

PHOSPHONIC ACID COMPOUNDS AS INHIBITORS OF SERINE PROTEASES

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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This application claims benefit of provisional application Serial Number 60/330,343, filed 19 October 2001, which is hereby incorporated by reference.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

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The present invention relates to certain novel compounds, methods for preparing the compounds, compositions, intermediates and derivatives thereof and for treating inflammatory and serine protease mediated disorders. More particularly, the phosphonic acid compounds of the present invention are serine
15 protease inhibitors useful for treating inflammatory and serine protease mediated disorders.

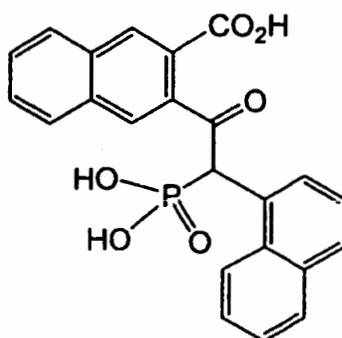
BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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Serine proteases represent a broad class of endopeptidases that are involved in physiological processes such as blood coagulation, complement activation, phagocytosis and turnover of damaged cell tissue. For example, cathepsin G (cat G) is a chymotrypsin-like serine protease found in the azurophilic granules of polymorphonuclear leukocytes. Along with other serine
25 proteases such as human neutrophil elastase and protease 3, cat G functions to degrade proteins during inflammatory responses. Cat G is thought to degrade human elastin during chronic lung inflammation, a process which may in part be responsible for asthma, pulmonary emphysema, chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases (COPD) as well as other pulmonary inflammatory
30 conditions. Similarly, human chymase (HC) is a chymotrypsin-like serine protease synthesized in mast cells. HC has a variety of functions, including degradation of extracellular matrix proteins, cleavage of angiotensin I to angiotensin II and activation of matrix proteases and cytokines. Inadequate

control by their natural inhibitors can cause these enzymes to degrade healthy constituents of the extracellular matrix, and thereby contribute to inflammatory disorders such as asthma, emphysema, bronchitis, psoriasis, allergic rhinitis, viral rhinitis, ischemia, arthritis and reperfusion injury. Thus, small molecule
5 inhibitors of cat G and HC are likely to represent useful therapeutic agents.

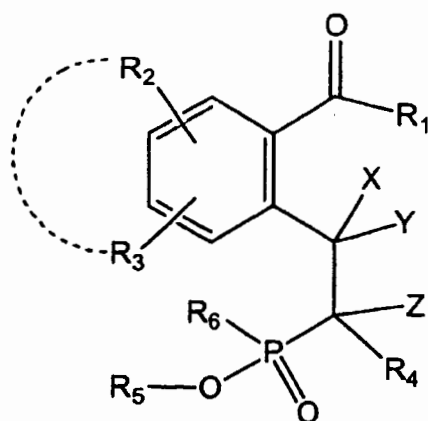
US Patent 5,508,273 to Beers, et al. and *Bioorganic & Med. Chem. Lett.*, 1995, 5, (16), 1801-1806 describe phosphonic acid compounds useful in treating bone wasting diseases. In particular, 1-naphthylmethylphosphonic acid
10 derivatives have been described as osteoclastic acid phosphatase inhibitors of the formula:



Accordingly, it is an object of the present invention to provide phosphonic acid compounds that are serine protease inhibitors (in particular,
15 inhibitors of cathepsin G and chymase) useful for treating inflammatory and serine protease mediated disorders. It is another object of the invention to provide a process for preparing phosphonic or phosphinic acid compounds, compositions, intermediates and derivatives thereof. It is a further object of the invention to provide methods for treating inflammatory and serine protease
20 mediated disorders.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

This invention is directed to compounds of Formula (I):



Formula (I)

wherein

R₁ is selected from the group consisting of a heterocyclyl ring (wherein the point of attachment for the heterocyclyl ring at R₁ is a nitrogen ring atom) and -N(R₇R₈); wherein the heterocyclyl ring is optionally substituted with one to two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of:

a). C₁₋₈ alkyl optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of aryl, heteroaryl, (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy;

b). C₁₋₈ alkoxy optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of carboxyl, (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy;

c). aryl;

d). heteroaryl;

e). cyano;

f). halogen;

g). hydroxy;

h). nitro; and,

i). heterocyclyl optionally substituted with one to two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of oxo and aryl; and, optionally fused with the carbon of attachment to form a spiro heterocyclyl moiety;

and, wherein the aryl portion of the a). and i). substituent, the heteroaryl portion of the a). substituent and the c). aryl and d). heteroaryl substituents are optionally substituted with one to four substituents independently

selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₂₋₄ alkenyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy, cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, aryl, aryl(C₁₋₄)alkyl, aryloxy, heteroaryl, heteroaryl(C₁₋₄)alkyl, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, (halo)₁₋₃(C₁₋₄)alkyl and (halo)₁₋₃(C₁₋₄)alkoxy;

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R₇ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C₁₋₈ alkyl and C₂₋₈ alkenyl;

R₈ is selected from the group consisting of:

- 10 aa). C₁₋₈ alkyl optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, aryl, heteroaryl, amino (with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₈ alkyl), (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy;
- ab). cycloalkyl;
- 15 ac). cycloalkenyl; and,
- ad). heterocyclyl (wherein the point of attachment at R₈ is a carbon ring atom); wherein the ab). cycloalkyl, ac). cycloalkenyl and ad). heterocyclyl (wherein the ad). heterocyclyl contains at least one nitrogen ring atom) substituents and the cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, aryl and heteroaryl portions of the aa).
- 20 substituent are optionally substituted with one to four substituents independently selected from the group consisting of:
- ba). C₁₋₈ alkyl optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of amino (with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₈ alkyl), (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy;
- 25 bb). C₁₋₈ alkoxy optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of carboxyl, (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy;
- bc). carbonyl substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈ alkyl, aryl, aryl(C₁₋₈)alkyl, aryl(C₂₋₈)alkenyl, heteroaryl, heteroaryl(C₁₋₈)alkyl and heteroaryl(C₂₋₈)alkenyl;
- 30 bd). aryl;
- be). heteroaryl;

- bf). amino substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₈ alkyl;
- bg). cyano;
- bh). halogen;
- 5 bi). hydroxy;
- bj). nitro;
- bk). heterocyclyl optionally substituted with one to two oxo substituents; and,
- bl). sulfonyl substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈ alkyl, aryl, aryl(C₁₋₈)alkyl, aryl(C₂₋₈)alkenyl, heteroaryl,
- 10 heteroaryl(C₁₋₈)alkyl and heteroaryl(C₂₋₈)alkenyl;
- wherein the bd). aryl, be). heteroaryl and bk). heterocyclyl substituents and the aryl and heteroaryl portions of the bc). substituent are optionally substituted with one to four substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₄ alkyl (optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with
- 15 a substituent selected from the group consisting of amino (substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₈ alkyl), (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy), C₁₋₄ alkoxy (optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of (halo)₁₋₃), amino (substituted with two substituents
- 20 independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl), halogen, hydroxy and nitro;
- and, provided that the optional substituent attached to the ad). heterocyclyl nitrogen ring atom is not selected from the group consisting of bf). amino (substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₈ alkyl), bh). halogen, bi). hydroxy and bj). nitro;
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- R₄ is selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₄ alkyl (optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of aryl and heteroaryl), aryl and heteroaryl; wherein aryl and heteroaryl and the aryl and heteroaryl portions of the substituted alkyl are optionally substituted with one to four substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₄ alkyl, amino (substituted with two substituents
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independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl), cyano, halogen, hydroxy and (halo)₁₋₃(C₁₋₈)alkyl;

R₂ and R₃ are attached to a benzene ring and independently selected from the
5 group consisting of

ca). hydrogen;

cb). C₁₋₄ alkyl optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a
substituent selected from the group consisting of amino (substituted with
two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of
10 hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl), (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy;

cc). C₁₋₄ alkoxy optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a
substituent selected from the group consisting of (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy;

cd). C₂₋₄ alkenyl;

ce). amino substituted with two substituents independently selected from the
15 group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl;

cf). halogen; and,

cg). hydroxy;

optionally, R₂ and R₃ together form at least one ring fused to the benzene ring;
thereby providing a multiple ring system; wherein the multiple ring system is
20 selected from the group consisting of C₉-C₁₄ benzo fused cycloalkyl, C₉-C₁₄
benzo fused cycloalkenyl, C₉-C₁₄ benzo fused aryl, benzo fused
heterocyclyl and benzo fused heteroaryl; and, wherein the multiple ring
system can optionally be substituted with one to four substituents
independently selected from the group consisting of

25 da). C₁₋₄ alkyl optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a
substituent selected from the group consisting of amino (substituted with
two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of
hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl), (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy;

db). C₁₋₄ alkoxy optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a
30 substituent selected from the group consisting of (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy;

dc). amino substituted with two substituents independently selected from the
group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl;

dd). halogen;

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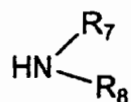
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- de). hydroxy; and,
df). nitro;

- 5 R_5 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C_{1-8} alkyl (optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of amino (substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C_{1-4} alkyl), (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy) and aryl (optionally substituted with one to four substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8} alkyl and halogen);
- 10 R_6 is selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8} alkyl, aryl(C_{1-8})alkyl, C_{1-8} alkoxy, aryl(C_{1-8})alkoxy, C_{2-8} alkenyl, C_{2-8} alkenyloxy, aryl(C_{2-8})alkenyl, aryl(C_{2-8})alkenyloxy, aryl, aryloxy and hydroxy;
- 15 X and Y are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C_{1-8} alkyl (optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, aryl, heteroaryl, amino (substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C_{1-8} alkyl), (halo)₁₋₃ and
- 20 hydroxy), C_{1-8} alkoxy (optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of aryl, (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy), C_{2-8} alkenyloxy, cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, aryl, aryloxy, heteroaryl and hydroxy; optionally, X and Y are fused together with the carbon of attachment to form a spiro cycloalkyl or heterocyclyl moiety; and, optionally,
- 25 Y is not present; wherein X is one substituent attached by a double-bond selected from the group consisting of O, S, imino, (C_{1-4})alkylimino and hydroxyimino; and,
- 30 Z is selected from the group consisting of a bond, hydrogen and C_{1-8} alkyl; if Z is a bond (wherein Z forms a double bond with the carbon of attachment for X), then Y is not present and X is one substituent attached by a single-bond selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C_{1-8} alkoxy, C_{2-8} alkenyloxy, aryloxy, aryl(C_{1-4})alkoxy and hydroxy,

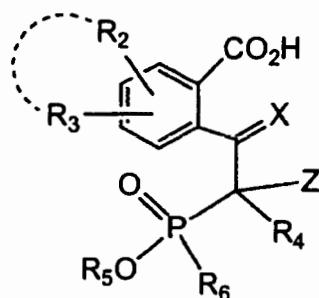
and isomers, racemates, enantiomers, diastereomers and salts thereof.

- Embodiments of the present invention include a process for preparing a
 5 compound of Formula (I) comprising coupling under suitable conditions a first
 compound of Formula (A):

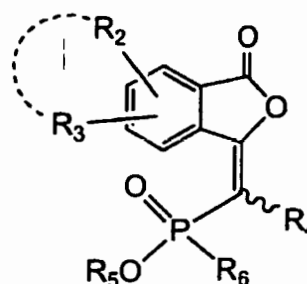


Formula (A)

with a second compound selected from the group consisting of Formula (B) and
 Formula (C):



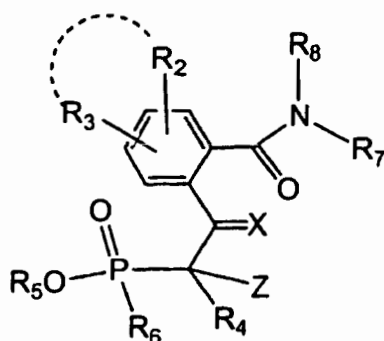
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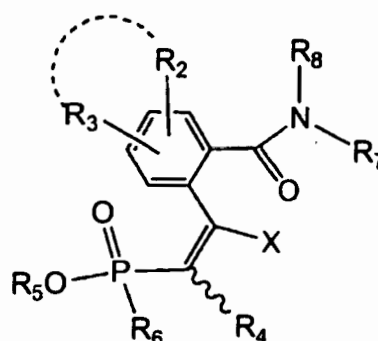
Formula (C)

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to produce a third compound selected from the group consisting of Formula (D)
 and Formula (E):



Formula (D)



Formula (E)

wherein

R₇ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C₁₋₈ alkyl and C₂₋₈

15 alkenyl;

R₈ is selected from the group consisting of:

- 5 aa). C₁₋₈ alkyl optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a
 substituent selected from the group consisting of cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl,
 aryl, heteroaryl, amino (substituted with two substituents independently
 selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₈ alkyl), (halo)₁₋₃
 and hydroxy;
- ab). cycloalkyl;
- ac). cycloalkenyl; and,
- 10 ad). heterocyclyl (wherein the point of attachment at R₈ is a carbon ring atom);
 wherein the ab). cycloalkyl, ac). cycloalkenyl and ad). heterocyclyl (wherein the
 ad). heterocyclyl contains at least one nitrogen ring atom) substituents and
 the cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, aryl and heteroaryl portions of the aa).
 substituent are optionally substituted with one to four substituents
- 15 independently selected from the group consisting of:
- ba). C₁₋₈ alkyl optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a
 substituent selected from the group consisting of amino (with two
 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen
 and C₁₋₈ alkyl), (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy;
- 20 bb). C₁₋₈ alkoxy optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a
 substituent selected from the group consisting of carboxyl, (halo)₁₋₃ and
 hydroxy;
- bc). carbonyl substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting
 of C₁₋₈ alkyl, aryl, aryl(C₁₋₈)alkyl, aryl(C₂₋₈)alkenyl, heteroaryl,
25 heteroaryl(C₁₋₈)alkyl and heteroaryl(C₂₋₈)alkenyl;
- bd). aryl;
- be). heteroaryl;
- bf). amino substituted with two substituents independently selected from the
 group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₈ alkyl;
- 30 bg). cyano;
- bh). halogen;
- bi). hydroxy;
- bj). nitro;

bk). heterocyclyl optionally substituted with one to two oxo substituents; and,
 bl). sulfonyl substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting
 of C₁₋₈ alkyl, aryl, aryl(C₁₋₈)alkyl, aryl(C₂₋₈)alkenyl, heteroaryl,
 heteroaryl(C₁₋₈)alkyl and heteroaryl(C₂₋₈)alkenyl;

5 wherein the bd). aryl, be). heteroaryl and bk). heterocyclyl substituents and the
 aryl and heteroaryl portions of the bc). substituent are optionally substituted
 with one to four substituents independently selected from the group
 consisting of C₁₋₄ alkyl (optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with
 a substituent selected from the group consisting of amino (substituted with
 10 two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of
 hydrogen and C₁₋₈ alkyl), (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy), C₁₋₄ alkoxy (optionally
 substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the
 group consisting of (halo)₁₋₃), amino (substituted with two substituents
 independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄
 15 alkyl), halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

and, provided that the optional substituent attached to the ad). heterocyclyl
 nitrogen ring atom is not selected from the group consisting of bf). amino
 (substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group
 consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₈ alkyl), bh). halogen, bi). hydroxy and bj).
 20 nitro;

R₄ is selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₄ alkyl (optionally substituted on a
 terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting
 of aryl and heteroaryl), aryl and heteroaryl; wherein aryl and heteroaryl and
 25 the aryl and heteroaryl portions of the substituted alkyl are optionally
 substituted with one to four substituents independently selected from the
 group consisting of C₁₋₄ alkyl, amino (substituted with two substituents
 independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄
 alkyl), cyano, halogen, hydroxy and (halo)₁₋₃(C₁₋₈)alkyl;

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R₂ and R₃ are attached to a benzene ring and independently selected from the
 group consisting of

ca). hydrogen;

- cb). C₁₋₄ alkyl optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of amino (substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl), (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy;
- 5 cc). C₁₋₄ alkoxy optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy;
- cd). C₂₋₄ alkenyl;
- ce). amino substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl;
- 10 cf). halogen; and,
- cg). hydroxy;
- optionally, R₂ and R₃ together form at least one ring fused to the benzene ring; thereby providing a multiple ring system; wherein the multiple ring system is selected from the group consisting of C₉-C₁₄ benzo fused cycloalkyl, C₉-C₁₄
- 15 benzo fused cycloalkenyl, C₉-C₁₄ benzo fused aryl, benzo fused heterocyclyl and benzo fused heteroaryl; and, wherein the multiple ring system can optionally be substituted with one to four substituents independently selected from the group consisting of:
- da). C₁₋₄ alkyl optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a
- 20 substituent selected from the group consisting of amino (substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl), (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy;
- db). C₁₋₄ alkoxy optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy;
- 25 dc). amino substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl;
- dd). halogen;
- de). hydroxy; and,
- df). nitro;
- 30 R₅ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₈ alkyl (optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of amino (substituted with two substituents independently

selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl), (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy) and aryl (optionally substituted with one to four substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈ alkyl and halogen);

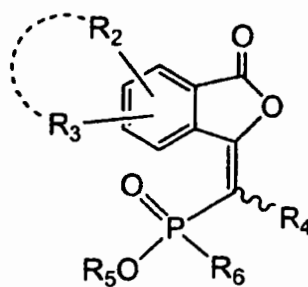
- 5 R₆ is selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈ alkyl, aryl(C₁₋₈)alkyl, C₁₋₈ alkoxy, aryl(C₁₋₈)alkoxy, C₂₋₈ alkenyl, C₂₋₈ alkenyloxy, aryl(C₂₋₈)alkenyl, aryl(C₂₋₈)alkenyloxy, aryl, aryloxy and hydroxy;

- X is selected from the group consisting of O, S, imino, (C₁₋₄)alkylimino and
10 hydroxyimino; and,

- Z is selected from the group consisting of a bond, hydrogen and C₁₋₈ alkyl; if Z is a bond (wherein Z forms a double bond with the carbon of attachment for X), then X is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C₁₋₈ alkoxy,
15 C₂₋₈ alkenyloxy, aryloxy, aryl(C₁₋₄)alkoxy and hydroxy,

and isomers, racemates, enantiomers, diastereomers and salts thereof.

- Embodiments of the present invention include a compound of Formula
20 (C):



Formula (C)

wherein

R₂ and R₃ are attached to a benzene ring and independently selected from the group consisting of

- ca). hydrogen;
25 cb). C₁₋₄ alkyl optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of amino (substituted with

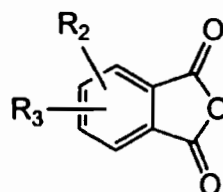
- two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl), (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy;
- cc). C₁₋₄ alkoxy optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy;
- 5 cd). C₂₋₄ alkenyl;
- ce). amino substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl;
- cf). halogen; and,
- cg). hydroxy;
- 10 optionally, R₂ and R₃ together form at least one ring fused to the benzene ring; thereby providing a multiple ring system; wherein the multiple ring system is selected from the group consisting of C₉-C₁₄ benzo fused cycloalkyl, C₉-C₁₄ benzo fused cycloalkenyl, C₉-C₁₄ benzo fused aryl, benzo fused heterocyclyl and benzo fused heteroaryl; and, wherein the multiple ring
- 15 system can optionally be substituted with one to four substituents independently selected from the group consisting of
- da). C₁₋₄ alkyl optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of amino (substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of
- 20 hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl), (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy;
- db). C₁₋₄ alkoxy optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy;
- dc). amino substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl;
- 25 dd). halogen;
- de). hydroxy; and,
- df). nitro;
- R₄ is selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₄ alkyl (optionally substituted on a
- 30 terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of aryl and heteroaryl), aryl and heteroaryl; wherein aryl and heteroaryl and the aryl and heteroaryl portions of the substituted alkyl are optionally substituted with one to four substituents independently selected from the

group consisting of C₁₋₄ alkyl, amino (substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl), cyano, halogen, hydroxy and (halo)₁₋₃(C₁₋₈)alkyl;

- 5 R₅ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₈ alkyl (optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of amino (substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl), (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy) and aryl (optionally substituted with one to four substituents
10 independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈ alkyl and halogen); and,

- R₆ is selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈ alkyl, aryl(C₁₋₈)alkyl, C₁₋₈ alkoxy, aryl(C₁₋₈)alkoxy, C₂₋₈ alkenyl, C₂₋₈ alkenyloxy, aryl(C₂₋₈)alkenyl,
15 aryl(C₂₋₈)alkenyloxy, aryl, aryloxy and hydroxy.

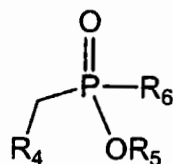
Embodiments of the present invention include a process for making a benzolactone of Formula (C) comprising
a) reacting an anhydride of Formula (F):



Formula (F)

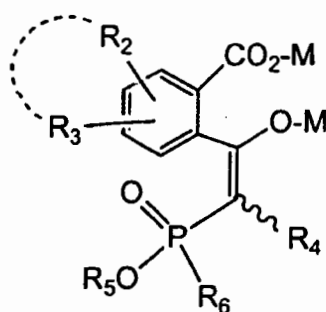
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with a compound of Formula (G):



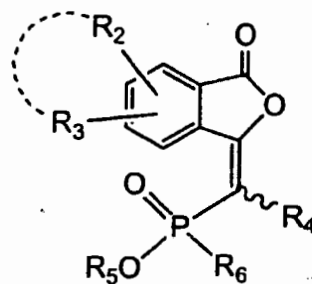
Formula (G)

under suitable conditions in the presence of an alkali metal (M) to provide a compound of Formula (H):



Formula (H)

- b) and, reacting the compound of Formula (H) under conditions suitable to form the benzolactone of Formula (C):



Formula (C)

wherein

- 5 R₂ and R₃ are attached to a benzene ring and independently selected from the group consisting of
 - ca). hydrogen;
 - cb). C₁₋₄ alkyl optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of amino (substituted with

10 two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl), (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy;
 - cc). C₁₋₄ alkoxy optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy;
 - cd). C₂₋₄ alkenyl;
 - 15 ce). amino substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl;
 - cf). halogen; and,
 - cg). hydroxy;
- optionally, R₂ and R₃ together form at least one ring fused to the benzene ring;

thereby providing a multiple ring system; wherein the multiple ring system is selected from the group consisting of C₉-C₁₄ benzo fused cycloalkyl, C₉-C₁₄ benzo fused cycloalkenyl, C₉-C₁₄ benzo fused aryl, benzo fused heterocyclyl and benzo fused heteroaryl; and, wherein the multiple ring system can optionally be substituted with one to four substituents independently selected from the group consisting of

- da). C₁₋₄ alkyl optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of amino (substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl), (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy;
- db). C₁₋₄ alkoxy optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy;
- dc). amino substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl;
- dd). halogen;
- de). hydroxy; and,
- df). nitro;

R₄ is selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₄ alkyl (optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of aryl and heteroaryl), aryl and heteroaryl; wherein aryl and heteroaryl and the aryl and heteroaryl portions of the substituted alkyl are optionally substituted with one to four substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₄ alkyl, amino (substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl), cyano, halogen, hydroxy and (halo)₁₋₃(C₁₋₈)alkyl;

R₅ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₈ alkyl (optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of amino (substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl), (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy) and aryl (optionally substituted with one to four substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈ alkyl and halogen);

and

R₆ is selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈ alkyl, aryl(C₁₋₈)alkyl, C₁₋₈ alkoxy, aryl(C₁₋₈)alkoxy, C₂₋₈ alkenyl, C₂₋₈ alkenyloxy, aryl(C₂₋₈)alkenyl, aryl(C₂₋₈)alkenyloxy, aryl, aryloxy and hydroxy.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1 shows the percent change in specific lung resistance (SR_L) from baseline for Compound 2 compared to control in a spontaneous *ascaris suum* antigen-induced model of asthma in sheep over an 8 hour period.

Figure 2 shows the change in the cumulative carbachol dose required to increase SR_L 400% (PC 400) from a baseline value (BSL) measured at 24 hours post-dosing of Compound 2 in the spontaneous *ascaris suum* antigen-induced model of asthma in sheep compared to a 24 hour post-dosing challenge with carbachol (Post Antigen).

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

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Embodiments of the present invention include those compounds wherein R₁ is selected from the group consisting of a heterocyclyl ring (wherein the point of attachment for the heterocyclyl ring at R₁ is a nitrogen ring atom) and -N(R₇R₈); wherein the heterocyclyl ring is optionally substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting of a). aryl(C₁₋₄)alkyl, c). aryl, d). heteroaryl and i). heterocyclyl (optionally substituted with one to two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of oxo and aryl; and, optionally fused with the carbon of attachment to form a spiro heterocyclyl moiety); and, wherein the aryl portion of the a). and i). substituent and the c). aryl substituent are optionally substituted with one to two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy, aryl, heteroaryl, halogen, hydroxy, (halo)₁₋₃(C₁₋₄)alkyl and (halo)₁₋₃(C₁₋₄)alkoxy; and, all other variables are as previously defined.

Preferably, R_1 is selected from the group consisting of a heterocyclyl ring (wherein the point of attachment for the heterocyclyl ring at R_1 is a nitrogen ring atom) and $-N(R_7R_8)$; wherein the heterocyclyl ring is optionally substituted with
5 a substituent selected from the group consisting of a). aryl(C_{1-4})alkyl, c). aryl, d). heteroaryl and i). heterocyclyl (optionally substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of oxo and aryl; and, optionally fused with the carbon of attachment to form a spiro heterocyclyl moiety); and, wherein the aryl portion of the a). and i). substituent and the c).
10 aryl substituent are optionally substituted with one to two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4} alkoxy and aryl; and, all other variables are as previously defined.

More preferably, R_1 is selected from the group consisting of pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl and $-N(R_7R_8)$; wherein the point of attachment for pyrrolidinyl and piperidinyl is a nitrogen ring atom; and, wherein pyrrolidinyl and piperidinyl are optionally substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting of
15 a). phenylethyl, c). phenyl (optionally substituted with methoxy), d). benzothiazolyl and i). imidazolidinyl (optionally substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of oxo and phenyl; and,
20 optionally fused with the carbon of attachment to form a spiro moiety); and, all other variables are as previously defined.

Most preferably, R_1 is selected from the group consisting of pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl and $-N(R_7R_8)$; wherein the point of attachment for pyrrolidinyl and piperidinyl is a nitrogen ring atom in the one position; and, wherein pyrrolidinyl and piperidinyl are optionally substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting of a). phenylethyl, c). phenyl (optionally substituted with methoxy), d). benzothiazolyl and i). imidazolidinyl (optionally substituted with
25 two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of oxo and phenyl; and, optionally fused with the carbon of attachment to form a spiro moiety); and, all other variables are as previously defined.
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Preferred embodiments of the present invention include those compounds wherein R_7 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C_{1-4} alkyl and C_{2-4} alkenyl.

- 5 More preferably, R_7 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C_{1-4} alkyl.

Most preferably, R_7 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and methyl.

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Embodiments of the present invention include those compounds wherein R_8 is selected from the group consisting of:

- aa). C_{1-8} alkyl optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy;
- 15 ab). cycloalkyl;
- ac). cycloalkenyl; and,
- ad). heterocyclyl (wherein the point of attachment at R_8 is a carbon ring atom); wherein the ab). cycloalkyl, ac). cycloalkenyl and ad). heterocyclyl substituents
- 20 (wherein the ad). heterocyclyl contains at least one nitrogen ring atom) and the cycloalkyl portion of the aa). substituent are optionally substituted with one to four substituents independently selected from the group consisting of:
- ba). C_{1-8} alkyl optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of amino (with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C_{1-8} alkyl), (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy;
- 25 bb). C_{1-8} alkoxy;
- bc). carbonyl substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8} alkyl, aryl, aryl(C_{1-8})alkyl, aryl(C_{2-8})alkenyl, heteroaryl, heteroaryl(C_{1-8})alkyl and heteroaryl(C_{2-8})alkenyl;
- 30 bd). aryl;
- be). heteroaryl;

- bf). amino substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₈ alkyl;
- bh). halogen;
- bi). hydroxy;
- 5 bk). heterocyclyl; and,
- bl). sulfonyl substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈ alkyl, aryl, aryl(C₁₋₈)alkyl, aryl(C₂₋₈)alkenyl, heteroaryl, heteroaryl(C₁₋₈)alkyl and heteroaryl(C₂₋₈)alkenyl;
- wherein the bd). aryl, be). heteroaryl and bk). heterocyclyl substituents and the
- 10 aryl and heteroaryl portions of the bc). substituent are optionally substituted with one to four substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₄ alkyl (optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of (halo)₁₋₃), C₁₋₄ alkoxy, amino (substituted with two substituents independently selected from the
- 15 group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl), halogen and hydroxy;
- and, provided that the optional substituent attached to the ad). heterocyclyl nitrogen ring atom is not selected from the group consisting of bf). amino (substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₈ alkyl), bh). halogen, bi). hydroxy and bj).
- 20 nitro.

Preferably, R₈ is selected from the group consisting of aa). cycloalkyl(C₁₋₄)alkyl, ab). cycloalkyl, ac). cycloalkenyl and ad). heterocyclyl (wherein the point of attachment for the ad). heterocyclyl at R₈ is a carbon ring

25 atom; and, the ad). heterocyclyl contains a single nitrogen ring atom); wherein the ab). cycloalkyl, ac). cycloalkenyl and ad). heterocyclyl substituents and the cycloalkyl portion of the aa). substituent are optionally substituted with one to two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of ba). C₁₋₄ alkyl, bc). carbonyl (substituted with a substituent selected from the group

30 consisting of C₁₋₄ alkyl, aryl, aryl(C₁₋₄)alkyl and aryl(C₂₋₄)alkenyl) and bd). aryl; wherein the bd). aryl substituent and the aryl portions of the bc). substituent are optionally substituted with one to two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy, di(C₁₋₄ alkyl)amino, halogen,

hydroxy and (halo)₁₋₃(C₁₋₄)alkyl.

More preferably, R₈ is selected from the group consisting of aa). adamant-1-ylmethyl, ab). cyclopentyl, ab). cyclohexyl, ac). cyclohexenyl, ad).
 5 pyrrolidinyl and ad). piperidinyl (wherein the point of attachment for pyrrolidinyl and piperidinyl at R₈ is a carbon ring atom); wherein ab). cyclohexyl, ac). cyclohexenyl, ad). pyrrolidinyl and ad). piperidinyl are optionally substituted with one to two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of
 10 ba). C₁₋₄ alkyl, bc). carbonyl (substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₄ alkyl, aryl, aryl(C₁₋₄)alkyl and aryl(C₂₋₄)alkenyl) and bd). aryl; wherein the bd). aryl substituent and the aryl portions of the bc). substituent are optionally substituted with one to two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy, di(C₁₋₄ alkyl)amino, halogen, hydroxy and (halo)₁₋₃(C₁₋₄)alkyl.

15 Most preferably, R₈ is selected from the group consisting of aa). adamant-1-ylmethyl, ab). cyclopentyl, ab). cyclohexyl, ac). cyclohexenyl, ad). pyrrolidinyl and ad). piperidinyl (wherein the point of attachment for pyrrolidinyl and piperidinyl at R₈ is a carbon ring atom); wherein ab). cyclohexyl, ac).
 20 cyclohexenyl, ad). pyrrolidinyl and ad). piperidinyl are optionally substituted with one to two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of ba). methyl, ba). *t*-butyl, bc). methylcarbonyl, bc). *i*-propylcarbonyl, bc). phenylcarbonyl, bc). naphthalenylcarbonyl, bc). phenethylcarbonyl, bc). phenethenylcarbonyl and bd). phenyl; and, wherein the bd). phenyl substituent
 25 and the phenyl and naphthalenyl portions of the bc). substituent are optionally substituted with one to two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of methyl, methoxy, *N,N*-dimethylamino, fluorine, bromine, hydroxy and trifluoromethyl.

30 Embodiments of the present invention include those compounds wherein R₂ and R₃ are attached to the benzene ring (shown in Formula I) on adjacent carbon atoms. Preferred embodiments of the present invention include those compounds wherein R₂ and R₃ are independently selected from the group

consisting of ca). hydrogen, cb). C₁₋₄ alkyl, cc). C₁₋₄ alkoxy, cd). C₂₋₄ alkenyl, ce). amino (substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl), cf). halogen and cg). hydroxy; optionally R₂ and R₃ together form at least one ring fused to the benzene ring;

5 thereby providing a multiple ring system; wherein the multiple ring system is selected from the group consisting of naphthalene and anthracene; and, wherein the multiple ring system can optionally be substituted with one to four substituents independently selected from the group consisting of da). C₁₋₄ alkyl, db). C₁₋₄ alkoxy, dc). amino (substituted with two substituents independently

10 selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl), dd). halogen and de). hydroxy.

More preferably, R₂ and R₃ are attached to the benzene ring on adjacent carbon atoms and independently selected from the group consisting of ca).

15 hydrogen, cb). C₁₋₄ alkyl, cd). C₂₋₄ alkenyl, cf). halogen and cg). hydroxy; optionally, R₂ and R₃ together form at least one ring fused to the benzene ring; thereby providing a multiple ring system; wherein the multiple ring system is naphthalene; and, wherein the multiple ring system can optionally be

20 substituted with one to four substituents independently selected from the group consisting of da). C₁₋₄ alkyl, db). C₁₋₄ alkoxy, dc). amino (substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl), dd). halogen and de). hydroxy.

Most preferably, the multiple ring system is a non-substituted

25 naphthalene.

Embodiments of the present invention include those compounds wherein R₄ is selected from the group consisting of aryl and heteroaryl optionally substituted with one to two substituents independently selected from the group

30 consisting of C₁₋₄ alkyl, amino (substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl), cyano, halogen, hydroxy and (halo)₁₋₃(C₁₋₈)alkyl.

Preferably, R_4 is selected from the group consisting of aryl and heteroaryl (wherein heteroaryl is optionally substituted with one to two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4} alkyl, amino (substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C_{1-4} alkyl), cyano, halogen, hydroxy and (halo)₁₋₃(C_{1-8})alkyl).

More preferably, R_4 is selected from the group consisting of phenyl, naphthalenyl and benzothienyl (wherein benzothienyl is optionally substituted with one to two halogen substituents).

Most preferably, R_4 is selected from the group consisting of phenyl, naphthalenyl and benzothienyl (wherein benzothienyl is optionally substituted with a chloro substituent).

Embodiments of the present invention include those compounds wherein R_5 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C_{1-4} alkyl (optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of amino (substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C_{1-4} alkyl), (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy).

Preferably, R_5 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C_{1-4} alkyl.

More preferably, R_5 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and methyl.

Most preferably, R_5 is hydrogen.

Preferred embodiments of the present invention include those compounds wherein R_6 is selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4} alkyl, aryl(C_{1-4})alkyl, C_{1-4} alkoxy, aryl(C_{1-4})alkoxy, C_{2-4} alkenyl, C_{2-4} alkenyloxy,

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aryl(C₂₋₄)alkenyl, aryl(C₂₋₄)alkenyloxy, aryl, aryloxy and hydroxy.

More preferably, R₆ is selected from the group consisting of methyl, methoxy, phenyloxy and hydroxy.

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Most preferably, R₆ is selected from the group consisting of methyl and hydroxy.

Preferred embodiments of the present invention include those
10 compounds wherein Y is not present and X is one substituent attached by a double-bond selected from the group consisting of O, S, imino, (C₁₋₄)alkylimino and hydroxyimino.

More preferably, Y is not present and X is one substituent attached by a
15 double-bond selected from the group consisting of O, imino and hydroxyimino.

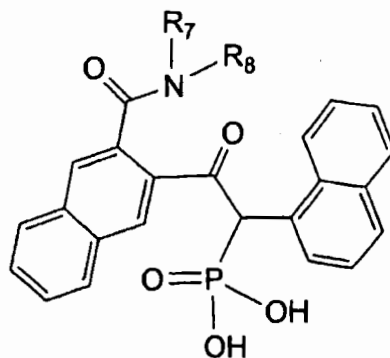
Most preferably, Y is not present and X is O attached by a double-bond.

Preferred embodiments of the present invention include those
20 compounds wherein Z is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl.

More preferably, Z is hydrogen.

25 Embodiments of the present invention include those compounds of Formula (Ia) shown in Table 1.

Table 1



Formula (Ia)

wherein

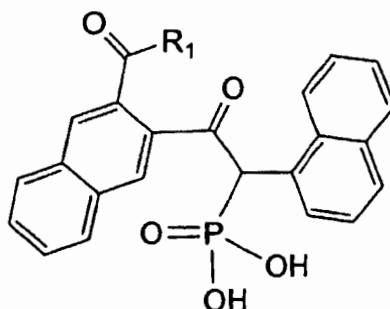
R₅, R₇ and R₈ are dependently selected from the group consisting of:

Cpd	R ₇	R ₈
1	CH ₃	4-phenylcyclohexyl
2	CH ₃	1-(2-naphthalenylcarbonyl)-4-piperidinyl
3	CH ₃	1-[(6-methoxy-2-naphthalenyl)carbonyl]-3-pyrrolidinyl
4	CH ₃	1-[(6-bromo-2-naphthalenyl)carbonyl]-4-piperidinyl
5	CH ₃	1-[3-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-oxo-2-propenyl]-3-pyrrolidinyl
6	CH ₃	1-[1-oxo-3-phenyl-2-propenyl]-4-piperidinyl
9	CH ₃	1-[3-(4-methylphenyl)-1-oxo-2-propenyl]-4-piperidinyl
10	CH ₃	1-[1-oxo-3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-2-propenyl]-4-piperidinyl
13	CH ₃	1-[3-[4-(dimethylamino)phenyl]-1-oxo-2-propenyl]-4-piperidinyl
15	CH ₃	1-benzoyl-4-piperidinyl
17	CH ₃	Cyclohexyl
18	CH ₃	1-[1-oxo-3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]propyl]-4-piperidinyl
20	CH ₃	1-(2-methyl-1-oxopropyl)-4-piperidinyl
21	CH ₃	Cyclopentyl
22	CH ₃	4-(1,1-dimethylethyl)cyclohexyl
24	CH ₃	1-[(6-hydroxy-2-naphthalenyl)carbonyl]-4-piperidinyl
26	CH ₃	1-acetyl-4-piperidinyl
27	CH ₃	4-methylcyclohexyl
28	CH ₃	adamant-1-ylmethyl
29	CH ₃	4-phenyl-3-cyclohexen-1-yl
And,		
30	H	1-(2-naphthalenylcarbonyl)-4-piperidinyl

and racemates, enantiomers, diastereomers and salts thereof.

Embodiments of the present invention include those compounds of Formula (Ib) shown in Table 2.

Table 2



Formula (Ib)

wherein

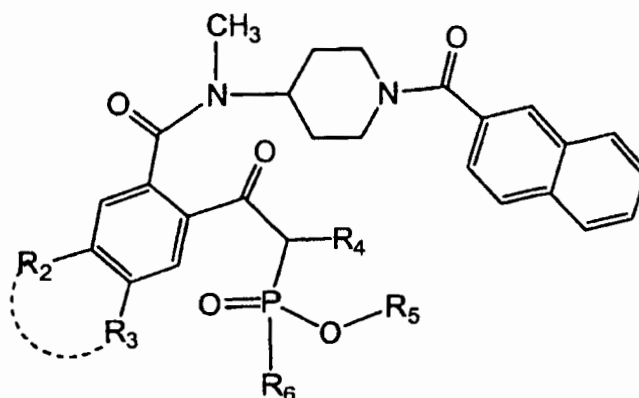
- 5 R₁ is selected from the group consisting of:

Cpd	R ₁
7	4-phenyl-1-piperidinyl
8	4-oxo-1-phenyl-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-8-yl
12	4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-piperidinyl
14	4-(3-methoxyphenyl)-1-piperidinyl
16	4-(2-benzothiazolyl)-1-piperidinyl
19	3-phenyl-1-pyrrolidinyl
and,	
25	3-(2-phenylethyl)-1-pyrrolidinyl

and racemates, enantiomers, diastereomers and salts thereof.

Embodiments of the present invention include those compounds of Formula (Ic) shown in Table 3.

Table 3



Formula (Ic)

wherein R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , R_5 and R_6 are dependently selected from the group consisting of:

Cpd	R ₂	R ₃	R ₄	R ₅	R ₆
11	taken together to form phenyl		phenyl	H	OH
23	taken together to form phenyl		1-naphthalenyl	CH ₃	OH
31	H	H	1-naphthalenyl	H	OH
32	taken together to form phenyl		1-naphthalenyl	H	CH ₃
and,					
33	taken together to form phenyl		5-chloro-benzo[b]thien-3-yl	H	OH

and racemates, enantiomers, diastereomers and salts thereof.

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The compounds of the present invention may also be present in the form of pharmaceutically acceptable salts. For use in medicine, the salts of the compounds of this invention refer to non-toxic "pharmaceutically acceptable salts." FDA approved pharmaceutically acceptable salt forms (*Ref.*

- 10 *International J. Pharm.* **1986**, 33, 201-217; *J. Pharm. Sci.*, **1977**, Jan, 66(1), p1) include pharmaceutically acceptable acidic/anionic or basic/cationic salts.

Pharmaceutically acceptable acidic/anionic salts include, and are not limited to acetate, benzenesulfonate, benzoate, bicarbonate, bitartrate,
 15 bromide, calcium edetate, camsylate, carbonate, chloride, citrate,

dihydrochloride, edetate, edisylate, estolate, esylate, fumarate, glyceptate,
 gluconate, glutamate, glycolylarsanilate, hexylresorcinate, hydrabamine,
 hydrobromide, hydrochloride, hydroxynaphthoate, iodide, isethionate, lactate,
 lactobionate, malate, maleate, mandelate, mesylate, methylbromide,
 5 methylnitrate, methylsulfate, mucate, napsylate, nitrate, pamoate,
 pantothenate, phosphate/diphosphate, polygalacturonate, salicylate, stearate,
 subacetate, succinate, sulfate, tannate, tartrate, teoclate, tosylate and
 triethiodide. Organic or inorganic acids also include, and are not limited to,
 hydriodic, perchloric, sulfuric, phosphoric, propionic, glycolic, methanesulfonic,
 10 hydroxyethanesulfonic, oxalic, 2-naphthalenesulfonic, p-toluenesulfonic,
 cyclohexanesulfamic, saccharinic or trifluoroacetic acid.

Pharmaceutically acceptable basic/cationic salts include, and are not
 limited to aluminum, 2-amino-2-hydroxymethyl-propane-1,3-diol (also known as
 15 tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane, tromethane or "TRIS"), ammonia,
 benzathine, *t*-butylamine, calcium, calcium gluconate, calcium hydroxide,
 chloroprocaine, choline, choline bicarbonate, choline chloride, cyclohexylamine,
 diethanolamine, ethylenediamine, lithium, LiOMe, L-lysine, magnesium,
 meglumine, NH₃, NH₄OH, N-methyl-D-glucamine, piperidine, potassium,
 20 potassium-*t*-butoxide, potassium hydroxide (aqueous), procaine, quinine, SEH,
 sodium, sodium carbonate, sodium-2-ethylhexanoate, sodium hydroxide,
 triethanolamine (TEA) or zinc.

Compounds of the present invention may be contacted with a
 25 pharmaceutically acceptable cation selected from the group consisting of
 aluminum, 2-amino-2-hydroxymethyl-propane-1,3-diol (also known as
 tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane, tromethane or "TRIS"), ammonia,
 benzathine, *t*-butylamine, calcium, calcium gluconate, calcium hydroxide,
 chloroprocaine, choline, choline bicarbonate, choline chloride, cyclohexylamine,
 30 diethanolamine, ethylenediamine, lithium, LiOMe, L-lysine, magnesium,
 meglumine, NH₃, NH₄OH, N-methyl-D-glucamine, piperidine, potassium,
 potassium-*t*-butoxide, potassium hydroxide (aqueous), procaine, quinine, SEH,
 sodium, sodium carbonate, sodium-2-ethylhexanoate, sodium hydroxide,

triethanolamine (TEA) and zinc to form a salt.

Preferred cations for use with the instant compounds are selected from the group consisting of benzathine, *t*-butylamine, calcium gluconate, calcium
5 hydroxide, choline bicarbonate, choline chloride, cyclohexylamine, diethanolamine, ethylenediamine, LiOMe, L-lysine, NH₃, NH₄OH, N-methyl-D-glucamine, piperidine, potassium-*t*-butoxide, potassium hydroxide (aqueous), procaine, quinine, sodium carbonate, sodium-2-ethylhexanoate, sodium hydroxide, triethanolamine and tromethane.

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More preferably, cations for use with the instant compounds are selected from the group consisting of *t*-butylamine, NH₄OH and tromethane.

Most preferably, the cation for use with the instant compounds is
15 tromethane.

The present invention includes within its scope prodrugs of the compounds of this invention. In general, such prodrugs will be functional derivatives of the compounds, which are readily convertible *in vivo* into an
20 active compound. Thus, in the methods of treatment of the present invention, the term "administering" shall encompass the treatment of the various disorders described with the compound specifically disclosed or a prodrug compound which would be obviously included within the scope of the invention although not specifically disclosed including, but not limited to diphenylphosphonate or
25 diphenylphosphinate esters of certain of the instant compounds. Conventional procedures for the selection and preparation of suitable prodrug derivatives are described, for example, in "Design of Prodrugs", ed. H. Bundgaard, Elsevier, 1985. Phosphonic acid prodrugs (as described in De Lombaert S., et al, Non-Peptidic Inhibitors of Neutral Endopeptidase 24.11; Design and Pharmacology
30 of Orally Active Phosphonate Prodrugs, *Bioorganic and Medicinal Chemistry Letters*, 1995, 5(2), 151-154; and, De Lombaert S., et al, *N*-Phosphonomethyl Dipeptides and Their Phosphonate Prodrugs, a New Generation Neutral Endopeptidase (NEP, EC 3.424.11) Inhibitors, *J. Med. Chem.*, 1994, 37, 498-

511) and phosphinic acid prodrugs are intended to be included within the scope of the present invention.

The compounds according to this invention may have at least one chiral center and thus may exist as enantiomers. In addition, the compounds of the present invention may also possess two or more chiral centers and thus may also exist as diastereomers. Where the processes for the preparation of the present compounds give rise to a mixture of stereoisomers, these isomers may be separated by conventional techniques such as preparative chromatography. Accordingly, the compounds may be prepared as a racemic mixture or, by either enantiospecific synthesis or resolution, as individual enantiomers. The compounds may, for example, be resolved from a racemic mixture into their component racemates by standard techniques, such as the formation of diastereomeric pairs by salt formation with an optically active base, followed by fractional crystallization and regeneration of the compounds of this invention. The racemic mixture may also be resolved by formation of diastereomeric esters or amides, followed by chromatographic separation and removal of the chiral auxiliary. Alternatively, the compounds may be resolved using a chiral HPLC column. It is to be understood that all such isomers and mixtures thereof are encompassed within the scope of the present invention.

The compounds according to this invention wherein Z forms a double bond with the carbon of attachment for X, Y is not present and X is hydroxy may have at least one keto-enol tautomeric form and thus may exist in equilibrium as geometric isomers. It is to be understood that all such isomers and mixtures thereof are encompassed within the scope of the present invention.

During any of the processes for preparation of the compounds of the present invention, it may be necessary and/or desirable to protect sensitive or reactive groups on any of the molecules concerned. This may be achieved by means of conventional protecting groups, such as those described in Protective Groups in Organic Chemistry, ed. J.F.W. McOmie, Plenum Press, 1973; and

T.W. Greene & P.G.M. Wuts, Protective Groups in Organic Synthesis, John Wiley & Sons, 1991. The protecting groups may be removed at a convenient subsequent stage using methods known in the art.

5 Furthermore, some of the crystalline forms for the compounds may exist as polymorphs and as such are intended to be included in the present invention. In addition, some of the compounds may form solvates with water (i.e., hydrates) or common organic solvents, and such solvates are also intended to be encompassed within the scope of this invention.

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As used herein, unless otherwise noted, "alkyl" whether used alone or as part of a substituent group refers to straight and branched carbon chains having 1 to 8 carbon atoms or any number within this range. The term "alkoxy" refers to an -O-alkyl substituent group, wherein alkyl is as defined supra.

15 Similarly, the terms "alkenyl" and "alkynyl" refer to straight and branched carbon chains having 2 to 8 carbon atoms or any number within this range, wherein an alkenyl chain has at least one double bond in the chain and an alkynyl chain has at least one triple bond in the chain. An alkyl and alkoxy chain may be substituted on a terminal carbon atom or, when acting as a
20 linking group, within the carbon chain.

 The term "cycloalkyl" refers to saturated, monocyclic or polycyclic hydrocarbon rings of from 3 to 20 carbon atom members (preferably from 3 to 12 carbon atom members). Further, a cycloalkyl ring may optionally be fused to one
25 or more cycloalkyl rings. Examples of such rings include, and are not limited to, cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cycloheptyl or adamantyl.

 The term "cycloalkenyl" refers to partially unsaturated, nonaromatic monocyclic or polycyclic hydrocarbon rings of 3 to 20 carbon atom members
30 (preferably from 3 to 12 carbon atom members). Typically, a 3 to 5 member ring contains one double bond and a 6 to 9 member ring contains multiple double bonds. Further, a cycloalkenyl ring may optionally be fused to one or more cycloalkyl rings or cycloalkenyl rings. Examples of such rings include, and are not

limited to, cyclopropenyl, cyclobutenyl, cyclopentenyl, cyclohexenyl, or cycloheptenyl.

The term "heterocyclyl" refers to a nonaromatic cyclic ring of 5 to 8
5 members in which 1 to 4 members are nitrogen or a nonaromatic cyclic ring of 5
to 8 members in which zero, one or two members are nitrogen and one member
is oxygen or sulfur; wherein, optionally, the ring contains zero, one or two
unsaturated bonds. Alternatively, the heterocyclyl ring may be fused to a
benzene ring (benzo fused heterocyclyl), a 5 or 6 membered heteroaryl ring
10 (containing one of O, S or N and, optionally, one additional nitrogen), a 5 to 7
membered cycloalkyl or cycloalkenyl ring, a 5 to 7 membered heterocyclyl ring (of
the same definition as above but absent the option of a further fused ring) or
fused with the carbon of attachment of a cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl or heterocyclyl
ring to form a spiro moiety. For instant compounds of the invention, the carbon
15 atom ring members that form the heterocyclyl ring are fully saturated. Other
compounds of the invention may have a partially saturated heterocyclyl ring.
Additionally, the heterocyclyl can be bridged to form bicyclic rings. Preferred
partially saturated heterocyclyl rings may have from one to two double bonds.
Such compounds are not considered to be fully aromatic and are not referred to
20 as heteroaryl compounds. Examples of heterocyclyl groups include, and are not
limited to, pyrrolinyl (including 2*H*-pyrrole, 2-pyrrolinyl or 3-pyrrolinyl), pyrrolidinyl,
2-imidazoliny, imidazolidinyl, 2-pyrazoliny, pyrazolidinyl, piperidinyl, morpholinyl,
thiomorpholinyl and piperazinyl. In the present invention, when R₁ is selected
from heterocyclyl, the term "heterocyclyl" refers to a nonaromatic cyclic ring of 5 to
25 8 members in which 1 to 4 members are nitrogen; wherein, the point of
attachment for the heterocyclyl ring at R₁ is a nitrogen ring member; and, wherein
optionally the ring contains zero, one (for 5 and 6 member rings) or two (for 6, 7
and 8 member rings) unsaturated bonds.

30 The term "aryl" refers to an unsaturated, aromatic monocyclic ring of 6
carbon members or to an unsaturated, aromatic polycyclic ring of from 10 to 20
carbon members. Further, an aryl ring may optionally be fused to one or more
benzene rings (benzo fused aryl), cycloalkyl rings (e.g. benzo fused cycloalkyl) or

cycloalkenyl rings (e.g. benzo fused cycloalkenyl) wherein, for the purpose of these definitions, the cycloalkyl rings and cycloalkenyl rings may be fused to an additional benzene ring (to provide fused multiple ring systems such as fluorene). Examples of such aryl rings include, and are not limited to, phenyl, naphthalenyl, fluorenyl, indenyl or anthracenyl.

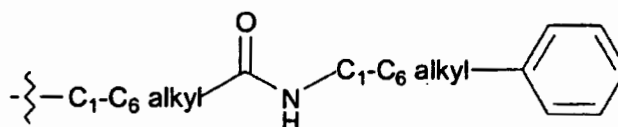
The term "heteroaryl" refers to an aromatic ring of 5 or 6 members wherein the ring consists of carbon atoms and has at least one heteroatom member. Suitable heteroatoms include nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur. In the case of 5 membered rings, the heteroaryl ring contains one member of nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur and, in addition, may contain up to two additional nitrogens. In the case of 6 membered rings, the heteroaryl ring may contain from one to three nitrogen atoms. For the case wherein the 6 member ring has three nitrogens, at most two nitrogen atoms are adjacent. Optionally, the heteroaryl ring is fused to a benzene ring (benzo fused heteroaryl), a 5 or 6 membered heteroaryl ring (containing one of O, S or N and, optionally, one additional nitrogen), a 5 to 7 membered alicyclic ring or a 5 to 7 membered heterocyclo ring (as defined supra but absent the option of a further fused ring). Examples of heteroaryl groups include, and are not limited to, furyl, thienyl, pyrrolyl, oxazolyl, thiazolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, isoxazolyl, isothiazolyl, oxadiazolyl, triazolyl, thiadiazolyl, pyridinyl, pyridazinyl, pyrimidinyl or pyrazinyl; fused heteroaryl groups include indolyl, isoindolyl, indoliny, benzofuryl, benzothienyl, indazolyl, benzimidazolyl, benzthiazolyl, benzoxazolyl, benzisoxazolyl, benzothiadiazolyl, benzotriazolyl, quinoliziny, quinoliny, isoquinoliny or quinazoliny.

The term "arylalkyl" means an alkyl group substituted with an aryl group (e.g., benzyl, phenethyl). Similarly, the term "arylalkoxy" indicates an alkoxy group substituted with an aryl group (e.g., benzyloxy).

As used herein, the term "carboxyl " refers to the linking group -C(O)O- or (when used accordingly) to the substituent -COOH; the term "imino" refers to the substituent HN=.

Whenever the term "alkyl" or "aryl" or either of their prefix roots appear in a name of a substituent (e.g., arylalkyl, alkylamino) it shall be interpreted as including those limitations given above for "alkyl" and "aryl." Designated numbers of carbon atoms (e.g., C₁-C₆) shall refer independently to the number of carbon atoms in an alkyl moiety or to the alkyl portion of a larger substituent in which alkyl appears as its prefix root. However, for clarity in the terms "C₉-C₁₄ benzo fused cycloalkyl", "C₉-C₁₄ benzo fused cycloalkenyl", "C₉-C₁₄ benzo fused aryl"; C₉-C₁₄ refers to the number of carbon atoms both in the benzene ring (6) and the number of atoms in the ring fused to the benzene ring, but does not include carbon atoms that may be pendent from these multiple ring systems. The amount of substituents attached to a moiety "optionally substituted with one to five substituents" is limited to that amount of open valences on the moiety available for substitution.

In general, under standard nomenclature rules used throughout this disclosure, the terminal portion of the designated side chain is described first followed by the adjacent functionality toward the point of attachment. Thus, for example, a "phenylC₁-C₆ alkylamidoC₁-C₆alkyl" substituent refers to a group of the formula:



It is intended that the definition of any substituent or variable at a particular location in a molecule be independent of its definitions elsewhere in that molecule. It is understood that substituents and substitution patterns on the compounds of this invention can be selected by one of ordinary skill in the art to provide compounds that are chemically stable and that can be readily synthesized by techniques known in the art as well as those methods set forth herein.

Illustrative of the invention is a composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and any of the compounds described above. Also illustrative of

the invention is a composition made by mixing any of the compounds described above and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. A further illustration of the invention is a process for making a composition comprising mixing any of the compounds described above and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. The
5 present invention also provides compositions comprising one or more compounds of this invention in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

The compounds of the present invention are useful serine protease inhibitors (in particular, inhibitors of cathepsin G and chymase) useful for treating
10 inflammatory and serine protease mediated disorders. Some of these disorders include, inflammatory and serine protease mediated disorders include, and are not limited to, pulmonary inflammatory conditions, chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases, asthma, pulmonary emphysema, bronchitis, psoriasis, allergic rhinitis, viral rhinitis, ischemia, arthritis, glomerulonephritis, postoperative adhesion
15 formation and reperfusion injury. These compounds would be useful in treating disease states caused by angiotensin II including but not limited to hypertension, hypercardia myocardial infarction, arteriosclerosis, diabetic and non-diabetic retinopathy, vascular restenosis and the like. Additionally, these compounds can be used for immune modulation. The utility of the compounds to treat
20 inflammatory and serine protease mediated disorders can be determined according to the procedures described herein.

An embodiment of the invention is a method for treating inflammatory and serine protease mediated disorders in a subject in need thereof which
25 comprises administering to the subject a therapeutically effective amount of any of the compounds or compositions described above. Also included in the invention is the use of a compound of Formula (I) for the preparation of a medicament for treating an inflammatory or serine protease mediated disorder in a subject in need thereof. The term "treating" as used herein refers to a
30 method for improving, halting, retarding or palliating an inflammatory or serine protease mediated disorder in the subject in need thereof. All such methods of treatment are intended to be within the scope of the present invention.

In accordance with the methods of the present invention, the individual components of the compositions described herein can also be administered separately at different times during the course of therapy or concurrently in divided or single combination forms. The instant invention is therefore to be
5 understood as embracing all such regimes of simultaneous or alternating treatment and the term "administering" is to be interpreted accordingly.

The term "subject" as used herein, refers to an animal (preferably, a mammal; most preferably, a human) who has been the object of treatment,
10 observation or experiment.

The term "therapeutically effective amount" as used herein, means that amount of active compound or pharmaceutical agent that elicits the biological or medicinal response in a tissue system, animal or human, that is being sought by
15 a researcher, veterinarian, medical doctor, or other clinician, which includes alleviation of the symptoms of the disease or disorder being treated.

As used herein, the term "composition" is intended to encompass a product comprising the specified ingredients in the specified amounts, as well
20 as any product which results, directly or indirectly, from combinations of the specified ingredients in the specified amounts.

To prepare the compositions of this invention, one or more compounds of Formula (I) or salt thereof as the active ingredient, is intimately admixed with
25 a pharmaceutical carrier according to conventional pharmaceutical compounding techniques, which carrier may take a wide variety of forms depending of the form of preparation desired for administration (e.g. oral or parenteral). Suitable pharmaceutically acceptable carriers are well known in the art. Descriptions of some of these pharmaceutically acceptable carriers
30 may be found in The Handbook of Pharmaceutical Excipients, published by the American Pharmaceutical Association and the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain.

Methods of formulating compositions have been described in numerous publications such as Pharmaceutical Dosage Forms: Tablets, Second Edition, Revised and Expanded, Volumes 1-3, edited by Lieberman et al; Pharmaceutical Dosage Forms: Parenteral Medications, Volumes 1-2, edited by Avis et al; and Pharmaceutical Dosage Forms: Disperse Systems, Volumes 1-2, edited by Lieberman et al; published by Marcel Dekker, Inc.

In preparing a composition of the present invention in liquid dosage form for oral, topical, inhalation/insufflation and parenteral administration, any of the usual pharmaceutical media or excipients may be employed. Thus, for liquid dosage forms, such as suspensions (i.e. colloids, emulsions and dispersions) and solutions, suitable carriers and additives include but are not limited to pharmaceutically acceptable wetting agents, dispersants, flocculation agents, thickeners, pH control agents (i.e. buffers), osmotic agents, coloring agents, flavors, fragrances, preservatives (i.e. to control microbial growth, etc.) and a liquid vehicle may be employed. Not all of the components listed above will be required for each liquid dosage form.

In solid oral preparations such as, for example, powders, granules, capsules, caplets, gelcaps, pills and tablets (each including immediate release, timed release and sustained release formulations), suitable carriers and additives include but are not limited to diluents, granulating agents, lubricants, binders, glidants, disintegrating agents and the like. Because of their ease of administration, tablets and capsules represent the most advantageous oral dosage unit form, in which case solid pharmaceutical carriers are obviously employed. If desired, tablets may be sugar coated, gelatin coated, film coated or enteric coated by standard techniques.

Preferably these compositions are in unit dosage forms from such as tablets, pills, capsules, powders, granules, lozenges, sterile parenteral solutions or suspensions, metered aerosol or liquid sprays, drops, ampoules, autoinjector devices or suppositories for administration by oral, intranasal, sublingual, intraocular, transdermal, parenteral, rectal, vaginal, inhalation or

insufflation means. Alternatively, the composition may be presented in a form suitable for once-weekly or once-monthly administration; for example, an insoluble salt of the active compound, such as the decanoate salt, may be adapted to provide a depot preparation for intramuscular injection.

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For preparing solid compositions such as tablets, the principal active ingredient is mixed with a pharmaceutical carrier, e.g. conventional tableting ingredients such as diluents, binders, adhesives, disintegrants, lubricants, antiadherents and glidants. Suitable diluents include, but are not limited to, starch (i.e. corn, wheat, or potato starch, which may be hydrolized), lactose (granulated, spray dried or anhydrous), sucrose, sucrose-based diluents (confectioner's sugar; sucrose plus about 7 to 10 weight percent invert sugar; sucrose plus about 3 weight percent modified dextrans; sucrose plus invert sugar, about 4 weight percent invert sugar, about 0.1 to 0.2 weight percent cornstarch and magnesium stearate), dextrose, inositol, mannitol, sorbitol, microcrystalline cellulose (i.e. AVICEL™ microcrystalline cellulose available from FMC Corp.), dicalcium phosphate, calcium sulfate dihydrate, calcium lactate trihydrate and the like. Suitable binders and adhesives include, but are not limited to accacia gum, guar gum, tragacanth gum, sucrose, gelatin, glucose, starch, and cellulose (i.e. methylcellulose, sodium carboxymethylcellulose, ethylcellulose, hydroxypropylmethylcellulose, hydroxypropylcellulose, and the like), water soluble or dispersible binders (i.e. alginic acid and salts thereof, magnesium aluminum silicate, hydroxyethylcellulose [i.e. TYLOSE™ available from Hoechst Celanese], polyethylene glycol, polysaccharide acids, bentonites, polyvinylpyrrolidone, polymethacrylates and pregelatinized starch) and the like. Suitable disintegrants include, but are not limited to, starches (corn, potato, etc.), sodium starch glycolates, pregelatinized starches, clays (magnesium aluminum silicate), celluloses (such as crosslinked sodium carboxymethylcellulose and microcrystalline cellulose), alginates, pregelatinized starches (i.e. corn starch, etc.), gums (i.e. agar, guar, locust bean, karaya, pectin, and tragacanth gum), cross-linked polyvinylpyrrolidone and the like. Suitable lubricants and antiadherents include, but are not limited to, stearates (magnesium, calcium

and sodium), stearic acid, talc waxes, stearowet, boric acid, sodium chloride, DL-leucine, carbowax 4000, carbowax 6000, sodium oleate, sodium benzoate, sodium acetate, sodium lauryl sulfate, magnesium lauryl sulfate and the like. Suitable gildants include, but are not limited to, talc, cornstarch, silica (i.e. CAB-
5 O-SIL[™] silica available from Cabot, SYLOID[™] silica available from W.R. Grace/Davison, and AEROSIL[™] silica available from Degussa) and the like. Sweeteners and flavorants may be added to chewable solid dosage forms to improve the palatability of the oral dosage form. Additionally, colorants and coatings may be added or applied to the solid dosage form for ease of
10 identification of the drug or for aesthetic purposes. These carriers are formulated with the pharmaceutical active to provide an accurate, appropriate dose of the pharmaceutical active with a therapeutic release profile.

Generally these carriers are mixed with the pharmaceutical active to
15 form a solid preformulation composition containing a homogeneous mixture of the pharmaceutical active of the present invention, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof. Generally the preformulation will be formed by one of three common methods: (a) wet granulation, (b) dry granulation and (c) dry blending. When referring to these preformulation compositions as
20 homogeneous, it is meant that the active ingredient is dispersed evenly throughout the composition so that the composition may be readily subdivided into equally effective dosage forms such as tablets, pills and capsules. This solid preformulation composition is then subdivided into unit dosage forms of the type described above containing from about 0.01 mg to about 500 mg of
25 the active ingredient of the present invention. The tablets or pills containing the novel compositions may also be formulated in multilayer tablets or pills to provide a sustained or provide dual-release products. For example, a dual release tablet or pill can comprise an inner dosage and an outer dosage component, the latter being in the form of an envelope over the former. The
30 two components can be separated by an enteric layer, which serves to resist disintegration in the stomach and permits the inner component to pass intact into the duodenum or to be delayed in release. A variety of materials can be used for such enteric layers or coatings, such materials including a number of

polymeric materials such as shellac, cellulose acetate, cellulose acetate phthalate, polyvinyl acetate phthalate, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose phthalate, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose acetate succinate, methacrylate and ethylacrylate copolymers and the like. Sustained release tablets may also be
5 made by film coating or wet granulation using slightly soluble or insoluble substances in solution (which for a wet granulation acts as the binding agents) or low melting solids a molten form (which in a wet granulation may incorporate the active ingredient). These materials include natural and synthetic polymers waxes, hydrogenated oils, fatty acids and alcohols (i.e. beeswax, carnauba
10 wax, cetyl alcohol, cetylstearyl alcohol, and the like), esters of fatty acids metallic soaps, and other acceptable materials that can be used to granulate, coat, entrap or otherwise limit the solubility of an active ingredient to achieve a prolonged or sustained release product.

15 The liquid forms in which the novel compositions of the present invention may be incorporated for administration orally or by injection include, but are not limited to aqueous solutions, suitably flavored syrups, aqueous or oil suspensions, and flavored emulsions with edible oils such as cottonseed oil, sesame oil, coconut oil or peanut oil, as well as elixirs and similar
20 pharmaceutical vehicles. Suitable suspending agents for aqueous suspensions, include synthetic and natural gums such as, acacia, agar, alginate (i.e. propylene alginate, sodium alginate and the like), guar, karaya, locust bean, pectin, tragacanth, and xanthan gum, cellulose derivatives such as sodium carboxymethylcellulose, methylcellulose, hydroxymethylcellulose,
25 hydroxyethylcellulose, hydroxypropyl cellulose and hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, and combinations thereof, synthetic polymers such as polyvinyl pyrrolidone, carbomer (i.e. carboxypolymethylene), and polyethylene glycol; clays such as bentonite, hectorite, attapulgite or sepiolite; and other pharmaceutically acceptable suspending agents such as lecithin, gelatin or the
30 like. Suitable surfactants include but are not limited to sodium docusate, sodium lauryl sulfate, polysorbate, octoxynol-9, nonoxynol-10, polysorbate 20, polysorbate 40, polysorbate 60, polysorbate 80, polyoxamer 188, polyoxamer 235 and combinations thereof. Suitable deflocculating or dispersing agent

include pharmaceutical grade lecithins. Suitable flocculating agent include but are not limited to simple neutral electrolytes (i.e. sodium chloride, potassium, chloride, and the like), highly charged insoluble polymers and polyelectrolyte species, water soluble divalent or trivalent ions (i.e. calcium salts, alums or

5 sulfates, citrates and phosphates (which can be used jointly in formulations as pH buffers and flocculating agents). Suitable preservatives include but are not limited to parabens (i.e. methyl, ethyl, *n*-propyl and *n*-butyl), sorbic acid, thimerosal, quaternary ammonium salts, benzyl alcohol, benzoic acid, chlorhexidine gluconate, phenylethanol and the like. There are many liquid

10 vehicles that may be used in liquid pharmaceutical dosage forms, however, the liquid vehicle that is used in a particular dosage form must be compatible with the suspending agent(s). For example, nonpolar liquid vehicles such as fatty esters and oils liquid vehicles are best used with suspending agents such as low HLB (Hydrophile-Lipophile Balance) surfactants, stearylalkonium hectorite,

15 water insoluble resins, water insoluble film forming polymers and the like. Conversely, polar liquids such as water, alcohols, polyols and glycols are best used with suspending agents such as higher HLB surfactants, clays silicates, gums, water soluble cellulose, water soluble polymers and the like. For parenteral administration, sterile suspensions and solutions are desired. Liquid

20 forms useful for parenteral administration include sterile solutions, emulsions and suspensions. Isotonic preparations which generally contain suitable preservatives are employed when intravenous administration is desired.

Furthermore, compounds of the present invention can be administered in

25 an intranasal dosage form via topical use of suitable intranasal vehicles or via transdermal skin patches, the composition of which are well known to those of ordinary skill in that art. To be administered in the form of a transdermal delivery system, the administration of a therapeutic dose will, of course, be continuous rather than intermittent throughout the dosage regimen.

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Compounds of the present invention can also be administered in a form suitable for intranasal or inhalation therapy. For such therapy, compounds of the present invention are conveniently delivered in the form of a solution or

suspension from a pump spray container that is squeezed or pumped or as an aerosol spray from a pressurized container or a nebulizer (such as, a metered dose inhaler, a dry powder inhaler or other conventional or non-conventional modes or devices for inhalation delivery) using a suitable propellant (such as, 5 dichlorodifluoromethane, trichlorofluoromethane, dichlorotetrafluoroethane, carbon dioxide or other suitable gas). In the case of a pressurized aerosol, the dosage unit may be determined by providing a valve to deliver a metered amount. The pressurized container or nebulizer may contain a solution or suspension of the active compound. Capsules and cartridges (such as, those 10 made from gelatin) for use in an inhaler or insufflator may be formulated containing a powder mix of a compound of the invention and a suitable powder base such as lactose or starch.

Compounds of the present invention can also be administered in the form 15 of liposome delivery systems, such as small unilamellar vesicles, large unilamellar vesicles, multilamellar vesicles and the like. Liposomes can be formed from a variety of phospholipids, such as cholesterol, stearylamine, phosphatidylcholines and the like.

Compounds of the present invention may also be delivered by the use of 20 monoclonal antibodies as individual carriers to which the compound molecules are coupled. The compounds of the present invention may also be coupled with soluble polymers as targetable drug carriers. Such polymers can include, but are not limited to polyvinylpyrrolidone, pyran copolymer, 25 polyhydroxypropylmethacrylamidephenol, polyhydroxy-ethylaspartamidephenol, or polyethyl eneoxydepolylysine substituted with palmitoyl residue. Furthermore, the compounds of the present invention may be coupled to a class of biodegradable polymers useful in achieving controlled release of a drug, for example, to homopolymers and copolymers (which means polymers containing 30 two or more chemically distinguishable repeating units) of lactide (which includes lactic acid d-, l- and meso lactide), glycolide (including glycolic acid), ϵ -caprolactone, p-dioxanone (1,4-dioxan-2-one), trimethylene carbonate (1,3-dioxan-2-one), alkyl derivatives of trimethylene carbonate, δ -valerolactone, β -

- butyrolactone, γ -butyrolactone, ϵ -decalactone, hydroxybutyrate, hydroxyvalerate, 1,4-dioxepan-2-one (including its dimer 1,5,8,12-tetraoxacyclotetradecane-7,14-dione), 1,5-dioxepan-2-one, 6,6-dimethyl-1,4-dioxan-2-one, polyorthoesters, polyacetals, polydihydropyrans,
- 5 polycyanoacrylates and cross-linked or amphipathic block copolymers of hydrogels and blends thereof.

- The therapeutically effective amount of a compound or composition thereof may be from about 0.001 mg/Kg/dose to about 300 mg/Kg/dose.
- 10 Preferably, the therapeutically effective amount may be from about 0.001 mg/Kg/dose to about 100 mg/Kg/dose. More preferably, the therapeutically effective amount may be from about 0.001 mg/Kg/dose to about 50 mg/Kg/dose. Most preferably, the therapeutically effective amount may be from about 0.001 mg/Kg/dose to about 30 mg/Kg/dose. Therefore, the
- 15 therapeutically effective amount of the active ingredient contained per dosage unit (e.g., tablet, capsule, powder, injection, suppository, teaspoonful and the like) as described herein will be in the range of from about 1 mg/day to about 21,000 mg/day for a subject, for example, having an average weight of 70 Kg. For oral administration, the compositions are preferably provided in the form of
- 20 tablets containing, 0.01, 0.05, 0.1, 0.5, 1.0, 2.5, 5.0, 10.0, 15.0, 25.0, 50.0, 100, 150, 200, 250 and 500 milligrams of the active ingredient for the symptomatic adjustment of the dosage to the subject to be treated.

- Optimal dosages to be administered may be readily determined by those
- 25 skilled in the art, and will vary with the particular compound used, the mode of administration, the strength of the preparation, and the advancement of the disease condition. In addition, factors associated with the particular subject being treated, including subject age, weight, diet and time of administration, will result in the need to adjust the dose to an appropriate therapeutic level.
- 30 Advantageously, compounds of the present invention may be administered in a single daily dose or the total daily dosage may be administered in divided doses of two, three or four times daily.

Representative IUPAC names for the compounds of the present invention were derived using the ACD/LABS SOFTWARE™ Index Name Pro Version 4.5 nomenclature software program provided by Advanced Chemistry Development, Inc., Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

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Abbreviations used in the instant specification, particularly the Schemes and Examples, are as follows:

- Boc = *tert*-butoxycarbonyl
BuLi = *n*-butyllithium
10 Cpd = compound
DCC = dicyclohexylcarbodiimide
h = hour/hours
HOBT = hydroxybenzotriazole
KH = potassium hydride
15 Mel = methyl iodide
NT = not tested
rt/RT = room temperature
TFA = trifluoroacetic acid
TMSBr = bromotrimethylsilane

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General Synthetic Methods

Representative compounds of the present invention can be synthesized in accordance with the general synthetic methods described below and are illustrated more particularly in the scheme that follows. Since the scheme is an
25 illustration, the invention should not be construed as being limited by the chemical reactions and conditions expressed. The preparation of the various starting materials used in the schemes is well within the skill of persons versed in the art.

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Scheme A

Scheme A is illustrative of a general method for the preparation of compounds of the invention by addition of a phosphonate or phosphinate anion, prepared from a phosphonate or phosphinate Compound **A2**, and an organometallic base such as *n*-butyllithium, to an anhydride Compound **A1** in a solvent such
35 as THF to afford a ketophosphonate or ketophosphinate Compound **A3**,

wherein Z is hydrogen, Y is not present and X is one oxygen substituent attached by a double-bond to the carbon in the position β to R₄.

Other compounds of the present invention may be obtained from Compound **A3** using standard ketone manipulations wherein the β position carbon may be reduced from the ketone to a compound of Formula (I) wherein X and Y are both present or wherein Z is a bond. Examples of ketone manipulations include, but are not limited to, the use of 1) organometallic reagents to form alkoxy groups; 2) hydroxyl amines to form imino groups; and, 3) Lawesson's reagent to substitute a thio group in place of the ketone (with appropriate protecting groups added to the COOH group shown).

Compound **A2**, wherein R₆ is as previously defined, can be made according to known methods, such as those described in Katritsky, et. al., *Org. Prep. Proced. Int.*, **1990**, 22(2), 209-213; *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, **2002**, 124, 9386-9387; and, *Chem. Ber.*, **1963**, 96, 3184-3194. In an embodiment of a general synthetic method, the R₅ substituent of Compound **A4** is hydrogen and the R₆ substituent is ethoxy.

Compound **A2**, wherein R₄ is heteroaryl, can be prepared from commercially available or known haloalkyl substituted heteroaryl starting materials (such as 3-bromomethyl-5-Cl-benzothiophene used to prepare Cpd **33**) using techniques known to those skilled in the art.

Compound **A3** may be coupled to the R₁ portion of Formula (I) using standard coupling reactions. For example, when R₁ is a secondary amine in a heterocyclyl ring, the nitrogen on the ring may be coupled to Compound **A3** (similar to the reaction shown in Scheme A, e.g. the ring nitrogen in Compound **A4** would be coupled with Compound **A8**). Appropriate blocking groups can be employed to minimize undesirable side reactions. Analogous coupling reactions with Compound **A3** can be performed when R₁ is N(R₇R₈) to couple the substituted amine to the carboxylic acid of Compound **A3**. In one embodiment of the present invention the coupling reaction of Compound **A3**

with R_1 when R_1 is $N(R_7R_8)$ and R_8 is a heterocycle is provided to further illustrate the present invention.

In Scheme A, the reaction of a suitably protected amino substituted heterocycle
5 Compound **A4** (wherein the protected amino is substituted with a hydrogen atom for R_7 and an unsubstituted ad). heterocycle for R_8) with a Q-substituted R_{8a} Compound **A5** (wherein Q is a suitable leaving group (such as , but not limited to, a halogen atom) and R_{8a} is a substituent as previously defined in the R_8 ba).-bl) list) in a solvent such as DMF containing a base (such as, but not
10 limited to, triethylamine) provided an R_{8b} substituted Compound **A6**.

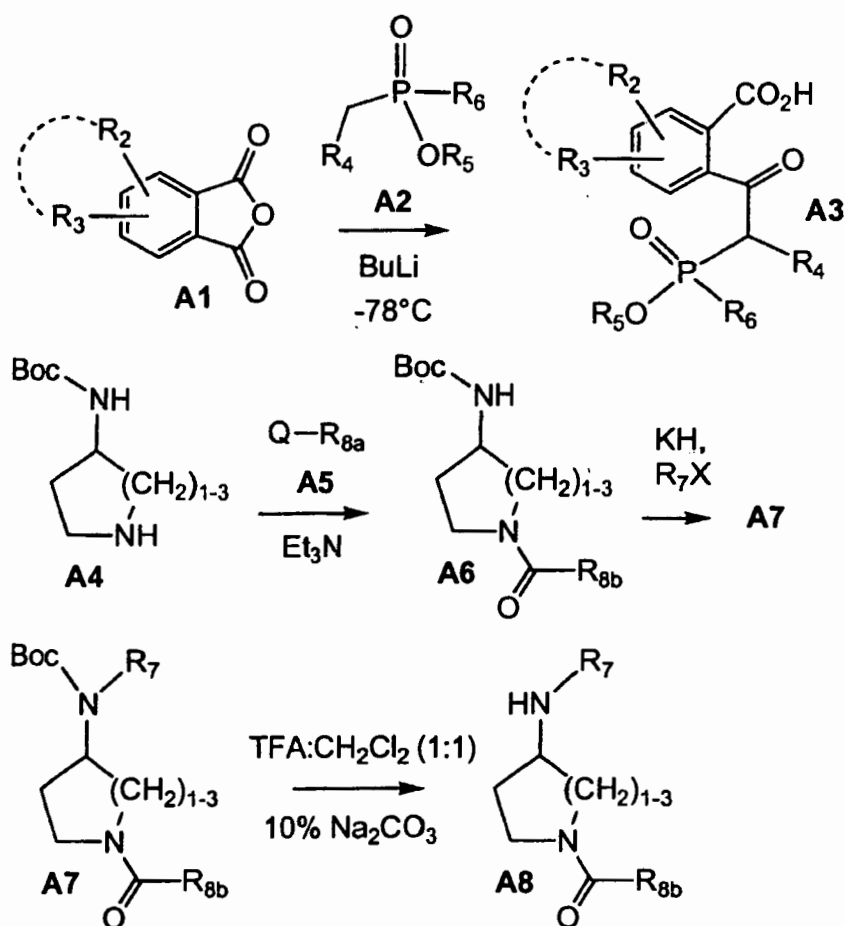
In an embodiment of a general synthetic method, the heterocyclyl portion of Compound **A4** was further substituted on a nitrogen ring atom by reaction with an acid chloride Compound **A5**, wherein the Q portion was chlorine and
15 wherein the R_{8a} portion was bc). carbonyl substituted with an R_{8b} substituent selected from C_{1-8} alkyl, aryl, aryl(C_{1-8})alkyl, aryl(C_{2-8})alkenyl, heteroaryl, heteroaryl(C_{1-8})alkyl or heteroaryl(C_{2-8})alkenyl. In an alternate embodiment, the reaction may performed by reaction with an acid chloride Compound **A5**, wherein the Q portion is chlorine and wherein the R_{8a} portion is bl). sulfonyl
20 substituted with an R_{8b} substituent; wherein R_{8b} is as previously defined.

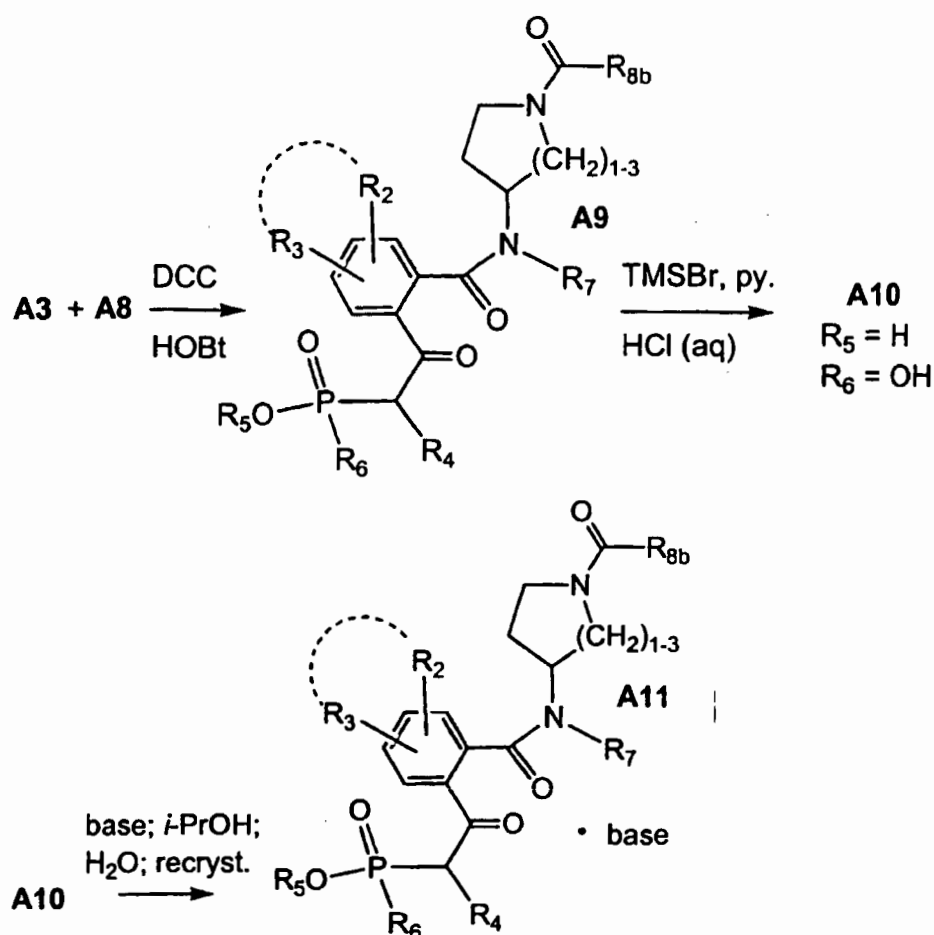
Treatment of Compound **A6** with a base such as potassium hydride followed by treatment with an R_7X alkylating agent such as iodomethane in a solvent such as THF yielded Compound **A7**. The amine Compound **A8** can be obtained
25 from Compound **A7** by removal of the Boc protecting group upon treatment with an acid such as TFA in a solvent such as CH_2Cl_2 . The free base of Compound **A8** is obtained upon treatment with a base such as aqueous Na_2CO_3 .

30 Compound **A9** can be prepared by a standard coupling procedure between Compound **A3** and Compound **A8** using routine reagents such as DCC and HOBT in a solvent such as CH_3CN . Dealkylation of Compound **A9** with reagent such as bromotrimethylsilane in a solvent such as pyridine, followed by

treatment with dilute HCl afforded Compound **A10** (wherein, in an embodiment of a general synthetic method, the R_5 ethyl group and the R_6 ethoxy group were replaced with hydrogen). A salt of Compound **A10** such as target Compound **A11** can be prepared by treating Compound **A10** with a monobasic or dibasic amine such as tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane in a solvent system such as i-PrOH and water.

Scheme A





Scheme B

Scheme B is illustrative of an alternative general synthetic method for the preparation of compounds of the invention by addition of a Compound **A2** (in an embodiment of an alternative general method, the R_5 substituent of

- 5 Compound **A2** is ethyl and the R_6 substituent is ethoxy) and R^{M} (wherein R^{M} represents an organometallic reagent such as LiHMDS (lithium hexamethyldisilylazide), lithium tetramethylpiperidide or NaHMDS (sodium hexamethyldisilazide)) to an anhydride Compound **A1**.
- 10 The reaction is subsequently quenched at about a pH from about pH 4 to about pH 6 to afford an enol Compound **B1**, wherein for a compound of Formula (I), Z is a bond, Y is not present and X is one oxygen substituent attached by a single-bond to the carbon in the position β to R_4 . Other compounds of the present invention may be obtained from Compound **B1** using standard ketone

manipulation wherein the enol double bond may be reduced to the ketone; wherein for a compound of Formula (I), Y is not present and X is one oxygen substituent attached by a double-bond on the β position carbon. A coupling reagent (such as, but not limited to, chloroformates (such as, but not limited to, isobutyl chloroformate), cyanuric chloride, methanesulfonyl chloride, diethyl chlorophosphate or mixtures thereof) may then be employed for ring closure to form a substituted lactone intermediate Compound **B2** in the presence of a base such as, but not limited to, Et_3N .

10 Reaction of a dihydroxy substituted heterocycle Compound **B3** (or other ketones and other protected ketones) with a Q-substituted R_{8a} Compound **A5** in a solvent (such as, but not limited to, CH_2Cl_2 , THF or mixtures thereof) containing a base (such as, but not limited to, sodium bicarbonate, potassium carbonate) provided an R_{8b} substituted Compound **B4**.

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Compound **B4** was treated with R_7NH_2 in a solvent (such as, but not limited to, CH_2Cl_2 , THF or mixtures thereof) then subjected to reductive amination or hydrogenation using a hydride reducing agent (such as, but not limited to, $\text{NaBH}(\text{OAc})_3$, or hydrogenation with Pd, Pt or Ni catalyst). The free base of

20 Compound **A8** was obtained upon quenching the reaction with a base such as aqueous Na_2CO_3 .

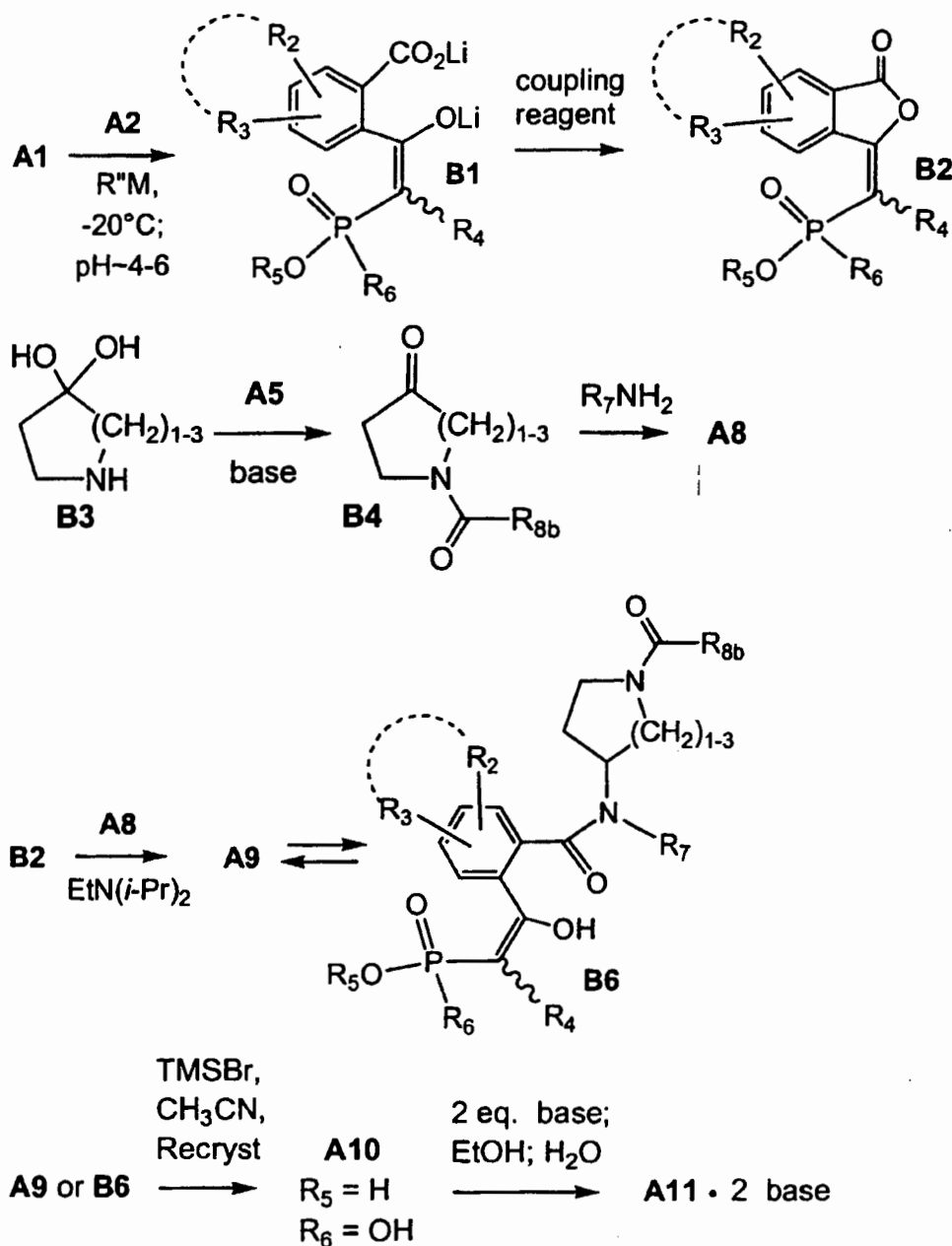
Compound **A9** (in tautomeric equilibrium with Compound **B6**) was prepared by opening the 5-membered lactone ring intermediate Compound **B2** with

25 Compound **A8** (or Compound **B5**, a salt of Compound **A8**) in the presence of DIEA (diisopropylethylamine) in a solvent (such as, but not limited to, acetone or MEK (methylethyl ketone)).

Dealkylation of the equilibrium mixture of Compound **A9**-Compound **B6** with a reagent (such as, but not limited to, TMSBr (bromotrimethylsilane)) in a solvent (such as, but not limited to, CH_3CN or pyridine), followed by recrystallization afforded Compound **A10** (wherein the R_5 ethyl group is replaced with hydrogen and the R_6 ethoxy group is replaced with hydroxy). A salt of Compound **A10**

such as Compound **A11** (and tautomers thereof) was prepared by treating Compound **A10** with a diamine such as tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane in a solvent system such as a mixture of EtOH and water.

Scheme B



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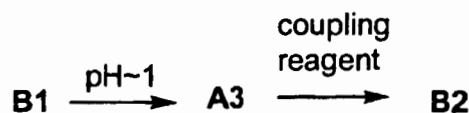
Scheme C

Scheme C is illustrative of an alternative method for the preparation of the intermediate Compound **B2**, wherein the enol Compound **B1** is converted to

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the free acid ketone Compound **A3** by adjusting the pH to about pH 1, followed by a standard coupling reaction to provide the target lactone intermediate Compound **B2**.

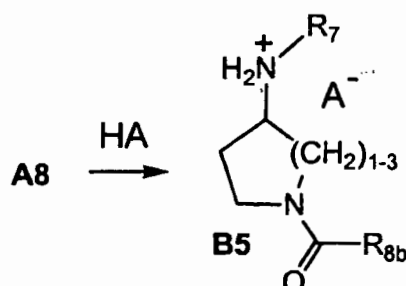
Scheme C

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Scheme D

Scheme D is illustrative of a method for the preparation of a protonated Compound **B5**, wherein Compound **A8** is protonated using an acid HA (such as, but not limited to, HCl, HBr or *p*-toluenesulfonic acid) to provide the target Compound **B5** which may be carried forward in place of Compound **A8** in the reaction with Compound **B2**.

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Scheme DSpecific Synthetic Examples

- 15 Specific compounds which are representative of this invention were prepared as per the following examples and reaction sequences; the examples and the diagrams depicting the reaction sequences are offered by way of illustration, to aid in the understanding of the invention and should not be construed to limit in any way the invention set forth in the claims which follow thereafter. The
- 20 depicted intermediates may also be used in subsequent examples to produce additional compounds of the present invention. These reactions can be further optimized to increase the yields. One skilled in the art would know how to increase such yields through routine variations in reaction times, temperatures, solvents and/or reagents.

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All chemicals were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AC 300B (300 MHz proton) or a Bruker AM-400 (400 MHz proton) spectrometer with Me_4Si as an internal standard (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, br = broad). APCI-MS and ES-MS were recorded on a VG Platform II mass spectrometer.

Example 1

[2-[3-[[methyl[1-(2-naphthalenylcarbonyl)-
4-piperidiny]amino]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-
1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid (Compound 2)

To a solution of 2.5M *n*-BuLi in hexanes (40 mL, 0.1mol) in 70 mL of THF at -78°C was added dropwise a solution of 1-naphthyldiethylphosphonate (Compound 1A, 28 g, 0.1 mol) in 60 mL THF over 30 min. After stirring for an additional 30 min, 2,3-naphthalenedicarboxylic anhydride (Compound 1B, 20 g, 0.1 mol) was added portionwise via solid-addition funnel to the mixture over 20 min. After the addition was complete, the slurry was allowed to reach 0°C gradually where it was held for another 1.5 h. Excess NH_4Cl (sat'd., aq.) was added, and the mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite 545. The filtrate was extracted with 200 mL of EtOAc and the layers were separated. The organic phase was concentrated (without drying) under reduced pressure at rt and the residue was triturated 4X with boiling ether. The residue was treated with 200 mL of EtOAc and adjusted to pH 3 with 2N HCl (aq.) with vigorous stirring. The layers were separated, and the organic phase was washed once with H_2O , dried (Na_2SO_4) and concentrated to afford 24 g of Compound 1C as a white powder: MS (ES) MH^+ = 477; HPLC: 3.68 min.

To a solution of Compound 1D (4 g, 20 mmol) containing 3.1 mL of triethylamine (22 mmol) in 45 mL of DMF was added Compound 1E (3.8 g, 20 mmol). After stirring overnight, the mixture was filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was taken up in CH_2Cl_2 and washed sequentially with H_2O , Na_2CO_3 (10%, aq.), H_2O , KHSO_4 (1N aq.) and H_2O . The organic phase was dried (Na_2SO_4), and concentrated to afford 6.0 g of

Compound **1F** as a foam: MS (ES) $MH^+ = 355$.

Potassium hydride (2.3 g of a 35% oil dispersion; 20 mmol) was washed with hexanes, then treated with 30 mL of THF and cooled to 0 °C. To the
5 suspension was added dropwise a solution of Compound **1F** (5.9 g, 16.8 mmol) in 15 mL of THF. The mixture was stirred at 0°C for 0.5 h, then stirred an additional 0.5 h at rt. The mixture was cooled to 0°C and iodomethane (15.7 g, 100 mmol) was added dropwise. The mixture was stirred at 0°C for 0.5 h then warmed to rt and stirred an additional 1.5 h. Excess 10% Na_2CO_3 (aq) was
10 added slowly at 0°C, and the volatiles were removed under reduced pressure. The aqueous layer was extracted 3 times with EtOAc and the combined extracts were dried (Na_2SO_4) and concentrated to yield 6.1 g of Compound **1G** as foam. HPLC $R_t = 3.76$ min, 100%; MS (ES) $MH^+ = 369$.

15 A solution of Compound **1G** (6.1 g, 16.5 mmol) was dissolved in 15 mL of a 1:1 solution of TFA: CH_2Cl_2 and stirred for 1 h at rt. Volatiles were removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 and treated with excess 10% Na_2CO_3 (aq). The layers were separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted 3 times with CH_2Cl_2 . The organic extracts were combined, dried
20 (Na_2SO_4) and concentrated to afford 4.3 g of Compound **1H** as a viscous oil. HPLC $R_t = 1.5$ min, 100%; MS (ES) $MH^+ = 269$.

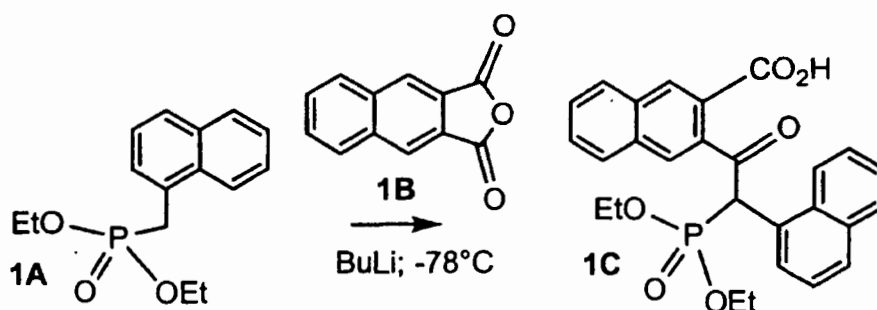
A solution of Compound **1C** (4.9 g, 10.3 mmol), Compound **1H** (3.3 g, 12.3 mmol) and HOBT (2.1 g, 15.4 mmol) in 100 mL CH_3CN was treated with a
25 solution of DCC (2.5 g, 12.3 mmol) in 7 mL of CH_3CN . After stirring for 12 h, 5 mL of DIPEA was added and the reaction was stirred for an additional 48 h. The mixture was filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (silica: CH_2Cl_2 :MeOH ramped from 98:1 to 95:5) to yield 6.9 g of Compound **1I**. HPLC $R_t = 4.3$ min; MS (ES) $MH^+ = 727$.

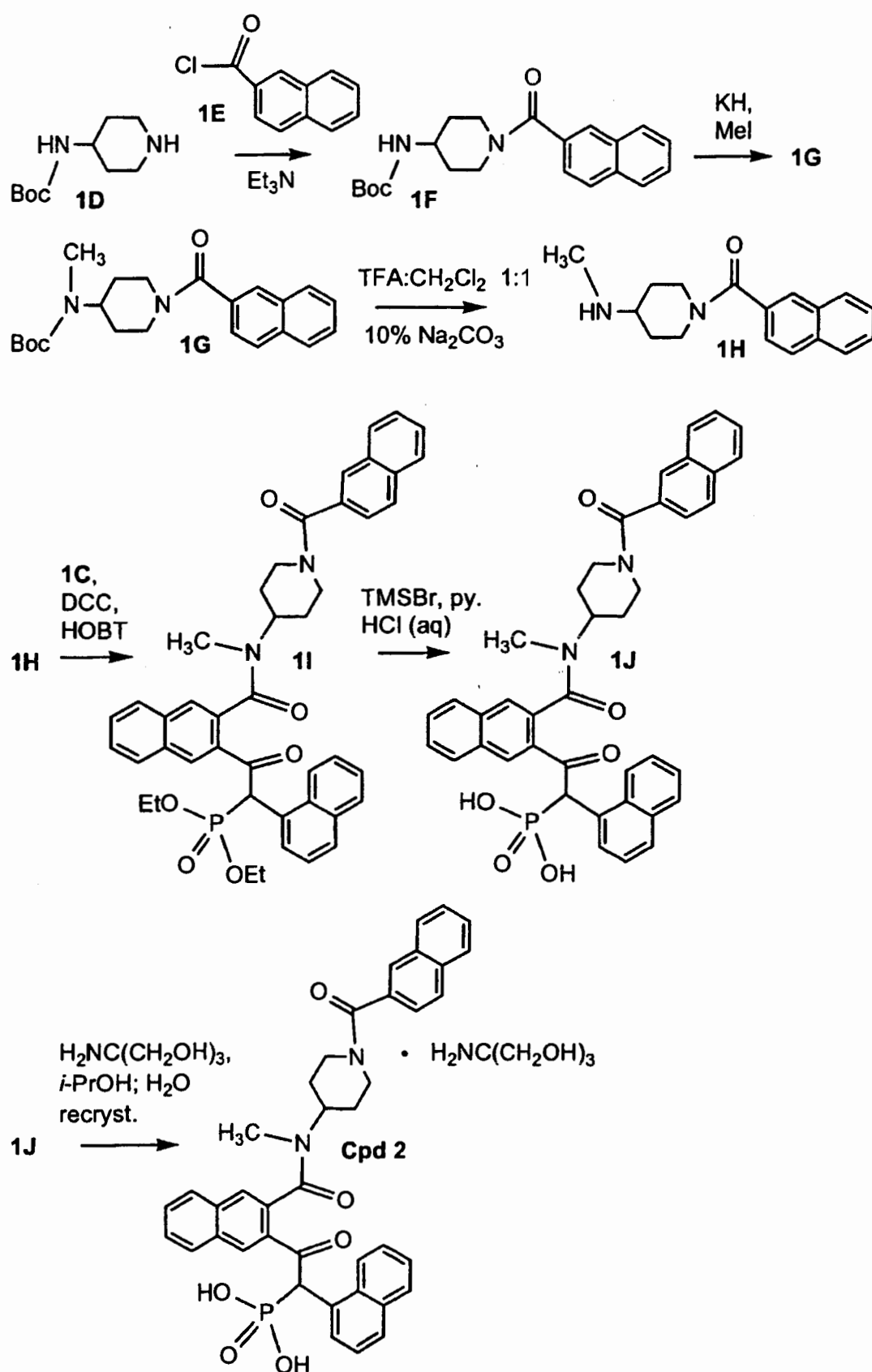
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To a solution of Compound **1I** in 15 mL of pyridine was added 5 mL of bromotrimethylsilane. The mixture was stirred for 15 min, then concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was treated with excess 3N HCl(aq),

then stirred for 3h. The white precipitate was collected and rinsed with water, then triturated with CH₃CN to afford 5.1g of Compound 1J. HPLC R_t = 3.6 min; MS (ES) MH⁺ = 671. To a solution of Compound 1J in 50 mL of CH₃CN was added a solution of tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane (0.9 g, 7.7 mmol) in 7 mL of H₂O. The solution was filtered and the filtrate lyophilized after partial concentration to remove most of the CH₃CN. The resulting white solid was recrystallized from *i*-PrOH to yield 5.5 g of Compound 2 as an off-white solid. HPLC: R_t = 3.6 min; 100%; MS (ES) MH⁺ = 671; Anal. Calc'd for C₄₀H₃₅N₂O₆P•1.0 C₄H₁₁NO₃•1.0 *i*-PrOH• 1.5 H₂O: C, 64.23; H, 6.54; N, 4.79; H₂O, 3.08. Found: C, 63.93; H, 6.40; N, 4.85; H₂O, 2.74.

For Example1, TLC was performed using Whatman 250-μm silica gel plates. Preparative TLC was performed with Analtech 1000-μm silica gel GF plates. Flash column chromatography was conducted with flash column silica gel (40-63 μm) and column chromatography was conducted with standard silica gel. HPLC separations were carried out on three Waters PrepPak® Cartridges (25 x 100 mm, Bondapak® C18, 15-20 μm, 125 Å) connected in series; detection was at 254 nm on a Waters 486 UV detector. Analytical HPLC was carried out on a Supelcosil ABZ+PLUS column (5 cm x 2.1 mm), with detection at 254 nm on a Hewlett Packard 1100 UV detector. Microanalysis was performed by Robertson Microlit Laboratories, Inc.





Following the procedure of Example 1 and substituting the appropriate starting materials, compounds and reagents, the following Compounds 1 and 3-33 of the invention were also prepared:

Cpd	Name	MS m/e (MH ⁺).
(1)	[2-[3-[[methyl(4-phenylcyclohexyl)amino]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid	592
(3)	[2-[3-[[[1-[(6-methoxy-2-naphthalenyl)carbonyl]-3-pyrrolidinyl]methylamino]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid	687
(4)	[2-[3-[[[1-[(6-bromo-2-naphthalenyl)carbonyl]-4-piperidinyl]methylamino]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid	771 (M ^{+Na})
(5)	[2-[3-[[[1-[(2E)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-oxo-2-propenyl]-3-pyrrolidinyl]methylamino]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid	651
(6)	[2-[3-[[methyl[1-[(2E)-1-oxo-3-phenyl-2-propenyl]-4-piperidinyl]amino]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid	647
(7)	[1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxo-2-[3-[(4-phenyl-1-piperidinyl)carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]ethyl]-phosphonic acid	564
(8)	[1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxo-2-[3-[(4-oxo-1-phenyl-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-8-yl)carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]ethyl]-phosphonic acid	634
(9)	[2-[3-[[methyl[1-[(2E)-3-(4-methylphenyl)-1-oxo-2-propenyl]-4-piperidinyl]amino]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid	661
(10)	[2-[3-[[methyl[1-[(2E)-1-oxo-3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-2-propenyl]-4-piperidinyl]amino]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid	715
(11)	[2-[3-[[methyl[1-(2-naphthalenyl)carbonyl]-4-piperidinyl]amino]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-2-oxo-1-phenylethyl]-phosphonic acid	621
(12)	[2-[3-[[4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-piperidinyl]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid	594
(13)	[2-[3-[[[1-[(2E)-3-[4-(dimethylamino)phenyl]-1-oxo-2-propenyl]-4-piperidinyl]methylamino]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid	690
(14)	[2-[3-[[4-(3-methoxyphenyl)-1-piperidinyl]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid	594

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(15)	[2-[3-[[[(1-benzoyl-4-piperidinyl)methylamino]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid	621
(16)	[2-[3-[[4-(2-benzothiazolyl)-1-piperidinyl]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid	621
(17)	[2-[3-[(cyclohexylmethylamino)carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid	516
(18)	[2-[3-[[methyl[1-[1-oxo-3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]propyl]-4-piperidinyl]amino]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid	717
(19)	[1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxo-2-[3-[(3-phenyl-1-pyrrolidinyl)carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]ethyl]-phosphonic acid	550
(20)	[2-[3-[[methyl[1-(2-methyl-1-oxopropyl)-4-piperidinyl]amino]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid	587
(21)	[2-[3-[(cyclopentylmethylamino)carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid	502
(22)	[2-[3-[[[4-(1,1-dimethylethyl)cyclohexyl]methylamino]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid	572
(23)	[2-[3-[[methyl[1-(2-naphthalenyl)carbonyl]-4-piperidinyl]amino]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid methyl ester	685
(24)	[2-[3-[[[1-[(6-hydroxy-2-naphthalenyl)carbonyl]-4-piperidinyl]methylamino]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid	687
(25)	[1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxo-2-[3-[[3-(2-phenylethyl)-1-pyrrolidinyl]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]ethyl]-phosphonic acid	578
(26)	[2-[3-[[[(1-acetyl-4-piperidinyl)methylamino]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid	559
(27)	[2-[3-[[methyl(4-methylcyclohexyl)amino]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid	530
(28)	[2-[1-[[methyl(tricyclo[3.3.1.1 ^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)amino]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid	582
(29)	[2-[3-[[methyl(4-phenyl-3-cyclohexen-1-yl)amino]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid	590

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(30)	[1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-[3-[[[1-(2-naphthalenylcarbonyl)-4-piperidinyl]amino]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid	657
(31)	[2-[2-[[methyl[1-(2-naphthalenylcarbonyl)-4-piperidinyl]amino]carbonyl]phenyl]-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid	621
(32)	methyl[2-[3-[[methyl[1-(2-naphthalenylcarbonyl)-4-piperidinyl]amino]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid	669
(33)	[1-(5-chlorobenzo[b]thien-3-yl)-2-[3-[[methyl[1-(2-naphthalenylcarbonyl)-4-piperidinyl]amino]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid	712

Example 2

Alternative Method of Synthesis for Compound 2

THF (tetrahydrofuran) (1081.0 mL) and 1-naphthyldiethylphosphonate

- 5 Compound **2B** (223.0 gm, 0.7612 mol) were combined in a flask and cooled to about -20 °C using a dry ice-methanol cooling bath. A solution of 1M LiHMDS (1597.0 mL, 1.597 mol) in THF was added to the cooled mixture while keeping the temperature at about -20 °C to form a fine slurry which was stirred for an additional 30 minutes. A 2,3-naphthalinedicarboxylic anhydride Compound **2A**
- 10 (158.80 gm, 0.7612 mol) was added portionwise over about a 1 h period while keeping the temperature of the mixture at about -20 °C. The addition funnel and flask walls were rinsed with THF (100.0 mL), the cooling bath was removed and the mixture temperature raised to about 5 °C for about 1.5 h. Once the reaction was complete (as shown by HPLC), the final pH of the mixture was adjusted to
- 15 about pH 5 by slowly adding 6N HCl (422 mL, 2.34 mol) while the temperature of the mixture was maintained at about 5 °C. The mixture was stirred for about 30 min more at about 5 °C to provide a crude product as a fine white solid. The crude product was filtered using a porcelain filter. The wet solid was then washed with water (1000.0 mL), left to filter overnight, then dried at 70 °C to
- 20 provide a dilithium salt Compound **2C** (365.1 gms; mass yield: 100.6%). Compound **2C** was used in the next step without further purification.

Methanol (2500.0 mL) and water (360.0 mL) were added to a flask and stirred.

- Compound **2C** (365.1 gm, 0.7612 mol) was added to the stirring solution and the flask was rinsed with methanol (100.0 mL) to form a slurry. The slurry was stirred at RT for 30 minutes and then 12 N HCl (80.0 mL, 0.960 mol) was added over a 2 min period as the slurry turned into a hazy solution. The solution was
- 5 stirred at RT until crystallization began, then was cooled to about 5 °C for 1 h to provide a crude product as a white granular solid. The product was filtered and washed with water (500.0 mL), then dried *in vacuo* overnight at a temperature of about 50 °C to provide Compound **2D** (280 gms; mass yield: 77.3%).
- 10 Compound **2D** (199.8 gm) and THF (2 L) were combined in a flask, then agitated and cooled to a temperature of from about 0 °C to about 5 °C. NMM (4-methylmorpholine) (51.5 mL) was added to the flask while the mixture temperature was maintained at a temperature of from about 0 °C to about 5 °C. The mixture was then agitated for an additional 15 min or until a solution was
- 15 obtained. IBCF (isobutylchloroformate) (56 mL) was added portionwise while the mixture temperature was maintained at a temperature of from about 0 °C to about 15 °C. When the addition was complete, the mixture temperature was warmed to a temperature of from about 20 °C to about 25 °C, then agitated for 1 h. Once the reaction was complete, the NMM salts were filtered, washed
- 20 with THF (150 mL) and allowed to dry. The filtrate was then combined with *n*-heptane (2.5 L) over a period of about 10 min and then agitated at a temperature of from about 20 °C to about 25 °C for about 30–45 min. Additional *n*-heptane (1.5 L) was added over a period of about 10 min. The mixture was then cooled to a temperature of from about 0 °C to about 5 °C and aged for
- 25 about 1.5 h. The resulting suspension was filtered and washed with *n*-heptane (250 mL), allowed to air dry over a period of about 30 min and then dried *in vacuo* overnight at a temperature of from about 45 to about 50 °C to provide Compound **2E** (165 gms; mass yield: 88.4%).
- 30 DCM (dichloromethane) (600 mL) and a 2-naphthoyl chloride Compound **2F** (189.0 gm) were combined in a flask and agitated until solubilized. 4-Piperidone hydrate hydrochloride Compound **2G** (150 g) and NaHCO₃

(sodium hydrogen carbonate) (260.0 gms) were then added via addition funnel. DCM (300 mL) was used to rinse the funnel and the resulting mixture was agitated for 18 h. Once the reaction was complete (as shown by HPLC), water (2.6 L) was added to the flask and the mixture was stirred vigorously to dissolve the NaHCO_3 . After a period of about 5 to about 10 minutes, the layers were allowed to separate over a period of about 30 minutes. The aqueous layer was removed. Saturated aqueous NaHCO_3 (300 mL) was again added and the mixture agitated for a period of about 5 to about 10 min. The layers were allowed to separate over a period of about 30 min and the aqueous layer was removed. Water (300 mL) was added and the mixture stirred gently for a period of from about 5 to about 10 min. The layers were allowed to separate over a period of about 30 min and the organic layer (~960 mL) containing Compound 2H was removed (concentration of Compound 2H in DCM: 235.98 mg/mL; calculated mass of Compound 2H in DCM: 226.54 gms; calculated mass yield: 93.46%).

Compound 2H (~50 gms, ~265 mg/mL in DCM) and acetic acid (4.9 mL) were combined in a flask and the mixture was cooled to a temperature of from about 0 °C to about 5 °C. 2.0M MeNH_2 (methylamine) (296 mL) in THF was added portionwise while maintaining the mixture at a temperature of from about 0 °C to about 19 °C. The mixture was allowed to warm to ambient temperature and was agitated for a period of about 30 min. $\text{NaBH}(\text{OAc})_3$ (sodium triacetoxyborohydride) (51.4 gms) was then added portionwise while maintaining the solution at a temperature of from about 19 °C to about 27 °C. The mixture was aged for about 40 min at a temperature of from about ambient to about 27°C. Once the reaction was complete (as shown by HPLC), water (500 mL) was added while maintaining the solution at a temperature of below about 30 °C. Sodium hydroxide (115 mL; 5% w/v in water) was then added to the mixture to raise the pH to from about pH 10 to about pH 11. The mixture was agitated vigorously for a period of from about 3 to about 10 min. The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was removed. Water (143 mL) was added and the mixture agitated for a period of from about 3 to about 10 min. The layers were again separated and the organic layer containing

Compound **2I** was removed (concentration of Compound **2I** in DCM: 0.229 mg/mL; calculated mass of Compound **2I** in DCM: 45.18 gms; mass yield: 85.3%).

Compound **2I** (150 mL, 0.069 mol) was placed in solution with CH₂Cl₂:THF (150 mL; 1:8) and concentrated to a thick oil *in vacuo* while maintaining the mixture at a temperature of about or below 40°C using a cooling bath. 2-Butanone (320 mL) was added portionwise to the thick oil to transfer the oil to another flask. The mixture was agitated and EtN(*i*-Pr)₂ (diisopropylethylamine) (11.0 mL, 0.063 mol) and Compound **2E** (27.3 gms, 0.057 mol) were added. The mixture was heated to a temperature of about 65 °C for a period of from about 6 to about 7 h. Once the reaction was complete (as shown by HPLC), the mixture was cooled to ambient temperature and crystallized over a period of from about 72 to about 96 h (the product can take up to 48 h to start to crystallizing, having a cloud point time around 28 h). The product was filtered and washed with acetone (2X 10 mL) (each wash), then dried *in vacuo* overnight at a temperature of about 75 °C to provide Compound **2J** (31.4 gms; yield: 75.1%) as a white powder.

Compound **2J** (10.0 g) and acetonitrile (40 mL) under nitrogen were added to a flask to form a suspension. The suspension was agitated for a period of from about 5 to about 10 min, then bromotrimethylsilane (10 mL) was added via additional funnel over a period of from about 10 to about 15 min at RT. The solution was stirred for at least a time period of about 1 h at rt. Once the reaction was complete (as shown by HPLC), the mixture was transferred to an addition funnel and then added to water (250 mL). The resulting slurry was stirred vigorously during the addition and the temperature maintained at from about 20 °C to about 25 °C. The slurry was further agitated over a period of from about 1 to about 1.5 h, then filtered and washed with water (2X15 mL). The resulting wet cake was then dried *in vacuo* overnight at a temperature of about 40 °C to provide a crude product Compound **2K** (10.2 gms) as a white solid.

Compound **2K** (110.0 gms, 0.127 mol) and methanol (550 mL) were added to a

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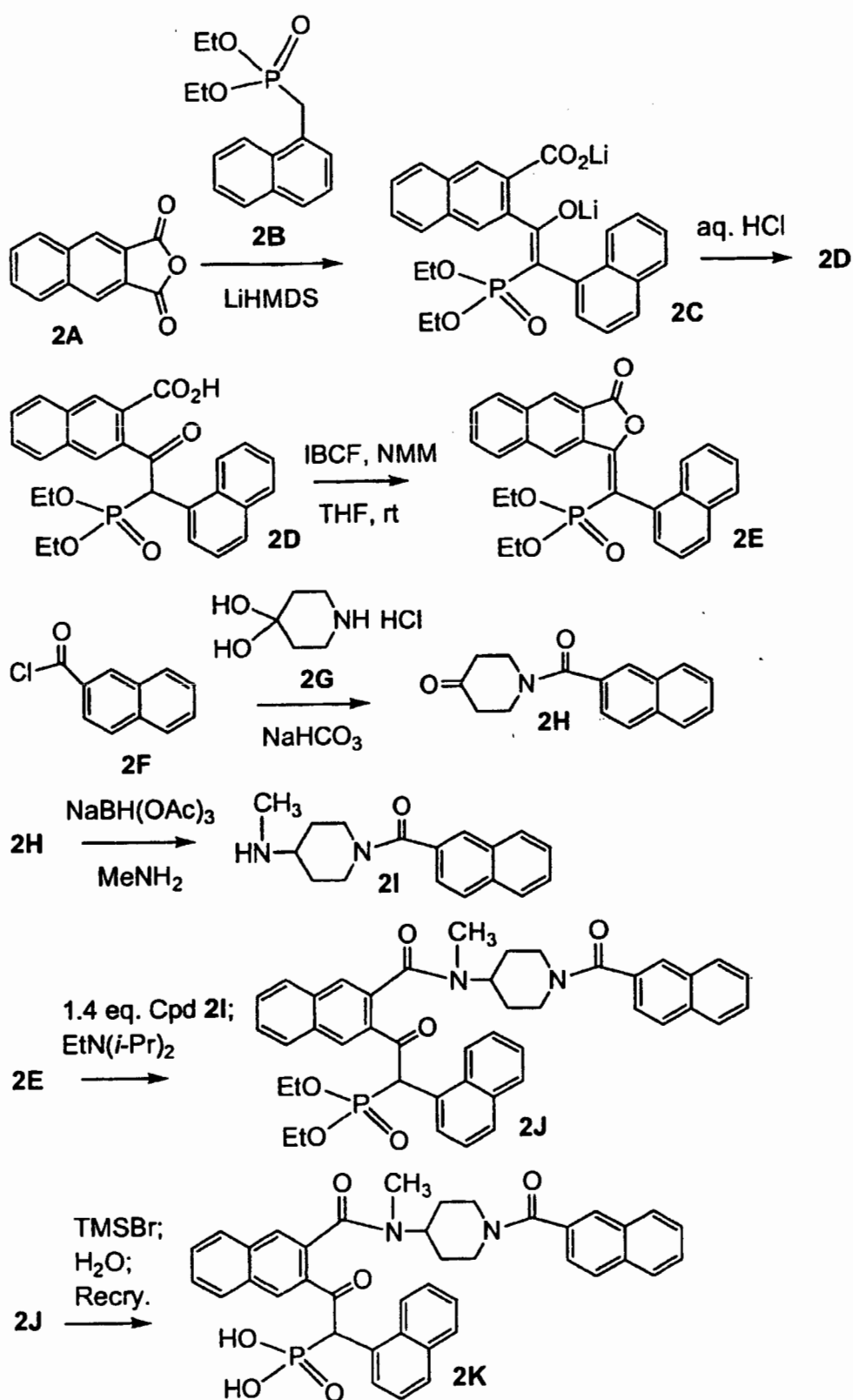
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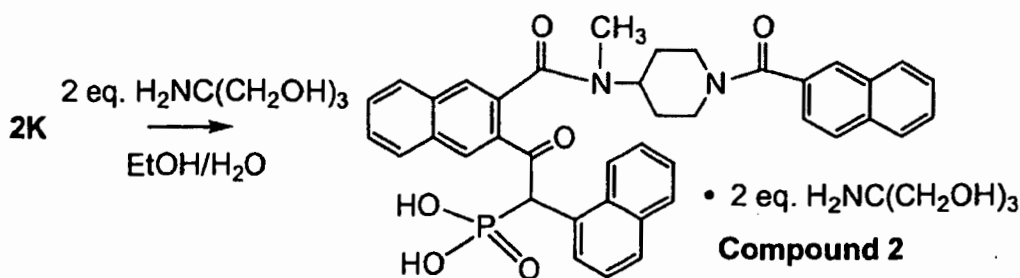
flask to form a slurry. The slurry was stirred at RT over a period of from about 55 to about 60 min (the recrystallization mixture gave a hazy solution within about 5 minutes after adding MeOH and gradually afforded a white suspension after about 30 minutes). An acetone:water (1100 mL; 4:1) solution was added
5 and the suspension was stirred at RT for a period of from about 180 to about 190 min to afford a white solid. The solid was filtered and washed with water (3 X 350 mL), forming a wet cake was then dried *in vacuo* overnight at a temperature of from about 30 to about 35 °C to provide a recrystallized Compound 2K (82.3 gms; yield: 96.1%) as a fine white solid.

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Recrystallized Compound 2K (30.0 g, 0.0431 mol) and tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane (13.07 g, 0.107 mol; a clear white crystalline solid) were combined in a flask and ethanol (300 mL) and water (30 mL) were added. The solution was agitated to provide a clear solution after a period of
15 about 15 min. A thin suspension was formed after a period of from about 2 to about 3 h and a thick white suspension was formed after a period of from about 3 to about 5 h (the mixture may need to be seeded to enhance crystallization if a thin suspension is not formed after a period of about 3 h). The suspension was stirred at RT for an additional period of about 4 h. The thick suspension
20 was thinned by adding ethanol (180 mL), then filtered and washed with ethanol (120 mL), allowed to air dry over a period of about 30 min and then dried *in vacuo* for a time period of from about 24 to about 67 h at a temperature of about 40 °C to provide Compound 2E (38.6 gms; yield: 91.8%) as a bis-tromethane salt (ratio of tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane:Compound 2E:
25 1.99:1).

For Example2, analytical HPLC was carried out using Phenomenex Luna (15 cm x 4.6 mm; 5 µ; detection was at 220 nm), Phenomenex Luna 5µ C18(2) (4.6 mm x 250; detection was at 225 nm) and Synergi 4µ MAX-RP 80A (15 cm x 4.6
30 mm; detection was at 225 nm) columns. Microanalysis was performed by Quantitative Technologies, Inc.





As a specific embodiment of an oral composition, 100 mg of the Compound 2 of Example 1 is formulated with sufficient finely divided lactose to provide a total amount of 580 to 590 mg to fill a size O hard gel capsule.

The utility of the compounds of the present invention as a serine protease inhibitor and, particularly, as a cathepsin G or chymase inhibitor useful for the treatment of inflammatory or serine protease mediated disorders can be determined according to the procedures described herein.

Enzyme-catalyzed hydrolysis rates were measured spectrophotometrically using human neutrophil cathepsin G (Athens Research and Technology) or human skin chymase (Cortex Biochem), a chromogenic substrate (Suc-Ala-Ala-Pro-Phe-pNa) (Bachem) in aqueous buffer (100 mM Hepes, 500 mM NaCl, pH 7.4 for catG; 450 mM Tris, 1800 mM NaCl, pH 8.0 for chymase), and a microplate reader (Molecular Devices). IC₅₀ experiments were conducted by fixing the enzyme and substrate concentrations (70 nM enzyme, 5 mM substrate for cat G, 10 nM enzyme, 0.7 mM substrate for chymase) and varying the inhibitor concentration. Changes in absorbance at 405 nM were monitored using the software program Softmax (Molecular Devices), upon addition of enzyme, with and without inhibitor present at 37°C for 30 minutes. Percent inhibition was calculated by comparing the initial reaction slopes of the samples without inhibitor to those with inhibitor. IC₅₀ values were determined using a four parameter fit logistics model. The term "NT" indicates a compound that

was not tested.

Table 4 summarizes the assay results for cathepsin G and chymase inhibition for compounds of the present invention:

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Table 4

Cpd	IC₅₀ (μM) CatG	n	IC₅₀ (μM) Chymase	n
1	0.083 ± 0.014	7	0.0053 ± 0.0019	8
2	0.081 ± 0.009	70	0.0067 ± 0.0018	70
3	0.068 ± 0.019	2	0.072 ± 0.008	3
4	0.090 ± 0.020	5	0.0039 ± 0.0001	4
5	0.072 ± 0.021	5	0.2 ± 0.4	6
6	0.067 ± 0.014	4	0.0035 ± 0.0015	2
7	0.210 ± 0.050	12	0.008 ± 0.022	1
8	0.130 ± 0.010	11	0.0074 ± 0.0022	8
9	0.053 ± 0.015	5	0.011 ± 0.003	2
10	0.053 ± 0.016	5	0.014 ± 0.006	5
11	4.9 ± 2.8	2	0.032	1
12	0.179 ± 0.038	10	0.0073 ± 0.0017	10
13	0.064 ± 0.008	3	0.004	1
14	0.230 ± 0.030	6	0.010 ± 0.001	9
15	0.075 ± 0.030	5	0.017 ± 0.005	3
16	0.190 ± 0.020	7	0.0085 ± 0.0023	7
17	0.098 ± 0.026	4	0.0072 ± 0.0015	6
18	0.028 ± 0.006	3	0.0010	1
19	0.238 ± 0.030	8	0.022 ± 0.062	9
20	0.090 ± 0.023	5	0.004 ± 0.002	2
21	0.070 ± 0.020	5	0.0096 ± 0.0034	5
22	0.140 ± 0.040	18	0.009 ± 0.023	12
23	0.670	1	0.416	1
24	0.078 ± 0.015	7	0.0035 ± 0.0013	6
25	0.156 ± 0.028	7	0.0097 ± 0.0035	7
26	0.096 ± 0.018	3	0.015 ± 0.001	3
27	0.070 ± 0.010	4	0.0051 ± 0.0022	4
28	0.400 ± 0.090	11	0.036 ± 0.011	10
29	0.150 ± 0.030	13	0.0082 ± 0.0028	10

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Cpd	IC ₅₀ (μM) CatG	n	IC ₅₀ (μM) Chymase	n
30	0.590 ± 0.040	2	0.0158 ± 0.0008	2
31	>100.0	1	14.95 ± 0.67	2
32	0.86 ± 0.03	2	0.31	1
33	0.121 ± 0.007	2	0.001 ± 0.000	2

Example 2

Anti-Asthmatic Effects in a Sheep Model of Asthma

The efficacy of Compound 2 for the treatment of asthma was evaluated in a validated model of *Ascaris suum* antigen-induced asthmatic response in conscious sheep (Abraham, W.M., Pharmacology of allergen-induced early and late airway responses and antigen-induced airway hyperresponsiveness in allergic sheep, *Pulmonary Pharmacology*, 1989, 2, 33-40).

10 *Experimental Protocol*

Baseline dose response curves to aerosol carbachol were obtained 1-3 days prior to antigen challenge. Baseline values of specific lung resistance (SR_L) were obtained and the sheep were then given a specified amount (mg) of the test compound as an inhaled aerosol at a specified time before antigen challenge. Post drug measurements of SR_L were obtained and the sheep were then challenged with *Ascaris suum* antigen. Measurements of SR_L were obtained immediately after challenge, hourly from 1-6 h after challenge and on the half-hour from 6½-8 h after challenge. Measurements of SR_L were obtained 24 h after challenge followed by a 24 h post-challenge with carbachol to measure airway hyperreactivity.

Compound 2 was administered as an aerosol at 0.1 mg/Kg/dose, twice-a-day (BID) for three consecutive days, followed by a dose on day 4, 0.5 h prior to antigen challenge. *Ascaris suum* antigen challenge was given at the zero time point.

Figure 1 shows that the early airway response (0-2 h after antigen challenge) was dramatically reduced and that the late airway response (6-8 h after antigen

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challenge) was completely blocked (n = 4 sheep/group).

Figure 2 shows that the delayed airway hyperreactivity measured at 24 h post antigen challenge as measured using carbachol challenge was also completely blocked.

In addition to blocking the increase in airway resistance, as shown in Table 5, Compound 2 also blocked the rise in inflammatory cell numbers in the broncho-alveolar lavage (BAL) fluid sampled from these sheep.

Table 5**BAL Cell Count (x1000/mL)**

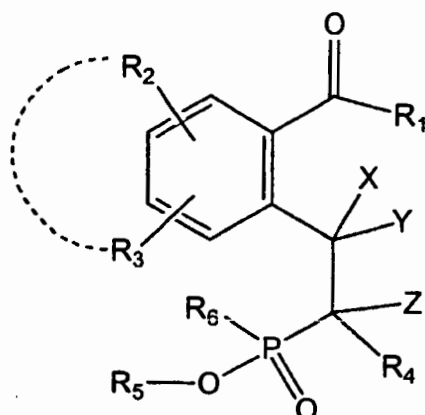
Treatment Group/Time	Neutrophils	Lymphocytes	Eosinophils	Macrophages
Baseline				
Baseline	22.04 ±12.89	4.82 ±1.74	6.29 ±3.98	172.2 ±20.8
8h Post Antigen	24.55 ±14.08	13.39 ±5.44	61.58 ±29.87	209.3 ±44.7
24h Post Antigen	111.7 ±38.9	36.30 ±15.68	168.4 ±95.1	245.6 ±20.4
<i>Compound 2 (1.0 mg/kg x 4 days) (last dose - 30 min prior to antigen challenge)</i>				
Baseline	12.66 ±2.07	3.15 ±0.79	0.00	69.06 ±1.97
8h Post Antigen	3.17 ±0.65	4.16 ±1.10	0.37 ±0.32	77.85 ±2.36
24h Post Antigen	3.86 ±0.95	3.72 ±0.77	0.04 ± 0.03	75.16 ±2.71

While the foregoing specification teaches the principles of the present invention, with examples provided for the purpose of illustration, it will be understood that the practice of the invention encompasses all of the usual variations, adaptations and/or modifications as come within the scope of the following claims and their equivalents.

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A compound of Formula (I):



Formula (I)

wherein

- 5 R_1 is selected from the group consisting of a heterocyclyl ring (wherein the point of attachment for the heterocyclyl ring at R_1 is a nitrogen ring atom) and $-N(R_7R_8)$; wherein the heterocyclyl ring is optionally substituted with one to two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of:
- 10 a). C_{1-8} alkyl optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of aryl, heteroaryl, $(\text{halo})_{1-3}$ and hydroxy;
- b). C_{1-8} alkoxy optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of carboxyl, $(\text{halo})_{1-3}$ and hydroxy;
- c). aryl;
- 15 d). heteroaryl;
- e). cyano;
- f). halogen;
- g). hydroxy;
- h). nitro; and,
- 20 i). heterocyclyl optionally substituted with one to two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of oxo and aryl; and, optionally fused with the carbon of attachment to form a spiro heterocyclyl moiety;

and, wherein the aryl portion of the a). and i). substituent, the heteroaryl portion of the a). substituent and the c). aryl and d). heteroaryl substituents are optionally substituted with one to four substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₂₋₄ alkenyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy, cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, aryl, aryl(C₁₋₄)alkyl, aryloxy, heteroaryl, heteroaryl(C₁₋₄)alkyl, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, (halo)₁₋₃(C₁₋₄)alkyl and (halo)₁₋₃(C₁₋₄)alkoxy;

R₇ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C₁₋₈ alkyl and C₂₋₈ alkenyl;

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R₈ is selected from the group consisting of:

- aa). C₁₋₈ alkyl optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, aryl, heteroaryl, amino (substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₈ alkyl), (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy;
 - ab). cycloalkyl;
 - ac). cycloalkenyl; and,
 - ad). heterocyclyl (wherein the point of attachment at R₈ is a carbon ring atom);
- wherein the ab). cycloalkyl, ac). cycloalkenyl and ad). heterocyclyl (wherein the ad). heterocyclyl contains at least one nitrogen ring atom) substituents and the cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, aryl and heteroaryl portions of the aa). substituent are optionally substituted with one to four substituents independently selected from the group consisting of:
- ba). C₁₋₈ alkyl optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of amino (with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₈ alkyl), (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy;
 - bb). C₁₋₈ alkoxy optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of carboxyl, (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy;
 - bc). carbonyl substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈ alkyl, aryl, aryl(C₁₋₈)alkyl, aryl(C₂₋₈)alkenyl, heteroaryl,

heteroaryl(C₁₋₈)alkyl and heteroaryl(C₂₋₈)alkenyl;

bd). aryl;

be). heteroaryl;

bf). amino substituted with two substituents independently selected from the
5 group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₈ alkyl;

bg). cyano;

bh). halogen;

bi). hydroxy;

bj). nitro;

10 bk). heterocyclyl optionally substituted with one to two oxo substituents; and,

bl). sulfonyl substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting
of C₁₋₈ alkyl, aryl, aryl(C₁₋₈)alkyl, aryl(C₂₋₈)alkenyl, heteroaryl,
heteroaryl(C₁₋₈)alkyl and heteroaryl(C₂₋₈)alkenyl;

wherein the bd). aryl, be). heteroaryl and bk). heterocyclyl substituents and the

15 aryl and heteroaryl portions of the bc). substituent are optionally substituted
with one to four substituents independently selected from the group
consisting of C₁₋₄ alkyl (optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with
a substituent selected from the group consisting of amino (substituted with
two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of
20 hydrogen and C₁₋₈ alkyl), (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy), C₁₋₄ alkoxy (optionally
substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the
group consisting of (halo)₁₋₃), amino (substituted with two substituents
independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄
alkyl), halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

25 and, provided that the optional substituent attached to the ad). heterocyclyl
nitrogen ring atom is not selected from the group consisting of bf). amino
(substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group
consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₈ alkyl), bh). halogen, bi). hydroxy and bj).
nitro;

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R₄ is selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₄ alkyl (optionally substituted on a
terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting
of aryl and heteroaryl), aryl and heteroaryl; wherein aryl and heteroaryl and

the aryl and heteroaryl portions of the substituted alkyl are optionally substituted with one to four substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₄ alkyl, amino (substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl), cyano, halogen, hydroxy and (halo)₁₋₃(C₁₋₈)alkyl;

R₂ and R₃ are attached to a benzene ring and independently selected from the group consisting of

- ca). hydrogen;
 - 10 cb). C₁₋₄ alkyl optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of amino (substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl), (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy;
 - cc). C₁₋₄ alkoxy optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy;
 - 15 cd). C₂₋₄ alkenyl;
 - ce). amino substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl;
 - cf). halogen; and,
 - 20 cg). hydroxy;
- optionally, R₂ and R₃ together form at least one ring fused to the benzene ring; thereby providing a multiple ring system wherein the multiple ring system is selected from the group consisting of C₉-C₁₄ benzo fused cycloalkyl, C₉-C₁₄ benzo fused cycloalkenyl, C₉-C₁₄ benzo fused aryl, benzo fused heterocyclyl and benzo fused heteroaryl; ; and, wherein the multiple ring system can optionally be substituted with one to four substituents independently selected from the group consisting of:
- da). C₁₋₄ alkyl optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of amino (substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl), (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy;
 - 30 db). C₁₋₄ alkoxy optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy;

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- dc). amino substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl;
dd). halogen;
de). hydroxy; and,
5 df). nitro;

R₅ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₈ alkyl (optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of amino (substituted with two substituents independently
10 selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl), (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy) and aryl (optionally substituted with one to four substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈ alkyl and halogen);

R₆ is selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈ alkyl, aryl(C₁₋₈)alkyl, C₁₋₈ alkoxy, aryl(C₁₋₈)alkoxy, C₂₋₈ alkenyl, C₂₋₈ alkenyloxy, aryl(C₂₋₈)alkenyl,
15 aryl(C₂₋₈)alkenyloxy, aryl, aryloxy and hydroxy;

X and Y are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C₁₋₈ alkyl (optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent
20 selected from the group consisting of cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, aryl, heteroaryl, amino (substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₈ alkyl), (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy), C₁₋₈ alkoxy (optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of aryl, (halo)₁₋₃ and
25 hydroxy), C₂₋₈ alkenyloxy, cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, aryl, aryloxy, heteroaryl and hydroxy; optionally, X and Y are fused together with the carbon of attachment to form a spiro cycloalkyl or heterocyclyl moiety; and, optionally, Y is not present; wherein X is one substituent attached by a double-bond selected from the group consisting of O, S, imino, (C₁₋₄)alkylimino and
30 hydroxyimino; and,

Z is selected from the group consisting of a bond, hydrogen and C₁₋₈ alkyl; if Z is a bond (wherein Z forms a double bond with the carbon of attachment for

X), then Y is not present and X is one substituent attached by a single-bond selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C₁₋₈ alkoxy, C₂₋₈ alkenyloxy, aryloxy, aryl(C₁₋₄)alkoxy and hydroxy,

5 and isomers, racemates, enantiomers, diastereomers and salts thereof.

2. The compound of claim 1 wherein Y is not present and X is one substituent attached by a double-bond selected from the group consisting of O, S, imino, (C₁₋₄)alkylimino and hydroxyimino.

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3. The compound of claim 1 wherein Y is not present and X is one substituent attached by a double-bond selected from the group consisting of O, imino and hydroxyimino.

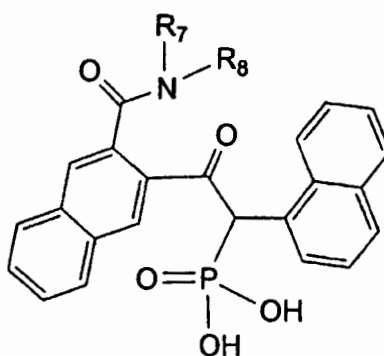
15 4. The compound of claim 1 wherein Y is not present and X is O attached by a double-bond.

5. The compound of claim 1 wherein Z is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl.

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6. The compound of claim 1 wherein Z is hydrogen.

7. A compound of Formula (Ia):



Formula (Ia)

wherein

25 R₇ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C₁₋₈ alkyl and C₂₋₈

alkenyl; and,

R_8 is selected from the group consisting of:

- 5 aa). C_{1-8} alkyl optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, aryl, heteroaryl, amino (with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C_{1-8} alkyl), (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy;
- ab). cycloalkyl;
- ac). cycloalkenyl; and,
- 10 ad). heterocyclyl (wherein the point of attachment at R_8 is a carbon ring atom); wherein the ab). cycloalkyl, ac). cycloalkenyl and ad). heterocyclyl (wherein the ad). heterocyclyl contains at least one nitrogen ring atom) substituents and the cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, aryl and heteroaryl portions of the aa). substituent are optionally substituted with one to four substituents
- 15 independently selected from the group consisting of:
 - ba). C_{1-8} alkyl optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of amino (with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C_{1-8} alkyl), (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy;
 - 20 bb). C_{1-8} alkoxy optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of carboxyl, (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy;
 - bc). carbonyl substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8} alkyl, aryl, aryl(C_{1-8})alkyl, aryl(C_{2-8})alkenyl, heteroaryl,
 - 25 heteroaryl(C_{1-8})alkyl and heteroaryl(C_{2-8})alkenyl;
 - bd). aryl;
 - be). heteroaryl;
 - bf). amino substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C_{1-8} alkyl;
 - 30 bg). cyano;
 - bh). halogen;
 - bi). hydroxy;
 - bj). nitro;

- bk). heterocyclyl optionally substituted with one to two oxo substituents; and,
bl). sulfonyl substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting
of C₁₋₈ alkyl, aryl, aryl(C₁₋₈)alkyl, aryl(C₂₋₈)alkenyl, heteroaryl,
heteroaryl(C₁₋₈)alkyl and heteroaryl(C₂₋₈)alkenyl;
- 5 wherein the bd). aryl, be). heteroaryl and bk). heterocyclyl substituents and the
aryl and heteroaryl portions of the bc). substituent are optionally substituted
with one to four substituents independently selected from the group
consisting of C₁₋₄ alkyl (optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with
a substituent selected from the group consisting of amino (substituted with
10 two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of
hydrogen and C₁₋₈ alkyl), (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy), C₁₋₄ alkoxy (optionally
substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the
group consisting of (halo)₁₋₃), amino (substituted with two substituents
independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄
15 alkyl), halogen, hydroxy and nitro;
and, provided that the optional substituent attached to the ad). heterocyclyl
nitrogen ring atom is not selected from the group consisting of bf). amino
(substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group
consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₈ alkyl), bh). halogen, bi). hydroxy and bj).
20 nitro;

and isomers, racemates, enantiomers, diastereomers and salts thereof.

8. The compound of claim 7 wherein R₇ is selected from the group
25 consisting of hydrogen, C₁₋₄ alkyl and C₂₋₄ alkenyl.
9. The compound of claim 7 wherein R₇ is selected from the group
consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl.
- 30 10. The compound of claim 7 wherein R₇ is selected from the group
consisting of hydrogen and methyl.
11. The compound of claim 7 wherein R₈ is selected from the group

consisting of:

- aa). C₁₋₈ alkyl optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy;
 - 5 ab). cycloalkyl;
 - ac). cycloalkenyl; and,
 - ad). heterocyclyl (wherein the point of attachment at R₈ is a carbon ring atom); wherein the ab). cycloalkyl, ac). cycloalkenyl and ad). heterocyclyl substituents (wherein the ad). heterocyclyl contains at least one nitrogen ring atom) and
 - 10 the cycloalkyl portion of the aa). substituent are optionally substituted with one to four substituents independently selected from the group consisting of:
 - ba). C₁₋₈ alkyl optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of amino (with two
 - 15 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₈ alkyl), (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy;
 - bb). C₁₋₈ alkoxy;
 - bc). carbonyl substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈ alkyl, aryl, aryl(C₁₋₈)alkyl, aryl(C₂₋₈)alkenyl, heteroaryl,
 - 20 heteroaryl(C₁₋₈)alkyl and heteroaryl(C₂₋₈)alkenyl;
 - bd). aryl;
 - be). heteroaryl;
 - bf). amino substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₈ alkyl;
 - 25 bh). halogen;
 - bi). hydroxy;
 - bk). heterocyclyl; and,
 - bl). sulfonyl substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈ alkyl, aryl, aryl(C₁₋₈)alkyl, aryl(C₂₋₈)alkenyl, heteroaryl,
 - 30 heteroaryl(C₁₋₈)alkyl and heteroaryl(C₂₋₈)alkenyl;
- wherein the bd). aryl, be). heteroaryl and bk). heterocyclyl substituents and the aryl and heteroaryl portions of the bc). substituent are optionally substituted with one to four substituents independently selected from the group

- consisting of C₁₋₄ alkyl (optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of (halo)₁₋₃), C₁₋₄ alkoxy, amino (substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl), halogen and hydroxy;
- 5 and, provided that the optional substituent attached to the ad). heterocyclyl nitrogen ring atom is not selected from the group consisting of bf). amino (substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₈ alkyl), bh). halogen, bi). hydroxy and bj). nitro.
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12. The compound of claim 7 wherein R₈ is selected from the group consisting of aa). cycloalkyl(C₁₋₄)alkyl, ab). cycloalkyl, ac). cycloalkenyl and ad). heterocyclyl (wherein the point of attachment for the ad). heterocyclyl at R₈ is a carbon ring atom); wherein the ab). cycloalkyl, ac). cycloalkenyl and ad). heterocyclyl substituents and the cycloalkyl portion of the aa). substituent are optionally substituted with one to two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of ba). C₁₋₄ alkyl, bc). carbonyl (substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₄ alkyl, aryl, aryl(C₁₋₄)alkyl and aryl(C₂₋₄)alkenyl) and bd). aryl; wherein the bd). aryl substituent and the aryl portions of the bc). substituent are optionally substituted with one to two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy, di(C₁₋₄ alkyl)amino, halogen, hydroxy and (halo)₁₋₃(C₁₋₄)alkyl.
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13. The compound of claim 7 wherein R₈ is selected from the group consisting of aa). adamant-1-ylmethyl, ab). cyclopentyl, ab). cyclohexyl, ac). cyclohexenyl, ad). pyrrolidinyl and ad). piperidinyl (wherein the point of attachment for pyrrolidinyl and piperidinyl at R₈ is a carbon ring atom); wherein ab). cyclohexyl, ac). cyclohexenyl, ad). pyrrolidinyl and ad). piperidinyl are optionally substituted with one to two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of ba). C₁₋₄ alkyl, bc). carbonyl (substituted with a substituent selected from the group
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- consisting of C₁₋₄ alkyl, aryl, aryl(C₁₋₄)alkyl and aryl(C₂₋₄)alkenyl) and bd). aryl; wherein the bd). aryl substituent and the aryl portions of the bc). substituent are optionally substituted with one to two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy, di(C₁₋₄ alkyl)amino, halogen, hydroxy and (halo)₁₋₃(C₁₋₄)alkyl.
14. The compound of claim 7 wherein R₈ is selected from the group consisting of aa). adamant-1-ylmethyl, ab). cyclopentyl, ab). cyclohexyl, ac). cyclohexenyl, ad). pyrrolidinyl and ad). piperidinyl (wherein the point of attachment for pyrrolidinyl and piperidinyl at R₈ is a carbon ring atom); wherein ab). cyclohexyl, ac). cyclohexenyl, ad). pyrrolidinyl and ad). piperidinyl are optionally substituted with one to two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of ba). methyl, ba). *t*-butyl, bc). methylcarbonyl, bc). *i*-propylcarbonyl, bc). phenylcarbonyl, bc). naphthalenylcarbonyl, bc). phenethylcarbonyl, bc). phenethenylcarbonyl and bd). phenyl; and, wherein the bd). phenyl substituent and the phenyl and naphthalenyl portions of the bc). substituent are optionally substituted with one to two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of methyl, methoxy, *N,N*-dimethylamino, fluorine, bromine, hydroxy and trifluoromethyl.
15. The compound of claim 7 wherein the compound of Formula (Ia) is selected from the group consisting of:
- [2-[3-[[Methyl(4-phenylcyclohexyl)amino]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid;
- [2-[3-[[Methyl[1-(2-naphthalenylcarbonyl)-4-piperidinyl]amino]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid;
- [2-[3-[[[1-[(6-Methoxy-2-naphthalenyl)carbonyl]-3-pyrrolidinyl]methylamino]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid;
- [2-[3-[[[1-[(6-Bromo-2-naphthalenyl)carbonyl]-4-piperidinyl]methylamino]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid;
- [2-[3-[[[1-[(2*E*)-3-(4-Fluorophenyl)-1-oxo-2-propenyl]-3-pyrrolidinyl]methylamino]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid;

[2-[3-[[Methyl[1-[(2*E*)-1-oxo-3-phenyl-2-propenyl]-4-piperidinyl]amino]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid;

[2-[3-[[Methyl[1-[(2*E*)-3-(4-methylphenyl)-1-oxo-2-propenyl]-4-piperidinyl]amino]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid;

[2-[3-[[Methyl[1-[(2*E*)-1-oxo-3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-2-propenyl]-4-piperidinyl]amino]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid;

[2-[3-[[[1-[(2*E*)-3-[4-(Dimethylamino)phenyl]-1-oxo-2-propenyl]-4-piperidinyl]methylamino]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid;

[2-[3-[[[1-Benzoyl-4-piperidinyl]methylamino]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid;

[2-[3-[[Cyclohexylmethylamino]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid;

[2-[3-[[Methyl[1-[1-oxo-3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]propyl]-4-piperidinyl]amino]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid;

[2-[3-[[Methyl[1-(2-methyl-1-oxopropyl)-4-piperidinyl]amino]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid;

[2-[3-[[Cyclopentylmethylamino]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid;

[2-[3-[[[4-(1,1-Dimethylethyl)cyclohexyl]methylamino]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid;

[2-[3-[[[1-[(6-Hydroxy-2-naphthalenyl)carbonyl]-4-piperidinyl]methylamino]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid;

[2-[3-[[[1-Acetyl-4-piperidinyl]methylamino]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid;

[2-[3-[[Methyl(4-methylcyclohexyl)amino]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid;

[2-[1-[[Methyl(tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]dec-1-ylmethyl)amino]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid;

[2-[3-[[Methyl(4-phenyl-3-cyclohexen-1-yl)amino]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid;

and,

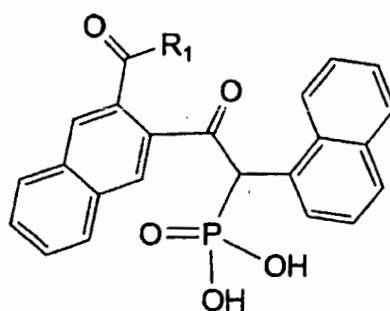
[1-(1-Naphthalenyl)-2-[3-[[[1-(2-naphthalenylcarbonyl)-4-piperidinyl]amino]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid.

16. The compound of claim 15 wherein the compound of Formula (Ia) is contacted with a pharmaceutically acceptable cation to form a salt.
17. The compound of claim 16 wherein the cation is selected from the group consisting of aluminum, ammonia, benzathine, *t*-butylamine, calcium, calcium gluconate, calcium hydroxide, chloroprocaine, choline, choline bicarbonate, choline chloride, cyclohexylamine, diethanolamine, ethylenediamine, lithium, LiOMe, L-lysine, magnesium, meglumine, NH₃, NH₄OH, N-methyl-D-glucamine, piperidine, potassium, potassium-*t*-butoxide, potassium hydroxide (aqueous), procaine, quinine, SEH, sodium, sodium carbonate, sodium-2-ethylhexanoate, sodium hydroxide, triethanolamine, tromethane and zinc.
18. The compound of claim 17 wherein the cation is selected from benzathine, *t*-butylamine, calcium gluconate, calcium hydroxide, choline bicarbonate, choline chloride, cyclohexylamine, diethanolamine, ethylenediamine, LiOMe, L-lysine, NH₃, NH₄OH, N-methyl-D-glucamine, piperidine, potassium-*t*-butoxide, potassium hydroxide (aqueous), procaine, quinine, sodium carbonate, sodium-2-ethylhexanoate, sodium hydroxide, triethanolamine and tromethane.
19. The compound of claim 18 wherein the cation is selected from *t*-butylamine, NH₄OH and tromethane.
20. The compound of claim 19 wherein the cation is tromethane.
21. The compound of claim 15 wherein the compound is [2-[3-[[Methyl[1-(2-naphthalenylcarbonyl)-4-piperidinyl]amino]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid.
22. The compound of claim 21 wherein the compound is contacted with a pharmaceutically acceptable cation to form a salt.

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23. The compound of claim 22 wherein the cation is selected from *t*-butylamine, NH_4OH and tromethane.
24. The compound of claim 21 wherein the compound is contacted with tromethane to form a dibasic salt.
25. A compound of Formula (Ib):



Formula (Ib)

wherein

- R_1 is a heterocyclyl ring (wherein the point of attachment for the heterocyclyl ring at R_1 is a nitrogen ring atom); wherein the heterocyclyl ring is optionally substituted with one to two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of:
- C_{1-8} alkyl optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of aryl, heteroaryl, $(\text{halo})_{1-3}$ and hydroxy;
 - C_{1-8} alkoxy optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of carboxyl, $(\text{halo})_{1-3}$ and hydroxy;
 - aryl;
 - heteroaryl;
 - cyano;
 - halogen;
 - hydroxy;
 - nitro; and,
 - heterocyclyl optionally substituted with one to two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of oxo and aryl; and, optionally fused with the carbon of attachment to form a spiro heterocyclyl

moiety;

and, wherein the aryl portion of the a). and i). substituent, the heteroaryl portion of the a). substituent and the c). aryl and d). heteroaryl substituents are optionally substituted with one to four substituents independently
5 selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₂₋₄ alkenyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy, cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, aryl, aryl(C₁₋₄)alkyl, aryloxy, heteroaryl, heteroaryl(C₁₋₄)alkyl, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, (halo)₁₋₃(C₁₋₄)alkyl and (halo)₁₋₃(C₁₋₄)alkoxy;

10 and isomers, racemates, enantiomers, diastereomers and salts thereof.

26. The compound of claim 25 wherein R₁ is a heterocyclyl ring (wherein the point of attachment for the heterocyclyl ring at R₁ is a nitrogen ring atom) optionally substituted with a substituent selected from the group
15 consisting of a). aryl(C₁₋₄)alkyl, c). aryl, d). heteroaryl and i). heterocyclyl (optionally substituted with one to two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of oxo and aryl; and, optionally fused with the carbon of attachment to form a spiro heterocyclyl moiety); and, wherein the aryl portion of the a). and i). substituent and the c). aryl
20 substituent are optionally substituted with one to two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy, aryl, heteroaryl, halogen, hydroxy, (halo)₁₋₃(C₁₋₄)alkyl and (halo)₁₋₃(C₁₋₄)alkoxy.

25 27. The compound of claim 25 wherein R₁ is a heterocyclyl ring (wherein the point of attachment for the heterocyclyl ring at R₁ is a nitrogen ring atom) optionally substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting of a). aryl(C₁₋₄)alkyl, c). aryl, d). heteroaryl and i). heterocyclyl (optionally substituted with two substituents independently selected from
30 the group consisting of oxo and aryl; and, optionally fused with the carbon of attachment to form a spiro heterocyclyl moiety); and, wherein the aryl portion of the a). and i). substituent and the c). aryl substituent are optionally substituted with one to two substituents independently

selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₄ alkoxy and aryl.

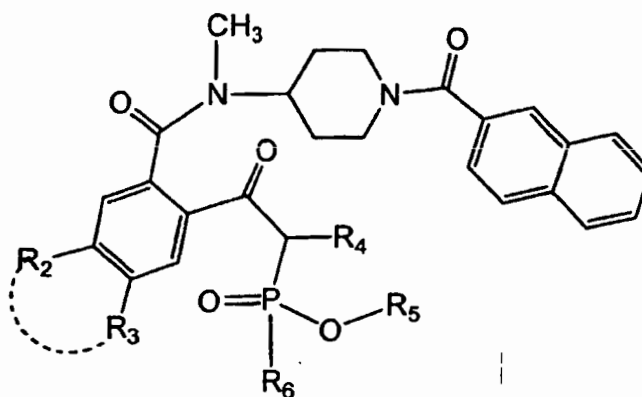
28. The compound of claim 25 wherein R₁ is selected from the group consisting of pyrrolidinyl and piperidinyl (wherein the point of attachment for pyrrolidinyl and piperidinyl is a nitrogen ring atom) optionally substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting of a). phenylethyl, c). phenyl (optionally substituted with methoxy), d). benzothiazolyl and i). imidazolidinyl (optionally substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of oxo and phenyl; and, optionally fused with the carbon of attachment to form a spiro moiety).
29. The compound of claim 25 wherein R₁ is selected from the group consisting of pyrrolidinyl and piperidinyl (wherein the point of attachment for pyrrolidinyl and piperidinyl is a nitrogen ring atom in the one position) optionally substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting of a). phenylethyl, c). phenyl (optionally substituted with methoxy), d). benzothiazolyl and i). imidazolidinyl (optionally substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of oxo and phenyl; and, optionally fused with the carbon of attachment to form a spiro moiety).
30. The compound of claim 25 wherein the compound of Formula (Ib) is selected from the group consisting of:
- [1-(1-Naphthalenyl)-2-oxo-2-[3-[(4-phenyl-1-piperidinyl)carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]ethyl]-phosphonic acid;
- [1-(1-Naphthalenyl)-2-oxo-2-[3-[(4-oxo-1-phenyl-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-8-yl)carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]ethyl]-phosphonic acid;
- [2-[3-[[4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-1-piperidinyl]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid;
- [2-[3-[[4-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-1-piperidinyl]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid;
- [2-[3-[[4-(2-Benzothiazolyl)-1-piperidinyl]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid;

[1-(1-Naphthalenyl)-2-oxo-2-[3-[(3-phenyl-1-pyrrolidinyl)carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]ethyl]-phosphonic acid;

and,

[1-(1-Naphthalenyl)-2-oxo-2-[3-[[3-(2-phenylethyl)-1-pyrrolidinyl]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]ethyl]-phosphonic acid.

31. A compound of Formula (Ic):



Formula (Ic)

wherein

R₂ and R₃ are attached to a benzene ring and independently selected from the

5 group consisting of

ca). hydrogen;

cb). C₁₋₄ alkyl optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of amino (substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl), (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy;

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cc). C₁₋₄ alkoxy optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy;

cd). C₂₋₄ alkenyl;

ce). amino substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl;

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cf). halogen; and,

cg). hydroxy;

optionally, R₂ and R₃ together form at least one ring fused to the benzene ring;

thereby providing a multiple ring system; wherein the multiple ring system is

20 selected from the group consisting of C₉-C₁₄ benzo fused cycloalkyl, C₉-C₁₄

benzo fused cycloalkenyl, C₉-C₁₄ benzo fused aryl, benzo fused heterocyclyl and benzo fused heteroaryl; and, wherein the multiple ring system can optionally be substituted with one to four substituents independently selected from the group consisting of

- 5 da). C₁₋₄ alkyl optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of amino (substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl), (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy;
- db). C₁₋₄ alkoxy optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a
10 substituent selected from the group consisting of (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy;
- dc). amino substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl;
- dd). halogen;
- de). hydroxy; and,
- 15 df). nitro;

R₄ is selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₄ alkyl (optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of aryl and heteroaryl), aryl and heteroaryl; wherein aryl and heteroaryl and
20 the aryl and heteroaryl portions of the substituted alkyl are optionally substituted with one to four substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₄ alkyl, amino (substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl), cyano, halogen, hydroxy and (halo)₁₋₃(C₁₋₈)alkyl;

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R₅ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₈ alkyl (optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of amino (substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl), (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy) and aryl (optionally substituted with one to four substituents
30 independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈ alkyl and halogen); and,

R₆ is selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈ alkyl, aryl(C₁₋₈)alkyl, C₁₋₈ alkoxy, aryl(C₁₋₈)alkoxy, C₂₋₈ alkenyl, C₂₋₈ alkenyloxy, aryl(C₂₋₈)alkenyl, aryl(C₂₋₈)alkenyloxy, aryl, aryloxy and hydroxy;

5 and isomers, racemates, enantiomers, diastereomers and salts thereof.

32. The compound of claim 31 wherein R₂ and R₃ are independently selected from the group consisting of ca). hydrogen, cb). C₁₋₄ alkyl, cc). C₁₋₄ alkoxy, cd). C₂₋₄ alkenyl, ce). amino (substituted with two
10 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl), cf). halogen and cg). hydroxy; optionally, R₂ and R₃ together form at least one ring fused to the benzene ring; thereby providing a multiple ring system; wherein the multiple ring system is selected from the group consisting of naphthalene and anthracene; and,
15 wherein the multiple ring system can optionally be substituted with one to four substituents independently selected from the group consisting of da). C₁₋₄ alkyl, db). C₁₋₄ alkoxy, dc). amino (substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl), dd). halogen and de). hydroxy.

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33. The compound of claim 31 wherein R₂ and R₃ are independently selected from the group consisting of ca). hydrogen, cb). C₁₋₄ alkyl, cd). C₂₋₄ alkenyl, cf). halogen and cg). hydroxy; optionally, R₂ and R₃ together form at least one ring fused to the benzene ring; thereby
25 providing a multiple ring system; wherein the multiple ring system is naphthalene; and, wherein the multiple ring system can optionally be substituted with one to four substituents independently selected from the group consisting of da). C₁₋₄ alkyl, db). C₁₋₄ alkoxy, dc). amino (substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl), dd). halogen and de). hydroxy.

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34. The compound of claim 31 wherein the multiple ring system is naphthalene.

35. The compound of claim 31 wherein R_4 is selected from the group consisting of aryl and heteroaryl optionally substituted with one to two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4} alkyl, amino (substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C_{1-4} alkyl), cyano, halogen, hydroxy and $(\text{halo})_{1-3}(C_{1-8})\text{alkyl}$.
36. The compound of claim 31 wherein R_4 is selected from the group consisting of aryl and heteroaryl (wherein heteroaryl is optionally substituted with one to two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4} alkyl, amino (substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C_{1-4} alkyl), cyano, halogen, hydroxy and $(\text{halo})_{1-3}(C_{1-8})\text{alkyl}$).
37. The compound of claim 31 wherein R_4 is selected from the group consisting of phenyl, naphthalenyl and benzothienyl (wherein benzothienyl is optionally substituted with one to two halogen substituents).
38. The compound of claim 31 wherein R_4 is selected from the group consisting of phenyl, naphthalenyl and benzothienyl (wherein benzothienyl is optionally substituted with a chloro substituent).
39. The compound of claim 31 wherein R_5 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C_{1-4} alkyl (optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of amino (substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C_{1-4} alkyl), $(\text{halo})_{1-3}$ and hydroxy).
40. The compound of claim 31 wherein R_5 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C_{1-4} alkyl.

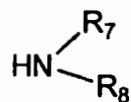
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41. The compound of claim 31 wherein R₅ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and methyl.
42. The compound of claim 31 wherein R₅ is hydrogen.
- 5 43. The compound of claim 31 wherein R₆ is selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₄ alkyl, aryl(C₁₋₄)alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy, aryl(C₁₋₄)alkoxy, C₂₋₄ alkenyl, C₂₋₄ alkenyloxy, aryl(C₂₋₄)alkenyl, aryl(C₂₋₄)alkenyloxy, aryl, aryloxy and hydroxy.
- 10 44. The compound of claim 31 wherein R₆ is selected from the group consisting of methyl, methoxy, phenyloxy and hydroxy.
45. The compound of claim 31 wherein R₆ is selected from the group consisting of methyl and hydroxy.
- 15 46. The compound of claim 31 wherein the compound of Formula (Ic) is selected from the group consisting of:
- [2-[3-[[Methyl[1-(2-naphthalenylcarbonyl)-4-piperidinyl]amino]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-2-oxo-1-phenylethyl]-phosphonic acid;
- [2-[3-[[Methyl[1-(2-naphthalenylcarbonyl)-4-piperidinyl]amino]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid methyl ester;
- [2-[2-[[Methyl[1-(2-naphthalenylcarbonyl)-4-piperidinyl]amino]carbonyl]phenyl]-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid;
- Methyl[2-[3-[[methyl[1-(2-naphthalenylcarbonyl)-4-piperidinyl]amino]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid;
- and,
- [1-(5-Chlorobenzo[b]thien-3-yl)-2-[3-[[methyl[1-(2-naphthalenylcarbonyl)-4-piperidinyl]amino]carbonyl]-2-naphthalenyl]-2-oxoethyl]-phosphonic acid.
- 20 47. The compound of claim 46 wherein the compound is Methyl[2-[3-[[methyl[1-(2-naphthalenylcarbonyl)-4-piperidinyl]amino]carbonyl]-2-

naphthalenyl]-1-(1-naphthalenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-phosphinic acid.

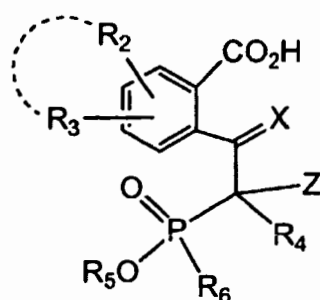
48. A process for preparing a compound of Formula (I) comprising coupling under suitable conditions a first compound of Formula (A):



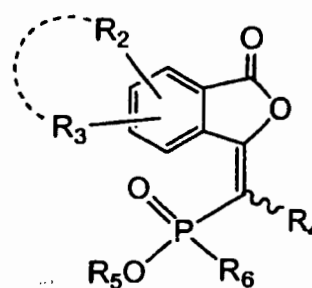
Formula (A)

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with a second compound selected from the group consisting of Formula (B) and Formula (C):

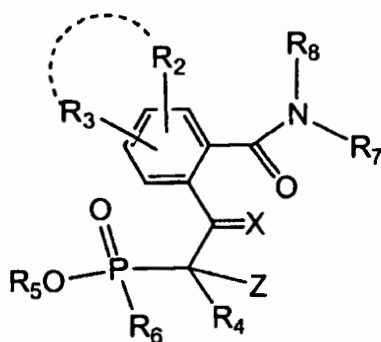


Formula (B)

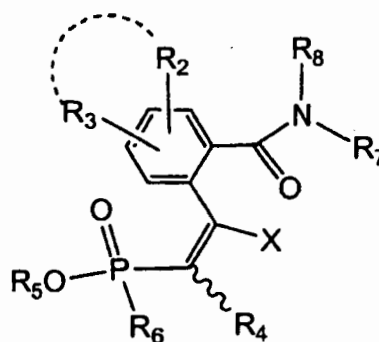


Formula (C)

- 10 to produce a third compound selected from the group consisting of Formula (D) and Formula (E):



Formula (D)



Formula (E)

wherein

R₇ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C₁₋₈ alkyl and C₂₋₈ alkenyl;

- 15 R₈ is selected from the group consisting of:

- 5 aa). C₁₋₈ alkyl optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a
substituent selected from the group consisting of cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl,
aryl, heteroaryl, amino (substituted with two substituents independently
selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₈ alkyl), (halo)₁₋₃
and hydroxy;
- ab). cycloalkyl;
- ac). cycloalkenyl; and,
- ad). heterocyclyl (wherein the point of attachment at R₈ is a carbon ring atom);
wherein the ab). cycloalkyl, ac). cycloalkenyl and ad). heterocyclyl (wherein the
10 ad). heterocyclyl contains at least one nitrogen ring atom) substituents and
the cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, aryl and heteroaryl portions of the aa).
substituent are optionally substituted with one to four substituents
independently selected from the group consisting of:
- 15 ba). C₁₋₈ alkyl optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a
substituent selected from the group consisting of amino (with two
substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen
and C₁₋₈ alkyl), (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy;
- bb). C₁₋₈ alkoxy optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a
substituent selected from the group consisting of carboxyl, (halo)₁₋₃ and
20 hydroxy;
- bc). carbonyl substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting
of C₁₋₈ alkyl, aryl, aryl(C₁₋₈)alkyl, aryl(C₂₋₈)alkenyl, heteroaryl,
heteroaryl(C₁₋₈)alkyl and heteroaryl(C₂₋₈)alkenyl;
- bd). aryl;
- 25 be). heteroaryl;
- bf). amino substituted with two substituents independently selected from the
group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₈ alkyl;
- bg). cyano;
- bh). halogen;
- 30 bi). hydroxy;
- bj). nitro;
- bk). heterocyclyl optionally substituted with one to two oxo substituents; and,
- bl). sulfonyl substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting

of C₁₋₈ alkyl, aryl, aryl(C₁₋₈)alkyl, aryl(C₂₋₈)alkenyl, heteroaryl, heteroaryl(C₁₋₈)alkyl and heteroaryl(C₂₋₈)alkenyl;

wherein the bd). aryl, be). heteroaryl and bk). heterocyclyl substituents and the aryl and heteroaryl portions of the bc). substituent are optionally substituted

5 with one to four substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₄ alkyl (optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of amino (substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₈ alkyl), (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy), C₁₋₄ alkoxy (optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of (halo)₁₋₃), amino (substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl), halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

and, provided that the optional substituent attached to the ad). heterocyclyl
15 nitrogen ring atom is not selected from the group consisting of bf). amino (substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₈ alkyl), bh). halogen, bi). hydroxy and bj). nitro;

20 R₄ is selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₄ alkyl (optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of aryl and heteroaryl), aryl and heteroaryl; wherein aryl and heteroaryl and the aryl and heteroaryl portions of the substituted alkyl are optionally substituted with one to four substituents independently selected from the
25 group consisting of C₁₋₄ alkyl, amino (substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl), cyano, halogen, hydroxy and (halo)₁₋₃(C₁₋₈)alkyl;

R₂ and R₃ are attached to a benzene ring and independently selected from the
30 group consisting of

ca). hydrogen;

cb). C₁₋₄ alkyl optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of amino (substituted with

- two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl), (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy;
- cc). C₁₋₄ alkoxy optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy;
- 5 cd). C₂₋₄ alkenyl;
- ce). amino substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl;
- cf). halogen; and,
- cg). hydroxy;
- 10 optionally, R₂ and R₃ together form at least one ring fused to the benzene ring; thereby providing a multiple ring system; wherein the multiple ring system is selected from the group consisting of C₉-C₁₄ benzo fused cycloalkyl, C₉-C₁₄ benzo fused cycloalkenyl, C₉-C₁₄ benzo fused aryl, benzo fused heterocyclyl and benzo fused heteroaryl; and, wherein the multiple ring
- 15 system can optionally be substituted with one to four substituents independently selected from the group consisting of:
- da). C₁₋₄ alkyl optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of amino (substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of
- 20 hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl), (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy;
- db). C₁₋₄ alkoxy optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy;
- dc). amino substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl;
- 25 dd). halogen;
- de). hydroxy; and,
- df). nitro;
- R₅ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₈ alkyl (optionally
- 30 substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of amino (substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl), (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy) and aryl (optionally substituted with one to four substituents

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independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈ alkyl and halogen);

R₆ is selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈ alkyl, aryl(C₁₋₈)alkyl, C₁₋₈ alkoxy, aryl(C₁₋₈)alkoxy, C₂₋₈ alkenyl, C₂₋₈ alkenyloxy, aryl(C₂₋₈)alkenyl,

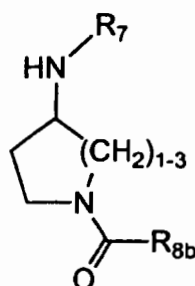
5 aryl(C₂₋₈)alkenyloxy, aryl, aryloxy and hydroxy;

X is selected from the group consisting of O, S, imino, (C₁₋₄)alkylimino and hydroxyimino; and,

10 Z is selected from the group consisting of a bond, hydrogen and C₁₋₈ alkyl; if Z is a bond (wherein Z forms a double bond with the carbon of attachment for X), then X is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C₁₋₈ alkoxy, C₂₋₈ alkenyloxy, aryloxy, aryl(C₁₋₄)alkoxy and hydroxy,

15 and isomers, racemates, enantiomers, diastereomers and salts thereof.

49. The process of claim 48 wherein the first compound of Formula (A) is selected from a compound of Formula (A'):

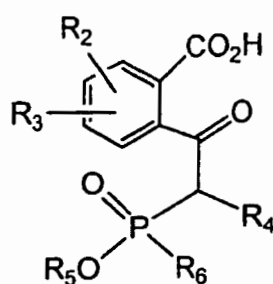


Formula (A')

wherein R_{8b} is selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈ alkyl, aryl,

20 aryl(C₁₋₈)alkyl, aryl(C₂₋₈)alkenyl, heteroaryl, heteroaryl(C₁₋₈)alkyl and heteroaryl(C₂₋₈)alkenyl.

50. The process of claim 48 wherein the second compound of Formula (B) is selected from a compound of Formula (B'):



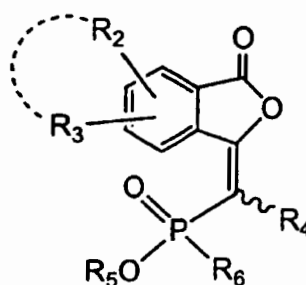
Formula (B').

51. The process of claim 48 wherein the coupling is conducted in the presence of a solvent selected from the group consisting of acetone and methylethyl ketone.
52. The process of claim 48 wherein the coupling is performed at a temperature of about 65 °C.
53. The process of claim 52 wherein the coupling is performed at a temperature of about 65 °C for a period of from about 6 to about 7 hours.
54. The process of claim 48 wherein the third compound is purified.
55. The process of claim 54 wherein the purification is by crystallization.
56. The process of claim 48 wherein the third compound selected from the group consisting of Formula (D) and Formula (E); wherein,
 R_5 is selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8} alkyl (optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of amino (substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C_{1-4} alkyl), (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy) and aryl (optionally substituted with one to four substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8} alkyl and halogen); and,
 R_6 is selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8} alkyl, aryl(C_{1-8})alkyl, C_{1-8} alkoxy, aryl(C_{1-8})alkoxy, C_{2-8} alkenyl, C_{2-8} alkenyloxy, aryl(C_{2-8})alkenyl,

aryl(C₂₋₈)alkenyloxy, aryl and aryloxy;

is hydrolyzed under suitable conditions to convert R₅ to H and R₆ to OH.

- 5 57. The process of claim 48 wherein the compound of Formula (D) or
Formula (E) is contacted with a cation to form a salt.
58. The process of claim 57 wherein the cation is selected from the group
consisting of cation is selected from benzathine, *t*-butylamine, calcium
10 gluconate, calcium hydroxide, choline bicarbonate, choline chloride,
cyclohexylamine, diethanolamine, ethylenediamine, LiOMe, L-lysine,
NH₃, NH₄OH, N-methyl-D-glucamine, piperidine, potassium-*t*-butoxide,
potassium hydroxide (aqueous), procaine, quinine, sodium carbonate,
sodium-2-ethylhexanoate, sodium hydroxide, triethanolamine and
15 tromethane.
59. The process of claim 57 wherein the cation is provided in an amount
sufficient to produce predominately a dibasic salt.
- 20 60. A compound of Formula (C):



Formula (C)

wherein

R₂ and R₃ are attached to a benzene ring and independently selected from the
group consisting of

- ca). hydrogen;
- 25 cb). C₁₋₄ alkyl optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a
substituent selected from the group consisting of amino (substituted with

- two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl), (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy;
- cc). C₁₋₄ alkoxy optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy;
- 5 cd). C₂₋₄ alkenyl;
- ce). amino substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl;
- cf). halogen; and,
- cg). hydroxy;
- 10 optionally, R₂ and R₃ together form at least one ring fused to the benzene ring; thereby providing a multiple ring system; wherein the multiple ring system is selected from the group consisting of C₉-C₁₄ benzo fused cycloalkyl, C₉-C₁₄ benzo fused cycloalkenyl, C₉-C₁₄ benzo fused aryl, benzo fused heterocyclyl and benzo fused heteroaryl; and, wherein the multiple ring
- 15 system can optionally be substituted with one to four substituents independently selected from the group consisting of
- da). C₁₋₄ alkyl optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of amino (substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of
- 20 hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl), (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy;
- db). C₁₋₄ alkoxy optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy;
- dc). amino substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl;
- 25 dd). halogen;
- de). hydroxy; and,
- df). nitro;
- R₄ is selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₄ alkyl (optionally substituted on a
- 30 terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of aryl and heteroaryl), aryl and heteroaryl; wherein aryl and heteroaryl and the aryl and heteroaryl portions of the substituted alkyl are optionally substituted with one to four substituents independently selected from the

group consisting of C₁₋₄ alkyl, amino (substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl), cyano, halogen, hydroxy and (halo)₁₋₃(C₁₋₈)alkyl;

- 5 R₅ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₈ alkyl (optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of amino (substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl), (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy) and aryl (optionally substituted with one to four substituents
10 independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈ alkyl and halogen); and,

- R₆ is selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈ alkyl, aryl(C₁₋₈)alkyl, C₁₋₈ alkoxy, aryl(C₁₋₈)alkoxy, C₂₋₈ alkenyl, C₂₋₈ alkenyloxy, aryl(C₂₋₈)alkenyl,
15 aryl(C₂₋₈)alkenyloxy, aryl, aryloxy and hydroxy.

61. The compound of claim 60 wherein R₂ and R₃ are attached to the benzene ring on adjacent carbon atoms independently selected from the group consisting of ca). hydrogen, cb). C₁₋₄ alkyl, cc). C₁₋₄ alkoxy, cd).
20 C₂₋₄ alkenyl, ce). amino (substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl), cf). halogen and cg). hydroxy; optionally, R₂ and R₃ form at least one ring fused to the benzene ring; thereby providing a multiple ring system; wherein the multiple ring system is selected from the group consisting of
25 naphthalene and anthracene; and, wherein the multiple ring system can optionally be substituted with one to four substituents independently selected from the group consisting of da). C₁₋₄ alkyl, db). C₁₋₄ alkoxy, dc). amino (substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl), dd). halogen and de).
30 hydroxy.

62. The compound of claim 60 wherein R₂ and R₃ are attached to the benzene ring on adjacent carbon atoms independently selected from the

group consisting of ca). hydrogen, cb). C₁₋₄ alkyl, cd). C₂₋₄ alkenyl, cf).
halogen and cg). hydroxy; optionally, R₂ and R₃ together form a ring
fused to the benzene ring; thereby providing a multiple ring system;
wherein the multiple ring system is naphthalene; and, wherein the
5 multiple ring system can optionally be substituted with one to four
substituents independently selected from the group consisting of da).
C₁₋₄ alkyl, db). C₁₋₄ alkoxy, dc). amino (substituted with two substituents
independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄
alkyl), dd). halogen and de). hydroxy.

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63. The compound of claim 60 wherein the multiple ring system is
naphthalene.

64. The compound of claim 60 wherein

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R₂ and R₃ are attached to the benzene ring on adjacent carbon atoms and
together form at least one ring fused to the benzene ring; thereby providing
a multiple ring system; wherein the multiple ring system is selected from the
group consisting of naphthalene and anthracene; and, wherein the multiple
ring system can optionally be substituted with one to four substituents
20 independently selected from the group consisting of da). C₁₋₄ alkyl, db). C₁₋₄
alkoxy, dc). amino (substituted with two substituents independently selected
from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl), dd). halogen and de).
hydroxy;

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25 R₄ is aryl;

R₅ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₈ alkyl (optionally
substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the
group consisting of amino (substituted with two substituents independently
30 selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl), (halo)₁₋₃ and
hydroxy); and

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R₆ is C₁₋₈ alkoxy.

65. The compound of claim 60 wherein

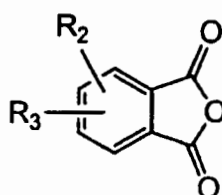
R_2 and R_3 are attached to the benzene ring on adjacent carbon atoms and together form at least one ring fused to the benzene ring; thereby providing
5 a multiple ring system; wherein the multiple ring system is selected from the group consisting of naphthalene and anthracene;

R_4 is an aryl selected from the group consisting of phenyl, naphthalenyl and benzothienyl (wherein benzothienyl is optionally substituted with one to two
10 halogen substituents);

R_5 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C_{1-4} alkyl; and

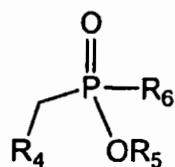
R_6 is C_{1-8} alkoxy selected from the group consisting of R_6 is selected from the
15 group consisting of methyl, methoxy, phenyloxy and hydroxy.

66. A process for making a benzolactone of Formula (C) comprising
a) reacting an anhydride of Formula (F):



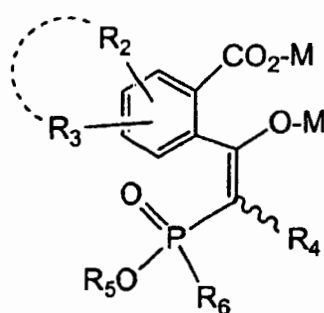
Formula (F)

20 with a compound of Formula (G):



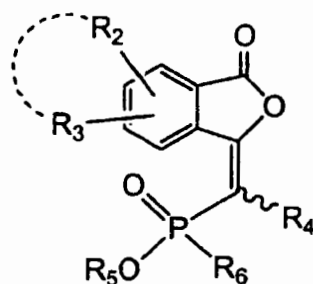
Formula (G)

under suitable conditions in the presence of an alkali metal (M) to provide a compound of Formula (H):



Formula (H)

b) and, reacting the compound of Formula (H) under conditions suitable to form the benzolactone of Formula (C):



Formula (C)

wherein

- 5 R_2 and R_3 are attached to a benzene ring and independently selected from the group consisting of
 - ca). hydrogen;
 - cb). C_{1-4} alkyl optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of amino (substituted with
 - 10 two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C_{1-4} alkyl), (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy;
 - cc). C_{1-4} alkoxy optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy;
 - cd). C_{2-4} alkenyl;
 - 15 ce). amino substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C_{1-4} alkyl;
 - cf). halogen; and,
 - cg). hydroxy;
- optionally, R_2 and R_3 together form at least one ring fused to the benzene ring;

thereby providing a multiple ring system; wherein the multiple ring system is selected from the group consisting of C₉-C₁₄ benzo fused cycloalkyl, C₉-C₁₄ benzo fused cycloalkenyl, C₉-C₁₄ benzo fused aryl, benzo fused heterocyclyl and benzo fused heteroaryl; and, wherein the multiple ring system can optionally be substituted with one to four substituents independently selected from the group consisting of

- da). C₁₋₄ alkyl optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of amino (substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl), (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy;
- db). C₁₋₄ alkoxy optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy;
- dc). amino substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl;
- dd). halogen;
- de). hydroxy; and,
- df). nitro;

R₄ is selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₄ alkyl (optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of aryl and heteroaryl), aryl and heteroaryl; wherein aryl and heteroaryl and the aryl and heteroaryl portions of the substituted alkyl are optionally substituted with one to four substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₄ alkyl, amino (substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl), cyano, halogen, hydroxy and (halo)₁₋₃(C₁₋₈)alkyl;

R₅ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₈ alkyl (optionally substituted on a terminal carbon atom with a substituent selected from the group consisting of amino (substituted with two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl), (halo)₁₋₃ and hydroxy) and aryl (optionally substituted with one to four substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈ alkyl and halogen);

and

R₆ is selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈ alkyl, aryl(C₁₋₈)alkyl, C₁₋₈ alkoxy,
aryl(C₁₋₈)alkoxy, C₂₋₈ alkenyl, C₂₋₈ alkenyloxy, aryl(C₂₋₈)alkenyl,
5 aryl(C₂₋₈)alkenyloxy, aryl, aryloxy and hydroxy.

67. A composition comprising the compound of claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
- 10 68. A process for preparing a composition comprising mixing the compound of claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
69. Use of a compound of claim 1 in the manufacture of a medicament for treatment of an inflammatory or serine protease mediated disorder.
70. Use according to claim 69 wherein the inflammatory or serine protease mediated disorder is selected from the group consisting of pulmonary inflammatory conditions, chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases, asthma, pulmonary emphysema, bronchitis, psoriasis, allergic rhinitis, viral rhinitis, ischemia, arthritis, glomerulonephritis, postoperative adhesion formation, reperfusion injury, hypertension, hypercardia myocardial infraction, arteriosclerosis, retinopathy, and vascular restenosis.
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71. Use of a compound of claim 1 in the manufacture of a medicament for treatment of asthma.
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