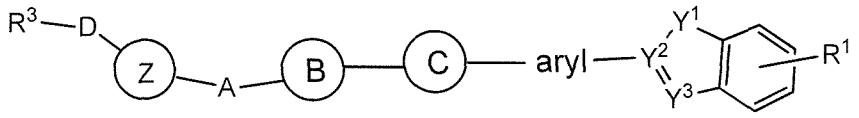
CLAIMS

1. A compound of formula **I**



I

or a salt thereof, wherein:

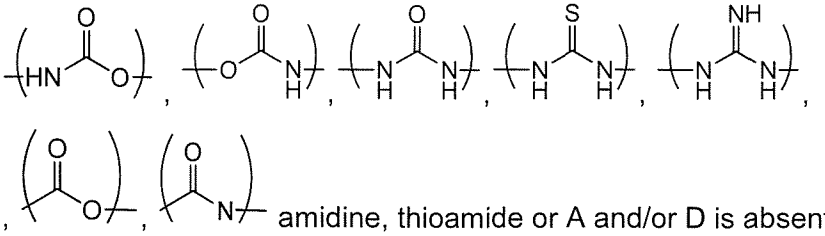
R^1 is H, -F, -Br or -I;

R^3 is $-[(CH_2)_2E]_n(CH_2)_2NR'R''$ and n is any integer from 0 through 12, wherein R' and R" are each independently H, $-CH_3$, $-CH_2CH_3$, $-CH(CH_3)_2$, $-CH_2CH(CH_3)_2$, $-(CH)_mCH_3$ wherein m is 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5, or $-C(CH_3)_3$;

aryl is a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl, tolyl, xylyl, benzyl, thienyl, pyrrolyl, pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, furanyl, thiophenyl, thiazolyl, imidazolyl, thioimidazolyl, oxazolyl, azepinyl, thiopenyl, thiazapinyl, oxepinyl or oxadiazolyl group;

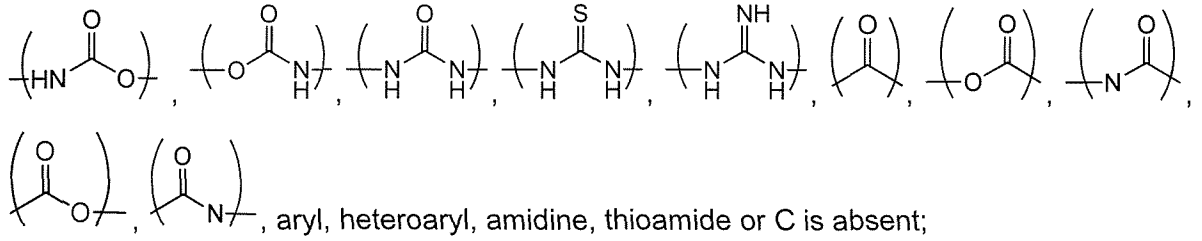
Y^1 and Y^3 are independently O, N, NR^2 or S, wherein R^2 is H, $-CH_3$, $-CH_2CH_3$, $-CH(CH_3)_2$, $-CH_2CH(CH_3)_2$, $-(CH)_nCH_3$ wherein n is 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5, or $-C(CH_3)_3$;

Y^2 is C or N;

A and D are independently  amidine, thioamide or A and/or D is absent;

B is substituted or unsubstituted C_4-C_9-cycloalkyl, substituted or unsubstituted C_4-C_9-heterocycloalkyl comprising N, substituted or unsubstituted heteroaryl comprising N, S or O or B is absent;

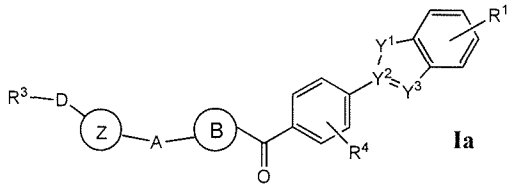
C is any of

, aryl, heteroaryl, amidine, thioamide or C is absent;

E is CH_2, O, NH or S, or E is absent; and

Z is substituted or unsubstituted aryl or substituted or unsubstituted heteroaryl comprising N, O or S, or Z is absent;
or a salt thereof.

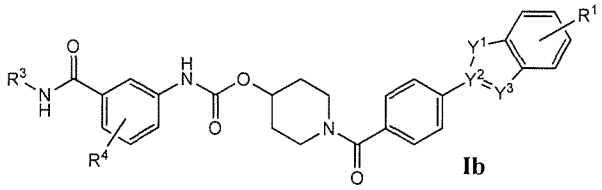
2. A compound according to claim 1 of formula Ia as shown below,



Ia

or a salt thereof,
wherein:
R^4 is H, -Cl, -F, -Br, -I, -OH, -CN, $-NO_2$, substituted or unsubstituted C_1-C_6 alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted C_1-C_6 alkenyl, substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl.

3. A compound according to claim 1 of formula Ib as shown below,

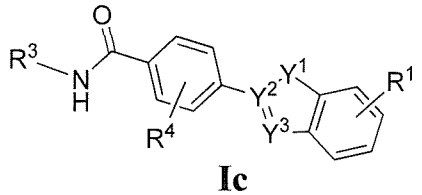


Ib

wherein:
R^4 is H, -Cl, -F, -Br, -I, -OH, -CN, $-NO_2$, substituted or unsubstituted C_1-C_6 alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted C_1-C_6 alkenyl, substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl.

4. A compound according to claim 3
wherein:
R^4 is H, -Cl, -F, -Br, -I, -OH, -CN, $-NO_2$, substituted or unsubstituted C_1-C_6 alkyl.

5. A compound according to claim 1 of formula Ic as shown below

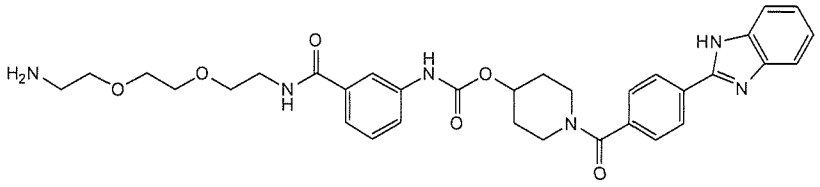


Ic

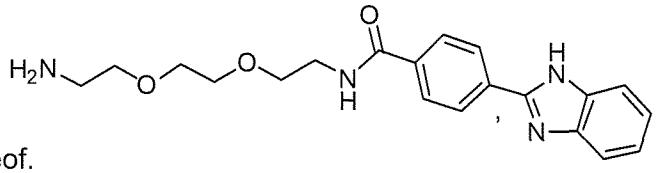
wherein:
R^4 is H, -Cl, -F, -Br, -I, -OH, -CN, $-NO_2$, substituted or unsubstituted C_1-C_6 alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted C_1-C_6 alkenyl, substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl;

R^1 is H, , -F, -Br, -I.

6. A compound according to claim 1 selected from,



and



or a salt thereof.

7. A compound selected from the group consisting of:
N-(2-(2-(2-aminoethoxy)ethoxy)ethyl)-4-(1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2-yl)benzamide; and
1-(4-(1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2-yl)benzoyl)piperidin-4-yl (3-((2-(2-(2-aminoethoxy)ethoxy)ethyl)carbamoyl)phenyl)carbamate;
or a salt thereof.

8. A compound according to any one of claims 1 to 7 for use in therapy.

9. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutic agent and a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 7.

10. An affinity chromatography solid phase comprising a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 7.

11. A method of purifying a protein of interest using a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 7.