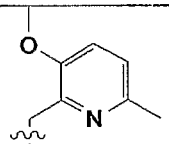
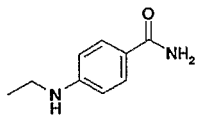
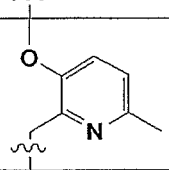
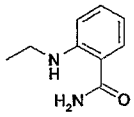
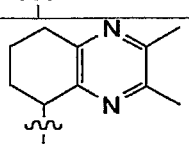
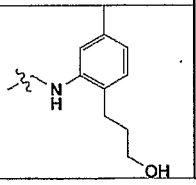
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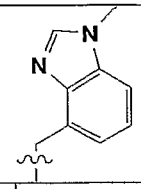
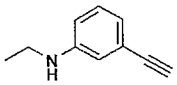
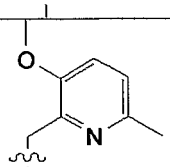
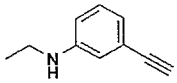
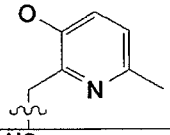
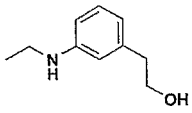
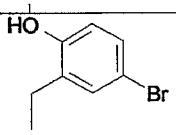
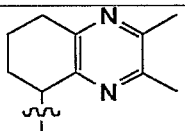
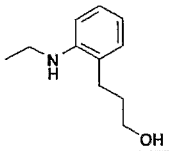
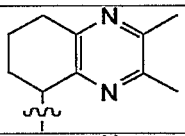
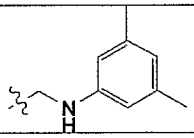
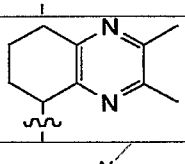
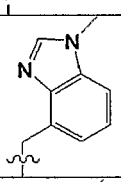
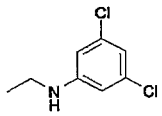
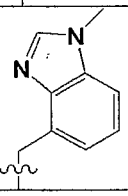
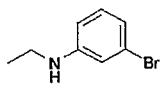
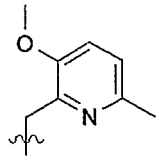
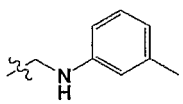
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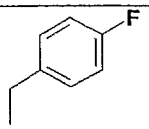
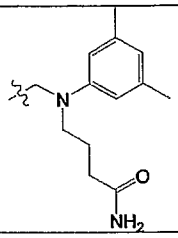
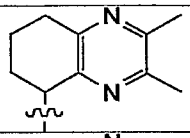
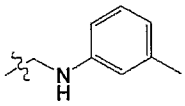
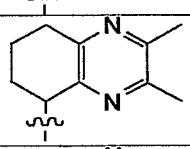
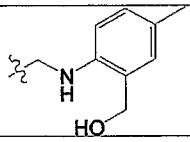
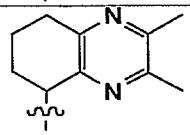
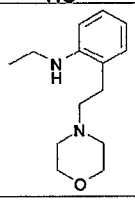
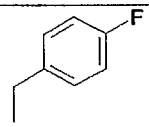
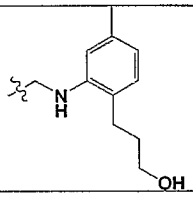
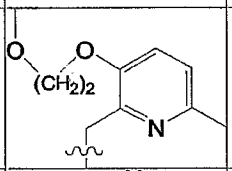
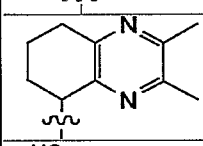
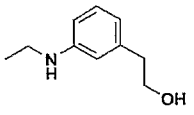
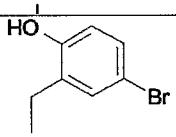
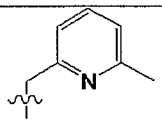
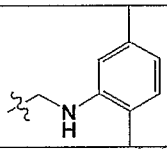
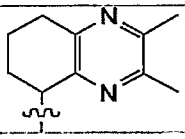
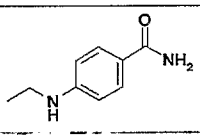
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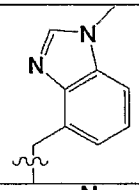
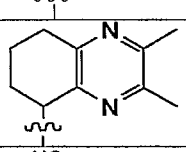
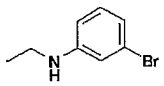
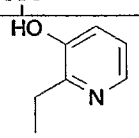
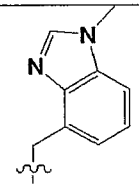
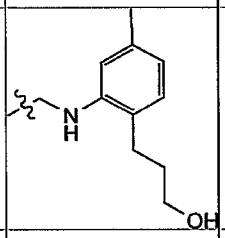
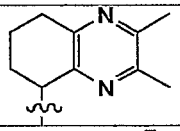
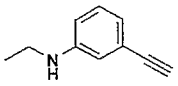
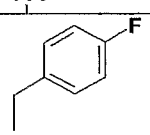
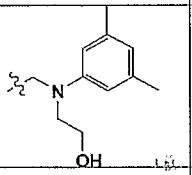
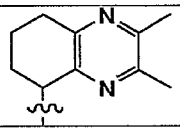
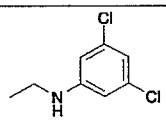
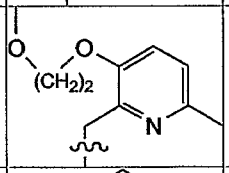
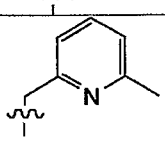
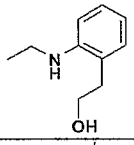
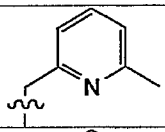
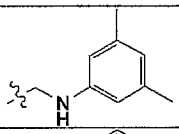
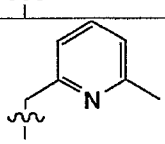
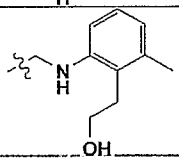
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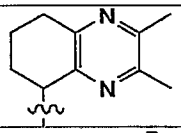
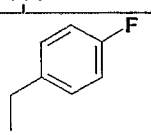
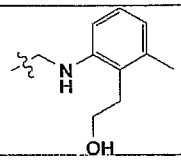
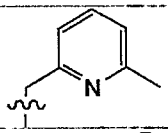
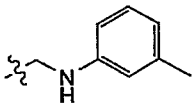
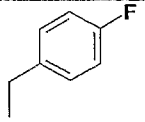
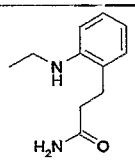
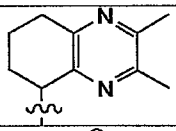
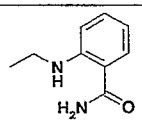
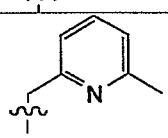
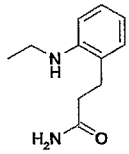
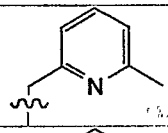
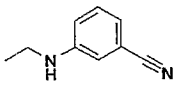
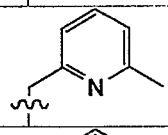
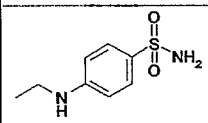
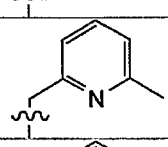
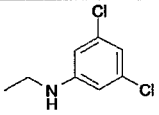
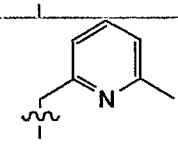
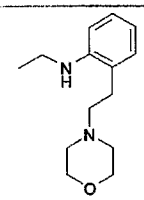
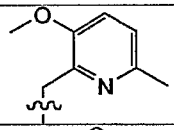
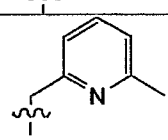
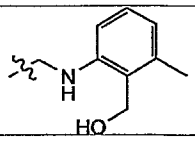
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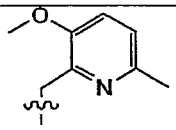
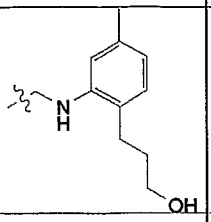
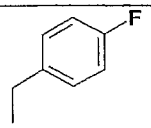
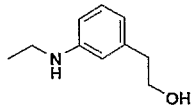
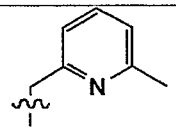
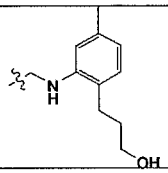
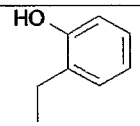
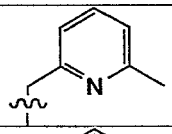
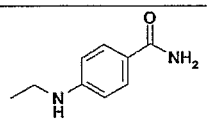
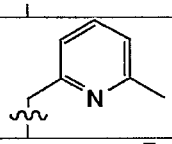
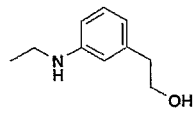
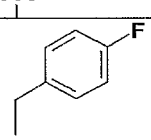
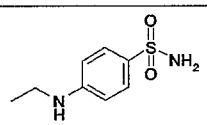
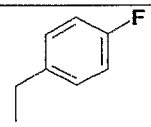
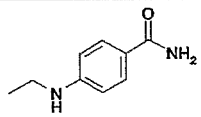
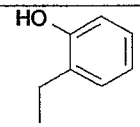
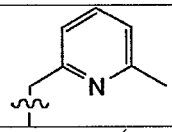
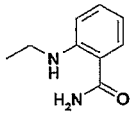
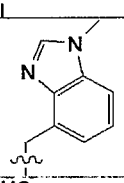
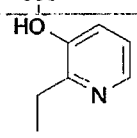
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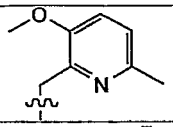
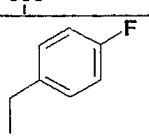
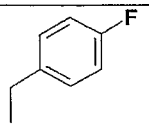
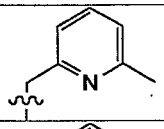
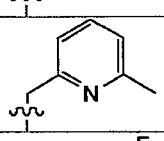
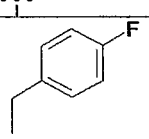
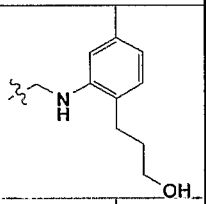
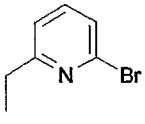
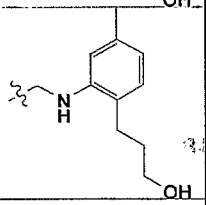
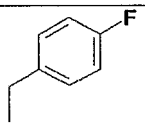
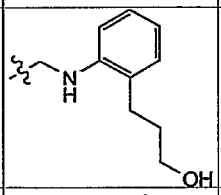
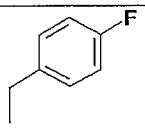
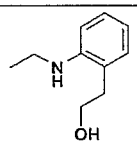
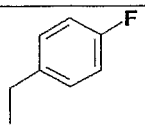
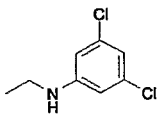
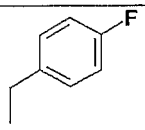
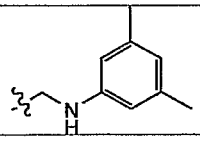
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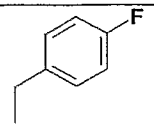
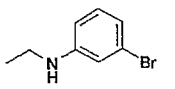
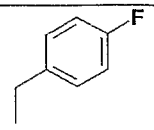
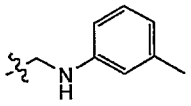
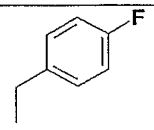
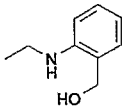
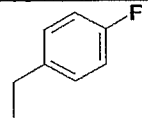
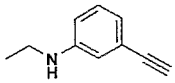
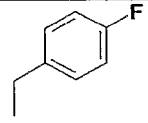
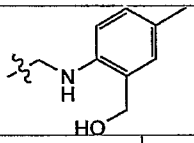
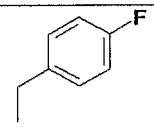
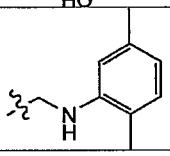
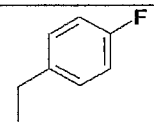
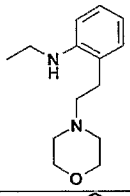
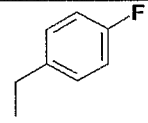
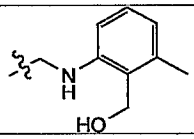
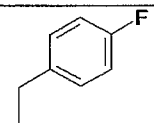
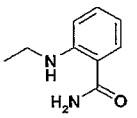
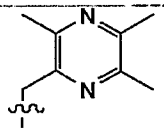
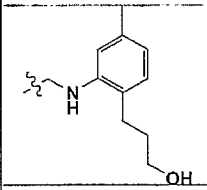
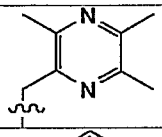
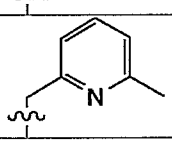
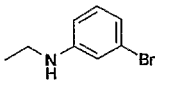
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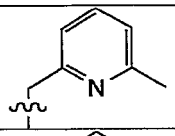
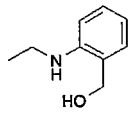
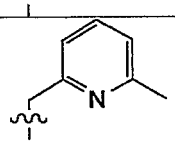
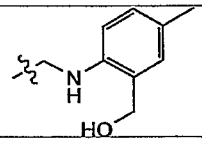
Comp. No.	G^1-R^1	R^{2a}	R^{3a}	Activity	Mass (MH+)	Melting point/salt	Synthesis scheme
325		H	CH_2OH	5.9	435	167°C	AI
326			H	5.9	603	-	AA
327		H	CH_2OH	5.8	398	254°C	AC
328			H	5.8	582	90°C	AI
329			H	5.8	550	-	AA
330		H		5.7	546	165°C	AH
331			H	5.7	594	-	AA
332		CH_2OH	H	5.5	484	138°C	AK
333		H		5.5	515	-	AG
334		H		5.5	499	-	AG
335		H		5.5	529	-	AG

Comp. No.	G^1-R^1	R^{2a}	R^{3a}	Activity	Mass (MH+)	Melting point/salt	Synthesis scheme
336		CH_2OH	H	5.4	451	202°C	AA
337		H		5.4	532	-	AG
338		H		5.4	485	-	AG
339		H		5.3	545	-	AG
340			H	5.3	569	-	AA
341		H		5.2	542	-	AG
342		H		5.1	496	-	AG
343		H		5.1	550	-	AG
344		H		5	539	-	AG
345		H		5	584	-	AG
346		H	CH_2OH	4.9	426	135°C	AK
347		H		4.9	515	-	AG

Comp. No.	G^1-R^1	R^{2a}	R^{3a}	Activity	Mass (MH+)	Melting point/salt	Synthesis scheme
348			H	4.8	573	128°C	AK
349		H		4.8	518	-	AG
350			H	4.7	543	146°C	AG
351		H	CH_2OH	4.7	397	126°C	AM
352		H		4.5	514	-	AG
353		H		4.5	515	-	AG
354		H		4.4	553	-	AG
355		H		4.4	517	-	AG
356		CH_2OH	H	4.4	397	122°C	AM
357		H		4.3	514	-	AG
358		CH_2OH	H	4.1	435	173°C	AI
359		CH_2OH	H	< 4	398	242°C	AC

Comp. No.	G^1-R^1	R^{2a}	R^{3a}	Activity	Mass (MH+)	Melting point/salt	Synthesis scheme
360		CH_2OH	H	< 4	426	138°C	AK
361		H	CH_2OH	< 4	399	-	AG
362		CH_2OH	H	< 4	399	-	AG
363		H	CH_2OH	< 4	396	-	AG
364		CH_2OH	H	< 4	396	124°C	AG
365			H	< 4	546	60°C	AG
366			H	< 4	607	73°C	AG
367		H		< 4	532	-	AG
368		H		< 4	518	-	AG
369		H		< 4	542	-	AG
370		H		< 4	502	-	AG

Comp. No.	G^1-R^1	R^{2a}	R^{3a}	Activity	Mass (MH+)	Melting point/salt	Synthesis scheme
371		H		< 4	552	-	AG
372		H		< 4	488	-	AG
373		H		< 4	504	-	AG
374		H		< 4	498	-	AG
375		H		< 4	518	-	AG
376		H		< 4	502	-	AG
377		H		< 4	587	-	AG
378		H		< 4	518	-	AG
379		H		< 4	517	-	AG
380			H	< 4	572	145°C	AE
381		CH_2OH	H	< 4	425	100°C	AE
382		H		< 4	549	-	AG

Comp. No.	G^1-R^1	R^{2a}	R^{3a}	Activity	Mass (MH+)	Melting point/salt	Synthesis scheme
383		H		< 4	501	-	AG
384		H		< 4	515	-	AG

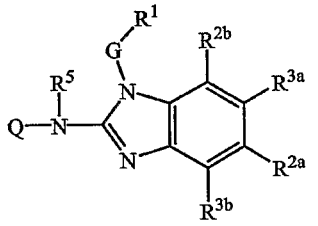
Example 42: *In vitro screening for activity against Respiratory Syncytial Virus.*
The percent protection against cytopathology caused by viruses (antiviral activity or EC_{50}) achieved by tested compounds and their cytotoxicity (CC_{50}) are both calculated from dose-response curves. The selectivity of the antiviral effect is represented by the selectivity index (SI), calculated by dividing the CC_{50} (cytotoxic dose for 50% of the cells) by the EC_{50} (antiviral activity for 50 % of the cells). The tables in the above experimental part list the category to which each of the prepared compounds belongs: Compounds belonging to activity category "A" have an pEC_{50} (-log of EC_{50} when expressed in molar units) equal to or more than 7. Compounds belonging to activity category "B" have a pEC50 value between 6 and 7. Compounds belonging to activity category "C" have a pEC50 value equal to or below 6.

Automated tetrazolium-based colorimetric assays were used for determination of EC_{50} and CC_{50} of test compounds. Flat-bottom, 96-well plastic microtiter trays were filled with 180 µl of Eagle's Basal Medium, supplemented with 5 % FCS (0% for FLU) and 20 mM Hepes buffer. Subsequently, stock solutions (7.8 x final test concentration) of compounds were added in 45 µl volumes to a series of triplicate wells so as to allow simultaneous evaluation of their effects on virus- and mock-infected cells. Five five-fold dilutions were made directly in the microtiter trays using a robot system. Untreated virus controls, and HeLa cell controls were included in each test. Approximately 100 $TCID_{50}$ of Respiratory Syncytial Virus was added to two of the three rows in a volume of 50 µl. The same volume of medium was added to the third row to measure the cytotoxicity of the compounds at the same concentrations as those used to measure the antiviral activity. After two hours of incubation, a suspension (4 x 10^5 cells/ml) of HeLa cells was added to all wells in a volume of 50µl. The cultures were incubated at 37°C in a 5% CO_2 atmosphere. Seven days after infection the cytotoxicity and the antiviral activity was examined spectrophotometrically. To each well of the microtiter tray, 25 µl of a solution of MTT (3-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-2,5-diphenyltetrazolium bromide) was added . The trays were further incubated at 37°C for 2 hours, after which the medium was removed from each cup. Solubilization of the formazan crystals was

achieved by adding 100 µl 2-propanol. Complete dissolution of the formazan crystals were obtained after the trays have been placed on a plate shaker for 10 min. Finally, the absorbances were read in an eight-channel computer-controlled photometer (Multiskan MCC, Flow Laboratories) at two wavelengths (540 and 690 nm). The absorbance measured at 690 nm was automatically subtracted from the absorbance at 540 nm, so as to eliminate the effects of non-specific absorption.

Claims

1. A compound having the formula

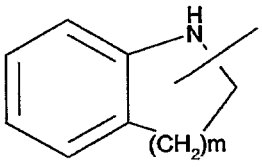


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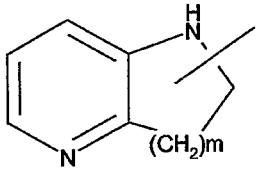
a prodrug, *N*-oxide, addition salt, quaternary amine, metal complex, or a stereochemically isomeric form thereof; wherein

G is a direct bond or C_{1-10}alkanediyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents individually selected from the group of substituents consisting of hydroxy, C_{1-6}alkyloxy, Ar^1C_{1-6}alkyloxy, C_{1-6}alkylthio, Ar^1C_{1-6}alkylthio, $HO(-CH_2-CH_2-O)_n-$, C_{1-6}alkyloxy$(-CH_2-CH_2-O)_n-$ or Ar^1C_{1-6}alkyloxy$(-CH_2-CH_2-O)_n-$;

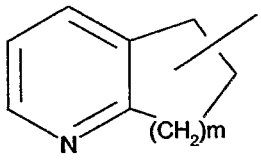
R^1 is Ar^1 or a monocyclic or bicyclic heterocycle being selected from piperidinyl, piperazinyl, pyridyl, pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl, pyrimidinyl, furanyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, thienyl, pyrrolyl, thiazolyl, oxazolyl, imidazolyl, isothiazolyl, pyrazolyl, isoxazolyl, oxadiazolyl, quinolinyl, quinoxalinyl, benzofuranyl, benzothienyl, benzimidazolyl, benzoxazolyl, benzthiazolyl, pyridopyridyl, naphthiridinyl, 1*H*-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridinyl, 3*H*-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridinyl, imidazo[1,2-a]-pyridinyl, 2,3-dihydro-1,4-dioxino[2,3-b]pyridyl or a radical of formula



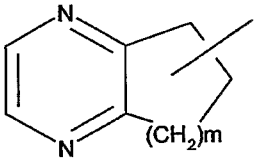
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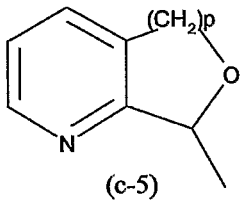
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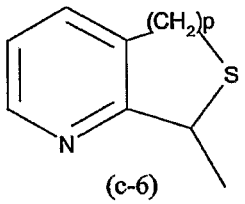
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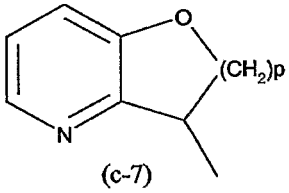
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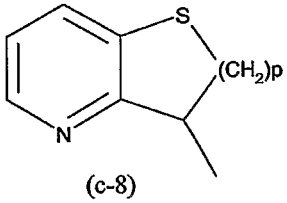
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wherein each of said monocyclic or bicyclic heterocycles may optionally be substituted with 1 or where possible more, such as 2, 3, 4 or 5, substituents individually selected from the group of substituents consisting of halo, hydroxy, amino, cyano, carboxyl, C_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkyloxy, C_{1-6}alkylthio, C_{1-6}alkyloxyC_{1-6}alkyl, Ar^1, Ar^1C_{1-6}alkyl, Ar^1C_{1-6}alkyloxy, hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl, mono-or di(C_{1-6}alkyl)amino, mono-or di(C_{1-6}alkyl)aminoC_{1-6}alkyl, polyhaloC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkylcarbonylamino, C_{1-6}alkyl-SO_2-NR^{5c}-, Ar^1-SO_2-NR^{5c}-, C_{1-6}alkyloxycarbonyl, -C(=O)-$NR^{5c}R^{5d}$, HO(-CH_2-CH_2-O)$_n$-, halo(-CH_2-CH_2-O)$_n$-, C_{1-6}alkyloxy(-CH_2-CH_2-O)$_n$-, Ar^1C_{1-6}alkyloxy(-CH_2-CH_2-O)$_n$- and mono-or di(C_{1-6}alkyl)amino(-CH_2-CH_2-O)$_n$-;

each n independently is 1, 2, 3 or 4;

each m independently is 1 or 2;

each p independently is 1 or 2;

each t independently is 0, 1 or 2;

Q is R^7, pyrrolidinyl substituted with R^7, piperidinyl substituted with R^7 or homo-piperidinyl substituted with R^7 wherein

R^7 is C_{1-6}alkyl substituted with a heterocycle or R^7 is C_{1-6}alkyl substituted with both a radical –OR^8 and a heterocycle, wherein said heterocycle is selected from the group consisting of oxazolidine, thiazolidine, 1-oxo-thiazolidine, 1,1-dioxothiazolidine, morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl, 1-oxo-thiomorpholinyl, 1,1-dioxothiomorpholinyl, hexahydrooxazepine, hexahydrothiazepine, 1-oxo-hexahydrothiazepine, 1,1-dioxo-hexahydrothiazepine; wherein each of said heterocyle may be optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of C_{1-6}alkyl, hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl, aminocarbonylC_{1-6}alkyl, hydroxy, carboxyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminocarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonylamino, aminosulfonyl and mono- or di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminosulfonyl;

R^8 is hydrogen, C_{1-6}alkyl or Ar^1C_{1-6}alkyl;

one of R^{2a} and R^{3a} is selected from halo, optionally mono- or polysubstituted C_{1-6}alkyl, optionally mono- or polysubstituted C_{2-6}alkenyl, nitro, hydroxy, Ar^2, $N(R^{4a}R^{4b})$, $N(R^{4a}R^{4b})$sulfonyl, $N(R^{4a}R^{4b})$carbonyl, C_{1-6}alkyloxy, Ar^2oxy, Ar^2C_{1-6}alkyloxy, carboxyl, C_{1-6}alkyloxycarbonyl, or -C(=Z)Ar^2; and the other one of R^{2a} and R^{3a} is hydrogen;

wherein

- =Z is =O, =CH-C(=O)-$NR^{5a}R^{5b}$, =CH_2, =CH-C_{1-6}alkyl, =N-OH or =N-O-C_{1-6}alkyl; and
- the optional substituents on C_{1-6}alkyl and C_{2-6}alkenyl can be the same or can be different relative to one another, and are each independently selected from the group of substituents consisting of hydroxy, cyano, halo, nitro, $N(R^{4a}R^{4b})$, $N(R^{4a}R^{4b})$sulfonyl, Het, Ar^2, C_{1-6}alkyloxy, C_{1-6}alkyl-S(=O)$_t$, Ar^2oxy,

Ar^2-S(=O)$_t$, Ar^2C_{1-6}alkyloxy, Ar^2C_{1-6}alkyl-S(=O)$_t$, Het-oxy, Het-S(=O)$_t$, HetC_{1-6}alkyloxy, HetC_{1-6}alkyl-S(=O)$_t$, carboxyl, C_{1-6}alkyloxycarbonyl and -C(=Z)Ar^2;

in case R^{2a} is different from hydrogen then R^{2b} is hydrogen, C_{1-6}alkyl or halogen and R^{3b} is hydrogen;

in case R^{3a} is different from hydrogen then R^{3b} is hydrogen, C_{1-6}alkyl or halogen and R^{2b} is hydrogen;

R^{4a} and R^{4b} can be the same or can be different relative to one another, and are each independently selected from the group of substituents consisting of hydrogen, C_{1-6}alkyl, Ar^2C_{1-6}alkyl, (Ar^2)(hydroxy)C_{1-6}alkyl, Het-C_{1-6}alkyl, hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl, mono- and di-(C_{1-6}alkyloxy)C_{1-6}alkyl, (hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl)oxyC_{1-6}alkyl, Ar^1C_{1-6}alkyloxy-C_{1-6}alkyl, dihydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl, (C_{1-6}alkyloxy)(hydroxy)C_{1-6}alkyl, (Ar^1C_{1-6}alkyloxy)(hydroxy)C_{1-6}alkyl, Ar^1oxy-C_{1-6}alkyl, (Ar^1oxy)(hydroxy)-C_{1-6}alkyl, aminoC_{1-6}alkyl, mono- and di(C_{1-6}alkyl)amino-C_{1-6}alkyl, carboxylC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkyloxycarbonylC_{1-6}alkyl, aminocarbonylC_{1-6}alkyl, mono- and di(C_{1-6}alkyl)aminocarbonylC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkylcarbonylC_{1-6}alkyl, (C_{1-4}alkyl-oxy)$_2$P(=O)-C_{1-6}alkyl, (C_{1-4}alkyloxy)$_2$P(=O)-O-C_{1-6}alkyl, aminosulfonyl-C_{1-6}alkyl, mono- and di(C_{1-6}alkyl)aminosulfonyl-C_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl, Ar^2carbonyl, Het-carbonyl, Ar^2C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl, Het-C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-6}alkylsulfonyl, aminosulfonyl, mono- and di(C_{1-6}alkyl)aminosulfonyl, Ar^2sulfonyl, Ar^2C_{1-6}alkylsulfonyl, Ar^2, Het, Het-sulfonyl, HetC_{1-6}alkylsulfonyl;

R^5 is hydrogen or C_{1-6}alkyl;

R^{5a} and R^{5b} can be the same or can be different relative to one another, and are each independently hydrogen or C_{1-6}alkyl; or

R^{5a} and R^{5b} taken together may form a bivalent radical of formula -(CH_2)$_s$- wherein s is 4 or 5;

R^{5c} and R^{5d} can be the same or can be different relative to one another, and are each independently hydrogen or C_{1-6}alkyl; or

R^{5c} and R^{5d} taken together may form a bivalent radical of formula -(CH_2)$_s$- wherein s is 4 or 5;

Ar^1 is phenyl or phenyl substituted with 1 or more, such as 2, 3 or 4, substituents selected from halo, hydroxy, C_{1-6}alkyl, hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl, polyhaloC_{1-6}alkyl, and C_{1-6}alkyloxy;

Ar^2 is phenyl, phenyl annelated with C_{5-7}cycloalkyl, or phenyl substituted with 1 or more, such as 2, 3, 4 or 5, substituents selected from halo, cyano, C_{1-6}alkyl, Het-C_{1-6}alkyl, Ar^1-C_{1-6}alkyl, cyanoC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{2-6}alkenyl, cyanoC_{2-6}alkenyl, R^{6b}-O-C_{3-6}alkenyl, C_{2-6}alkynyl, cyanoC_{2-6}alkynyl, R^{6b}-O-C_{3-6}alkynyl, Ar^1, Het, R^{6b}-O-, R^{6b}-S-, R^{6c}-SO-, R^{6c}-SO_2-, R^{6b}-O-C_{1-6}alkyl-SO_2-, -N($R^{6a}R^{6b}$), polyhalo-

C_{1-6}alkyl, polyhaloC_{1-6}alkyloxy, polyhaloC_{1-6}alkylthio, R^{6c}-C(=O)-, R^{6b}-O-C(=O)-, N($R^{6a}R^{6b}$)-C(=O)-, R^{6b}-O-C_{1-10}alkyl, R^{6b}-S-C_{1-6}alkyl, R^{6c}-S(=O)$_2$-C_{1-6}alkyl, N($R^{6a}R^{6b}$)-C_{1-6}alkyl, R^{6c}-C(=O)-C_{1-6}alkyl, R^{6b}-O-C(=O)-C_{1-6}alkyl, N($R^{6a}R^{6b}$)-C(=O)-C_{1-6}alkyl, R^{6c}-C(=O)-NR^{6b}-, R^{6c}-C(=O)-O-, R^{6c}-C(=O)-NR^{6b}-C_{1-6}alkyl, R^{6c}-C(=O)-O-C_{1-6}alkyl, N($R^{6a}R^{6b}$)-S(=O)$_2$-, H_2N-C(=NH)-;

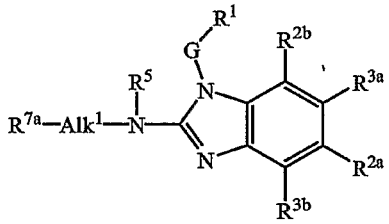
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R^{6b} is hydrogen, C_{1-6}alkyl, Ar^1 or Ar^1C_{1-6}alkyl;

R^{6c} is C_{1-6}alkyl, Ar^1 or Ar^1C_{1-6}alkyl;

Het is a heterocycle being selected from tetrahydrofuranyl, tetrahydrothienyl, pyrrolidinyl, pyrrolidinonyl, furanyl, thienyl, pyrrolyl, thiazolyl, oxazolyl, imidazolyl, isothiazolyl, pyrazolyl, isoxazolyl, oxadiazolyl, thiadiazolyl, piperidinyl, homopiperidinyl, piperazinyl, morpholinyl, pyridyl, pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl, pyrimidinyl, tetrahydroquinolinyl, quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl, benzodioxanyl, benzodioxolyl, indolinyl, indolyl, each of said heterocycle may optionally be substituted with oxo, amino, Ar^1, C_{1-4}alkyl, aminoC_{1-4}alkyl, Ar^1C_{1-4}alkyl, mono- or di(C_{1-6}alkyl)aminoC_{1-6}alkyl, mono- or di(C_{1-6}alkyl)amino, (hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl)amino, and optionally further with one or two C_{1-4}alkyl radicals.

2. A compound according to claim 1 wherein the compound has the formula:



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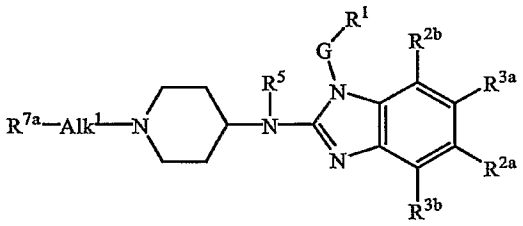
wherein R^5, G, R^1, R^{2a}, R^{2b}, R^{3a}, R^{3b} are as claimed in claim 1 and

Alk^1 is C_{1-6}alkanediyl;

R^{7a} is a heterocycle which is selected from the group consisting of oxazolidine, thiazolidine, 1-oxo-thiazolidine, 1,1-dioxothiazolidine, morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl, 1-oxo-thiomorpholinyl, 1,1-dioxothiomorpholinyl, hexahydro-oxazepine, hexahydrothiazepine, 1-oxo-hexahydrothiazepine and

1,1-dioxohexahydrothiazepine; wherein each of said heterocyle may be optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of C_{1-6}alkyl, hydroxy, carboxyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminocarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonylamino, aminosulfonyl and mono- or di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminosulfonyl.

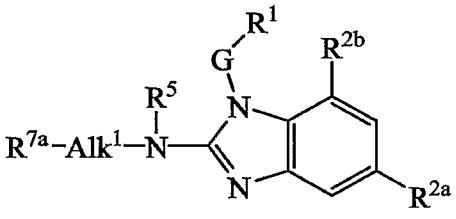
3. A compound according to claim 1 wherein the compound has the formula:



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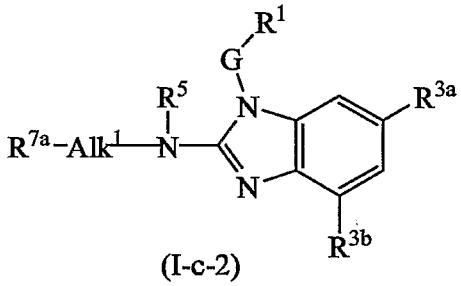
wherein R^5, G, R^1, R^{2a}, R^{2b}, R^{3a}, R^{3b} are as claimed in claim 1 and Alk^1 and R^{7a} are as claimed in claim 2.

4. A compound according to claim 1 wherein the compound has the formula:



(I-c-1)

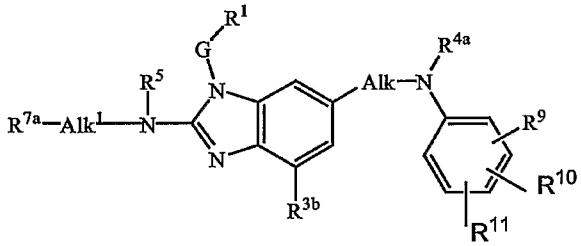
or



(I-c-2)

wherein R^5, G, R^1, R^{2a}, R^{2b}, R^{3a}, R^{3b} are as claimed in claim 1, and Alk^1 and R^{7a} are as claimed in claim 2.

5. A compound according to claim 1 wherein the compound has the formula:



(I-c-3)

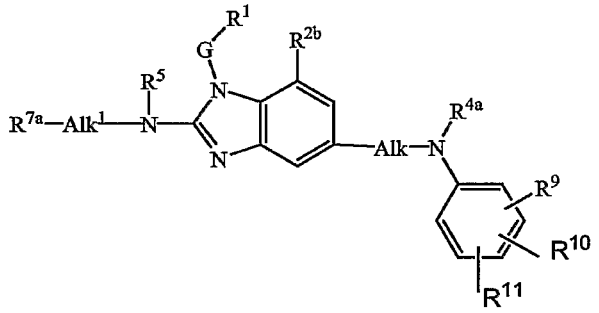
wherein R^5, G, R^1, R^{3b}, R^{4a} are as claimed in claim 1, and Alk^1 and R^{7a} are as claimed in claim 2; and

R^9, R^{10}, R^{11} each independently are selected from halo, cyano, C_{1-6}alkyl, Het-C_{1-6}alkyl, Ar^1-C_{1-6}alkyl, cyanoC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{2-6}alkenyl, cyanoC_{2-6}alkenyl,

R^{6b}-O-C_{3-6}alkenyl, C_{2-6}alkynyl, cyanoC_{2-6}alkynyl, R^{6b}-O-C_{3-6}alkynyl, Ar^1, Het, R^{6b}-O-, R^{6b}-S-, R^{6c}-SO-, R^{6c}-SO_2-, R^{6b}-O-C_{1-6}alkyl-SO_2-, -N($R^{6a}R^{6b}$), polyhaloC_{1-6}alkyl, polyhaloC_{1-6}alkyloxy, polyhaloC_{1-6}alkylthio, R^{6c}-C(=O)-, R^{6b}-O-C(=O)-, N($R^{6a}R^{6b}$)-C(=O)-, R^{6b}-O-C_{1-6}alkyl, R^{6b}-S-C_{1-6}alkyl, R^{6c}-S(=O)$_2$-C_{1-6}alkyl, N($R^{6a}R^{6b}$)-C_{1-6}alkyl, R^{6c}-C(=O)-C_{1-6}alkyl, R^{6b}-O-C(=O)-C_{1-6}alkyl, N($R^{6a}R^{6b}$)-C(=O)-C_{1-6}alkyl, R^{6c}-C(=O)-NR^{6b}-, R^{6c}-C(=O)-O-, R^{6c}-C(=O)-NR^{6b}-C_{1-6}alkyl, R^{6c}-C(=O)-O-C_{1-6}alkyl, N($R^{6a}R^{6b}$)-S(=O)$_2$-, H_2N-C(=NH)-;

and Alk is C_{1-6}alkanediyl.

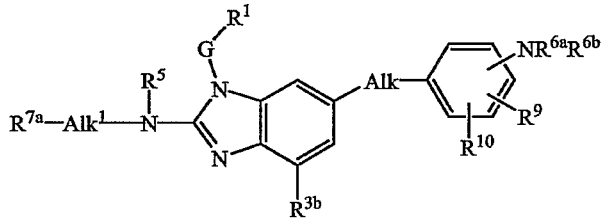
6. A compound according to claim 1 wherein the compound has the formula:



(I-c-4)

wherein R^5, G, R^1, R^{4a}, R^{2b} are as claimed in claim 1, and Alk^1 and R^{7a} are as claimed in claim 2; R^9, R^{10}, R^{11} and Alk are as claimed in claim 5.

7. A compound according to claim 1 wherein the compound has the formula:



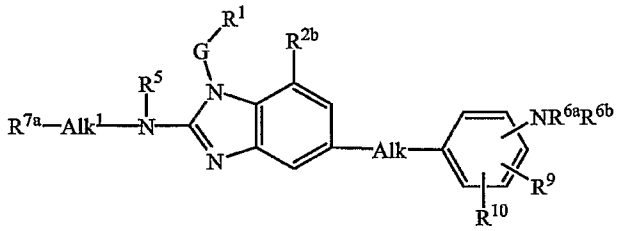
(I-c-5)

wherein R^5, G, R^1, R^{3b} are as claimed in claim 1, and Alk^1 and R^{7a} are as claimed in claim 2; R^9, R^{10} and Alk are as claimed in claim 5; and

R^{6a} is hydrogen, C_{1-6}alkyl, Ar^1, Ar^1C_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl, Ar^1carbonyl, Ar^1C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-6}alkylsulfonyl, Ar^1sulfonyl, Ar^1C_{1-6}alkylsulfonyl, C_{1-6}alkyloxyC_{1-6}alkyl, aminoC_{1-6}alkyl, mono- or di(C_{1-6}alkyl)aminoC_{1-6}alkyl, hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl, (carboxyl)-C_{1-6}alkyl, (C_{1-6}alkyloxycarbonyl)-C_{1-6}alkyl, aminocarbonylC_{1-6}alkyl, mono- and di(C_{1-6}alkyl)aminocarbonylC_{1-6}alkyl, aminosulfonyl-C_{1-6}alkyl, mono- and di(C_{1-6}alkyl)aminosulfonyl-C_{1-6}alkyl, Het, Het-C_{1-6}alkyl, Het-carbonyl, Het-sulfonyl, Het-C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl;

R^{6b} is hydrogen, C_{1-6}alkyl, Ar^1 or Ar^1C_{1-6}alkyl.

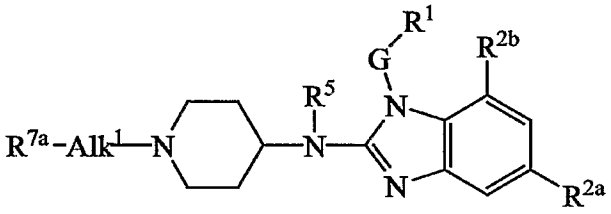
8. A compound according to claim 1 wherein the compound has the formula:



(I-c-6)

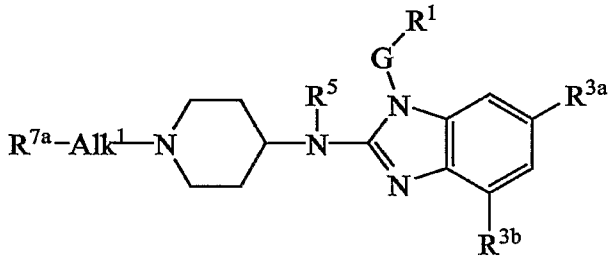
wherein R^5, G, R^1, R^{2b} are as claimed in claim 1, and Alk^1 and R^{7a} are as claimed in claim 2; R^9, R^{10} and Alk are as claimed in claim 5; and R^{6a} and R^{6b} are as claimed in claim 7.

9. A compound according to claim 1 wherein the compound has the formula:



(I-d-1)

or of formula:



(I-d-2)

wherein R^5, G, R^1, R^{2a}, R^{2b}, R^{3a}, R^{3b} are as claimed in claim 1, and Alk^1 and R^{7a} are as claimed in claim 2.

10. A compound according to any of claims 2 to 10, wherein R^{7a} is a heterocycle selected from the group consisting of oxazolidine, thiazolidine, morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl, hexahydrooxazepine, hexahydrothiazepine; wherein each of said heterocyle may be optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of C_{1-6}alkyl, hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl, aminocarbonylC_{1-6}alkyl.

11. A compound according to any of claims 2 to 10, wherein R^{7a} is a heterocycle, wherein said heterocycle is oxazolidine, thiazolidine, morpholinyl or thiomorpholinyl, wherein each of said heterocyle may be optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of C_{1-6}alkyl, hydroxy-C_{1-6}alkyl, aminocarbonylC_{1-6}alkyl.

12. A compound according to any of claims 2 to 10, wherein R^{7a} is morpholinyl.

13. A compound according to any of claims 5 to 8, wherein Alk is methylene.

14. A compound according to any of claims 2 to 10, wherein Alk^1 is C_{1-4}alkanediyl.

15. A compound according to any of claims 5 to 8, wherein R^9, R^{10}, R^{11} are selected from halo, cyano, C_{1-6}alkyl, Het-C_{1-6}alkyl, Ar^1-C_{1-6}alkyl, cyanoC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{2-6}alkenyl, cyanoC_{2-6}alkenyl, R^{6b}-O-C_{3-6}alkenyl, C_{2-6}alkynyl, cyanoC_{2-6}alkynyl, R^{6b}-O-C_{3-6}alkynyl, Ar^1, Het, R^{6b}-O-, R^{6b}-S-, R^{6c}-SO-, R^{6c}-SO_2-, R^{6b}-O-C_{1-6}alkyl-SO_2-, -N($R^{6a}R^{6b}$), CF_3, R^{6c}-C(=O)-, R^{6b}-O-C(=O)-, N($R^{6a}R^{6b}$)-C(=O)-, R^{6b}-O-C_{1-6}alkyl, R^{6b}-S-C_{1-6}alkyl, R^{6c}-S(=O)$_2$-C_{1-6}alkyl, N($R^{6a}R^{6b}$)-C_{1-6}alkyl, R^{6c}-C(=O)-C_{1-6}alkyl, R^{6b}-O-C(=O)-C_{1-6}alkyl, N($R^{6a}R^{6b}$)-C(=O)-C_{1-6}alkyl and R^{6c}-C(=O)-NR^{6b}-, H_2N-C(=NH)-.

16. A compound according to any of claims 5 to 8, wherein R^9, R^{10}, R^{11} are selected from C_{1-6}alkyl, Het-C_{1-6}alkyl, Ar^1-C_{1-6}alkyl, cyanoC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{2-6}alkenyl, cyano-C_{2-6}alkenyl, R^{6b}-O-C_{3-6}alkenyl, C_{2-6}alkynyl, cyanoC_{2-6}alkynyl, R^{6b}-O-C_{3-6}alkynyl, R^{6b}-O-C_{1-6}alkyl, R^{6b}-S-C_{1-6}alkyl, R^{6c}-S(=O)$_2$-C_{1-6}alkyl, N($R^{6a}R^{6b}$)-C_{1-6}alkyl, R^{6b}-O-C(=O)-C_{1-6}alkyl and N($R^{6a}R^{6b}$)-C(=O)-C_{1-6}alkyl;

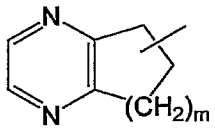
17. A compound according to any of claims 5 to 8, wherein R^9, R^{10}, R^{11} are selected from C_{1-6}alkyl, Het-C_{1-6}alkyl, Ar^1-C_{1-6}alkyl, cyanoC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{2-6}alkenyl, cyano-C_{2-6}alkenyl, C_{2-6}alkynyl, cyanoC_{2-6}alkynyl, R^{6b}-O-C_{1-6}alkyl, amino-S(=O)$_2$-C_{1-6}alkyl, R^{6b}-O-C(=O)-C_{1-6}alkyl, amino-C(=O)-C_{1-6}alkyl, mono- and diamino-C(=O)-C_{1-6}alkyl;

18. A compound according to any of claims 5 to 8, wherein R^9, R^{10}, R^{11} are C_{1-6}alkyl or R^{6b}-O-C_{1-6}alkyl; and $R^{10}$and/or R^{11} may also be hydrogen.

19. A compound according to any of claims 1 to 18, wherein G is C_{1-10}alkanediyl.

20. A compound according to any of claims 1 to 18, wherein G is methylene.

21. A compound according to any of claims 1 to 19 wherein R^1 is Ar^1, quinolinyl, benzimidazolyl, a radical of formula



(c-4)

pyrazinyl, or pyridyl; or wherein Ar^1, quinolinyl, benzimidazolyl, a radical of formula (c-4) may be substituted with 1 or where possible with 2 or 3 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halo, hydroxy, amino, cyano, carboxyl, C_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkyloxy, C_{1-6}alkylthio, C_{1-6}alkyloxyC_{1-6}alkyl, Ar^1, Ar^1C_{1-6}alkyl, Ar^1C_{1-6}alkyloxy, hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl, mono-or di(C_{1-6}alkyl)amino, mono-or di(C_{1-6}alkyl)aminoC_{1-6}alkyl, polyhaloC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkylcarbonylamino, C_{1-6}alkyl-SO_2-NR^{5c}-, Ar^1-SO_2-NR^{5c}-, C_{1-6}alkyloxycarbonyl, -C(=O)-$NR^{5c}R^{5d}$, HO(-CH_2-CH_2-O)$_n$-, halo(-CH_2-CH_2-O)$_n$-, C_{1-6}alkyloxy(-CH_2-CH_2-O)$_n$-, Ar^1C_{1-6}alkyloxy(-CH_2-CH_2-O)$_n$- and mono-or di(C_{1-6}alkyl)amino(-CH_2-CH_2-O)$_n$-; wherein each n independently is 1, 2, 3 or 4; each m independently is 1 or 2; Ar^1, R^{5c}, R^{5d} are as claimed in claim 1.

22. A compound according to any of claims 1 to 20 wherein R^1 is Ar^1, quinolinyl, benzimidazolyl or a radical of formula (c-4) wherein m is 2, pyrazinyl, or pyridyl, wherein each of these radicals may optionally be substituted with one, two or three radicals selected from the group consisting of halo, hydroxy, C_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkyloxy, Ar^1C_{1-6}alkyloxy, (C_{1-6}alkyloxy)C_{1-6}alkyloxy.

23. A compound according to any of claims 1 to 20 wherein R^1 is phenyl optionally substituted with one, two or three radicals selected from the group consisting of halo, hydroxy, C_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkyloxy; quinolinyl; a radical (c-4) wherein m is 2, optionally substituted with up to two radicals selected from C_{1-6}alkyl; benzimidazolyl optionally substituted with C_{1-6}alkyl; pyridyl optionally substituted with one or two radicals selected from hydroxy, halo, C_{1-6}alkyl, benzyloxy and C_{1-6}alkyloxy, pyrazinyl optionally substituted with up to three radicals selected from C_{1-6}alkyl; or pyridyl substituted or optionally substituted with one or two radicals selected from the group consisting of halo, hydroxy, C_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkyloxy, Ar^1C_{1-6}alkyloxy, (C_{1-6}alkyloxy)C_{1-6}alkyloxy.

24. A compound according to any of claims 1 to 20 wherein R^1 is pyridyl optionally substituted with one or two radicals selected from hydroxy, halo, C_{1-6}alkyl, benzyloxy and C_{1-6}alkyloxy,

25. A compound according to any of claims 1 to 20 wherein R^1 is pyridyl optionally substituted with one or two radicals selected from hydroxy and C_{1-6}alkyl. C_{1-6}alkyloxy,

25. A compound according to any of claims 1 to 25, wherein, where applicable, one of R^{2a} and R^{3a} is selected from $-N(R^{4a}R^{4b})$, $(R^{4a}R^{4b})N-CO-$, C_{1-6}alkyl substituted with one or two substituents selected from hydroxy, cyano, Ar^2, Het or $-N(R^{4a}R^{4b})$ and C_{2-6}alkenyl substituted with cyano or Ar^2; and the other one of R^{2a} and R^{3a} is hydrogen; and
in case R^{2a} is different from hydrogen then R^{2b} is hydrogen, C_{1-6}alkyl or halogen and R^{3b} is hydrogen;
in case R^{3a} is different from hydrogen then R^{3b} is hydrogen, C_{1-6}alkyl or halogen and R^{2b} is hydrogen.

26. A compound according to any of claims 1 to 25, wherein, where applicable, one of R^{2a} and R^{3a} is selected from $(R^{4a}R^{4b})N-CO-$; C_{1-6}alkyl optionally substituted with hydroxy, Ar^2, Het or $-N(R^{4a}R^{4b})$; and C_{2-6}alkenyl substituted with Ar^1; and the other one of R^{2a} and R^{3a} is hydrogen; or
in case R^{2a} is different from hydrogen then R^{2b} is hydrogen or C_{1-6}alkyl and R^{3b} is hydrogen;
in case R^{3a} is different from hydrogen then R^{3b} is hydrogen or C_{1-6}alkyl and R^{2b} is hydrogen;
Ar^2, Het, R^{4a} and R^{4b} are as in the definitions of the compounds of formula (I) or as in any subgroup specified herein.

27. A compound according to any of claims 25 or 26, wherein, where applicable, R^{2b} and R^{3b} are both hydrogen.

28. A compound according to claim 1, wherein the compound is 2-[6-{[2-(3-hydroxy-propyl)-5-methyl-phenylamino]-methyl}-2-(3-morpholin-4-yl-propylamino)-benzimidazol-1-ylmethyl]-6-methyl-pyridin-3-ol.

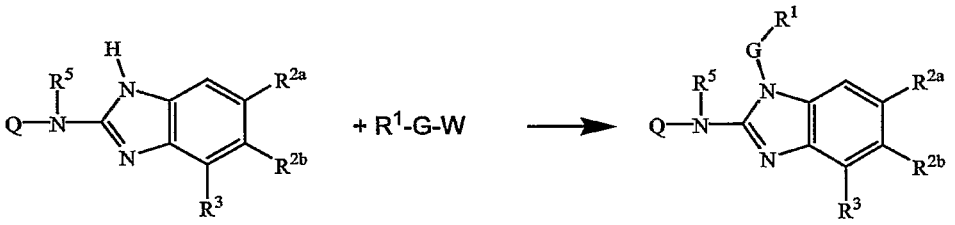
29. A compound as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 28 for use as a medicine.

30. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, and as active ingredient a therapeutically effective amount of a compound as described in any one of claims 1 to 28.

31. The use of a compound as claimed in any of claims 1 to 28 for the manufacture of a medicament for inhibiting RSV.

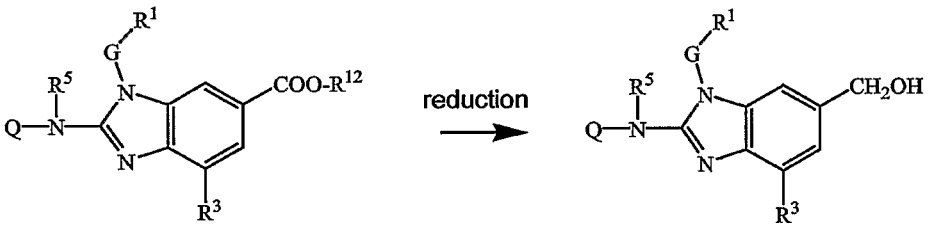
32. A process for preparing a compound as claimed in any of claims 1 to 28, said process comprising

(a) reacting an intermediate of formula (II) with a reagent (III) as in the following reaction scheme:

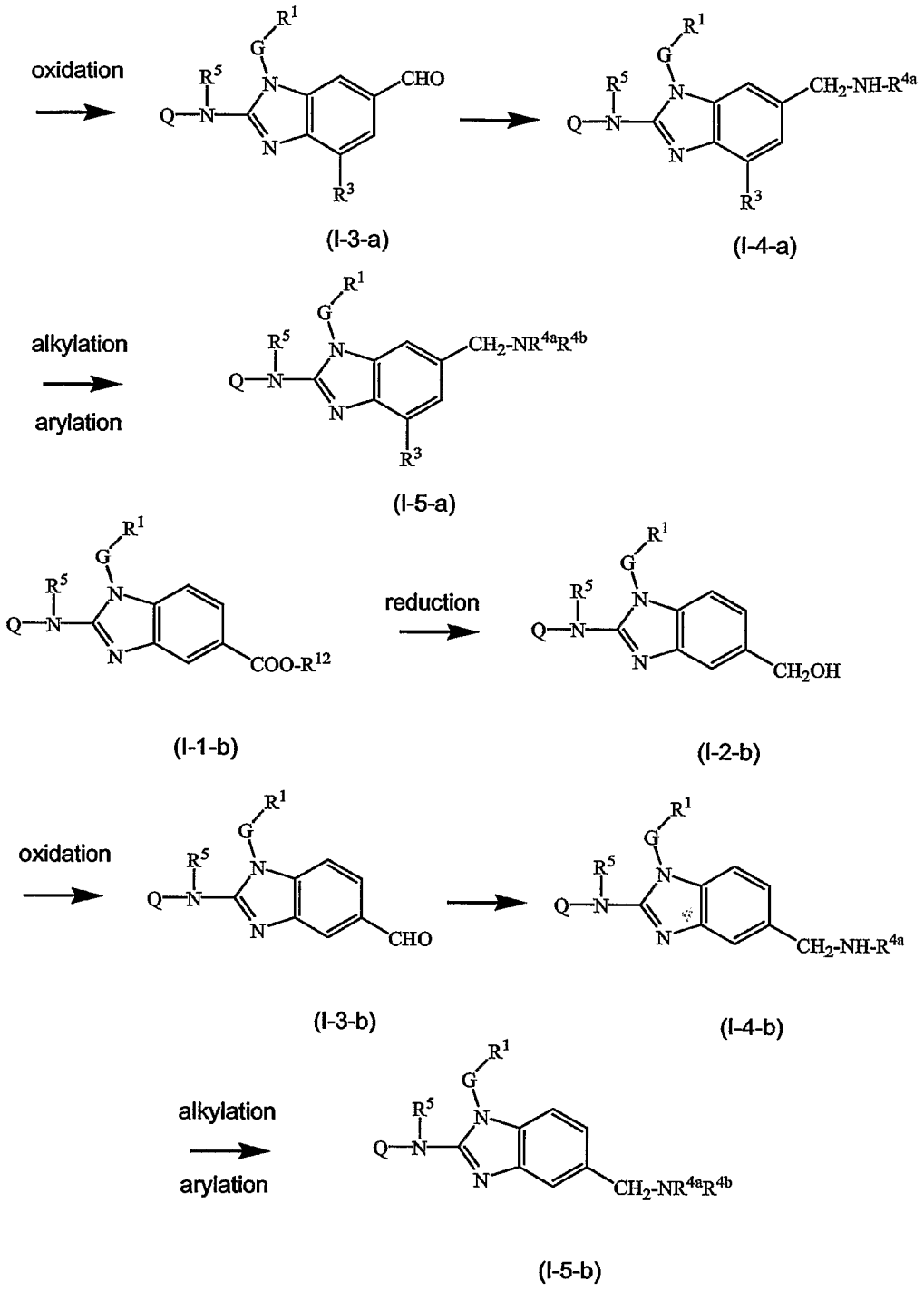


(II) (III) (I)

(b) reducing a compound (I-1-a) or (I-1-b) to obtain a compound (I-2-a) or (I-2-b) and subsequently oxidizing the alcohol group in (I-2-a) or (I-2-b) with a mild oxidant to obtain an intermediate (I-3-a) or (I-3-b) and subsequently alkylating (I-3-a) or (I-3-b) to obtain (I-4-a) or (I-4-b), which is further alkylated to obtain (I-5-a) or (I-5-b) as in the following reaction schemes wherein R^{12} is C_{1-6}alkyl wherein is R^{4a} and R^{4b} are as claimed in claims 1 to 28 but are other than hydrogen.

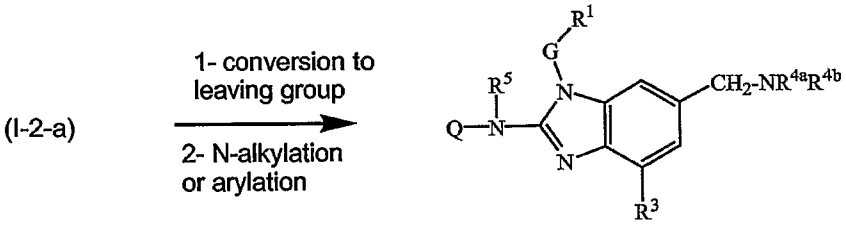


(I-1-a) (I-2-a)

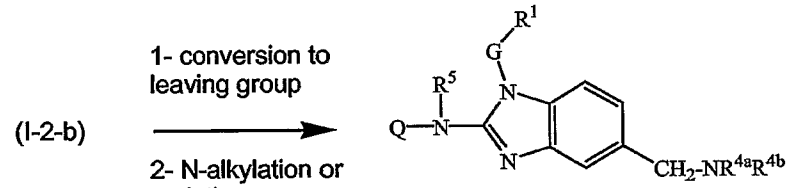


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(c) converting the alcohol group in (I-2-a) or (I-2-b) to a leaving group and subsequently reacting the thus obtained products with an amine thus obtaining (I-6-a) or (I-6-b)

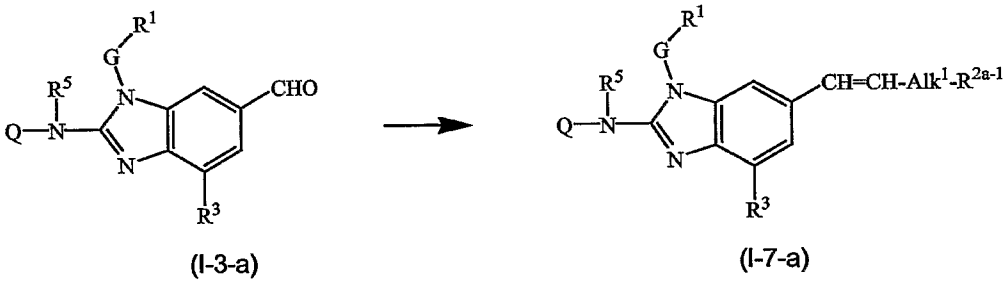


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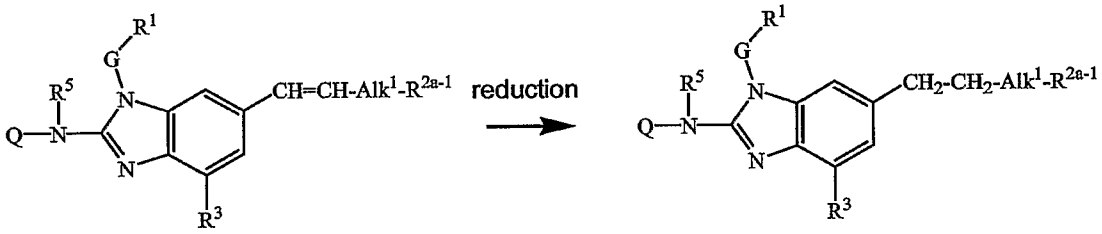


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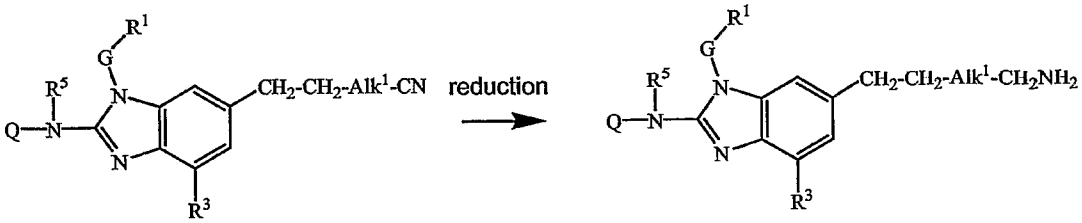
(d) converting an intermediate (I-3-a) or (I-3-b) to a compound (I-7-a) or (I-7-b) using a Wittig or Wittig-Horner procedure; selectively reducing the double bond in (I-7-a) or (I-7-b) thus obtaining compounds (I-8-a) or (I-8-b); reducing the cyano group in (I-9-a) or (I-9-b) to a methylene-amine group thus obtaining (I-10-a) or (I-10-b); mono- or dialkylating the latter thus obtaining compounds (I-11-a) or (I-11-b) ; or (I-12-a) or (I-12-b), wherein Alk^1 is C_{4-6}alkanediyl, R^{2a-1} is any of the substituents on alkenyl as defined in any of claims 1 – 28, and preferably R^{2a-1} is Ar^2 or CN:



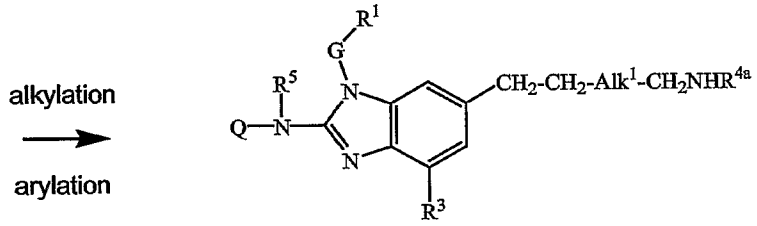
(I-3-a) (I-7-a)



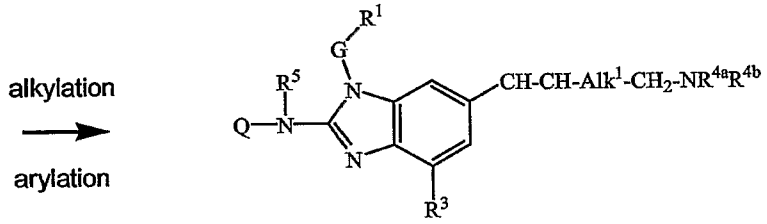
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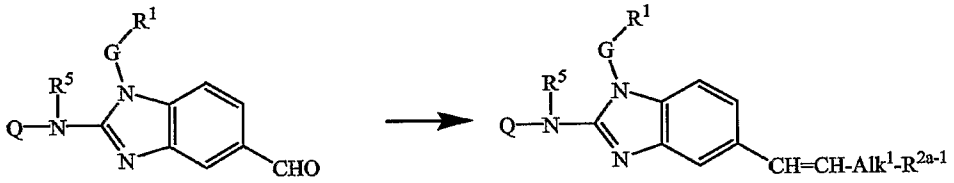
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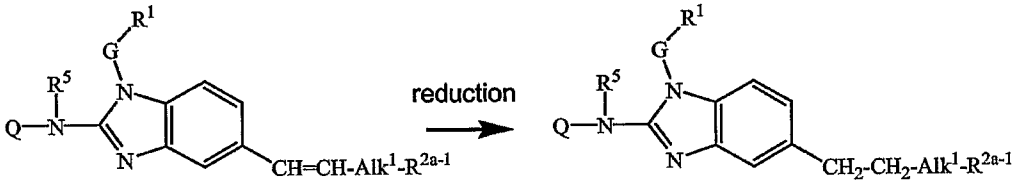
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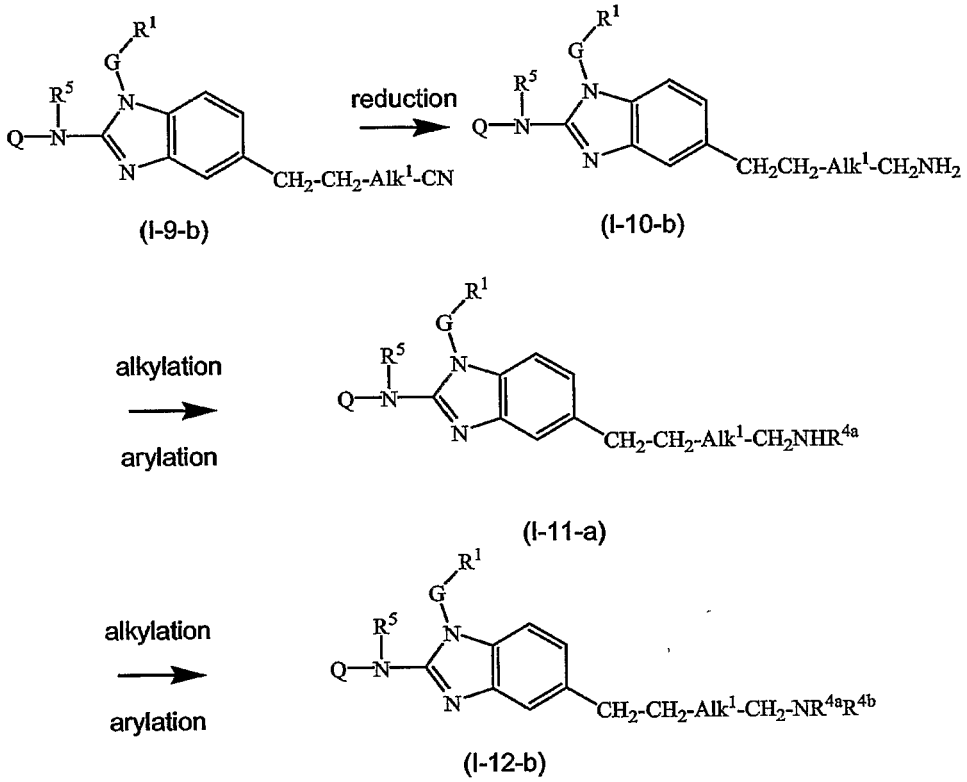
(I-12-a)



(I-3-b) (I-7-b)



(I-7-b) (I-8-b)



(I-9-b) (I-10-b) (I-11-a) (I-12-b)

and optionally converting the thus obtained compounds of formula (I) into their pharmaceutically acceptable base-addition or acid addition salt form by treatment with a suitable base or acid and conversely treating the base-addition or acid addition salt form with an acid or a base to obtain the free form of the compound of formula (I).