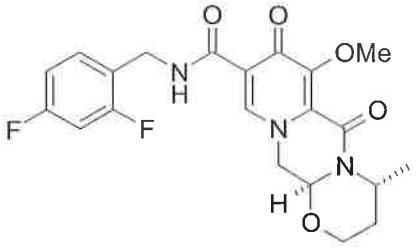
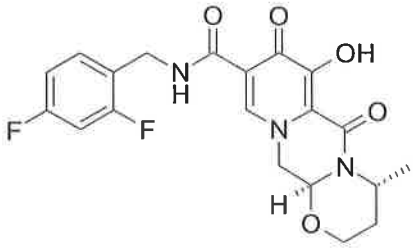
13. The method of Claim 12 wherein the compound of VIa is contacted with 2,4-difluorobenzylamine under coupling conditions to form a compound of formula VIIa:



VIIa.

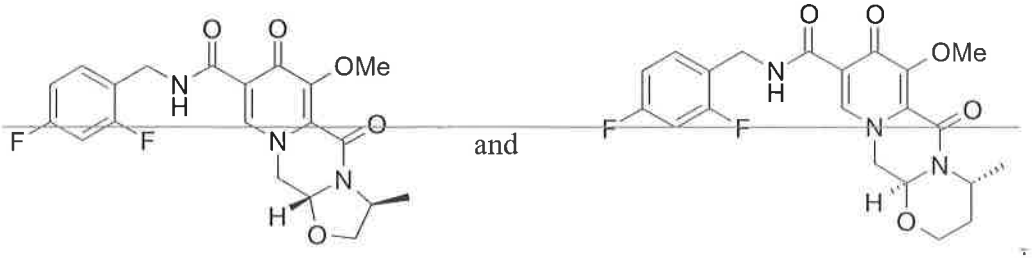
14. The method of Claim 13 wherein the compound of formula VIIa is contacted with a Lewis acid to form a compound of formula VIIIa:



VIIIa.

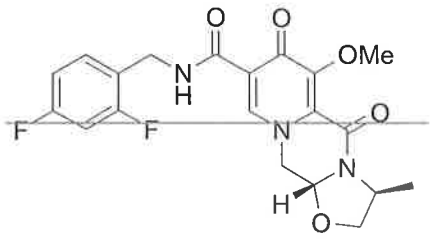
15. The method of Claim 14 wherein the Lewis acid is a magnesium halide or a lithium halide.

~~16. A compound selected from the group consisting of:~~

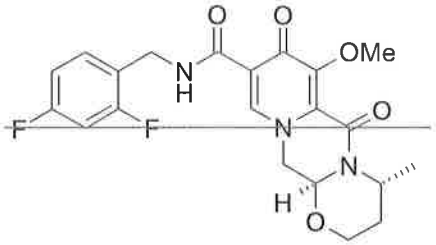


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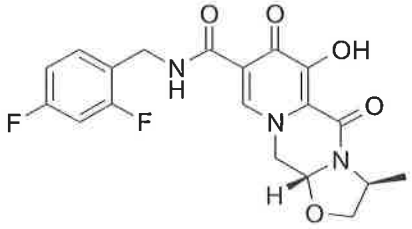
~~17. A compound according to Claim 16 having the formula:~~



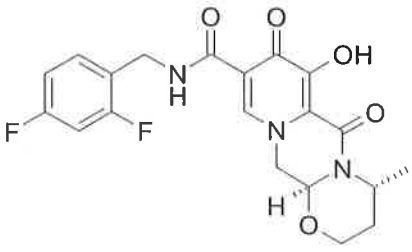
~~18. A compound of Claim 16 having the formula:~~



~~19~~16. A process suitable for preparing a compound of formula VIII or VIIIa:



VIII



VIIIa,