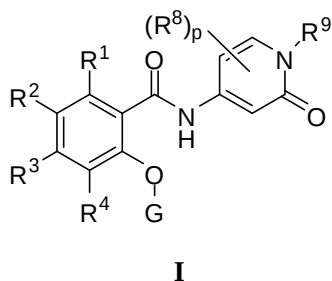
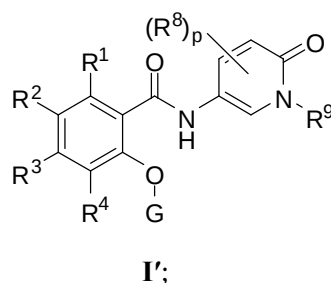
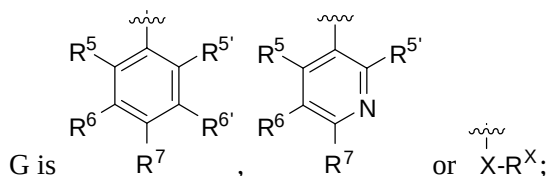


We claim:

1. A compound of formula **I** or **I'**



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,
wherein, independently for each occurrence:



X is a bond or C₁-C₆ alkyl wherein said C₁-C₆ alkyl is substituted with 0-6 halogen, wherein up to two non-adjacent CH₂ units of said C₁-C₆ alkyl may be replaced with -O-;

R^X is absent or C₃-C₈ cycloaliphatic, wherein up to two non-adjacent CH₂ units of said C₃-C₈ cycloaliphatic may be replaced with -O- and said C₃-C₈ cycloaliphatic is substituted with 0-3 substituents selected from halogen and C₁-C₄ alkyl;

R¹ is H, halogen, CN, or C₁-C₆ alkyl wherein said C₁-C₆ alkyl is substituted with 0-6 halogen and wherein up to two non-adjacent CH₂ units of said C₁-C₆ alkyl may be replaced with -O-;

R² is H, halogen, CN, or C₁-C₆ alkyl wherein said C₁-C₆ alkyl is substituted with 0-6 halogen, wherein up to two non-adjacent CH₂ units of said C₁-C₆ alkyl may be replaced with -O-;

R³ is H, halogen, CN, or C₁-C₆ alkyl wherein said C₁-C₆ alkyl is substituted with 0-6 halogen, wherein up to two non-adjacent CH₂ units of said C₁-C₆ alkyl may be replaced with -O-;

R⁴ is H, halogen, CN, or C₁-C₆ alkyl wherein said C₁-C₆ alkyl is substituted with 0-6 halogen, wherein up to two non-adjacent CH₂ units of said C₁-C₆ alkyl may be replaced with -O-;

R⁵ is H, halogen, CN, or -X-R^X;

R^{5'} is H, halogen, CN, or -X-R^X;

R⁶ is H, halogen, CN, or -X-R^X;

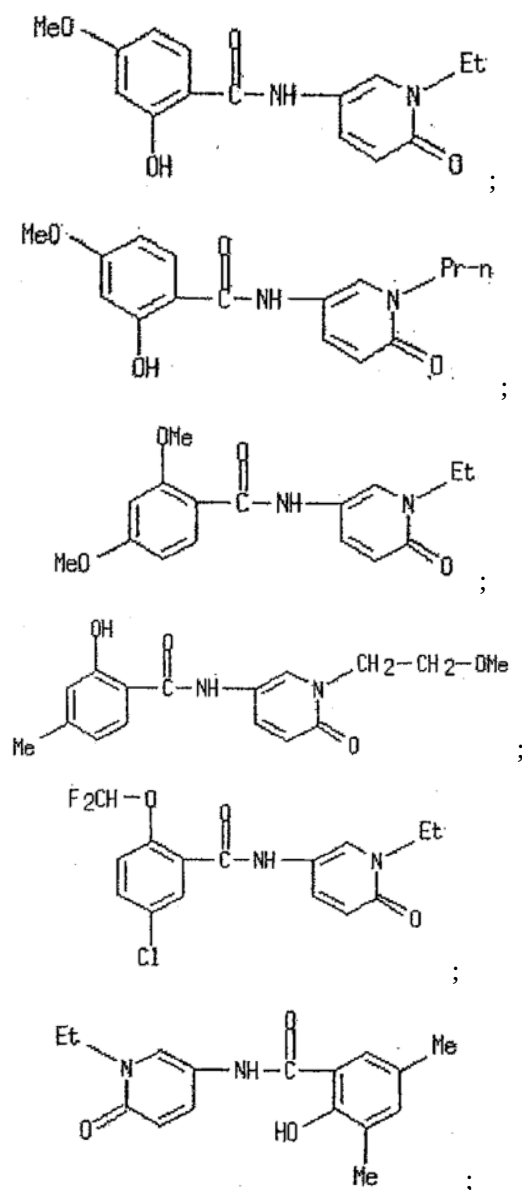
R^{6'} is H, halogen, CN, or -X-R^X;

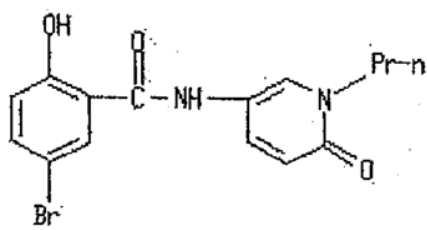
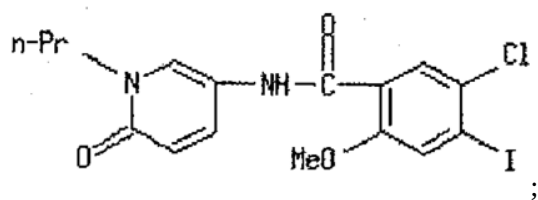
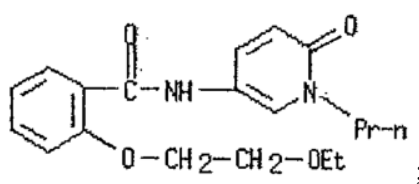
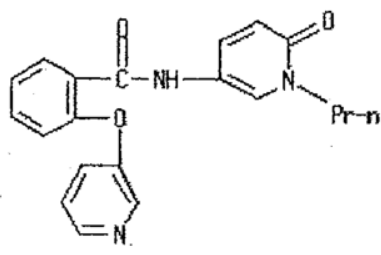
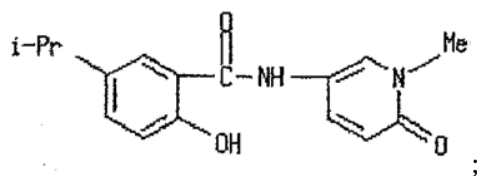
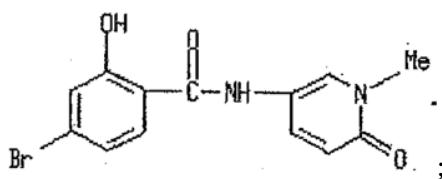
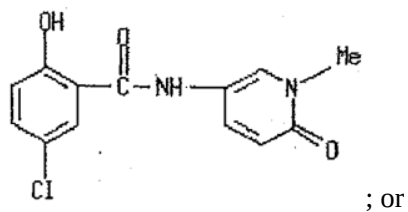
R⁷ is H, halogen, CN, or -X-R^X;

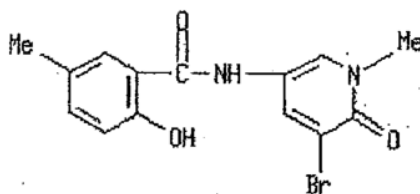
R⁸ is halogen, or C₁-C₆ alkyl wherein said C₁-C₆ alkyl is substituted with 0-6 halogen, wherein up to two non-adjacent CH₂ units of said C₁-C₆ alkyl may be replaced with -O-;

p is an integer from 0 to 3 inclusive; and

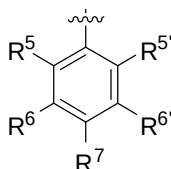
R⁹ is H, or C₁-C₆ alkyl wherein up to two non-adjacent CH₂ units of said C₁-C₆ alkyl may be replaced with -O-; with the proviso that the compound of formula I or I' is not:







2. The compound or pharmaceutically acceptable salt according to claim 1, wherein R^3 is C_1 - C_6 alkyl wherein said C_1 - C_6 alkyl is substituted with 0-6 halogen.
3. The compound or pharmaceutically acceptable salt according to claim 1 or 2, wherein R^3 is *t*-butyl, CF_3 or CF_2CF_3 .
4. The compound or pharmaceutically acceptable salt according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein G is



wherein:

R^5 is H, halogen, CN, or $-X-R^X$;

$R^{5'}$ is H, halogen, CN, or $-X-R^X$;

R^6 is H, halogen, CN, or $-X-R^X$;

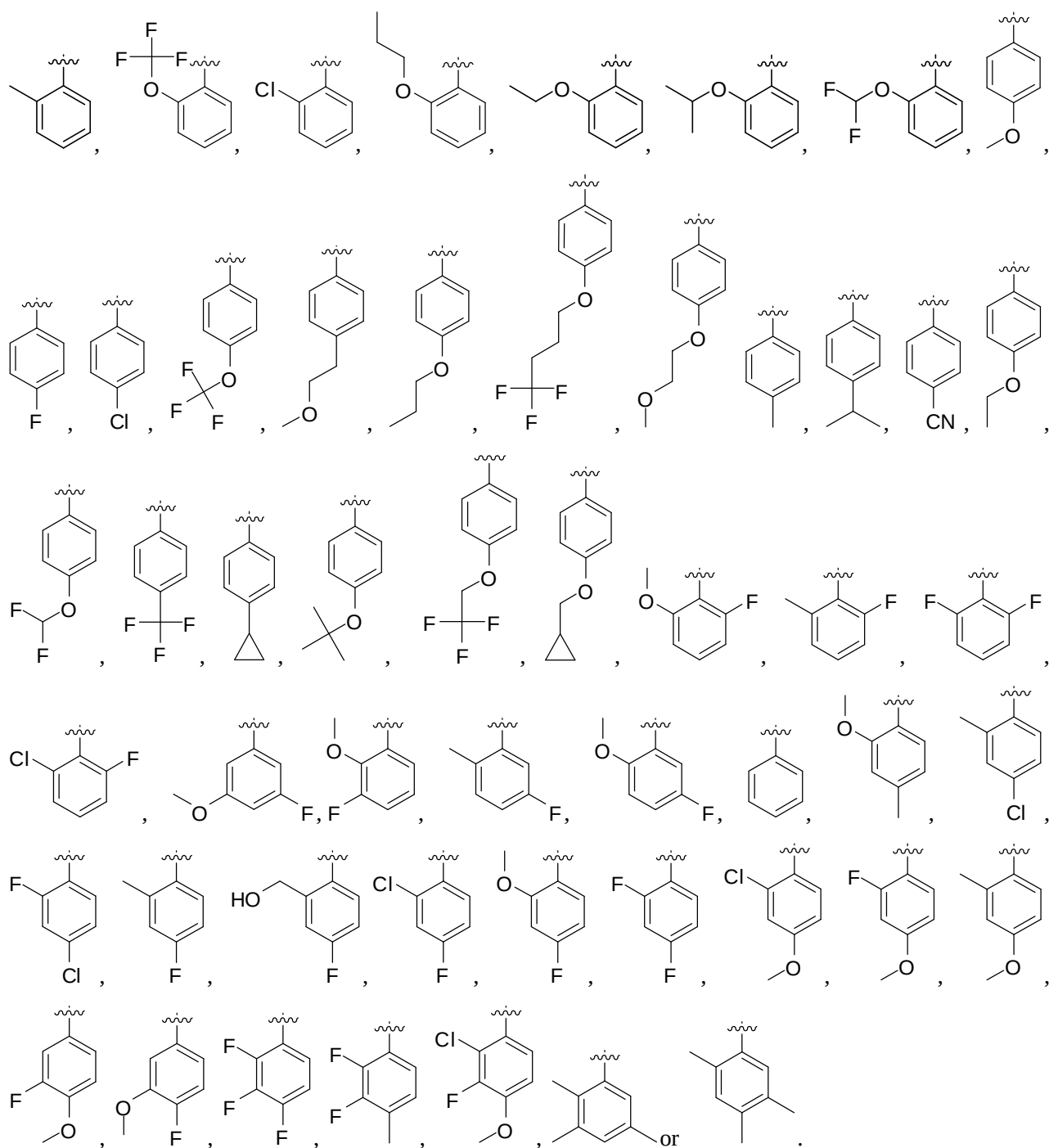
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R^7 is H, halogen, CN, or $-X-R^X$;

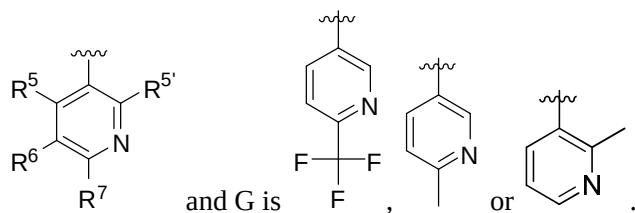
X is a bond or C_1 - C_6 alkyl wherein said C_1 - C_6 alkyl is substituted with 0-6 halogen and wherein up to two non-adjacent CH_2 units of said C_1 - C_6 alkyl may be replaced with -O-; and

R^X is absent, H, or C_3 - C_8 cycloaliphatic, wherein up to two non-adjacent CH_2 units of said C_3 - C_8 cycloaliphatic may be replaced with -O- and said C_3 - C_8 cycloaliphatic is substituted with 0-3 substituents selected from halogen and C_1 - C_4 alkyl.

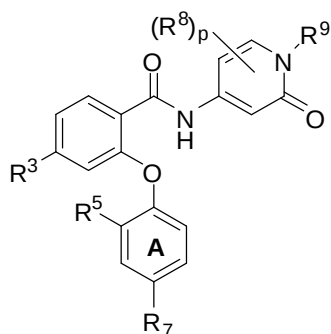
5. The compound or pharmaceutically acceptable salt according to claim 4, wherein G is:



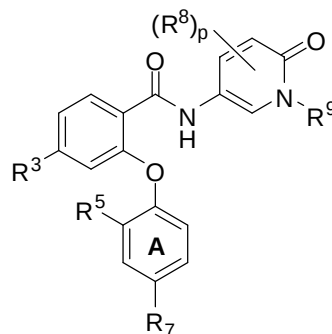
6. The compound or pharmaceutically acceptable salt according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein G is:



7. The compound or pharmaceutically acceptable salt according to any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein p is 0.
8. The compound or pharmaceutically acceptable salt according to any one of claims 1 to 7, wherein R⁹ is H.
9. The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound has formula **I-F** or **I'-F**:



I-F



I'-F

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

wherein, independently for each occurrence:

R³ is halogen, CN, or C₁-C₆ alkyl wherein said C₁-C₆ alkyl is substituted with 0-6 halogen, wherein up to two non-adjacent CH₂ units of said C₁-C₆ alkyl may be replaced with -O-;

R⁵ is halogen, CN, or -X-R^X;

R⁷ is halogen, CN, or -X-R^X;

X is a bond or C₁-C₆ alkyl wherein said C₁-C₆ alkyl is substituted with 0-6 halogen and wherein up to two non-adjacent CH₂ units of said C₁-C₆ alkyl may be replaced with -O-;

R^X is absent, H, or C₃-C₈ cycloaliphatic, wherein up to two non-adjacent CH₂ units of said C₃-C₈ cycloaliphatic may be replaced with -O- and said C₃-C₈ cycloaliphatic is substituted with 0-3 substituents selected from halogen and C₁-C₄ alkyl;

R⁸ is halogen or C₁-C₆ alkyl wherein said C₁-C₆ alkyl is substituted with 0-6 halogen and wherein up to two non-adjacent CH₂ units of said C₁-C₆ alkyl may be replaced with -O-;

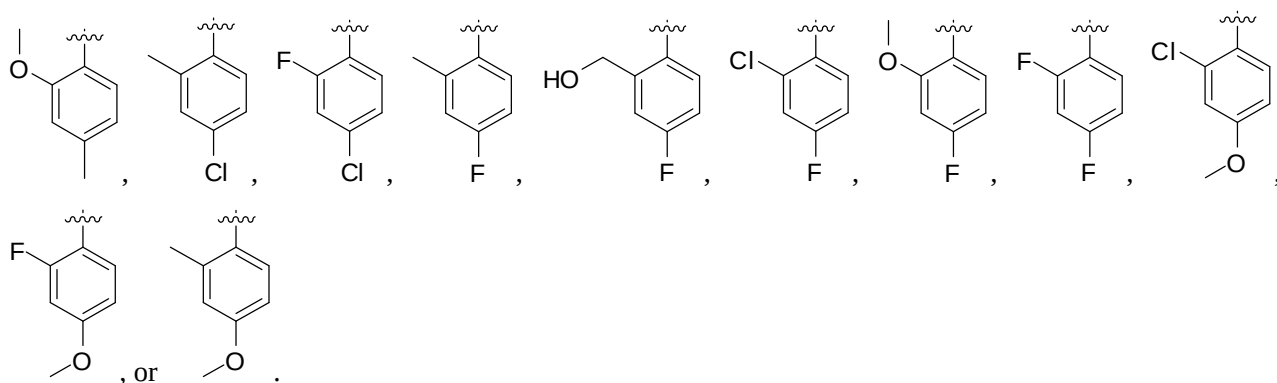
p is an integer from 0 to 3 inclusive; and

R⁹ is H, or C₁-C₆ alkyl wherein up to two non-adjacent CH₂ units of said C₁-C₆ alkyl may be replaced with -O-.

10. The compound or pharmaceutically acceptable salt according to claim 9, wherein R³ is C₁-C₆ alkyl wherein said C₁-C₆ alkyl is substituted with 0-6 halogen.

11. The compound or pharmaceutically acceptable salt according to claim 9 or 10, wherein R³ is *t*-butyl, CF₃ or CF₂CF₃.

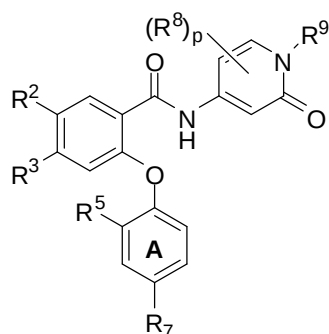
12. The compound or pharmaceutically acceptable salt according to any one of claims 9 to 11, wherein ring A is:



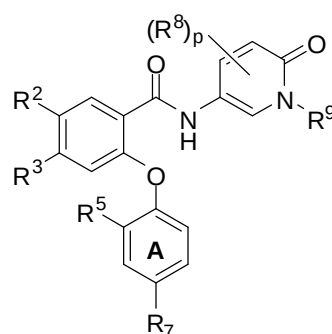
13. The compound or pharmaceutically acceptable salt according to any one of claims 9 to 12, wherein p is 0.

14. The compound or pharmaceutically acceptable salt according to any one of claims 9 to 13, wherein R⁹ is H.

15. The compound according to claim 1, wherein the compound has formula **I-G** or **I'-G**:



I-G



I'-G

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

wherein, independently for each occurrence:

R² is halogen, CN, or C₁-C₆ alkyl wherein said C₁-C₆ alkyl is substituted with 0-6 halogen and wherein up to two non-adjacent CH₂ units of said C₁-C₆ alkyl may be replaced with -O-;

R³ is halogen, CN, or C₁-C₆ alkyl wherein said C₁-C₆ alkyl is substituted with 0-6 halogen and wherein up to two non-adjacent CH₂ units of said C₁-C₆ alkyl may be replaced with -O-;

R⁵ is halogen, CN, or -X-R^X;

R⁷ is halogen, CN, or -X-R^X;

X is a bond or C₁-C₆ alkyl wherein said C₁-C₆ alkyl is substituted with 0-6 halogen and wherein up to two non-adjacent CH₂ units of said C₁-C₆ alkyl may be replaced with -O-;

R^X is absent, H, or C₃-C₈ cycloaliphatic, wherein up to two non-adjacent CH₂ units of said C₃-C₈ cycloaliphatic may be replaced with -O- and said C₃-C₈ cycloaliphatic is substituted with 0-3 substituents selected from halogen and C₁-C₄ alkyl;

R⁸ is halogen or C₁-C₆ alkyl wherein said C₁-C₆ alkyl is substituted with 0-6 halogen and wherein up to two non-adjacent CH₂ units of said C₁-C₆ alkyl may be replaced with -O-;

p is an integer from 0 to 3 inclusive; and

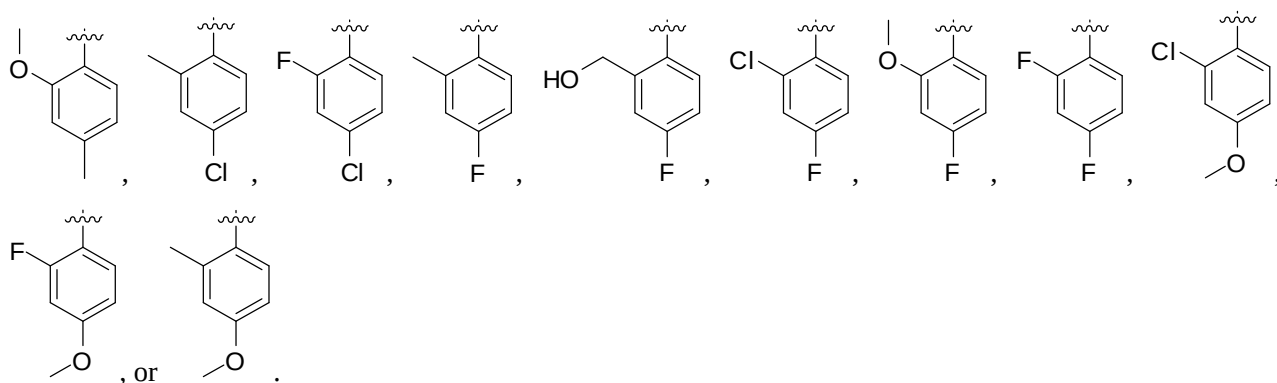
R⁹ is H, or C₁-C₆ alkyl wherein up to two non-adjacent CH₂ units of said C₁-C₆ alkyl may be replaced with -O-.

16. The compound or pharmaceutically acceptable salt according to claim 15, wherein R² is F, Cl, CN, CF₃ or OCF₃.

17. The compound or pharmaceutically acceptable salt according to claim 15 or 16, wherein R³ is C₁-C₆ alkyl wherein said C₁-C₆ alkyl is substituted with 0-6 halogen.

18. The compound or pharmaceutically acceptable salt according to any one of claims 15 to 17, wherein R³ is *t*-butyl, CF₃ or CF₂CF₃.

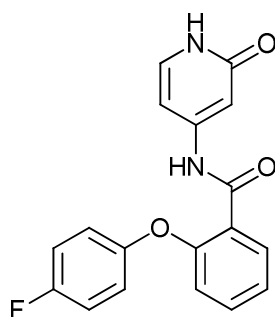
19. The compound or pharmaceutically acceptable salt according to any one of claims 15 to 18, wherein ring A is:



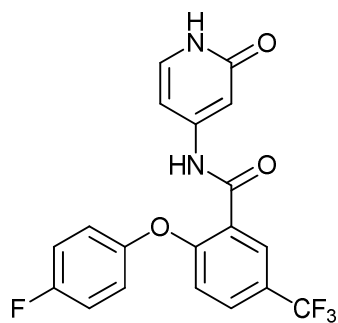
20. The compound or pharmaceutically acceptable salt according to any one of claims 15 to 19, wherein p is 0.

21. The compound or pharmaceutically acceptable salt according to any one of claims 15 to 20, wherein R⁹ is H.

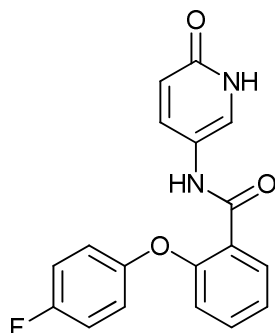
22. A compound or pharmaceutically acceptable salt selected from the group consisting of:



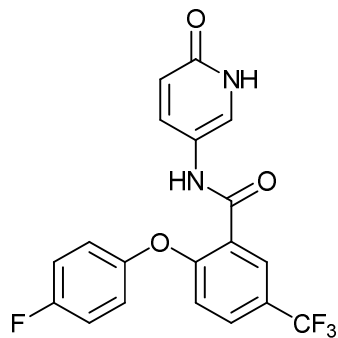
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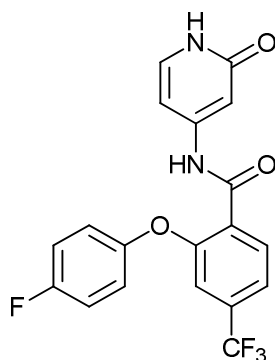
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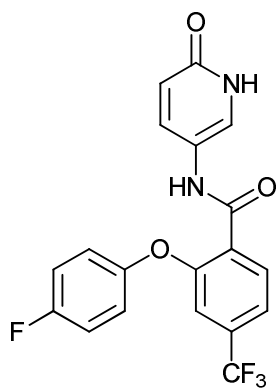
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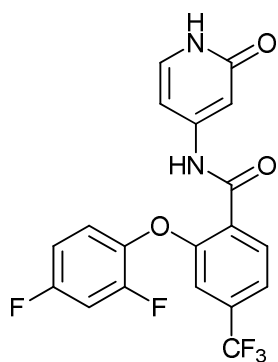
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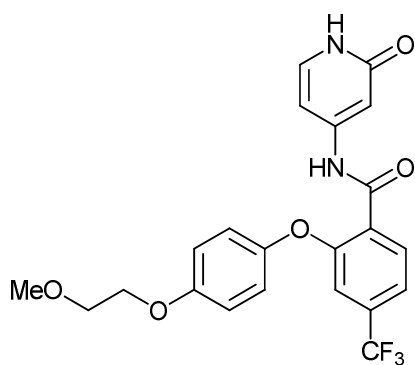
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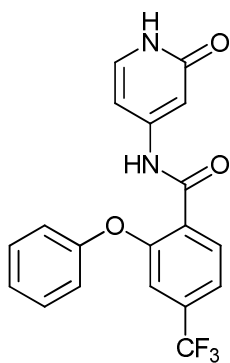
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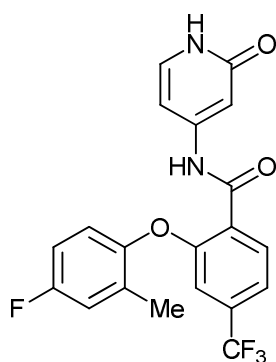
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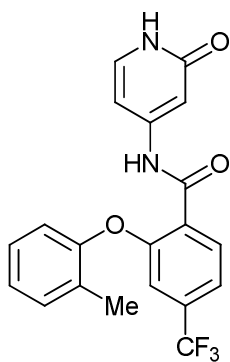
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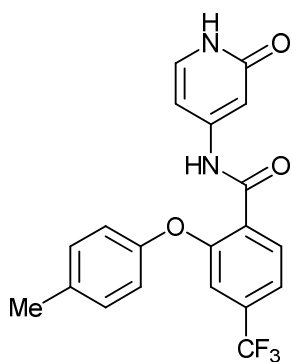
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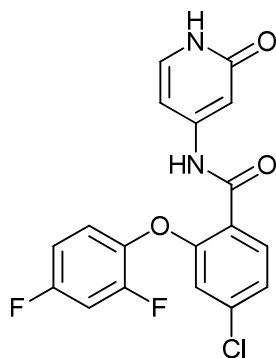
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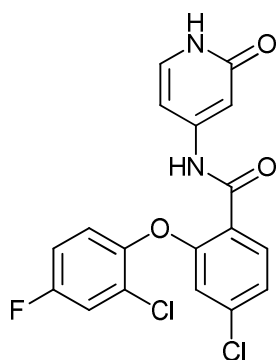
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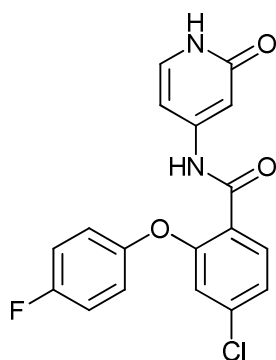
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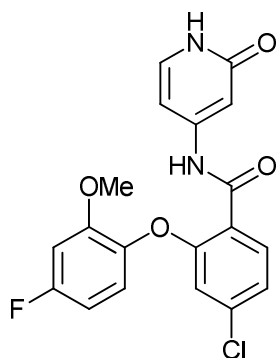
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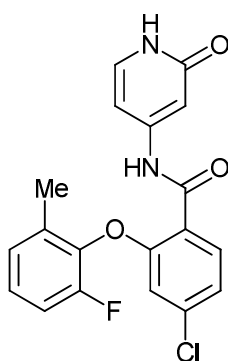
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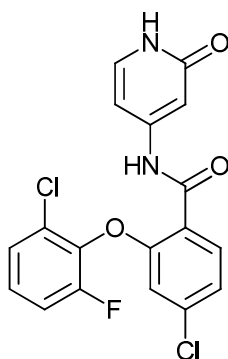
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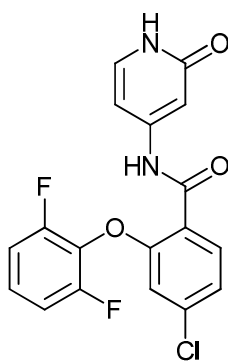
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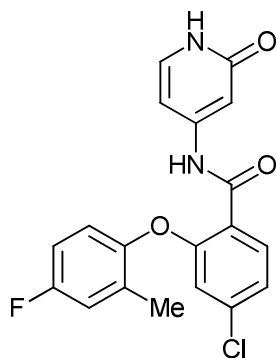
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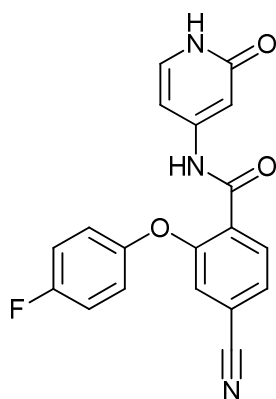
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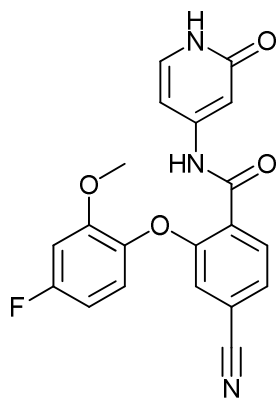
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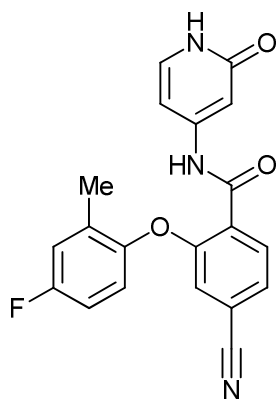
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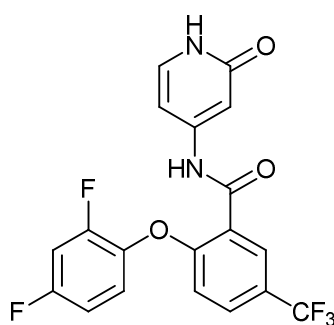
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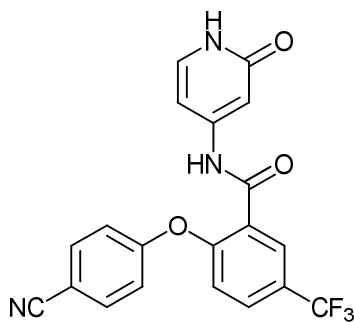
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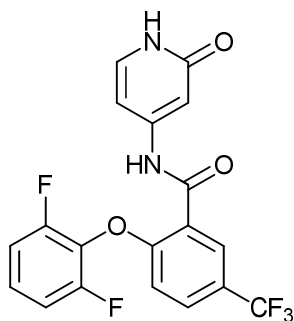
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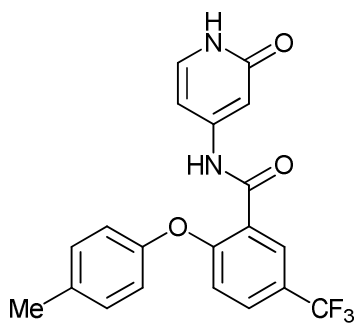
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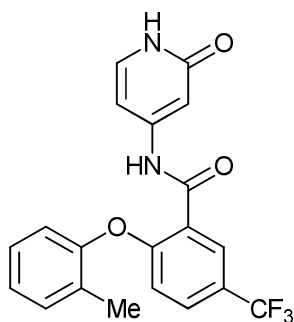
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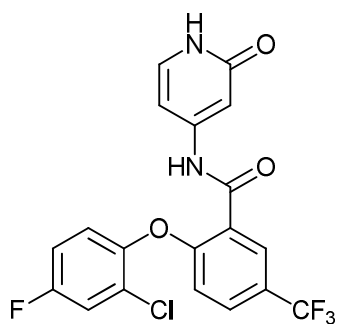
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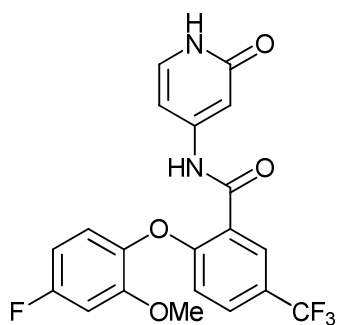
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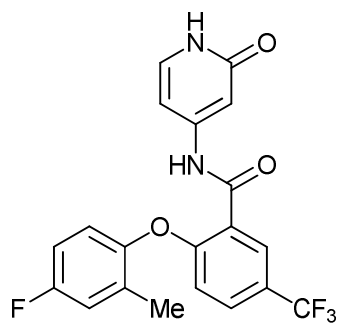
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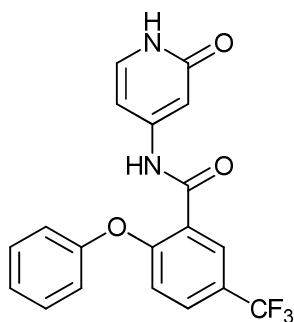
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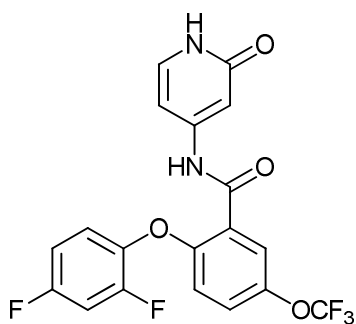
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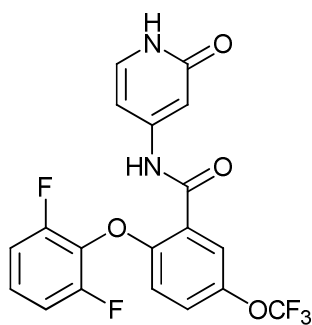
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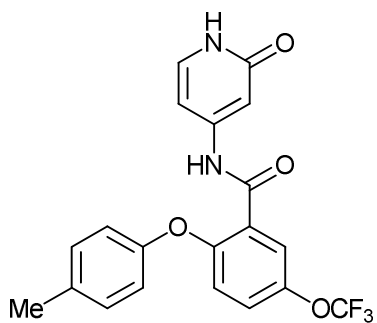
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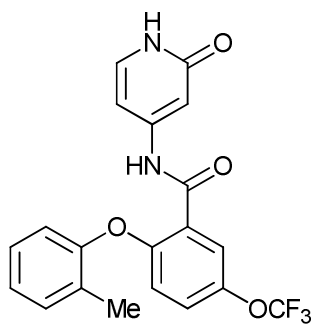
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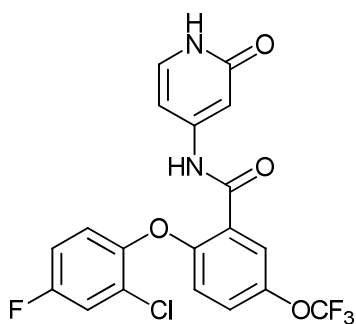
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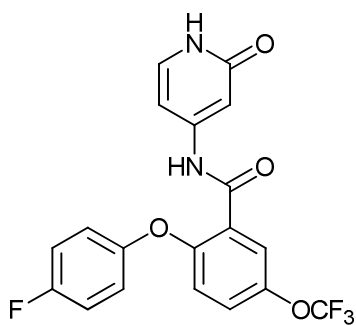
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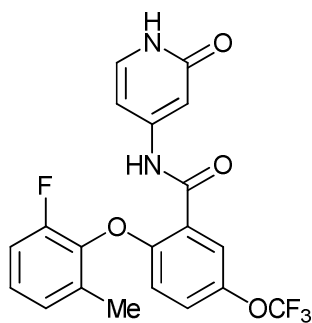
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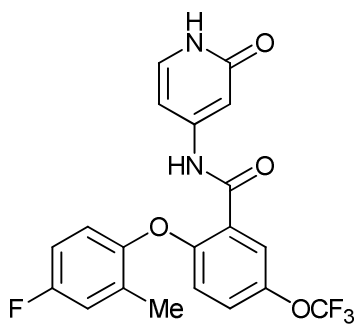
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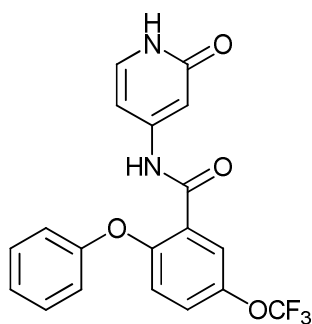
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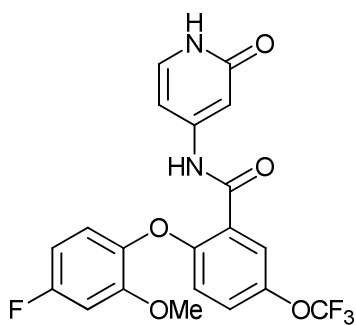
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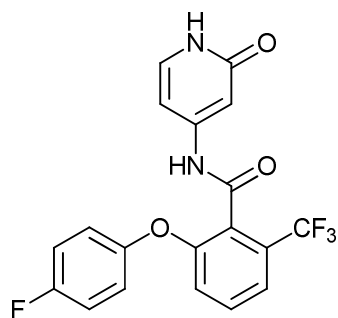
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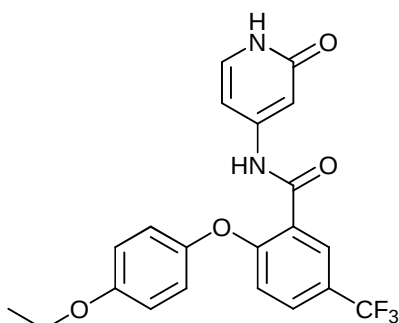
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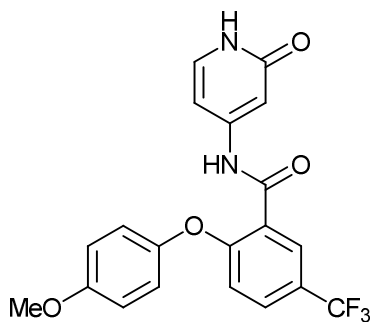
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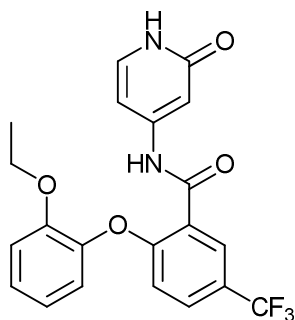
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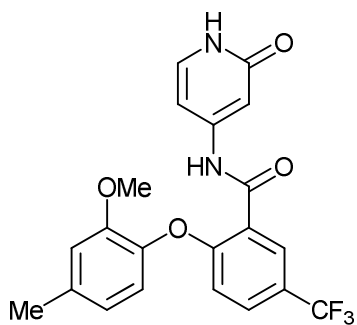
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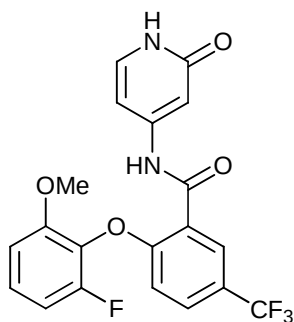
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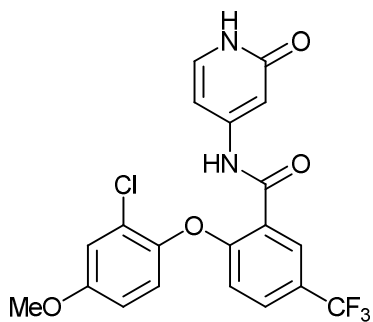
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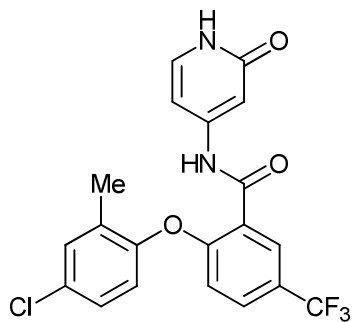
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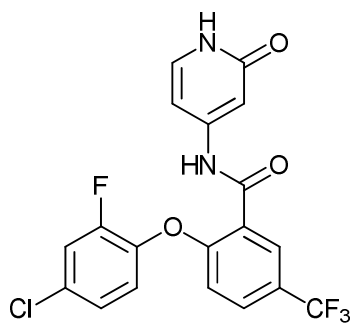
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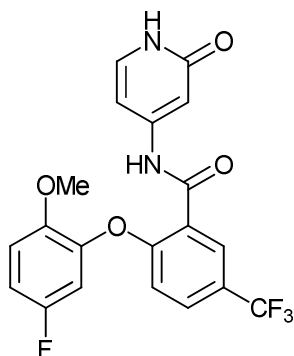
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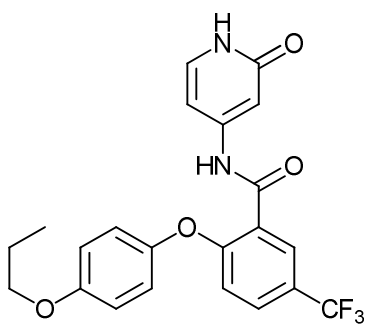
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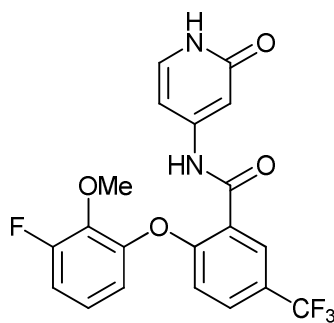
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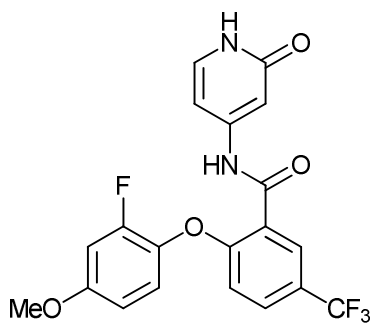
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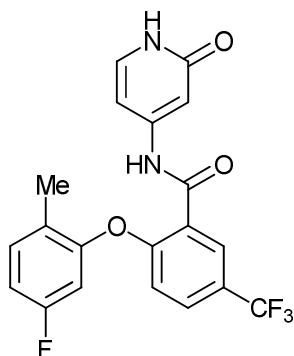
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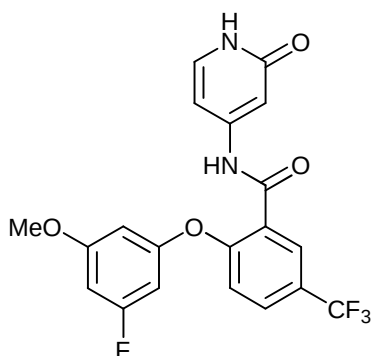
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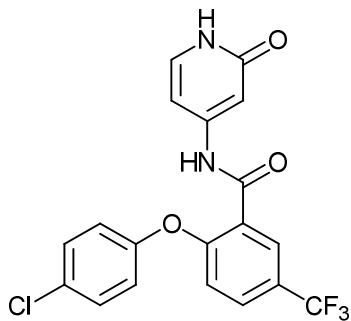
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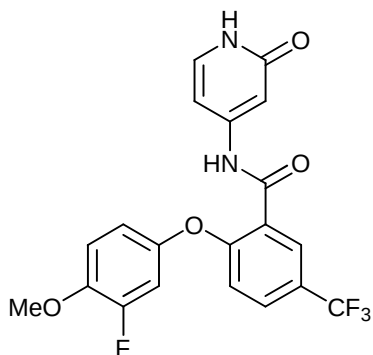
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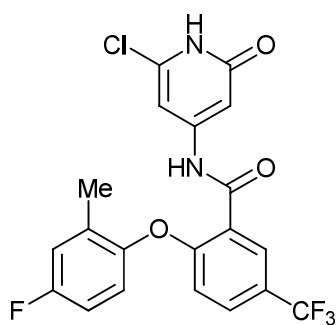
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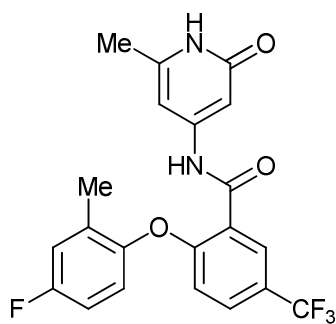
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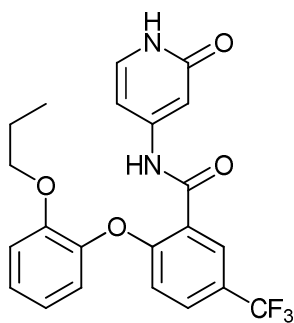
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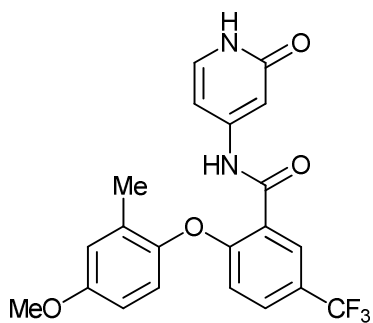
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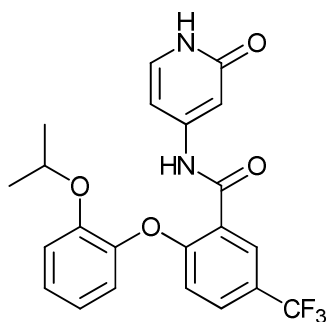
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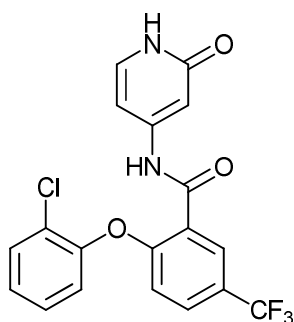
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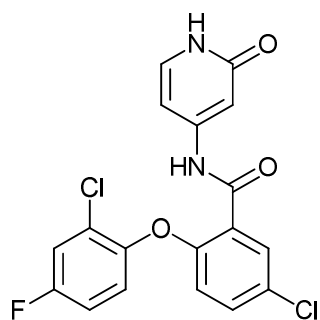
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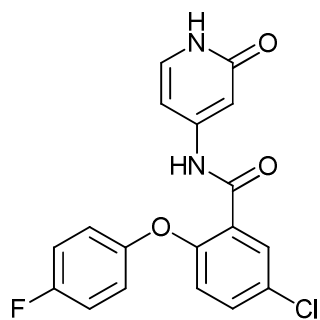
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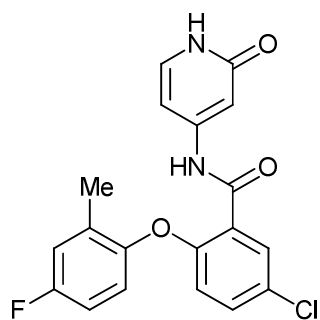
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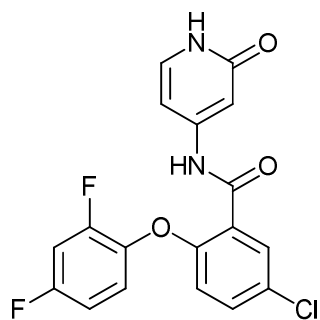
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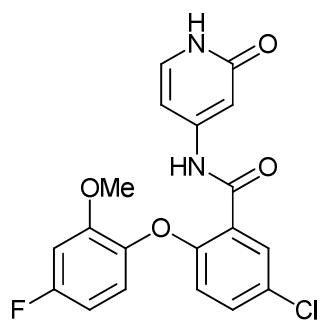
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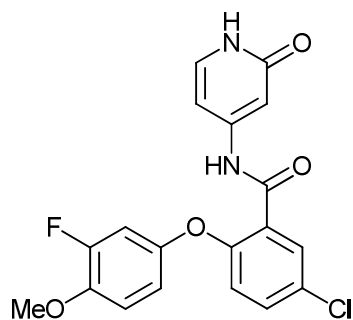
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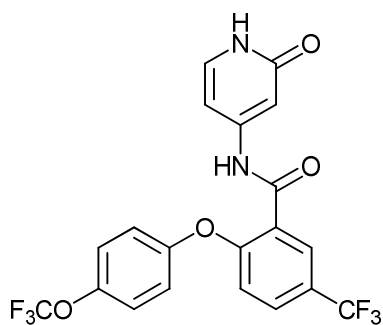
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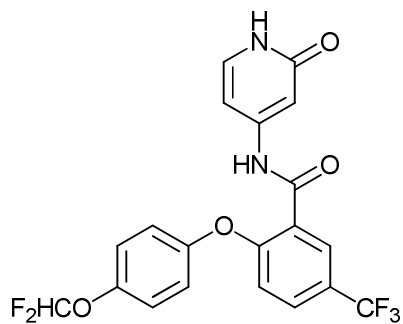
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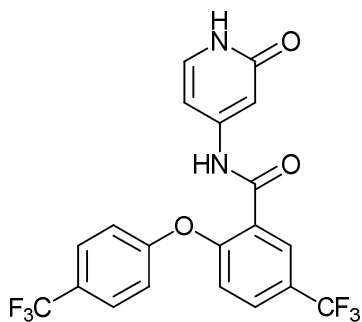
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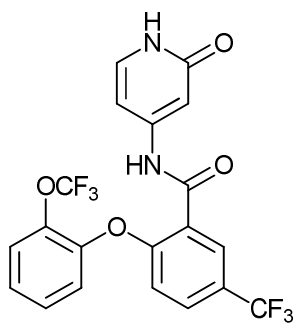
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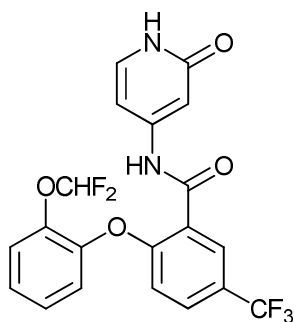
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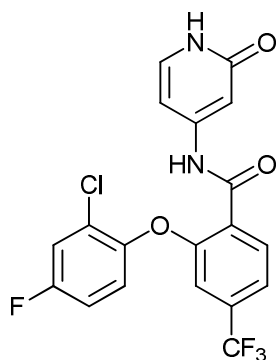
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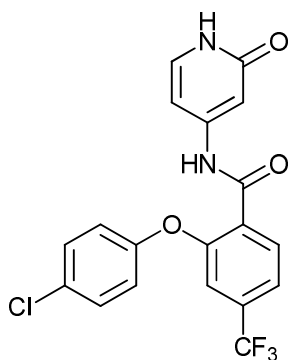
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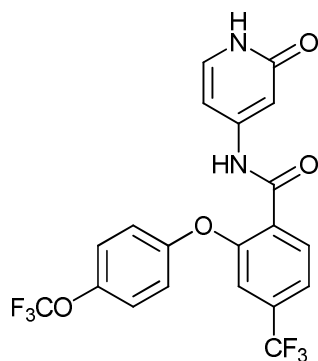
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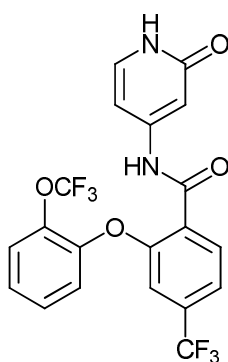
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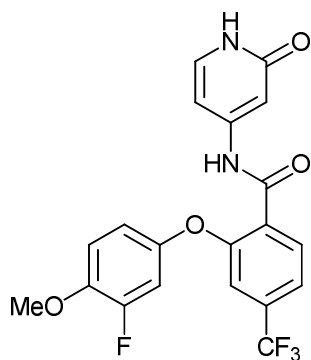
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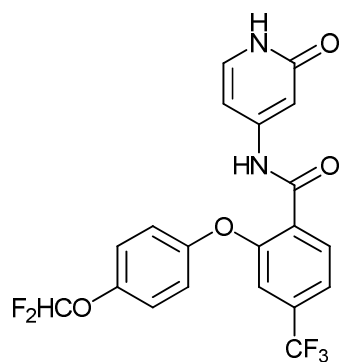
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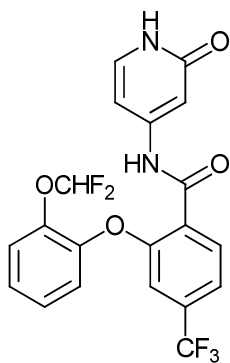
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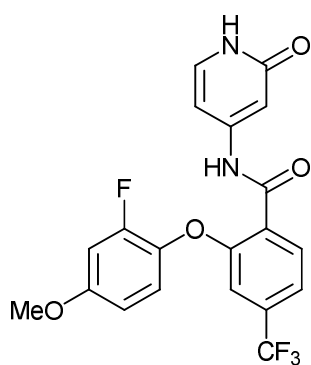
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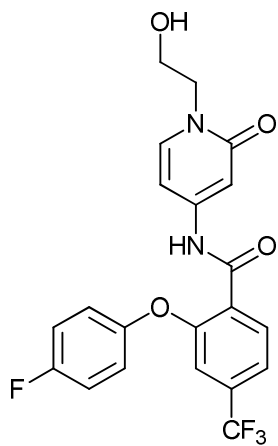
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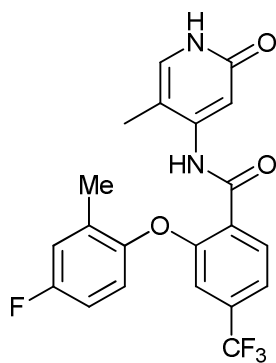
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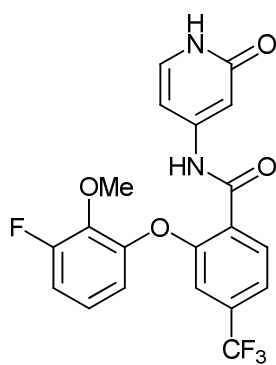
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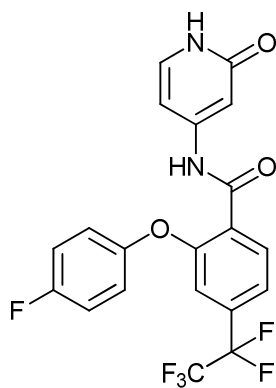
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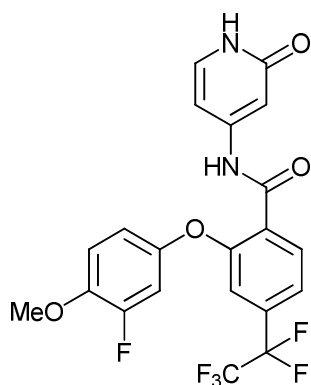
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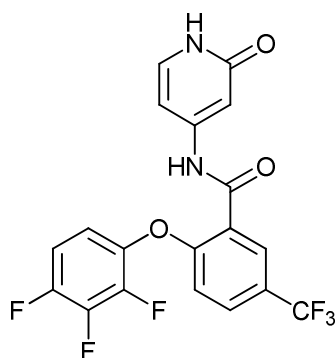
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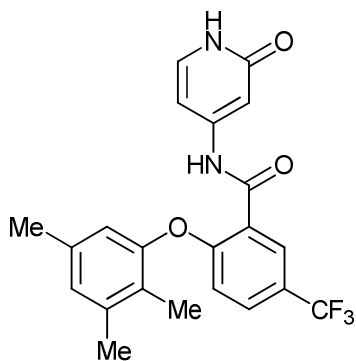
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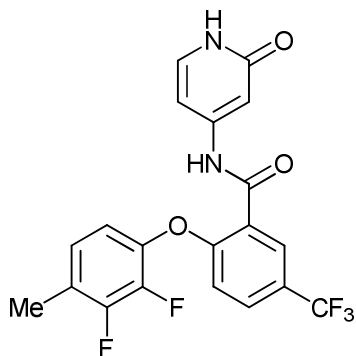
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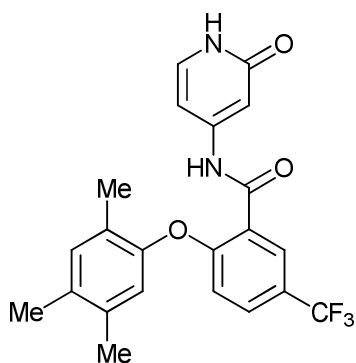
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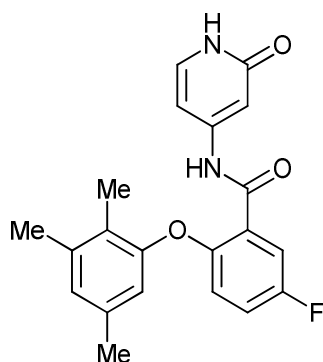
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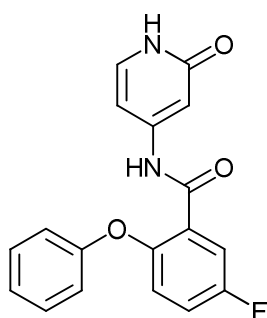
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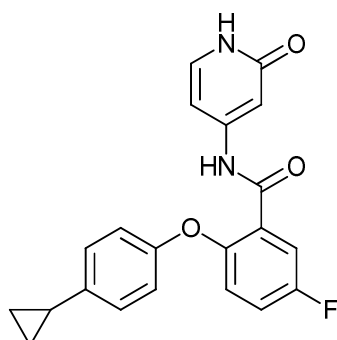
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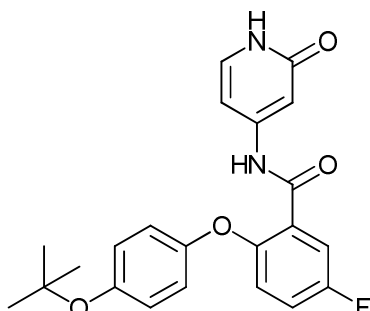
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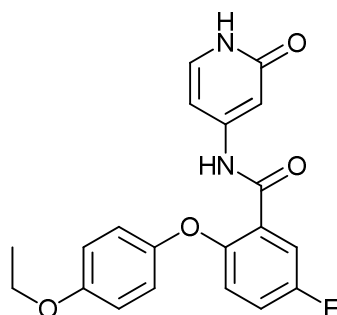
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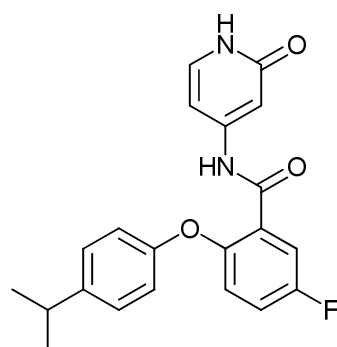
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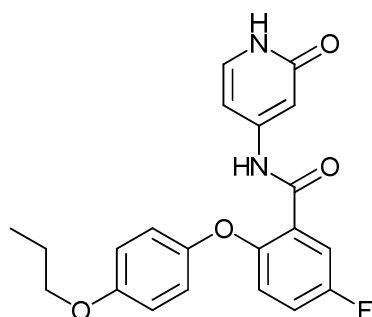
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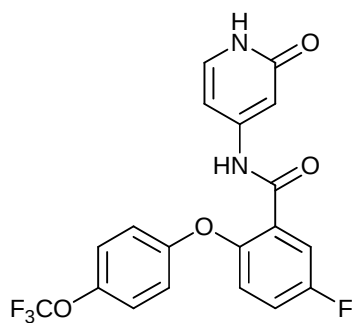
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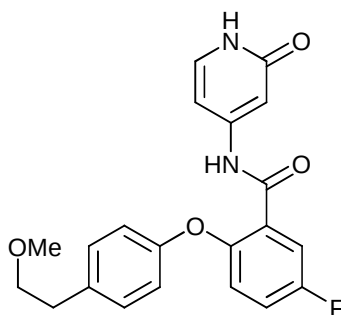
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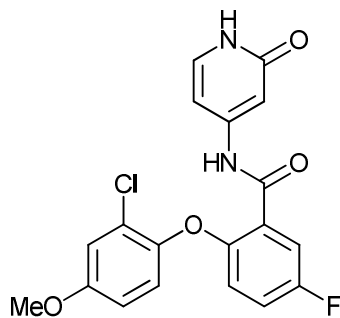
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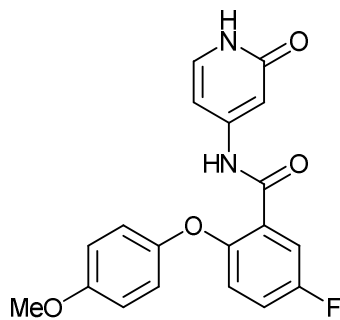
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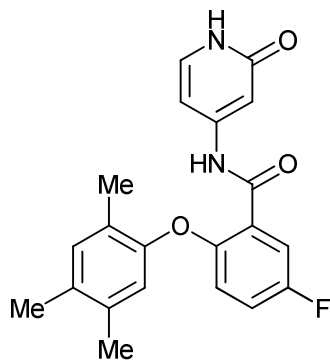
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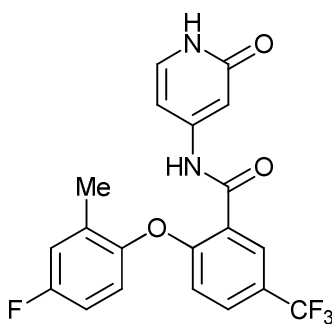
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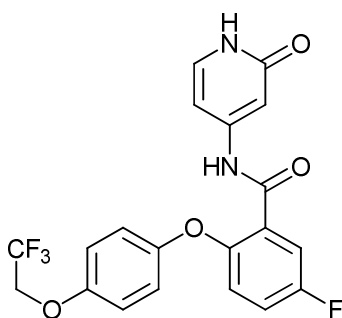
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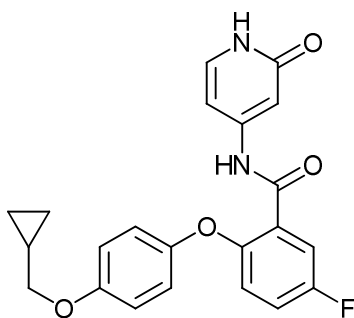
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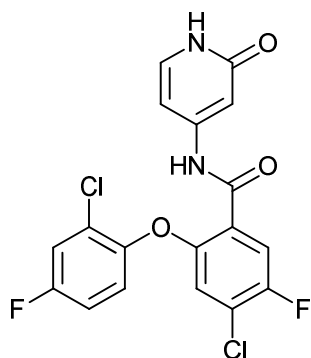
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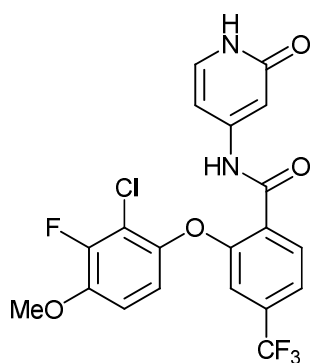
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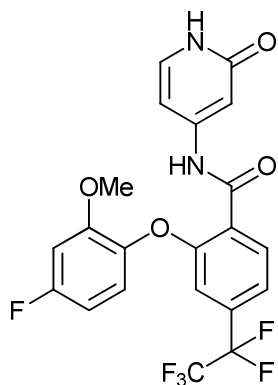
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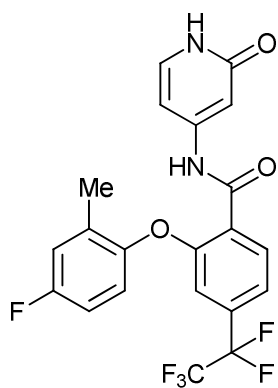
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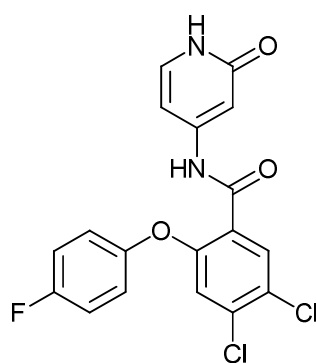
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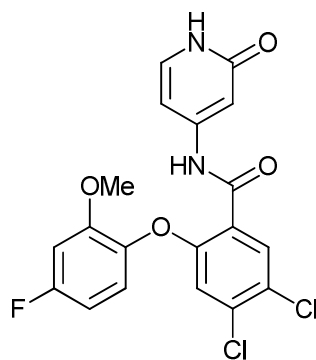
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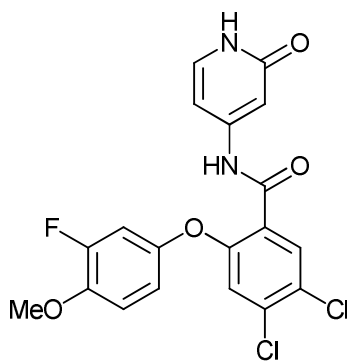
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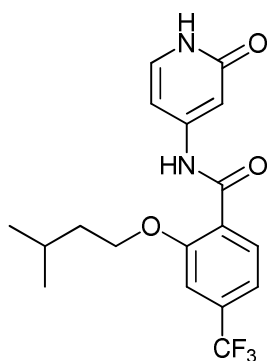
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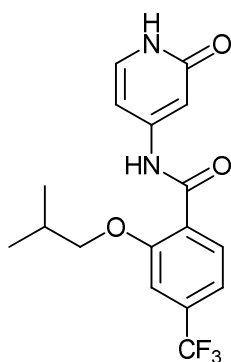
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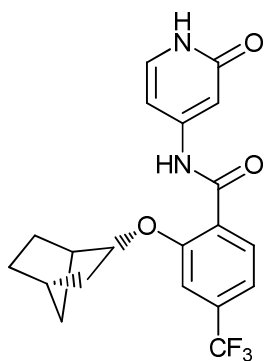
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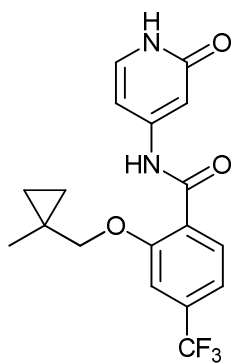
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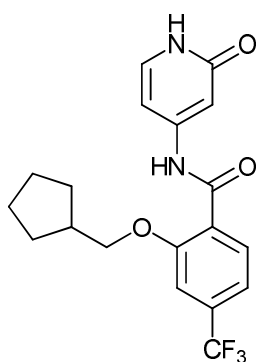
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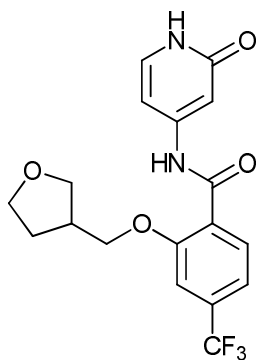
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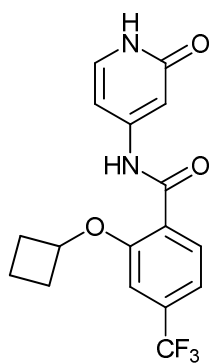
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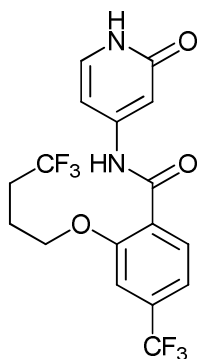
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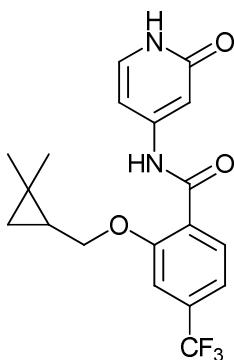
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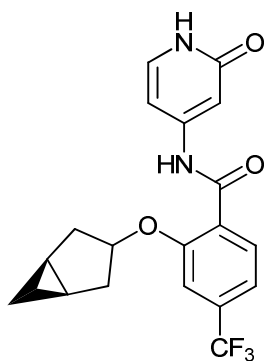
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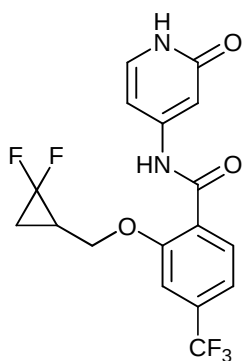
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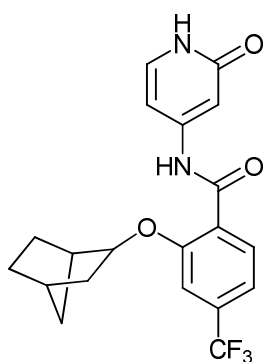
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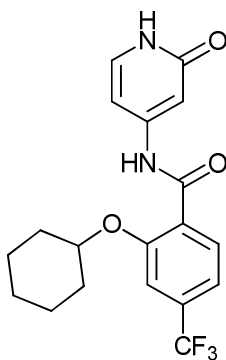
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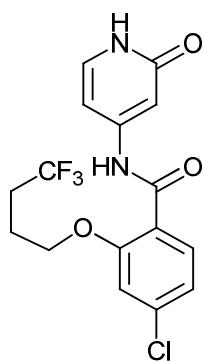
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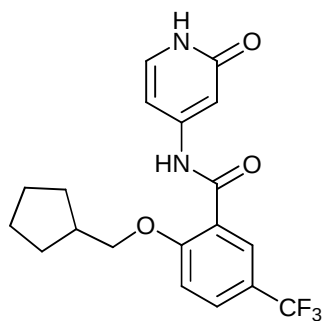
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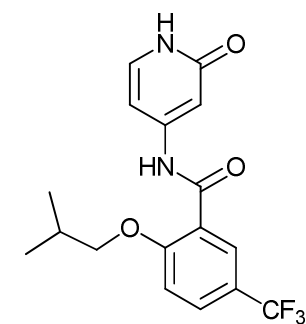
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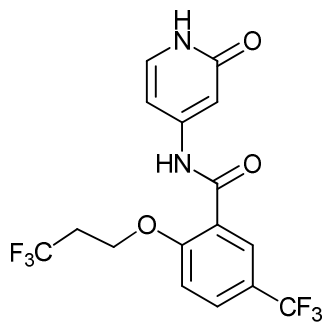
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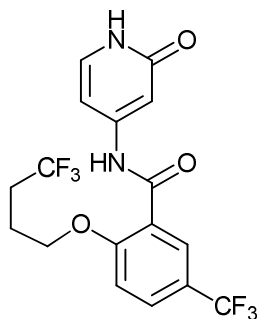
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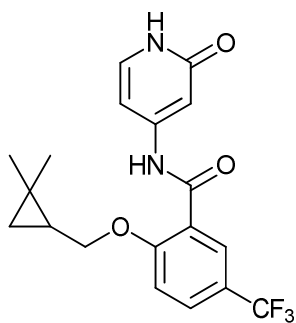
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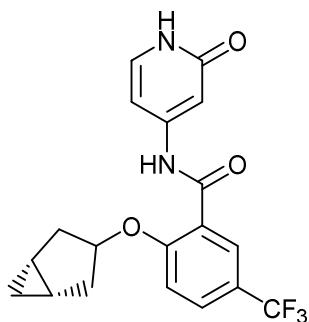
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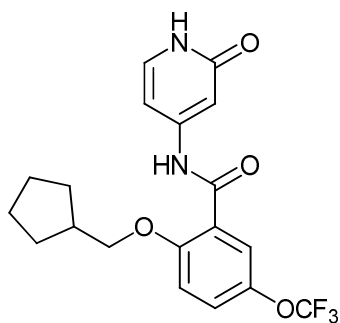
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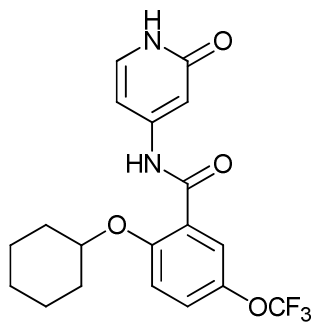
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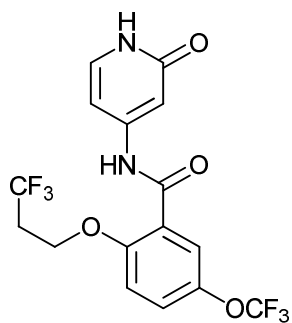
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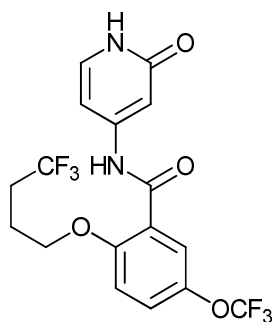
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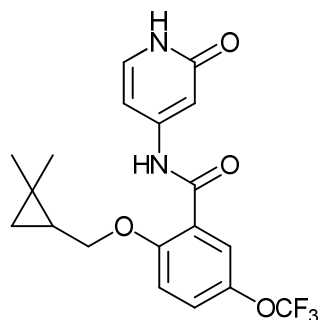
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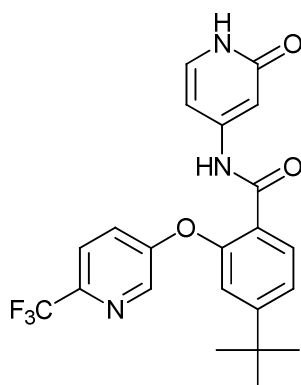
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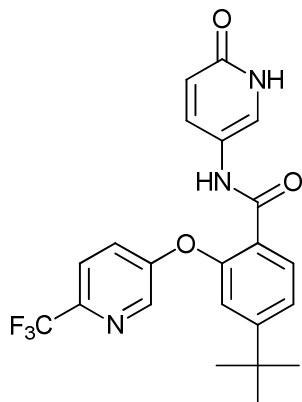
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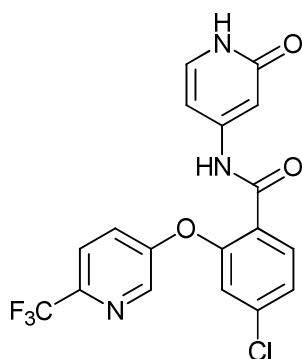
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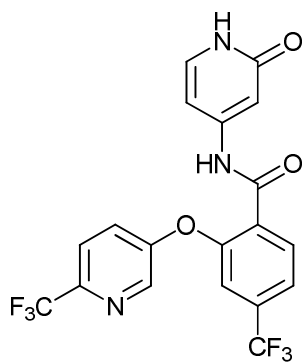
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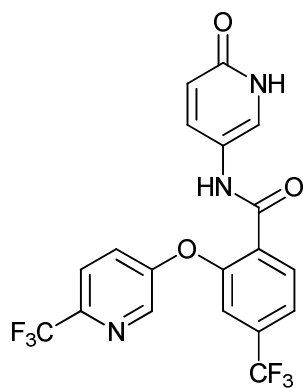
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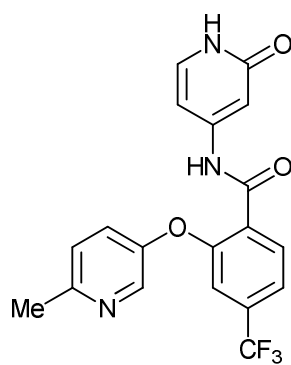
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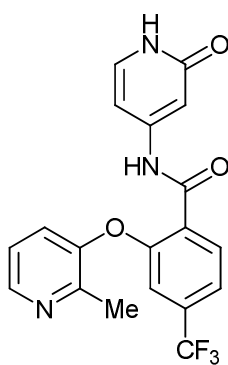
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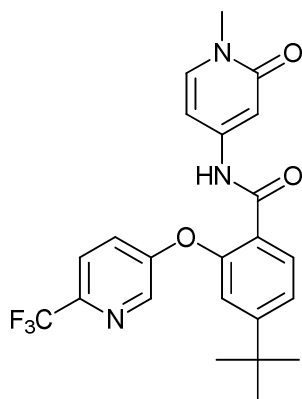
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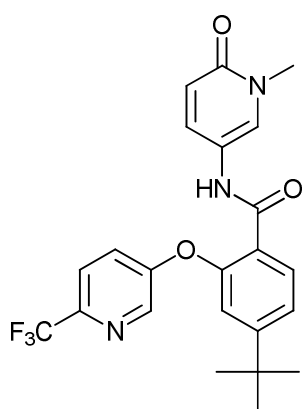
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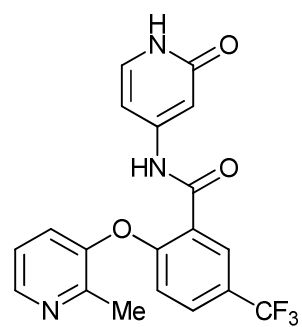
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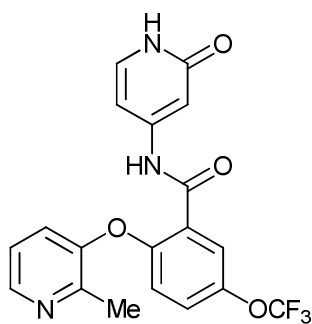
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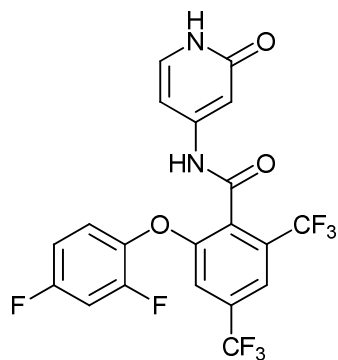
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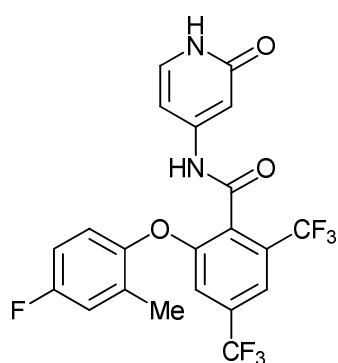
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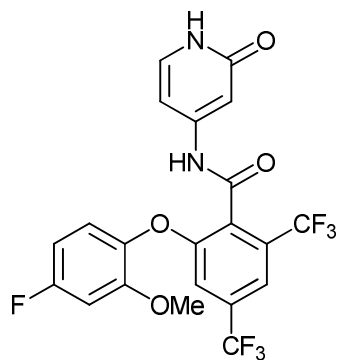
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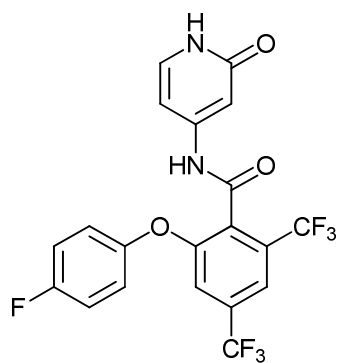
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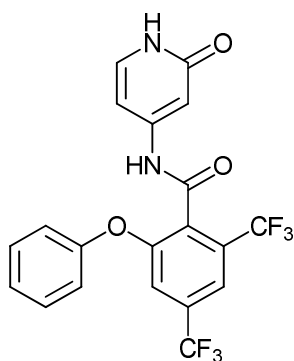
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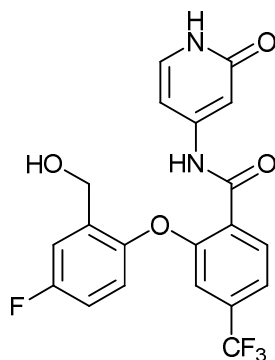
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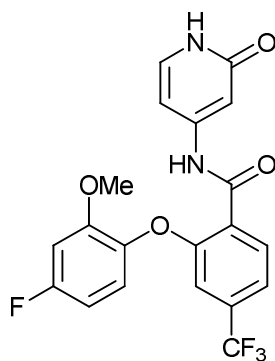
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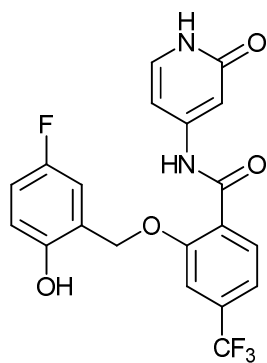
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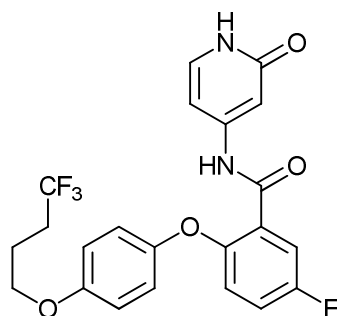
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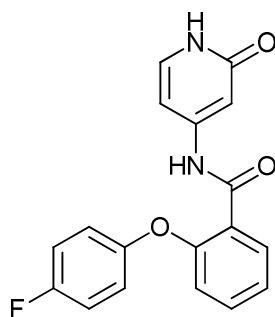
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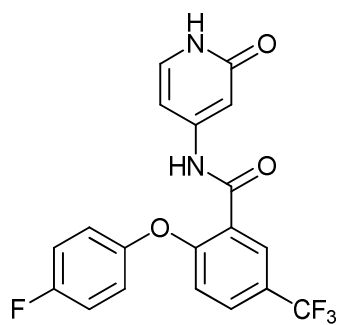
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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

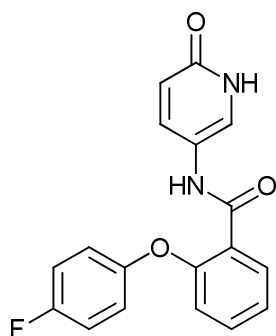
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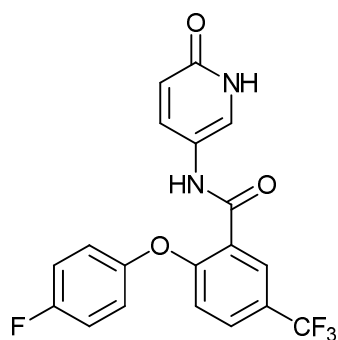
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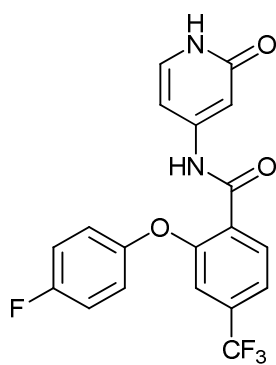
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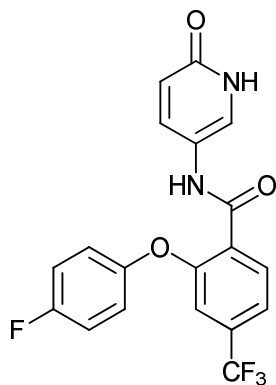
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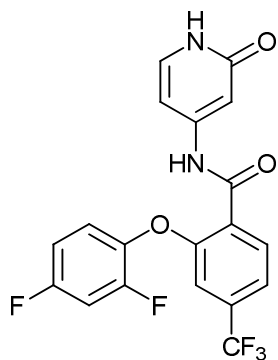
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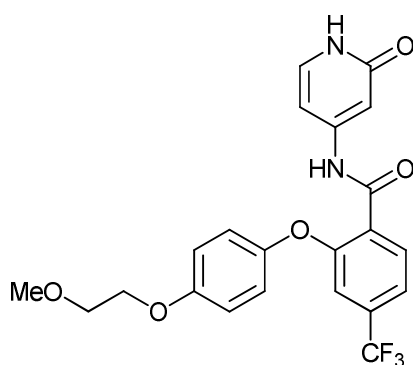
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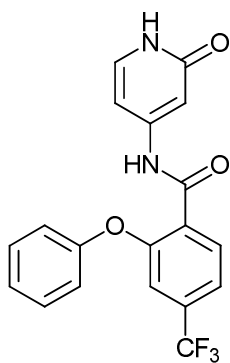
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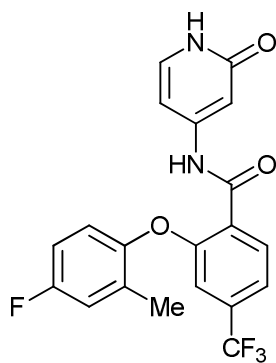
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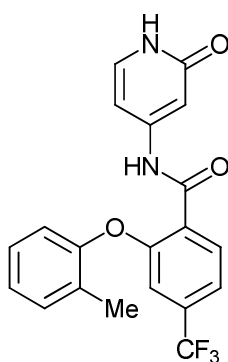
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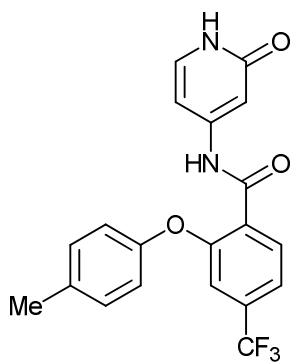
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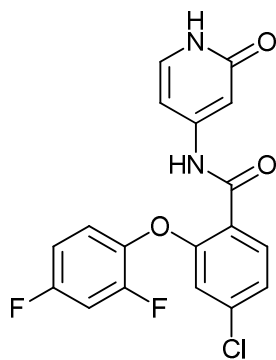
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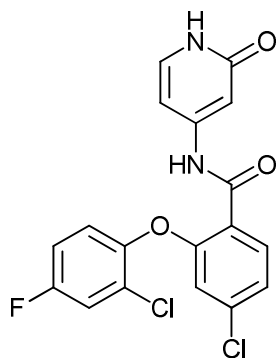
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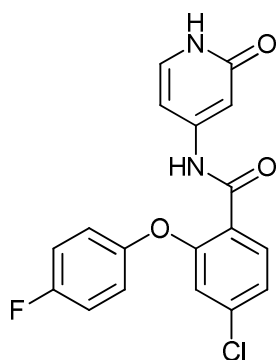
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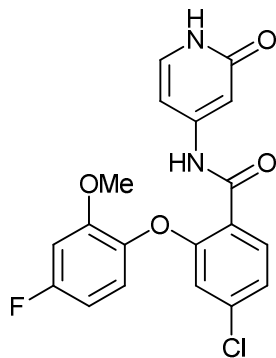
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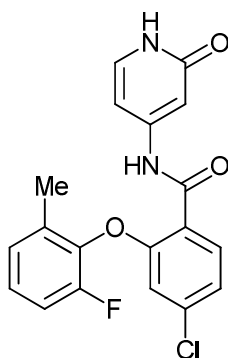
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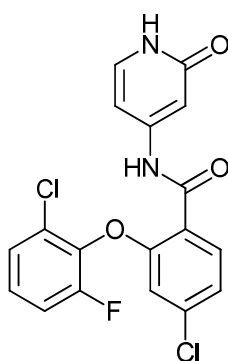
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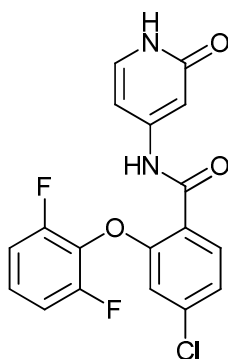
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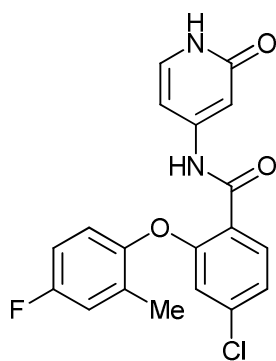
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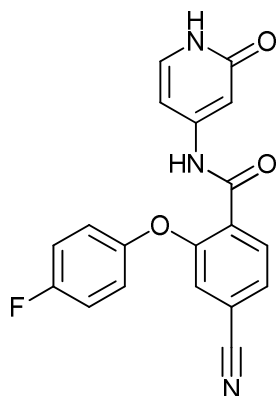
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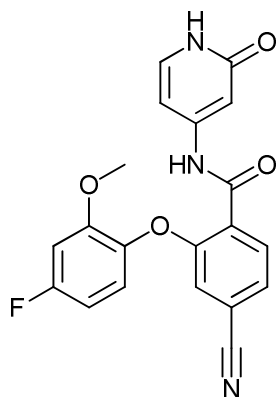
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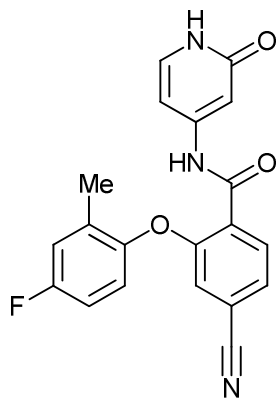
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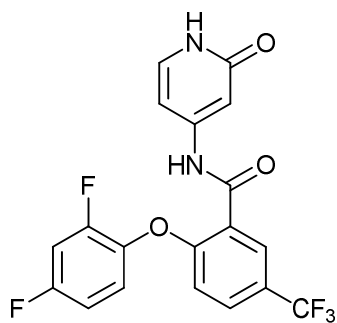
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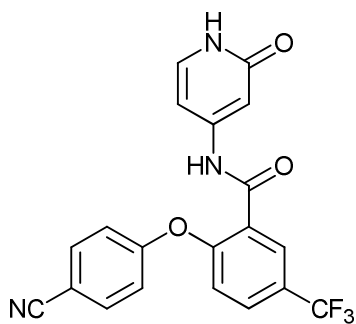
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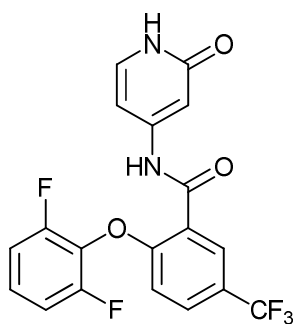
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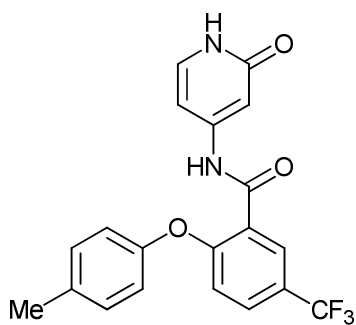
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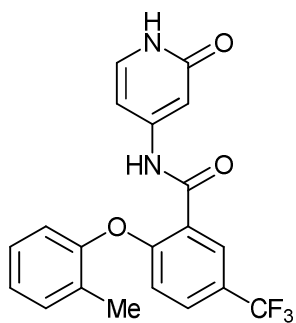
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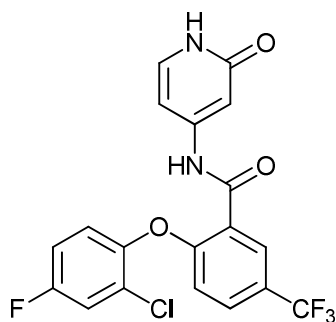
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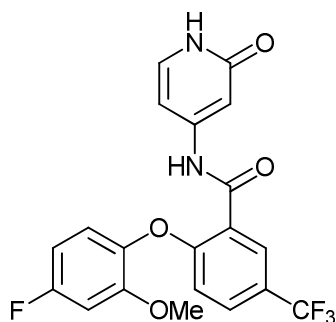
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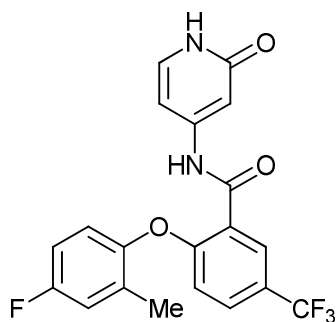
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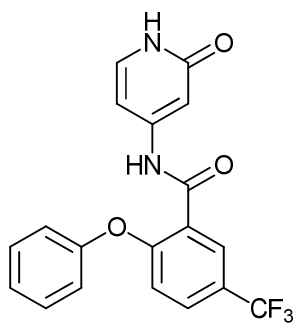
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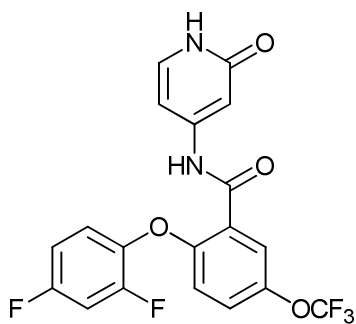
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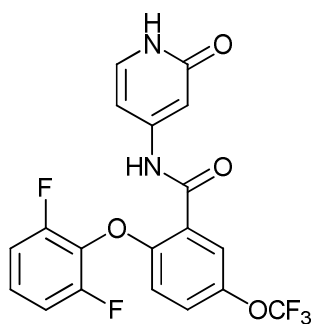
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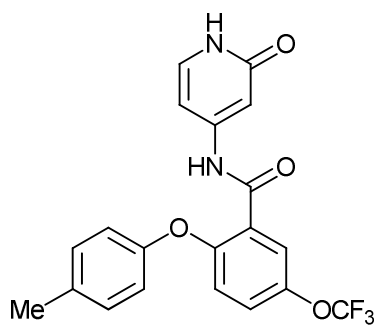
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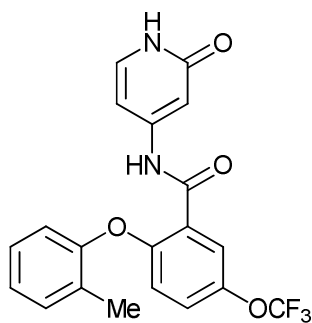
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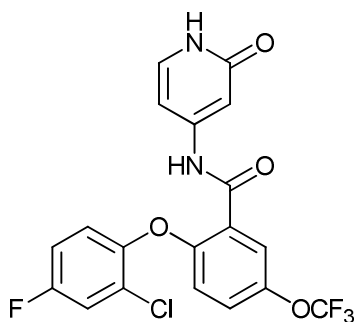
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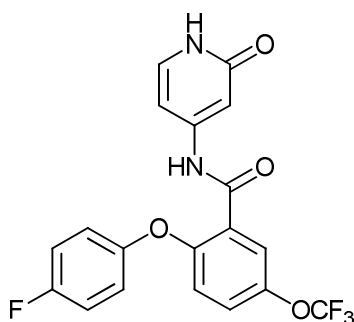
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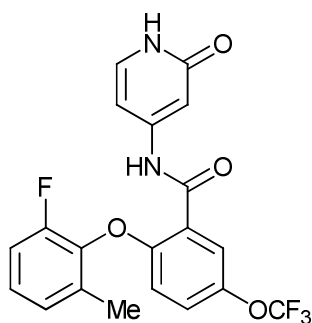
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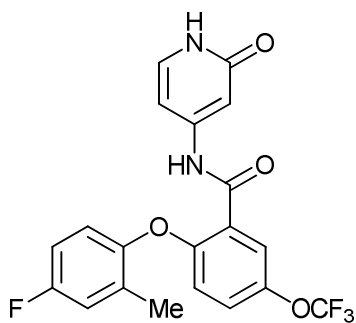
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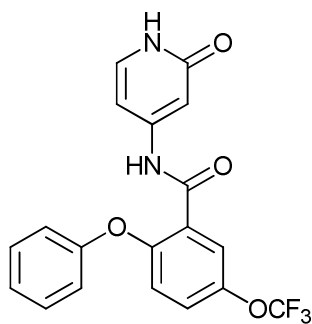
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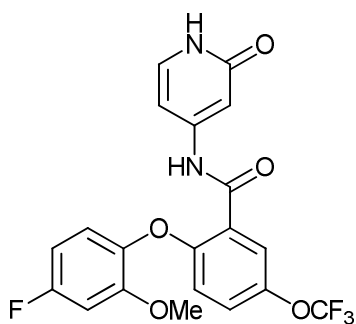
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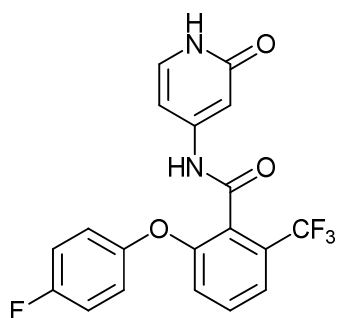
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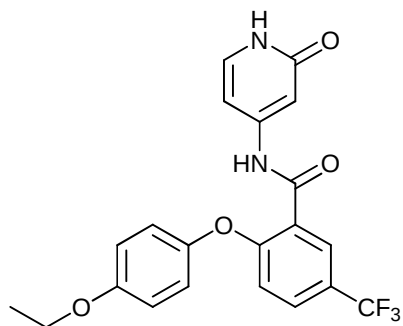
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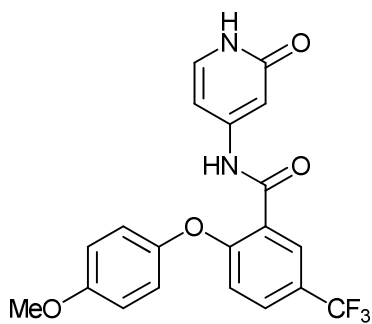
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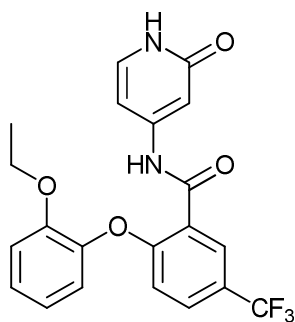
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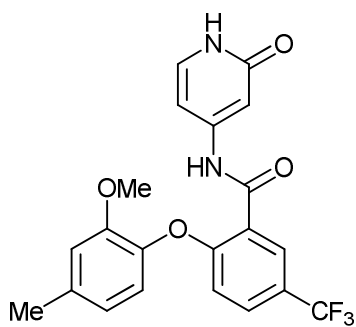
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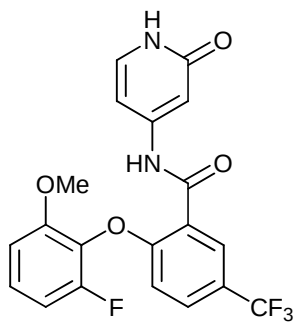
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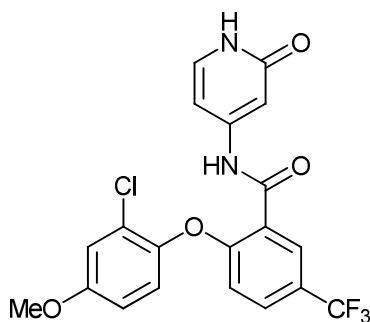
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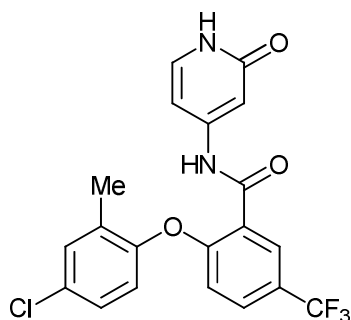
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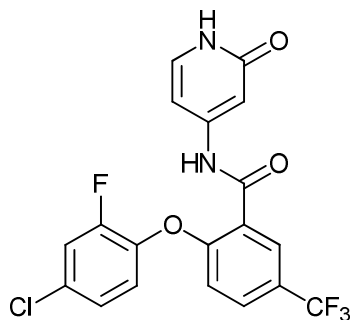
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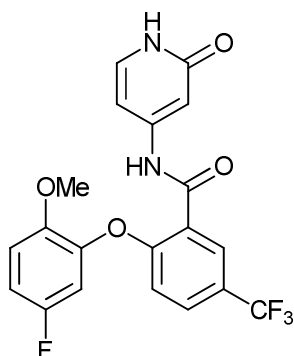
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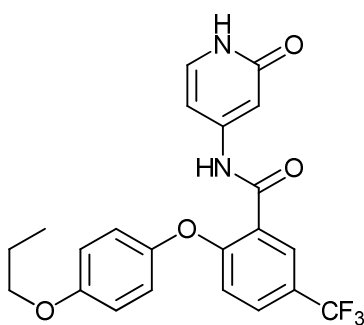
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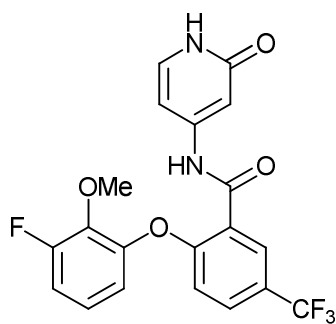
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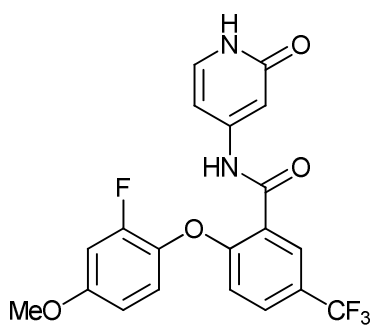
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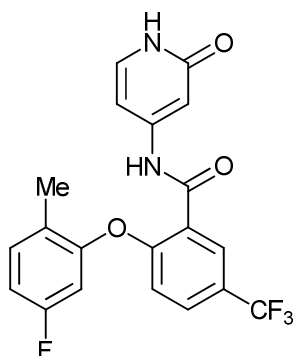
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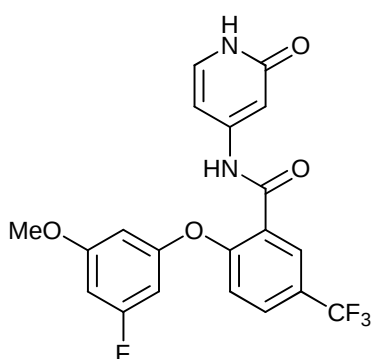
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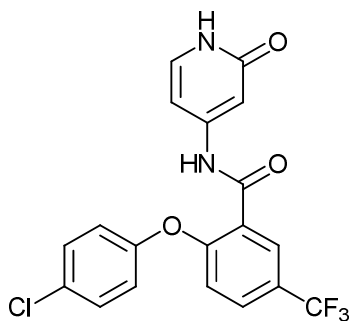
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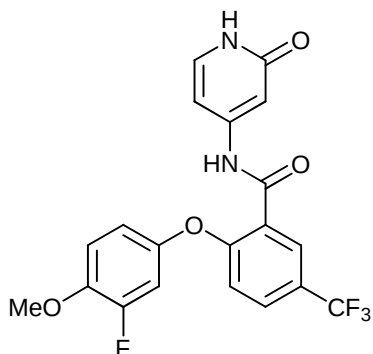
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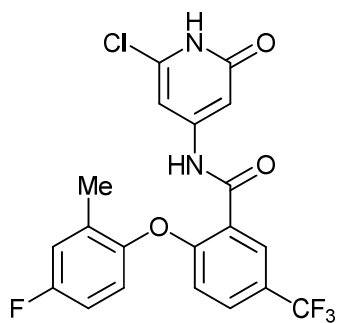
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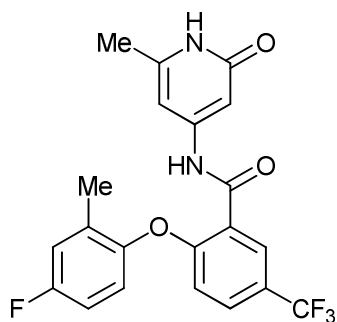
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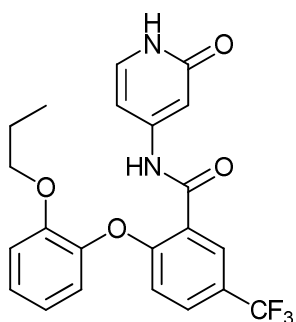
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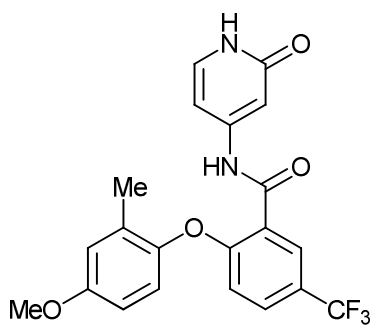
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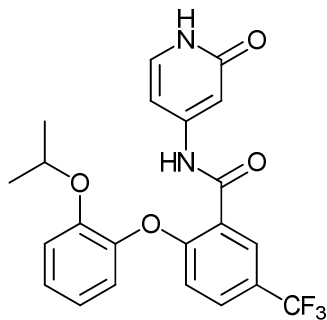
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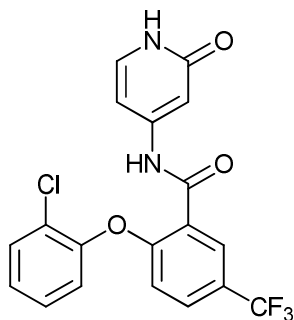
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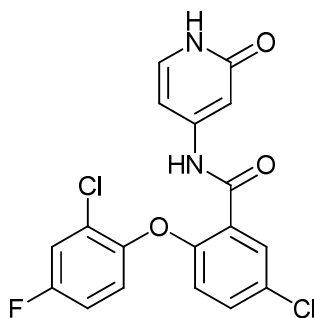
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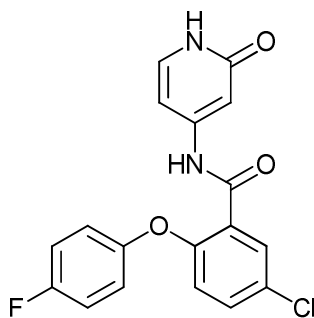
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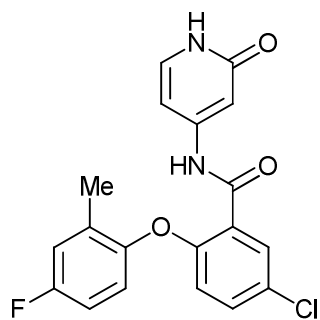
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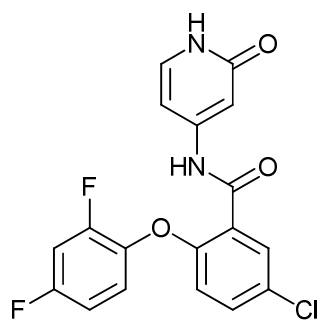
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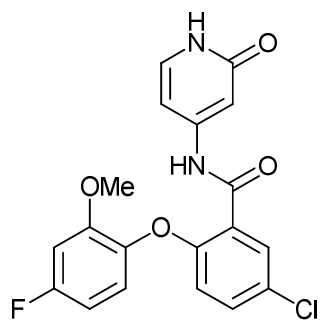
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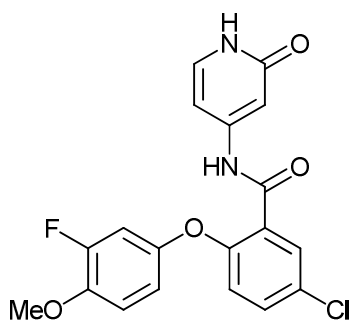
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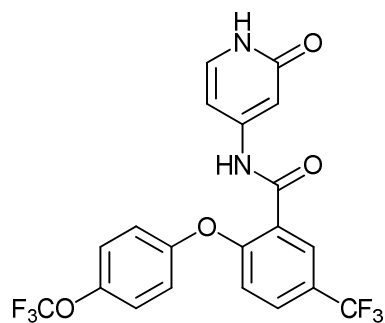
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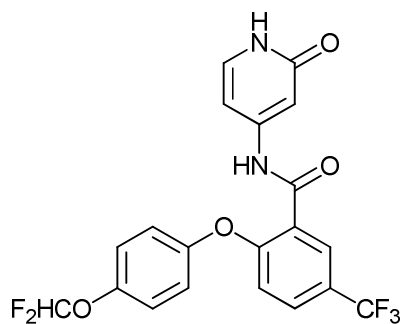
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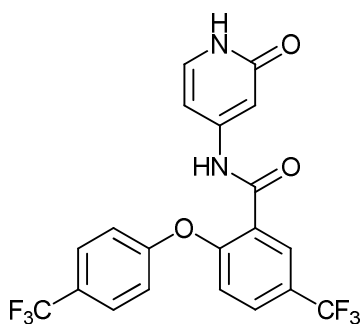
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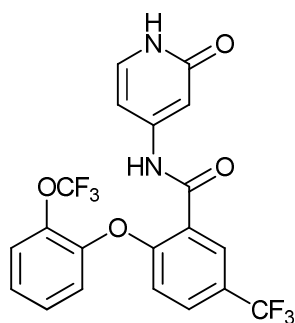
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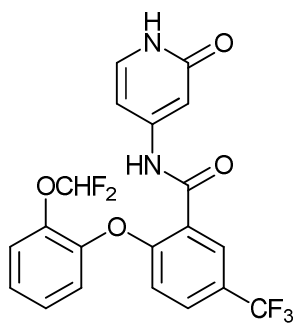
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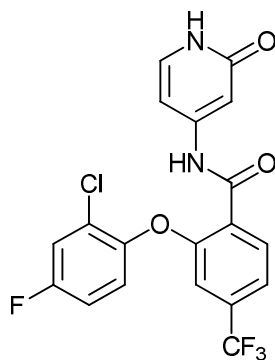
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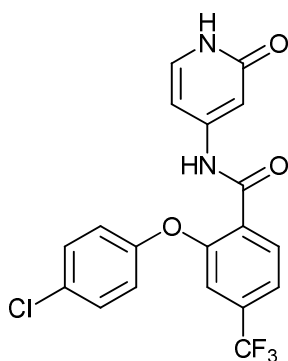
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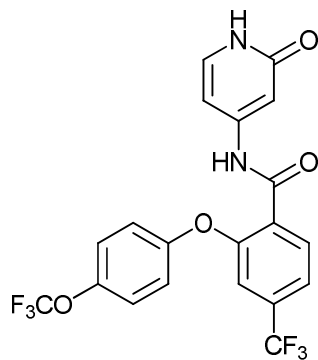
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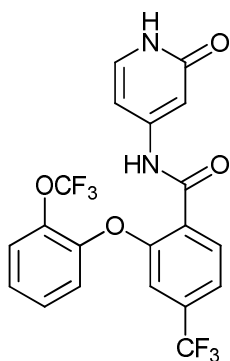
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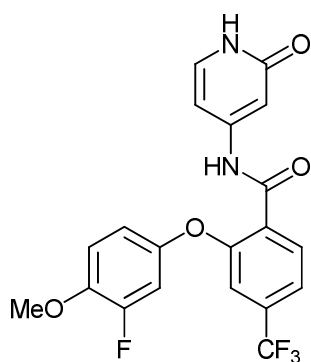
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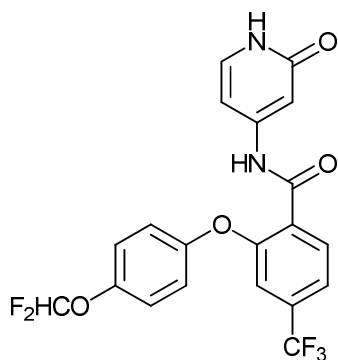
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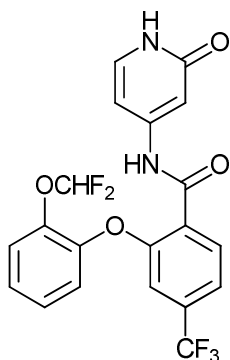
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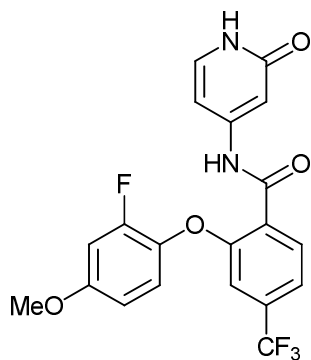
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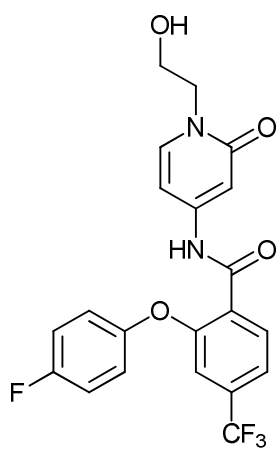
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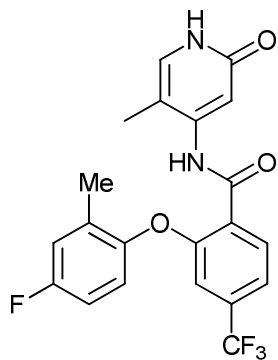
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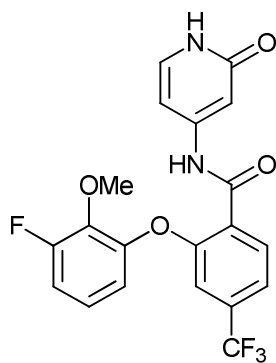
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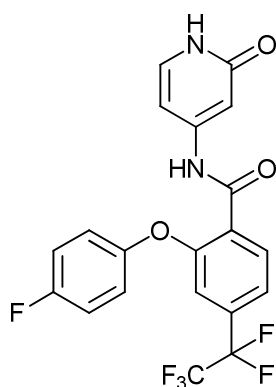
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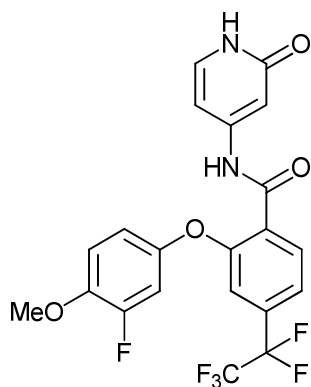
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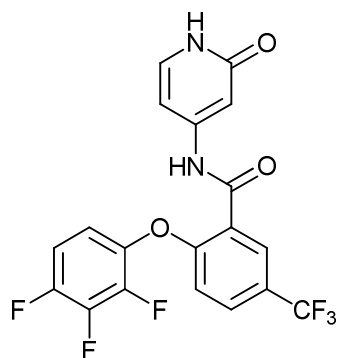
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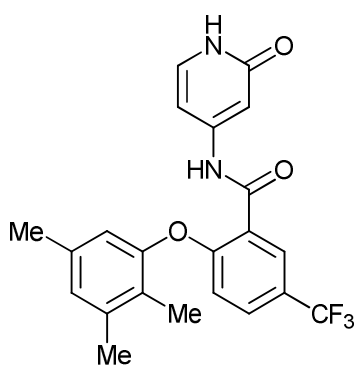
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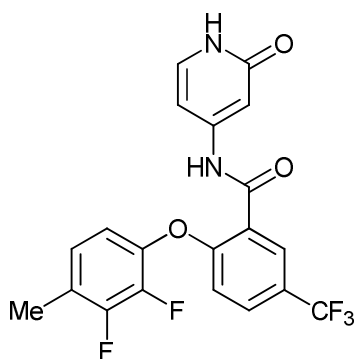
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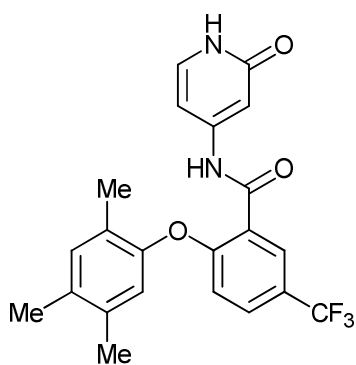
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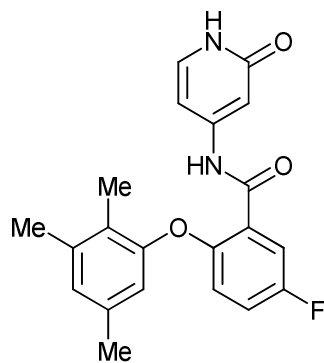
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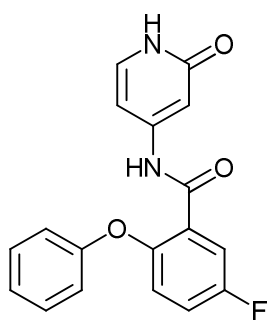
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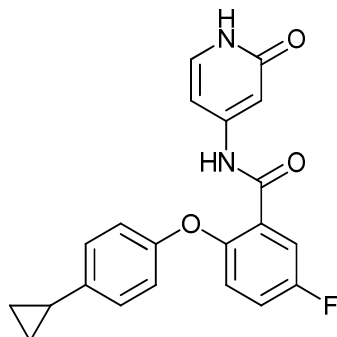
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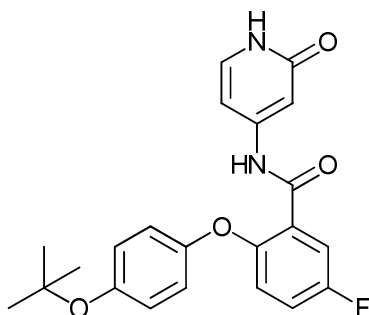
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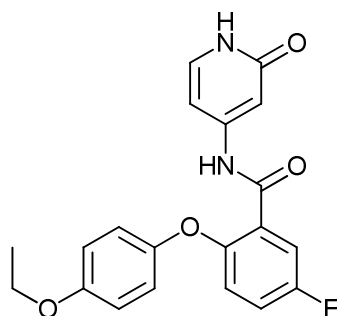
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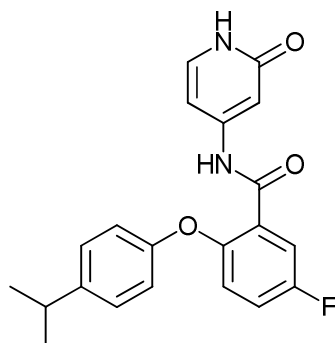
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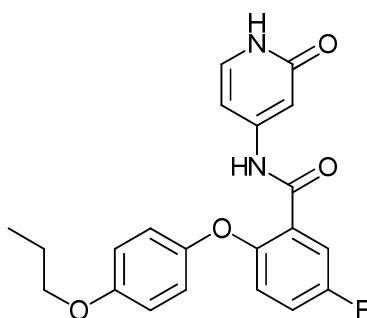
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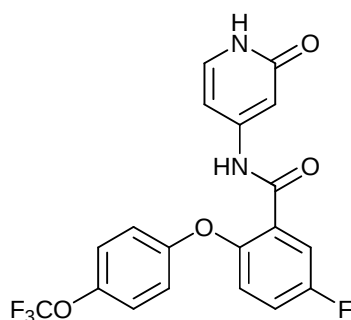
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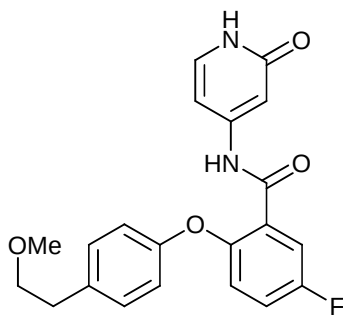
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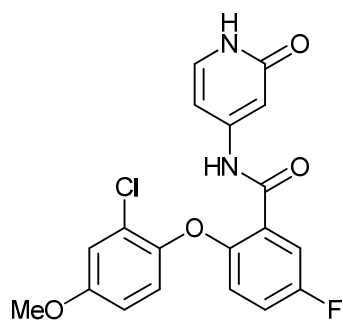
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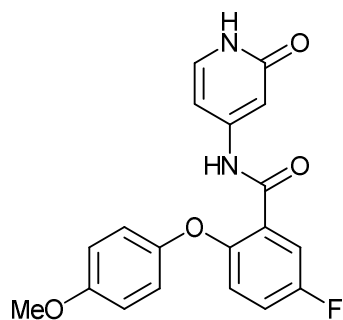
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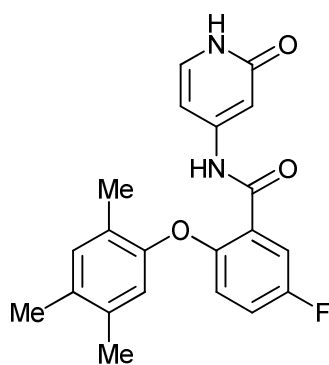
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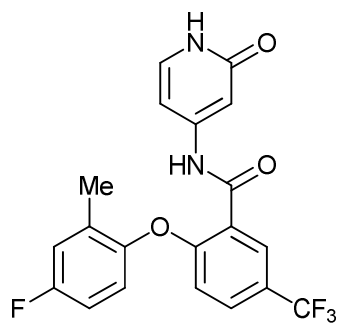
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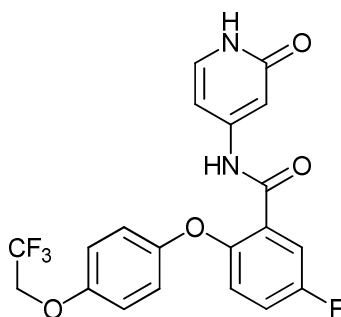
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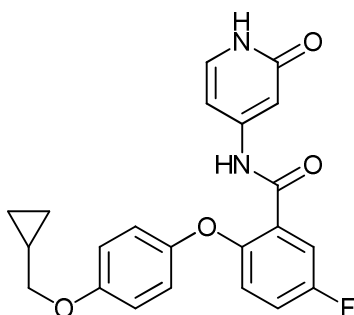
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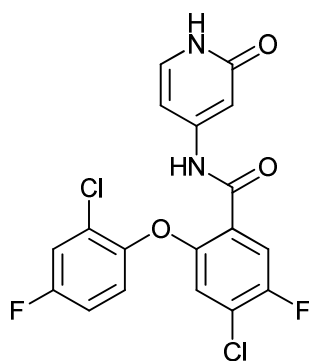
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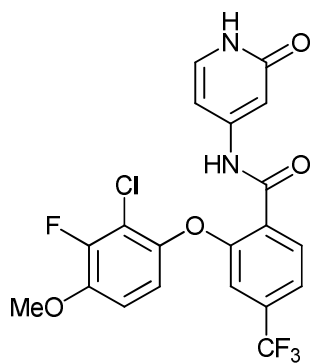
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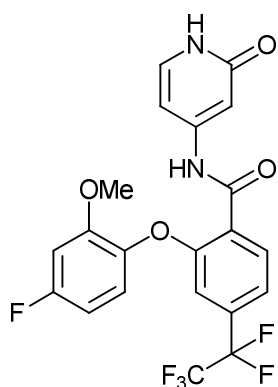
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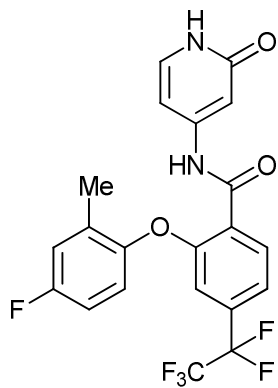
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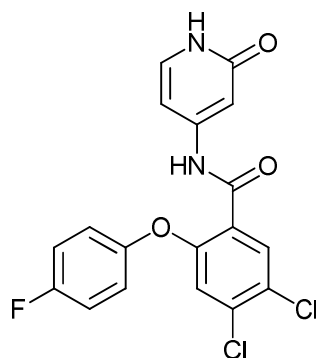
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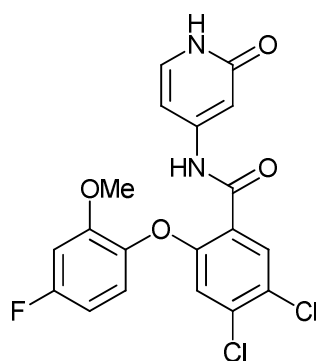
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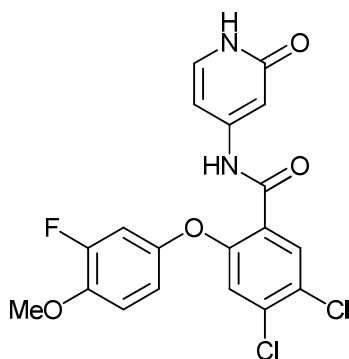
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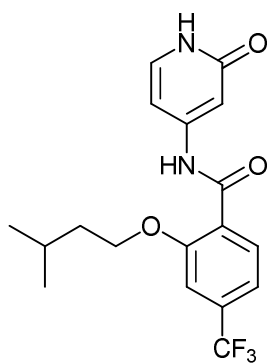
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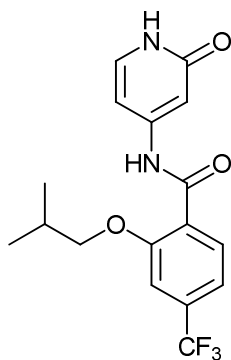
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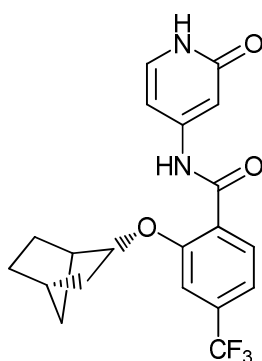
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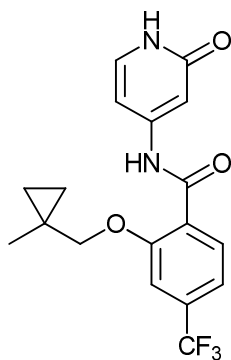
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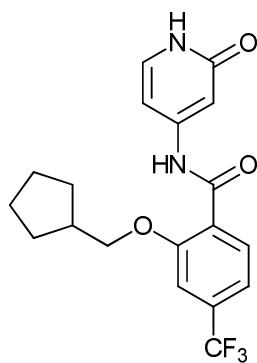
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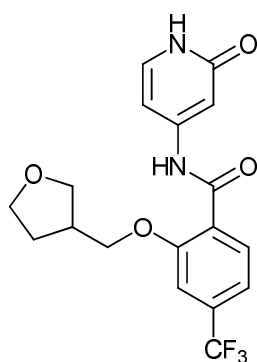
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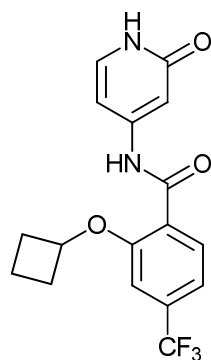
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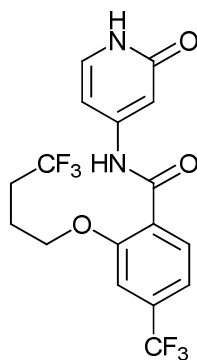
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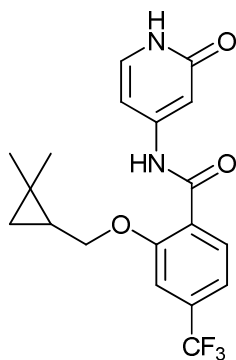
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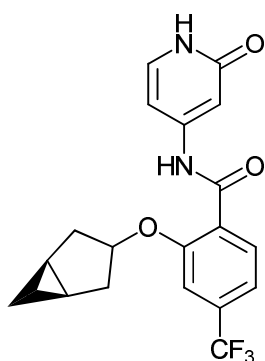
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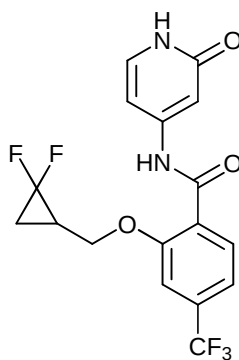
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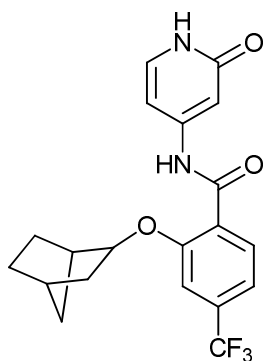
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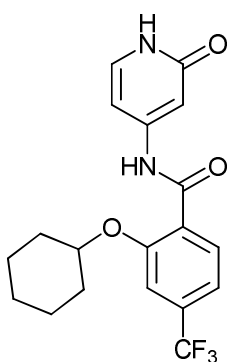
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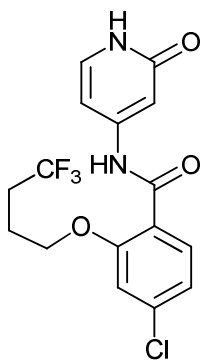
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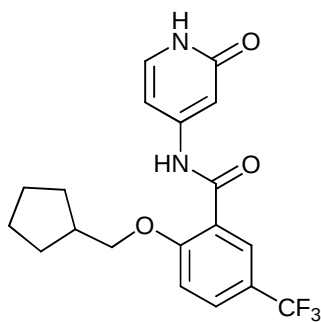
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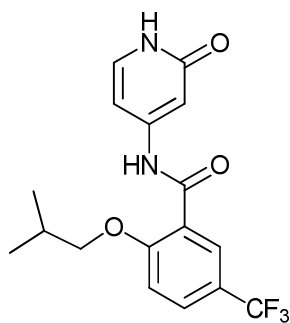
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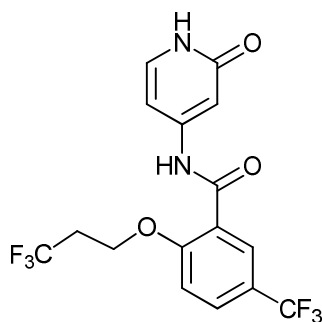
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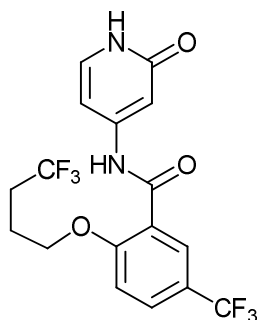
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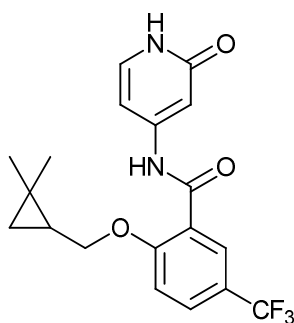
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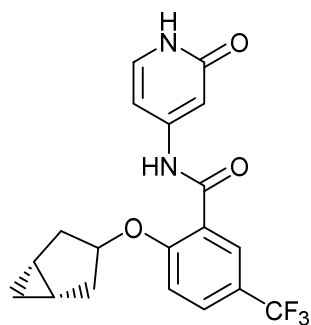
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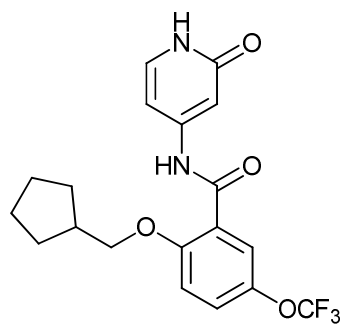
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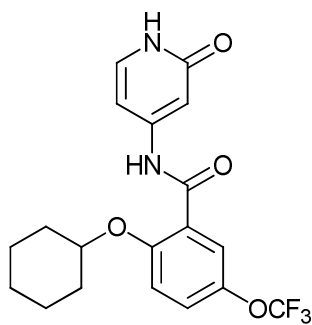
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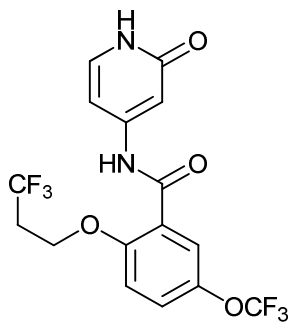
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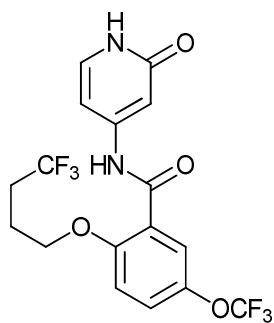
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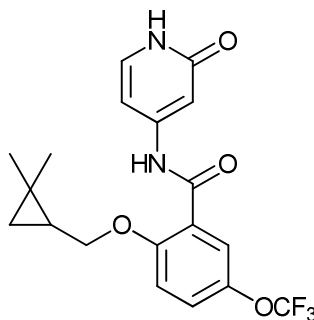
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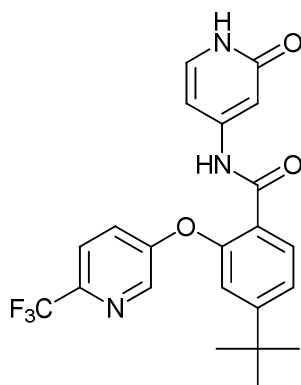
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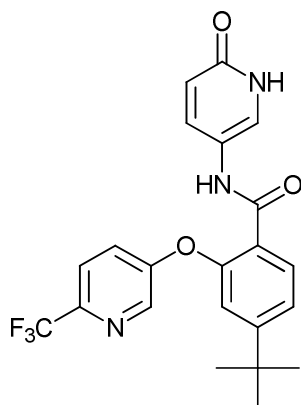
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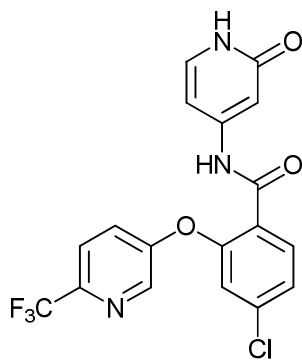
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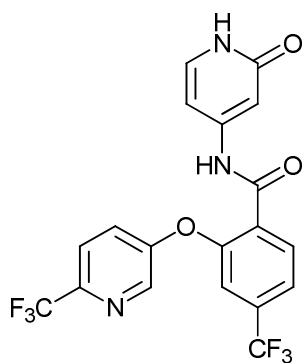
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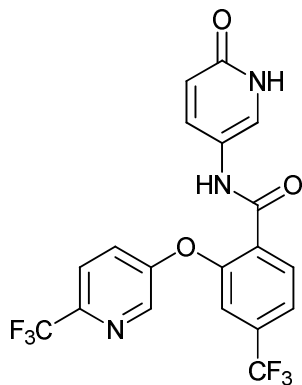
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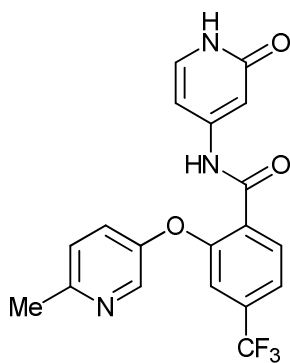
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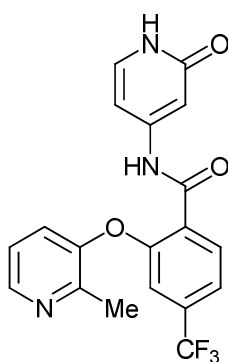
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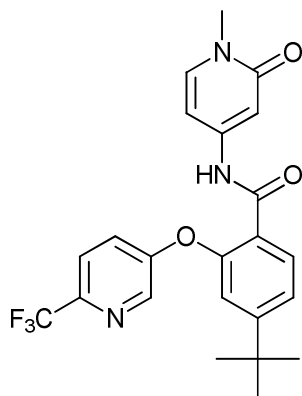
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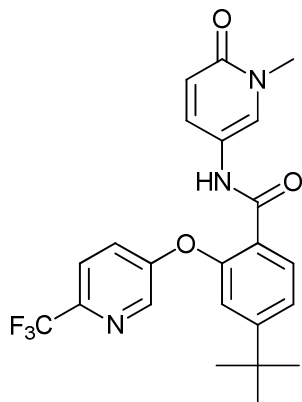
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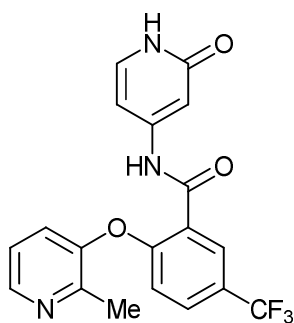
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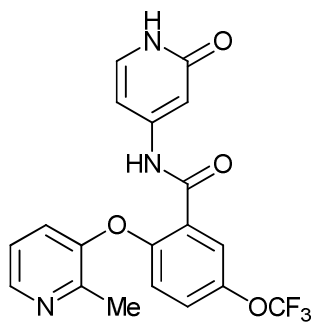
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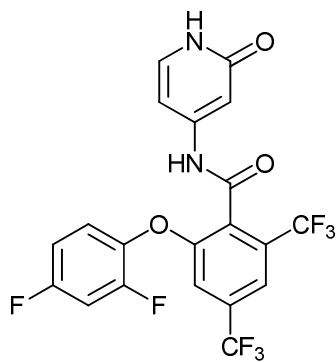
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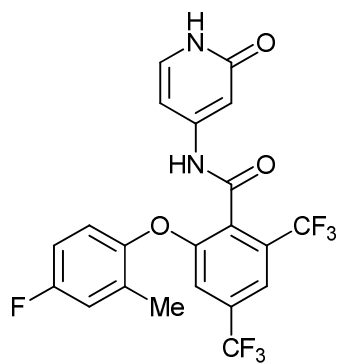
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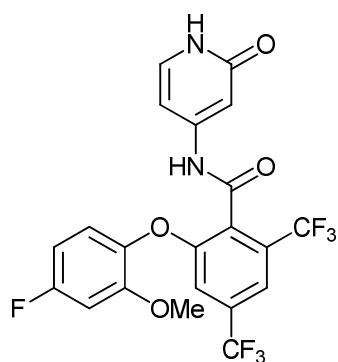
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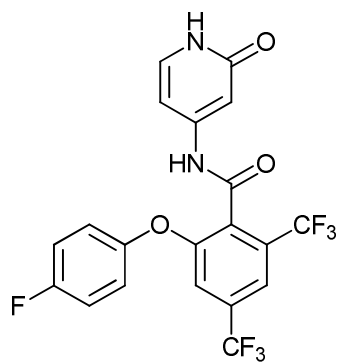
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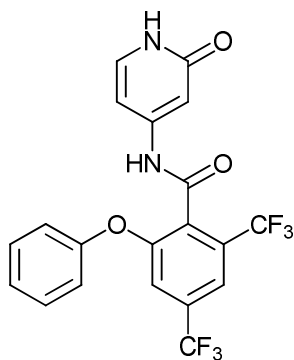
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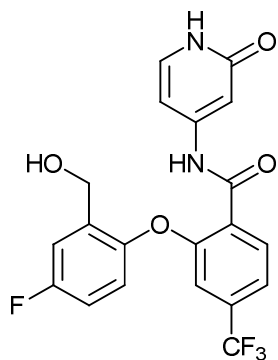
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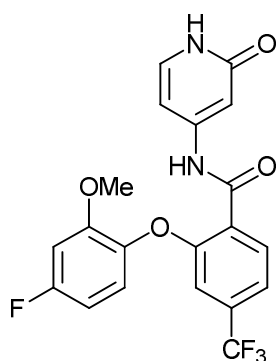
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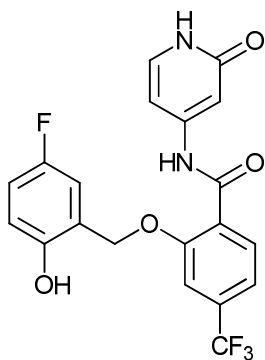
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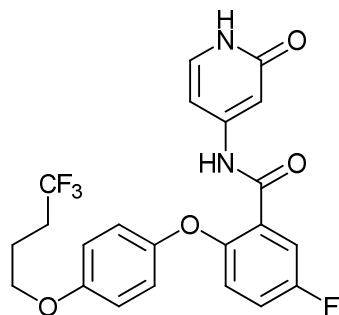
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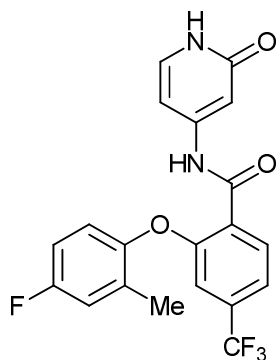


2-((5-fluoro-2-hydroxybenzyl)oxy)-N-(2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridin-4-yl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzamide; and



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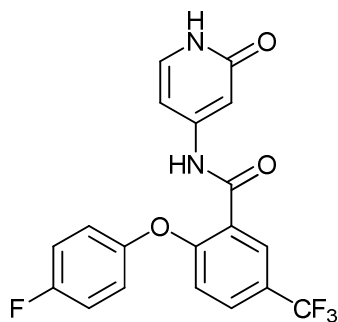
24. The compound or pharmaceutically acceptable salt of claim 1, wherein the compound is:



2-(4-fluoro-2-methylphenoxy)-N-(2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridin-4-yl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzamide;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

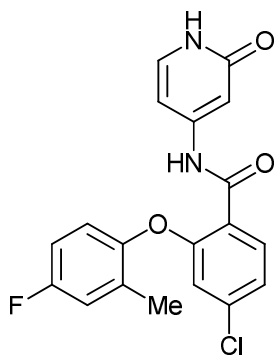
25. The compound or pharmaceutically acceptable salt of claim 1, wherein the compound is:



2-(4-fluorophenoxy)-N-(2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridin-4-yl)-5-(trifluoromethyl)benzamide;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

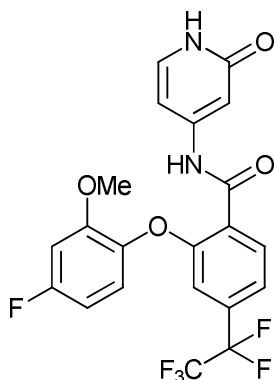
26. The compound or pharmaceutically acceptable salt of claim 1, wherein the compound is:



4-chloro-2-(4-fluoro-2-methylphenoxy)-N-(2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridin-4-yl)benzamide;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

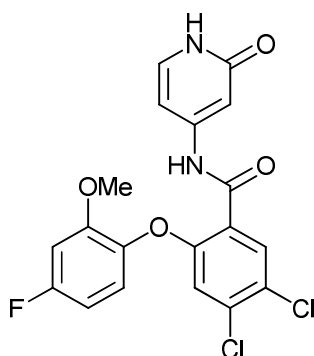
27. The compound or pharmaceutically acceptable salt of claim 1, wherein the compound is:



2-(4-fluoro-2-methoxyphenoxy)-N-(2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridin-4-yl)-4-(perfluoroethyl)benzamide;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

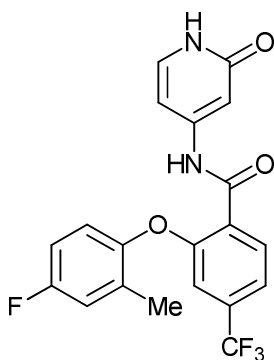
28. The compound or pharmaceutically acceptable salt of claim 1, wherein the compound is:



4,5-dichloro-2-(4-fluoro-2-methoxyphenoxy)-N-(2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridin-4-yl)benzamide,

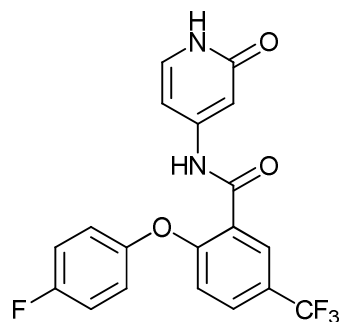
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

29. The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound is:



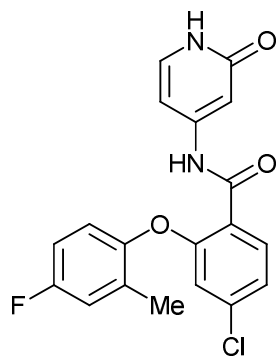
2-(4-fluoro-2-methylphenoxy)-N-(2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridin-4-yl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzamide.

30. The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound is:



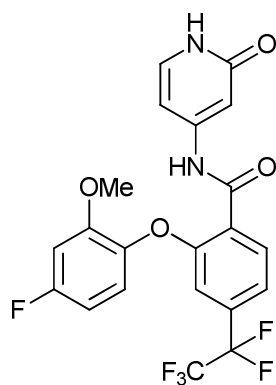
2-(4-fluorophenoxy)-N-(2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridin-4-yl)-5-(trifluoromethyl)benzamide.

31. The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound is:



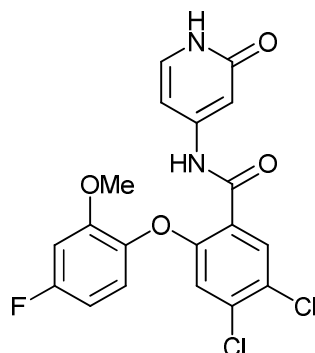
4-chloro-2-(4-fluoro-2-methylphenoxy)-N-(2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridin-4-yl)benzamide.

32. The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound:



2-(4-fluoro-2-methoxyphenoxy)-N-(2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridin-4-yl)-4-(perfluoroethyl)benzamide.

33. The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound is:



4,5-dichloro-2-(4-fluoro-2-methoxyphenoxy)-N-(2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridin-4-yl)benzamide.

34. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a compound or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof of any one of claims 1 to 33 and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers or vehicles.

35. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof of any one of claims 1 to 33 and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers or vehicles.

36. Use of a compound or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof of any one of claims 1 to 33 or a pharmaceutical composition according to claim 34 or 35 in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of chronic pain, gut pain, neuropathic pain, musculoskeletal pain, acute pain, inflammatory pain, cancer pain, idiopathic pain, postsurgical pain, visceral pain, multiple sclerosis, Charcot-Marie-Tooth syndrome, incontinence or cardiac arrhythmia in a subject, by inhibiting a voltage-gated sodium channel.

37. The use of claim 36, wherein the voltage-gated sodium channel is Nav1.8.

38. Use of a compound or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof of any one of claims 1 to 33 or a pharmaceutical composition of claim 34 or 35 in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of or the lessening of the severity of chronic pain, gut pain, neuropathic pain, musculoskeletal pain, acute pain, inflammatory pain, cancer pain, idiopathic pain, postsurgical pain, visceral pain, multiple sclerosis, Charcot-Marie-Tooth syndrome, incontinence or cardiac arrhythmia in a subject.

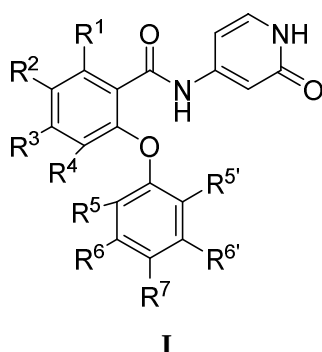
39. The use of claim 38, wherein the medicament is for treating or lessening the severity in a subject of gut pain, wherein gut pain comprises inflammatory bowel disease pain, Crohn's disease pain or interstitial cystitis pain.

40. The use of claim 38, wherein the medicament is for treating or lessening the severity in a subject of neuropathic pain, wherein neuropathic pain comprises post-herpetic neuralgia, diabetic neuralgia, painful HIV-associated sensory neuropathy, trigeminal neuralgia, burning mouth syndrome, post-amputation pain, phantom pain, painful neuroma; traumatic neuroma; Morton's neuroma; nerve entrapment injury, spinal stenosis, carpal tunnel syndrome, radicular pain, sciatica pain; nerve avulsion injury, brachial plexus avulsion injury; complex regional pain syndrome, drug therapy induced neuralgia, cancer chemotherapy induced neuralgia, anti-retroviral therapy induced neuralgia; post spinal cord injury pain, idiopathic small-fiber neuropathy, idiopathic sensory neuropathy or trigeminal autonomic cephalalgia.
41. The use of claim 40, wherein neuropathic pain comprises idiopathic small-fiber neuropathy.
42. The use of claim 40, wherein neuropathic pain comprises post-herpetic neuralgia.
43. The use of claim 38, wherein the medicament is for treating or lessening the severity in a subject of neuropathic pain, wherein neuropathic pain comprises diabetic neuropathy.
44. The use of claim 38, wherein the medicament is for treating or lessening the severity in a subject of musculoskeletal pain, wherein musculoskeletal pain comprises osteoarthritis pain, back pain, cold pain, burn pain or dental pain.
45. The use of claim 44, wherein musculoskeletal pain comprises osteoarthritis pain.
46. The use of claim 38, wherein the medicament is for treating or lessening the severity in a subject of inflammatory pain, wherein inflammatory pain comprises rheumatoid arthritis pain or vulvodinia.
47. The use of claim 38, wherein the medicament is for treating or lessening the severity in a subject of idiopathic pain, wherein idiopathic pain comprises fibromyalgia pain.
48. The use of claim 38, wherein the medicament is for treating or lessening the severity in a subject of acute pain.
49. The use of claim 48, wherein acute pain comprises acute post-operative pain.
50. The use of claim 38, where the medicament is for treating or lessening the severity in a subject of postsurgical pain.
51. The use of claim 38, where the medicament is for treating or lessening the severity in a subject of visceral pain.

52. A compound or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof of any one of claims 1 to 33 or a pharmaceutical composition of claim 34 or 35 for use as a medicament.

53. The use according to any one of claims 36 to 51, wherein said subject is to be treated with one or more additional therapeutic agents which are to be administered concurrently with, prior to, or subsequent to the medicament.

54. A process for preparing a compound of formula I



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

R¹ is H, halogen, CN, or C₁-C₆ alkyl wherein said C₁-C₆ alkyl is substituted with 0-6 halogen and wherein up to two non-adjacent CH₂ units of said C₁-C₆ alkyl may be replaced with -O-;

R² is H, halogen, CN, or C₁-C₆ alkyl wherein said C₁-C₆ alkyl is substituted with 0-6 halogen, wherein up to two non-adjacent CH₂ units of said C₁-C₆ alkyl may be replaced with -O-;

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R⁴ is H, halogen, CN, or C₁-C₆ alkyl wherein said C₁-C₆ alkyl is substituted with 0-6 halogen, wherein up to two non-adjacent CH₂ units of said C₁-C₆ alkyl may be replaced with -O-;

R⁵ is H, halogen, CN, or -X-R^X;

R^{5'} is H, halogen, CN, or -X-R^X;

R⁶ is H, halogen, CN, or -X-R^X;

R^{6'} is H, halogen, CN, or -X-R^X;

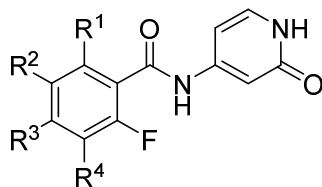
R⁷ is H, halogen, CN, or -X-R^X;

X is a bond or C₁-C₆ alkyl wherein said C₁-C₆ alkyl is substituted with 0-6 halogen, wherein up to two non-adjacent CH₂ units of said C₁-C₆ alkyl may be replaced with -O-; and

R^X is absent, H, or C₃-C₈ cycloaliphatic, wherein up to two non-adjacent CH₂ units of said C₃-C₈ cycloaliphatic may be replaced with -O- and said C₃-C₈ cycloaliphatic is substituted with 0-3 substituents selected from halogen and C₁-C₄ alkyl;

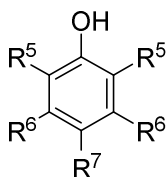
comprising:

treating a compound of formula A



A

with a compound of formula B



B

in the presence of:

a solvent selected from DMF, NMP, and dioxane,

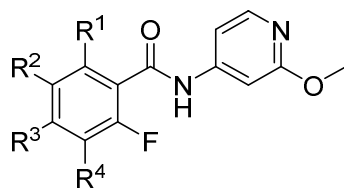
a base selected from Cs₂CO₃, Na₂CO₃, K₂CO₃, and NaHCO₃, and

heat,

to afford the compound of formula I; and

optionally, treating the compound of formula I with an acid or base to afford the pharmaceutically acceptable salt.

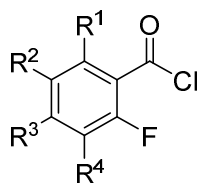
55. The process of claim 54, wherein the compound of formula A is obtained by treating a compound of formula C



C

with HBr or TMSI, in the presence of a solvent selected from acetonitrile and acetic acid, to afford the compound of formula A.

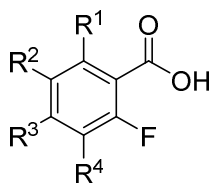
56. The process of claim 55, wherein the compound of formula C is obtained by treating a compound of formula D



D

with 2-methoxypyridin-4-amine, in the presence of pyridine as a base and a solvent selected from dichloromethane and DMF, to afford the compound of formula C.

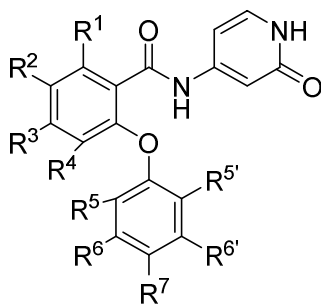
57. The process of claim 55, wherein the compound of formula C is obtained by treating a compound of formula E



E

with 2-methoxypyridin-4-amine, in the presence of a coupling agent selected from HATU, EDCI, and HOBT, a base selected from N-methylmorpholine and ET_3N , and a solvent selected from DMF and dichloromethane, to afford the compound of formula C.

58. A process for preparing a compound of formula I



I

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

R^1 is H, halogen, CN, or C_1 - C_6 alkyl wherein said C_1 - C_6 alkyl is substituted with 0-6 halogen and wherein up to two non-adjacent CH_2 units of said C_1 - C_6 alkyl may be replaced with -O-;

R^2 is H, halogen, CN, or C_1 - C_6 alkyl wherein said C_1 - C_6 alkyl is substituted with 0-6 halogen, wherein up to two non-adjacent CH_2 units of said C_1 - C_6 alkyl may be replaced with -O-;

R^3 is H, halogen, CN, or C_1 - C_6 alkyl wherein said C_1 - C_6 alkyl is substituted with 0-6 halogen, wherein up to two non-adjacent CH_2 units of said C_1 - C_6 alkyl may be replaced with -O-;

R⁴ is H, halogen, CN, or C₁-C₆ alkyl wherein said C₁-C₆ alkyl is substituted with 0-6 halogen, wherein up to two non-adjacent CH₂ units of said C₁-C₆ alkyl may be replaced with -O-;

R⁵ is H, halogen, CN, or -X-R^X;

R^{5'} is H, halogen, CN, or -X-R^X;

R⁶ is H, halogen, CN, or -X-R^X;

R^{6'} is H, halogen, CN, or -X-R^X;

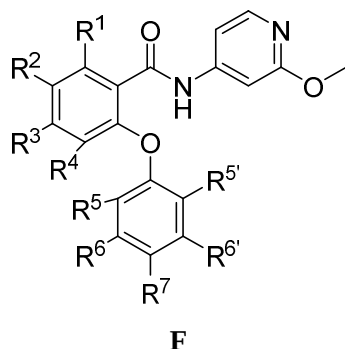
R⁷ is H, halogen, CN, or -X-R^X;

X is a bond or C₁-C₆ alkyl wherein said C₁-C₆ alkyl is substituted with 0-6 halogen, wherein up to two non-adjacent CH₂ units of said C₁-C₆ alkyl may be replaced with -O-; and

R^X is absent, H, or C₃-C₈ cycloaliphatic, wherein up to two non-adjacent CH₂ units of said C₃-C₈ cycloaliphatic may be replaced with -O- and said C₃-C₈ cycloaliphatic is substituted with 0-3 substituents selected from halogen and C₁-C₄ alkyl;

comprising:

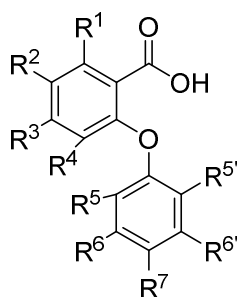
treating a compound of formula F



with HBr or TMSI, in the presence of a solvent selected from acetonitrile and acetic acid, to afford the compound of formula I; and

optionally, treating the compound of formula I with an acid or base to afford the pharmaceutically acceptable salt.

59. The process of claim 58, wherein the compound of formula F is obtained by treating a compound of formula G



G

with 2-methoxypyridin-4-amine, in the presence of a coupling agent selected from HATU, EDCI, and HOBT, a base selected from N-methylmorpholine and Et₃N, and a solvent selected from DMF and dichloromethane, to afford the compound of formula F.

60. The process of any one of claims 54-59, wherein:

R¹ is H;

R² is H;

R³ is CF₃;

R⁴ is H;

R⁵ is CH₃;

R^{5'} is H;

R⁶ is H;

R^{6'} is H; and

R⁷ is F.

61. The process of any one of claims 54-59, wherein:

R¹ is H;

R² is CF₃;

R³ is H;

R⁴ is H;

R⁵ is H;

R^{5'} is H;

R⁶ is H;

R^{6'} is H; and

R⁷ is F.

62. The process of any one of claims 54-59, wherein:

R¹ is H;

R² is H;
R³ is Cl;
R⁴ is H;
R⁵ is CH₃;
R^{5'} is H;
R⁶ is H;
R^{6'} is H; and
R⁷ is F.

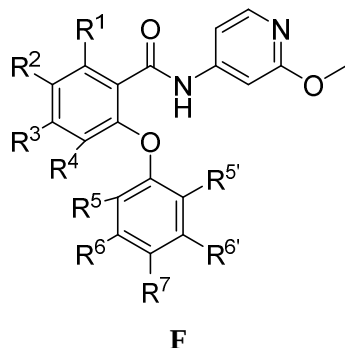
63. The process of any one of claims 54-59, wherein:

R¹ is H;
R² is H;
R³ is CF₂CF₃;
R⁴ is H;
R⁵ is OCH₃;
R^{5'} is H;
R⁶ is H;
R^{6'} is H; and
R⁷ is F.

64. The process of any one of claims 54-59, wherein:

R¹ is H;
R² is Cl;
R³ is Cl;
R⁴ is H;
R⁵ is OCH₃;
R^{5'} is H;
R⁶ is H;
R^{6'} is H; and
R⁷ is F.

65. A compound of formula F



wherein:

R^1 is H, halogen, CN, or C_1 - C_6 alkyl wherein said C_1 - C_6 alkyl is substituted with 0-6 halogen and wherein up to two non-adjacent CH_2 units of said C_1 - C_6 alkyl may be replaced with -O-;

R^2 is H, halogen, CN, or C_1 - C_6 alkyl wherein said C_1 - C_6 alkyl is substituted with 0-6 halogen, wherein up to two non-adjacent CH_2 units of said C_1 - C_6 alkyl may be replaced with -O-;

R^3 is H, halogen, CN, or C_1 - C_6 alkyl wherein said C_1 - C_6 alkyl is substituted with 0-6 halogen, wherein up to two non-adjacent CH_2 units of said C_1 - C_6 alkyl may be replaced with -O-;

R^4 is H, halogen, CN, or C_1 - C_6 alkyl wherein said C_1 - C_6 alkyl is substituted with 0-6 halogen, wherein up to two non-adjacent CH_2 units of said C_1 - C_6 alkyl may be replaced with -O-;

R^5 is H, halogen, CN, or $-X-R^X$;

$R^{5'}$ is H, halogen, CN, or $-X-R^X$;

R^6 is H, halogen, CN, or $-X-R^X$;

$R^{6'}$ is H, halogen, CN, or $-X-R^X$;

R^7 is H, halogen, CN, or $-X-R^X$;

X is a bond or C_1 - C_6 alkyl wherein said C_1 - C_6 alkyl is substituted with 0-6 halogen, wherein up to two non-adjacent CH_2 units of said C_1 - C_6 alkyl may be replaced with -O-; and

R^X is absent, H, or C_3 - C_8 cycloaliphatic, wherein up to two non-adjacent CH_2 units of said C_3 - C_8 cycloaliphatic may be replaced with -O- and said C_3 - C_8 cycloaliphatic is substituted with 0-3 substituents selected from halogen and C_1 - C_4 alkyl.

66. The compound of claim 65, wherein:

R^1 is H;

R^2 is H;

R^3 is CF_3 ;

R^4 is H;

R⁵ is CH₃;
R^{5'} is H;
R⁶ is H;
R^{6'} is H; and
R⁷ is F.

67. The compound of claim 65, wherein:

R¹ is H;
R² is CF₃;
R³ is H;
R⁴ is H;
R⁵ is H;
R^{5'} is H;
R⁶ is H;
R^{6'} is H; and
R⁷ is F.

68. The compound of claim 65, wherein:

R¹ is H;
R² is H;
R³ is Cl;
R⁴ is H;
R⁵ is CH₃;
R^{5'} is H;
R⁶ is H;
R^{6'} is H; and
R⁷ is F.

69. The compound of claim 65, wherein:

R¹ is H;
R² is H;
R³ is CF₂CF₃;
R⁴ is H;
R⁵ is OCH₃;
R^{5'} is H;

R⁶ is H;

R^{6'} is H; and

R⁷ is F.

70. The compound of claim 65, wherein:

R¹ is H;

R² is Cl;

R³ is Cl;

R⁴ is H;

R⁵ is OCH₃;

R^{5'} is H;

R⁶ is H;

R^{6'} is H; and

R⁷ is F.