

PYRAZOLINE COMPOUNDS AS MINERALOCORTICOID RECEPTOR ANTAGONISTS

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FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention comprises a class of pyrazoline compounds having the structure of Formula I or Formula II and pharmaceutical compositions comprising a compound of Formula I or Formula II. The present invention also comprises methods of treating a subject by administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Formula I or Formula II to the subject. The present invention further comprises methods for making a compound of Formula I or Formula II and corresponding intermediates.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Hypertension affects about 20% of the adult population in developed countries. In the adult population aged 60 years or older, this percentage increases to about 60% to 70%. Hypertension also is associated with an increased risk of other physiological complications including stroke, myocardial infarction, atrial fibrillation, heart failure, peripheral vascular disease and renal impairment. Although a number of anti-hypertensive drugs are available in various pharmacological categories, the efficacy and safety of such drugs can vary from patient to patient.

Mineralocorticoid receptor antagonists are one class of drugs that can be used to treat hypertension and/or related physiological complications (Jewell, C. W., et al., Cardiovascular & Hematological Agents in Medicinal Chemistry (2006) Vol. 4, pgs. 129-153). Mineralocorticoids, such as aldosterone, are involved in regulating salt and water balance in mammals. Activation of the mineralocorticoid receptor can induce hypertension and cause other detrimental cardiovascular and physiological effects. Two mineralocorticoid receptor antagonists, spironolactone (ALDACTONE™) and eplerenone (INSPIRA™), are presently available and indicated for the treatment of hypertension and heart failure (Baxter, J. D., et al., Molecular and Cellular Endocrinology (2004) Vol. 217, pgs. 151-165).

The identification of additional compounds that are mineralocorticoid receptor antagonists is desirable. Such compounds can be used to treat subjects suffering from or susceptible to hypertension and/or related physiological problems and further expand the range of treatment options available for such subjects. Both spironolactone and eplerenone have a steroidal structure. The present invention is particularly directed to mineralocorticoid receptor antagonists that are non-steroidal compounds. Use of a non-steroidal mineralocorticoid receptor antagonist potentially provides certain advantages

5 over a steroidal mineralocorticoid receptor antagonist including, e.g., further improvement in selectivity with respect to the sex hormone receptors; less complex and costly chemical synthesis; and the like.

Tricyclic pyrazoles have been reported in the literature. For example:
WO 06/086358 (published August 17, 2006) reports a class of tricyclic pyrazoles as
10 mitotic kinesin inhibitors.

Non-steroidal compounds useful as mineralocorticoid receptor antagonists have been reported in the literature. For example:

WO 06/076202 (published July 20, 2006) reports a class of imidazole carboxamides as mineralocorticoid receptor antagonists.

15 WO 06/012642 (published February 2, 2006) reports a class of pyrrole carboxamides as mineralocorticoid receptor antagonists.

WO 04/052847 (published June 24, 2004) reports a class of dibenzosuberanes as mineralocorticoid receptor antagonists.

WO 05/066161 (published July 21, 2005) reports a class of dibenzosuberanes as
20 mineralocorticoid receptor antagonists.

WO 03/078394 (published September 25, 2003) reports a class of 3,3-bisaryl oxindoles as mineralocorticoid receptor antagonists.

WO 05/097118 (published October 20, 2005) reports a class of 4-aryl-1,4-dihydropyridines as mineralocorticoid receptor antagonists.

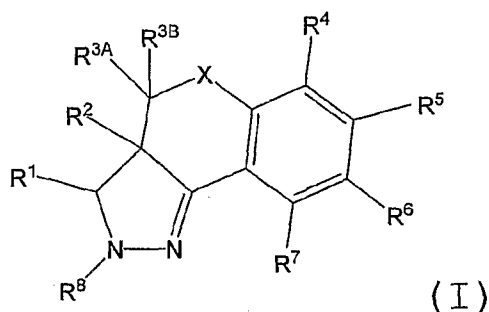
25 WO 04/067529 (published August 12, 2004) reports a class of 3-benzyl indoles as mineralocorticoid receptor antagonists.

WO 06/077821 (published July 27, 2006) reports classes of benzoxazinethiones and tetrahydroquinolines as mineralocorticoid receptor antagonists.

WO 06/010142 (published January 26, 2006) reports a class of aryl
30 benzoxazinones/thiones as mineralocorticoid receptor antagonists.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

In one embodiment, the invention comprises a class of compounds having the
35 structure of Formula I:



and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof; wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^{3A} , R^{3B} , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , R^8 , and X are as defined in the Detailed Description of the Invention.

In another embodiment, the invention comprises a pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound having the structure of Formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; and a pharmaceutically-acceptable carrier.

In another embodiment, the invention comprises a pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound having the structure of Formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; one or more additional pharmaceutically active compounds; and a pharmaceutically-acceptable carrier.

In another embodiment, the invention comprises methods of treating a condition in a subject by administering to a subject a therapeutically effective amount of a compound having the structure of Formula I. The conditions that can be treated in accordance with the present invention include cardiovascular conditions (including hypertension and heart failure), renal conditions, liver conditions, vascular conditions, retinopathy, neuropathy (including peripheral neuropathy), insulinopathy, edema, endothelial dysfunction, baroreceptor dysfunction, and the like.

In another embodiment, the invention comprises methods of treating a condition in a subject by administering a compound having the structure of Formula I in combination with another pharmaceutically active compound. The conditions that can be treated in accordance with the present invention include cardiovascular conditions (including hypertension and heart failure), renal conditions, liver conditions, vascular conditions, retinopathy, neuropathy (including peripheral neuropathy), insulinopathy, edema, endothelial dysfunction, baroreceptor dysfunction, and the like.

In another embodiment, the invention comprises use of a compound having the structure of Formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of a condition in a subject. The

5 conditions that can be treated in accordance with the present invention include cardiovascular conditions (including hypertension and heart failure), renal conditions, liver conditions, vascular conditions, retinopathy, neuropathy (including peripheral neuropathy), insulinopathy, edema, endothelial dysfunction, baroreceptor dysfunction, and the like.

10 In another embodiment, the invention comprises methods for making a compound having the structure of Formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

In another embodiment, the invention comprises intermediates useful in making a compound having the structure of Formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt
15 thereof.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

This detailed description of embodiments is intended only to acquaint others
20 skilled in the art with Applicants' invention, its principles, and its practical application so that others skilled in the art may adapt and apply the inventions in their numerous forms, as they may be best suited to the requirements of a particular use. These inventions, therefore, are not limited to the embodiments described in this specification, and may be variously modified.

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A. Abbreviations and Definitions

As used in reference to ^1H NMR, the symbol " δ " refers to a ^1H NMR chemical shift.

As used in reference to ^1H NMR, the abbreviation "br" refers to a broad ^1H NMR
30 signal.

As used in reference to ^1H NMR, the abbreviation "d" refers to a doublet ^1H NMR peak.

As used in reference to ^1H NMR, the abbreviation "dd" refers to a doublet of doublets ^1H NMR peak.

35 The abbreviation "HRMS" refers to High Resolution Mass Spectroscopy (electrospray ionisation positive scan).

The abbreviation "m/z" refers to a Mass spectrum peak.

5 As used in reference to ^1H NMR, the abbreviation "m" refers to a multiplet ^1H NMR peak.

As used in reference to ^1H NMR, the abbreviation "q" refers to a quartet ^1H NMR peak.

10 As used in reference to ^1H NMR, the abbreviation "s" refers to a singlet ^1H NMR peak.

As used in reference to ^1H NMR, the abbreviation "t" refers to a triplet ^1H NMR peak.

The term "alkyl" refers to a linear or branched-chain saturated hydrocarbyl substituent (i.e., a substituent containing only carbon and hydrogen) containing in one
15 embodiment, from about one to about twenty carbon atoms; in another embodiment from about one to about twelve carbon atoms; in another embodiment, from about one to about ten carbon atoms; in another embodiment, from about one to about eight carbon atoms; in another embodiment, from about one to about six carbon atoms; in another embodiment, from about three to about six carbons; in another embodiment,
20 from about one to about 4 carbons; in another embodiment, from about one to about three carbons; and in another embodiment, from about one to about two carbon atoms. Examples of such substituents include methyl, ethyl, propyl (including n-propyl and isopropyl), butyl (including n-butyl, isobutyl, sec-butyl and tert-butyl), pentyl, iso-amyl, hexyl and the like.

25 The term "alkenyl" refers to a linear or branched-chain hydrocarbyl substituent containing one or more double bonds and from about two to about twenty carbon atoms; in another embodiment, from about two to about twelve carbon atoms; in another embodiment, from about two to about six carbon atoms; in another embodiment, from about three to about six carbons; and in another embodiment, from about two to about
30 four carbon atoms. Examples of alkenyl include ethenyl (also known as vinyl), allyl, propenyl (including 1-propenyl and 2-propenyl) and butenyl (including 1-butenyl, 2-butenyl and 3-butenyl). The term "alkenyl" embraces substituents having "cis" and "trans" orientations, or alternatively, "E" and "Z" orientations.

The term "benzyl" refers to methyl radical substituted with phenyl.

35 The term "cycloalkyl" refers to a saturated carbocyclic substituent having three to about fourteen carbon atoms. In another embodiment, a cycloalkyl substituent has three to about eight carbon atoms. In another embodiment, a cycloalkyl substituent has from

5 three to about six carbons; in another embodiment, from three to about four carbons. Examples of cycloalkyl include cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl and cyclohexyl.

The term "aryl" refers to a carbocyclic aromatic system containing one, two or three rings wherein such rings may be attached together in a pendent manner or may be fused. The term "aryl" refers to aromatic substituents such as phenyl, naphthyl and
10 anthracenyl.

The term "arylalkyl" refers to alkyl substituted with aryl.

In some instances, the number of carbon atoms in a hydrocarbyl substituent (e.g., alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, aryl, etc.) is indicated by the prefix "C_x-C_y," wherein x is the minimum and y is the maximum number of carbon atoms in
15 the substituent. Thus, for example, "C₁-C₆-alkyl" refers to an alkyl substituent containing from 1 to 6 carbon atoms. Illustrating further, C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl refers to saturated carbocyclyl containing from 3 to 6 carbon ring atoms.

The terms "hydroxy" and "hydroxyl" each refer to -OH. Hydroxyl may be used alone to indicate the substituent, as in "a hydroxyl group." When used in combination
20 with another term(s), the prefix "hydroxy" indicates that the substituent to which the prefix is attached is substituted with one or more hydroxyl substituents. Compounds bearing a carbon to which one or more hydroxyl substituents include, for example, alcohols, enols and phenol.

The term "hydroxyalkyl" refers to an alkyl that is substituted with at least one
25 hydroxy substituent. Examples of hydroxyalkyl include hydroxymethyl, hydroxyethyl, hydroxypropyl and hydroxybutyl.

The term "alkylamino" refers to an amino group, wherein at least one alkyl chain is bonded to the amino nitrogen in place of a hydrogen atom. Examples of alkylamino substituents include monoalkylamino such as methylamino (exemplified by the formula -
30 NH(CH₃)), and dialkylamino such as dimethylamino, (exemplified by the formula - N((CH₃)₂).

The term "aminocarbonyl" refers to -C(O)-NH₂.

The term "halogen" refers to fluorine, chlorine, bromine, or iodine (which may be depicted as -I). In one embodiment, the halogen is chlorine. In another embodiment,
35 the halogen is fluorine.

The prefix "halo" indicates that the substituent to which the prefix is attached is substituted with one or more independently selected halogen substituents. For

5 example, haloalkyl refers to an alkyl that is substituted with at least one halogen substituent. Where there is more than one hydrogen replaced with a halogen, the halogen replacements may be the identical or different. Examples of haloalkyls include chloromethyl, dichloromethyl, difluorochloromethyl, dichlorofluoromethyl, trichloromethyl, 1-bromoethyl, fluoromethyl, difluoromethyl, trifluoromethyl, 2,2,2-trifluoroethyl, 10 difluoroethyl, pentafluoroethyl, difluoropropyl, dichloropropyl, and heptafluoropropyl. Illustrating further, "haloalkoxy" refers to an alkoxy that is substituted with at least one halogen substituent. Examples of haloalkoxy substituents include chloromethoxy, 1-bromomethoxy, fluoromethoxy, difluoromethoxy, trifluoromethoxy (also known as "perfluoromethoxy"), and 2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy. It should be recognized that if a 15 substituent is substituted by more than one halogen substituent, those halogen substituents may be identical or different (unless otherwise stated).

The term "oxo" refers to =O.

The term "oxy" refers to an ether substituent, and may be depicted as -O-.

The term "alkoxy" refers to an alkyl linked to an oxygen atom, which may also be 20 represented as -O-R, wherein the R represents the alkyl group. Examples of alkoxy include methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy and butoxy.

The term "alkylcarbonyl" refers to -C(O)-alkyl. For example, "ethylcarbonyl". Examples of other alkylcarbonyl include methylcarbonyl, propylcarbonyl, butylcarbonyl, pentylcarbonyl, and hexylcarbonyl.

25 The term "aminoalkylcarbonyl" refers to -C(O)-alkyl-NH₂. For example, "aminomethylcarbonyl".

The term "alkoxycarbonyl" refers to -C(O)-O-alkyl. For example, "ethoxycarbonyl". Examples of other alkoxycarbonyl include methoxycarbonyl, ethoxycarbonyl, propoxycarbonyl, butoxycarbonyl, pentoxycarbonyl, and 30 hexyloxycarbonyl. In another embodiment, where the carbon atom of the carbonyl is attached to a carbon atom of a second alkyl, the resulting functional group is an ester.

The terms "thio" and "thia" refer to a divalent sulfur atom and such a substituent may be depicted as -S-. For example, a thioether is represented as "alkyl-thio-alkyl" or, alternatively, alkyl-S-alkyl.

35 The term "thiol" refers to a sulfhydryl substituent, and may be depicted as -SH.

5 The term "sulfonyl" refers to $-S(O)_2-$. Thus, for example, "alkyl-sulfonyl-alkyl" refers to alkyl- $S(O)_2$ -alkyl. Examples of alkylsulfonyl include methylsulfonyl, ethylsulfonyl, and propylsulfonyl.

 The term "aminosulfonyl" refers to $-S(O)_2-NH_2$.

 The term "sulfinyl" refers to $-S(O)-$. Thus, for example, "alkylsulfinylalkyl" or
10 "alkylsulfoxidoalkyl" refers to alkyl- $S(O)$ -alkyl. Exemplary alkylsulfinyl groups include methylsulfinyl, ethylsulfinyl, butylsulfinyl, and hexylsulfinyl.

 The term "spiro compound" refers to two or three rings which have only one atom in common and the two or three rings are not linked by a bridge. The common ring atom is designated as the spiro atom. A spiro compound may comprise one or more
15 heteroatoms; such a compound falls within the definition of heterocyclyl, infra.

 The term "heterocyclyl" refers to a saturated, partially saturated, or completely unsaturated ring structure containing a total of 3 to 14 ring atoms. At least one of the ring atoms is a heteroatom (i.e., oxygen, nitrogen, or sulfur), with the remaining ring atoms being independently selected from the group consisting of carbon, oxygen,
20 nitrogen, and sulfur.

 A heterocyclyl may be a single ring, which typically contains from 3 to 7 ring atoms, more typically from 3 to 6 ring atoms, and even more typically 5 to 6 ring atoms. Examples of single-ring heterocyclyls include, without limitation, azetidiny, furanyl, dihydrofuranyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, thiofuranyl, dihydrothiofuranyl, tetrahydrothiofuranyl,
25 pyrrolyl, pyrrolinyl, pyrrolidinyl, imidazolyl, imidazoliny, imidazolidinyl, pyrazolyl, pyrazolinyl, pyrazolidinyl, triazolyl, tetrazolyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl, thiazolinyl, isothiazolinyl, thiazolidinyl, oxathiazolyl, oxadiazolyl, furazanyl, oxatriazolyl (including 1,2,3,4-oxatriazolyl or 1,2,3,5-oxatriazolyl), dioxazolyl (including 1,2,3-dioxazolyl, 1,2,4-dioxazolyl, 1,3,2-dioxazolyl, or 1,3,4-dioxazolyl), oxathiolanyl,
30 pyranly (including 1,2-pyranly or 1,4-pyranly), dihydropyranly, pyridinyl (also known as "pyridyl"), piperidinyl, pyridazinyl, pyrimidinyl (also known as "pyrimidyl"), pyrazinyl, piperazinyl, triazinyl, oxazinyl, oxazolidinyl, isoxazolidinyl, oxathiazinyl, oxadiazinyl, morpholinyl, azepinyl, oxepinyl, thiepinyl, and diazepinyl.

 A heterocyclyl may also comprise 2 or 3 rings fused together, wherein at least
35 one such ring contains at least one heteroatom as a ring atom (e.g., nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur). Examples of 2-fused-ring heterocyclyls include, without limitation, indolizinyl, 4H-quinolizinyl, purinyl, naphthyridinyl, pteridinyl, indolyl, isoindolyl, indoleninyl,

5 phthalazinyl, quinoxaliny, quinazoliny, benzodiaziny, benzopyrany, benzothiopyrany,
benzoxazolyl, benzodioxolyl, benzodioxanyl, benzoxadiazolyl, benzofurany,
isobenzofurany, benzothienyl, benzothiazolyl, benzothiadiazolyl, benzimidazolyl,
benzotriazolyl, benzoxazinyl, tetrahydroisoquinoliny, carbazolyl, xanthenyl, and
acridiny. Additional examples of fused ring heterocyclyls include
10 tetrahydrodioxolopyrroly and tetrahydrotriazolopyraziny.

The term "heteroaryl" refers to an aromatic heterocyclyl containing from 5 to 14
ring atoms. A heteroaryl may be a single ring or 2 or 3 fused rings. Examples of
heteroaryl substituents include 6-membered ring substituents such as pyridiny (also
known as "pyridyl"), pyrazyl, pyrimidiny (also know as "pyrimidyl"), and pyridaziny;
15 5-membered ring substituents such as triazolyl, imidazyl, furany, thiofurany, pyrazolyl,
oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, thiazolyl, oxadiazolyl and isothiazolyl; 6/5-membered fused ring
substituents such as benzothiofurany, benzisoxazolyl, benzoxazolyl, and puriny; and
6/6-membered fused rings such as quinoliny, isoquinoliny, cinnoliny, and quinazoliny.

The term "heterocyclylalkyl" refers to alkyl substituted with a heterocyclyl.

20 The term "heterocycloalkyl" refers to a fully saturated heterocyclyl.

A substituent is "substitutable" if it comprises at least one carbon, sulfur, oxygen
or nitrogen atom that is bonded to one or more hydrogen atoms. Thus, for example,
hydrogen, halogen, and cyano do not fall within this definition.

If a substituent is described as being "substituted," a non-hydrogen substituent is
25 in the place of a hydrogen substituent on a carbon or nitrogen of the substituent. Thus,
for example, a substituted alkyl substituent is an alkyl substituent wherein at least one
non-hydrogen substituent is in the place of a hydrogen substituent on the alkyl
substituent. To illustrate, monofluoroalkyl is alkyl substituted with a fluoro substituent,
and difluoroalkyl is alkyl substituted with two fluoro substituents. It should be recognized
30 that if there is more than one substitution on a substituent, each non-hydrogen
substituent may be identical or different (unless otherwise stated).

If a substituent is described as being "optionally substituted," the substituent may
be either (1) not substituted, or (2) substituted. If a carbon of a substituent is described
as being optionally substituted with one or more of a list of substituents, one or more of
35 the hydrogens on the carbon (to the extent there are any) may separately and/or
together be replaced with an independently selected optional substituent. If a nitrogen
of a substituent is described as being optionally substituted with one or more of a list of

5 substituents, one or more of the hydrogens on the nitrogen (to the extent there are any) may each be replaced with an independently selected optional substituent.

This specification uses the terms "substituent," "radical," and "group" interchangeably.

If a group of substituents are collectively described as being optionally substituted
10 by one or more of a list of substituents, the group may include: (1) unsubstitutable substituents, (2) substitutable substituents that are not substituted by the optional substituents, and/or (3) substitutable substituents that are substituted by one or more of the optional substituents.

If a substituent is described as being optionally substituted with up to a particular
15 number of non-hydrogen substituents, that substituent may be either (1) not substituted; or (2) substituted by up to that particular number of non-hydrogen substituents or by up to the maximum number of substitutable positions on the substituent, whichever is less. Thus, for example, if a substituent is described as a heteroaryl optionally substituted with up to 3 non-hydrogen substituents, then any heteroaryl with less than 3
20 substitutable positions would be optionally substituted by up to only as many non-hydrogen substituents as the heteroaryl has substitutable positions. To illustrate, tetrazolyl (which has only one substitutable position) would be optionally substituted with up to one non-hydrogen substituent. To illustrate further, if an amino nitrogen is described as being optionally substituted with up to 2 non-hydrogen substituents, then
25 the nitrogen will be optionally substituted with up to 2 non-hydrogen substituents if the amino nitrogen is a primary nitrogen, whereas the amino nitrogen will be optionally substituted with up to only 1 non-hydrogen substituent if the amino nitrogen is a secondary nitrogen.

A prefix attached to a multi-moiety substituent only applies to the first moiety. To
30 illustrate, the term "alkylcycloalkyl" contains two moieties: alkyl and cycloalkyl. Thus, the C₁-C₆- prefix on C₁-C₆-alkylcycloalkyl means that the alkyl moiety of the alkylcycloalkyl contains from 1 to 6 carbon atoms; the C₁-C₆- prefix does not describe the cycloalkyl moiety. To illustrate further, the prefix "halo" on haloalkoxyalkyl indicates that only the alkoxy moiety of the alkoxyalkyl substituent is substituted with one or more
35 halogen substituents. If halogen substitution may alternatively or additionally occur on the alkyl moiety, the substituent would instead be described as "halogen-substituted alkoxyalkyl" rather than "haloalkoxyalkyl." And finally, if the halogen substitution may

5 only occur on the alkyl moiety, the substituent would instead be described as
"alkoxyhaloalkyl."

When a substituent is comprised of multiple moieties, unless otherwise indicated, it is the intention for the final moiety to serve as the point of attachment to the remainder of the molecule.

10 For example, in a substituent A-B-C, moiety C is attached to the remainder of the molecule. In a substituent A-B-C-D, moiety D is attached to the remainder of the molecule. Similarly, in a substituent aminocarbonylmethyl, the methyl moiety is attached to the remainder of the molecule. In a substituent
trifluoromethylaminocarbonyl, the carbonyl moiety is attached to the remainder of the
15 molecule.

Parentheses may be used to describe a substituent when multiple first moieties are intended to substitute a single second moiety. In a substituent (hydroxymethyl)(ethyl)piperidinyl, both the hydroxymethyl moiety and ethyl moiety are directly attached to the piperidinyl moiety. Alternatively, if a substituent is not
20 substitutable, no parentheses are necessary. For example, a "fluorochloromethane" describes a carbon atom bonded directly to a chlorine, a fluorine, and two hydrogen atoms.

If substituents are described as being "independently selected" from a group, each substituent is selected independent of the other. Each substituent therefore may
25 be identical to or different from the other substituent(s).

The term "pharmaceutically acceptable carrier" refers to a carrier that is compatible with the other ingredients of the composition and is not deleterious to the subject. Such carriers may be pharmaceutically acceptable material, composition or vehicle, such as a liquid or solid filler, diluent, excipient, solvent or encapsulating
30 material, involved in carrying or transporting a chemical agent. The preferred composition depends on the method of administration.

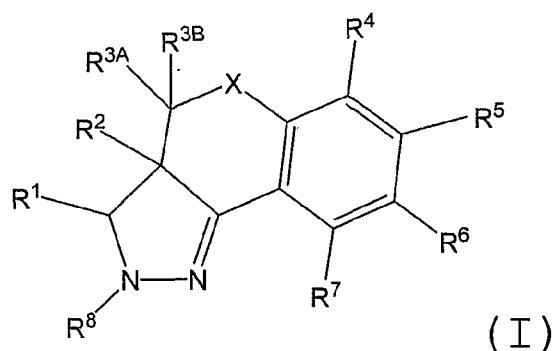
The terms "prevent," "prevention" or "preventing" refer to either preventing the onset of a preclinically evident condition altogether or preventing the onset of a preclinical evident stage of a condition in a subject. Prevention includes, but is not
35 limited to, prophylactic treatment of a subject at risk of developing a condition.

5 The term "therapeutically effective amount" refers to that amount of drug or pharmaceutical agent that will elicit the biological or medical response of a tissue, system or animal that is being sought by a researcher or clinician.

The term "treatment" (and corresponding terms "treat" and "treating") includes palliative, restorative, and preventative treatment of a subject. The term "palliative
10 treatment" refers to treatment that eases or reduces the effect or intensity of a condition in a subject without curing the condition. The term "preventative treatment" (and the corresponding term "prophylactic treatment") refers to treatment that prevents the occurrence of a condition in a subject. The term "restorative treatment" refers to treatment that halts the progression of, reduces the pathologic manifestations of, or
15 entirely eliminates a condition in a subject.

B. Compounds

The present invention is directed to a class of compounds (including
20 pharmaceutically acceptable salts and tautomers of the compounds), wherein the compounds have the structure of Formula I:



wherein:

25 X is selected from the group consisting of -CH₂- and -O-;

R¹ is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, phenyl, and heterocyclyl; wherein the heterocyclyl substituent is a five- or six-membered ring heterocyclyl comprising at least one ring heteroatom selected from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen; and wherein the alkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, phenyl, and heterocyclyl
30 substituents may be optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, halogen, alkyl, and haloalkyl;

- 5 R^2 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and alkyl;
 R^{3A} and R^{3B} are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and alkyl;
 R^4 , R^6 , and R^7 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, alkyl, haloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, and alkoxy;
- 10 R^5 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, $-(CH_2)_mOR^{50}$, $-(CH_2)_mC(O)R^{50}$, $-(CH_2)_mC(O)OR^{50}$, $-(CH_2)_mC(O)NR^{51}R^{52}$, $-(CH_2)_mNR^{51}R^{52}$, $-(CH_2)_mN(R^{51})C(O)R^{52}$, and $-(CH_2)_mS(O)_nR^{50}$;
 m is 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6;
 n is 0, 1, or 2;
- 15 R^{50} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and alkyl;
 R^{51} and R^{52} are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and alkyl; or R^{51} and R^{52} together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a five- or six-membered ring heterocyclyl; wherein the R^{50} , R^{51} and R^{52} alkyl substituents and the R^{51}/R^{52} heterocyclyl substituent may be independently and optionally substituted
- 20 with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, pyrrolidinyl, $-OR^{53}$, $-C(O)R^{53}$, $-C(O)OR^{53}$, $-C(O)NR^{54}R^{55}$, $-NR^{54}R^{55}$, $-N(R^{56})C(O)R^{53}$, $-S(O)_pR^{53}$, and $-S(O)_pNR^{54}R^{55}$;
 p is 0, 1, or 2;
 R^{53} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, haloalkyl,
- 25 hydroxyalkyl, and carboxyalkyl;
 R^{54} and R^{55} are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, haloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, and carboxyalkyl; or R^{54} and R^{55} together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a five- or six-membered ring heterocyclyl;
 R^{56} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and alkyl; and
- 30 R^8 is selected from the group consisting of phenyl, pyridinyl and pyrimidinyl; wherein the phenyl, pyridinyl and pyrimidinyl substituents may be optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, hydroxy, carboxy, alkyl, haloalkyl, cyanoalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, carboxyalkyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, cyanoalkoxy, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, and
- 35 alkoxycarbonyl.

5 In one embodiment of the compounds of Formula I, R^{3A} , R^{3B} , R^4 , R^6 and R^7 are each hydrogen. In another embodiment, R^2 , R^{3A} , R^{3B} , R^4 , R^6 and R^7 are each hydrogen. In still another embodiment, X is $-\text{CH}_2-$; and R^2 , R^{3A} , R^{3B} , R^4 , R^6 and R^7 are each hydrogen. In still another embodiment, X is $-\text{O}-$; and R^2 , R^{3A} , R^{3B} , R^4 , R^6 and R^7 are each hydrogen.

10 In another embodiment of the compounds of Formula I, R^2 , R^{3A} , R^{3B} , R^4 , R^6 and R^7 are each hydrogen; and R^1 is selected from the group consisting of cycloalkyl and phenyl; wherein the R^1 cycloalkyl and phenyl substituents may be optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of
15 halogen, alkyl, and haloalkyl.

In another embodiment of the compounds of Formula I, R^2 , R^{3A} , R^{3B} , R^4 , R^6 and R^7 are each hydrogen; and R^8 is phenyl; wherein the R^8 phenyl substituent may be optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the
20 group consisting of halogen, cyano, hydroxy, carboxy, alkyl, haloalkyl, cyanoalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, carboxyalkyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, cyanoalkoxy, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, and alkoxycarbonyl. In still another embodiment, the R^8 phenyl substituent may be optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, and alkyl.

25 In another embodiment of the compounds of Formula I, R^2 , R^{3A} , R^{3B} , R^4 , R^6 and R^7 are each hydrogen; and R^8 is pyridinyl; wherein the R^8 pyridinyl substituent may be optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, hydroxy, carboxy, alkyl, haloalkyl, cyanoalkyl,
30 hydroxyalkyl, carboxyalkyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, cyanoalkoxy, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, and alkoxycarbonyl. In still another embodiment, the R^8 pyridinyl substituent may be optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, and alkyl.

35 In another embodiment of the compounds of Formula I, R^2 , R^{3A} , R^{3B} , R^4 , R^6 and R^7 are each hydrogen; and R^5 is selected from the group consisting of $-(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{OR}^{50}$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{C}(\text{O})\text{OR}^{50}$, and $-(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NR}^{51}\text{R}^{52}$; wherein m is 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6; R^{50} is

5 selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and alkyl; R^{51} and R^{52} are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and alkyl; or R^{51} and R^{52} together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a five- or six-membered ring heterocyclyl; wherein the R^{50} , R^{51} and R^{52} alkyl substituents and the R^{51}/R^{52} heterocyclyl substituent may be independently and optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected
 10 from the group consisting of halogen, pyrrolidinyl, $-OR^{53}$, $-C(O)R^{53}$, $-C(O)OR^{53}$, $-C(O)NR^{54}R^{55}$, $-NR^{54}R^{55}$, $-N(R^{56})C(O)R^{53}$, $-S(O)_pR^{53}$, and $-S(O)_pNR^{54}R^{55}$; p is 0, 1 or 2; R^{53} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, haloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, and carboxyalkyl; R^{54} and R^{55} are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, haloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, and carboxyalkyl; or R^{54} and R^{55} together with
 15 the nitrogen to which they are attached form a five- or six-membered ring heterocyclyl; and R^{56} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and alkyl. In still another embodiment, R^5 is $-(CH_2)_mC(O)OR^{50}$; m is 0; and R^{50} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and alkyl. In still another embodiment, R^5 is $-(CH_2)_mC(O)OR^{50}$; m is 0; and R^{50} is hydrogen.

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In another embodiment of the compounds of Formula I, R^2 , R^{3A} , R^{3B} , R^4 , R^6 and R^7 are each hydrogen; R^1 is selected from the group consisting of (C₃-C₇)-cycloalkyl and phenyl; wherein the R^1 (C₃-C₇)-cycloalkyl and phenyl substituents may be optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group
 25 consisting of halogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, and halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl; R^5 is selected from the group consisting of $-(CH_2)_mOR^{50}$, $-(CH_2)_mC(O)OR^{50}$, and $-(CH_2)_mC(O)NR^{51}R^{52}$; wherein m is 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6; R^{50} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and (C₁-C₆)-alkyl; R^{51} and R^{52} are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and (C₁-C₆)-alkyl; or R^{51} and R^{52} together with the nitrogen to which they are attached
 30 form a five- or six-membered ring heterocyclyl; wherein the R^{50} , R^{51} and R^{52} (C₁-C₆)-alkyl substituents and the R^{51}/R^{52} heterocyclyl substituent may be independently and optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, pyrrolidinyl, $-OR^{53}$, $-C(O)R^{53}$, $-C(O)OR^{53}$, $-C(O)NR^{54}R^{55}$, $-NR^{54}R^{55}$, $-N(R^{56})C(O)R^{53}$, $-S(O)_pR^{53}$, and $-S(O)_pNR^{54}R^{55}$; p is 0, 1 or 2; R^{53} is selected from the
 35 group consisting of hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, hydroxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, and carboxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl; R^{54} and R^{55} are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, hydroxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, and

5 carboxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl; or R⁵⁴ and R⁵⁵ together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a five- or six-membered ring heterocyclyl; and R⁵⁶ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and (C₁-C₆)-alkyl; and R⁸ is selected from the group consisting of phenyl and pyridinyl; wherein the R⁸ phenyl and pyridinyl substituents may be optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, hydroxy, carboxy, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, cyano-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, hydroxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, carboxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, (C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, cyano-(C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, amino, (C₁-C₆)-alkylamino, di-(C₁-C₆)-alkylamino, and -(C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl. In still another embodiment, X is -CH₂-. In still another embodiment, X is -O-.

15 In another embodiment of the compounds of Formula I, R², R^{3A}, R^{3B}, R⁴, R⁶ and R⁷ are each hydrogen; R¹ is (C₃-C₇)-cycloalkyl; wherein the R¹ (C₃-C₇)-cycloalkyl substituent may be optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, and halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl; R⁵ is selected from the group consisting of -(CH₂)_mOR⁵⁰, -(CH₂)_mC(O)OR⁵⁰, and -(CH₂)_mC(O)NR⁵¹R⁵²; wherein m is 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6; R⁵⁰ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and (C₁-C₆)-alkyl; R⁵¹ and R⁵² are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and (C₁-C₆)-alkyl; or R⁵¹ and R⁵² together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a five- or six-membered ring heterocyclyl; wherein the R⁵⁰, R⁵¹ and R⁵² (C₁-C₆)-alkyl substituents and the R⁵¹/R⁵² heterocyclyl substituent may be independently and optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, pyrrolidinyl, -OR⁵³, -C(O)R⁵³, -C(O)OR⁵³, -C(O)NR⁵⁴R⁵⁵, -NR⁵⁴R⁵⁵, -N(R⁵⁶)C(O)R⁵³, -S(O)_pR⁵³, and -S(O)_pNR⁵⁴R⁵⁵; p is 0, 1 or 2; R⁵³ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, hydroxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, and carboxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl; R⁵⁴ and R⁵⁵ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, hydroxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, and carboxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl; or R⁵⁴ and R⁵⁵ together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a five- or six-membered ring heterocyclyl; and R⁵⁶ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and (C₁-C₆)-alkyl; and R⁸ is selected from the group consisting of phenyl and pyridinyl; wherein the R⁸ phenyl and pyridinyl substituents may be optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, hydroxy, carboxy,

5 (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, cyano-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, hydroxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, carboxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, (C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, cyano-(C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, amino, (C₁-C₆)-alkylamino, di-(C₁-C₆)-alkylamino, and -(C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl. In still another embodiment, X is -CH₂-. In still another embodiment, X is -O-. In still another embodiment, R¹ is selected from the group consisting of cyclohexyl, cyclopentyl,
 10 cyclobutyl and cyclopropyl. In still another embodiment, R¹ is cyclopentyl.

In another embodiment of the compounds of Formula I, R², R^{3A}, R^{3B}, R⁴, R⁶ and R⁷ are each hydrogen; R¹ is phenyl; wherein the R¹ phenyl substituent may be optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group
 15 consisting of halogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, and halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl; R⁵ is selected from the group consisting of -(CH₂)_mOR⁵⁰, -(CH₂)_mC(O)OR⁵⁰, and -(CH₂)_mC(O)NR⁵¹R⁵²; wherein m is 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6; R⁵⁰ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and (C₁-C₆)-alkyl; R⁵¹ and R⁵² are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and (C₁-C₆)-alkyl; or R⁵¹ and R⁵² together with the nitrogen to which they are attached
 20 form a five- or six-membered ring heterocyclyl; wherein the R⁵⁰, R⁵¹ and R⁵² (C₁-C₆)-alkyl substituents and the R⁵¹/R⁵² heterocyclyl substituent may be independently and optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, pyrrolidinyl, -OR⁵³, -C(O)R⁵³, -C(O)OR⁵³, -C(O)NR⁵⁴R⁵⁵, -NR⁵⁴R⁵⁵, -N(R⁵⁶)C(O)R⁵³, -S(O)_pR⁵³, and -S(O)_pNR⁵⁴R⁵⁵; p is 0, 1 or 2; R⁵³ is selected from the
 25 group consisting of hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, hydroxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, and carboxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl;
 R⁵⁴ and R⁵⁵ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, hydroxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, and carboxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl; or R⁵⁴ and R⁵⁵ together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a five- or six-membered ring
 30 heterocyclyl; and R⁵⁶ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and (C₁-C₆)-alkyl; and R⁸ is selected from the group consisting of phenyl and pyridinyl; wherein the R⁸ phenyl and pyridinyl substituents may be optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, hydroxy, carboxy, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, cyano-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, hydroxy-(C₁-C₆)-
 35 alkyl, carboxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, (C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, cyano-(C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, amino, (C₁-C₆)-alkylamino, di-(C₁-C₆)-alkylamino, and -(C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl. In still another embodiment, the R¹ phenyl substituent may be optionally substituted with one

5 or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl and halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl. In still another embodiment, the R¹ phenyl substituent is substituted with one or more halogen substituents. In still another embodiment, the R¹ phenyl substituent may be optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of chloro and fluoro. In still another
 10 embodiment, the R¹ phenyl substituent is substituted with one or more fluoro.

In another embodiment of the compounds of Formula I, R², R^{3A}, R^{3B}, R⁴, R⁶ and R⁷ are each hydrogen; R¹ is selected from the group consisting of (C₃-C₇)-cycloalkyl and phenyl; wherein the R¹ (C₃-C₇)-cycloalkyl and phenyl substituents may be optionally
 15 substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, and halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl; R⁵ is selected from the group consisting of -(CH₂)_mOR⁵⁰, -(CH₂)_mC(O)OR⁵⁰, and -(CH₂)_mC(O)NR⁵¹R⁵²; wherein m is 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6; R⁵⁰ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and (C₁-C₆)-alkyl; R⁵¹ and R⁵² are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen
 20 and (C₁-C₆)-alkyl; or R⁵¹ and R⁵² together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a five- or six-membered ring heterocyclyl; wherein the R⁵⁰, R⁵¹ and R⁵² (C₁-C₆)-alkyl substituents and the R⁵¹/R⁵² heterocyclyl substituent may be independently and optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, pyrrolidinyl, -OR⁵³, -C(O)R⁵³, -C(O)OR⁵³, -C(O)NR⁵⁴R⁵⁵, -NR⁵⁴R⁵⁵, -
 25 N(R⁵⁶)C(O)R⁵³, -S(O)_pR⁵³, and -S(O)_pNR⁵⁴R⁵⁵; p is 0, 1 or 2; R⁵³ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, hydroxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, and carboxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl; R⁵⁴ and R⁵⁵ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, hydroxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, and carboxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl; or R⁵⁴ and R⁵⁵ together with the nitrogen to which they are
 30 attached form a five- or six-membered ring heterocyclyl; and R⁵⁶ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and (C₁-C₆)-alkyl; and R⁸ is phenyl; wherein the R⁸ phenyl substituent is substituted with one or more cyano substituents and, optionally, may be further substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, hydroxy, carboxy, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, cyano-(C₁-C₆)-
 35 alkyl, hydroxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, carboxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, (C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, cyano-(C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, amino, (C₁-C₆)-alkylamino, di-(C₁-C₆)-alkylamino, and (C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl. In still another embodiment, the R⁸ phenyl substituent is substituted

5 with one or more cyano substituents and, optionally, may be further substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl and (C₁-C₆)-alkoxy. In still another embodiment, the R⁸ phenyl substituent is substituted with one or more cyano substituents and, optionally, may be further substituted with one or more halogen substituents. In still another embodiment, the R⁸ phenyl substituent is substituted with one or more cyano substituents and, optionally, may be further substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of chloro and fluoro. In still another embodiment, the R⁸ phenyl substituent is substituted with one or more cyano substituents and, optionally, may be further substituted with one or more chloro. In still another embodiment, the R⁸ phenyl substituent is substituted with one or more cyano substituents and, optionally, may be further substituted with one or more (C₁-C₆)-alkyl substituents. In still another embodiment, the R⁸ phenyl substituent is substituted with one or more cyano substituents and, optionally, may be further substituted with one or more (C₁-C₄)-alkyl substituents. In still another embodiment, R⁸ phenyl substituent is substituted with one or more cyano substituents and, optionally, may be further substituted with one or more methyl substituents.

In another embodiment of the compounds of Formula I, R², R^{3A}, R^{3B}, R⁴, R⁶ and R⁷ are each hydrogen; R¹ is selected from the group consisting of (C₃-C₇)-cycloalkyl and phenyl; wherein the R¹ (C₃-C₇)-cycloalkyl and phenyl substituents may be optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, and halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl; R⁵ is -(CH₂)_mC(O)OR⁵⁰; wherein m is 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6; R⁵⁰ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and (C₁-C₆)-alkyl; wherein the R⁵⁰ (C₁-C₆)-alkyl substituent may be independently and optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of -OR⁵³, -C(O)R⁵³, -C(O)OR⁵³, -C(O)NR⁵⁴R⁵⁵, -NR⁵⁴R⁵⁵, -N(R⁵⁶)C(O)R⁵³, -S(O)_pR⁵³, and -S(O)_pNR⁵⁴R⁵⁵; p is 0, 1 or 2; R⁵³ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, hydroxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, and carboxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl; R⁵⁴ and R⁵⁵ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, hydroxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, and carboxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl; or R⁵⁴ and R⁵⁵ together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a five- or six-membered ring heterocyclyl; and R⁵⁶ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and (C₁-C₆)-

5 alkyl; and R^8 is selected from the group consisting of phenyl and pyridinyl; wherein the R^8 phenyl and pyridinyl substituents may be optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, hydroxy, carboxy, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, cyano-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, hydroxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, carboxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, (C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, cyano-(C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, amino, (C₁-C₆)-alkylamino, di-(C₁-C₆)-alkylamino, and -(C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl. In still another embodiment, m is 0. In still another embodiment, R^{50} is hydrogen. In still another embodiment, m is 0, and R^{50} is hydrogen.

In another embodiment of the compounds of Formula I, R^2 , R^{3A} , R^{3B} , R^4 , R^6 and R^7 are each hydrogen; R^1 is selected from the group consisting of (C₃-C₇)-cycloalkyl and phenyl; wherein the R^1 (C₃-C₇)-cycloalkyl and phenyl substituents may be optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, and halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl; R^5 is $-(CH_2)_mC(O)NR^{51}R^{52}$; wherein m is 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6; R^{51} and R^{52} are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and (C₁-C₆)-alkyl; or R^{51} and R^{52} together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a five- or six-membered ring heterocyclyl; wherein the R^{51} and R^{52} (C₁-C₆)-alkyl substituents and the R^{51}/R^{52} heterocyclyl substituent may be independently and optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, pyrrolidinyl, $-OR^{53}$, $-C(O)R^{53}$, $-C(O)OR^{53}$, $-C(O)NR^{54}R^{55}$, $-NR^{54}R^{55}$, $-N(R^{56})C(O)R^{53}$, $-S(O)_pR^{53}$, and $-S(O)_pNR^{54}R^{55}$; p is 0, 1 or 2; R^{53} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, hydroxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, and carboxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl; R^{54} and R^{55} are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, hydroxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, and carboxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl; or R^{54} and R^{55} together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a five- or six-membered ring heterocyclyl; and R^{56} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and (C₁-C₆)-alkyl; and R^8 is selected from the group consisting of phenyl and pyridinyl; wherein the R^8 phenyl and pyridinyl substituents may be optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, hydroxy, carboxy, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, cyano-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, hydroxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, carboxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, (C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, cyano-(C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, amino, (C₁-C₆)-alkylamino, di-(C₁-C₆)-alkylamino, and -(C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl. In still another embodiment, m is 0. In still another

embodiment, R^{50} is hydrogen. In still another embodiment, m is 0; and R^{51} and R^{52} are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and (C_1-C_6) -alkyl. In still another embodiment, m is 0; and R^{51} and R^{52} are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and (C_1-C_6) -alkyl; wherein the R^{51} and R^{52} (C_1-C_6) -alkyl substituents may be independently and optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of $-OR^{53}$ and $-S(O)_pR^{53}$; p is 0, 1 or 2; and R^{53} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and (C_1-C_6) -alkyl.

In another embodiment of the compounds of Formula I, R^2 , R^{3A} , R^{3B} , R^4 , R^6 and R^7 are each hydrogen; R^1 is selected from the group consisting of cyclopentyl, cyclobutyl and phenyl; wherein the R^1 cyclopentyl, cyclobutyl and phenyl substituents may be optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, (C_1-C_6) -alkyl, and halo- (C_1-C_6) -alkyl; R^5 is selected from the group consisting of $-(CH_2)_mOR^{50}$, $-(CH_2)_mC(O)OR^{50}$, and $-(CH_2)_mC(O)NR^{51}R^{52}$; wherein m is 0, 1, 2, or 3; R^{50} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and (C_1-C_6) -alkyl; R^{51} and R^{52} are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and (C_1-C_6) -alkyl; wherein the R^{50} , R^{51} and R^{52} (C_1-C_6) -alkyl substituents may be independently and optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, $-OR^{53}$, $-C(O)R^{53}$, $-C(O)OR^{53}$, $-C(O)NR^{54}R^{55}$, $-NR^{54}R^{55}$, $-N(R^{56})C(O)R^{53}$, $-S(O)_pR^{53}$, and $-S(O)_pNR^{54}R^{55}$; p is 0, 1 or 2; R^{53} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, (C_1-C_6) -alkyl, halo- (C_1-C_6) -alkyl, hydroxy- (C_1-C_6) -alkyl, and carboxy- (C_1-C_6) -alkyl; R^{54} and R^{55} are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, (C_1-C_6) -alkyl, halo- (C_1-C_6) -alkyl, hydroxy- (C_1-C_6) -alkyl, and carboxy- (C_1-C_6) -alkyl; and R^{56} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and (C_1-C_6) -alkyl; and R^8 is selected from the group consisting of phenyl and pyridinyl; wherein the R^8 phenyl and pyridinyl substituents may be optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, hydroxy, carboxy, (C_1-C_6) -alkyl, halo- (C_1-C_6) -alkyl, cyano- (C_1-C_6) -alkyl, hydroxy- (C_1-C_6) -alkyl, carboxy- (C_1-C_6) -alkyl, (C_1-C_6) -alkoxy, halo- (C_1-C_6) -alkoxy, cyano- (C_1-C_6) -alkoxy, amino, (C_1-C_6) -alkylamino, di- (C_1-C_6) -alkylamino, and $-(C_1-C_6)$ -alkoxycarbonyl.

In still another embodiment, X is $-CH_2-$. In still another embodiment, X is $-O-$.

5 In another embodiment of the compounds of Formula I, R^2 , R^{3A} , R^{3B} , R^4 , R^6 and R^7 are each hydrogen; R^1 is selected from the group consisting of cyclopentyl, cyclobutyl and phenyl; wherein the R^1 cyclopentyl, cyclobutyl and phenyl substituents may be optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, and halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl; R^5 is selected
 10 from the group consisting of $-(CH_2)_mOR^{50}$, $-(CH_2)_mC(O)OR^{50}$, and $-(CH_2)_mC(O)NR^{51}R^{52}$; wherein m is 0, 1, 2, or 3; R^{50} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and (C₁-C₆)-alkyl; R^{51} and R^{52} are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and (C₁-C₆)-alkyl; wherein the R^{50} , R^{51} and R^{52} (C₁-C₆)-alkyl substituents may be independently and optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the
 15 group consisting of halogen, $-OR^{53}$, $-C(O)R^{53}$, $-C(O)OR^{53}$, $-C(O)NR^{54}R^{55}$, $-NR^{54}R^{55}$, $-N(R^{56})C(O)R^{53}$, $-S(O)_pR^{53}$, and $-S(O)_pNR^{54}R^{55}$; p is 0, 1 or 2; R^{53} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, hydroxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, and carboxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl; R^{54} and R^{55} are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, hydroxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, and
 20 carboxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl; and R^{56} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and (C₁-C₆)-alkyl; and R^8 is selected from the group consisting of phenyl and pyridinyl; wherein the R^8 phenyl and pyridinyl substituents may be optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, hydroxy, carboxy, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, cyano-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, hydroxy-
 25 (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, carboxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, (C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, cyano-(C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, amino, (C₁-C₆)-alkylamino, di-(C₁-C₆)-alkylamino, and -(C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl. In still another embodiment, X is $-CH_2-$. In still another embodiment, X is $-O-$. In still another embodiment, R^1 is cyclopentyl; wherein the R^1 cyclopentyl substituent may be optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the
 30 group consisting of halogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, and halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl. In still another embodiment, R^1 is phenyl; wherein the R^1 phenyl substituent may be optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, and halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl. In still another embodiment, R^5 is $-(CH_2)_mC(O)OR^{50}$; m is 0; and R^{50} is selected from the group consisting of
 35 hydrogen and alkyl. In still another embodiment, R^5 is $-(CH_2)_mC(O)OR^{50}$; m is 0; and R^{50} is hydrogen. In still another embodiment, R^8 is phenyl; wherein the R^8 phenyl substituent may be optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently

5 selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, hydroxy, carboxy, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, cyano-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, hydroxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, carboxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, (C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, cyano-(C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, amino, (C₁-C₆)-alkylamino, di-(C₁-C₆)-alkylamino, and -(C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl. In still another embodiment, R⁸ is pyridinyl; wherein the R⁸ pyridinyl substituent may be optionally substituted with one or
 10 more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, hydroxy, carboxy, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, cyano-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, hydroxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, carboxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, (C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, cyano-(C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, amino, (C₁-C₆)-alkylamino, di-(C₁-C₆)-alkylamino, and -(C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl.

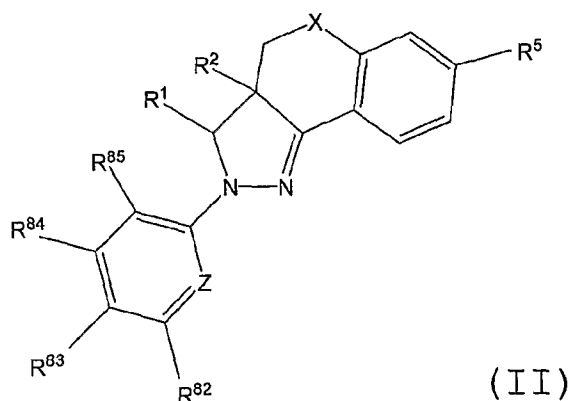
15 In another embodiment of the compounds of Formula I, R², R^{3A}, R^{3B}, R⁴, R⁶ and R⁷ are each hydrogen; R¹ is selected from the group consisting of cyclopentyl, cyclobutyl and phenyl; wherein the R¹ cyclopentyl, cyclobutyl and phenyl substituents may be optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, and halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl; R⁵ is -
 20 (CH₂)_mC(O)OR⁵⁰; wherein m is 0, 1, 2, or 3; R⁵⁰ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and (C₁-C₆)-alkyl; wherein the R⁵⁰ (C₁-C₆)-alkyl substituent may be independently and optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, -OR⁵³, -C(O)R⁵³, -C(O)OR⁵³, -C(O)NR⁵⁴R⁵⁵, -NR⁵⁴R⁵⁵, -N(R⁵⁶)C(O)R⁵³, -S(O)_pR⁵³, and -S(O)_pNR⁵⁴R⁵⁵; p is 0, 1 or 2; R⁵³ is selected from the
 25 group consisting of hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, hydroxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, and carboxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl; R⁵⁴ and R⁵⁵ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, hydroxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, and carboxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl; and R⁵⁶ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and (C₁-C₆)-alkyl; and R⁸ is selected from the group consisting of phenyl and pyridinyl;
 30 wherein the R⁸ phenyl and pyridinyl substituents may be optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, hydroxy, carboxy, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, cyano-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, hydroxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, carboxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, (C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, cyano-(C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, amino, (C₁-C₆)-alkylamino, and di-(C₁-C₆)-alkylamino. In still another
 35 embodiment, X is -CH₂-. In still another embodiment, X is -O-. In still another embodiment, R¹ is cyclopentyl; wherein the R¹ cyclopentyl substituent may be optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group

5 consisting of halogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, and halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl. In still another embodiment, R¹ is phenyl; wherein the R¹ phenyl substituent may be optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, and halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl. In still another embodiment, R⁵ is -(CH₂)_mC(O)OR⁵⁰; m is 0; and R⁵⁰ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and (C₁-C₆)-alkyl. In still
 10 another embodiment, R⁵ is -(CH₂)_mC(O)OR⁵⁰; m is 0; and R⁵⁰ is hydrogen. In still another embodiment, R⁸ is phenyl; wherein the R⁸ phenyl substituent may be optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, hydroxy, carboxy, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, cyano-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, hydroxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, carboxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, (C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, cyano-(C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, amino, (C₁-C₆)-alkylamino and di-(C₁-C₆)-alkylamino. In
 15 still another embodiment, R⁸ is pyridinyl; wherein the R⁸ pyridinyl substituent may be optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, hydroxy, carboxy, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, cyano-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, hydroxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, carboxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, (C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, cyano-(C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, amino, (C₁-C₆)-alkylamino and di-(C₁-C₆)-alkylamino.
 20 alkylamino.

In another embodiment of the compounds of Formula I, R², R^{3A}, R^{3B}, R⁴, R⁶ and R⁷ are each hydrogen; R¹ is selected from the group consisting of cyclopentyl, cyclobutyl and phenyl; wherein the R¹ cyclopentyl, cyclobutyl and phenyl substituents may be optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, and halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl; R⁵ is -(CH₂)_mC(O)OR⁵⁰; wherein m is 0, 1, or 2; R⁵⁰ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and (C₁-C₄)-alkyl; wherein the R⁵⁰ (C₁-C₄)-alkyl substituent may be
 25 independently and optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, -OR⁵³, -C(O)R⁵³, and -C(O)OR⁵³; R⁵³ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and (C₁-C₄)-alkyl; and R⁸ is selected from the group consisting of phenyl and pyridinyl; wherein the R⁸ phenyl and pyridinyl substituents may be optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the
 30 group consisting of halogen, cyano, hydroxy, carboxy, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, cyano-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, hydroxy-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, and carboxy-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl. In still another embodiment, X is -CH₂-. In still another embodiment, X is -O-. In still another
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- embodiment, R^1 is cyclopentyl; wherein the R^1 cyclopentyl substituent may be optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, (C_1-C_4) -alkyl, and halo- (C_1-C_4) -alkyl. In still another embodiment, R^1 is phenyl; wherein the R^1 phenyl substituent may be optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, (C_1-C_4) -alkyl, and halo- (C_1-C_4) -alkyl. In still another embodiment, R^5 is $-(CH_2)_mC(O)OR^{50}$; m is 0; and R^{50} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and (C_1-C_4) -alkyl. In still another embodiment, R^5 is $-(CH_2)_mC(O)OR^{50}$; m is 0; and R^{50} is hydrogen. In still another embodiment, R^8 is phenyl; wherein the R^8 phenyl substituent may be optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, hydroxy, carboxy, (C_1-C_4) -alkyl, halo- (C_1-C_4) -alkyl, cyano- (C_1-C_4) -alkyl, hydroxy- (C_1-C_4) -alkyl and carboxy- (C_1-C_4) -alkyl. In still another embodiment, R^8 is pyridinyl; wherein the R^8 pyridinyl substituent may be optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, hydroxy, carboxy, (C_1-C_4) -alkyl, halo- (C_1-C_4) -alkyl, cyano- (C_1-C_4) -alkyl, hydroxy- (C_1-C_4) -alkyl and carboxy- (C_1-C_4) -alkyl.

The present invention is also directed to a subclass of compounds (including pharmaceutically acceptable salts and tautomers of the compounds), wherein the compounds have the structure of Formula II:



wherein:

- X is selected from the group consisting of $-CH_2-$ and $-O-$;

5 Z is selected from the group consisting of $-C(R^{81})-$ and $-N-$;

R^1 is selected from the group consisting of cyclopentyl, cyclobutyl and phenyl; wherein the R^1 cyclopentyl, cyclobutyl and phenyl substituents may be optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of chloro, fluoro, methyl, ethyl, propyl, chloromethyl, dichloromethyl,

10 trichloromethyl, fluoromethyl, difluoromethyl and trifluoromethyl;

R^2 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen or (C_1-C_4) -alkyl;

R^5 is selected from the group consisting of $-(CH_2)_mOR^{50}$, $-(CH_2)_mC(O)OR^{50}$, and $-(CH_2)_mC(O)NR^{51}R^{52}$; wherein:

m is 0, 1, 2, or 3;

15 R^{50} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and (C_1-C_6) -alkyl;

R^{51} and R^{52} are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and (C_1-C_6) -alkyl; wherein the R^{50} , R^{51} and R^{52} (C_1-C_6) -alkyl substituents may be independently and optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, $-OR^{53}$, $-C(O)R^{53}$, $-C(O)OR^{53}$, $-C(O)NR^{54}R^{55}$, $-NR^{54}R^{55}$, $-N(R^{56})C(O)R^{53}$, $-S(O)_pR^{53}$, and $-S(O)_pNR^{54}R^{55}$;

p is 0, 1 or 2;

R^{53} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, (C_1-C_6) -alkyl, halo- (C_1-C_6) -alkyl, hydroxy- (C_1-C_6) -alkyl, and carboxy- (C_1-C_6) -alkyl;

25 R^{54} and R^{55} are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, (C_1-C_6) -alkyl, halo- (C_1-C_6) -alkyl, hydroxy- (C_1-C_6) -alkyl, and carboxy- (C_1-C_6) -alkyl; and

R^{81} , R^{82} , R^{83} , R^{84} , and R^{85} are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, chloro, fluoro, cyano, hydroxy, carboxy, methyl, ethyl, trichloromethyl, trifluoromethyl, cyanomethyl, hydroxymethyl, carboxymethyl, methoxy, amino, methylamino, and dimethylamino.

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In one embodiment of the compounds of Formula II, R^2 is methyl.

In another embodiment of the compounds of Formula II, R^2 is hydrogen.

35 In another embodiment of the compounds of Formula II, R^2 is hydrogen; R^5 is $-(CH_2)_mC(O)OR^{50}$; wherein m is 0, 1, 2, or 3; R^{50} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and (C_1-C_6) -alkyl; wherein the R^{50} (C_1-C_6) -alkyl substituent may be

5 independently and optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, $-OR^{53}$, $-C(O)R^{53}$, $-C(O)OR^{53}$, $-C(O)NR^{54}R^{55}$, $-NR^{54}R^{55}$, $-N(R^{56})C(O)R^{53}$, $-S(O)_pR^{53}$, and $-S(O)_pNR^{54}R^{55}$; p is 0, 1 or 2; R^{53} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, (C_1-C_6) -alkyl, halo- (C_1-C_6) -alkyl, hydroxy- (C_1-C_6) -alkyl, and carboxy- (C_1-C_6) -alkyl; and R^{54} and R^{55} are independently selected from the group
 10 consisting of hydrogen, (C_1-C_6) -alkyl, halo- (C_1-C_6) -alkyl, hydroxy- (C_1-C_6) -alkyl, and carboxy- (C_1-C_6) -alkyl.

In another embodiment of the compounds of Formula II, R^2 is hydrogen; R^5 is $-(CH_2)_mC(O)OR^{50}$; wherein m is 0, 1, or 2; R^{50} is selected from the group consisting of
 15 hydrogen and (C_1-C_4) -alkyl; wherein the R^{50} (C_1-C_4) -alkyl substituent may be independently and optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, $-OR^{53}$, $-C(O)R^{53}$, and $-C(O)OR^{53}$; and R^{53} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and (C_1-C_4) -alkyl.

20 In another embodiment of the compounds of Formula II, R^2 is hydrogen; Z is selected from the group consisting of $-C(R^{81})-$ and $-N-$; R^1 is selected from the group consisting of cyclopentyl, cyclobutyl and phenyl; wherein the R^1 cyclopentyl, cyclobutyl and phenyl substituents may be optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of chloro, fluoro, methyl, and
 25 trifluoromethyl; R^5 is $-(CH_2)_mC(O)OR^{50}$; wherein m is 0, 1, or 2; R^{50} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and (C_1-C_4) -alkyl; wherein the R^{50} (C_1-C_4) -alkyl substituent may be independently and optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, $-OR^{53}$, $-C(O)R^{53}$, and $-C(O)OR^{53}$; and R^{53} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and (C_1-C_4) -alkyl; and R^{81} , R^{82} , R^{83} , R^{84} ,
 30 and R^{85} are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, chloro, fluoro, cyano, hydroxy, carboxy, methyl, ethyl, cyanomethyl, hydroxymethyl, carboxymethyl, methoxy, amino, methylamino, and dimethylamino.

In another embodiment of the compounds of Formula II, R^2 is hydrogen; Z is
 35 selected from the group consisting of $-C(R^{81})-$ and $-N-$; R^1 is selected from the group consisting of cyclopentyl, cyclobutyl and phenyl; wherein the R^1 cyclopentyl, cyclobutyl and phenyl substituents may be optionally substituted with fluoro; R^5 is -

- 5 $(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{C}(\text{O})\text{OR}^{50}$; wherein m is 0; R^{50} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{-alkyl}$; and R^{81} and R^{85} are each hydrogen; and R^{82} , R^{83} , and R^{84} are independently selected from the group consisting of chloro, cyano, and methyl.

In another embodiment of the compounds of Formula II, R^2 is hydrogen; X is -
 10 CH_2 ; Z is $-\text{C}(\text{R}^{81})-$; R^1 is selected from the group consisting of cyclopentyl, cyclobutyl and phenyl; wherein the R^1 phenyl substituent may be optionally substituted with fluoro; R^5 is $-(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{C}(\text{O})\text{OR}^{50}$; wherein m is 0; R^{50} is hydrogen; R^{81} , R^{84} and R^{85} are each hydrogen; and R^{82} and R^{83} are independently selected from the group consisting of
 15 chloro, cyano, and methyl. In still another embodiment, R^{82} is selected from the group consisting of chloro and methyl; and R^{83} is cyano. In still another embodiment, R^{82} is chloro and R^{83} is cyano. In still another embodiment, R^1 is cyclopentyl. In still another embodiment, R^1 is phenyl; wherein the R^1 phenyl substituent may be optionally substituted with fluoro. In still another embodiment, R^1 is phenyl; wherein the R^1 phenyl substituent may be optionally substituted with fluoro at the para position.

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In another embodiment of the compounds of Formula II, R^2 is hydrogen; X is -
 O-; Z is $-\text{C}(\text{R}^{81})-$; R^1 is selected from the group consisting of cyclopentyl, cyclobutyl and phenyl; wherein the R^1 phenyl substituent may be optionally substituted with fluoro; R^5 is
 25 $-(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{C}(\text{O})\text{OR}^{50}$; wherein m is 0; R^{50} is hydrogen; R^{81} , R^{84} and R^{85} are each hydrogen; and R^{82} and R^{83} are independently selected from the group consisting of chloro, cyano, and methyl. In still another embodiment, R^{82} is selected from the group consisting of chloro and methyl; and R^{83} is cyano. In still another embodiment, R^{82} is chloro and R^{83} is cyano. In still another embodiment, R^1 is cyclopentyl. In still another embodiment, R^1 is phenyl; wherein the R^1 phenyl substituent may be optionally substituted with fluoro. In
 30 still another embodiment, R^1 is phenyl; wherein the R^1 phenyl substituent may be optionally substituted with fluoro at the para position.

In another embodiment of the compounds of Formula II, R^2 is hydrogen; X is -
 35 CH_2 ; Z is $-\text{N}-$; R^1 is selected from the group consisting of cyclopentyl, cyclobutyl and phenyl; wherein the R^1 phenyl substituent may be optionally substituted with fluoro; R^5 is $-(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{C}(\text{O})\text{OR}^{50}$; wherein m is 0; R^{50} is hydrogen; R^{81} , R^{84} and R^{85} are each hydrogen; and R^{82} and R^{83} are independently selected from the group consisting of chloro, cyano,

5 and methyl. In still another embodiment, R^{82} is selected from the group consisting of chloro and methyl; and R^{83} is cyano. In still another embodiment, R^{82} is chloro and R^{83} is cyano. In still another embodiment, R^1 is cyclopentyl. In still another embodiment, R^1 is phenyl; wherein the R^1 phenyl substituent may be optionally substituted with fluoro. In still another embodiment, R^1 is phenyl; wherein the R^1 phenyl substituent may be
 10 optionally substituted with fluoro at the para position.

In another embodiment of the compounds of Formula II, R^2 is hydrogen; X is -O-; Z is -N-; R^1 is selected from the group consisting of cyclopentyl, cyclobutyl and phenyl; wherein the R^1 phenyl substituent may be optionally substituted with fluoro; R^5 is
 15 $-(CH_2)_mC(O)OR^{50}$; wherein m is 0; R^{50} is hydrogen; R^{81} , R^{84} and R^{85} are each hydrogen; and R^{82} and R^{83} are independently selected from the group consisting of chloro, cyano, and methyl. In still another embodiment, R^{82} is selected from the group consisting of chloro and methyl; and R^{83} is cyano. In still another embodiment, R^{82} is chloro and R^{83} is cyano. In still another embodiment, R^1 is cyclopentyl. In still another embodiment, R^1
 20 is phenyl; wherein the R^1 phenyl substituent may be optionally substituted with fluoro. In still another embodiment, R^1 is phenyl; wherein the R^1 phenyl substituent may be optionally substituted with fluoro at the para position.

In another embodiment, the compounds of Formula II are selected from the group
 25 consisting of:

2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid;

3-(4-fluorophenyl)-7-hydroxy-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[g]indazol-2-yl)-2-methylbenzonitrile;

30 3-(4-fluorophenyl)-7-hydroxy-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[g]indazol-2-yl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile;

2-chloro-4-(3-(4-fluorophenyl)-7-hydroxy-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[g]indazol-2-yl)benzonitrile; and

2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-N-(2-(methylsulfonyl)ethyl)-
 35 3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxamide.

5 In another embodiment, the compounds of Formula II are selected from the group consisting of:

2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid;

2-(4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid;

2-(4-cyano-3-methylphenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid;

2-(5-cyano-6-methylpyridin-2-yl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid;

2-(4-cyano-3-methoxyphenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid; and

N-(-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazol-7-yl)acetamide;

20 In another embodiment, the compounds of Formula II are selected from the group consisting of:

methyl 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate;

2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3a-methyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid;

2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-N-(2-(methylsulfonyl)ethyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxamide;

2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-N-(2-hydroxyethyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxamide; and

2-(4-cyano-3-methylphenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid.

In another embodiment, the compounds of Formula II are selected from the group consisting of:

2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclobutyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid;

5 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentenyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid; and
 2-(4-cyano-3-methylphenyl)-3-cyclopentenyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid.

10 In another embodiment, the compounds of Formula II are selected from the group consisting of:

 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(5-methyl-2-furyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid;
 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(3-furyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-
15 7-carboxylic acid;
 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(5-methyl-2-furyl)-N-[2-(methylsulfonyl)ethyl]-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxamide; and
 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-N-[2-(methylsulfonyl)ethyl]-3-(2-methyl-1,3-thiazol-5-yl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxamide.

20 In another embodiment, the compounds of Formula II are selected from the group consisting of:

 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid;
25 2-[4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-3-cyclopentyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid;
 2-(4-cyano-3-methylphenyl)-3-cyclopentenyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid; and
 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentenyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-
30 c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid.

C. Isomers

35 The compounds of the present invention can be present as stereoisomers, such as enantiomers and diastereomers. For example, the compounds (including the compounds of Formulae I and II) generally comprise two or more asymmetric carbon atoms and can be present in the form of one or more stereoisomers (e.g., individual

5 enantiomers, diastereomers, and mixtures thereof). More specifically, the compounds of the present invention can be present as the 3R,3aR stereoisomer, the 3S,3aS stereoisomer, the 3S,3aR stereoisomer, the 3R,3aS stereoisomer, or a mixture of two or more of these stereoisomers.

10 In one embodiment, the compound of Formulae I or II has the 3R,3aR configuration.

In another embodiment, the compound of Formulae I or II has the 3S,3aS configuration.

In another embodiment, the compound of Formulae I or II has the 3S,3aR configuration.

15 In another embodiment, the compound of Formulae I or II has the 3R,3aS configuration.

In another embodiment, the compound of Formulae I or II is present as a mixture of two or more stereoisomers selected from the group consisting of the 3R,3aR stereoisomer, the 3S,3aS stereoisomer, the 3S,3aR stereoisomer, and the 3R,3aS stereoisomer.

20 In addition, when a compound of the present invention contains an alkenyl group or moiety, geometric isomers may arise.

D. Tautomeric Forms

25 The present invention comprises the tautomeric forms of compounds of Formulae I and II. Where structural isomers are interconvertible via a low energy barrier, tautomeric isomerism ('tautomerism') can occur. This can take the form of proton tautomerism in compounds of Formula I or Formula II containing, for example, an imino, keto, or oxime group, or so-called valence tautomerism in compounds which contain an aromatic moiety. It follows that a single compound may exhibit more than one type of isomerism. The various ratios of the tautomers in solid and liquid form are dependent on the various substituents on the molecule as well as the particular crystallization technique used to isolate a compound.

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E. Salts

5 The compounds of this invention may be used in the form of salts derived from inorganic or organic acids. Depending on the particular compound, a salt of the compound may be advantageous due to one or more of the salt's physical properties, such as enhanced pharmaceutical stability in differing temperatures and humidities, or a desirable solubility in water or oil. In some instances, a salt of a compound also may be
10 used as an aid in the isolation, purification, and/or resolution of the compound.

 Where a salt is intended to be administered to a patient (as opposed to, for example, being used in an in vitro context), an exemplary salt is pharmaceutically acceptable. The term "pharmaceutically acceptable salt" refers to a salt prepared by combining a compound of Formulae I or II with an acid whose anion, or a base whose
15 cation, is generally considered suitable for human consumption. Pharmaceutically acceptable salts are particularly useful as products of the methods of the present invention because of their greater aqueous solubility relative to the parent compound.

For use in medicine, the salts of the compounds of this invention are non-toxic

"pharmaceutically acceptable salts." Salts encompassed within the term

20 "pharmaceutically acceptable salts" refer to non-toxic salts of the compounds of this invention which are generally prepared by reacting the free base with a suitable organic or inorganic acid.

 Suitable pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts of the compounds of the present invention when possible include those derived from inorganic acids, e.g.

25 hydrochloric, hydrobromic, hydrofluoric, boric, fluoroboric, phosphoric, metaphosphoric, nitric, carbonic, sulfonic, and sulfuric acids, and organic acids, e.g. acetic, benzenesulfonic, benzoic, citric, malic, ethanesulfonic, fumaric, gluconic, glycolic, isothionic, lactic, lactobionic, maleic, methanesulfonic, trifluoromethanesulfonic, succinic, toluenesulfonic, tartaric, and trifluoroacetic acids.

30 Suitable organic acids generally include, for example, aliphatic, cycloaliphatic, aromatic, araliphatic, heterocyclic, carboxylic, and sulfonic classes of organic acids. Specific examples of suitable organic acids include acetate, trifluoroacetate, formate, propionate, succinate, glycolate, gluconate, digluconate, lactate, malate, tartaric acid, citrate, ascorbate, glucuronate, maleate, fumarate, pyruvate, aspartate, glutamate,
35 benzoate, anthranilic acid, mesylate, stearate, salicylate, p-hydroxybenzoate, phenylacetate, mandelate, embonate (pamoate), methanesulfonate, ethanesulfonate, benzenesulfonate, pantothenate, toluenesulfonate, 2-hydroxyethanesulfonate,

5 sufanilate, cyclohexylaminosulfonate, algenic acid, β -hydroxybutyric acid, galactarate, galacturonate, adipate, alginate, butyrate, camphorate, camphorsulfonate, cyclopentanepropionate, dodecylsulfate, glycoheptanoate, glycerophosphate, heptanoate, hexanoate, nicotinate, 2-naphthalesulfonate, oxalate, palmoate, pectinate, 3-phenylpropionate, picrate, pivalate, thiocyanate, tosylate, and undecanoate.

10 In another embodiment, examples of suitable addition salts formed include the acetate, aspartate, benzoate, besylate, bicarbonate/carbonate, bisulphate/sulphate, borate, camsyate, citrate, edisylate, esylate, formate, fumarate, gluceptate, gluconate, glucuronate, hexafluorophosphate, hibenzate, hydrochloride/chloride, hydrobromide/bromide, hydroiodide/iodide, isethionate, lactate, malate, maleate, nitrate, 15 orotate, oxalate, palmitate, pamoate, phosphate/hydrogen phosphate/dihydrogen phosphate, saccharate, stearate, succinate, tartrate, tosylate and trifluoroacetate salts. In another embodiment, representative salts include benzenesulfonate, hydrobromide and hydrochloride.

Furthermore, where the compounds of the invention carry an acidic moiety, 20 suitable pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof may include alkali metal salts, e.g., sodium or potassium salts; alkaline earth metal salts, e.g., calcium or magnesium salts; and salts formed with suitable organic ligands, e.g., quaternary ammonium salts. In another embodiment, base salts are formed from bases which form non-toxic salts, including aluminum, arginine, benzathine, choline, diethylamine, diolamine, glycine, 25 lysine, meglumine, olamine, tromethamine and zinc salts.

Organic salts may be made from secondary, tertiary or quaternary amine salts, such as tromethamine, diethylamine, N,N'-dibenzylethylenediamine, chlorprocaine, choline, diethanolamine, ethylenediamine, meglumine (N-methylglucamine), and procaine. Basic nitrogen-containing groups may be quaternized with agents such as 30 lower alkyl (C_1 - C_6) halides (e.g., methyl, ethyl, propyl, and butyl chlorides, bromides, and iodides), dialkyl sulfates (e.g., dimethyl, diethyl, dibutyl, and diamyl sulfates), long chain halides (e.g., decyl, lauryl, myristyl, and stearyl chlorides, bromides, and iodides), arylalkyl halides (e.g., benzyl and phenethyl bromides), and others. In one embodiment, hemisalts of acids and bases may also be formed, for example, hemisulphate and 35 hemicalcium salts.

5 F. Prodrugs

Also within the scope of the present invention are so-called "prodrugs" of the compounds of Formulae I and II. Thus, certain derivatives of compounds of any of Formulae I or II which may have little or no pharmacological activity themselves can, when administered into or onto the body, be converted into compounds of any of
10 Formulae I or II having the desired activity, for example, by hydrolytic cleavage. Such derivatives are referred to as "prodrugs."

Further information on the use of prodrugs may be found in "Pro-drugs as Novel Delivery Systems, Vol. 14, ACS Symposium Series (T Higuchi and W Stella) and "Bioreversible Carriers in Drug Design," Pergamon Press, 1987 (ed. E B Roche,
15 American Pharmaceutical Association). Prodrugs in accordance with the invention can, for example, be produced by replacing appropriate functionalities present in the compounds of any of Formulae I or II with certain moieties known to those skilled in the art as "pro-moieties" as described, for example, in "Design of Prodrugs" by hours Bundgaard (Elsevier, 1985).

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G. Methods of Treatment

The present invention further comprises methods for treating a condition in a subject having or susceptible to having such a condition, by administering to the subject
25 a therapeutically-effective amount of one or more compounds of Formulae I and II as described above. In one embodiment, the treatment is preventative treatment. In another embodiment, the treatment is palliative treatment. In another embodiment, the treatment is restorative treatment.

30 1. Conditions

The conditions that can be treated in accordance with the present invention include, but are not limited to, cardiovascular conditions, renal conditions, liver conditions, vascular conditions, inflammatory conditions, pain, retinopathy, neuropathy (such as peripheral neuropathy), insulinopathy, edema, endothelial dysfunction,
35 baroreceptor dysfunction and the like.

Cardiovascular conditions include, but are not limited to, hypertension, heart failure (such as congestive heart failure), diastolic dysfunction (such as left ventricular

5 diastolic dysfunction, diastolic heart failure, and impaired diastolic filling), systolic dysfunction (such as systolic heart failure), arrhythmia, ischemia, hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, sudden cardiac death, myocardial and vascular fibrosis, impaired arterial compliance, myocardial necrotic lesions, vascular damage, myocardial infarction, left ventricular hypertrophy, decreased ejection fraction, cardiac lesions,
10 vascular wall hypertrophy, endothelial thickening, fibrinoid necrosis of coronary arteries, stroke, and the like.

Renal conditions include, but are not limited to, glomerulosclerosis, end-stage renal disease, diabetic nephropathy, reduced renal blood flow, increased glomerular filtration fraction, proteinuria, decreased glomerular filtration rate, decreased creatinine
15 clearance, microalbuminuria, renal arteriopathy, ischemic lesions, thrombotic lesions, global fibrinoid necrosis, focal thrombosis of glomerular capillaries, swelling and proliferation of intracapillary (endothelial and mesangial) and/or extracapillary cells (crescents), expansion of reticulated mesangial matrix with or without significant hypercellularity, malignant nephrosclerosis (such as ischemic retraction,
20 thrombonecrosis of capillary tufts, arteriolar fibrinoid necrosis, and thrombotic microangiopathic lesions affecting glomeruli and microvessels), and the like.

Liver conditions include, but are not limited to, liver cirrhosis, liver ascites, hepatic congestion, and the like.

Vascular conditions include, but are not limited to, thrombotic vascular disease
25 (such as mural fibrinoid necrosis, extravasation and fragmentation of red blood cells, and luminal and/or mural thrombosis), proliferative arteriopathy (such as swollen myointimal cells surrounded by mucinous extracellular matrix and nodular thickening), atherosclerosis, decreased vascular compliance (such as stiffness, reduced ventricular compliance and reduced vascular compliance), endothelial dysfunction, and the like.

30 Inflammatory conditions include, but are not limited to, arthritis (for example, osteoarthritis), inflammatory airways diseases (for example, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)), and the like.

Pain includes, but is not limited to, acute pain, chronic pain (for example, arthralgia), and the like.

35 Edema includes, but is not limited to, peripheral tissue edema, hepatic congestion, splenic congestion, liver ascites, respiratory or lung congestion, and the like.

5 Insulinopathies include, but are not limited to, insulin resistance, Type I diabetes mellitus, Type II diabetes mellitus, glucose sensitivity, pre-diabetic state, syndrome X, and the like.

 In one embodiment, the condition is selected from the group consisting of cardiovascular conditions, renal conditions, and liver conditions.

10 In another embodiment, the condition is a cardiovascular condition.

 In another embodiment, the condition is a cardiovascular condition selected from the group consisting of hypertension, heart failure (particularly heart failure post myocardial infarction), left ventricular hypertrophy, and stroke.

 In another embodiment, the condition is hypertension.

15 In another embodiment, the condition is heart failure.

 In another embodiment, the condition is left ventricular hypertrophy.

 In another embodiment, the condition is stroke.

 In another embodiment, the condition is a renal condition.

 In another embodiment, the condition is nephropathy.

20 In another embodiment, the condition is Type II diabetes mellitus.

2. Subjects

 Suitable subjects to be treated according to the present invention include
25 mammalian subjects. Mammals according to the present invention include, but are not limited to, canine, feline, bovine, caprine, equine, ovine, porcine, rodents, lagomorphs, primates, and the like, and encompass mammals in utero. In one embodiment, humans are suitable subjects. Human subjects may be of either gender and at any stage of development.

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3. Administration and Dosing

 The compounds of the present invention are generally administered in a therapeutically effective amount. In one embodiment, the compounds of the present invention are administered in a mineralocorticoid receptor antagonizing amount.

35 The compounds of the present invention can be administered by any suitable route in the form of a pharmaceutical composition adapted to such a route, and in a dose effective for the treatment intended. Therapeutically effective doses of the

5 compounds of the present invention required to prevent or arrest the progress of, or to treat the medical condition, are readily ascertained by one of ordinary skill in the art using preclinical and clinical approaches familiar to the medicinal arts.

The dosage regimen for the compounds and/or compositions containing the compounds is based on a variety of factors, including the type, age, weight, sex and
10 medical condition of the patient; the severity of the condition; the route of administration; and the activity of the particular compound employed. Thus the dosage regimen may vary based on the specific situation. Dosage levels from about 0.001 mg to about 100 mg of the compound of the present invention per kilogram of body weight per day are useful in the treatment of the above-indicated conditions. In one embodiment, the total
15 daily dose of the compound of the present invention (administered in single or divided doses) is typically from about 0.001 mg/kg to about 20 mg/kg (i.e., mg compound/kg body weight). In another embodiment, the total daily dose of the compound of the present invention is from about 0.005 mg/kg to about 10 mg/kg. In another embodiment, the total daily dose is from about 0.005 mg/kg to about 5 mg/kg. In
20 another embodiment, the total daily dose is from about 0.01 mg/kg to about 1 mg/kg. In another embodiment, the total daily dose is from about 0.8 mg/kg to about 15 mg/kg. In another embodiment, the total daily dose is from about 0.2 mg/kg to about 4 mg/kg. These dosages are based on an average human subject having a weight of about 65 kg to about 75 kg. A physician will readily be able to determine doses for subjects whose
25 weight falls outside of this range, such as infants. The administration of the compound of the present invention can be repeated a plurality of times in a day (typically no greater than 4 times) to achieve the desired daily dose.

For convenience the compounds of the present invention can be administered in a unit dosage form. If desired, multiple doses per day of the unit dosage form can be
30 used to increase the total daily dose. The unit dosage form, for example, may be a tablet or capsule containing about 0.01, 0.05, 0.1, 0.5, 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100, 125, 150, 175, 200, 250 or 500 mg of the compound of the present invention. In one embodiment, the unit dosage form contains from about 0.01 mg to about 500 mg of the compound of the present invention. In
35 another embodiment, the unit dosage form contains from about 0.05 mg to about 250 mg of the compound of the present invention. In another embodiment, the unit dosage form contains from about 0.1 mg to about 200 mg of the compound of the present

5 invention. In another embodiment, the unit dosage form contains from about 0.5 mg to about 150 mg of the compound of the present invention.

H. Use in the Preparation of a Medicament

10 The present invention further comprises use of a compound of Formulae I or II for use as a medicament (such as a unit dosage tablet or unit dosage capsule).

In another embodiment, the present invention comprises the use of a compound of Formulae I or II for the manufacture of a medicament (such as a unit dosage tablet or unit dosage capsule) to treat one or more of the conditions previously identified in the
15 above sections discussing methods of treatment. In one embodiment, the condition is hypertension. In another embodiment the condition is heart failure.

I. Pharmaceutical Compositions

20 For the treatment of the conditions referred to above, the compounds of Formulae I or II can be administered as the compound per se. Alternatively, pharmaceutically acceptable salts are suitable for medical applications because of their greater aqueous solubility relative to the parent compound. In addition, the compounds of the present invention can be administered in the form of a pharmaceutical
25 composition comprising a compound of Formula I or II, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically-acceptable carrier. The carrier can be a solid, a liquid, or both, and may be formulated with the compound as a unit-dose composition, for example, a tablet, which can contain from 0.05% to 95% by weight of the active compounds. Other pharmacologically active substances can also be present.

30 The active compounds of the present invention may be administered by any suitable route, wherein one exemplary form of a pharmaceutical composition is adapted to such a route, and in a dose effective for the treatment intended. The active compounds and compositions, for example, may be administered orally, rectally, parenterally, or topically.

35 Oral administration of a solid dose form may be, for example, presented in discrete units, such as hard or soft capsules, pills, cachets, lozenges, or tablets, each containing a predetermined amount of at least one compound of the present invention.

5 In another embodiment, the oral administration may be in a powder or granule form. In another embodiment, the oral dose form is sub-lingual, such as, for example, a lozenge. In such solid dosage forms, the compounds of Formulae I or II are ordinarily combined with one or more adjuvants. In the case of capsules, tablets, and pills, the dosage forms also may comprise buffering agents or may be prepared with enteric coatings.

10 In another embodiment, oral administration may be in a liquid dose form. Liquid dosage forms for oral administration include, for example, pharmaceutically acceptable emulsions, solutions, suspensions, syrups, and elixirs containing inert diluents commonly used in the art (e.g., water). Such compositions also may comprise adjuvants, such as wetting, emulsifying, suspending, flavoring (e.g., sweetening), and/or
15 perfuming agents.

In another embodiment, the present invention comprises a parenteral dose form. "Parenteral administration" includes, for example, subcutaneous injections, intravenous injections, intraperitoneally, intramuscular injections, intrasternal injections, and infusion. Injectable preparations (e.g., sterile injectable aqueous or oleaginous suspensions) may
20 be formulated according to the known art using suitable dispersing, wetting agents, and/or suspending agents.

In another embodiment, the present invention comprises a topical dose form. In still another embodiment, the present invention comprises a dose form for intranasal administration or administration by inhalation. In still another embodiment, the present
25 invention comprises a rectal dose form.

Other carrier materials and modes of administration known in the pharmaceutical art may also be used. Pharmaceutical compositions of the invention may be prepared by any of the well-known techniques of pharmacy, such as effective formulation and administration procedures. The above considerations in regard to effective formulations
30 and administration procedures are well known in the art and are described in standard textbooks. Formulation of drugs is discussed in, for example, Hoover, John E., Remington's Pharmaceutical Sciences, Mack Publishing Co., Easton, Pennsylvania, 1975; Liberman, et al., Eds., Pharmaceutical Dosage Forms, Marcel Decker, New York, N.Y., 1980; and Kibbe, et al., Eds., Handbook of Pharmaceutical Excipients (3rd Ed.),
35 American Pharmaceutical Association, Washington, 1999.

J. Combinations and Combination Therapy

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The compounds of the present invention can be used, alone or in combination with other pharmaceutically active compounds, to treat conditions such as those previously described above. The compound(s) of the present invention and other pharmaceutically active compound(s) can be administered simultaneously (either in the same dosage form or in separate dosage forms) or sequentially. Accordingly, in one embodiment, the present invention comprises methods for treating a condition by administering to the subject a therapeutically-effective amount of one or more compounds of Formulae I or II and one or more additional pharmaceutically active compounds. In another embodiment, the present invention comprises a pharmaceutical composition comprising one or more compounds of Formulae I or II, one or more additional pharmaceutically active compounds, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

In one embodiment, one or more compounds of Formulae I or II may be co-administered with one or more diuretics. Examples of suitable diuretics include (a) loop diuretics such as furosemide (such as LASIX™), torsemide (such as DEMADEx™), bumetanide (such as BUMEX™), and ethacrynic acid (such as EDECRIN™); (b) thiazide-type diuretics such as chlorothiazide (such as DIURIL™, ESIDRIX™ or HYDRODIURIL™), hydrochlorothiazide (such as MICROZIDE™ or ORETIC™), benzthiazide, hydroflumethiazide (such as SALURON™), bendroflumethiazide, methychlorothiazide, polythiazide, trichlormethiazide, and indapamide (such as LOZOL™); (c) phthalimidine-type diuretics such as chlorthalidone (such as HYGROTON™), and metolazone (such as ZAROXOLYN™); (d) quinazoline-type diuretics such as quinethazone; and (e) potassium-sparing diuretics such as triamterene (such as DYRENIUM™), and amiloride (such as MIDAMOR™ or MODURETIC™).

Preferably the co-administered diuretic or diuretics will be potassium-wasting diuretics. Potassium-wasting diuretics are diuretics that can cause an increase in potassium excretion which can result in lowered potassium levels, including a decrease in serum potassium. Examples of potassium-wasting diuretics include but are not limited to: loop diuretics such as furosemide and torsemide; thiazide-type diuretics such as chlorothiazide and hydrochlorothiazide; and phthalimidine-type diuretics such as chlorthalidone.

5 In another embodiment, one or more compounds of Formulae I or II may be co-administered with a loop diuretic. In still another embodiment, the loop diuretic is selected from furosemide and torsemide. In still another embodiment, one or more compounds of Formulae I or II may be co-administered with furosemide. In still another embodiment, one or more compounds of Formulae I or II may be co-administered with
10 torsemide.

In another embodiment, one or more compounds of Formulae I or II may be co-administered with a thiazide-type diuretic. In still another embodiment, the thiazide-type diuretic is selected from the group consisting of chlorothiazide and hydrochlorothiazide. In still another embodiment, one or more compounds of Formulae I or II may be co-administered with chlorothiazide. In still another embodiment, one or more compounds
15 of Formulae I or II may be co-administered with hydrochlorothiazide.

In another embodiment, one or more compounds of Formulae I or II may be co-administered with a phthalimidine-type diuretic. In still another embodiment, the phthalimidine-type diuretic is chlorthalidone.

20 In another embodiment, one or more compounds of Formulae I or II may be co-administered with one or more angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitors. Examples of suitable angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitors include quinapril (such as ACCUPRILTM), perindopril (such as ACEONTM), captopril (such as CAPOTENTM), enalapril (such as VASOTECTM), ENALAPRILATTM, ramipril (such as ALTACETM), cilazapril, delapril, fosinopril (such as MONOPRILTM), zofenopril, indolapril, benazepril (such as LOTENSINTM), lisinopril (such as PRINIVILTM and ZESTRILTM), spirapril, trandolapril (such as MAVIKTM), perindopril, pentopril, moexipril (such as UNIVASCTM), fasidotril, S-allylmercaptocaptopril, and pivopril.

In another embodiment, one or more compounds of Formulae I or II may be co-administered with one or more angiotensin II receptor blockers. Examples of suitable angiotensin II receptor blockers include candesartan (such as ATACANDTM), eprosartan (such as TEVETENTM), irbesartan (such as AVEPROTM), losartan (such as COZAARTM), olmesartan, olmesartan medoxomil (such as BENICARTM), tasosartan, telmisartan (such as MICARDISTM), valsartan (such as DIOVANTM), zolasartan, FI-6828K, RNH-6270,
35 UR-7198, Way-126227, KRH-594, TAK-536, BRA-657, and TA-606.

In another embodiment, one or more compounds of Formulae I or II may be co-administered with one or more calcium channel blockers. Examples of suitable calcium

5 channel blockers include nifedipine (such as ADALAT™, ADALAT CC™ and PROCARDIA™), verapamil (such as CALAN™, COVERA-HS™, ISOPTIN SR™ and VERELAN™), diltiazem (such as CARDIZEM™, CARDIZEM CD™, CARDIZEM LA™, CARDIZEM SR™, DILACOR™, TIAMATE™ and TIAZAC™), isradipine (such as DYNACIRC™ and DYNACIRC CR™), amlodipine (such as NORVASC™), felodipine
10 (such as PLENDIL™), nisoldipine (such as SULAR™), bepridil (such as VASCOR™), nicardipine, vatanidipine, clevidipine, lercanidipine, and NNC-55-0396.

In another embodiment, one or more compounds of Formulae I or II may be co-administered with one or more beta blockers. Examples of suitable beta blockers include timolol (such as BLOCARDEN™), carteolol (such as CARTROL™), carvedilol
15 (such as COREG™), nadolol (such as CORGARD™), propranolol (such as INNOPRAN XL™), betaxolol (such as KERLONE™), penbutolol (such as LEVATOL™), metoprolol (such as LOPRESSOR™ and TOPROL-XL™), atenolol (such as TENORMIN™), pindolol (such as VISKEN™), acebutolol, and bisoprolol.

In another embodiment, one or more compounds of Formulae I or II may be co-administered with one or more alpha blockers. Examples of suitable alpha blockers
20 include prazosin, doxazosin (such as CARDURA™), phenoxybenzamine (such as DIBENZYLINE™), terazosin (such as HYTRIN™), CDRI-93/478 and CR-2991.

In another embodiment, one or more compounds of Formulae I or II may be co-administered with one or more alpha-beta blockers. An example of a suitable alpha-
25 beta blocker is labetalol (such as NORMODYNE™ or TRANDATE™).

In another embodiment, one or more compounds of Formulae I or II may be co-administered with one or more aldosterone receptor antagonists. Examples of suitable aldosterone receptor antagonists include eplerenone (such as INSPRA™) or spironolactone (such as ALDACTONE™).

30 In another embodiment, one or more compounds of Formulae I or II may be co-administered with one or more renin inhibitors. Examples of suitable renin inhibitors include aliskiren (SPP 100), SPP-500/600 and YS-004-39.

35 K. Kits

The present invention further comprises kits that are suitable for use in performing the methods of treatment or prevention described above. In one embodiment, the kit

5 contains a first dosage form comprising one or more of the compounds of the present invention and a container for the dosage, in quantities sufficient to carry out the methods of the present invention.

In another embodiment, the kit of the present invention comprises one or more compounds of Formulae I or II and a diuretic.

10 In another embodiment, the kit of the present invention comprises one or more compounds of Formulae I or II and an angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor.

In another embodiment, the kit of the present invention comprises one or more compounds of Formulae I or II and an angiotensin II receptor antagonist.

15 In another embodiment, the kit of the present invention comprises one or more compounds of Formulae I or II and an aldosterone receptor antagonist.

L. Intermediates

20 In another embodiment, the invention relates to the novel intermediates useful for preparing the compounds of Formulae I or II.

In another embodiment, the novel intermediates useful for preparing the compounds of Formulae I or II are selected from the group consisting of:

- 4-hydrazinyl-2-methylbenzonitrile hydrochloride;
- 4-hydrazinyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile hydrochloride;
- 25 4-hydrazinyl-2-methoxybenzonitrile hydrochloride;
- 5-hydrazinylpicolinonitrile dihydrochloride;
- 6-hydrazinyl-2-methylnicotinonitrile;
- 4-hydrazinyl-2-(methoxymethyl)benzonitrile hydrochloride;
- 2-((dimethylamino)methyl)-4-hydrazinylbenzonitrile dihydrochloride; and
- 30 2-(benzyloxy)-4-hydrazinylbenzonitrile.

In another embodiment, the novel intermediates useful for preparing the compounds of Formulae I or II are selected from the group consisting of:

- ethyl 7-(4-fluorobenzylidene)-8-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate;
- methyl 6-(cyclopentylmethylene)-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-
- 35 carboxylate;
- methyl 6-(cyclobutylmethylene)-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-
- carboxylate;

5 methyl 5-oxo-6-((tetrahydrofuran-3-yl)methylene)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate;

methyl 5-oxo-6-((tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-yl)methylene)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate;

10 tert-butyl 4-((6-(methoxycarbonyl)-1-oxo-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-2(1H)-ylidene)methyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate;

methyl 6-(5-methyl-2-furylmethylene)-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate;

methyl 6-(cyclopent-1-en-1-ylmethylene)-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate;

15 methyl 6-(2-furylmethylene)-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate;

methyl 6-(3-furylmethylene)-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate;

methyl 6-[(2-methyl-1,3-thiazol-5-yl)methylene]-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate;

20 methyl 6-(isoxazol-5-ylmethylene)-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate;

ethyl [3-(4-fluorobenzylidene)-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-chromen-7-yl]acetate;

methyl 3-(4-fluorobenzylidene)-4-oxochroman-7-carboxylate;

methyl 3-(cyclopentylmethylene)-4-oxochroman-7-carboxylate;

methyl 3-(cyclopentylmethylene)-4-oxochroman-7-carboxylate;

25 methyl 3-(cyclopropylmethylene)-4-oxochroman-7-carboxylate;

methyl 3-(cyclopentenylmethylene)-4-oxochroman-7-carboxylate; and

N-(6-(cyclopentylmethylene)-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-yl)acetamide.

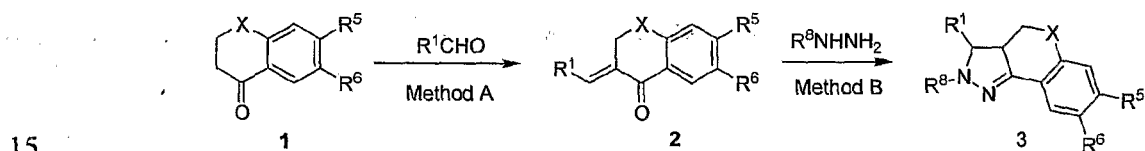
30 M. General Synthetic Schemes

The compounds of the present invention can be prepared using the methods illustrated in the general synthetic schemes and experimental procedures detailed below. These general synthetic schemes and experimental procedures are presented for purposes of illustration and are not intended to be limiting. The starting materials
35 used to prepare the compounds of the present invention are commercially available or can be prepared using routine methods known in the art (such as those methods

disclosed in COMPENDIUM OF ORGANIC SYNTHETIC METHODS, Vol. I-VI (published by Wiley-Interscience) or other standard reference books).

Scheme 1 below illustrates the general preparation of the pyrazoline compounds of the present invention. Unless otherwise stated, the R^1 , R^5 , R^6 , R^8 , and X substituents shown in Scheme 1 are defined as in the various embodiments of the invention previously disclosed above.

SCHEME 1



Method A: Preparation of α,β -unsaturated ketone 2

Method A1

20 Pyrrolidine (1.2 equivalents), or another cyclic secondary amine base such as piperidine, is added to a mixture of ketone 1 (1 equivalent) and aldehyde R^1CHO (2 equivalents) in an alcohol such as methanol (2 mL/mmol ketone 1) at room temperature. About one to six hours later the mixture is cooled to about 0°C . The resulting precipitate is filtered and washed, for example with a cold alcohol such as methanol, to give α,β -unsaturated ketone 2.

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Method A2

A mixture of ketone 1 (1.0 equivalent) and aldehyde R^1CHO (1.2 equivalents) in concentrated hydrochloric acid and ethanol is refluxed overnight. Alternatively, 4 N hydrogen chloride in dioxane can be used instead of concentrated hydrochloric acid. The refluxed mixture is then diluted with water, filtered, and dried to give α,β -unsaturated ketone 2.

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Method A3

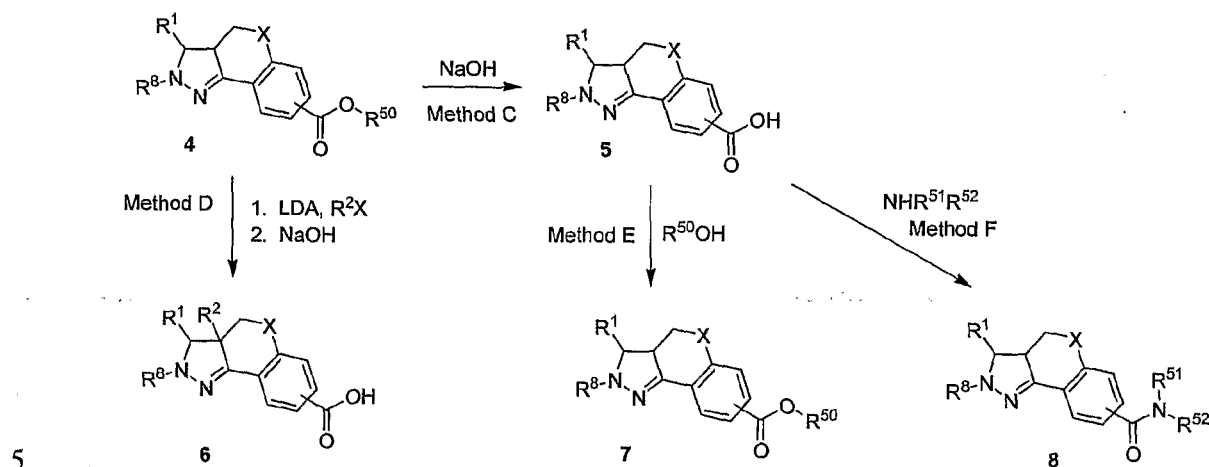
5 A solution of ketone 1 (1 equivalent) in tetrahydrofuran (approximately 2.5 mL/mmol ketone 1) is added dropwise under nitrogen to a 1 M solution of lithium hexamethyldisilazide in tetrahydrofuran (1.05 equivalents) cooled with an ice bath. Once the addition is complete, the resulting mixture is stirred for about 30 minutes. A solution of aldehyde R^1CHO (1.05 equivalents) in tetrahydrofuran (approximately 2.5
10 mL/mmol ketone 1) is added to the mixture which is then allowed to warm to room temperature under stirring. After about two hours, the mixture is quenched with saturated ammonium chloride and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layers are dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated. The crude product is purified by silica gel flash chromatography (ethyl acetate/heptanes) or reverse-phase HPLC
15 (acetonitrile/water/0.1% trifluoroacetic acid) to give α,β -unsaturated ketone 2.

Method B: Pyrazoline Condensation

A mixture of α,β -unsaturated ketone 2 (1 mmol), hydrazine (R^8NHNH_2) hydrochloride (1.2-1.5 mmol), and absolute ethanol (approximately 8 mL/mmol α,β -
20 unsaturated ketone 2) is sparged with argon and stirred at about 80°C for about 4 to 24 hours. The mixture is cooled to room temperature and filtered. The resulting solids are washed with ethanol to give pyrazoline 3.

Scheme 2 below illustrates the further derivatization of the pyrazoline compounds
25 prepared in accordance with Scheme 1. Unless otherwise stated, the R^1 , R^2 , R^8 , R^{50} , R^{51} , R^{52} and X substituents shown in Scheme 2 are defined as in the various embodiments of the invention previously disclosed above. Alternatively, pyrazolines 5, 6, 7, and 8 can be obtained using a ketone 1 starting material having the desired R^5 and R^6 substituents (and protecting and then deprotecting those substituents as needed
30 using conventional protecting chemistry).

SCHEME 2



Method C: Pyrazoline Acid Derivatives

2.5 N sodium hydroxide (2 mL/mmol pyrazoline ester 4) is added to a solution of pyrazoline ester 4 (1 equivalent) in tetrahydrofuran (6 mL/mmol pyrazoline ester 4) and methanol (2 mL/mmol pyrazoline ester 4). The resulting mixture is stirred at room temperature until the reaction is complete as determined by HPLC (1 to 24 hours). The mixture is concentrated under a stream of nitrogen to approximately half of its original volume and acidified with aqueous hydrochloric acid to reduce the pH to less than about 4. The mixture is diluted with water and filtered to give the pyrazoline acid 5.

Method D: R²-Substituted Pyrazolines

An R² substituent can be introduced by treatment of pyrazoline ester 4 with a strong base, such as lithium diisopropylamide (LDA) or lithium hexamethyldisilazide (LHMDS), and an alkylating agent, such as alkyl halide R²X. The alkylated pyrazoline ester can then be hydrolyzed as described in Method C to furnish the alkylated pyrazoline acid 6.

Method E: Pyrazoline Ester Derivatives

N-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N'-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride (1.2 equivalents) is added under nitrogen to a mixture of pyrazoline acid 5 (1 equivalent), alcohol R⁵⁰OH (1.2 equiv), and 4-(dimethylamino)-pyridine (1.2 equivalents) in anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (5 mL/200 mg pyrazoline acid 5). The mixture is stirred overnight, treated with excess 1N hydrochloric acid and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic

5 layer is evaporated. The residue is dissolved in dichloromethane and purified by silica gel chromatography with ethyl acetate/heptanes. The desired fractions are combined and evaporated to give pyrazoline ester 7. If substitution at the R² position is desired, pyrazoline acid 6 can be used in place of pyrazoline acid 5.

10 Method F: Pyrazoline Amide Derivatives

2-(1H-benzotriazole-1-yl)-1,1,3,3-tetramethyluronium hexafluorophosphate (1.1 mmol), followed by N,N-diisopropylethylamine (1.5 mmol), are added under nitrogen at room temperature to a solution of pyrazoline acid 5 (1 mmol) in 5 mL of anhydrous dimethylformamide. The mixture is stirred for about five minutes and amine NHR⁵¹R⁵²
15 (1.5 mmol) is added. The mixture is stirred for another hour. The mixture is then filtered and purified by reverse-phase HPLC (acetonitrile/water/0.1% trifluoroacetic acid). The fractions containing pure product are combined and lyophilized to give pyrazoline amide 8. If substitution at the R² position is desired, pyrazoline acid 6 can be used in place of pyrazoline acid 5.

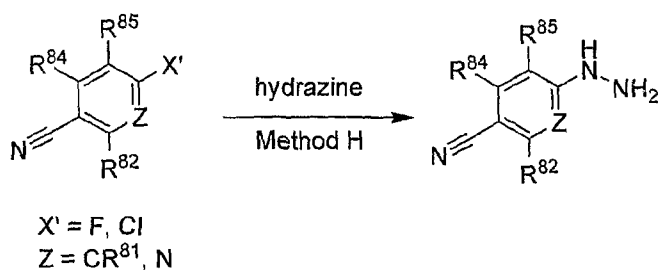
20 Method G: Chiral Resolution

The pyrazoline compounds of the present invention (including the precursor intermediates) can have two or more chiral centers. Where the synthesis yields a compound as a mixture of enantiomers or diastereomers, the desired enantiomer or
25 diastereomer (or the desired enantiomerically-enriched mixture or diastereomerically-enriched mixture) can be obtained using conventional chiral resolution methods. Conventional methods that can be employed include chromatography (such as HPLC) or supercritical fluid chromatography on an asymmetric resin. Examples of useful resins include, but are not limited to Chiralcel OJ-H, Chiralpak AD-H, Chiralpak IA and
30 Chiralpak AS-H. Concentration of the eluate affords the enriched mixture. The stereoisomerically-enriched pyrazoline can be further derivatized as depicted in Scheme 2 in a manner analogous to that for pyrazolines 4, 5 and 6.

Schemes 3a, 3b, and 3c below illustrate several alternative synthetic schemes
35 that can be used to prepare the R⁸NHNH₂ hydrazine reagent employed in Scheme 1. Unless otherwise stated, the R⁸¹, R⁸², R⁸⁴, and R⁸⁵ substituents shown in Scheme 1 are

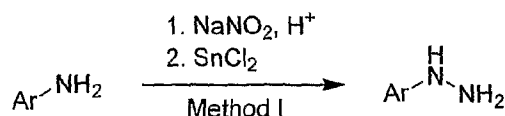
- 5 defined as in the various embodiments of the invention previously disclosed above, and Ar represents aryl or heteroaryl.

SCHEME 3a



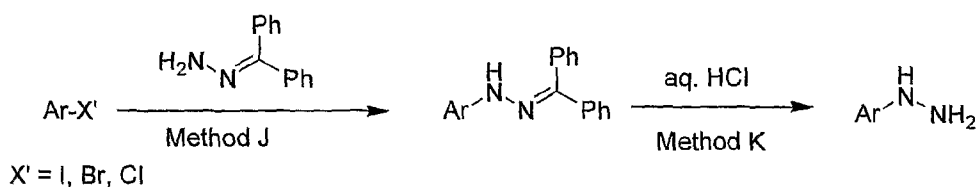
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SCHEME 3b



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SCHEME 3c



Method H: Preparation from a Halogenated Aryl Nitrile

- 20 A solution of a para-halogen, substituted aryl/heteroaryl nitrile is refluxed with an excess of hydrazine monohydrate in an alcohol, such as ethanol. Upon completion of the reaction, the mixture is diluted with water and filtered. The aryl/heteroaryl hydrazine can then be converted to the hydrochloride salt by treatment with an equivalent anhydrous hydrogen chloride in diethyl ether. The resultant hydrazine hydrochloride salt is isolated by filtration.

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Method I: Preparation from an Aniline

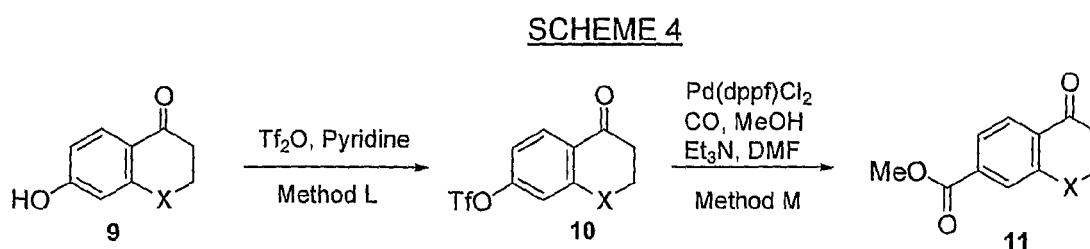
Aryl or heteroaryl anilines can be converted to the corresponding aryl or heteroaryl hydrazine by diazotization and subsequent reduction. Accordingly, an ice-

5 cold mixture of the aniline in a strong aqueous acid, such as concentrated hydrochloric acid or aqueous sulfuric acid, is treated with sodium nitrite (usually 1 to 1.1 equivalents). After a short period of time, usually 15 to 60 minutes, the resultant mixture is added to an ice-cold suspension of excess stannous chloride in a strong aqueous acid, such as concentrated hydrochloric acid or aqueous sulfuric acid. The mixture is then allowed to
10 warm to room temperature for a few hours. The mixture is then neutralized with aqueous base and extracted with a suitable organic solvent such as ethyl acetate to isolate the aryl/heteroaryl hydrazine. The aryl/heteroaryl hydrazine can then be converted to the hydrochloride salt by treatment with an equivalent anhydrous hydrogen chloride in diethyl ether. The resultant hydrazine hydrochloride salt is isolated by
15 filtration.

Methods J and K: Preparation from Arylhalides

Aryl or heteroaryl hydrazines can be obtained by coupling an aryl/heteroaryl halide with benzophenone hydrazone in the presence of a palladium catalyst, a
20 phosphine ligand, and a base (Mauger and Mignani (2005) Advanced Synthesis and Catalysis 347 (6), 773-782; Haddad, et al. (2004) Tetrahedron Lett. 45, 5935-7; Haddad and Baron (2002) 43(12), 2171-2173; Wagaw et al. (1999) 121(44) 10251-10263 (Method J). The coupled product is subsequently hydrolyzed by refluxing in aqueous acid and an organic co-solvent, such as tetrahydrofuran, to yield the aryl/heteroaryl
25 hydrazine (Method K).

Scheme 4 below illustrates a synthetic scheme that can be used to prepare ketone 11 (i.e., ketone 1 wherein R⁵ is methoxycarbonyl and R⁶ is hydrogen) for use as
30 a reagent in Scheme 1.



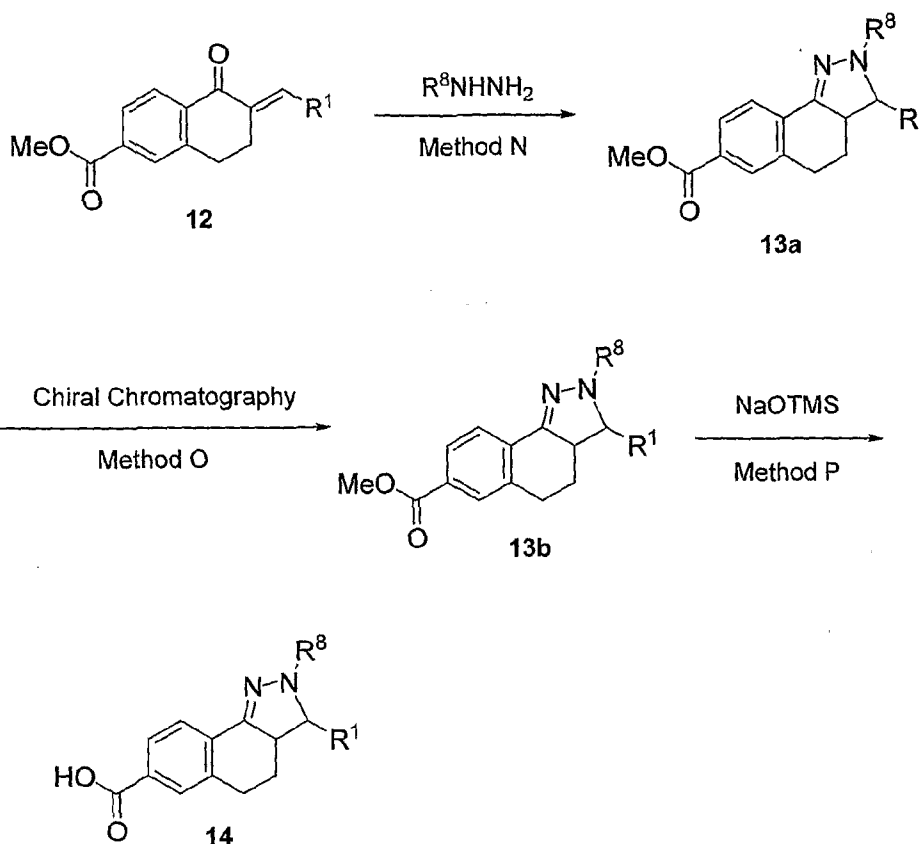
5 Methods L and M: Preparation of Tetralone 11

In a manner similar to that described by Gerlach and Wollmann in Tetrahedron Letters (1992), 33(38), 5499-5502, ketone 11 can be prepared from phenolic ketone 9 by triflation with triflic anhydride and pyridine in a suitable organic solvent, such as methylene chloride and heptane, followed by subsequent palladium-catalyzed
10 carbonylation with carbon monoxide in dimethylformamide and methanol.

The synthesis of other ketones useful in the preparation of pyrazolines described in Scheme 1 are described in the literature (for example, see Reiter et al., Bioorganic and Medicinal Chemistry Letters, 7, 2307-2312; Koch et al., US Patent 5,550,152
15 (1996); Ferraz et al. Tetrahedron (2003) 59(31) 5817-5821); Cannon et al., Journal of Medicinal Chemistry (1989) 32(9), 2210-2214; and Beugelmans, et al. Journal of Organic Chemistry (1985), 50(24), 4933-4938). Such ketones may be further derivatized by using routine methods known in the art (such as those methods disclosed in COMPENDIUM OF ORGANIC SYNTHETIC METHODS, Vol. I-VI (published by
20 Wiley-Interscience) or other standard reference books).

Scheme 5 below illustrates a synthetic scheme that can be used to prepare pyrazoline acid 14 (i.e., pyrazoline acid 5a wherein X is carbon and the position of the R⁵ carboxy substituent is as shown) which can be further derivatized as shown in
25 Scheme 2.

SCHEME 5



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Method N: Pyrazoline Condensation

Pyrazoline 13a can be obtained by condensation of R^8NHNH_2 with α,β -unsaturated ketone 12 (prepared as described in Scheme 1, Method A1) in a refluxing alcohol, such as methanol or ethanol, and one to two equivalents of 4 N hydrogen chloride in dioxane or other suitable source of hydrogen chloride. After 4 to 24 hours, the reaction mixture is cooled, and pyrazoline ester 13a is isolated by filtration.

Method O: Chiral Resolution

Stereoisomerically-enriched pyrazoline esters 13b generally can be obtained using chromatography such as HPLC on an asymmetric resin with a mobile phase comprising a hydrocarbon or halogenated hydrocarbon, such as heptane, hexane, or dichloromethane, and further containing a cosolvent, such as isopropanol (from about 0% to about 50% by volume, typically from about 2% to about 20% by volume), and an alkylamine (e.g., from 0 to 5% by volume, typically about 0.1% diethylamine by volume). Stereoisomerically-enriched compounds generally can also be obtained using

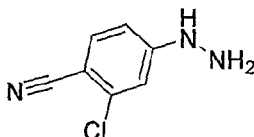
5 supercritical fluid chromatography (SFC) on an asymmetric resin with a mobile phase comprising an alcohol (about 30% to about 60% by volume, typically about 50% by volume) and carbon dioxide. Examples of useful resins include, but are not limited to Chiralcel OJ-H, Chiralpak AD-H, Chiralpak IA and Chiralpak AS-H. Concentration of the eluate affords the stereoisomerically-enriched mixture 13b.

10 Method P: Hydrolysis

 A mixture of pyrazoline ester 13b in a suitable organic solvent such as tetrahydrofuran is treated with sodium trimethylsilanoate, usually one to three equivalents, under an inert atmosphere. The reaction is conducted between room
15 temperature and 50°C.

 N. Compound Examples

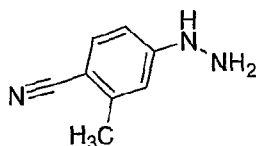
20 Preparation 1



2-chloro-4-hydrazinylbenzonitrile hydrochloride

 A mixture of 2-chloro-4-fluorobenzonitrile (20.0 g, 129 mmol), hydrazine
25 monohydrate (9.4 mL, 193 mmol), and ethanol (80 mL) was refluxed for 4 hours (Method H and Scheme 3a). The mixture was diluted with water (200 mL). The precipitate was filtered, washed with water, and dried to give an off-white solid (16.8 g). The solid was suspended in diethyl ether (400 mL) and treated with 2N hydrogen chloride/ether (50 mL, 100 mmol). The precipitate was filtered, washed with diethyl
30 ether, and dried to give 2-chloro-4-hydrazinylbenzonitrile hydrochloride as a white solid (16.3 g, 79.9 mmol, 62% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 9.63 (br. s., 3 H), 9.17 (br. s., 1 H), 7.74 (d, J=8.9 Hz, 1 H), 7.13 (d, J=2.1 Hz, 1 H), 6.92 (dd, J=8.6, 2.1 Hz, 1 H). ES-MS m/z 168 (M+H).

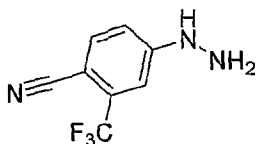
35 Preparation 2



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4-hydrazinyl-2-methylbenzonitrile hydrochloride

A mixture of 4-fluoro-2-methylbenzonitrile (20.4 g, 151 mmol), hydrazine monohydrate (14.6 mL, 302 mmol), and ethanol (80 mL) was refluxed for 48 hours (Method H and Scheme 3a). The mixture was diluted with water (200 mL). The precipitate was filtered, washed with water, and dried to give an off-white solid (16.1 g). The solid was suspended in diethyl ether (400 mL) and treated with 2N hydrogen chloride/ether (55 mL, 110 mmol). The precipitate was filtered, washed with diethyl ether, and dried to give 4-hydrazinyl-2-methylbenzonitrile hydrochloride as a white solid (15.6 g, 85.0 mmol, 56% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 8.42 (br. s., 1 H), 8.33 (br. s., 3 H), 7.51 (d, J=8.6 Hz, 1 H), 6.81 (d, J=1.9 Hz, 1 H), 6.74 (dd, J=8.6, 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.35 (s, 3 H). ES-MS m/z 148 (M+H).

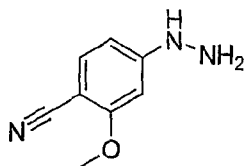
Preparation 3



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4-hydrazinyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile hydrochloride

The title compound was prepared according to the procedure in Preparation 1 from 4-fluoro-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile (1.89 g, 10 mmol), instead of 2-chloro-4-fluorobenzonitrile, at 80 °C to give an off-white solid (1.89 g, 8.0 mmol, 80% yield). ES-MS m/z 202 (M+H).

Preparation 4



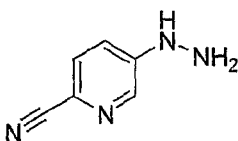
4-hydrazinyl-2-methoxybenzonitrile hydrochloride

The title compound was prepared according to the procedure in Preparation 1 from 4-fluoro-2-methoxybenzonitrile (4.97 g, 32.9 mmol), instead of 2-chloro-4-

- 5 fluorobenzonitrile, refluxing overnight to give 4-hydrazinyl-2-methoxybenzonitrile hydrochloride (3.54 g, 17.8 mmol, 54% yield) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 3.82 (s, 3 H), 6.44 (dd, $J=8.46$, 2.01 Hz, 1 H), 6.64 (d, $J=2.15$ Hz, 1 H), 7.41 (d, $J=8.32$ Hz, 1 H), 7.99 (s, 2 H), 8.40 (s, 1 H). ES-MS m/z 164 (M+H).

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Preparation 5

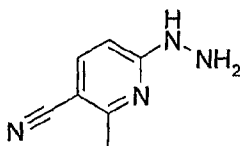


5-hydrazinylpicolinonitrile dihydrochloride

- To a solution of 5-aminopicolinonitrile (1.0 g, 8.4 mmol) in 20% sulfuric acid aq. (20 mL) at 0°C, sodium nitrite (590 mg, 9.2 mmol) in water (3 mL) was slowly added, keeping the temperature below 10°C. This solution was stirred on an ice bath for 30 minutes and then treated slowly with an ice cold solution of tin(II) chloride dihydrate (5.7 g, 25.2 mmol) in 20% sulfuric acid (20 mL) keeping the temperature below 10°C. The solution was stirred at 0°C for 15 minutes and warmed to room temperature over 30 minutes. The reaction was neutralized with ammonium hydroxide, and the resulting tin salts were filtered off. The filtrate was extracted three times with ethyl acetate, dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and evaporated. The resulting solid residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate and tetrahydrofuran and treated with 4 N hydrogen chloride in dioxane (approximately 3 mL). The mixture was evaporated and the resulting solid was triturated with diethyl ether and dried on the high vacuum overnight to give a 2:1 mixture of 5-hydrazinylpicolinonitrile dihydrochloride to starting material (875 mg). ES-MS m/z 135 (M+H).

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Preparation 6

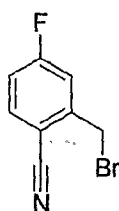


6-hydrazinyl-2-methylnicotinonitrile

To a suspension of 6-chloro-2-methylnicotinonitrile (6.2 mmol) in 6.2 mL of ethanol, hydrazine monohydrate (9.3 mmol) was added. The resulting mixture was then

- 5 heated to 80 °C overnight. The mixture was cooled to room temperature and 2 mL of water was added. It was heated to 80 °C again to a clear solution and then allowed to cool down to room temperature and finally in an ice-bath. The solid was collected by filtration, washed with cold 50% ethanol, and dried under vacuum to give 550 mg of the desired solid product. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 2.41 (s, 3 H), 4.41 (s, 2 H),
10 6.60 (br. s., 1 H), 7.66 (d, J=8.59 Hz, 1 H), 8.47 (s, 1 H); ES-MS m/z 149 (M+H).

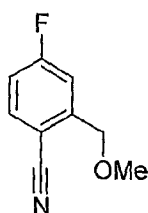
Preparation 7



2-(bromomethyl)-4-fluorobenzonitrile

- 15 A solution of 2-methyl-4-fluoro-benzonitrile (3.5 g, 25.9mmol) in 40mL of carbon tetrachloride was treated with N-bromosuccinimide (4.6g, 25.9 mmol) and benzoylperoxide (157mg, 0.65 mmol). The mixture was heated to reflux for 3 hours, cooled to room temperature and allowed to stir overnight. The solids were filtered off and washed with carbon tetrachloride. The filtrate was
20 condensed and purified by normal phase flash column chromatography on a 50 g silica gel column (5 - 50% ethyl acetate/hexanes gradient). Two peaks separated. It was determined that the second eluting peak is the desired product. Pure fractions of this peak were pooled and concentrated in vacuo to yield 2-(bromomethyl)-4-fluorobenzonitrile (1.35g, 0.63 mmol, 25% yield) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz,
25 DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 4.79 (s, 2 H), 7.44 (dt, J=8.59, 2.69 Hz, 1 H), 7.68 (dd, J=9.53, 2.55 Hz, 1 H), 8.01 (dd, J=8.59, 5.64 Hz, 1 H).

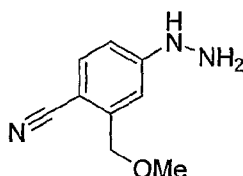
Preparation 8



- 30 4-fluoro-2-(methoxymethyl)benzonitrile

5 A solution of 2-(bromomethyl)-4-fluorobenzonitrile (501 mg, 2.3 mmol) in methanol (5 mL) was treated with sodium methoxide (5.6 mL of 0.5 M solution in methanol, 2.81 mmol) and stirred for 1 hour at room temperature then heated to 55 °C for 2 hours. The mixture was cooled to room temperature, condensed to dryness and directly purified by normal phase flash column chromatography on a 20 g silica gel
10 column (5 - 60% ethyl acetate/hexanes gradient). Pure fractions were pooled and concentrated in vacuo to yield 4-fluoro-2-(methoxymethyl)benzonitrile (110 mg, 0.66 mmol, 28% yield) as an oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 7.97 (dd, J=8.46, 5.50 Hz, 1 H), 7.46 (dd, J=9.53, 2.55 Hz, 1 H), 7.39 (td, J=8.59, 2.69 Hz, 1 H), 4.58 (s, 2 H), 3.37 (s, 3 H).

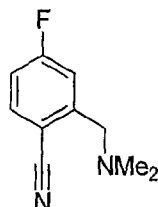
Preparation 9



4-hydrazinyl-2-(methoxymethyl)benzonitrile hydrochloride

A mixture of 4-fluoro-2-(methoxymethyl)benzonitrile (110 mg, 0.67 mmol), hydrazine monohydrate (133 mg, 0.13 mL, 2.6 mmol) and ethanol (5 mL) was heated to reflux overnight. The mixture was cooled to room temp and condensed. The residue was dissolved in methanol and treated with 2.0 N hydrogen chloride in diethyl ether. The solvent was removed and the solid was dried to give 4-hydrazinyl-2-
25 (methoxymethyl)benzonitrile hydrochloride as an off-white solid.

Preparation 10



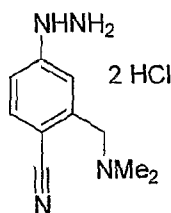
2-((dimethylamino)methyl)-4-fluorobenzonitrile

A mixture of 2-(bromomethyl)-4-fluorobenzonitrile (423 mg, 1.9 mmol) and 2.0 M dimethylamine (4 mL) was stirred at room temperature for thirty minutes. The mixture
30 was then concentrated, purified by normal phase flash column chromatography, on a 20

5 g silica gel column (5 - 45% ethyl acetate/hexanes gradient), and concentrated in vacuo to yield 2-((dimethylamino)methyl)-4-fluorobenzonitrile (241 mg, 1.35 mmol, 68 %). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 7.92 (dd, J=8.59, 5.37 Hz, 1 H), 7.42 (dd, J=9.94, 2.69 Hz, 1 H), 7.35 (td, J=8.46, 2.69 Hz, 1 H), 3.56 (s, 2 H), 2.19 (s, 6 H).

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Preparation 11

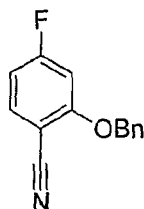


2-((dimethylamino)methyl)-4-hydrazinylbenzonitrile dihydrochloride

A mixture of 2-((dimethylamino)methyl)-4-fluorobenzonitrile (241 mg, 1.35 mmol), hydrazine monohydrate (101 mg, 0.10 mL, 2.0 mmol) and ethanol (5 mL) was heated overnight at 90 °C. The mixture was cooled to room temperature and concentrated to dryness. The residue was dissolved in diethyl ether and treated with 2.0 M hydrogen chloride in diethyl ether. The resulting solid was filtered and dried to give 2-((dimethylamino)methyl)-4-hydrazinylbenzonitrile dihydrochloride (430 mg, 1.63 mmol, >100% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 9.26 (s, 1 H), 7.80 (d, J=8.59 Hz, 1 H), 7.36 (d, J=2.15 Hz, 1 H), 7.08 (dd, J=8.59, 2.15 Hz, 1 H), 4.35 (s, 2 H), 2.78 (s, 6 H). ES-MS m/z 191 (M+H).

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Preparation 12



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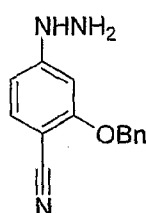
2-(benzyloxy)-4-fluorobenzonitrile

Benzyl alcohol (3.25 g, 30 mmol) was slowly added to a stirred suspension of sodium hydride (1.15g, 28.7 mmol) in toluene (50 mL) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred for 30 minutes and then 2,4-difluorobenzonitrile was added all at

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5 once and stirring continued overnight. The mixture was quenched with water, extracted three times with ethyl acetate, washed with brine, dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and condensed. The crude product was dissolved in hot ethyl acetate and triturated with hexanes to give 2-(benzyloxy)-4-fluorobenzonitrile (5.4g, 23.8 mmol, 88 % yield) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 5.30 (s, 2 H), 6.99 (td, J=8.46, 2.42
10 Hz, 1 H), 7.29 - 7.51 (m, 6 H), 7.86 (dd, J=8.59, 6.44 Hz, 1 H).

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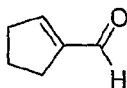


2-(benzyloxy)-4-hydrazinylbenzonitrile

15 A solution of 2-(benzyloxy)-4-fluorobenzonitrile (4.8g, 21 mmol), in ethanol (80 mL) was treated with hydrazine monohydrate (2.6g, 2.5 mL, 53 mmol) and heated to reflux for 3 days. The mixture was cooled to room temperature and concentrated. Water was added and the residue was extracted three times with ethyl acetate, dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and condensed to give 2-(benzyloxy)-4-
20 hydrazinylbenzonitrile (3.8g, 15.8 mmol, 75 % yield) as an off-white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 4.27 (s, 2 H), 5.16 (s, 2 H), 6.36 (dd, J=8.73, 1.75 Hz, 1 H), 6.61 (d, J=1.61 Hz, 1 H), 7.30 (d, J=8.59 Hz, 1 H), 7.32 - 7.51 (m, 5 H), 7.78 (s, 1 H). ES-MS m/z 240 (M+H)

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Preparation 14



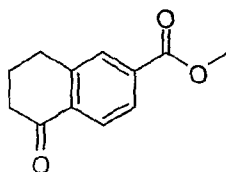
cyclopent-1-enecarbaldehyde

To a solution of sodium periodate (28.3 g, 0.13 mol) in water (250 mL) was added an ethyl ether solution (150 mL) of 1,2-cyclohexanediol (12.0 g, 0.10 mol). The solution
30 was stirred for thirty minutes at ambient temperature. To this solution was added 20% aqueous potassium hydroxide (40 mL) and the solution stirred for one hour. The layers were separated and the organic layer was washed with water and brine and dried over magnesium sulfate. Concentration in vacuo provided cyclopent-1-enecarbaldehyde as

- 5 a yellow oil (6.0 g, 62% yield). Reversed-phase HPLC on 4.6x50mm C-18 column, t_R = 0.825 minutes (10 to 90% acetonitrile/water over 4 minutes at 4 mL/minute with detection 254 nm, at 20 °C); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ ppm 1.83 - 1.93 (m, 2 H), 2.36 (td, $J=7.65$, 2.15 Hz, 2 H), 2.50 - 2.59 (m, 2 H), 7.01 - 7.08 (m, 1 H), 9.73 (s, 1 H).

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Preparation 15

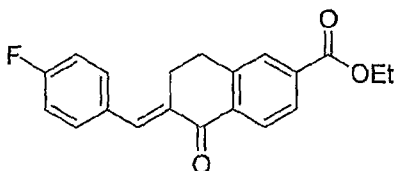


methyl 5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate

- A solution of 5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylic acid (5.14 g, 27.0 mmol) (Peakdale Molecular) in 4N hydrochloric acid in methanol was heated to reflux for
15 eighteen hours. The solution was returned to ambient temperature and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was diluted with ethyl acetate and washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate solution and saturated sodium chloride and dried over magnesium sulfate. Filtration followed by concentration in vacuo provided methyl 5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate as a brown solid (4.76 g, 86% yield). Reversed-
20 phase HPLC on 4.6x50mm C-18 column, t_R = 1.90 minutes (10 to 90% acetonitrile/water over 4 minutes at 4 mL/minute with detection 254 nm, at 20 °C); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ ppm 1.99 - 2.08 (m, 2 H), 2.58 - 2.66 (m, 2 H), 2.99 (t, $J=6.04$ Hz, 2 H), 3.85 (s, 3 H), 7.83 - 7.87 (m, 1 H), 7.91 (d, $J=0.81$ Hz, 1 H), 7.92 - 7.97 (m, 1 H).

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Preparation 16

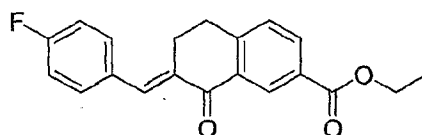


ethyl 6-(4-fluorobenzylidene)-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate

- The title compound was prepared according to Method A2. The crude precipitate was a mixture of ethyl 5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate, ethyl 6-(4-fluorobenzylidene)-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate and 6-(4-fluorobenzylidene)-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylic acid. The mixture
30 was combined with 4-fluorobenzaldehyde (0.5 mL), ethanol (40 mL) and 4N hydrogen

5 chloride/dioxane (10 mL) and was refluxed for 20 hours. The solution was poured into 200 mL water, filtered, and dried to give ethyl 6-(4-fluorobenzylidene)-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate as an off-white solid (826 mg, 2.55 mmol, 49% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 1.33 (t, J=7.12 Hz, 3 H), 3.06 (m, 4 H), 4.34 (q, J=6.98 Hz, 2 H), 7.31 (t, J=8.86 Hz, 2 H), 7.62 (dd, J=8.59, 5.64 Hz, 2 H), 7.74 (s, 1 H), 7.94 (m, 2 H), 8.06 (d, J=8.59 Hz, 1 H). ES-MS m/z 325 (M+H).

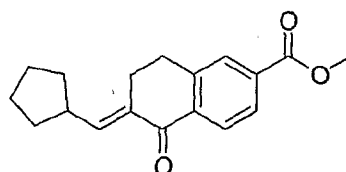
Preparation 17



15 ethyl 7-(4-fluorobenzylidene)-8-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate

The title compound was prepared according to Method A2 from 8-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylic acid and 4-fluorobenzaldehyde as an off-white solid (64% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 1.34 (t, J=7.12 Hz, 3 H), 3.05 (m, 4 H), 4.34 (q, J=7.25 Hz, 2 H), 7.30 (m, 2 H), 7.54 (d, J=7.79 Hz, 1 H), 7.61 (m, 2 H), 7.74 (s, 1 H), 8.10 (dd, J=7.92, 2.01 Hz, 1 H), 8.49 (d, J=1.88 Hz, 1 H). ES-MS m/z 325 (M+H).

Preparation 18



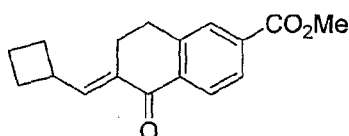
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methyl 6-(cyclopentylmethylene)-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate

To a solution of methyl 5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate (3.4 g, 16.7 mmol) in methanol (30 mL) was added cyclopentanecarboxaldehyde (3.3 g, 33.3 mmol) and pyrrolidine (2.78 mL, 33.3 mmol). The solution was stirred for twenty hours at ambient temperature. The reaction was recharged with 0.5 mL of cyclopentanecarboxaldehyde. The resulting precipitate was collected by vacuum filtration to provide methyl 6-(cyclopentylmethylene)-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-

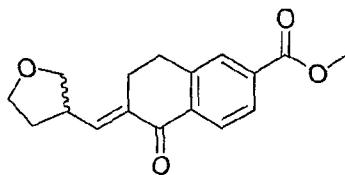
- 5 tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate as a solid (2.8 g, 60% yield). LC/MS on
4.6x50mm C-18 column, t_R = 6.71 minutes (10 to 90% acetonitrile/water over 8 minutes
at 2 mL/minute with detection 254 nm, at 50 °C); ES-MS m/z 285 (M+H); 1H NMR (400
MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 1.24 - 1.39 (m, 2 H), 1.52 - 1.74 (m, 4 H), 1.76 - 1.89 (m, 2 H),
2.77 (t, J =5.77 Hz, 2 H), 2.79 - 2.90 (m, 1 H), 2.97 (t, J =6.44 Hz, 2 H), 3.85 (s, 3 H), 6.71
10 (d, J =9.94 Hz, 1 H), 7.88 (d, J =6.44 Hz, 1 H), 7.91 (s, 1 H), 7.98 (d, J =8.06 Hz, 1 H).

Preparation 19



- 15 methyl 6-(cyclobutylmethylene)-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate
A solution of methyl 5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate (600 mg,
2.9 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (10 mL) was cooled to ice bath temperature and treated with
1.0 M lithium hexamethyldisilazide in tetrahydrofuran (5 mL). After stirring for twenty
minutes, cyclobutanecarboxaldehyde (J. Med. Chem. 1989, 32, 1001-6) (24 mL of 0.5 M
20 solution in tetrahydrofuran) was slowly added and the mixture allowed to warm to room
temperature and stir for 3 days. The mixture was poured into water, extracted three
times with ethyl acetate, washed with brine, dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and
concentrated. The crude product was purified by normal phase flash column
chromatography on a 50 g silica gel column (5 - 50% ethyl acetate/hexanes gradient).
25 Pure fractions were pooled and concentrated in vacuo to yield methyl 6-
(cyclobutylmethylene)-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate (300 mg, 1.1
mmol, 38 % yield). 1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 1.81 - 2.03 (m, 4 H), 2.14 -
2.27 (m, 2 H), 2.71 (t, J =6.58 Hz, 2 H), 2.93 - 3.00 (m, 2 H), 3.34 - 3.44 (m, 1 H), 3.88 (s,
3 H), 6.91 (d, J =9.13 Hz, 1 H), 7.84 - 7.95 (m, 2 H), 8.01 (d, J =8.06 Hz, 1 H). ES-MS
30 m/z 271 (M+H).

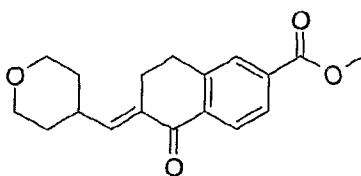
Preparation 20



(±)-methyl 5-oxo-6-((tetrahydrofuran-3-yl)methylene)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate

To a solution of methyl 5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate (240 mg, 1.2 mmol) in methanol (3 mL) was added (±)-tetrahydrofuran-3-carboxaldehyde (240 mg, 2.4 mmol) and pyrrolidine (0.20 mL, 2.4 mmol). The solution was stirred for twenty hours at ambient temperature and for four hours at 45 °C. The reaction was concentrated in vacuo. Chromatography (on silica, ethyl acetate/hexane) provided (±)-methyl 5-oxo-6-((tetrahydrofuran-3-yl)methylene)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate, a mixture of stereoisomers, as an orange oil (200 mg, 58% yield). LC/MS on 4.6x50mm C-18 column, t_R = 2.52 minutes (10 to 90% acetonitrile/water over 4 minutes at 4 mL/minute with detection 254 nm, at 50 °C); ES-MS m/z 287 (M+H).

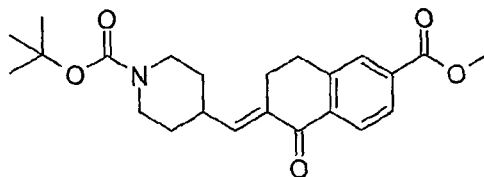
Preparation 21



methyl 5-oxo-6-((tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-yl)methylene)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate

A solution of methyl 5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate (2.9 mmol), tetrahydro-pyran-4-carbaldehyde (3.2 mmol), and piperidine (3.2 mmol) in 6 mL of methanol was heated to 65 °C overnight. The cooled mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate, washed with water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated. The residue was purified by silica gel, eluting with ethyl acetate in hexane from 10% to 40%, to give 430 mg of the desired product. ES-MS m/z 301 (M+H).

Preparation 22



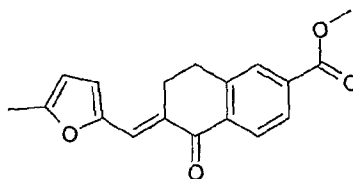
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tert-butyl 4-((6-(methoxycarbonyl)-1-oxo-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-2(1H)-ylidene)methyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate

Prepared according to the procedure of Preparation 21 except using tert-butyl 4-formylpiperidine-1-carboxylate, instead of tetrahydro-pyran-4-carbaldehyde, to give the title compound in 71% yield. ES-MS m/z 422 ($M+Na$).

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Preparation 23



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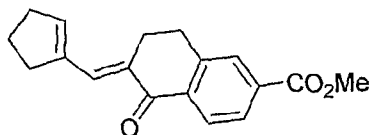
methyl 6-(5-methyl-2-furylmethylene)-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate

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The title compound was prepared according to Method A3 from 5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester (396 mg, 1.9 mmol) and 5-methyl-2-furaldehyde (192 mg, 2.0 mmol). ES-MS m/z 297 ($M+H$).

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Preparation 24



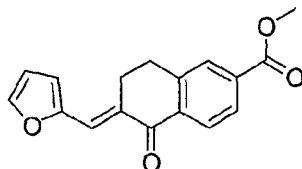
methyl 6-(cyclopent-1-en-1-ylmethylene)-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate

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The title compound was prepared from 5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester (396 mg, 1.9 mmol) and 1-cyclopentene carbaldehyde (220 mg, 2.0 mmol) according to Method A3 in 70% yield. ES-MS m/z 283 ($M+H$)

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Preparation 25



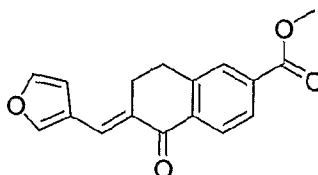
methyl 6-(2-furylmethylene)-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate

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The title compound was prepared from 5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester (396 mg, 1.9 mmol) and 2-furaldehyde (192 mg, 2.0 mmol) according to Method A3 in 80% yield. ES-MS m/z 283 (M+H).

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Preparation 26

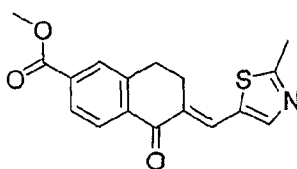


methyl 6-(3-furylmethylene)-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate

The title compound was prepared from 5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester (396 mg, 1.9 mmol) and 3-furaldehyde (192 mg, 2.0 mmol) according to Method A3 in 80% yield. ES-MS m/z 283 (M+H)

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Preparation 27



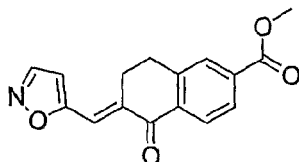
methyl 6-[(2-methyl-1,3-thiazol-5-yl)methylene]-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate

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The title compound was prepared from 5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester (396 mg, 1.9 mmol) and 2-methyl-1,3-thiazole-5-carbaldehyde (220 mg, 2.0 mmol) according to Method A3 in 60% yield. ES-MS m/z 314 (M+H)

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Preparation 28

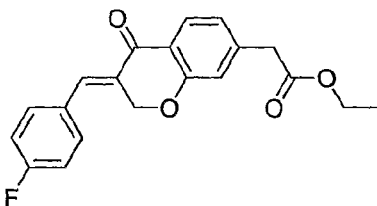


methyl 6-(isoxazol-5-ylmethylene)-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate

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The title compound was prepared from 5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester (396 mg, 1.9 mmol) and isoxazole-5-carbaldehyde (200 mg, 2.0 mmol) according to Method A3 in 55% yield. ES-MS m/z 284 (M+H)

Preparation 29



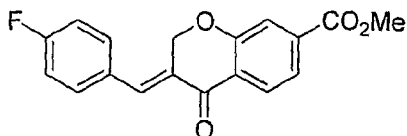
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ethyl [3-(4-fluorobenzylidene)-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-chromen-7-yl]acetate

The title compound was prepared from methyl [4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-chromen-7-yl]acetate (L.A. Reiter et al. Biorganic and Medicinal Chemistry Letters, 1997, 7 2307-2312) and 4-fluorobenzaldehyde according to Method A2 in 45% yield. ES-MS m/z 341 (M+H).

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Preparation 30



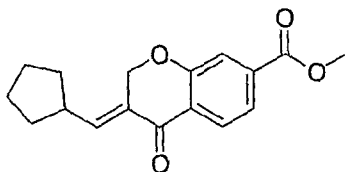
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methyl 3-(4-fluorobenzylidene)-4-oxochroman-7-carboxylate

The title compound was prepared from methyl 4-oxochroman-7-carboxylate (Koch, K., and Biggers, M. S. J. Org. Chem. 1994, 59, 1216-1218) and 4-fluorobenzaldehyde according to Method A2 using methanol and 4 N hydrogen chloride/dioxane. Off-white solid (76 % yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm

- 5 3.88 (s, 3 H), 5.48 (s, 1 H), 7.35 (t, J=8.59 Hz, 2 H), 7.50 - 7.61 (m, 3 H), 7.66 (d, J=7.25 Hz, 1 H), 7.80 (s, 1 H), 8.01 (d, J=8.06 Hz, 1 H).

Preparation 31

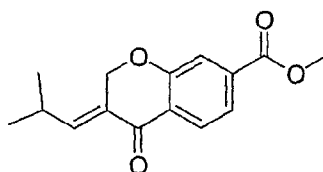


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methyl 3-(cyclopentylmethylene)-4-oxochroman-7-carboxylate

- The title compound was prepared according to General Method A1 from methyl 4-oxochroman-7-carboxylate (Koch, K., and Biggers, M. S. J. Org. Chem. 1994, 59, 1216-1218) and cyclopentanecarboxaldehyde as an off-white solid (2.12 g, 7.42 mmol, 15 76% yield). ES-MS m/z 287 (M+H).

Preparation 32



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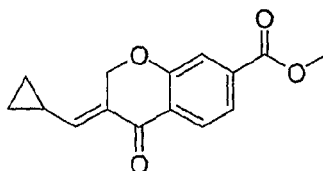
methyl 3-(2-methylpropylidene)-4-oxochroman-7-carboxylate

- The title compound was prepared according to General Method A1 from methyl 4-oxochroman-7-carboxylate (Koch, K., and Biggers, M. S. J. Org. Chem. 1994, 59, 1216-1218) and isobutyraldehyde. After stirring overnight, the solution was partitioned 25 between 1 N hydrogen chloride and ethyl acetate. The organic layers were washed with 1 N hydrogen chloride and brine, dried (sodium sulfate), and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (0 to 20% ethyl acetate/hexanes) to give methyl 3-(2-methylpropylidene)-4-oxochroman-7-carboxylate as an oily solid (730 mg, 2.8 mmol, 58% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 7.95 (d, J=8.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.62 (dd, J=8.2, 1.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.53 (d, J=1.6 Hz, 1 H), 6.65 (dt, J=10.3, 1.7 Hz, 1 H), 5.22 (d, J=1.6 Hz, 2 H), 3.88 (s, 3 H), 2.73 - 2.86 (m, 1 H), 1.04 (d, J=6.6 Hz, 6 H). ES-MS m/z 261 (M+H).

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Preparation 33



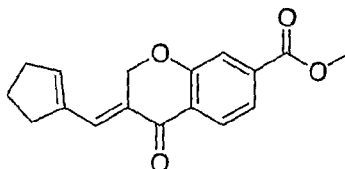
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methyl 3-(cyclopropylmethylene)-4-oxochroman-7-carboxylate

The title compound was prepared according to Method A1 from methyl 4-oxochroman-7-carboxylate (Koch, K., and Biggers, M. S. J. Org. Chem. 1994, 59, 1216-1218) and cyclopropanecarboxaldehyde as an off-white solid (1.14 g, 91% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 0.75 - 0.86 (m, 2 H), 1.00 - 1.11 (m, 2 H), 1.80 - 1.95 (m, 1 H), 3.87 (s, 3 H), 5.31 (d, J=1.56 Hz, 2 H), 6.27 (d, J=11.33 Hz, 1 H), 7.52 (d, J=1.56 Hz, 1 H), 7.60 (dd, J=8.20, 1.56 Hz, 1 H), 7.94 (d, J=8.20 Hz, 1 H). ES-MS m/z 259 (M+H).

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Preparation 34



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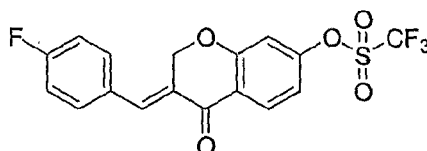
methyl 3-(cyclopentenylmethylene)-4-oxochroman-7-carboxylate

To a solution of methyl 4-oxochroman-7-carboxylate (500 mg, 2.4 mmol) in methanol (5 mL) was added cyclopent-1-enecarbaldehyde (465 mg, 4.8 mmol) and pyrrolidine (0.40 mL, 4.8 mmol). The solution was stirred for one hour at ambient temperature. The resulting brown precipitate was collected by vacuum filtration and dried to give methyl 3-(cyclopentenylmethylene)-4-oxochroman-7-carboxylate (444 mg,

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5 64% yield). LC/MS on 4.6x50mm C-18 column, t_R = 6.49 minutes (10 to 90%
acetonitrile/water over 8 minutes at 2 mL/minute with detection 254 nm, at 50 °C); ES-
MS m/z 285 (M+H). 1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 1.88 - 1.99 (m, 2 H), 2.43 (d,
J=13.16 Hz, 2 H), 2.63 (t, J=6.98 Hz, 2 H), 3.85 (s, 3 H), 5.36 (s, 2 H), 6.45 (br. s., 1 H),
7.37 (s, 1 H), 7.49 (d, J=1.34 Hz, 1 H), 7.60 (dd, J=8.06, 1.61 Hz, 1 H), 7.93 (d, J=8.32
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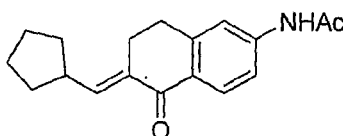
Preparation 35



3-(4-fluorobenzylidene)-4-oxochroman-7-yl trifluoromethanesulfonate

The title compound was prepared according to Method A1 from 4-oxochroman-7-
yl trifluoromethanesulfonate (500 mg, 1.7 mmol) (US Patent No. 5,550,152; Example 1,
20 Step C) and 4-fluorobenzaldehyde (0.21 mL, 2.0 mmol) to give 3-(4-fluorobenzylidene)-
4-oxochroman-7-yl trifluoromethanesulfonate (260 mg, 0.65 mmol, 40% yield) as a solid.
 1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 5.52 (d, J=1.88 Hz, 2 H), 7.25 (dd, J=8.73, 2.28
Hz, 1 H), 7.31 - 7.39 (m, 3 H), 7.56 (dd, J=8.73, 5.50 Hz, 2 H), 7.80 (s, 1 H), 8.06 (d,
J=8.86 Hz, 1 H). ES-MS m/z 403 (M+H).

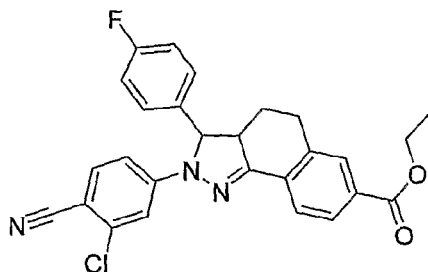
Preparation 36



N-(6-(cyclopentylmethylene)-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-yl)acetamide

5 A mixture of 6-acetamido-1-tetralone (Ryan Scientific) (200 mg, 0.98 mmol) and cyclopentanecarboxaldehyde (0.21 mL, 1.9 mmol) in methanol (2 mL) was treated with pyrrolidine (0.25 mL, 2.9 mmol) at room temperature for 1 hour then heated at 55 °C overnight. The mixture was cooled to room temperature, treated with 1N hydrogen chloride (4 mL) was filtered thru a Chem Elute tube (CE101 1) eluting with 90%
 10 dichloromethane / 10% ethyl acetate and condensed filtrate to give (E)-N-(6-(cyclopentylmethylene)-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-yl)acetamide (200 mg, 0.71 mmol, 72% yield) as a tan foam. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 1.25 - 1.44 (m, 2 H), 1.52 - 1.76 (m, 4 H), 1.77 - 1.90 (m, 2H), 2.08 (s, 3 H), 2.70 - 2.92 (m, 5 H), 6.63 (d, J=9.67 Hz, 1 H), 7.49 (dd, J=8.59, 2.15 Hz, 1 H), 7.59 - 7.66 (m, 1 H), 7.86 (d, J=8.59 Hz, 1 H), 10.23 (s, 1 H). ES-MS m/z 284 (M+H).

Example 1

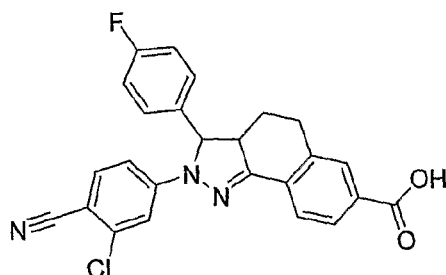


ethyl 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate

25 The title compound was prepared from ethyl 6-(4-fluorobenzylidene)-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate (Preparation 16; 324 mg, 1.0 mmol) and 2-chloro-4-hydrazinylbenzonitrile hydrochloride (Preparation 1; 306 mg, 1.5 mmol) according to Method B (yellow solid, 394 mg, 0.830 mmol, 83% yield). The title compound was largely present as (±)-ethyl (3RS,3aRS)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid. ¹H NMR
 30 (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 0.80 (m, 1 H), 1.31 (t, J=7.12 Hz, 3 H), 1.79 (m, 1 H), 2.95 (m, 2 H), 3.97 (ddd, J=13.49, 11.21, 4.83 Hz, 1 H), 4.31 (q, J=6.98 Hz, 2 H), 5.94 (d,

- 5 J=11.28 Hz, 1 H), 7.15 (m, 6 H), 7.66 (d, J=8.86 Hz, 1 H), 7.80 (s, 1 H), 7.85 (dd, J=8.19, 1.75 Hz, 1 H), 8.16 (d, J=8.06 Hz, 1 H). ES-MS m/z 474 (M+H).

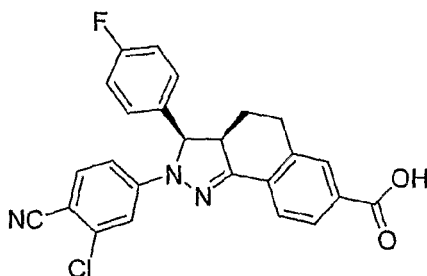
Example 2



- 10 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid

The title compound was prepared from ethyl 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate (Example 1; 330 mg, 0.696 mmol) according to Method C (yellow solid, 297 mg, 0.666 mmol, 96% yield).
 15 The title compound was largely present as (±)-(3RS,3aRS)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 0.80 (m, 1 H), 1.79 (m, 1 H), 2.93 (m, 2 H), 3.96 (m, 1 H), 5.93 (d, J=11.01 Hz, 1 H), 7.15 (m, 6 H), 7.66 (d, J=8.59 Hz, 1 H), 7.78 (s, 1 H), 7.83 (dd, J=8.19, 1.48 Hz, 1 H), 8.14 (d, J=8.06 Hz, 1 H), 13.07 (s, 1 H). ES-MS m/z 446 (M+H).
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Example 3

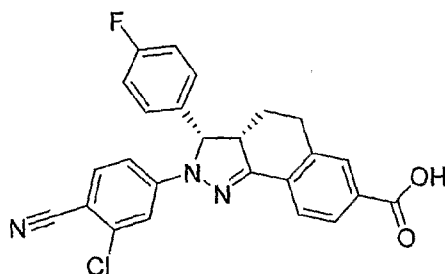


- 25 (3R,3aR)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid

5 The title compound was prepared from the 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid prepared in Example 2 using chiral resolution (e.g., Method G) (Chiralcel OJ-H 30x250 mm, 50% ethanol/carbon dioxide, 70 mL/min). First eluting peak: chiral HPLC t_R = 2.3 minutes (Chiralcel OJ-H 4.6x250 mm; 50% ethanol/carbon dioxide, 3 mL/min).

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Example 4

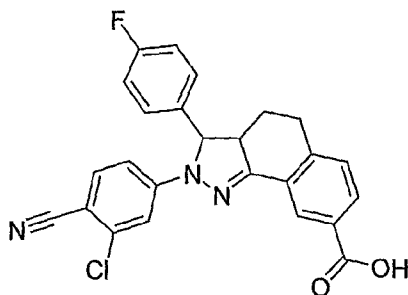


15 (3S,3aS)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid

The title compound was prepared from the 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid prepared in
20 Example 2 using chiral resolution (e.g., Method G) (Chiralcel OJ-H 30x250 mm, 50% ethanol/carbon dioxide, 70 mL/min). Second eluting peak: chiral HPLC t_R = 4.0 minutes (Chiralcel OJ-H 4.6x250 mm; 50% ethanol/carbon dioxide, 3 mL/min)

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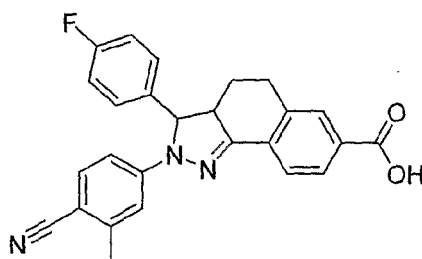
Example 5



5 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-8-carboxylic acid

The title compound was prepared from ethyl 7-(4-fluorobenzylidene)-8-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate (Preparation 17) and 2-chloro-4-hydrazinylbenzonitrile hydrochloride (Preparation 1) according to Method B and Method C (off-white solid, 299 mg). The title compound was largely present as ($\pm$)-(3RS,3aRS)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-8-carboxylic acid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 0.80 (qd, $J=13.02$, 5.24 Hz, 1 H), 1.79 (m, 1 H), 2.95 (m, 2 H), 3.96 (m, 1 H), 5.92 (d, $J=11.01$ Hz, 1 H), 7.15 (m, 6 H), 7.35 (d, $J=8.06$ Hz, 1 H), 7.64 (d, $J=8.86$ Hz, 1 H), 7.86 (dd, $J=8.06$, 1.61 Hz, 1 H), 8.57 (d, $J=1.61$ Hz, 1 H), 13.17 (s, 1 H). ES-MS m/z 446 (M+H).

Example 6

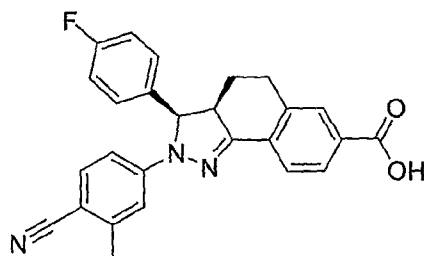


20 2-(4-cyano-3-methylphenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid

The title compound was prepared from ethyl 6-(4-fluorobenzylidene)-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate (Preparation 16; 324 mg, 1.0 mmol) and 4-hydrazinyl-2-methylbenzonitrile hydrochloride (Preparation 2; 275 mg, 1.5 mmol) according to Method B and Method C (solid, 290 mg, 0.68 mmol, 68% yield). The title compound was largely present as ($\pm$)-(3RS,3aRS)-2-(4-cyano-3-methylphenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 0.71 - 0.87 (m, 1 H), 1.76 - 1.84 (m, 1 H), 2.36 (s, 3 H), 2.84 - 3.01 (m, 2 H), 3.86 - 3.98 (m, 1 H), 5.87 (d, $J=11.28$ Hz, 1 H), 6.65 - 7.36 (m, 6 H), 7.48 (d, $J=8.60$ Hz, 1 H), 7.76 (s, 1 H), 7.82 (dd, $J=8.19$, 1.75 Hz, 1 H), 8.10 (d, $J=8.33$ Hz, 1 H). ES-MS m/z 426 (M+H).

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Example 7



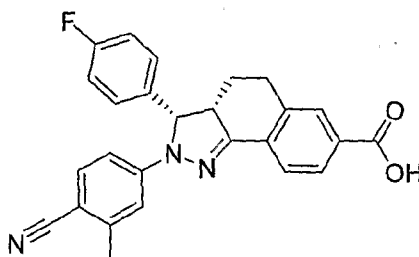
(3R,3aR)-2-(4-cyano-3-methylphenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid

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The title compound was prepared from the 2-(4-cyano-3-methylphenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid prepared in Example 6 using chiral resolution (e.g., Method G) (Chiralpak AD-H 21x250 mm, 50% methanol/carbon dioxide, 50 mL/min). Second eluting peak: chiral HPLC t_R = 3.8 minutes (Chiralpak AD-H 4.6x250 mm; 50% methanol/carbon dioxide, 3 mL/min).

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Example 8



(3S,3aS)-2-(4-cyano-3-methylphenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid

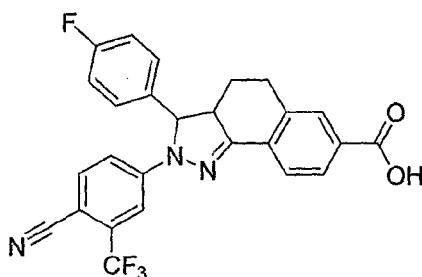
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The title compound was prepared from the 2-(4-cyano-3-methylphenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid prepared in Example 6 using chiral resolution (e.g., Method G) (Chiralpak AD-H 21x250 mm, 50% methanol/carbon dioxide, 50 mL/min). First eluting peak: chiral HPLC t_R = 2.5 minutes (Chiralpak AD-H 4.6x250 mm; 50% methanol/carbon dioxide, 3 mL/min).

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Example 9



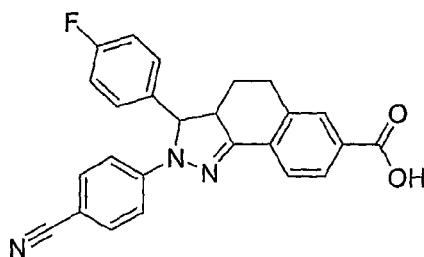
10 2-[4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid

The title compound was prepared from ethyl 6-(4-fluorobenzylidene)-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate (Preparation 16; 324 mg, 1.0 mmol) and 4-hydrazinyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile hydrochloride (Preparation 3; 356 mg, 1.5 mmol) according to Method B and Method C (solid, 366 mg, 0.76 mmol, 76% yield). The title compound was largely present as ($\pm$)-(3RS,3aRS)-2-[4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 0.77 - 0.91 (m, $J=13.17, 5.37$ Hz, 1 H), 1.75 - 1.84 (m, 1 H), 2.94 (d, $J=2.96$ Hz, 2 H), 3.94 - 4.05 (m, 1 H), 6.00 (d, $J=11.02$ Hz, 1 H), 7.15 (s, 6 H), 7.79 (s, 1 H), 7.81 - 7.88 (m, 2 H), 8.15 (d, $J=8.33$ Hz, 1 H). ES-MS m/z 480 ($M+H$).

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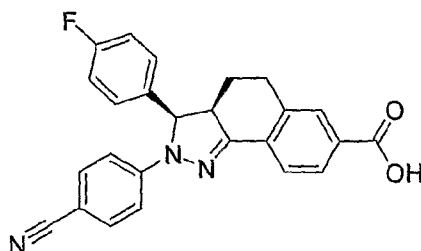
Example 10



5 2-(4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid

The title compound was prepared from ethyl 6-(4-fluorobenzylidene)-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate (Preparation 16; 324 mg, 1.0 mmol) and 4-hydrazinylbenzonitrile hydrochloride (Aldrich; 254 mg, 1.5 mmol) according to Method B and Method C (solid, 294 mg, 0.72 mmol, 72% yield). The title compound was largely present as (±)-(3RS,3aRS)-2-(4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 0.70 - 0.88 (m, 1 H), 1.74 - 1.84 (m, 1 H), 2.82 - 3.01 (m, 2 H), 3.86 - 3.99 (m, 1 H), 5.87 (d, J=11.28 Hz, 1 H), 7.13 (s, 6 H), 7.57 (d, J=9.14 Hz, 2 H), 7.74 (s, 1 H), 7.78 - 7.83 (m, 1 H), 8.05 (d, J=8.33 Hz, 1 H). ES-MS m/z 412 (M+H).

Example 11

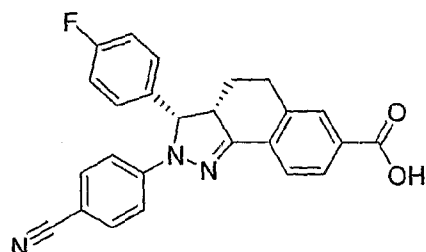


20 (3R,3aR)-2-(4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid

The title compound was prepared from the 2-(4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid prepared in Example 10 using chiral resolution (e.g., Method G) (Chiralpak AD-H 21x250 mm, 50% ethanol/carbon dioxide, 50 mL/min). Second eluting peak: chiral HPLC t_R = 3.4 minutes (Chiralpak AD-H 4.6x250 mm; 50% ethanol/carbon dioxide, 3 mL/min).

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Example 12



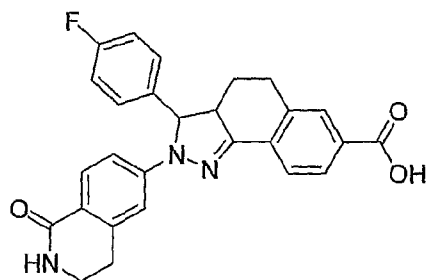
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(3S,3aS)-2-(4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid

The title compound was prepared from the 2-(4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid prepared in Example 10 using chiral resolution (e.g., Method G) (Chiralpak AD-H 21x250 mm, 50% ethanol/carbon dioxide, 50 mL/min). First eluting peak: chiral HPLC t_R = 2.3 minutes (Chiralpak AD-H 4.6x250 mm; 50% ethanol/carbon dioxide, 3 mL/min).

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Example 13



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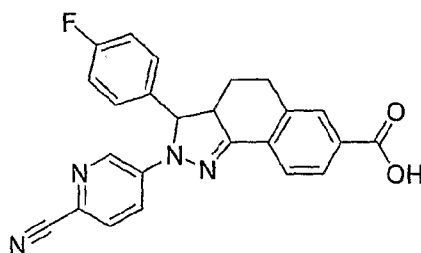
3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-(1-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-6-yl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid

The title compound was prepared as follows: to ethyl 6-(4-fluorobenzylidene)-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate (Preparation 16; 303 mg, 1.07 mmol) and 6-hydrazinyl-3,4-dihydroisoquinolin-1(2H)-one (240 mg, 1.3 mmol) (US Patent No. 6,432,974, Kelly et al., Aug. 13, 2002, intermediate 2) was added ethanol (8 mL) and 21% sodium ethoxide in ethanol (1.5 mL, 4 mmol) in a vial. The vial was flushed with

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5 argon and heated at 80°C overnight with stirring. The reaction was quenched with 1M hydrogen chloride (8 mL) and diluted with water to give a precipitate. The precipitate was collected by vacuum filtration to give a yellow solid. The solid was dissolved in of dimethylformamide (3 mL) and purified by reverse phase chromatography with 45-75% acetonitrile/water to give (±)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-(1-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-6-yl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid as a 25/75 mixture of the
10 cis/trans-diastereomers (290 mg, 0.68 mmol, 63% yield). ES-MS m/z 430 (M+H).

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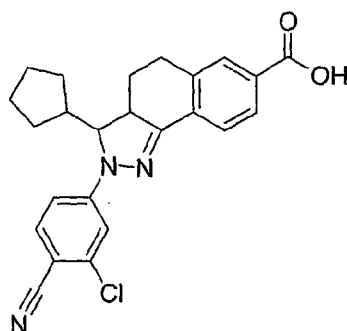


2-(6-cyanopyridin-3-yl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid trifluoroacetate

20 The title compound was prepared from ethyl 6-(4-fluorobenzylidene)-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate (Preparation 16; 0.300 g, 0.93 mmol) and 5-hydrazinylpicolinonitrile dihydrochloride (Preparation 5; 535 mg, 1.9 mmol) according to Method B and Method C. The crude precipitate was purified by reverse phase
25 chromatography with 40-80% acetonitrile/water to give the title compound which was largely present as (±)-(3RS,3aRS)-2-(6-cyanopyridin-3-yl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid trifluoroacetate (yellow solid, 43 mg, 0.10 mmol, 11% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 0.75 - 0.91 (m, 1 H), 1.74 - 1.87 (m, 1 H), 2.84 - 3.06 (m, 2 H), 3.91 - 4.04 (m, 1 H), 5.96 (d, J=11.01 Hz, 1 H), 6.82
30 - 7.59 (m, 5 H), 7.76 (d, J=8.59 Hz, 1 H), 7.79 (s, 1 H), 7.84 (dd, J=8.32, 1.61 Hz, 1 H), 8.14 (d, J=8.06 Hz, 1 H), 8.45 (br. s., 1 H), 12.93 - 13.19 (m, 1 H). ES-MS m/z 413 (M+H).

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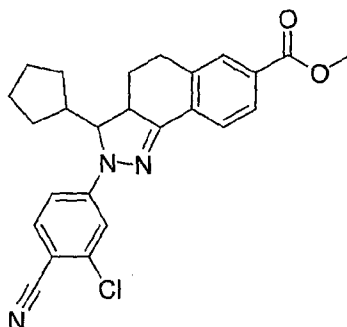
Example 15



2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid

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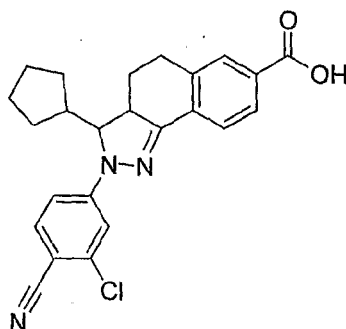
Step 1: Preparation of methyl 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate



Methyl 6-(cyclopentylmethylene)-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate (Preparation 18, 2.8 g, 9.9 mmol) was suspended in ethanol (100 mL) and 2-chloro-4-hydrazinylbenzonitrile hydrochloride (Preparation 1, 2.6 g, 12.8 mmol) was added. The solution was heated to 80 °C for eight hours. The solution was returned to ambient temperature. The resulting solid was collected by vacuum filtration and washed with cold ethanol to provide the title compound largely present as (±)-(3SR,3aRS)-methyl 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate (3.75 g, 87% yield). LC/MS on 4.6x50mm C-18 column, t_R = 7.45 minutes (10 to 90% acetonitrile/water over 8 minutes at 2 mL/minute with detection 254 nm, at 50 °C); ES-MS m/z 434 (M+H); 1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 1.06 - 1.54 (m, 6 H), 1.62 - 1.74 (m, 1 H), 1.73 - 1.87 (m, 1 H), 1.99 - 2.09 (m, 1 H), 2.21 (dd, J =7.79, 2.15 Hz, 1 H), 2.82 - 2.94 (m, 2 H), 3.09 (d, J =16.92 Hz, 1 H), 3.54 - 3.66 (m, 1 H), 3.84 (s, 3 H), 4.95 (dd, J =9.67, 5.64 Hz, 1 H), 7.19 (dd, J =9.26, 1.75 Hz, 1

5 H), 7.39 (d, J=2.15 Hz, 1 H), 7.67 (d, J=8.86 Hz, 1 H), 7.82 (d, J=8.32 Hz, 1 H), 7.86 (s, 1 H), 8.10 (d, J=8.06 Hz, 1 H).

Step 2: Preparation of 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid



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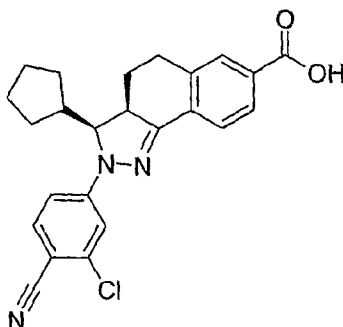
To a solution of the methyl 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate from step 1 (3.75 g, 8.6 mmol) in methanol (10 mL) and tetrahydrofuran (30 mL) was added 10% aqueous sodium hydroxide (10 mL). The solution was stirred for 20 hours at ambient temperature. The resulting slurry was concentrated to half volume and acidified to a pH of about 2 with 1M hydrochloric acid. The resulting solid was collected by vacuum filtration to provide the title compound largely present as (±)-(3SR,3aRS)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid (yellow solid, 3.79 g, quantitative yield). LC/MS on 4.6x50mm C-18 column, t_R = 6.74 minutes (10 to 90% acetonitrile/water over 8 minutes at 2 mL/minute with detection 254 nm, at 50 °C); ES-MS m/z 420 (M+H); HRMS Calculated for $C_{24}H_{22}ClN_3O_2$: 420.1473 (M+H)⁺. Found: 420.1449; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 1.10 - 1.55 (m, 6 H), 1.64 - 1.75 (m, 2 H), 1.75 - 1.87 (m, 1 H), 1.99 - 2.09 (m, 1 H), 2.15 - 2.23 (m, 1 H), 2.78 - 2.91 (m, 2 H), 3.00 (d, J=16.11 Hz, 1 H), 4.89 (dd, J=9.26, 5.77 Hz, 1 H), 7.14 (dd, J=9.00, 1.75 Hz, 1 H), 7.34 (d, J=1.88 Hz, 1 H), 7.63 (d, J=8.86 Hz, 1 H), 7.73 (s, 1 H), 7.76 (s, 1 H), 7.94 (d, J=7.79 Hz, 1 H).

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Example 16



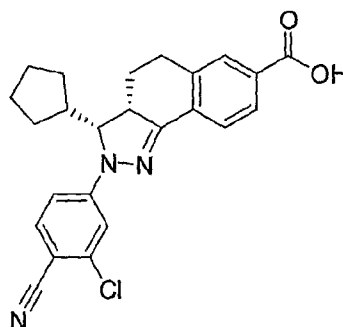
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(3S,3aR)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid

The title compound was prepared from the 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid prepared in Example 15 using chiral resolution (e.g., Method G) (Chiralpak AD-H 21x250 mm, 50% n-butanol/carbon dioxide, 50 mL/min). Second eluting peak: chiral HPLC t_R = 4.0 minutes (Chiralpak AD-H 4.6x250 mm; 50% n-butanol/carbon dioxide, 3 mL/min).

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Example 17



(3R,3aS)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid

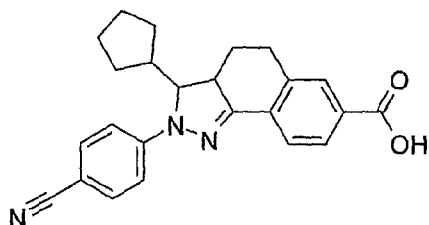
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The title compound was prepared from the 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid prepared in Example 15 using chiral resolution (e.g., Method G) (Chiralpak AD-H 21x250 mm, 50% n-butanol/carbon dioxide, 50 mL/min). First eluting peak: chiral HPLC t_R = 2.0 minutes (Chiralpak AD-H 4.6x250 mm; 50% n-butanol/carbon dioxide, 3 mL/min).

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Example 18



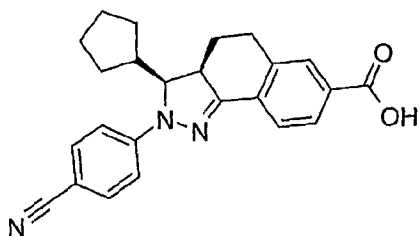
2-(4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic
acid

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The title compound was prepared from methyl 6-(cyclopentylmethylene)-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate (Preparation 18) and 4-hydrazinylbenzonitrile hydrochloride (Aldrich) according to Method B and Method C.

15 The title compound was largely present as (±)-(3SR,3aRS)-2-(4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 1.18 - 1.54 (m, 7 H), 1.65 - 1.74 (m, 1 H), 1.77 - 1.89 (m, 1 H), 2.04 - 2.12 (m, 1 H), 2.20 - 2.28 (m, 1 H), 2.83 - 2.95 (m, 1 H), 3.05 - 3.14 (m, 1 H), 3.55 - 3.63 (m, 1 H), 4.91 (dd, J=9.53, 5.50 Hz, 1 H), 7.29 (d, J=8.86 Hz, 2 H), 7.60 (d, J=8.86 Hz, 2 H), 7.82 (dd, J=8.19, 1.48 Hz, 1 H), 7.86 (s, 1 H), 8.06 (d, J=8.06 Hz, 1 H),
20 12.99 (br. s., 1 H); HRMS m/z 386.1838 (M+H).

Example 19

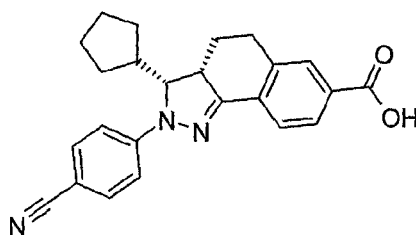


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(3S,3aR)-2-(4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid

The title compound was prepared from the 2-(4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid prepared in Example 18 using chiral resolution (e.g., Method G) (Chiralcel OJ-H 21x250 mm, 50% methanol/carbon dioxide, 50 mL/min). First eluting peak: chiral HPLC t_R = 3.6 minutes (Chiralcel OJ-H 4.6x250 mm; 50% methanol/carbon dioxide, 3 mL/min).

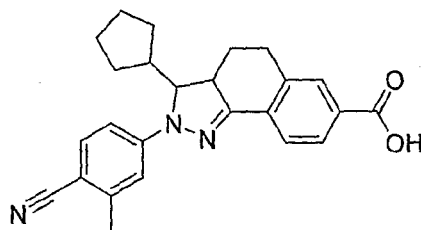
Example 20



(3R,3aS)-2-(4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid

The title compound was prepared from the 2-(4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid prepared in Example 18 using chiral resolution (e.g., Method G) (Chiralcel OJ-H 21x250 mm, 50% methanol/carbon dioxide, 50 mL/min). Second eluting peak: chiral HPLC t_R = 7.1 minutes (Chiralcel OJ-H 4.6x250 mm; 50% methanol/carbon dioxide, 3 mL/min).

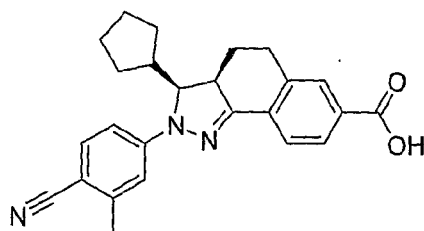
Example 21



2-(4-cyano-3-methylphenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid

The title compound was prepared from methyl 6-(cyclopentylmethylene)-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate (Preparation 18; 310.5 mg, 1.09 mmol) and 4-hydrazinyl-2-methylbenzonitrile hydrochloride (Preparation 2; 265 mg, 1.45 mmol) according to Method B and Method C (hydrolysis conducted at 60 °C). The crude precipitate was purified by reverse phase chromatography with 60-95% acetonitrile/water to give the title compound (yellow solid, 280 mg, 0.563 mmol, 64% yield). The title compound was largely present as (±)-(3SR,3aRS)-2-(4-cyano-3-methylphenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 1.12 - 1.56 (m, 7 H), 1.64 - 1.74 (m, 1 H), 1.76 - 1.92 (m, J=12.89, 4.30 Hz, 1 H), 2.01 - 2.14 (m, 1 H), 2.18 - 2.29 (m, 1 H), 2.41 (s, 3 H), 2.81 - 2.96 (m, 1 H), 3.04 - 3.14 (m, 1 H), 3.51 - 3.63 (m, 1 H), 4.89 (dd, J=9.67, 5.37 Hz, 1 H), 7.09 (dd, J=8.59, 2.15 Hz, 1 H), 7.22 (d, J=1.88 Hz, 1 H), 7.52 (d, J=8.59 Hz, 1 H), 7.82 (dd, J=8.19, 1.48 Hz, 1 H), 7.85 (s, 1 H), 8.07 (d, J=8.06 Hz, 1 H), 13.01 (s, 1 H). ES-MS m/z 400 (M+H).

Example 22

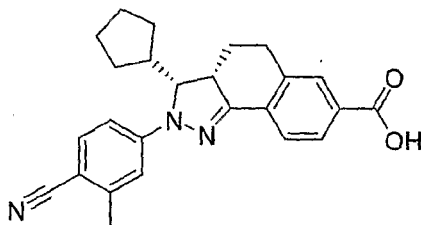


(3S,3aR)-2-(4-cyano-3-methylphenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid

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The title compound was prepared from the 2-(4-cyano-3-methylphenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid prepared in Example 21 using chiral resolution (e.g., Method G (Chiralcel OJ-H 30x250 mm; 50% ethanol/carbon dioxide, 70 mL/min). First eluting peak: chiral HPLC t_R = 2.31 minutes (Chiralcel OJ-H 4.6x250 mm; 50% ethanol/carbon dioxide, 3 mL/min).

Example 23

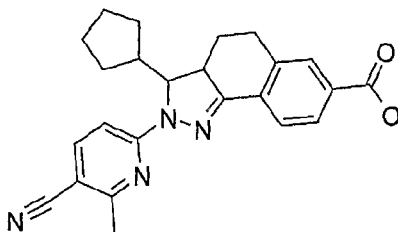


(3R,3aS)-2-(4-cyano-3-methylphenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid

The title compound was prepared from the 2-(4-cyano-3-methylphenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid prepared in Example 21 using chiral resolution (e.g., Method G (Chiralcel OJ-H 30x250 mm; 50% ethanol/carbon dioxide, 70 mL/min). Second eluting peak: chiral HPLC t_R = 3.5 minutes (Chiralcel OJ-H 4.6x250 mm; 50% ethanol/carbon dioxide, 3 mL/min).

Example 24

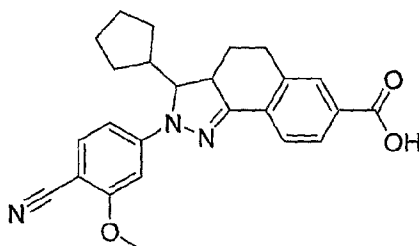
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2-(5-cyano-6-methylpyridin-2-yl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid

The title compound was prepared from methyl 6-(cyclopentylmethylene)-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate (Preparation 18) and 6-hydrazinyl-2-methylnicotinonitrile (Preparation 6) according to Method B and Method C. The title compound was largely present as ($\pm$)-(3SR,3aRS)-2-(5-cyano-6-methylpyridin-2-yl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 1.24 - 1.52 (m, 5 H), 1.56 - 1.89 (m, 5 H), 2.11 - 2.19 (m, 1 H), 2.22 - 2.28 (m, 1 H), 2.85 - 2.95 (m, 1 H), 3.55 - 3.63 (m, 1 H), 5.12 (dd, $J=9.70$, 5.67 Hz, 1 H), 7.17 (d, $J=8.78$ Hz, 1 H), 7.74 - 7.85 (m, 2 H), 7.87 (s, 1 H), 8.08 (d, $J=8.05$ Hz, 1 H). (Missed $-\text{CH}_3$ due to DMSO overlap) HRMS m/z 401.1965 ($M+H$).

Example 25



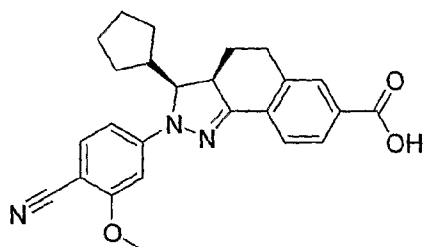
2-(4-cyano-3-methoxyphenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid

The title compound was prepared from methyl 6-(cyclopentylmethylene)-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate (Preparation 18; 310 mg, 1.09 mmol) and 4-hydrazinyl-2-methoxybenzonitrile hydrochloride (Preparation 4; 282 mg, 1.42 mmol) according to Method B (methanol was used in place of ethanol as solvent) and Method C. The crude precipitate was purified by reverse phase chromatography with 40-95% acetonitrile/water to give the title compound (yellow solid, 220 mg, 0.53 mmol, 49% yield). The title compound was largely present as ($\pm$)-(3SR,3aRS)-2-(4-cyano-3-methoxyphenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 1.34 (m, 7 H), 1.65 - 1.90 (m, 2 H), 1.99 - 2.12 (m, 1 H), 2.18 - 2.27 (m, 1 H), 2.82 - 2.95 (m, 1 H), 3.04 - 3.13 (m, 1 H), 3.52 - 3.63 (m, 1 H), 3.90 (s, 3 H), 4.94 (dd, $J=9.67$, 5.37 Hz, 1 H), 6.80 (dd, $J=8.59$, 1.88 Hz, 1 H), 6.90 (d, $J=1.61$ Hz, 1 H), 7.45 (d, $J=8.59$ Hz, 1 H), 7.81 (dd, $J=8.19$, 1.48 Hz, 1 H), 7.85 (s, 1 H), 8.08 (d, $J=8.06$ Hz, 1 H), 13.02 (s, 1 H). ES-MS m/z 416 ($M+H$).

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Example 26

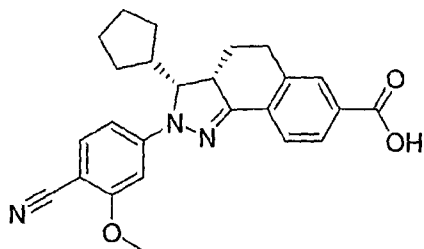


15 (3S,3aR)-2-(4-cyano-3-methoxyphenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid

The title compound was prepared from the 2-(4-cyano-3-methoxyphenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid prepared in
20 Example 25 using chiral resolution (e.g., Method G) (Chiralpak IA 30x250 mm, 50% methanol/carbon dioxide, 70 mL/min).
Second eluting peak: chiral HPLC t_R = 4.2 minutes (Chiralpak IA 4.6x250 mm; 50% methanol/carbon dioxide, 3 mL/min).

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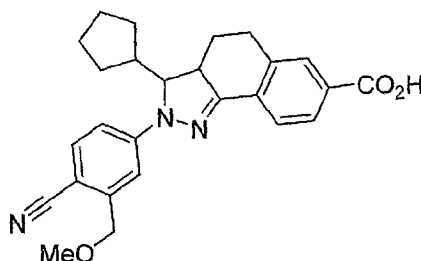
Example 27



(3R,3aS)-2-(4-cyano-3-methoxyphenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid

5 The title compound was prepared from the 2-(4-cyano-3-methoxyphenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid prepared in Example 25 using chiral resolution (e.g., Method G) (Chiralpak IA 30x250 mm, 50% methanol/carbon dioxide, 70 mL/min). First eluting peak: chiral HPLC t_R = 3.4 minutes (Chiralpak IA 4.6x250 mm; 50%
10 methanol/carbon dioxide, 3 mL/min).

Example 28



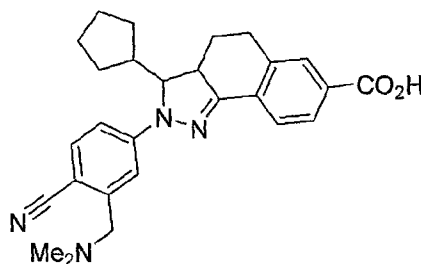
15 2-(4-cyano-3-(methoxymethyl)phenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid

A mixture of 4-hydrazinyl-2-(methoxymethyl)benzonitrile hydrochloride (Preparation 9), methyl 6-(cyclopentylmethylene)-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate (Preparation 18; 209 mg, 0.73 mmol) and ethanol (4 mL) was stirred
20 under argon at 80 °C for four hours. The mixture was cooled to room temperature and concentrated to give ethyl 2-(4-cyano-3-(methoxymethyl)phenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate as a yellow solid. The ester was suspended in tetrahydrofuran (4 mL), methanol (1 mL) and treated with 2.5 N sodium
25 hydroxide (1 mL) at room temperature. After four hours the mixture was concentrated to half the original volume, treated with 6 N hydrogen chloride (2 mL), dimethylsulfoxide (24 mL) and purified by reversed-phase HPLC (acetonitrile/water/0.05% trifluoroacetic acid) to give 2-(4-cyano-3-(methoxymethyl)phenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid (yellow/orange solid, 65 mg, 0.015 mmol, 18 %
30 yield). The title compound was largely present as (±)-(3RS,3aSR)-2-(4-cyano-3-(methoxymethyl)phenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 13.04 (s, 1 H), 8.07 (d, J =8.06 Hz, 1 H), 7.80 - 7.87 (m, 2 H), 7.60 (d, J =8.86 Hz, 1 H), 7.35 (d, J =2.15 Hz, 1 H), 7.18

5 (dd, J=8.86, 2.15 Hz, 1 H), 4.92 (dd, J=9.80, 5.51 Hz, 1 H), 4.50 (s, 2 H), 3.59 (ddd, J=13.83, 9.40, 4.70 Hz, 1 H), 3.36 (s, 3 H), 3.06 - 3.15 (m, 1 H), 2.82 - 2.96 (m, 1 H), 2.19 - 2.29 (m, 1 H), 2.00 - 2.13 (m, 1 H), 1.65 - 1.89 (m, 2 H), 1.14 - 1.54 (m, 7 H). ES-MS m/z 430 (M+H)

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Example 29



2-(4-cyano-3-((dimethylamino)methyl)phenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid trifluoroacetate

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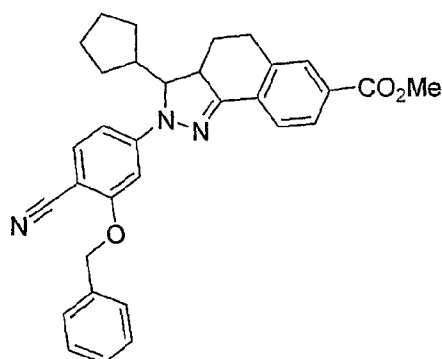
A mixture of 2-((dimethylamino)methyl)-4-hydrazinylbenzonitrile dihydrochloride (Preparation 11; 208 mg, 1.1 mmol), Methyl 6-(cyclopentylmethylene)-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate (Preparation 18; 153 mg, 0.54 mmol), and ethanol (6 mL) was stirred under argon at 80 °C for four hours. The mixture was cooled to room temperature, concentrated and purified by reversed-phase HPLC (acetonitrile/water/0.05% trifluoroacetic acid) to give methyl 2-(4-cyano-3-((dimethylamino)methyl)phenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate. The ester was dissolved in tetrahydrofuran (3 mL), methanol (1 mL) and treated with 2.5 N sodium hydroxide (1 mL) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred for 90 minutes, concentrated and the crude product purified by reversed-phase HPLC (acetonitrile/water/0.05% trifluoroacetic acid) to yield 2-(4-cyano-3-((dimethylamino)methyl)phenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid trifluoroacetate (yellow solid, 104 mg, 0.18 mmol, 35 % yield). The title compound was largely present as (±)-(3RS,3aSR)-2-(4-cyano-3-((dimethylamino)methyl)phenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid trifluoroacetate. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 10.06 (s, 1 H), 8.08 (d, J=8.06 Hz, 1 H), 7.82 - 7.91 (m, 2 H), 7.72 (d, J=8.59 Hz, 1 H), 7.61 (s, 1 H), 7.30 (d, J=8.32 Hz, 1 H), 4.92 (dd, J=9.53, 5.50 Hz, 1 H), 4.28 - 4.47 (m, 2 H), 3.62

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5 (ddd, $J=13.56, 9.26, 4.83$ Hz, 1 H), 3.12 (d, $J=16.11$ Hz, 1 H), 2.89 - 2.97 (m, 1 H), 2.84 (s, 6 H), 2.22 - 2.30 (m, 1 H), 2.04 - 2.16 (m, 1 H), 1.85 (ddd, $J=25.91, 13.02, 3.49$ Hz, 1 H), 1.72 (s, 1 H), 1.15 - 1.56 (m, 7 H). ES-MS m/z 443 ($M+H$).

Example 30

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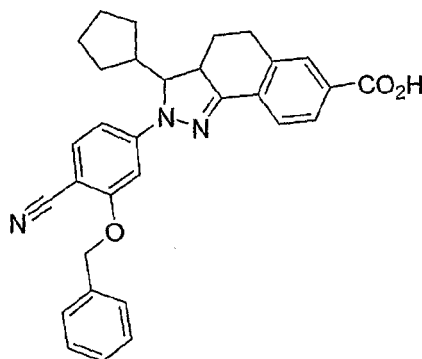


methyl 2-(3-(benzyloxy)-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate

15 A mixture of 2-(benzyloxy)-4-hydrazinylbenzonitrile (Preparation 13; 358 mg, 1.5 mmol), Methyl 6-(cyclopentylmethylene)-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate (Preparation 18; 284 mg, 1.0 mmol), ethanol (7 mL), and 1 drop of concentrated hydrogen chloride was stirred under argon at 80 °C for 64 hours. The mixture was cooled to room temperature, concentrated and purified by normal phase
20 flash column chromatography on a 40 g silica gel column (20 - 80% ethyl acetate/hexanes gradient). Pure fractions were pooled and concentrated in vacuo to yield methyl 2-(3-(benzyloxy)-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate (yellow foam, 485 mg, 0.96 mmol, 96 % yield). The title compound was largely present as ($\pm$)-(3RS,3aSR)-methyl 2-(3-(benzyloxy)-4-
25 cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ ppm 1.00 - 1.51 (m, 7 H), 1.56 - 1.68 (m, 1 H), 1.82 (ddd, $J=25.85, 12.96, 3.89$ Hz, 1 H), 1.95 - 2.08 (m, 1 H), 2.15 - 2.31 (m, 1 H), 2.82 - 2.95 (m, 1 H), 3.11 (d, $J=16.38$ Hz, 1 H), 3.53 - 3.63 (m, 1 H), 3.87 (s, 3 H), 4.91 (dd, $J=9.53, 5.50$ Hz, 1 H), 5.31 (q, $J=12.35$ Hz, 2 H), 6.85 (d, $J=8.32$ Hz, 1 H), 6.96 (s, 1 H), 7.35 (t, $J=7.25$ Hz, 1 H), 7.39 - 7.57 (m, 5 H), 7.80 - 7.92 (m, 2 H), 8.10 (d, $J=8.32$ Hz, 1 H).
30 ES-MS m/z 506 ($M+H$).

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Example 31



2-(3-(benzyloxy)-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-
benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid

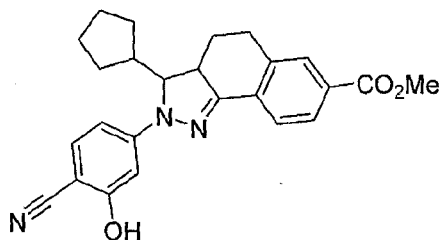
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A mixture of methyl 2-(3-(benzyloxy)-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate (Example 30; 100 mg, 0.20 mmol), tetrahydrofuran (3 mL), and methanol (1 mL) was treated with 2.5 N sodium hydroxide (1 mL) at room temperature. After 18 hours the mixture was concentrated to one-third of its original volume, diluted with water (3 mL) and treated with 2 N hydrogen chloride (2 mL). The mixture was extracted three times with ethyl acetate, dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated to give 2-(3-(benzyloxy)-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid (yellow/orange solid, 90 mg, 0.18 mmol, 93 % yield). The title compound was largely present as (±)-(3RS,3aSR)-2-(3-(benzyloxy)-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 1.03 - 1.51 (m, 7 H), 1.57 - 1.69 (m, 1 H), 1.74 - 1.89 (m, 1 H), 1.95 - 2.07 (m, 1 H), 2.18 - 2.29 (m, 1 H), 2.82 - 2.96 (m, 1 H), 3.03 - 3.14 (m, 1 H), 3.57 (ddd, J=13.70, 9.40, 4.30 Hz, 1 H), 4.91 (dd, J=9.53, 5.50 Hz, 1 H), 5.31 (q, J=12.35 Hz, 2 H), 6.84 (d, J=8.86 Hz, 1 H), 6.96 (s, 1 H), 7.35 (t, J=7.25 Hz, 1 H), 7.40 - 7.53 (m, 5 H), 7.81 - 7.88 (m, 2 H), 8.09 (d, J=8.06 Hz, 1 H), 13.03 (s, 1 H). ES-MS m/z 492 (M+H).

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Example 32

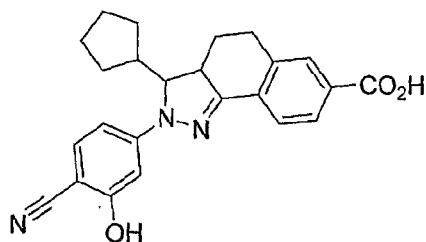
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methyl 2-(4-cyano-3-hydroxyphenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate

A mixture of methyl 2-(3-(benzyloxy)-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate (Example 30; 345 mg, 0.68 mmol), catalytic 10 % palladium on carbon, and ethyl acetate was hydrogenated at 30 psi hydrogen for three hours. The mixture was filtered through Celite and concentrated. The solid was suspended in diethyl ether/hexanes, a small amount of methanol and filtered to give methyl 2-(4-cyano-3-hydroxyphenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate (150 mg, 0.36 mmol, 53 % yield). The title compound was largely present as (±)-(3RS,3aSR)-methyl 2-(4-cyano-3-hydroxyphenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 1.10 - 1.58 (m, 7 H), 1.60 - 1.90 (m, 2 H), 2.06 (s, 1 H), 2.16 - 2.30 (m, 1 H), 2.79 - 2.95 (m, 1 H), 3.05 - 3.15 (m, 1 H), 3.58 (ddd, J=13.76, 9.47, 4.70 Hz, 1 H), 3.86 (s, 3 H), 4.77 (dd, J=9.67, 5.37 Hz, 1 H), 6.70 (d, J=8.59 Hz, 1 H), 6.82 (s, 1 H), 7.36 (d, J=8.86 Hz, 1 H), 7.82 - 7.93 (m, 2 H), 8.02 (d, J=8.06 Hz, 1 H), 10.70 (s, 1 H). ES-MS m/z 416 (M+H).

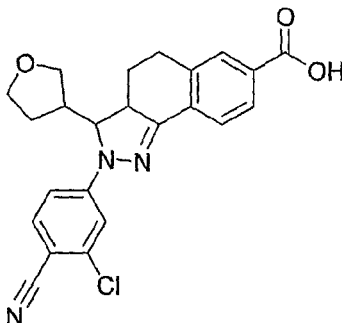
Example 33



methyl 2-(4-cyano-3-hydroxyphenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate

5 A mixture of 2-(3-(benzyloxy)-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid (Example 31; 70 mg, 0.14 mmol), ethyl acetate, tetrahydrofuran, and methanol was treated with 10% palladium on carbon (10 mg) and hydrogenated for four hours at 30 psi hydrogen. The mixture was filtered through Celite, and concentrated to give methyl 2-(4-cyano-3-hydroxyphenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-
 10 3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate (57 mg, 0.14 mmol) as a yellow solid. The title compound was largely present as ($\pm$)-(3RS,3aSR)-methyl 2-(4-cyano-3-hydroxyphenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 1.10 - 1.58 (m, 8 H), 1.61 - 1.75 (m, 1 H), 1.74 - 1.90 (m, 1 H), 2.00 - 2.12 (m, 1 H), 2.16 - 2.30 (m, 1 H), 2.79 - 2.96 (m, 1 H), 3.09 (d, $J=16.11$ Hz, 1 H), 3.57 (ddd, $J=13.76, 9.47, 4.70$ Hz, 1 H), 4.76 (dd, $J=9.67, 5.37$ Hz, 1 H), 6.69 (dd, $J=8.86, 1.61$ Hz, 1 H), 6.82 (s, 1 H), 7.36 (d, $J=8.59$ Hz, 1 H); 7.82 - 7.90 (m, 2 H), 8.00 (d, $J=8.06$ Hz, 1 H), 10.70 (s, 1 H). ES-MS m/z 402 ($M+H$).

Example 34

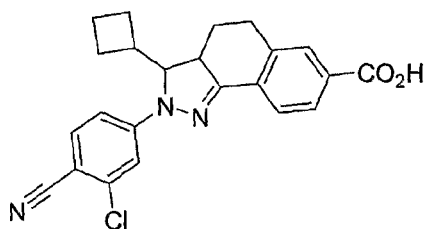


20 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-((R)-tetrahydrofuran-3-yl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid and 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-((S)-tetrahydrofuran-3-yl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid

25 The title compounds were prepared according to Method B and Method C from ($\pm$)-methyl 5-oxo-6-((tetrahydrofuran-3-yl)methylene)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate (Preparation 20) and 2-chloro-4-hydrazinylbenzonitrile hydrochloride (Preparation 1), yielding a yellow solid (167 mg, quantitative yield). The title compounds
 30 were largely present as ($\pm$)-(3RS,3aRS)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-((R)-tetrahydrofuran-3-yl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid and ($\pm$)-

5 (3RS,3aRS)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-((S)-tetrahydrofuran-3-yl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid, respectively. LC/MS on 4.6x50mm C-18 column, t_R = 4.93 minutes (10 to 90% acetonitrile/water over 6 minutes at 2 mL/minute with detection 254 nm, at 50 °C); ES-MS m/z 422 (M+H); HRMS Calculated for $C_{23}H_{20}ClN_3O_3$: 422.1266 (M+H)⁺. Found: 422.1257; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 1.51 - 1.99 (m, 3 H) 2.11 - 2.27 (m, 1 H) 2.91 (dd, J=12.35, 4.03 Hz, 1 H) 3.03 - 3.13 (m, 1 H) 3.38 - 3.47 (m, 1 H) 3.49 - 3.57 (m, 1 H) 3.58 - 3.69 (m, 1 H) 3.73 (t, J=8.06 Hz, 1 H) 3.77 - 3.85 (m, 1 H) 4.75 - 4.83 (m, 1 H) 4.99 (dd, J=9.40, 6.71 Hz, 1 H) 7.18 (td, J=8.59, 2.15 Hz, 1 H) 7.39 (dd, J=18.80, 2.15 Hz, 1 H) 7.69 (dd, J=8.86, 5.10 Hz, 1 H) 7.80 (d, J=8.06 Hz, 1 H) 7.84 (s, 1 H) 8.08 (d, J=8.32 Hz, 1 H) 13.07 (br. s., 1 H).

Example 35

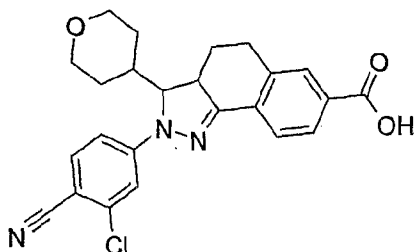


20 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclobutyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid

The title compound was prepared according to Method B and Method C from methyl 6-(cyclobutylmethylene)-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate (Preparation 19) and 2-chloro-4-hydrazinylbenzonitrile hydrochloride (Preparation 1) to give 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclobutyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid (150 mg, 0.36 mmol, 65% yield) as a yellow solid. The title compound was largely present as (±)-(3RS,3aSR)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclobutyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 1.56 - 1.77 (m, 4 H), 1.77 - 1.98 (m, 3 H), 2.07 - 2.18 (m, 1 H), 2.51 - 2.59 (m, 1 H), 2.80 - 2.93 (m, 1 H), 2.97 - 3.07 (m, 1 H), 3.44 - 3.56 (m, 1 H), 4.88 (dd, J=9.40, 6.98 Hz, 1 H), 7.22 (dd, J=8.86, 1.88 Hz, 1 H), 7.42 (d, J=2.15 Hz, 1 H), 7.67 (d, J=8.86 Hz, 1 H), 7.75 - 7.83 (m, 2 H), 8.01 (d, J=8.06 Hz, 1 H). ES-MS m/z 420 (M+H)

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Example 36



2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-yl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid

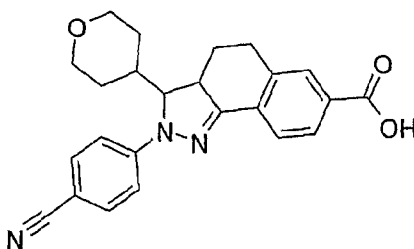
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The title compound was prepared from methyl 5-oxo-6-((tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-yl)methylene)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate (Preparation 21) and 2-chloro-4-hydrazinylbenzonitrile hydrochloride (Preparation 1) according to Method B and Method C. The title compound was largely present as ($\pm$)-(3SR,3aRS)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-yl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 1.24 - 1.33 (m, 2 H), 1.40 (ddd, $J=24.57, 12.08, 4.70$ Hz, 1 H), 1.50 - 1.57 (m, 1 H), 1.86 - 1.99 (m, 2 H), 2.25 - 2.32 (m, 1 H), 2.85 - 2.95 (m, 1 H), 3.07 - 3.20 (m, 3 H), 3.61 - 3.79 (m, 3 H), 4.83 (dd, $J=9.67, 3.76$ Hz, 1 H), 7.21 (d, $J=8.86$ Hz, 1 H), 7.44 (d, $J=1.61$ Hz, 1 H), 7.71 (d, $J=8.59$ Hz, 1 H), 7.83 (dd, $J=8.32, 1.34$ Hz, 1 H), 7.87 (s, 1 H), 8.09 (d, $J=8.32$ Hz, 1 H), 13.07 (s, 1 H); HRMS m/z 436.1445 ($M+H$).

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Example 37

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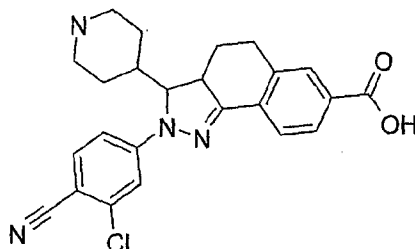
2-(4-cyanophenyl)-3-(tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-yl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid

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The title compound was prepared from methyl 5-oxo-6-((tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-yl)methylene)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate (Preparation 21) and 4-hydrazinylbenzonitrile hydrochloride (Aldrich) according to Method B and Method C.

The title compound was largely present as ($\pm$)-(3SR,3aRS)-2-(4-cyanophenyl)-3-(tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-yl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 1.25 - 1.33 (m, 2 H), 1.41 (ddd, $J=24.64$, 12.29, 4.43 Hz, 1 H), 1.48 - 1.55 (m, 1 H), 1.87 - 1.99 (m, 2 H), 2.25 - 2.33 (m, 1 H), 2.84 - 2.95 (m, 1 H), 3.07 - 3.20 (m, 3 H), 3.57 - 3.68 (m, 1 H), 3.68 - 3.78 (m, 2 H), 4.78 (dd, $J=9.94$, 3.49 Hz, 1 H), 7.30 (d, $J=8.86$ Hz, 2 H), 7.63 (d, $J=8.86$ Hz, 2 H), 7.82 (dd, $J=8.19$, 1.48 Hz, 1 H), 7.86 (s, 1 H), 8.05 (d, $J=8.06$ Hz, 1 H), 13.03 (br. s., 1 H); HRMS m/z 402.1838 (M+H).

Example 38



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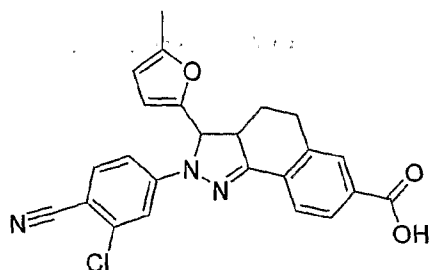
2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(piperidin-4-yl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid trifluoroacetate

The title compound was prepared from tert-butyl 4-((6-(methoxycarbonyl)-1-oxo-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-2(1H)-ylidene)methyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate (Preparation 22) and 2-chloro-4-hydrazinylbenzonitrile hydrochloride (Preparation 1) according to Method B and Method C. The title compound was largely present as ($\pm$)-(3SR,3aRS)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(piperidin-4-yl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid trifluoroacetate. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 1.36 - 1.60 (m, 3 H), 1.91 - 1.99 (m, 2 H), 2.07 - 2.14 (m, 1 H), 2.80 - 2.96 (m, 2 H), 3.03 - 3.09 (m, 2 H), 3.22 - 3.28 (m, 1 H), 3.32 - 3.41 (m, 3 H), 4.35 (dd, $J=8.06$, 4.03 Hz, 1 H), 7.24 (dd, $J=8.86$, 2.15 Hz, 1 H), 7.41 (d, $J=2.15$ Hz, 1 H), 7.78 (d, $J=8.86$ Hz, 1 H), 7.82 (dd,

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- 5 J=8.32, 1.34 Hz, 1 H), 7.84 (s, 1 H), 7.91 (d, J=8.06 Hz, 1 H), 8.08 - 8.18 (m, 1 H), 8.52 - 8.59 (m, 1 H), 13.10 (br. s., 1 H); HRMS m/z 435.1589 (M+H).

Example 39

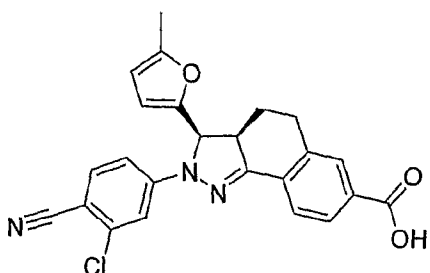


10 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(5-methyl-2-furyl)-N-[2-(methylsulfonyl)ethyl]-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid

The title compound was prepared from methyl 6-(5-methyl-2-furylmethylene)-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate (Preparation 23; 444 mg, 1.5 mmol) and 2-chloro-4-hydrazinylbenzonitrile hydrochloride (Preparation 1; 303 mg, 1.5 mmol) according to Method B and Method C. The title compound was largely present as ($\pm$)-(3RS,3aRS)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(5-methyl-2-furyl)-N-[2-(methylsulfonyl)ethyl]-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 1.20 - 1.27 (m, 1 H), 1.93 (dt, J=8.11, 4.35 Hz, 1 H), 2.10 (s, 3 H), 2.99 (d, J=5.47 Hz, 2 H), 3.90 (td, J=12.21, 4.88 Hz, 1 H), 5.93 (d, J=10.94 Hz, 1 H), 5.97 (d, J=2.34 Hz, 1 H), 6.30 (d, J=3.12 Hz, 1 H), 7.10 (br. s., 1 H) 7.35 (br. s., 1 H), 7.70 (d, J=8.59 Hz, 1 H), 7.83 - 7.86 (m, 2 H), 8.12 (d, J=8.59 Hz, 1 H) 13.07 (s, 1 H). ES-MS m/z 432 (M+H).

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Example 40



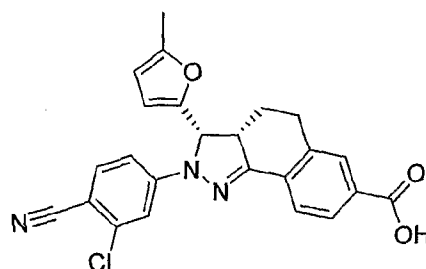
5 (3R,3aR)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(5-methyl-2-furyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid

The title compound was prepared from the 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(5-methyl-2-furyl)-N-[2-(methylsulfonyl)ethyl]-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid prepared in Example 39 using chiral resolution (e.g., Method G)

10 (Chiralcel OJ-H 30x250 mm, 50% methanol/carbon dioxide, 70 mL/min). First eluting peak: chiral HPLC t_R = 2.6 minutes (Chiralcel OJ-H 4.6x250 mm; 50% methanol/carbon dioxide, 3 mL/min). ES-MS m/z 432 (M+H).

Example 41

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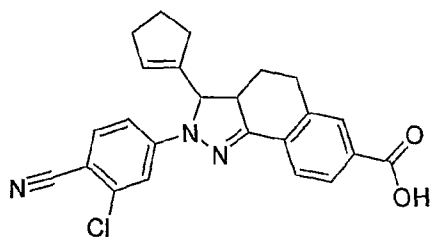


(3S,3aS)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(5-methyl-2-furyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid

The title compound was prepared from 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(5-methyl-2-furyl)-N-[2-(methylsulfonyl)ethyl]-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid, Example 39, according to Method G (Chiralcel OJ-H 30x250 mm, 50% methanol/carbon dioxide, 70 mL/min). Second eluting peak: chiral HPLC t_R = 3.8 minutes (Chiralcel OJ-H 4.6x250 mm; 50% methanol/carbon dioxide, 3 mL/min).

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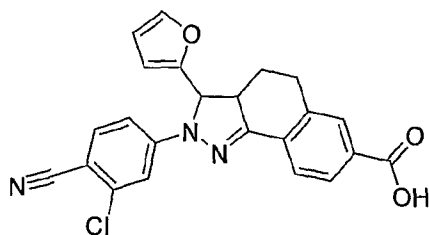
Example 42



2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentenyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid

The title compound was prepared from methyl 6-(cyclopent-1-en-1-ylmethylene)-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate (Preparation 24; 268 mg, 1.0 mmol) and 2-chloro-4-hydrazinylbenzonitrile hydrochloride (Preparation 1; 303 mg, 1.5 mmol) according to Method B and Method C. The title compound was largely present as ($\pm$)-(3RS,3aRS)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentenyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 1.52 (dd, $J=13.09, 5.67$ Hz, 1 H), 1.73 (dt, $J=17.59, 6.64$ Hz, 2 H), 1.85 (m, 1 H), 1.90-2.00 (m, 1H), 2.07 (s, 1 H), 2.10 (dt, $J=5.86, 3.71$ Hz, 1 H), 2.22 (br. s., 2 H), 2.99-3.06 (m, 2H), 3.71-3.77 (m, 1H), 5.48 (d, $J=10.55$ Hz, 1 H), 5.69 (br. s., 1 H), 7.72 (d, $J=8.60$ Hz, 1 H), 7.83 (d, $J=8.21$ Hz, 1 H), 7.85 (s, 1 H), 8.09 (d, $J=8.21$ Hz, 1 H); ES-MS m/z 418 (M+H).

Example 43

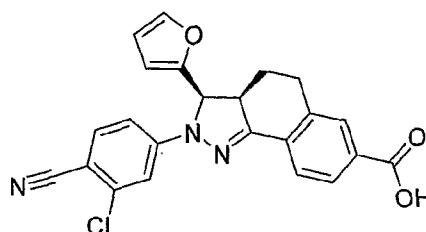


2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(2-furyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid

The title compound was prepared from methyl 6-(2-furylmethylene)-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate (Preparation 25; 268 mg, 1.0 mmol) and 2-chloro-4-hydrazinylbenzonitrile hydrochloride (Preparation 1; 254 mg, 1.25 mmol)

5 according to Method B and Method C. The title compound was largely present as ($\pm$)-
(3RS,3aRS)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(2-furyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-
benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 1.12 (br. s., 1
H), 1.94 (d, $J=4.10$ Hz, 1 H), 2.98 (br. s., 2 H), 3.93 (td, $J=12.06$, 4.98 Hz, 1 H), 6.02 (d,
 $J=10.74$ Hz, 1 H), 6.38 (dd, $J=3.22$, 1.86 Hz, 1 H), 6.46 (d, $J=3.12$ Hz, 1 H), 7.11 (br. s.,
10 1 H), 7.35 (br. s., 1 H), 7.53 (d, $J=0.98$ Hz, 1 H), 7.70 (d, $J=8.79$ Hz, 1 H), 7.83-7.85 (m,
2 H), 8.12 (d, $J=8.20$ Hz, 1 H); ES-MS m/z 418 ($M+H$).

Example 44

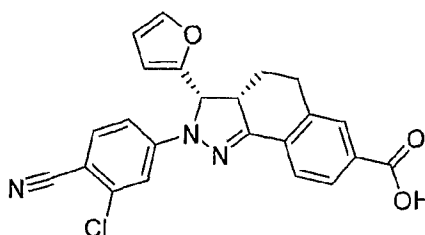


15 (3R,3aR)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(2-furyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-
benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid

The title compound was prepared from the 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(2-furyl)-
20 3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid prepared in Example 43
using chiral resolution (e.g., Method G) (Chiralpak AD-H 30x250 mm, 50%
methanol/carbon dioxide, 70 mL/min). Second eluting peak: chiral HPLC t_R = 3.7
minutes (Chiralpak AD-H 4.6x250 mm; 50% methanol/carbon dioxide, 3 mL/min). ES-
MS m/z 418 ($M+H$).

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Example 45

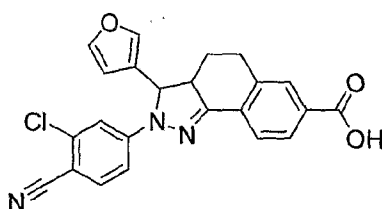


5 (3S,3aS)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(2-furyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid

The title compound was prepared from the 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(2-furyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid prepared in Example 43
 10 using chiral resolution (e.g., Method G) (Chiralpak AD-H 30x250 mm, 50% methanol/carbon dioxide, 70 mL/min). First eluting peak: chiral HPLC t_R = 2.8 minutes (Chiralpak AD-H 4.6x250 mm; 50% methanol/carbon dioxide, 3 mL/min).

Example 46

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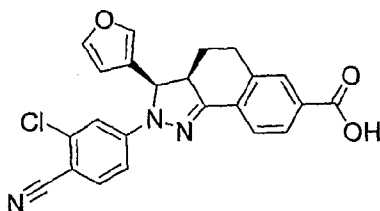


2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(3-furyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid

20 The title compound was prepared from methyl 6-(3-furylmethylene)-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate (Preparation 26; 268 mg, 1.0 mmol) and 2-chloro-4-hydrazinylbenzonitrile hydrochloride (Preparation 1; 254 mg, 1.25 mmol) according to Method B and Method C. The title compound was largely present as ($\pm$)-
 25 ($3R,3aR$)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(3-furyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid. 1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 1.21 (br. s., 1 H), 1.91 (d, $J=5.08$ Hz, 1 H), 3.00 (d, $J=2.73$ Hz, 2H), 3.85 (ddd, $J=13.38, 10.64, 4.88$ Hz, 1 H), 5.89 (d, $J=10.94$ Hz, 1 H), 6.08 (s, 1 H), 7.05 (br. s., 1H), 7.32 (br. s., 1H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.63 (s, 1H), 7.69 (d, $J=8.59$ Hz, 1 H), 7.82 - 7.89 (m, 2 H), 8.13 (d, $J=8.20$ Hz, 1 H), 13.06 (br. s., 1 H); ES-MS m/z 418 ($M+H$).

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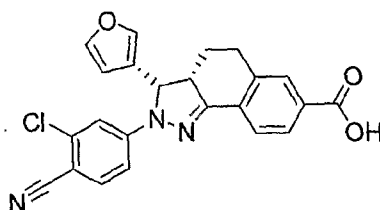
Example 47



(3R,3aR)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(3-furyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid

The title compound was prepared from the 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(3-furyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid prepared in Example 46 using chiral resolution (e.g., Method G) (Chiralcel OJ-H 21x250 mm, 50% methanol/carbon dioxide, 30 mL/min). Second eluting peak: chiral HPLC t_R = 4.4 minutes (Chiralcel OJ-H 4.6x250 mm; 50% methanol/carbon dioxide, 3 mL/min). ES-MS m/z 418 (M+H).

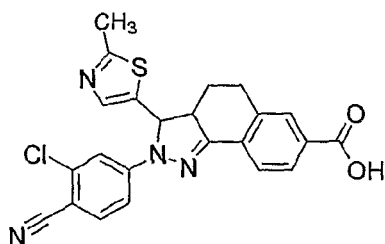
Example 48



(3S,3aS)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(3-furyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid

The title compound was prepared from the 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(3-furyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid prepared in Example 46 using chiral resolution (e.g., Method G) (Chiralcel OJ-H 21x250 mm, 50% methanol/carbon dioxide, 30 mL/min). First eluting peak: chiral HPLC t_R = 3.1 minutes (Chiralcel OJ-H 4.6x250 mm; 50% methanol/carbon dioxide, 3 mL/min).

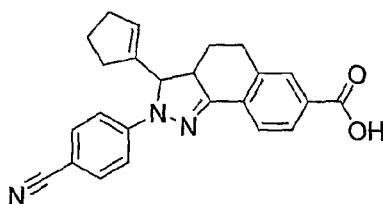
Example 49



2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(2-methyl-1,3-thiazol-5-yl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid

The title compound was prepared from methyl 6-[(2-methyl-1,3-thiazol-5-yl)methylene]-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate (Preparation 27; 469 mg, 1.5 mmol) and 2-chloro-4-hydrazinylbenzonitrile hydrochloride (Preparation 1; 303 mg, 1.5 mmol) according to Method B and Method C. The title compound was largely present as ($\pm$)-(3RS,3aRS)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(2-methyl-1,3-thiazol-5-yl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 1.22 (s, 1 H), 1.94 (dt, $J=7.91, 4.44$ Hz, 1 H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.99 (d, $J=5.47$ Hz, 2 H), 3.95 (br. s., 1 H), 6.32 (d, $J=10.55$ Hz, 1 H), 7.11 (br. s., 1 H), 7.38 (br. s., 1 H), 7.64 (s, 1 H), 7.72 (d, $J=8.59$ Hz, 1 H), 7.82 - 7.87 (m, 2 H), 8.15 (d, $J=8.20$ Hz, 1 H); ES-MS m/z 449 ($M+H$).

Example 50

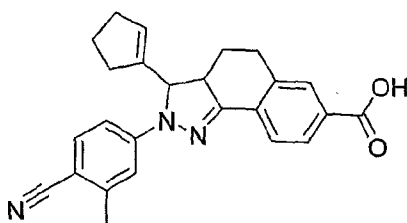


2-(4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopent-1-en-1-yl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid

The title compound was prepared from methyl 6-(cyclopent-1-en-1-ylmethylene)-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate (Preparation 24; 268 mg, 1.0 mmol) and 4-hydrazinylbenzonitrile hydrochloride (Aldrich; 254 mg, 1.5 mmol) according to Method B and Method C. The title compound was largely present as ($\pm$)-(3RS,3aRS)-2-

- 5 (4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopent-1-en-1-yl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 1.51 (dd, J=13.28, 5.47 Hz, 1 H), 1.66 (dt, J=7.32, 3.96 Hz, 1 H), 1.75 (d, J=5.47 Hz, 1 H), 1.79 (br. s., 1 H), 1.97 (br. s., 1 H), 2.10 (dd, J=8.79, 3.71 Hz, 1 H), 2.21 (br. s., 2 H), 2.98-3.04 (m, 2H), 3.67-3.74 (m, -1H), 5.44 (d, J=10.55 Hz, 1 H), 5.65 (s, 1 H), 7.16 (br. s., 2 H), 7.63 (d, J=8.98 Hz, 2 H),
 10 7.81 - 7.85 (m, 2 H), 8.05 (d, J=8.20 Hz, 1 H); ES-MS m/z 384 (M+H).

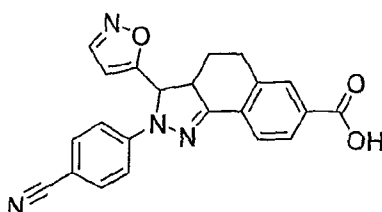
Example 51



- 15 2-(4-cyano-3-methylphenyl)-3-cyclopentenyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid

The title compound was prepared from methyl 6-(cyclopent-1-en-1-ylmethylene)-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate (Preparation 24) and 4-hydrazinyl-2-methylbenzonitrile hydrochloride (Preparation 2) according to Method B and Method C.
 20 The title compound was largely present as (±)-(3RS,3aRS)-2-(4-cyano-3-methylphenyl)-3-cyclopentenyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 1.36 - 1.85 (m, 4 H), 1.88 - 2.12 (m, 2 H), 2.18 (s, 2 H), 2.38 (s, 3 H), 2.99 (d, J=4.0 Hz, 2 H), 3.55 - 3.75 (m, 1 H), 5.39 (d, J=10.7 Hz, 1 H), 5.62
 25 (s, 1 H), 6.86 (br. s., 1 H), 7.13 (br. s., 1 H), 7.52 (d, J=8.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.69 - 7.89 (m, 2 H), 8.03 (d, J=7.8 Hz, 1 H), 12.99 (s, 1 H); ES-MS m/z 398 (M+H).

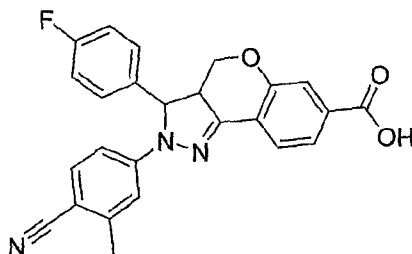
Example 52



5 2-(4-cyanophenyl)-3-isoxazol-5-yl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid

The title compound was prepared from methyl 6-(isoxazol-5-ylmethylene)-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate (Preparation 28; 268 mg, 1.0 mmol) and 4-hydrazinylbenzonitrile hydrochloride (Aldrich; 254 mg, 1.5 mmol) according to Method B and Method C. The title compound was largely present as (±)-(3RS,3aRS)-2-(4-cyanophenyl)-3-isoxazol-5-yl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 1.00 - 1.26 (m, 1 H), 1.97 (d, J=13.67 Hz, 1 H), 2.99 (dd, J=6.64, 2.73 Hz, 1 H), 4.06 (d, J=4.69 Hz, 1 H), 6.12 (d, J=11.33 Hz, 1 H), 6.28 (s, 1 H), 7.12 (d, J=7.42 Hz, 2 H), 7.63 (d, J=8.98 Hz, 2 H), 7.82 - 7.86 (m, 3 H), 8.09 (d, J=8.20 Hz, 1 H), 8.84 (s, 1 H), 13.05 (s, 1 H); ES-MS m/z 385 (M+H).

Example 53

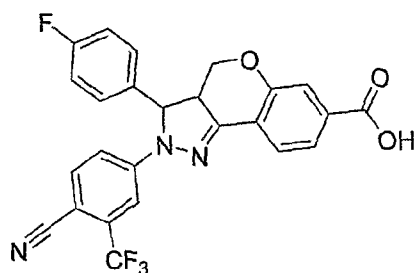


20 2-(4-cyano-3-methylphenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid

The title compound was prepared from methyl 3-(4-fluorobenzylidene)-4-oxochroman-7-carboxylate (Preparation 30) and 4-hydrazinyl-2-methylbenzonitrile hydrochloride (Preparation 2) according to Method B and Method C (yellow solid, 32 mg, 0.07 mmol, 15% yield). The title compound was largely present as (±)-(3SR,3aSR)-2-(4-cyano-3-methylphenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 2.37 (s, 3 H), 3.16 (dd, J=12.49, 10.61 Hz, 1 H), 4.19 - 4.31 (m, 1 H), 4.39 (dd, J=10.47, 5.91 Hz, 1 H), 5.95 (d, J=11.28 Hz, 1 H), 6.94 - 6.98 (m, 6 H), 7.40 (d, J=1.07 Hz, 1 H), 7.50 (d, J=8.59 Hz, 1 H), 7.61 (dd, J=8.32, 1.34 Hz, 1 H), 7.99 (d, J=8.32 Hz, 1 H), 13.17 (s, 1 H). ES-MS m/z 428 (M+H).

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Example 54



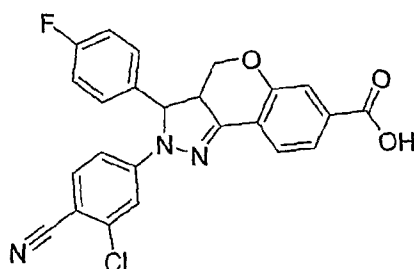
2-(4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2,3,3a,4-
tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid

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The title compound was prepared from methyl 3-(4-fluorobenzylidene)-4-oxochroman-7-carboxylate (Preparation 30; 155 mg, 0.50 mmol) and 4-hydrazinyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile hydrochloride (Preparation 3; 178 mg, 0.75 mmol) according to Method B and Method C. The crude product was purified by reverse-phase HPLC (acetonitrile/water/0.05% trifluoroacetic acid) to give 2-(4-cyano-3-trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid (58 mg, 0.12 mmol, 24 % yield). The title compound was largely present as (±)-(3SR,3aSR)-2-(4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 3.22 (t, J=11.82 Hz, 1 H), 4.24 - 4.37 (m, 1 H), 4.40 (dd, J=10.07, 5.77 Hz, 1 H), 6.08 (d, J=11.01 Hz, 1 H), 7.18 (s, 6 H), 7.41 (s, 1 H), 7.61 (d, J=8.32 Hz, 1 H), 7.85 (d, J=8.86 Hz, 1 H), 8.05 (d, J=8.06 Hz, 1 H), 13.23 (s, 1 H). ES-MS m/z 482 (M+H).

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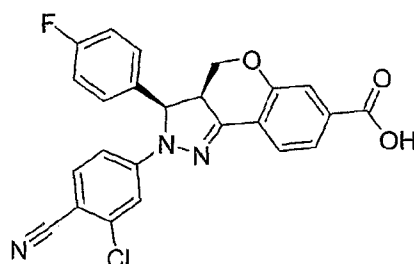
Example 55



5 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid

The title compound was prepared from methyl 3-(4-fluorobenzylidene)-4-oxochroman-7-carboxylate (Preparation 30; 155 mg, 0.50 mmol) and 2-chloro-4-hydrazinylbenzonitrile hydrochloride (Preparation 1; 153 mg, 0.75 mmol) according to Method B and Method C. The crude product was purified by reverse-phase HPLC (acetonitrile/water/0.05% trifluoroacetic acid) to give 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid (41 mg, 0.09 mmol, 18 % yield). The title compound was largely present as (±)-(3SR,3aSR)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid. ES-MS m/z 448 (M+H).

Example 56

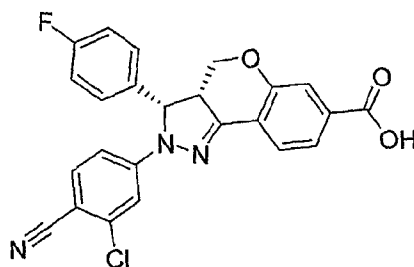


20 (3R,3aR)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid

The title compound was prepared from the 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid prepared in Example 55 using chiral resolution (e.g., Method G) (Chiralpak AD-H 21x250 mm, 50% ethanol/carbon dioxide, 35 mL/min). First eluting peak: chiral HPLC t_R = 2.6 minutes (Chiralpak AD-H 4.6x250 mm; 50% ethanol/carbon dioxide, 3 mL/min).

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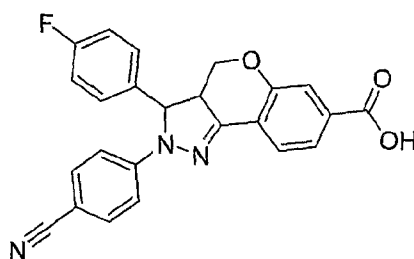
Example 57



(3S,3aS)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid

The title compound was prepared from the 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid prepared in Example 55 using chiral resolution (e.g., Method G) (Chiralpak AD-H 21x250 mm, 50% ethanol/carbon dioxide, 35 mL/min). Second eluting peak: chiral HPLC t_R = 5.6 minutes (Chiralpak AD-H 4.6x250 mm; 50% ethanol/carbon dioxide, 3 mL/min).

Example 58



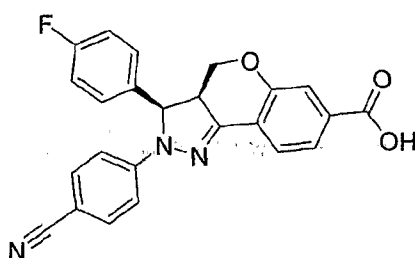
2-(4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid

The title compound was prepared from methyl 3-(4-fluorobenzylidene)-4-oxochroman-7-carboxylate (Preparation 30; 155 mg, 0.50 mmol) and 4-hydrazinylbenzonitrile hydrochloride (Aldrich) (127 mg, 0.75 mmol) according to Method B and Method C. The crude product was purified by reverse-phase HPLC (acetonitrile/water/0.05% trifluoroacetic acid) to give 2-(4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid (52 mg, 0.13 mmol, 25 % yield). The title compound was largely present as (±)-(3SR,3aSR)-2-(4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-

5 carboxylic acid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ ppm 3.17 (dd, $J=12.89, 10.47$ Hz, 1 H), 4.19 - 4.32 (m, 1 H), 4.39 (dd, $J=10.47, 5.91$ Hz, 1 H), 5.97 (d, $J=11.55$ Hz, 1 H), 6.93 - 7.27 (m, 6 H), 7.40 (d, $J=1.61$ Hz, 1 H), 7.57 - 7.63 (m, 3 H), 7.99 (d, $J=8.06$ Hz, 1 H), 13.18 (s, 1 H). ES-MS m/z 414 ($M+H$).

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Example 59



15 (3R,3aR)-2-(4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid

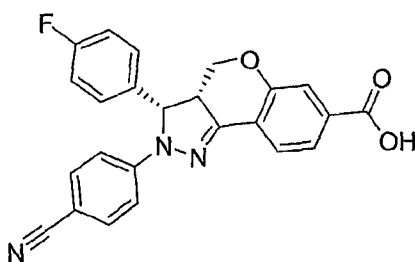
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The title compound was prepared from the 2-(4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid prepared in Example 58 using chiral resolution (e.g., Method G) (Chiralpak AD-H 21x250 mm, 50% ethanol/carbon dioxide, 35 mL/min). First eluting peak: chiral HPLC t_R = 3.1 minutes (Chiralpak AD-H 4.6x250 mm; 50% ethanol/carbon dioxide, 3 mL/min).

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Example 60

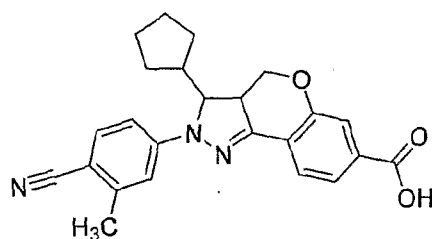
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(3S,3aS)-2-(4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid

The title compound was prepared from the 2-(4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid prepared in Example 58 using chiral resolution (e.g., Method G) (Chiralpak AD-H 21x250 mm, 50% ethanol/carbon dioxide, 35 mL/min). Second eluting peak: chiral HPLC t_R = 4.6 minutes (Chiralpak AD-H 4.6x250 mm; 50% ethanol/carbon dioxide, 3 mL/min).

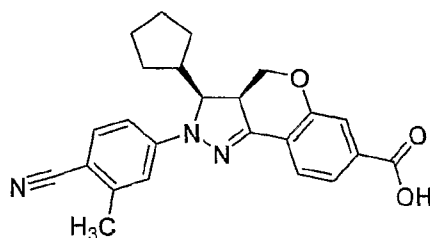
Example 61



2-(4-cyano-3-methylphenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid

The title compound was prepared from methyl 3-(cyclopentylmethylene)-4-oxochroman-7-carboxylate (Preparation 31) and 4-hydrazinyl-2-methylbenzonitrile hydrochloride (Preparation 2) according to Method B and Method C (yellow solid, 301 mg, 0.751 mmol, 75% yield). The title compound was largely present as (±)-(3RS,3aSR)-2-(4-cyano-3-methylphenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 13.15 (s, 1 H), 7.94 (d, J =8.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.58 (dd, J =8.2, 1.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.53 (d, J =9.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.46 (d, J =1.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.21 (d, J =2.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.08 (dd, J =8.8, 2.1 Hz, 1 H), 4.89 (dd, J =9.8, 7.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.78 (dd, J =10.2, 5.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.30 (dd, J =12.9, 10.5 Hz, 1 H), 3.97 (ddd, J =13.0, 9.9, 5.7 Hz, 1 H), 2.41 (s, 3 H), 2.01 - 2.16 (m, 1 H), 1.13 - 1.67 (m, 8 H). ES-MS m/z 402 (M+H).

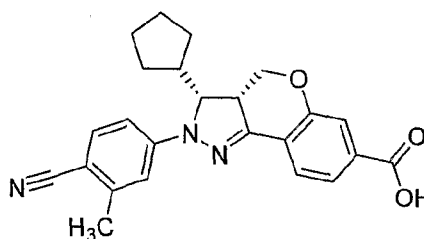
Example 62



(3S,3aR)-2-(4-cyano-3-methylphenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid

The title compound was prepared from the 2-(4-cyano-3-methylphenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid prepared in Example 61 using chiral resolution (e.g., Method G (Chiralcel OJ-H 30x250 mm, 50% methanol/carbon dioxide, 70 mL/min). First eluting peak: chiral HPLC t_R = 3.2 minutes (Chiralcel OJ-H 4.6x250 mm; 50% methanol/carbon dioxide, 3 mL/min).

Example 63

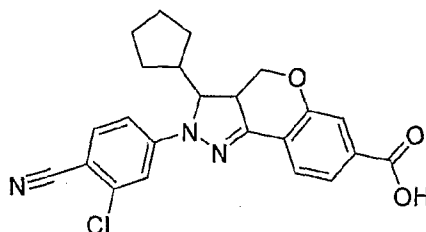


(3R,3aS)-2-(4-cyano-3-methylphenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid

The title compound was prepared from the 2-(4-cyano-3-methylphenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid prepared in Example 61 using chiral resolution (e.g., Method G) (Chiralcel OJ-H 30x250 mm, 50% methanol/carbon dioxide, 70 mL/min). Second eluting peak: chiral HPLC t_R = 5.7 minutes (Chiralcel OJ-H 4.6x250 mm; 50% methanol/carbon dioxide, 3 mL/min).

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Example 64



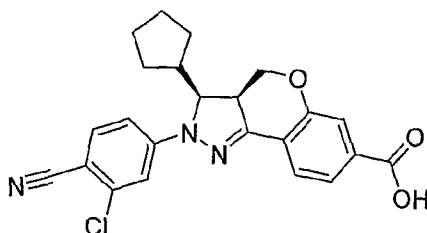
2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid

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The title compound was prepared from methyl 3-(cyclopentylmethylene)-4-oxochroman-7-carboxylate (Preparation 31; 573 mg, 2.0 mmol) and 2-chloro-4-hydrazinylbenzonitrile hydrochloride (Preparation 1; 612 mg, 3.0 mmol) according to Method B and Method C. The crude precipitate was formed from dimethylformamide and methanol to give 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid (yellow solid, 237 mg, 0.563 mmol, 28% yield). The title compound was largely present as ($\pm$)-(3RS,3aSR)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 13.20 (s, 1 H), 7.98 (d, $J=8.2$ Hz, 1 H), 7.70 (d, $J=9.0$ Hz, 1 H), 7.58 (dd, $J=8.2, 1.6$ Hz, 1 H), 7.47 (d, $J=1.2$ Hz, 1 H), 7.41 (d, $J=2.0$ Hz, 1 H), 7.20 (dd, $J=8.8, 2.1$ Hz, 1 H), 4.95 (dd, $J=9.4, 7.0$ Hz, 1 H), 4.78 (dd, $J=10.2, 5.9$ Hz, 1 H), 4.31 (dd, $J=13.3, 10.5$ Hz, 1 H), 4.00 (ddd, $J=13.2, 9.7, 5.7$ Hz, 1 H), 2.03 - 2.16 (m, 1 H), 1.13 - 1.68 (m, 8 H). ES-MS m/z 422 ($M+H$).

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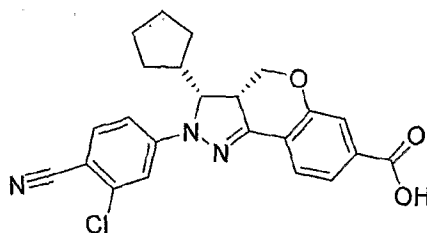
Example 65



5 (3S,3aR)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid

The title compound was prepared from the 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid prepared in
10 Example 64 using chiral resolution (e.g., Method G) (Chiralcel OJ-H 21x250 mm, 50% methanol/carbon dioxide, 50 mL/min). First eluting peak: chiral HPLC t_R = 4.1 minutes (Chiralcel OJ-H 4.6x250 mm; 50% methanol/carbon dioxide, 3 mL/min).

15 Example 66

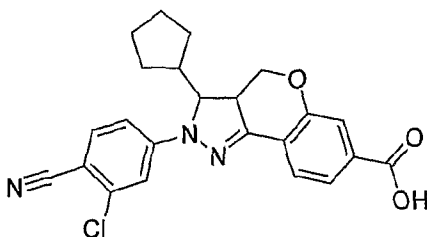


(3R,3aS)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid

20 The title compound was prepared from the 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid prepared in Example 64 using chiral resolution (e.g., Method G) (Chiralcel OJ-H 21x250 mm, 50% methanol/carbon dioxide, 50 mL/min). Second eluting peak: chiral HPLC t_R = 6.2 minutes (Chiralcel OJ-H 4.6x250 mm; 50% methanol/carbon dioxide, 3 mL/min).

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Example 67

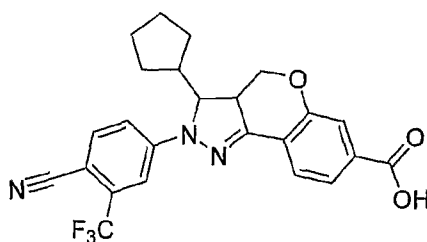


5 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid

The title compound was prepared by epimerization of 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid (Example 64; 131 mg) in a solution of 0.5 M sodium methoxide/methanol (4 mL) and tetrahydrofuran (2 mL) at 50 °C. After 24 hours, the reaction was concentrated under a stream of nitrogen and purified by reverse-phase HPLC (60 to 90% acetonitrile/water/0.05% trifluoroacetic acid) to give 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid (yellow solid, 15 26.7 mg, 0.0634 mmol, 20% yield). The title compound was largely present as (±)-(3RS,3aRS)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 13.16 (br. s., 1 H), 7.82 (d, J=8.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.75 (d, J=9.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.56 (dd, J=7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.43 (d, J=1.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.38 (d, J=2.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.18 (dd, J=9.0, 2.3 Hz, 1 H), 4.63 (dd, J=10.5, 5.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.52 (dd, J=8.2, 4.7 Hz, 1 H), 4.26 (dd, J=12.5, 10.5 Hz, 1 H), 3.54 - 3.62 (m, 1 H), 2.68 - 2.85 (m, 1 H), 1.79 - 1.91 (m, 1 H), 1.20 - 1.71 (m, 7 H). ES-MS m/z 422 (M+H).

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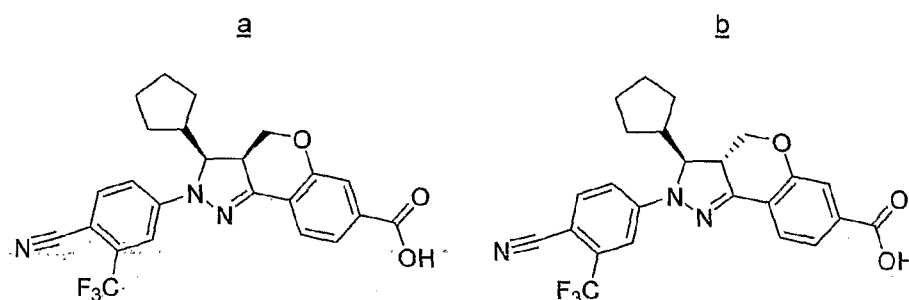
Examples 68 and 69 (a and b), respectively



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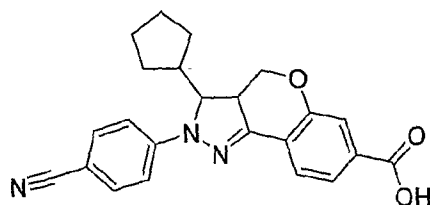
2-[4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-3-cyclopentyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid

The title compound was prepared from methyl 3-(cyclopentylmethylene)-4-oxochroman-7-carboxylate (Preparation 31; 286 mg, 1.0 mmol) and 4-hydrazinyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile hydrochloride (Preparation 3; 298 mg, 1.3 mmol) according to Method B and Method C. The title compound was a racemic mixture of cis and trans diastereomers:



The crude product was purified by reverse-phase HPLC (60 to 95% acetonitrile/water/0.05% trifluoroacetic acid) to give (±)-(3RS,3aSR)-2-[4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-3-cyclopentyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid, the first eluting diastereomer (a: cis) (yellow solid, 16.8 mg, 0.0369 mmol, 3.7% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 13.22 (br. s., 1 H), 7.99 (d, J=8.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.88 (d, J=8.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.57 - 7.62 (m, 2 H), 7.47 (d, J=1.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.44 (dd, J=8.8, 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 5.04 (dd, J=9.8, 7.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.79 (dd, J=10.5, 5.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.33 (dd, J=13.3, 10.5 Hz, 1 H), 4.03 (ddd, J=13.3, 9.4, 5.9 Hz, 1 H), 2.04 - 2.17 (m, 1 H), 1.59 - 1.69 (m, 1 H), 1.29 - 1.58 (m, 5 H), 1.13 - 1.29 (m, 2 H). ES-MS m/z 456 (M+H). The second eluting diastereomer (b: trans), (±)-(3RS,3aRS)-2-[4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-3-cyclopentyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid (yellow solid, 29 mg, 0.0637 mmol, 6.4% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 13.18 (br. s., 1 H), 7.93 (d, J=9.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.84 (d, J=7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.63 (d, J=2.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.57 (dd, J=8.2, 1.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.44 (d, J=1.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.39 (dd, J=8.8, 2.1 Hz, 1 H), 4.65 (dd, J=10.4, 5.7 Hz, 1 H), 4.59 (dd, J=8.4, 4.5 Hz, 1 H), 4.27 (dd, J=12.5, 10.5 Hz, 1 H), 3.61 (ddd, J=13.0, 7.7, 5.9 Hz, 1 H), 2.69 - 2.82 (m, 1 H), 1.79 - 1.91 (m, 1 H), 1.19 - 1.72 (m, 7 H). ES-MS m/z 456 (M+H).

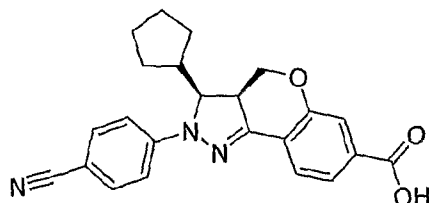
Example 70



2-(4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid

The title compound was prepared from methyl 3-(cyclopentylmethylene)-4-oxochroman-7-carboxylate (Preparation 31; 286 mg, 1.0 mmol) and 4-hydrazinylbenzonitrile hydrochloride (Aldrich; 254 mg, 1.5 mmol) according to Method B and Method C. 2-(4-Cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid was obtained (yellow solid, 142 mg, 0.367 mmol, 37% yield). The title compound was largely present as (±)-(3RS,3aSR)-2-(4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 13.16 (br. s., 1 H), 7.93 (d, J=7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.53 - 7.66 (m, 3 H), 7.46 (s, 1 H), 7.27 (d, J=9.0 Hz, 2 H), 4.90 (dd, J=9.4, 7.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.77 (dd, J=10.4, 5.7 Hz, 1 H), 4.30 (dd, J=12.7, 10.7 Hz, 1 H), 3.98 (ddd, J=12.9, 9.8, 5.9 Hz, 1 H), 2.02 - 2.16 (m, 1 H), 1.56 - 1.67 (m, 1 H), 1.43 - 1.55 (m, 3 H), 1.29 - 1.43 (m, 2 H), 1.13 - 1.29 (m, 2 H). ES-MS m/z 388 (M+H).

Example 71

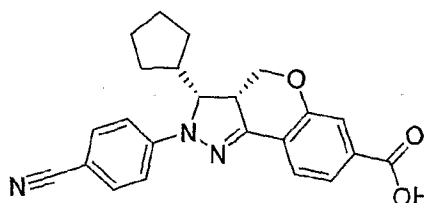


(3S,3aR)-2-(4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid

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The title compound was prepared from the 2-(4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid prepared in Example 70 using chiral resolution (e.g. Method G) (Chiralpak AS-H 21x250 mm, 50% methanol/carbon dioxide, 40 mL/min). First eluting peak: chiral HPLC t_R = 2.0 minutes
 10 (Chiralpak AS-H 4.6x250 mm; 50% methanol/carbon dioxide, 3 mL/min).

Example 72

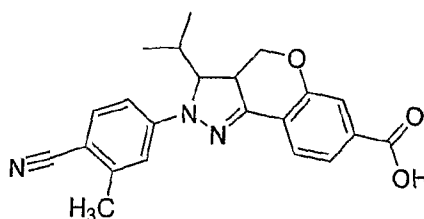


15 (3R,3aS)-2-(4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid

The title compound was prepared from the 2-(4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid prepared in Example 70 using chiral resolution (e.g. Method G) (Chiralpak AS-H 21x250 mm, 50%
 20 methanol/carbon dioxide, 40 mL/min). Second eluting peak: chiral HPLC t_R = 2.7 minutes (Chiralpak AS-H 4.6x250 mm; 50% methanol/carbon dioxide, 3 mL/min).

Example 73

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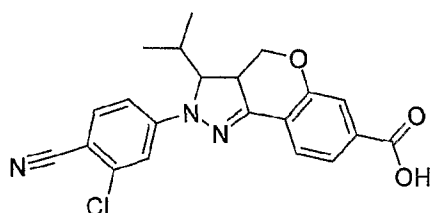


2-(4-cyano-3-methylphenyl)-3-isopropyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid

The title compound was prepared from methyl 3-(2-methylpropylidene)-4-oxochroman-7-carboxylate (Preparation 32; 260 mg, 1.0 mmol) and 4-hydrazinyl-2-
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5 methylbenzonitrile hydrochloride (Preparation 2; 275 mg, 1.5 mmol) according to Method B and Method C (yellow solid, 196 mg, 0.523 mmol, 52% yield, approximately 7:1 mixture of cis:trans diastereomers). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 13.12 (br. s., 1 H), 7.93 (d, J=8.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.58 (dd, J=8.2, 1.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.55 (d, J=8.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.46 (d, J=1.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.21 (d, J=1.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.09 (dd, J=8.6, 2.3 Hz, 1 H), 4.76 - 4.86 (m, 2 H), 4.42 (dd, J=13.1, 10.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.02 (ddd, J=13.2, 10.6, 5.9 Hz, 1 H), 2.42 (s, 3 H), 2.06 - 2.17 (m, 1 H), 0.83 (d, J=7.4 Hz, 3 H), 0.81 (d, J=7.4 Hz, 3 H). ES-MS m/z 376 (M+H).

Example 74

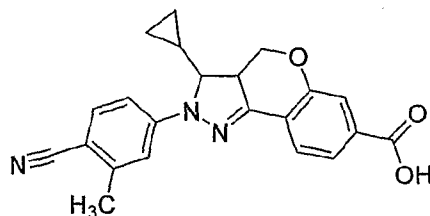


2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-isopropyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid

20 The title compound was prepared from methyl 3-(2-methylpropylidene)-4-oxochroman-7-carboxylate (Preparation 32; 260 mg, 1.0 mmol) and 2-chloro-4-hydrazinylbenzonitrile hydrochloride (Preparation 1; 306 mg, 1.5 mmol) according to Method B and Method C. The crude product was purified by reverse-phase HPLC (30 to 95% acetonitrile/water/0.05% trifluoroacetic acid) followed by flash chromatography (0 to 20% methanol/ethyl acetate) to give 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-isopropyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid (yellow solid, 18.4 mg). The title compound was largely present as (±)-(3RS,3aSR)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-isopropyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 13.10 (br. s., 1 H), 7.95 (d, J=7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.71 (d, J=8.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.58 (dd, J=8.2, 1.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.47 (d, J=1.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.42 (d, J=2.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.19 (dd, J=9.0, 1.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.77 - 4.88 (m, 2 H), 4.41 (dd, J=13.3, 10.5 Hz, 1 H), 4.00 - 4.09 (m, 1 H), 2.04 - 2.16 (m, 1 H), 0.83 (d, J=7.0 Hz, 3 H), 0.82 (d, J=7.0 Hz, 3 H).

Example 75

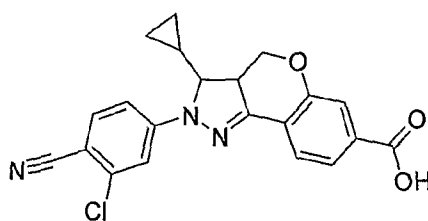
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2-(4-cyano-3-methylphenyl)-3-cyclopropyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid

10 The title compound was prepared from methyl 3-(cyclopropylmethylene)-4-oxochroman-7-carboxylate (Preparation 33), and 4-hydrazinyl-2-methylbenzonitrile hydrochloride (Preparation 2) according to Method B and Method C. The crude product was purified by reverse-phase HPLC (65 to 85% acetonitrile/water/0.05% trifluoroacetic acid) to give the title compound (yellow solid, 23 mg). The title compound was largely
 15 present as ($\pm$)-(3RS,3aSR)-2-(4-cyano-3-methylphenyl)-3-cyclopropyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ ppm 13.11 (br. s., 1 H), 7.94 (d, $J=7.8$ Hz, 1 H), 7.58 (dd, $J=8.2$, 1.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.56 (d, $J=8.6$ Hz, 1 H), 7.47 (d, $J=1.6$ Hz, 1 H), 7.23 (d, $J=1.6$ Hz, 1 H), 7.11 (dd, $J=8.6$, 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.84 (dd, $J=10.5$, 5.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.45 (dd, $J=12.9$, 10.5 Hz, 1 H), 4.31 (t, $J=10.0$ Hz, 1 H),
 20 1 H), 3.89 (ddd, $J=13.0$, 9.9, 5.7 Hz, 1 H), 2.42 (s, 3 H), 0.71 - 0.81 (m, 1 H), 0.62 - 0.70 (m, 1 H), 0.49 - 0.58 (m, 1 H), 0.35 - 0.43 (m, 1 H), 0.17 - 0.24 (m, 1 H). ES-MS m/z 374 ($M+H$).

Example 76

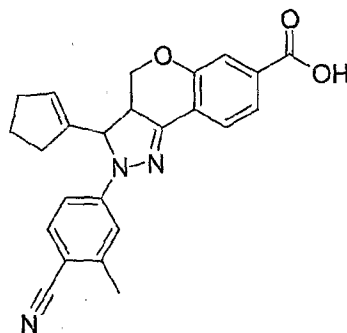


25 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopropyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid

The title compound was prepared from methyl 3-(cyclopropylmethylene)-4-oxochroman-7-carboxylate (Preparation 33) and 2-chloro-4-hydrazinylbenzonitrile
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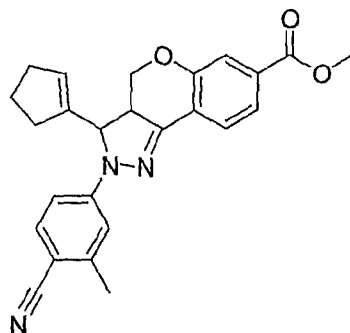
- 5 hydrochloride (Preparation 1) according to Method B and Method C. The crude product was purified by reverse-phase HPLC (65 to 85% acetonitrile/water/0.05% trifluoroacetic acid) to give 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopropyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid (yellow solid, 14 mg). The title compound was largely present as (±)-(3RS,3aSR)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopropyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 13.18 (br. s., 1 H), 7.97 (d, J=8.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.73 (d, J=9.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.59 (dd, J=8.2, 1.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.48 (d, J=1.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.43 (d, J=2.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.23 (dd, J=8.6, 1.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.84 (dd, J=10.5, 5.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.46 (dd, J=12.9, 10.5 Hz, 1 H), 4.39 (t, J=10.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.93 (ddd, J=13.1, 10.2, 5.7 Hz, 1 H), 0.74 - 0.85 (m, 1 H), 0.63 - 0.71 (m, 1 H), 0.52 - 0.61 (m, 1 H), 0.37 - 0.45 (m, 1 H), 0.18 - 0.26 (m, 1 H).

Example 77



- 20 2-(4-cyano-3-methylphenyl)-3-cyclopentenyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid

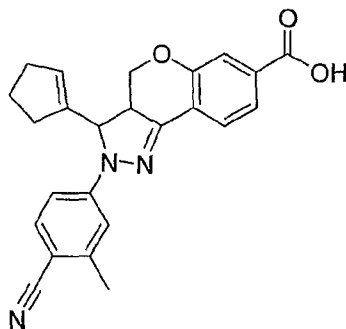
Step 1: Preparation of methyl 2-(4-cyano-3-methylphenyl)-3-cyclopentenyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylate



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5 To a suspension of methyl 3-(cyclopentenylmethylene)-4-oxochroman-7-carboxylate (Preparation 34; 260 mg, 0.92 mmol) in ethanol (7 mL) was added 4-hydrazinyl-2-methylbenzonitrile hydrochloride (Preparation 2; 218 mg, 1.2 mmol). The slurry was heated to 80 °C for eighteen hours. The solution was returned to ambient temperature and the resulting solid was collected by vacuum filtration and washed with
10 cold ethanol. Chromatography (normal phase, ethyl acetate/hexane) provided largely the cis isomer of methyl 2-(4-cyano-3-methylphenyl)-3-cyclopentenyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylate (yellow solid, 125 mg, 33% yield). LC/MS on 4.6x50mm C-18 column, t_R = 6.98 minutes (10 to 90% acetonitrile/water over 8 minutes at 2 mL/minute with detection 254 nm, at 50 °C); ES-MS m/z 414 (M+H). 1H
15 NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 1.63 - 1.83 (m, 2 H), 2.05 - 2.11 (m, 2 H), 2.14 - 2.20 (m, 2 H), 2.39 (s, 3 H), 3.83 (s, 3 H), 3.88 (dd, J =13.02, 10.34 Hz, 1 H), 3.98 - 4.03 (m, 1 H), 4.67 (dd, J =10.20, 5.64 Hz, 1 H), 5.45 (d, J =11.01 Hz, 1 H), 5.60 (br. s., 1 H), 6.86 (br. s., 1 H), 7.11 (br. s., 1 H), 7.44 (d, J =1.34 Hz, 1 H), 7.53 (d, J =8.59 Hz, 1 H), 7.58 (dd, J =8.06, 1.61 Hz, 1 H), 7.93 (d, J =8.06 Hz, 1 H).

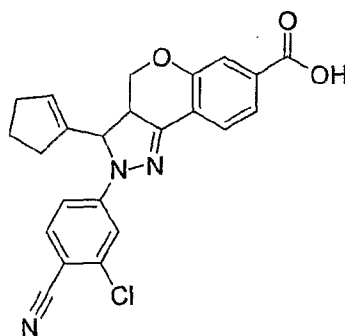
20 Step 2: Preparation of 2-(4-cyano-3-methylphenyl)-3-cyclopentenyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid



To a solution of methyl 2-(4-cyano-3-methylphenyl)-3-cyclopentenyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylate (125 mg, 0.30 mmol) in methanol (2
25 mL) and tetrahydrofuran (2 mL) was added 1M aqueous sodium hydroxide (2 mL). The solution was stirred for 20 hours at ambient temperature. The resulting slurry was concentrated to half volume, acidified to pH = 2 with 1M hydrochloric acid and collected by vacuum filtration (yellow solid, 66 mg, 55% yield). The title compound was largely
30 present as (±)-(3RS,3aRS)-2-(4-cyano-3-methylphenyl)-3-cyclopentenyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid. Reversed-phase HPLC on

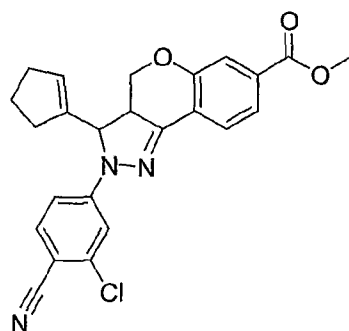
- 5 4.6x50mm C-18 column, t_R = 2.92 minutes (10 to 90% acetonitrile/water over 4 minutes at 4 mL/minute with detection 254 nm, at 20 °C); HRMS Calculated for $C_{24}H_{21}N_3O_3$: 400.1656 (M+H)⁺. Found: 400.1678. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 1.61 - 1.87 (m, 2 H), 2.03 - 2.13 (m, 2 H), 2.17 (br. s., 2 H), 2.39 (s, 3 H), 3.83 - 3.91 (m, 1 H), 3.97 - 4.06 (m, 1 H), 4.65 (dd, J=10.20, 5.91 Hz, 1 H), 5.44 (d, J=10.47 Hz, 1 H), 5.60 (br. s., 1 H), 6.86 (br. s., 1 H), 7.11 (br. s., 1 H), 7.42 (d, J=1.34 Hz, 1 H), 7.53 (d, J=8.59 Hz, 1 H), 7.56 (dd, J=8.19, 1.48 Hz, 1 H), 7.90 (d, J=8.06 Hz, 1 H), 13.12 (br. s., 1 H).

Example 78



15 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentenyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid

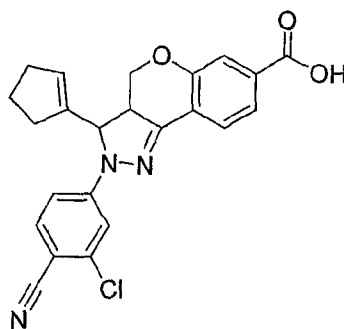
Step 1: Preparation of methyl 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentenyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylate



- Methyl 3-(cyclopentenylmethylene)-4-oxochroman-7-carboxylate (Preparation 34; 310 mg, 1.1 mmol) was suspended into ethanol (5 mL) and 2-chloro-4-hydrazinylbenzonitrile hydrochloride (Preparation 1; 289 mg, 1.4 mmol) was added. The solution was heated to 80 °C for eighteen hours. The solution was returned to ambient temperature and the resulting solid was collected by vacuum filtration and washed with

5 cold ethanol. Chromatography (normal phase, ethyl acetate/hexane) provided largely the cis isomer of methyl 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentenyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylate (yellow solid, 190 mg, 55% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 1.60 - 1.90 (m, 2 H), 2.04 - 2.14 (m, 2 H), 2.14 - 2.22 (m, 2 H), 3.83 (s, 3 H), 3.89 (dd, J=12.76, 10.34 Hz, 1 H), 4.01 - 4.11 (m, 1 H), 4.68 (dd, J=10.47, 6.18 Hz, 1 H), 5.51 (d, J=9.67 Hz, 1 H), 5.63 (br. s., 1 H), 6.99 (br. s., 1 H), 7.27 (br. s., 1 H), 7.45 (d, J=1.61 Hz, 1 H), 7.58 (dd, J=8.19, 1.75 Hz, 1 H), 7.71 (d, J=8.86 Hz, 1 H), 7.97 (d, J=8.06 Hz, 1 H).

15 Step 2: Preparation of 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentenyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid.

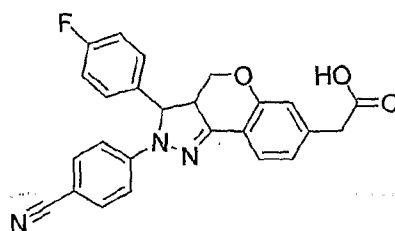


To a solution of methyl 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentenyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylate (190 mg, 0.44 mmol) in methanol (2 mL) and tetrahydrofuran (2 mL) was added 1M aqueous sodium hydroxide (2 mL). The solution was stirred for 20 hours at ambient temperature. The resulting slurry was concentrated to half volume and acidified to pH 2 with 1M hydrochloric acid. The resulting solid was collected by vacuum filtration. The solid was treated with hot N,N-dimethylformamide and methanol to provide 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentenyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid (yellow solid, 40 mg, 22% yield). The title compound was largely present as (±)-(3RS,3aRS)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentenyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid. Reversed-phase HPLC on 4.6x50mm C-18 column, t_R = 3.05 minutes (10 to 90% acetonitrile/water over 4 minutes at 4 mL/minute with detection 254 nm, at 20 °C); HRMS Calculated for C₂₃H₁₈ClN₃O₃: 420.1109 (M+H)⁺. Found: 420.1127; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 1.59 - 1.89 (m, 2 H), 2.03 - 2.14 (m, 2 H), 2.14 - 2.23 (m, 2 H), 3.89 (dd, J=13.02, 10.34 Hz, 1 H), 4.05 (ddd, J=12.89, 10.74, 5.91 Hz, 1 H),

- 5 4.67 (dd, $J=10.34, 5.77$ Hz, 1 H), 5.51 (d, $J=11.01$ Hz, 1 H), 5.63 (br. s., 1 H), 7.00 (br. s., 1 H) 7.29 (br. s., 1 H), 7.43 (d, $J=1.61$ Hz, 1 H), 7.56 (dd, $J=8.19, 1.48$ Hz, 1 H), 7.71 (d, $J=8.59$ Hz, 1 H), 7.94 (d, $J=8.06$ Hz, 1 H), 13.16 (br. s., 1 H).

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Example 79



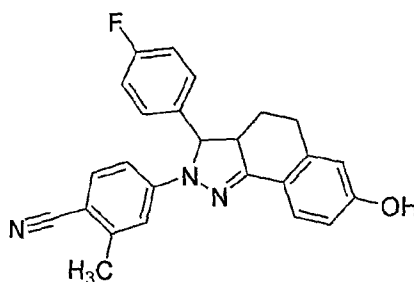
[2-(4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazol-7-yl]acetic acid

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The title compound was prepared from ethyl [3-(4-fluorobenzylidene)-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-chromen-7-yl]acetate (Preparation 29; 170 mg, 0.5 mmol) and 4-hydrazinylbenzonitrile hydrochloride (Aldrich; 85 mg, 0.5 mmol) according to Method B and Method C. The title compound was largely present as ($\pm$)-(3RS,3aRS)-[2-(4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazol-7-yl]acetic acid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ ppm ppm 3.12 (dd, $J=12.89, 10.55$ Hz, 1 H), 3.56 (s, 2 H), 4.12 - 4.25 (m, 1 H), 4.34 (dd, $J=10.16, 5.86$ Hz, 1 H), 5.90 (d, $J=10.94$ Hz, 1 H), 6.85 (s, 1 H), 6.97 (d, $J=8.20$ Hz, 1 H), 7.04 (s, 3 H), 7.15 (br. s., 3 H), 7.57 (d, $J=9.37$ Hz, 2 H), 7.82 (d, $J=7.81$ Hz, 1 H); ES-MS m/z 428 ($M+H$).

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Example 80

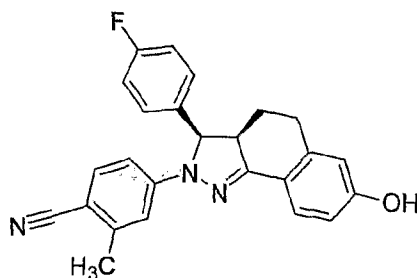


5 3-(4-fluorophenyl)-7-hydroxy-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[g]indazol-2-yl)-2-methylbenzonitrile

The title compound was prepared from (E)-2-(4-fluorobenzylidene)-6-hydroxy-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2H)-one (Yoshihama et al. US Patent 6080781; Example 11) and 4-hydrazinyl-2-methylbenzonitrile hydrochloride (Preparation 2) according to Method B (off-white solid, 263 mg, 0.662 mmol, 66% yield, 20:1 mixture of cis:trans diastereomers). The title compound was largely present as 4-((3R,3aR)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-7-hydroxy-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[g]indazol-2-yl)-2-methylbenzonitrile. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 0.73 (qd, J=12.50, 3.91 Hz, 1 H), 1.68 - 1.80 (m, 1 H), 2.33 (s, 3 H), 2.64 - 2.75 (m, 1 H), 2.76 - 2.93 (m, 1 H), 3.78 (ddd, J=13.09, 10.74, 5.08 Hz, 1 H), 5.73 (d, J=10.94 Hz, 1 H), 6.57 (d, J=2.34 Hz, 1 H), 6.72 (dd, J=8.40, 2.54 Hz, 1 H), 6.79 - 7.35 (m, 6 H), 7.42 (d, J=8.59 Hz, 1 H), 7.85 (d, J=8.59 Hz, 1 H), 9.87 (s, 1 H). ES-MS m/z 398 (M+H).

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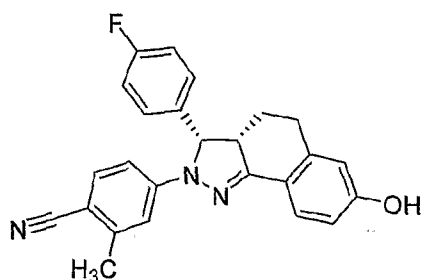


4-((3R,3aR)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-7-hydroxy-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[g]indazol-2-yl)-2-methylbenzonitrile

25 The title compound was prepared from the 3-(4-fluorophenyl)-7-hydroxy-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[g]indazol-2-yl)-2-methylbenzonitrile prepared in Example 80 using chiral resolution, according to Method G (Chiralcel OJ-H 21x250 mm, 50% ethanol/carbon dioxide, 35 mL/min). First eluting peak: chiral HPLC *t_R* = 2.3 minutes (Chiralcel OJ-H 4.6x250 mm; 50% ethanol/carbon dioxide, 3 mL/min).

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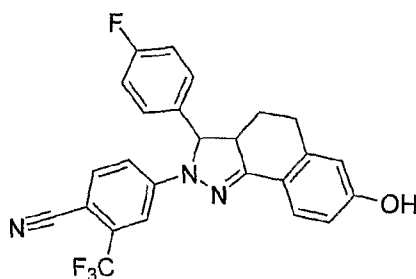
Example 82



4-((3S,3aS)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-7-hydroxy-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[g]indazol-2-yl)-2-methylbenzonitrile

The title compound was prepared from the 3-(4-fluorophenyl)-7-hydroxy-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[g]indazol-2-yl)-2-methylbenzonitrile prepared in Example 80 using chiral resolution, according to Method G (Chiralcel OJ-H 21x250 mm, 50% ethanol/carbon dioxide, 35 mL/min). Second eluting peak: chiral HPLC t_R = 3.9 minutes (Chiralcel OJ-H 4.6x250 mm; 50% ethanol/carbon dioxide, 3 mL/min).

Example 83

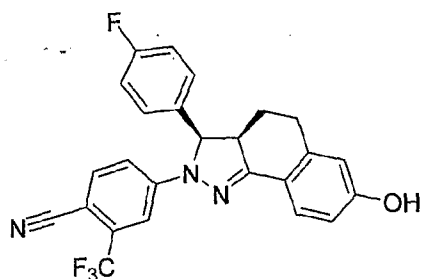


3-(4-fluorophenyl)-7-hydroxy-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[g]indazol-2-yl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile

The title compound was prepared from (E)-2-(4-fluorobenzylidene)-6-hydroxy-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2H)-one (Yoshihama et al. US Patent 6080781; Example 11) and 4-hydrazinyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile hydrochloride (Preparation 3) according to Method B (off-white solid, 342 mg). The title compound was largely present as ($\pm$)-4-((3RS,3aRS)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-7-hydroxy-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[g]indazol-2-yl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 0.77 (dq, J =13.02, 4.69 Hz, 1 H), 1.65 - 1.82 (m, 1 H), 2.65 - 2.76 (m, 1 H), 2.78 - 2.94 (m, 1 H), 3.86 (ddd, J =13.67, 11.33, 5.08 Hz, 1 H), 5.87 (d, J =10.55 Hz, 1 H), 6.59 (d, J =2.34 Hz, 1 H), 6.74

- 5 (dd, J=8.59, 2.34 Hz, 1 H), 6.76 - 7.70 (m, 6 H), 7.69 - 7.84 (m, 1 H), 7.89 (d, J=8.59 Hz, 1 H), 9.96 (s, 1 H). ES-MS m/z 452 (M+H).

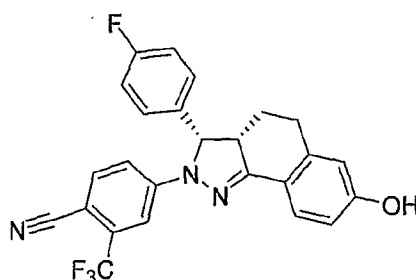
Example 84



10 4-((3R,3aR)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-7-hydroxy-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[g]indazol-2-yl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile

The title compound was prepared from the 3-(4-fluorophenyl)-7-hydroxy-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[g]indazol-2-yl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile prepared in Example 83
 15 using chiral resolution (e.g., Method G) (Chiralcel OJ-H 30x250 mm, 50% methanol/carbon dioxide, 70 mL/min). First eluting peak: chiral HPLC t_R = 1.6 minutes (Chiralcel OJ-H 4.6x250 mm; 50% methanol/carbon dioxide, 3 mL/min).

Example 85



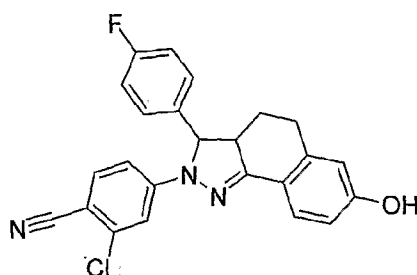
20 4-((3S,3aS)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-7-hydroxy-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[g]indazol-2-yl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile

25 The title compound was prepared from the 3-(4-fluorophenyl)-7-hydroxy-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[g]indazol-2-yl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile prepared in Example 83 using chiral resolution (e.g., Method G) (Chiralcel OJ-H 30x250 mm, 50%

- 5 methanol/carbon dioxide, 70 mL/min). Second eluting peak: chiral HPLC t_R = 3.3 minutes (Chiralcel OJ-H 4.6x250 mm; 50% methanol/carbon dioxide, 3 mL/min).

Example 86

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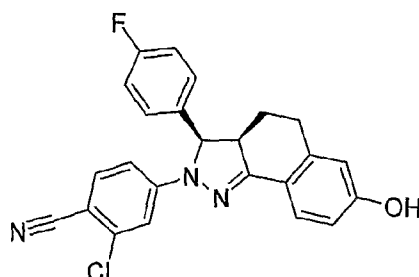


2-chloro-4-((3-(4-fluorophenyl)-7-hydroxy-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[g]indazol-2-yl)benzonitrile

- 15 The title compound was prepared from (E)-2-(4-fluorobenzylidene)-6-hydroxy-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2H)-one (Yoshihama et al. US Patent 6080781, Example 11) and 2-chloro-4-hydrazinylbenzonitrile hydrochloride (Preparation 1) according to Method B (off-white solid, 293 mg). The title compound was largely present as ($\pm$)-2-chloro-4-((3RS,3aRS)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-7-hydroxy-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[g]indazol-2-
- 20 yl)benzonitrile. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 0.74 (qd, J =13.02, 4.69 Hz, 1 H), 1.65 - 1.82 (m, 1 H), 2.62 - 2.75 (m, 1 H), 2.84 (ddd, J =16.89, 12.60, 4.49 Hz, 1 H), 3.83 (ddd, J =13.38, 10.84, 4.69 Hz, 1 H), 5.80 (d, J =10.94 Hz, 1 H), 6.58 (d, J =2.34 Hz, 1 H), 6.72 (dd, J =8.59, 2.34 Hz, 1 H), 6.82 - 7.50 (m, 6 H), 7.59 (d, J =8.59 Hz, 1 H), 7.88 (d, J =8.59 Hz, 1 H), 9.94 (s, 1 H). ES-MS m/z 418 ($M+H$).

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Example 87

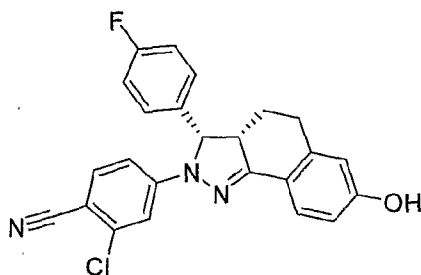


5 2-chloro-4-((3R,3aR)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-7-hydroxy-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[g]indazol-2-yl)benzonitrile

The title compound was prepared from the 2-chloro-4-(-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-7-hydroxy-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[g]indazol-2-yl)benzonitrile prepared in Example 86
10 using chiral resolution (e.g., Method G) (Chiralcel OJ-H 30x250 mm, 50% ethanol/carbon dioxide, 70 mL/min). First eluting peak: chiral HPLC t_R = 2.4 minutes (Chiralcel OJ-H 4.6x250 mm; 50% ethanol/carbon dioxide, 3 mL/min).

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Example 88

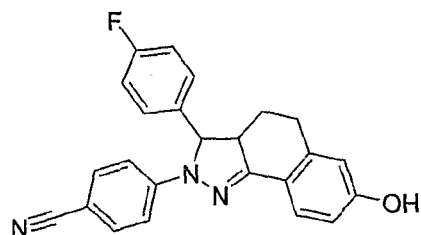


20 2-chloro-4-((3S,3aS)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-7-hydroxy-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[g]indazol-2-yl)benzonitrile

The title compound was prepared from the 2-chloro-4-(-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-7-hydroxy-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[g]indazol-2-yl)benzonitrile prepared in Example 86
25 using chiral resolution (e.g., Method G) (Chiralcel OJ-H 30x250 mm, 50% ethanol/carbon dioxide, 70 mL/min). Second eluting peak: chiral HPLC t_R = 4.0 minutes (Chiralcel OJ-H 4.6x250 mm; 50% ethanol/carbon dioxide, 3 mL/min).

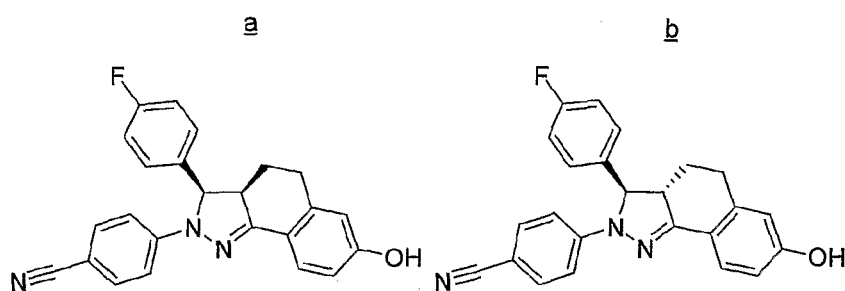
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Examples 89 and 90 (a and b), respectively



3-(4-fluorophenyl)-7-hydroxy-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[g]indazol-2-yl)benzonitrile

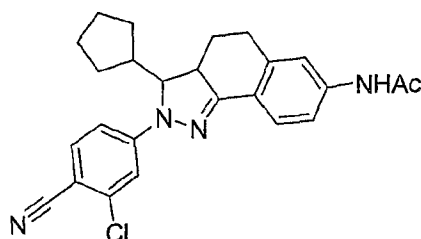
The title compound was prepared from 2-(4-fluorobenzylidene)-6-hydroxy-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2H)-one (Yoshihama et al. US Patent 6080781, Example 11) and 4-hydrazinylbenzonitrile hydrochloride (Aldrich) according to Method B. After stirring overnight at 80 °C, the reaction mixture was concentrated and purified by reverse-phase HPLC (40 to 95% acetonitrile/water/0.05% trifluoroacetic acid). The title compound was a racemic mixture of cis and trans diastereomers.



The cis diastereomer (a), (±)-4-((3RS,3aRS)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-7-hydroxy-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[g]indazol-2-yl)benzonitrile, was the first eluting product (peach colored solid, 187 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 0.75 (m, 1 H), 1.74 (m, 1 H), 2.69 (m, 1 H), 2.83 (m, 1 H), 3.80 (ddd, J=13.38, 10.84, 4.69 Hz, 1 H), 5.75 (d, J=10.94 Hz, 1 H), 6.57 (d, J=2.34 Hz, 1 H), 6.72 (dd, J=8.59, 2.34 Hz, 1 H), 7.12 (m, 5 H), 7.31 (m, 1 H), 7.51 (d, J=8.98 Hz, 2 H), 7.85 (d, J=8.59 Hz, 1 H), 9.88 (s, 1 H). ES-MS m/z 384 (M+H). The trans diastereomer (b), (±)-4-((3RS,3aSR)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-7-hydroxy-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[g]indazol-2-yl)benzonitrile, was the second eluting product (peach colored solid, 21.5 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 1.91 (qd, J=12.76, 5.47 Hz, 1 H), 2.17 (m, 1 H), 2.82 (m, 2 H), 3.24 (ddd, J=12.99, 11.03, 4.88 Hz, 1 H), 4.90 (d, J=11.33 Hz, 1 H), 6.61 (d, J=2.34 Hz, 1 H), 6.71 (dd, J=8.59, 2.34 Hz, 1 H),

- 5 6.95 (d, J=8.98 Hz, 2 H), 7.24 (t, J=8.79 Hz, 2 H), 7.47 (m, 2 H), 7.53 (d, J=8.98 Hz, 2 H), 7.76 (d, J=8.59 Hz, 1 H), 9.86 (s, 1 H). ES-MS m/z 384 (M+H).

Example 91

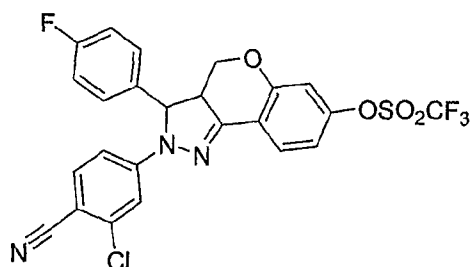


- 10 N-(2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazol-7-yl)acetamide

The title compound was prepared from N-(6-(cyclopentylmethylene)-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-yl)acetamide (Preparation 36) and 2-chloro-4-hydrazinylbenzonitrile hydrochloride (Preparation 1) according to Method B (tan solid, 159 mg, 0.37 mmol, 59% yield). The title compound was largely present as (±)-N-((3RS,3aSR)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazol-7-yl)acetamide. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 1.08 - 1.59 (m, 7 H), 1.65 - 1.87 (m, 2 H), 1.98 - 2.05 (m, 1 H), 2.06 (s, 3 H), 2.13 - 2.24 (m, 1 H), 2.78 - 2.97 (m, 2 H), 3.51 (ddd, J=13.56, 9.26, 4.83 Hz, 1 H), 4.86 (dd, J=9.26, 5.50 Hz, 1 H), 7.11 (dd, J=9.26, 1.48 Hz, 1 H), 7.32 (d, J=1.88 Hz, 1 H), 7.46 (dd, J=8.59, 1.88 Hz, 1 H), 7.60 (s, 1 H), 7.64 (d, J=8.86 Hz, 1 H), 7.93 (d, J=8.59 Hz, 1 H), 10.11 (s, 1 H). ES-MS m/z 433 (M+H).

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Example 92



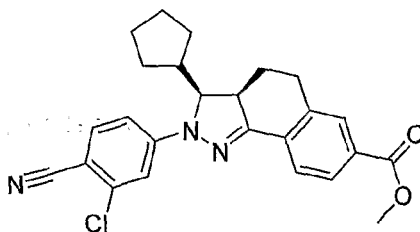
2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazol-7-yl trifluoromethanesulfonate

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A mixture of 3-(4-fluorobenzylidene)-4-oxochroman-7-yl trifluoromethanesulfonate (Preparation 35; 200 mg, 0.50 mmol), 2-chloro-4-hydrazinylbenzonitrile hydrochloride (Preparation 1; 152 mg, 0.75 mmol), and ethanol (5 mL) was stirred under argon at 80 °C for three hours. The mixture was cooled to room temperature and concentrated. Water was added, the residue extracted three times with methylene chloride, washed with brine, dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and condensed. The crude product was purified by normal phase flash column chromatography on a 20 g silica gel column (100% methylene chloride). Pure fractions were pooled and condensed to give the title compound (yellow solid, 75 mg, 0.14 mmol, 28% yield). The title compound was largely present as (±)-(3SR,3aSR)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazol-7-yl trifluoromethanesulfonate. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 3.25 (dd, J=12.89, 10.47 Hz, 1 H), 4.22 - 4.35 (m, 1 H), 4.42 (dd, J=10.34, 6.04 Hz, 1 H), 6.00 (d, J=11.28 Hz, 1 H), 6.77 - 7.51 (m, 8 H), 7.68 (d, J=8.59 Hz, 1 H), 8.10 (d, J=9.40 Hz, 1 H). ES-MS m/z 553 (M+H).

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Example 93



(3S,3aR)-methyl 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate

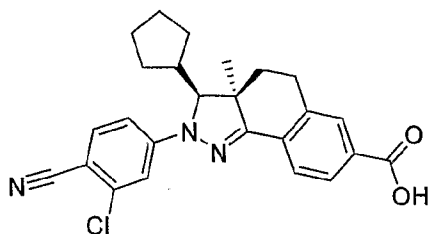
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A solution of (trimethylsilyl)diazomethane (2.0 M in diethyl ether, 0.286 mL, 0.572 mmol) was added to a solution of (3S,3aR)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid, Example 16 (200 mg, 0.476 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (3 mL) and methanol (1 mL). After 90 minutes, the reaction was concentrated to give the crude methyl ester (yellow solid, 217 mg). ES-MS m/z 434 (M+H).

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Example 94



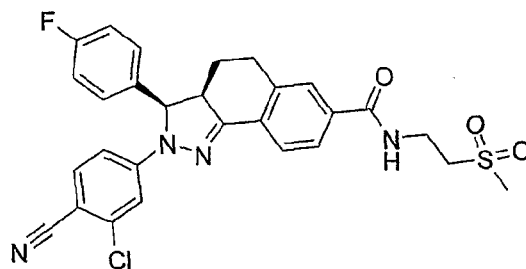
(3S,3aR)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3a-methyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid

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To a solution of diisopropylamine (0.0772 mL, 0.551 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (1.5 mL) at -78 °C was added n-butyllithium (2.5 M in hexanes, 0.206 mL, 0.514 mmol). After 10 minutes, a solution of (3S,3aR)-methyl 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate (Example 93; 159 mg, 0.367 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (3.0 mL) was added dropwise. After 1 hour at -78 °C, iodomethane (0.0343 mL, 0.551 mmol) was added. The reaction was kept at -78 °C and monitored by LCMS. After 2 hours, another 0.015 mL of iodomethane was added. Lithium hexamethyldisilazide (1.0 M in tetrahydrofuran, 0.100 mL, 0.100 mmol) was added, followed by another 0.015 mL iodomethane. Allowed to slowly warm to room temperature overnight. The reaction was treated with 0.5 mL methanol and 0.5 mL 2.5 N NaOH. After 4 hours, the reaction mixture was neutralized with 0.5 mL of 3 N hydrogen chloride and concentrated under a stream of nitrogen. The residue was dissolved in dimethylformamide/methanol, filtered through a syringe filter and purified by reverse-phase HPLC (60 to 95% acetonitrile/water/0.05% trifluoroacetic acid) to give the title compound (yellow solid, 48.6 mg, 0.112 mmol, 30.5% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 13.06 (br. s., 1 H), 8.10 (d, J=8.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.87 (s, 1 H), 7.81 (d, J=7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.69 (d, J=9.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.43 (s, 1 H), 7.23 (d, J=9.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.57 (d, J=5.9 Hz, 1 H), 3.01 - 3.10 (m, 2 H), 1.91 - 2.11 (m, 3 H), 1.71 - 1.82 (m, 1 H), 1.09 - 1.56 (m, 7 H), 1.06 (s, 3 H). ES-MS m/z 434 (M+H).

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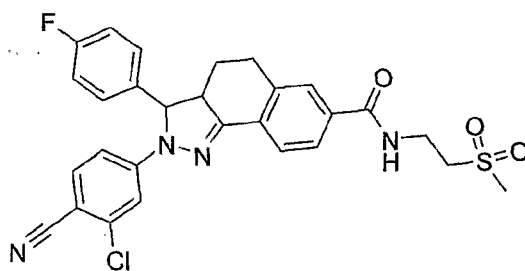
Example 95



(3R,3aR)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-N-(2-(methylsulfonyl)ethyl)-
3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxamide

The title compound was prepared from (3R,3aR)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid (Example 3) and 2-(methylsulfonyl)ethanamine hydrochloride according to Method F. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 0.75 - 0.88 (m, 1 H), 1.76 - 1.84 (m, 1 H), 2.84 - 3.02 (m, 2 H), 3.03 (s, 3 H), 3.38 (t, $J=6.85$ Hz, 2 H), 3.67 (q, $J=6.62$ Hz, 2 H), 3.96 (ddd, $J=13.43$, 11.14, 4.97 Hz, 1 H), 5.93 (d, $J=11.01$ Hz, 1 H), 6.81 - 7.44 (m, 6 H), 7.66 (d, $J=8.86$ Hz, 1 H), 7.70 (s, 1 H), 7.76 (dd, $J=8.19$, 1.48 Hz, 1 H), 8.13 (d, $J=8.32$ Hz, 1 H), 8.78 (t, $J=5.64$ Hz, 1 H); HRMS m/z 551.1343 ($M+H$).

Example 96

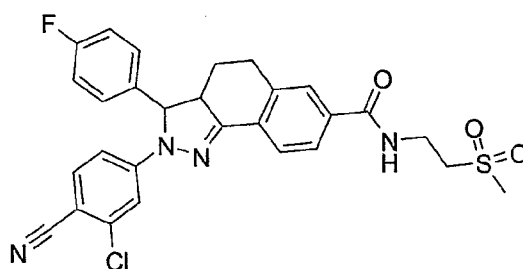


2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-N-(2-(methylsulfonyl)ethyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxamide

The title compound was prepared from 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid (Example 2) and 2-(methylsulfonyl)ethanamine hydrochloride according to Method F. The title compound was isolated as ($\pm$)-(3RS,3aSR)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-

5 fluorophenyl)-N-(2-(methylsulfonyl)ethyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxamide, the minor diastereomer, using reverse phase HPLC. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 1.95 - 2.07 (m, 1 H), 2.22 - 2.30 (m, 1 H), 2.92 - 3.02 (m, 2 H), 3.02 - 3.05 (m, 3 H), 3.38 (t, J=6.98 Hz, 2 H), 3.41 - 3.48 (m, 1 H), 3.65 - 3.71 (m, 2 H), 5.18 (d, J=10.47 Hz, 1 H), 6.83 (dd, J=8.86, 2.15 Hz, 1 H), 7.21 (d, J=2.15 Hz, 1 H), 7.25 - 7.30 (m, 2 H), 7.48 - 7.53 (m, 2 H), 7.67 (d, J=8.86 Hz, 1 H), 7.73 (s, 1 H), 7.76 (dd, J=8.19, 1.48 Hz, 1 H), 8.05 (d, J=8.32 Hz, 1 H), 8.79 (t, J=5.64 Hz, 1 H); HRMS m/z 551.1310 (M+H).

Example 97

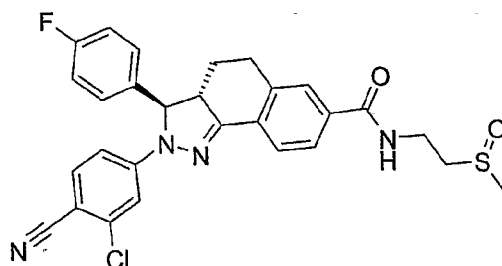


2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-N-(2-(methylsulfonyl)ethyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxamide

20 The title compound was prepared from 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid (Example 2) and 2-(methylsulfonyl)ethanamine hydrochloride according to Method F. The title compound was largely present as (±)-(3RS,3aRS)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-N-(2-(methylsulfonyl)ethyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxamide. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 0.76 - 0.88 (m, 1 H), 1.77 - 1.84 (m, 1 H), 2.83 - 2.92 (m, 1 H), 2.92 - 3.00 (m, 1 H), 3.03 (s, 3 H), 3.37 (t, J=6.85 Hz, 2 H), 3.63 - 3.70 (m, 2 H), 3.92 - 4.01 (m, 1 H), 5.93 (d, J=11.01 Hz, 1 H), 7.07 - 7.24 (m, 6 H), 7.66 (d, J=8.86 Hz, 1 H), 7.70 (s, 1 H), 7.76 (dd, J=8.19, 1.48 Hz, 1 H), 8.14 (d, J=8.32 Hz, 1 H), 8.78 (t, J=5.64 Hz, 1 H); HRMS m/z 551.1310 (M+H).

Example 98

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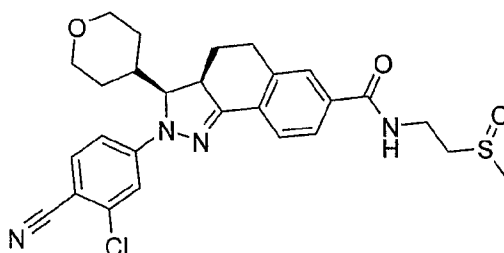


(±)-(3RS,3aSR)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-N-(2-(methylsulfinyl)ethyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxamide

The title compound was prepared from 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid (Example 2) and 2-(methylsulfinyl)ethanamine according to Method F. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 1.94 - 2.07 (m, 1 H), 2.22 - 2.30 (m, 1 H), 2.58 - 2.61 (m, 3 H), 2.85 - 2.93 (m, 1 H), 2.93 - 3.02 (m, 2 H), 3.02 - 3.10 (m, 1 H), 3.39 - 3.48 (m, 1 H), 3.55 - 3.71 (m, 2 H), 5.18 (d, $J=10.74$ Hz, 1 H), 6.83 (dd, $J=8.86$, 2.15 Hz, 1 H), 7.21 (d, $J=2.42$ Hz, 1 H), 7.24 - 7.31 (m, 2 H), 7.47 - 7.53 (m, 2 H), 7.67 (d, $J=8.86$ Hz, 1 H), 7.74 (s, 1 H), 7.76 (dd, $J=8.32$, 1.34 Hz, 1 H), 8.04 (d, $J=8.06$ Hz, 1 H), 8.83 (t, $J=5.50$ Hz, 1 H); HRMS m/z 535.1365 (M+H).

Example 99

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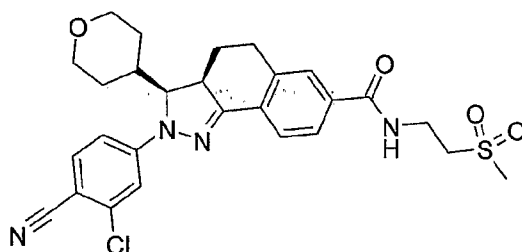
(±)-(3SR,3aRS)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-N-(2-(methylsulfonyl)ethyl)-3-(tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-yl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxamide

The title compound was prepared from (±)-(3SR,3aRS)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-yl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid (Example 36) and 2-(methylsulfinyl)ethanamine according to Method F. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 1.19 - 1.28 (m, 2 H), 1.31 - 1.42 (m, 1 H), 1.44 - 1.53 (m, 1 H), 1.83 - 1.94 (m, 2 H), 2.19 - 2.29 (m, 1 H), 2.56 (s, 3 H), 2.82 -

- 5 2.93 (m, 2 H), 2.95 - 3.05 (m, 2 H), 3.05 - 3.15 (m, 2 H), 3.53 - 3.75 (m, 5 H), 4.78 (dd, J=9.70, 3.48 Hz, 1 H), 7.16 (d, J=8.42 Hz, 1 H), 7.40 (s, 1 H), 7.66 - 7.77 (m, 3 H), 8.03 (d, J=8.05 Hz, 1 H), 8.81 (t, J=5.31 Hz, 1 H); ES-MS m/z 525 (M+H).

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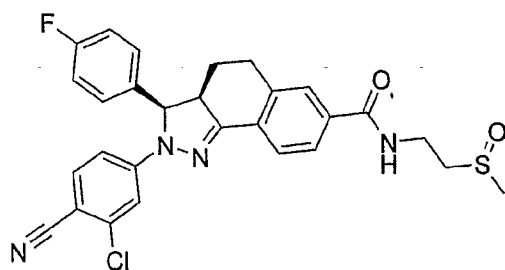
Example 100



- 15 (±)-(3SR,3aRS)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-N-(2-(methylsulfinyl)ethyl)-3-(tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-yl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxamide

- The title compound was prepared from (±)-(3SR,3aRS)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-yl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid (Example 36) and 2-(methylsulfonyl)ethanamine hydrochloride according to Method F. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 1.25 - 1.32 (m, 2 H), 1.41 (ddd, J=24.50, 12.42, 4.43 Hz, 1 H), 1.51 - 1.57 (m, 1 H), 1.87 - 1.99 (m, 2 H), 2.25 - 2.33 (m, 1 H), 2.87 - 3.00 (m, 1 H), 3.04 (s, 3 H), 3.08 - 3.21 (m, 3 H), 3.38 (t, J=6.85 Hz, 2 H), 3.61 - 3.79 (m, 5 H), 4.82 (dd, J=9.80, 3.63 Hz, 1 H), 7.18 - 7.23 (m, 1 H), 7.44 (s, 1 H), 7.71 (d, J=8.59 Hz, 1 H), 7.73 - 7.77 (m, 1 H), 7.78 (s, 1 H), 8.08 (d, J=8.06 Hz, 1 H), 8.79 (t, J=5.50 Hz, 1 H); HRMS m/z 541.1702 (M+H).
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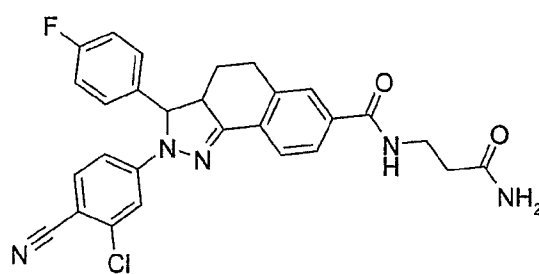
Example 101



(±)-(3RS,3aRS)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-N-[2-(methylsulfinyl)ethyl]-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxamide

The title compound was prepared from 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid (Example 2) and 2-(methylsulfinyl)ethanamine according to Method F. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 0.81 (ddd, J=25.98, 12.69, 4.57 Hz, 1 H), 1.70 - 1.84 (m, 3 H), 2.27 (t, J=7.38 Hz, 2 H), 2.84 - 3.02 (m, 2 H), 3.23 - 3.30 (m, 2 H), 3.96 (ddd, J=13.36, 11.35, 4.83 Hz, 1 H), 5.92 (d, J=11.01 Hz, 1 H), 6.90 - 7.28 (m, 6 H), 7.66 (d, J=8.59 Hz, 1 H), 7.71 (s, 1 H), 7.76 (dd, J=8.32, 1.34 Hz, 1 H), 8.11 (d, J=8.06 Hz, 1 H), 8.53 (t, J=5.50 Hz, 1 H), 12.04 (br. s., 1 H); HRMS m/z 535.1357 (M+H).

Example 102



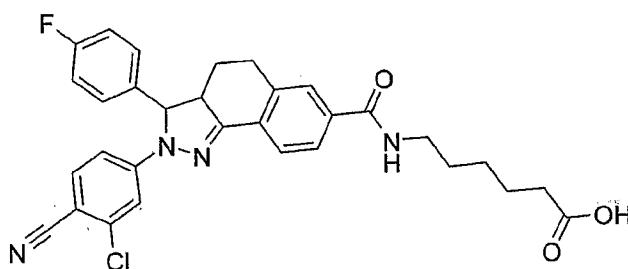
N-(3-amino-3-oxopropyl)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxamide

The title compound was prepared from 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid (Example 2) and 3-aminopropanamide hydrochloride according to Method F. The title compound was largely present as (±)-(3RS,3aRS)-N-(3-amino-3-oxopropyl)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxamide. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 0.75 - 0.87 (m, 1 H), 1.76 - 1.84 (m,

1 H), 2.34 (t, J=7.12 Hz, 2 H), 2.83 - 2.91 (m, 1 H), 2.91 - 3.02 (m, 1 H), 3.40 - 3.46 (m, 2 H), 3.64 (br. s., 2 H), 3.92 - 4.00 (m, 1 H), 5.93 (d, J=11.01 Hz, 1 H), 6.83 (br. s., 1 H), 7.17 (t, 4 H), 7.34 (s, 1 H), 7.66 (d, J=8.86 Hz, 1 H), 7.70 (s, 1 H), 7.75 (dd, J=8.06, 1.34 Hz, 1 H), 8.11 (d, J=8.06 Hz, 1 H), 8.55 (t, J=5.64 Hz, 1 H); HRMS m/z 516.1587 (M+H).

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Example 103



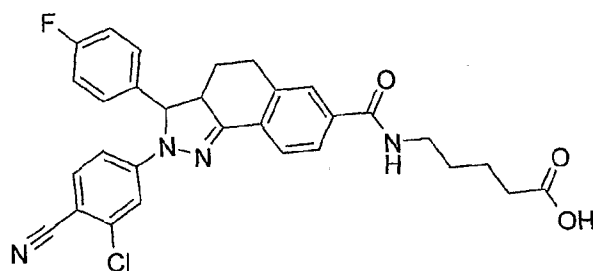
6-(2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxamido)hexanoic acid

The title compound was prepared from 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid (Example 2) and methyl 6-aminohexyrate hydrochloride according to Method F and Method C. The title compound was largely present as (±)-6-((3RS,3aRS)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxamido)hexanoic acid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 0.75 - 0.87 (m, 1 H), 1.76 - 1.84 (m, 1 H), 2.34 (t, J=7.12 Hz, 2 H), 2.83 - 2.91 (m, 1 H), 2.91 - 3.02 (m, 1 H), 3.40 - 3.46 (m, 2 H), 3.64 (br. s., 2 H), 3.92 - 4.00 (m, 1 H), 5.93 (d, J=11.01 Hz, 1 H), 6.83 (br. s., 1 H), 7.17 (t, 4 H), 7.34 (s, 1 H), 7.66 (d, J=8.86 Hz, 1 H), 7.70 (s, 1 H), 7.75 (dd, J=8.06, 1.34 Hz, 1 H), 8.11 (d, J=8.06 Hz, 1 H), 8.55 (t, J=5.64 Hz, 1 H); HRMS m/z 559.1895 (M+H).

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Example 104

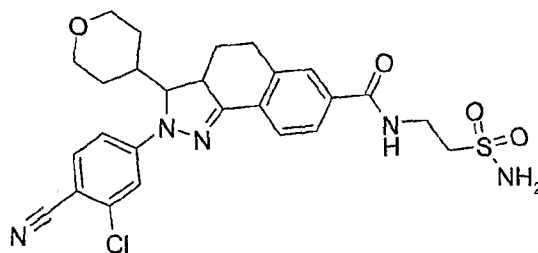


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5-(2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxamido)pentanoic acid

The title compound was prepared from 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid (Example 2) and ethyl 5-aminopentrate hydrochloride according to Method F and Method C. The title compound was largely present as ($\pm$)-5-((3RS,3aRS)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxamido)pentanoic acid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 0.81 (ddd, $J=25.91, 12.89, 4.97$ Hz, 1 H), 1.49 - 1.55 (m, 4 H), 1.76 - 1.84 (m, 1 H), 2.21 - 2.26 (m, 2 H), 2.84 - 3.02 (m, 2 H), 3.22 - 3.28 (m, 2 H), 3.96 (ddd, $J=13.56, 11.14, 4.83$ Hz, 1 H), 5.93 (d, $J=11.01$ Hz, 1 H), 7.11 - 7.24 (m, 6 H), 7.66 (d, $J=8.86$ Hz, 1 H), 7.70 (s, 1 H), 7.76 (dd, $J=8.19, 1.48$ Hz, 1 H), 8.11 (d, $J=8.32$ Hz, 1 H), 8.51 (t, $J=5.64$ Hz, 1 H), 12.02 (br. s., 1 H); HRMS m/z 545.1745 (M+H).

Example 105

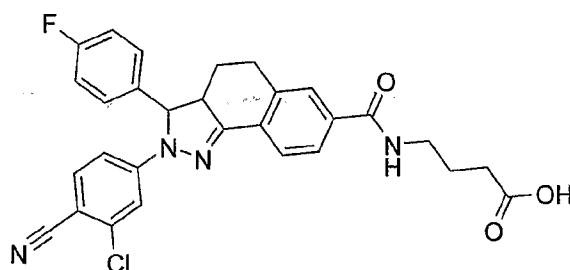


N-[2-(aminosulfonyl)ethyl]-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-yl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxamide

The title compound was prepared from 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-yl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid (Example 36) and 2-aminomethanesulfonamide hydrochloride according to Method F. The title compound was largely present as ($\pm$)-3SR,3aRS)-N-[2-(aminosulfonyl)ethyl]-2-(3-

- 5 chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-yl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxamide. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 1.18 - 1.28 (m, 2 H), 1.31 - 1.40 (m, 1 H), 1.45 - 1.53 (m, 1 H), 1.82 - 1.95 (m, 3 H), 2.20 - 2.30 (m, 1 H), 2.83 - 2.93 (m, 1 H), 2.99 - 3.16 (m, 3 H), 3.57 - 3.76 (m, 6 H), 4.78 (dd, J=9.52, 3.29 Hz, 1 H), 6.92 (s, 2 H), 7.16 (d, J=8.42 Hz, 1 H), 7.40 (s, 1 H), 7.66 - 7.75 (m, 3 H), 8.04 (d, J=8.05 Hz, 1 H), 8.67 (t, J=5.49 Hz, 1 H); ES-MS m/z 542 (M+H).

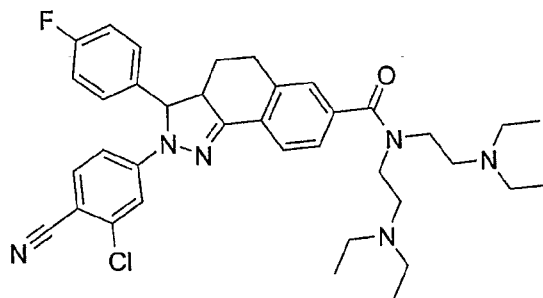
Example 106



- 15 4-(2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxamido)butanoic acid

- The title compound was prepared from 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid (Example 2) and ethyl 4-aminobutyrate hydrochloride according to Method F and Method C. The title compound was largely present as (±)-4-((3RS,3aRS)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxamido)butanoic acid.
- ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 0.75 - 0.88 (m, 1 H), 1.76 - 1.84 (m, 1 H), 2.59 (s, 3 H), 2.84 - 2.92 (m, 2 H), 2.92 - 2.99 (m, 1 H), 3.00 - 3.09 (m, 1 H), 3.54 - 3.70 (m, 2 H), 3.92 - 4.01 (m, 1 H), 5.93 (d, J=11.01 Hz, 1 H), 6.83 - 7.47 (m, 6 H), 7.66 (d, J=8.59 Hz, 1 H), 7.71 (s, 1 H) 7.77 (dd, J=8.32, 1.61 Hz, 1 H), 8.13 (d, J=8.06 Hz, 1 H), 8.82 (t, J=5.50 Hz, 1 H); HRMS m/z 531.1596 (M+H).

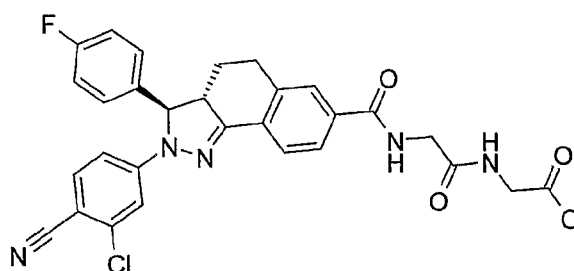
Example 107



5 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-N,N-bis(2-(diethylamino)ethyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxamide bistrifluoroacetate

The title compound was prepared from 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid (Example 2) and N,N,N',N'-tetraethyldiethylenetriamine according to Method F. The title compound was largely present as (±)-(3RS,3aRS)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-N,N-bis(2-(diethylamino)ethyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxamide bistrifluoroacetate. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 0.79 (ddd, J=25.58, 12.69, 4.97 Hz, 1 H), 1.03 (br. s., 6 H), 1.26 (br. s., 6 H), 1.78 - 1.87 (m, 1 H), 2.84 - 3.06 (m, 6 H), 3.14 - 3.37 (m, 8 H), 3.58 (br. s., 2 H), 3.79 (br. s., 2 H), 3.96 (ddd, J=13.29, 11.14, 4.83 Hz, 1 H), 5.95 (d, J=11.01 Hz, 1 H), 7.01 - 7.29 (m, 6 H), 7.36 (s, 1 H), 7.41 (d, J=8.32 Hz, 1 H), 7.67 (d, J=8.86 Hz, 1 H), 8.15 (d, J=8.06 Hz, 1 H), 9.86 (br. s., 2 H); HRMS m/z 643.3334 (M+H).

20 Example 108



(±)-2-(2-((3RS,3aSR)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxamido)acetamido)acetic acid

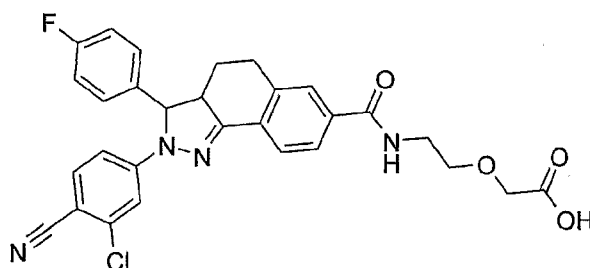
25 The title compound was prepared from the 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid (Example 2) and ethyl 2-(2-aminoacetamido)acetate hydrochloride according to Method F and

5 Method C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ ppm 2.01 (ddd, $J=25.11, 12.49, 5.10$ Hz, 1 H), 2.23 - 2.31 (m, 1 H), 2.92 - 3.04 (m, 2 H), 3.45 (ddd, $J=13.09, 10.41, 4.97$ Hz, 1 H), 3.78 (d, $J=5.91$ Hz, 2 H), 3.92 (d, $J=5.91$ Hz, 2 H), 5.18 (d, $J=10.47$ Hz, 1 H), 6.83 (dd, $J=8.86, 2.15$ Hz, 1 H), 7.21 (d, $J=2.15$ Hz, 1 H), 7.28 (tt, $J=8.86, 1.88$ Hz, 2 H), 7.48 - 7.53 (m, 2 H), 7.67 (d, $J=8.86$ Hz, 1 H), 7.78 - 7.83 (m, 2 H), 8.05 (d, $J=8.06$ Hz, 1 H),
 10 8.23 (t, $J=5.64$ Hz, 1 H), 8.84 (t, $J=5.91$ Hz, 1 H); HRMS m/z 560.1528 ($M+H$).

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Example 109

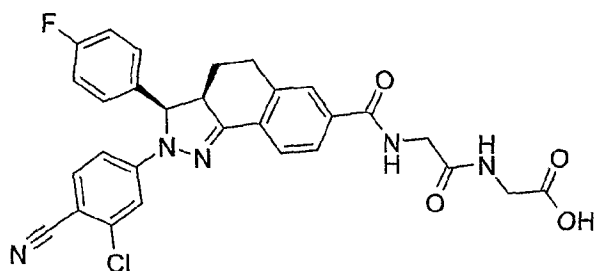


2-(2-((2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxamido)ethoxy)acetic acid

25 The title compound was prepared from 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid (Example 2) and ethyl 2-(2-aminoethoxy)acetate according to Method F and Method C. The title compound was largely present as ($\pm$)-2-(2-((3RS,3aRS)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxamido)ethoxy)acetic
 30 acid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ ppm 0.81 (ddd, $J=25.98, 13.09, 4.43$ Hz, 1 H), 1.77 - 1.84 (m, 1 H), 2.84 - 3.02 (m, 2 H), 3.43 (q, $J=5.73$ Hz, 2 H), 3.60 (t, $J=5.77$ Hz, 2 H), 3.92 - 4.00 (m, 1 H), 4.04 (s, 2 H), 5.93 (d, $J=11.28$ Hz, 1 H), 7.04 - 7.21 (m, 6 H),

- 5 7.66 (d, J=8.86 Hz, 1 H), 7.71 (s, 1 H), 7.77 (d, J=8.32 Hz, 1 H), 8.12 (d, J=8.06 Hz, 1 H), 8.58 (t, J=5.64 Hz, 1 H), 12.64 (s, 1 H); HRMS m/z 547.1522 (M+H).

Example 110

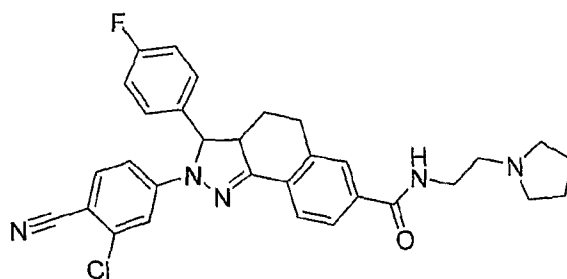


- 10 (±)-2-(2-((3RS,3aRS)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxamido)acetamido)acetic acid

The title compound was prepared from 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid (Example 2) and ethyl 2-(2-aminoacetamido)acetate hydrochloride according to Method F and

- 15 Method C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 0.82 (ddd, J=25.98, 12.96, 4.83 Hz, 1 H), 1.77 - 1.85 (m, 1 H), 2.85 - 3.04 (m, 2 H), 3.77 (d, J=5.91 Hz, 2 H), 3.91 (d, J=6.18 Hz, 2 H), 3.97 (ddd, J=13.49, 11.21, 4.83 Hz, 1 H), 5.94 (d, J=11.01 Hz, 1 H), 6.76 - 7.43 (m, 6 H), 7.67 (d, J=8.86 Hz, 1 H), 7.76 (s, 1 H), 7.81 (dd, J=8.32, 1.34 Hz, 1 H), 8.14 (d, J=8.32 Hz, 1 H), 8.22 (t, J=5.77 Hz, 1 H), 8.83 (t, J=5.91 Hz, 1 H) 12.55 (s, 1 H);
20 HRMS m/z 560.1491 (M+H).

Example 111

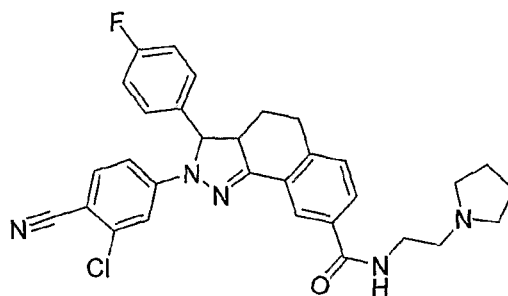


- 25 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-N-(2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)ethyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxamide

2-(1H-Benzotriazol-1-yl)-1,1,3,3-tetramethyluronium tetrafluoroborate (77 mg, 0.24 mmol) was added to a solution of 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-

- 5 3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid (Example 2; 89 mg, 0.20 mmol), triethylamine (0.056 mL, 0.40 mmol), and dimethylformamide (2.0 mL) at room temp. After 10 minutes, 2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)ethanamine (0.051 mL, 0.40 mmol) was added. After 40 minutes, the reaction was quenched with 0.30 mL 3N hydrogen chloride and purified by reverse-phase HPLC (20 to 90% acetonitrile/water/0.05% trifluoroacetic acid). The purified fractions were combined, neutralized with saturated sodium bicarbonate solution, and concentrated until a precipitate formed. The precipitate was filtered, washed with water, and dried to give the title compound (yellow solid, 45.5 mg, 0.084 mmol, 42% yield). The title compound was largely present as ($\pm$)-
- 10 (3RS,3aRS)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-N-(2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)ethyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxamide. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 0.80 (m, 1 H), 1.64 (m, 4 H), 1.79 (m, 1 H), 2.46 (m, 4 H), 2.54 (t, $J=7.03$ Hz, 2 H), 2.91 (m, 2 H), 3.35 (q, $J=6.64$ Hz, 2 H), 3.95 (ddd, $J=13.57, 11.03, 5.08$ Hz, 1 H), 5.92 (d, $J=11.33$ Hz, 1 H), 7.15 (m, 6 H), 7.65 (d, $J=8.59$ Hz, 1 H), 7.69 (s, 1 H), 7.75 (dd, $J=8.20, 1.56$ Hz, 1 H), 8.10 (d, $J=8.20$ Hz, 1 H), 8.47 (t, $J=5.86$ Hz, 1 H). ES-MS
- 15 m/z 542 (M+H).
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Example 112

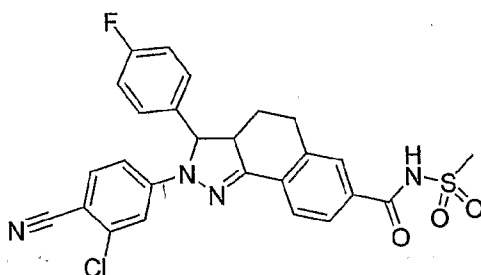


- 25 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-N-(2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)ethyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-8-carboxamide

- The title compound was prepared according to the procedure described for Example 111 from 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-8-carboxylic acid (Example 5). Off-white solid, 45.7 mg. The title compound was largely present as ($\pm$)- (3RS,3aRS)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-N-(2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)ethyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-8-carboxamide. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 0.79 (qd, $J=12.89, 5.08$ Hz, 1 H), 1.68 (m, 4 H), 1.79 (m, 1 H), 2.48 (m, 4 H), 2.58 (t, $J=7.03$ Hz, 2 H), 2.92 (m, 2 H), 3.40
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5 (m, 2 H), 3.95 (m, 1 H), 5.91 (d, J=10.94 Hz, 1 H), 7.15 (m, 6 H), 7.31 (d, J=7.81 Hz, 1 H), 7.66 (d, J=8.98 Hz, 1 H), 7.79 (dd, J=8.01, 1.76 Hz, 1 H), 8.49 (d, J=1.95 Hz, 1 H), 8.59 (t, J=5.66 Hz, 1 H). ES-MS m/z 542 (M+H).

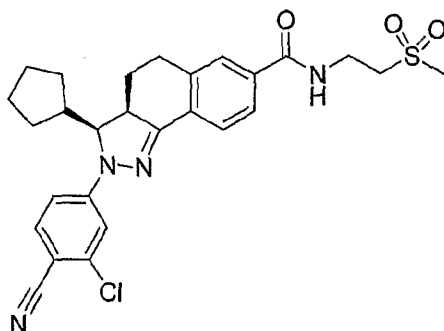
Example 113



2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-N-(methylsulfonyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxamide

A solution of 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid (Example 2; 45 mg, 0.10 mmol),
 15 methylsulfonamide (12 mg, 0.12 mmol), triethylamine (0.021 mL, 0.15 mmol), and tetrahydrofuran (1.0 mL) was treated with N-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N'-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride (29 mg, 0.15 mmol) followed by 4-dimethylaminopyridine (15 mg, 0.12 mmol) at room temperature. The reaction was
 20 stirred at room temperature overnight. The reaction was concentrated and purified by reverse-phase HPLC (40 to 95% acetonitrile/water/0.05% trifluoroacetic acid) to give the title compound (yellow solid, 20.6 mg, 0.0394 mmol, 39% yield). The title compound was largely present as (±)-(3RS,3aRS)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-N-(methylsulfonyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxamide. ¹H NMR (400
 25 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 0.70 - 0.92 (m, 1 H), 1.72 - 1.89 (m, 1 H), 2.84 - 3.04 (m, 2 H), 3.35 (s, 3 H), 3.98 (ddd, J=13.67, 10.94, 5.08 Hz, 1 H), 5.95 (d, J=11.33 Hz, 1 H), 6.65 - 7.58 (m, 6 H), 7.67 (d, J=8.98 Hz, 1 H), 7.75 - 7.89 (m, 2 H), 8.16 (d, J=8.20 Hz, 1 H), 12.17 (s, 1 H). ES-MS m/z 523 (M+H).

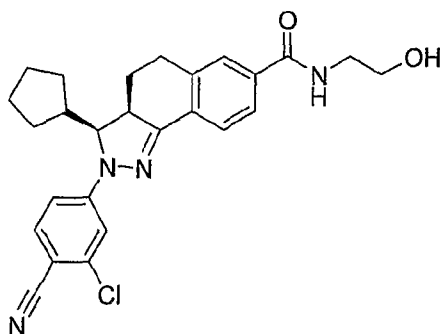
Example 114



(3S,3aR)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-N-(2-(methylsulfonyl)ethyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxamide

To a solution of 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid (Example 15; 90 mg, 0.20 mmol) in N,N-dimethylformamide (1 mL) was added 1-hydroxybenzotriazole (43 mg, 0.32 mmol), triethylamine (0.06 mL, 0.40 mmol) and O-benzotriazol-1-yl-N,N,N',N'-tetramethyluronium tetrafluoroborate (103 mg, 0.32 mmol). The solution was stirred for fifteen minutes followed by addition of 2-(methylsulfonyl)ethanamine (40 mg, 0.32 mmol). The solution was stirred for twenty hours at ambient temperature. The reaction was quenched with water and the resulting yellow solid was collected by vacuum filtration. Chromatography (reverse phase, acetonitrile/water) provided (3S,3aR)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-N-(2-(methylsulfonyl)ethyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxamide (yellow solid, 55 mg, 52% yield). LC/MS on 4.6x50mm C-18 column, t_R = 6.01 minutes (10 to 90% acetonitrile/water over 6 minutes at 2 mL/minute with detection 254 nm, at 50 °C); ES-MS m/z 525 (M+H)

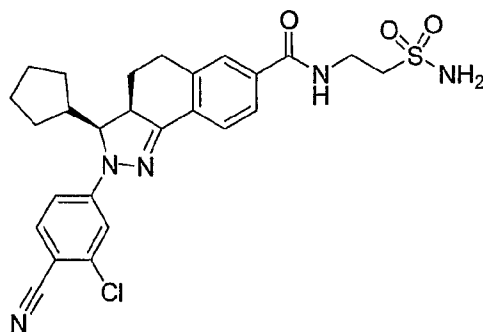
Example 115



(3S,3aR)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-N-(2-hydroxyethyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxamide

To a solution of 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid (Example 15; 90 mg, 0.20 mmol) in N,N-dimethylformamide (1 mL) was added 1-hydroxybenzotriazole (43 mg, 0.32 mmol), triethylamine (0.06 mL, 0.40 mmol) and O-benzotriazol-1-yl-N,N,N',N'-tetramethyluronium tetrafluoroborate (103 mg, 0.32 mmol). The solution was stirred for twenty-five minutes followed by addition of ethanolamine (0.02 mL, 0.32 mmol). The solution was stirred for twenty hours at ambient temperature. The reaction was quenched with water and the resulting yellow solid was collected by vacuum filtration. Chromatography (reverse phase, acetonitrile/water) provided (3S,3aR)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-N-(2-hydroxyethyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxamide (yellow solid, 30 mg, 33% yield). LC/MS on 4.6x50mm C-18 column, t_R = 6.00 minutes (10 to 90% acetonitrile/water over 6 minutes at 2 mL/minute with detection 254 nm, at 50 °C); ES-MS m/z 463 (M+H); HRMS Calculated for $C_{26}H_{27}ClN_4O_2$: 463.1895 (M+H)⁺. Found: 463.1875; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 1.10 - 1.50 (m, 6 H), 1.66 - 1.84 (m, 2 H), 2.17 - 2.25 (m, 1 H), 2.87 - 2.93 (m, 1 H), 2.99 - 3.06 (m, 1 H), 3.26 - 3.34 (m, 2 H), 3.48 (t, J=6.18 Hz, 2 H), 3.53 - 3.63 (m, 2 H), 4.92 (dd, J=9.13, 6.18 Hz, 1 H), 7.17 (dd, J=8.46, 1.75 Hz, 1 H), 7.38 (d, J=2.15 Hz, 1 H), 7.65 (d, J=8.86 Hz, 1 H), 7.73 (d, J=8.59 Hz, 1 H), 7.76 (s, 1 H), 8.03 (d, J=8.06 Hz, 1 H), 8.46 (t, J=6.31 Hz, 1 H).

Example 116

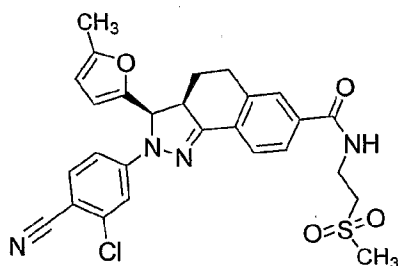


(3S,3aR)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-N-(2-sulfamoyl-ethyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxamide

To a solution of 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid (Example 15; 100 mg, 0.24 mmol) in N,N-

dimethylformamide (3 mL) was added 1-hydroxybenzotriazole (48 mg, 0.36 mmol), triethylamine (0.07 mL, 0.48 mmol) and O-benzotriazol-1-yl-N,N,N',N'-tetramethyluronium tetrafluoroborate (115 mg, 0.36 mmol). The solution was stirred for fifteen minutes followed by addition of 2-aminoethanesulfonamide (44 mg, 0.36 mmol). The solution was stirred for twenty hours at ambient temperature. The reaction was partitioned between ethyl acetate and water. The organic layer was washed with water and brine and dried over magnesium sulfate. Chromatography (reverse phase, acetonitrile/water) provided (3S,3aR)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-N-(2-sulfamoyl-ethyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxamide (yellow solid, 10 mg, 8% yield). LC/MS on 4.6x50mm C-18 column, t_R = 5.80 minutes (10 to 90% acetonitrile/water over 6 minutes at 2 mL/minute with detection 254 nm, at 50 °C); ES-MS m/z 526 (M+H).

Example 117

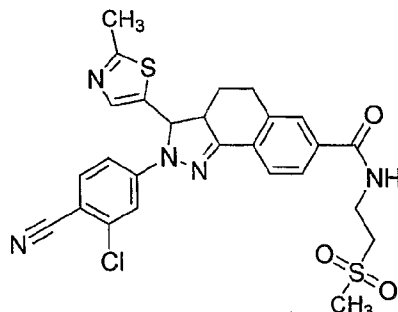


(3R,3aR)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(5-methyl-2-furyl)-N-[2-(methylsulfonyl)ethyl]-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxamide

The title compound was prepared from (3R,3aR)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(5-methyl-2-furyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid (Example 40) and 2-(methylsulfonyl)ethanamine hydrochloride according to Method F (35 mg, 70% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) water suppression, δ ppm 1.19-1.21 (m, 1 H), 1.91 (d, J =9.88 Hz, 1 H), 2.07 (s, 3 H), 2.96 (d, J =16.84 Hz, 2 H), 3.01 (s, 3 H), 3.63-3.66 (m, 2 H), 3.86 (br. s., 1 H), 5.92 (d, J =16.47 Hz, 1 H), 5.95 (br. s., 1 H), 6.27 (d, J =2.93 Hz, 1 H), 7.06 (br. s., 1 H), 7.33 (br. s., 1 H), 7.65-7.74 (m, 3 H), 8.08 (d, J =8.05 Hz, 1 H), 8.77 (t, J =5.49 Hz, 1 H); ES-MS m/z 537 (M+H).

Example 118

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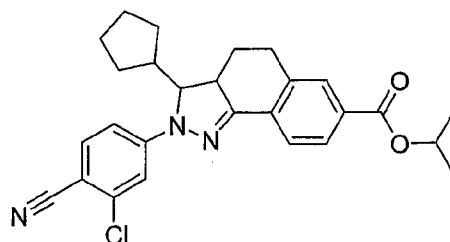
2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-N-[2-(methylsulfonyl)ethyl]-3-(2-methyl-1,3-thiazol-5-yl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxamide

10 The title compound was prepared from 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(2-methyl-1,3-thiazol-5-yl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid (Example 49; 40 mg, 0.09 mmol) and 2-(methylsulfonyl)ethanamine hydrochloride (15 mg, 0.09 mmol) according to Method F in 72% yield. The title compound was largely present as (3RS,3aRS)-2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-N-[2-(methylsulfonyl)ethyl]-3-(2-methyl-1,3-

15 thiazol-5-yl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxamide. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 1.23 (dd, J=12.70, 5.27 Hz, 1 H), 1.95 (dd, J=8.79, 3.32 Hz, 1 H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.96 - 3.05 (m, 2 H), 3.04 (s, 3 H), 3.38 (s, 3 H), 3.68 (q, J=6.64 Hz, 2 H), 3.94 (br. s., 1 H), 6.31 (d, J=10.16 Hz, 1 H), 7.10 (br.s., 1H), 7.40 (br. s., 1H), 7.64 (s, 1 H), 7.72 (d, J=8.98 Hz, 1 H), 7.77-7.87 (m, 2H), 8.14 (d, J=8.20 Hz, 1 H), 8.80 (t, J=5.66 Hz, 1 H); ES-MS m/z 554 (M+H).

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Example 119

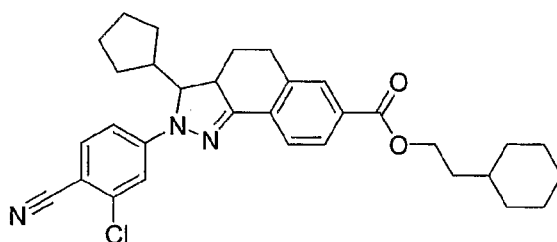


25 Isopropyl 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate

The title compound was prepared from 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid (Example 15) and propan-2-

ol according to Method E (yellow solid, 145 mg, 0.313 mmol, 66% yield). The title compound was largely present as (±)-(3SR,3aRS)-isopropyl 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 8.14 (d, J=8.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.89 - 7.94 (m, 2 H), 7.46 (d, J=8.9 Hz, 1 H), 7.30 (d, J=2.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.03 (dd, J=8.9, 2.1 Hz, 1 H), 5.22 - 5.32 (m, 1 H), 4.63 (dd, J=9.7, 5.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.44 - 3.54 (m, 1 H), 3.08 - 3.16 (m, 1 H), 2.86 - 2.98 (m, 1 H), 2.25 - 2.36 (m, 1 H), 2.07 - 2.19 (m, 1 H), 1.88 - 2.03 (m, 1 H), 1.73 - 1.83 (m, 1 H), 1.42 - 1.66 (m, 5 H), 1.39 (d, J=6.4 Hz, 6 H), 1.20 - 1.37 (m, 2 H). ES-HRMS m/z calc. for C₂₇H₂₉ClN₃O₂ (M+H) 462.1943, found 462.1897.

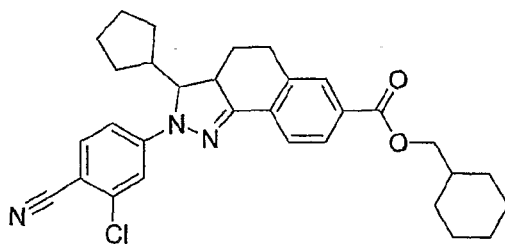
Example 120



2-cyclohexylethyl 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate

The title compound was prepared from 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid (Example 15) and 2-cyclohexylethanol according to Method E (yellow solid, 172 mg, 0.325 mmol, 68% yield). The title compound was largely present as (±)-(3SR,3aRS)-2-cyclohexylethyl 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate. ES-HRMS m/z calc. for C₃₂H₃₇ClN₃O₂ (M+H) 530.2569, found 530.2534.

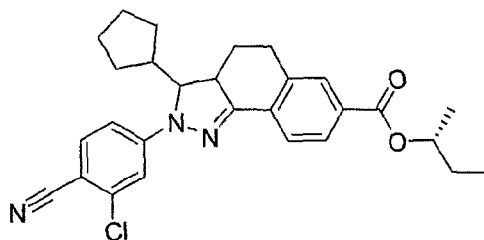
Example 121



Cyclohexylmethyl 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate

The title compound was prepared from 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid (Example 15) and cyclohexylmethanol according to Method E (yellow solid, 165 mg, 0.320 mmol, 67% yield). The title compound was largely present as (±)-(3SR,3aRS)-cyclohexylmethyl 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate. ES-HRMS m/z calc. for $C_{31}H_{35}ClN_3O_2$ (M+H) 516.2412, found 516.2403.

Example 122

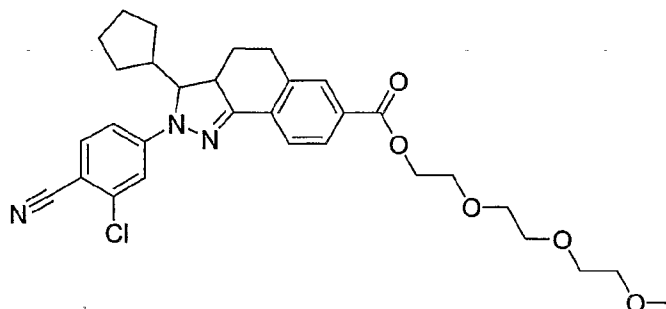


((R)-sec-butyl) 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate

The title compound was prepared from 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid (Example 15) and (R)-butan-2-ol according to Method E (yellow solid, 155 mg, 0.326 mmol, 68% yield). The title compound was largely present as (±)-(3SR,3aRS)-((R)-sec-butyl) 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate.

ES-HRMS m/z calc. for $C_{28}H_{31}ClN_3O_2$ (M+H) 476.2099, found 476.2100.

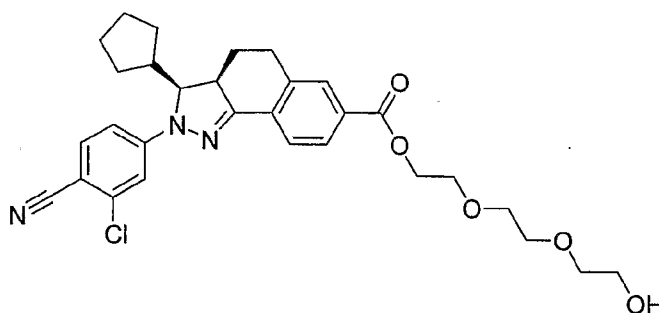
Example 123



2-(2-(2-methoxyethoxy)ethoxy)ethyl 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate

The title compound was prepared from 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid (Example 15) and 2-(2-(2-methoxyethoxy)ethoxy)ethanol according to Method E (yellow solid, 199 mg, 0.352 mmol, 74% yield). The title compound was largely present as (±)-(3SR,3aRS)-2-(2-(2-methoxyethoxy)ethoxy)ethyl 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate. ES-HRMS m/z calc. for $C_{31}H_{36}ClN_3NaO_5$ (M+Na) 588.2241, found 588.2245.

Example 124

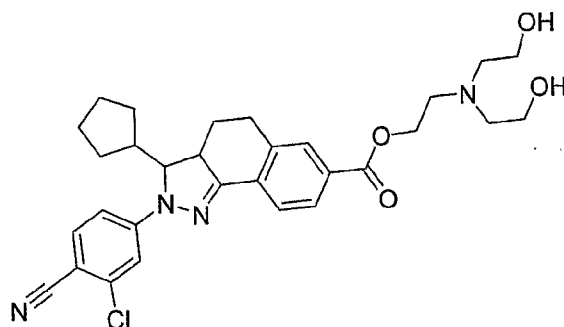


2-(2-(2-hydroxyethoxy)ethoxy)ethyl 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate

The title compound was prepared from 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid (Example 15) and triethylene glycol according to Method E (yellow solid, 125 mg, 0.226 mmol, 47% yield). The title compound was largely present as (±)-(3SR,3aRS)-2-(2-(2-hydroxyethoxy)ethoxy)ethyl 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate. ES-HRMS m/z calc. for $C_{30}H_{34}ClN_3NaO_5$ (M+Na) 574.2085, found 574.2047.

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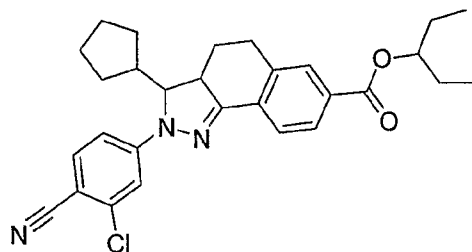
Example 125



2-(bis(2-hydroxyethyl)amino)ethyl 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-
 tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate

The title compound was prepared from 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid (Example 15) and triethanolamine according to Method E. The title compound was largely present as ($\pm$)-
 (3SR,3aRS)-2-(bis(2-hydroxyethyl)amino)ethyl 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm 1.17 - 1.66 (m, 7 H), 1.70 - 1.82 (m, 1 H), 1.88 - 2.02 (m, 1 H), 2.06 - 2.18 (m, 1 H), 2.23 - 2.45 (m, 1 H), 2.79 - 2.85 (m, 4 H), 2.86 - 2.97 (m, 1 H), 3.03 (t, $J=5.50$ Hz, 2 H), 3.07 - 3.17 (m, 1 H), 3.48 (ddd, $J=13.90, 9.47, 4.83$ Hz, 1 H), 3.63 - 3.70 (m, 4 H), 4.48 (t, $J=5.50$ Hz, 2 H), 4.63 (dd, $J=9.40, 5.37$ Hz, 1 H), 7.01 (dd, $J=8.86, 2.15$ Hz, 1 H), 7.29 (d, $J=2.15$ Hz, 1 H), 7.45 (d, $J=8.86$ Hz, 1 H), 7.82 - 7.99 (m, 2 H), 8.15 (d, $J=8.59$ Hz, 1 H). ES-MS m/z 551 ($M+H$)

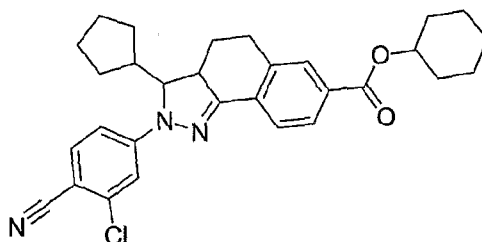
Example 126



Pentan-3-yl 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate

The title compound was prepared from 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid (Example 15) and pentan-3-ol according to Method E. The title compound was largely present as ($\pm$)-(3SR,3aRS)-pentan-3-yl 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm 0.97 (t, $J=7.38$ Hz, 6 H), 1.18 - 1.63 (m, 7 H), 1.64 - 1.81 (m, 4 H), 1.96 (ddd, $J=26.11, 12.96, 4.16$ Hz, 1 H), 2.06 - 2.18 (m, 1 H), 2.23 - 2.40 (m, 1 H), 2.83 - 3.01 (m, 1 H), 3.07 - 3.18 (m, 1 H), 3.49 (ddd, $J=13.76, 9.33, 4.83$ Hz, 1 H), 4.64 (dd, $J=9.67, 5.37$ Hz, 1 H), 5.04 (dt, $J=12.35, 6.18$ Hz, 1 H), 7.03 (dd, $J=8.86, 2.15$ Hz, 1 H), 7.30 (d, $J=2.15$ Hz, 1 H), 7.46 (d, $J=8.86$ Hz, 2 H), 7.84 - 7.99 (m, 2 H), 8.15 (d, $J=8.06$ Hz, 1 H).

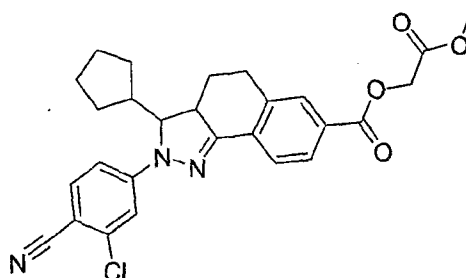
Example 127



Cyclohexyl 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate

The title compound was prepared from 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid (Example 15) and cyclohexanol according to Method E. The title compound was largely present as ($\pm$)-(3SR,3aRS)-cyclohexyl 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm 1.19 - 1.68 (m, 13 H), 1.70 - 1.86 (m, 3 H), 1.87 - 2.03 (m, 3 H), 2.06 - 2.20 (m, 1 H), 2.23 - 2.39 (m, 1 H), 2.85 - 2.98 (m, 1 H), 3.13 (ddd, $J=16.18, 3.36, 3.02$ Hz, 1 H), 3.49 (ddd, $J=13.76, 9.33, 4.83$ Hz, 1 H), 4.63 (dd, $J=9.53, 5.50$ Hz, 1 H), 5.04 (ddd, $J=12.82, 8.93, 3.76$ Hz, 1 H), 7.02 (dd, $J=8.86, 1.88$ Hz, 1 H), 7.30 (d, $J=2.15$ Hz, 1 H), 7.46 (d, $J=8.86$ Hz, 1 H), 7.87 - 7.97 (m, 2 H), 8.14 (d, $J=8.32$ Hz, 1 H).

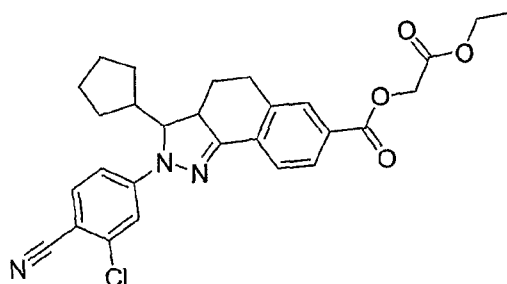
Example 128



2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate

The title compound was prepared from 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid (Example 15) and methyl glycolate according to Method E. The title compound was largely present as (±)-(3SR,3aRS)-2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 1.20 - 1.69 (m, 7 H), 1.72 - 1.84 (m, 1 H), 1.89 - 2.03 (m, 1 H), 2.06 - 2.20 (m, 1 H), 2.26 - 2.36 (m, 1 H), 2.86 - 2.99 (m, 1 H), 3.07 - 3.18 (m, 1 H), 3.49 (ddd, J=13.70, 9.40, 4.83 Hz, 1 H), 3.82 (s, 3 H), 4.65 (dd, J=9.53, 5.50 Hz, 1 H), 4.89 (s, 2 H) 7.03 (dd, J=8.73, 2.01 Hz, 1 H), 7.31 (d, J=1.88 Hz, 1 H), 7.46 (d, J=8.86 Hz, 1 H), 7.95 - 8.01 (m, 2 H), 8.17 (d, J=8.86 Hz, 1 H). ES-MS m/z 492 (M+H).

Example 129



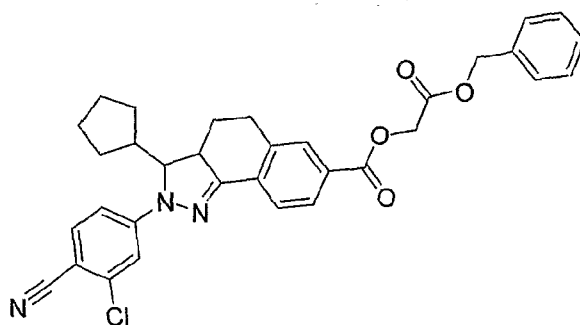
2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate

The title compound was prepared from 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid (Example 15) and ethyl glycolate according to Method E. The title compound was largely present as (±)-(3SR,3aRS)-2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-

5 tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm 1.32 (t, $J=7.12$ Hz, 4 H), 1.40 - 1.67 (m, 6 H) 1.72 - 1.83 (m, 1 H), 1.96 (ddd, $J=26.25$, 13.09, 4.16 Hz, 1 H), 2.06 - 2.20 (m, 1 H), 2.25 - 2.36 (m, 1 H), 2.84 - 2.99 (m, 1 H), 3.12 (ddd, $J=16.18$, 3.36, 3.02 Hz, 1 H), 3.49 (ddd, $J=13.76$, 9.33, 4.83 Hz, 1 H), 4.28 (q, $J=7.25$ Hz, 2 H), 4.64 (dd, $J=9.67$, 5.37 Hz, 1 H), 4.87 (s, 2 H), 7.03 (dd, $J=8.73$, 2.01 Hz, 1 H),
 10 7.31 (d, $J=2.15$ Hz, 1 H), 7.46 (d, $J=8.59$ Hz, 1 H), 7.93 - 8.02 (m, 2 H), 8.17 (d, $J=8.86$ Hz, 1 H). ES-MS m/z 506 (M+H).

Example 130

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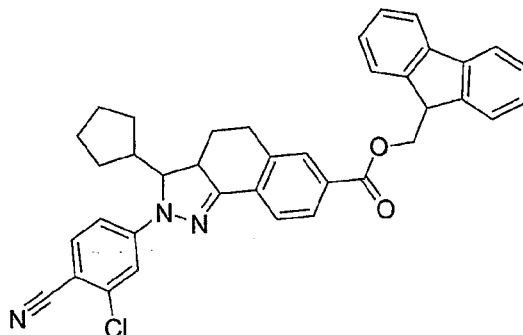
2-(benzyloxy)-2-oxoethyl 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-
 2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate

The title compound was prepared from 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-
 20 3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid (Example 15) and benzyl
 glycolate according to Method E. The title compound was largely present as ($\pm$)-
 (3SR,3aRS)-2-(benzyloxy)-2-oxoethyl 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-
 3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ
 ppm 1.20 - 1.68 (m, 7 H), 1.72 - 1.84 (m, 1 H), 1.96 (ddd, $J=26.18$, 12.89, 4.16 Hz, 1 H),
 25 2.06 - 2.20 (m, 1 H), 2.25 - 2.35 (m, 1 H), 2.84 - 2.98 (m, 1 H), 3.12 (ddd, $J=15.91$, 3.36,
 3.02 Hz, 1 H), 3.49 (ddd, $J=13.83$, 9.40, 4.70 Hz, 1 H), 4.65 (dd, $J=9.40$, 5.37 Hz, 1 H),
 4.92 (s, 2 H), 5.25 (s, 2 H), 7.03 (dd, $J=8.73$, 2.01 Hz, 1 H), 7.31 (d, $J=2.15$ Hz, 1 H),
 7.33 - 7.42 (m, 5 H), 7.46 (d, $J=8.86$ Hz, 1 H), 7.93 - 8.03 (m, 2 H), 8.17 (d, $J=8.59$ Hz, 1
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Example 131

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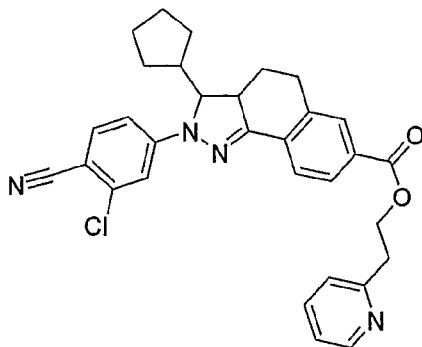


(9H-fluoren-9-yl)methyl 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate

The title compound was prepared from 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid (Example 15) and 9-fluorenylmethanol according to Method E. The title compound was largely present as (±)-(3SR,3aRS)-(9H-fluoren-9-yl)methyl 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 1.19 - 1.67 (m, 7 H), 1.72 - 1.85 (m, 1 H), 1.99 (ddd, J=26.11, 12.96, 4.16 Hz, 1 H), 2.07 - 2.22 (m, 1 H), 2.25 - 2.38 (m, 1 H), 2.85 - 3.03 (m, 1 H), 3.06 - 3.21 (m, 1 H), 3.50 (ddd, J=13.83, 9.26, 4.83 Hz, 1 H), 4.41 (t, J=7.12 Hz, 1 H), 4.60 - 4.70 (m, 3 H), 7.03 (dd, J=8.73, 2.01 Hz, 1 H), 7.29 - 7.38 (m, 3 H), 7.40 - 7.51 (m, 3 H), 7.66 (d, J=7.52 Hz, 2 H), 7.82 (d, J=7.52 Hz, 2 H), 7.91 - 8.00 (m, 2 H), 8.20 (d, J=8.06 Hz, 1 H).

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Example 132

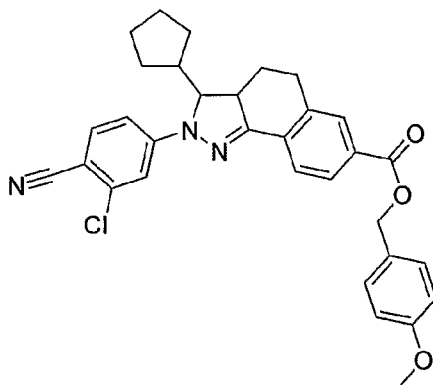


2-(pyridin-2-yl)ethyl 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate

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5 The title compound was prepared according to Method E from 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid (Example 15) and 2-(2-pyridyl)ethanol. Yellow solid, 194 mg. The title compound was largely present as ($\pm$)-(3SR,3aRS)-2-(pyridin-2-yl)ethyl 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate. ES-MS m/z 525
10 (M+H).

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Example 133



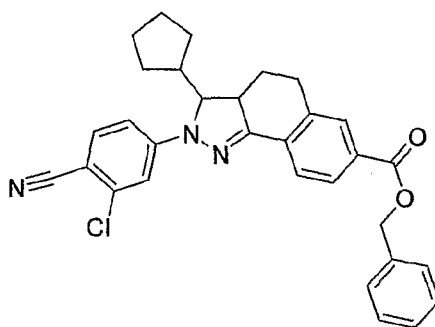
25 4-methoxybenzyl 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate

The title compound was prepared according to Method E from 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid (Example 15) and p-methoxybenzyl alcohol. Yellow solid, 194 mg. The title compound
30 was largely present as ($\pm$)-(3SR,3aRS)-4-methoxybenzyl 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-

- 5 cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate. ES-MS m/z 540 (M+H).

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Example 134

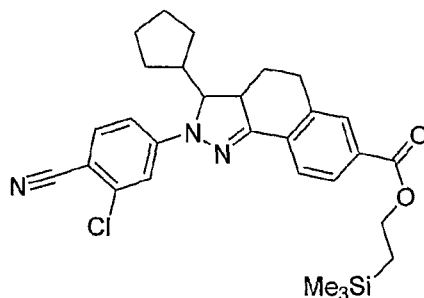


Benzyl 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate

- 15 The title compound was prepared according to Method E from 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid (Example 15) and benzyl alcohol. Yellow solid, 193 mg. The title compound was largely present as ($\pm$)-(3SR,3aRS)-benzyl 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate. ES-MS m/z 510 (M+H).

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Example 135



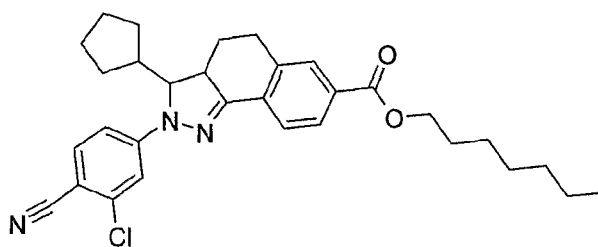
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5 2-(trimethylsilyl)ethyl 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate

The title compound was prepared according to Method E from 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid (Example 15) and 2-(trimethylsilyl)ethanol. Yellow solid, 192 mg. The title compound
 10 was largely present as ($\pm$)-(3SR,3aRS)-2-(trimethylsilyl)ethyl 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate. ES-MS m/z 520 (M+H).

Example 136

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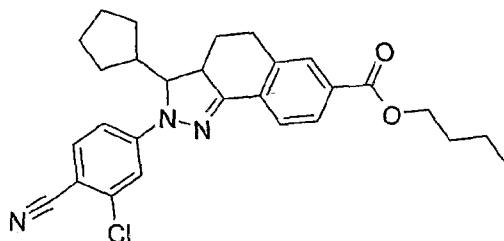


Heptyl 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate

20 The title compound was prepared from 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid (Example 15) and 1-heptanol according to Method E. The title compound was largely present as ($\pm$)-(3SR,3aRS)-heptyl 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 0.86 (t, J=6.98
 25 Hz, 3 H), 1.11 - 1.56 (m, 15 H), 1.67 - 1.75 (m, 3 H), 1.83 (ddd, J=25.98, 12.82, 3.89 Hz, 1 H), 2.01 - 2.12 (m, 1 H), 2.20 - 2.27 (m, 1 H), 2.85 - 2.96 (m, 1 H), 3.07 - 3.15 (m, 1 H), 3.62 (ddd, J=13.76, 9.33, 4.56 Hz, 1 H), 4.28 (t, J=6.58 Hz, 2 H), 4.97 (dd, J=9.40, 5.64 Hz, 1 H), 7.21 (dd, J=8.86, 2.15 Hz, 1 H), 7.42 (d, J=2.15 Hz, 1 H), 7.69 (d, J=8.86 Hz, 1 H), 7.83 (dd, J=8.19, 1.48 Hz, 1 H), 7.87 (s, 1 H), 8.12 (d, J=8.32 Hz, 1H); ES-MS m/z
 30 518 (M+H).

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Example 137



Butyl 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate

10 The title compound was prepared from 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid (Example 15) and n-butanol according to Method E. The title compound was largely present as ($\pm$)-(3SR,3aRS)-butyl 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 0.94 (t, J=7.38 Hz, 3 H), 1.12 - 1.55 (m, 9 H), 1.66 - 1.75 (m, 3 H), 1.83 (ddd, J=25.91, 13.02, 4.03 Hz, 1 H), 2.01 - 2.11 (m, 1 H), 2.20 - 2.27 (m, 1 H), 2.85 - 2.96 (m, 1 H), 3.07 - 3.15 (m, 1 H), 3.61 (ddd, J=13.63, 9.33, 4.70 Hz, 1 H), 4.29 (t, J=6.44 Hz, 2 H), 4.97 (dd, J=9.53, 5.77 Hz, 1 H), 7.21 (dd, J=8.86, 1.88 Hz, 1 H), 7.42 (d, J=2.15 Hz, 1 H), 7.69 (d, J=8.86 Hz, 1 H), 7.83 (dd, J=8.32, 1.34 Hz, 1 H), 7.87 (s, 1 H), 8.12 (d, J=8.32 Hz, 1 H); ES-MS m/z 476 (M+H).

25 O. Biological Assays

1. In Vitro Assay

30 Method 1: Cell-based Gal4 Response Element-controlled Luciferase Reporter Assay

An in vitro assay can be used to evaluate mineralocorticoid receptor (MR) antagonism by a test compound. As described more specifically below, this assay

5 measures the mineralocorticoid receptor IC_{50} value of the test compound (i.e., the concentration of the test compound required to block agonist induced activation of the mineralocorticoid receptor by 50%, relative to activation in the absence of an antagonist. Human liver cells (Huh7) were transfected with a luciferase reporter gene under the control of Gal4 response element, along with a plasmid containing the Gal4 DNA
10 binding domain (DBD) fusion of a steroid receptor (mineralocorticoid receptor) ligand binding domains (LBDs) and a β -galactosidase control plasmid. An agonist of the receptor can bind to and activate the receptor LBD, which activate the expression of the Gal4 response element containing luciferase reporter gene. Antagonists can compete for binding to the receptor LBDs and decrease the transcription activity of the reporter
15 gene. Measurement of luciferase activity allows quantitative determinations of the reporter transcription in the presence of either agonists or agonists and antagonists in combination. β -galactosidase activity, which is unaffected by ligand, is used to normalize the transfection efficiency in the cell population.

Huh7 cells were plated in RPMI1640 + 10% fetal bovine serum (Invitrogen Corporation, San Diego, CA), at 10,000 cells per well in 96-well tissue culture dishes for
20 approximately 24 hours. Cells were then transfected using FuGENE™ 6 Transfection Reagent according to manufacturers' instructions (Roche Molecular Biochemicals, Indianapolis, IN). Approximately 20 hours after transfection, media were removed. Cells were washed once with PBS and treated (n=6/group) with agonist for each receptor (all
25 chemicals from Sigma, St. Louis, MO), and with compounds. Agonist concentrations represent 70-80% of full activation of each receptor.

Compounds were dissolved in DMSO at 10 mM and diluted to final concentrations in phenol red-free media that contained 10% charcoal- and dextran-stripped serum (Life Technologies, Gathersburg, MD). Following overnight incubation
30 (18-20 hours) with compounds, the medium was removed and replaced with 100 μ L per well of PBS and 100 μ L of Steady-Glo™ lysis buffer with luciferase substrate (Promega Corporation, Madison, WI). After a 30-minute incubation to completely lyse the cells, 100 μ L of the lysate was transferred to a black, Dynatech Microfluor assay plates (Dynex Corporation, Chantilly, VA) to measure luciferase activity. The plate was sealed
35 with TopSeal self-adhesive film, dark-adapted for 5 minutes, then counted in a TopCount Plate Reader (Packard Instrument Company, Meriden, CT) in single photon counting mode. The remaining lysate was used for determination of β -galactosidase

- 5 activity. In a clear 96-well assay plate, 100 μ L of cell lysate was added to 100 μ L β -galactosidase assay buffer per well. The assay buffer consisted of 60 mM Na₂HPO₄, 40 mM NaH₂PO₄, 10 mM KCl, 1 mM MgSO₄, 50 mM β -mercaptoethanol, and 2.5 mg/mL ONPG, the latter two reagents were added just prior to assay (all chemicals from Sigma). The reaction was allowed to proceed until a distinct yellow color developed.
- 10 Reactions were stopped by the addition of 100 μ L per well 1 M Na₂CO₃ and plates were read at 420 nm in Victor-2 (Perkin Elmer Life Sciences, Boston, MA). Values (relative luciferase activity) for each sample were expressed as a ratio of luciferase activity to OD₄₂₀ β -galactosidase activity measured in arbitrary units for each well. Curve fitting was performed using the 4-parameter logistic model ($y = (a-d)/(1+(x/c)^b)+d$) with the
- 15 lower (a) and upper (d) plateaus representing activity values for vehicle control and agonist control respectively. "b" is the slope, "c" is the IC₅₀ or EC₅₀. "x" is the concentration of the compound and "y" the activity at that concentration.

- Compounds were tested in accordance with the above described assay yielding
- 20 the IC₅₀ values described below:

Example #	MR IC ₅₀ (uM)
1	1.07
2	0.223
3	0.0407
4	3.5
5	3.7
6	0.081
7	0.0172
8	2.74
9	0.17
10	0.553
11	0.205
12	>10.0
13	0.535

14	0.929
15	0.0212
16	0.0085
17	0.958
18	0.089
19	0.0376
20	2.88
21	0.004
22	0.004
23	>0.500
24	0.008
25	0.007
26	0.013
27	0.305
28	0.15
29	>1.00
30	0.446
31	0.488
33	>0.500
34	0.72
35	0.021
36	0.127
37	>1.00
38	>1.00
39	0.022
40	0.006
41	>1.00
42	0.015
43	0.021
44	0.016
45	>1.00
46	0.069

47	0.018
48	>1.00
49	0.103
50	0.205
51	0.007
52	4.98
53	0.307
54	0.973
55	0.849
56	0.302
57	3.51
58	3.18
59	>1.00
60	>1.00
61	0.039
62	0.026
63	>1.00
64	0.065
65	0.038
66	3.35
67	0.146
68	0.052
69	0.13
70	0.906
71	0.205
72	8.1
73	0.167
74	0.588
75	0.711
76	>1.00
77	0.013
78	0.07

79	6.92
80	0.049
81	0.035
82	>1.00
83	0.077
84	0.113
85	>1.00
86	0.086
87	0.036
88	>1.00
89	0.705
90	1.1
91	0.005
92	>1.00
94	0.025
95	0.002
96	0.012
97	0.012
98	0.013
99	0.014
100	0.021
101	0.023
102	0.035
103	0.113
104	0.122
105	0.141
106	0.312
107	0.523
108	>1.00
109	>1.00
110	>1.00
111	0.057

112	1.55
113	0.995
114	0.001
115	0.003
117	0.003
118	0.019

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2. In Vivo assays

Method 2: Colonic ENaCgamma Expression Assay

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The effect of a test compound can also be evaluated for potential therapeutic applications by a functional assay, in which the test compound blocks in vivo expression of a surrogate protein marker for mineralocorticoid receptor activation. In this assay aldosterone induced expression of colonic ENaCgamma is measured. Male Sprague-Dawley rats (225-250 g) (Harlan Sprague-Dawley Industries, Indianapolis, IN) were used in this assay. All animals were housed in a room with ambient temperature of 22±1 °C on a 12 hour light/dark cycle. Animals were allowed one week to acclimate and had free access to Teklad 22/5 rodent chow (Harlan Teklad, Madison, WI) and tap water ad libitum until the initiation of the study.

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The rats were initially anesthetized with 5% Isoflurane (AErrane; Baxter, Inc., Deerfield, IL) delivered in 100% O₂ (USP Medical Grade, Airgas-Mid America, Bowling Green, KY) using a VMS anesthesia instrument (Matrix Medical, Inc., Orchard Park, NY). Once anesthetized, 1-2% Isoflurane was used to maintain anesthesia. The surgery site was shaved, scrubbed with Dial 4% CHG surgical scrub (Dial Corp., Phoenix, AZ), and sprayed with Betadine Aerosol topical antiseptic/bactericide spray (Perdue Frederick Co., Stamford, CT). and a bilateral adrenalectomy (ADX) was performed via the dorsal approach. The muscle layer was closed with 4-0 vicryl and skin wounds closed with surgical staples. The analgesic, Marcaine (0.25%) (Abbot Laboratories, Chicago, IL) was injected (0.1 mL, s.c.) at the incision site. Post-operative care included monitoring of the animals, which were placed on thermogenic heating pads during recovery from anesthesia until sternal recumbency and alertness were obtained. Animals were

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5 inspected daily for signs of distress and infection at the surgical site. ADX rats were given 0.9% NaCl in the drinking water to compensate the sodium deficiency induced by the ADX.

After 3 days of recovery from surgery, and following an overnight fast, rats were randomly assigned into five groups (n=5-9), including three treatment groups, one
10 control group and one vehicle group. The vehicle and control groups were dosed with solution vehicle (10% EtOH, 70% PEG 400, 20% PBS); the rats in the treatment groups were dosed orally with test compounds at 1mg/kg, dissolved in the solution vehicle. Aldosterone (5ug/kg, Sigma, St. Louis, MO) was given to all treatment groups and the control group at 30 minutes post-dose. Blood and distal colon were collected at 2 hours
15 post-dose. The rats were sacrificed with CO₂ and animals were exsanguinated using an 18-gauge needle inserted into the heart. The distal colon was extracted and immediately placed in liquid N₂ for later ENaC γ level determination. Blood was centrifuged for 15 minutes at 3000 rpm, 4°C and serum collected and frozen at -80°C until further analysis.

20 Frozen distal colon was powdered, lysed in Qiagen RLT buffer with chloroform, and the aqueous layer combined with 70% ethanol and purified over the Qiagen 96-well RNeasy system (Qiagen Inc, Valencia, CA). 5 ul reactions were prepared with the Bioimaek 2000 and Fx instruments, and Q-RT-PCR was performed using Qiagen one-step reagents. Thermocycling and data collection were performed on an ABI 7900
25 (Applied Biosystems, Foster City, CA). The comparative CT (threshold cycle) method of calculation was used for determining relative expression of mineralocorticoid receptor target genes; cyclophilin was used to normalize expression.

Method 3: Dahl SS Rat Blood Pressure Assay

30 The effect of a test compound on systemic blood pressure can be evaluated in vivo, using an animal model of hypertension. Male Dahl salt-sensitive rats (225-250 g) (Harlan Sprague-Dawley Industries, Indianapolis, IN) were used in this assay. All animals were housed in a room with ambient temperature of 22±1 °C on a 12 hour
35 light/dark cycle. Animals were allowed one week to acclimate and had free access to Teklad 22/5 rodent chow (Harlan Teklad, Madison, WI) and tap water ad libitum until the initiation of the study.

5 All animals were instrumented with radiotelemetry units (Data Sciences Inc., St. Paul, MN) for conscious, unrestricted SBP measurements. Animals were initially anesthetized with 5% Isoflurane (AErrane; Baxter, Inc., Deerfield, IL) delivered in 100% O₂ (USP Medical Grade, Airgas-Mid America, Bowling Green, KY) using a VMS anesthesia instrument (Matrix Medical, Inc., Orchard Park, NY). Once anesthetized, 1-
10 2% Isoflurane was used to maintain anesthesia. The surgery site was shaved, scrubbed with Dial 4% CHG surgical scrub (Dial Corp., Phoenix, AZ), and sprayed with Betadine Aerosol topical antiseptic/bactericide spray (Perdue Frederick Co., Stamford, CT). A 5-cm midline incision was made through the skin and muscle layer of the abdominal wall exposing the peritoneal cavity. Organs were carefully displaced with tissue retractors in
15 order to expose the abdominal aorta and mesentery. A 1.5-cm segment between the renal arteries and the bifurcation of the iliac arteries was exposed and an anchor was made using 4-0 silk suture adjacent to the aorta in the psoas muscle. Microvessel clips were placed at both ends of the cleared aorta to stop excessive blood flow, and the aorta was cannulated using a 21-gauge bent needle to insert the indwelling
20 radiotelemetry probe-flow catheter. The catheter was secured to the psoas muscle using the 4-0 silk anchor, microvessel clips and retractor were removed, and organs repositioned. The body of the telemetry unit was placed on top of the lower intestines and 1 mL of warm saline dripped into the body cavity. Using an interrupted suture pattern with 4-0 vicryl, the transmitter was sewn into the muscle layer, the abdominal
25 wall was closed, and the skin layer was closed using 4-0 ethilon (nylon) suture in an interrupted pattern. The analgesic, Marcaine (0.25%) (Abbot Laboratories, Chicago, IL) was injected (0.1 mL, s.c.) at the incision site. Post-operative care included treatment with 0.1 mg/kg, s.c. Buphrenorphine (Rickett & Colman Pharmaceuticals Inc., Richmond, VA) and monitoring of the animals, which were placed on thermogenic
30 heating pads during recovery from anesthesia until sternal recumbency and alertness were obtained. Animals were inspected daily for signs of distress and infection at the surgical site.

After 5-7 days of recovery from surgery, baseline SBP was measured and all animals were then randomized to various treatment groups and compounds were
35 continued for 21 days. All animals were placed on Teklad 92034 4% NaCl rodent chow (Harlan Teklad), which was maintained for 21 days. The vehicle group received 0.5% methylcellulose/0.1% Tween 80. All compounds given to the treatment groups were

5 dissolved in 0.5% methylcellulose/0.1% Tween 80. For compound treated groups, animals were dosed with the compounds daily, via gavage. For eplerenone treated groups, eplerenone was incorporated into the 4% NaCl rodent chow at various concentrations (Research Diets, Inc., New Brunswick, NJ).

Radiotelemetrized arterial SBP was measured with the DATAQUEST A.R.T. Version 3.0- Gold software (Data Sciences International, St. Paul, MN). The values
10 represent the average of all data points collected from each animal, every 15 minutes for a 10 second interval over a 24-hour period (6:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. the following day). SBP data was collected continuously over the course of the entire study (days 1-21).

Twenty-four hours prior to the termination of the study, animals were placed in
15 metabolism caging and urine was collected at 24 hours. Animals were not fasted for the 24-hour period. After 21 days of treatment, animals were anesthetized with a mixture of ketamine (40 mg/kg) and xylazine (5 mg/kg) (i.p.) and weighed with a Mettler PM6000 balance (Mettler-Toledo, Inc., Hightstown, NJ). Animals were exsanguinated using a 20-gauge needle inserted into the abdominal aorta. Blood samples were immediately
20 transferred into Vacutainer collection tubes (Becton-Dickinson and Co., Franklin Lakes, NJ) and placed on wet ice. Blood was centrifuged for 15 minutes at 3000 rpm, 4°C and plasma collected and frozen at -80°C until further analysis. Plasma and urine chemistries (e.g., albumin, creatinine and electrolytes) were analyzed with the Hitachi 912 automated diagnostic clinical chemistry analyzer (Roche Diagnostics Corp.,
25 Indianapolis, IN) according to standard procedures.

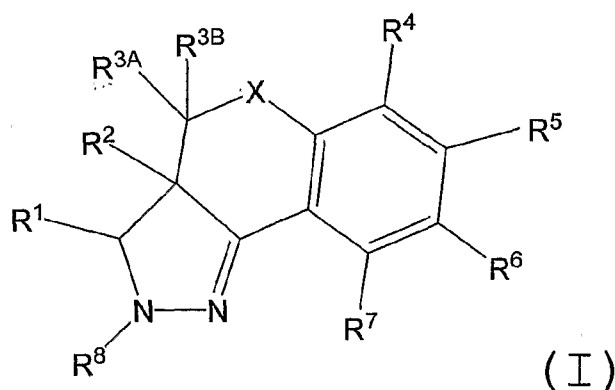
All mentioned documents are incorporated by reference as if herein written. When introducing elements of the present invention or the exemplary embodiment(s) thereof, the articles "a," "an," "the" and "said" are intended to mean that there are one or
30 more of the elements. The terms "comprising," "including" and "having" are intended to be inclusive and mean that there may be additional elements other than the listed elements. Although this invention has been described with respect to specific embodiments, the details of these embodiments are not to be construed as limitations.

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CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 10 1. A compound, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of the compound, wherein the compound has the structure of Formula I:



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wherein:

X is selected from the group consisting of -CH₂- and -O-;

- 20 R¹ is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, phenyl, and heterocyclyl; wherein the heterocyclyl substituent is a five- or six-membered ring heterocyclyl comprising at least one ring heteroatom selected from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen; and wherein the alkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, phenyl, and heterocyclyl substituents may be optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently
25 selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, halogen, alkyl, and haloalkyl;

R² is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and alkyl;

- 30 R^{3A} and R^{3B} are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and alkyl;

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R^4 , R^6 , and R^7 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, alkyl, haloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, and alkoxy;

10 R^5 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, $-(CH_2)_mOR^{50}$, $-(CH_2)_mC(O)R^{50}$, $-(CH_2)_mC(O)OR^{50}$, $-(CH_2)_mC(O)NR^{51}R^{52}$, $-(CH_2)_mNR^{51}R^{52}$, $-(CH_2)_mN(R^{51})C(O)R^{52}$, and $-(CH_2)_mS(O)_nR^{50}$;

m is 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6;

n is 0, 1, or 2;

R^{50} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and alkyl;

15 R^{51} and R^{52} are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and alkyl; or R^{51} and R^{52} together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a five- or six-membered ring heterocyclyl;
wherein the R^{50} , R^{51} and R^{52} alkyl substituents and the R^{51}/R^{52} heterocyclyl substituent may be independently and optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected
20 from the group consisting of halogen, pyrrolidinyl, $-OR^{53}$, $-C(O)R^{53}$, $-C(O)OR^{53}$, $-C(O)NR^{54}R^{55}$, $-NR^{54}R^{55}$, $-N(R^{56})C(O)R^{53}$, $-S(O)_pR^{53}$, and $-S(O)_pNR^{54}R^{55}$;

p is 0, 1, or 2;

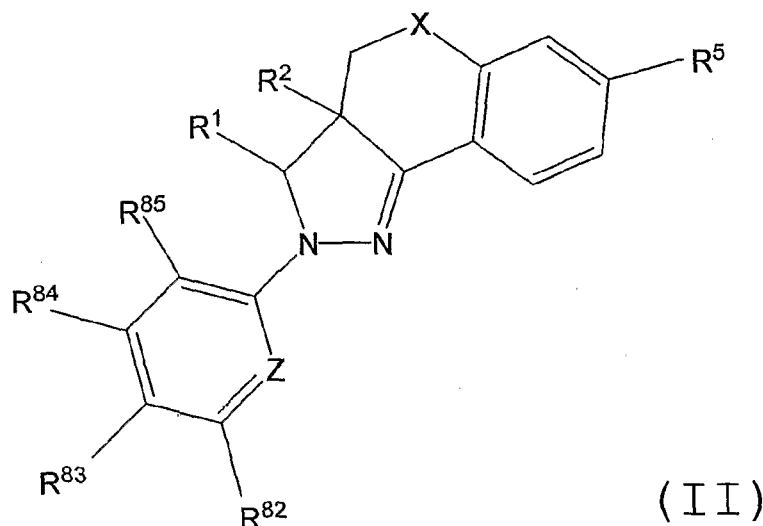
R^{53} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, haloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, and carboxyalkyl;

25 R^{54} and R^{55} are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, haloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, and carboxyalkyl; or R^{54} and R^{55} together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a five- or six-membered ring heterocyclyl;

R^{56} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and alkyl; and

30 R^8 is selected from the group consisting of phenyl, pyridinyl and pyrimidinyl;
wherein the phenyl, pyridinyl and pyrimidinyl substituents may be optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, hydroxy, carboxy, alkyl, haloalkyl, cyanoalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, carboxyalkyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, cyanoalkoxy, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, and
35 alkoxycarbonyl.

2. A compound, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of the compound, wherein the compound has the structure of Formula II:



wherein:

X is selected from the group consisting of -CH₂- and -O-;

Z is selected from the group consisting of $-\text{C}(\text{R}^{81})-$ and $-\text{N}-$;

R¹ is selected from the group consisting of cyclopentyl, cyclobutyl and phenyl; wherein the R¹ cyclopentyl, cyclobutyl and phenyl substituents may be optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of chloro, fluoro, methyl, ethyl, propyl, chloromethyl, dichloromethyl, trichloromethyl, fluoromethyl, difluoromethyl and trifluoromethyl;

R² is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen or (C₁-C₄)-alkyl;

R⁵ is selected from the group consisting of -(CH₂)_mOR⁵⁰, -(CH₂)_mC(O)OR⁵⁰, and -(CH₂)_mC(O)NR⁵¹R⁵²; wherein:

m is 0, 1, 2, or 3;

R⁵⁰ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and (C₁-C₆)-alkyl;

R⁵¹ and R⁵² are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and (C₁-C₆)-alkyl;

wherein the R⁵⁰, R⁵¹ and R⁵² (C₁-C₆)-alkyl substituents may be independently and optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, -OR⁵³, -C(O)R⁵³, -C(O)OR⁵³, -C(O)NR⁵⁴R⁵⁵, -NR⁵⁴R⁵⁵, -N(R⁵⁶)C(O)R⁵³, -S(O)_pR⁵³, and -S(O)_pNR⁵⁴R⁵⁵;

- 5 p is 0, 1 or 2;
 R^{53} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, hydroxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, and carboxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl;
 R^{54} and R^{55} are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, hydroxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, and carboxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl; and
 10 R^{81} , R^{82} , R^{83} , R^{84} , and R^{85} are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, chloro, fluoro, cyano, hydroxy, carboxy, methyl, ethyl, trichloromethyl, trifluoromethyl, cyanomethyl, hydroxymethyl, carboxymethyl, methoxy, amino, methylamino, and dimethylamino.

15 3. A compound according to Claim 2, wherein R^2 is hydrogen.

4. A compound according to Claim 3, wherein:
 R^5 is $-(CH_2)_mC(O)OR^{50}$; wherein:
 m is 0, 1, 2, or 3;
 20 R^{50} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and (C₁-C₆)-alkyl;
 wherein the R^{50} (C₁-C₆)-alkyl substituent may be independently and optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, $-OR^{53}$, $-C(O)R^{53}$, $-C(O)OR^{53}$, $-C(O)NR^{54}R^{55}$, $-NR^{54}R^{55}$, $-N(R^{56})C(O)R^{53}$, $-S(O)_pR^{53}$, and $-S(O)_pNR^{54}R^{55}$;
 25 p is 0, 1 or 2;

- R^{53} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, hydroxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, and carboxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl; and
 R^{54} and R^{55} are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, hydroxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, and carboxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl.

30 5. A compound according to Claim 3, wherein:

- X is $-CH_2-$;
 Z is $-C(R^{81})-$;
 R^1 is selected from the group consisting of cyclopentyl, cyclobutyl and phenyl;
 35 wherein the R^1 phenyl substituent may be optionally substituted with fluoro;
 R^5 is $-(CH_2)_mC(O)OR^{50}$; wherein:
 m is 0;

- 5 R^{50} is hydrogen;
 R^{81} , R^{84} and R^{85} are each hydrogen; and
 R^{82} and R^{83} are independently selected from the group consisting of chloro,
 cyano, and methyl.
- 10 6. A compound according to Claim 5, wherein R^{82} is chloro and R^{83} is cyano.
7. A compound according to Claim 5, wherein R^1 is cyclopentyl.
8. A compound according to Claim 5, wherein R^1 is phenyl; wherein the R^1
15 phenyl substituent may be optionally substituted with fluoro.
9. A compound according to Claim 3, wherein:
 X is -O-;
 Z is $-C(R^{81})-$;
20 R^1 is selected from the group consisting of cyclopentyl, cyclobutyl and phenyl;
 wherein the R^1 phenyl substituent may be optionally substituted with fluoro;
 R^5 is $-(CH_2)_mC(O)OR^{50}$; wherein:
 m is 0;
 R^{50} is hydrogen;
25 R^{81} , R^{84} and R^{85} are each hydrogen; and
 R^{82} and R^{83} are independently selected from the group consisting of chloro,
 cyano, and methyl.
10. A compound according to Claim 3, wherein:
30 X is $-CH_2-$;
 Z is $-N-$;
 R^1 is selected from the group consisting of cyclopentyl, cyclobutyl and phenyl;
 wherein the R^1 phenyl substituent may be optionally substituted with fluoro;
 R^5 is $-(CH_2)_mC(O)OR^{50}$; wherein:
35 m is 0;
 R^{50} is hydrogen;
 R^{81} , R^{84} and R^{85} are each hydrogen; and

5 R^{82} and R^{83} are independently selected from the group consisting of chloro, cyano, and methyl.

11. A compound according to Claim 3, wherein:

X is -O-;

10 Z is -N-;

R^1 is selected from the group consisting of cyclopentyl, cyclobutyl and phenyl; wherein the R^1 phenyl substituent may be optionally substituted with fluoro;

R^5 is $-(CH_2)_mC(O)OR^{50}$; wherein:

m is 0;

15 R^{50} is hydrogen;

R^{81} , R^{84} and R^{85} are each hydrogen; and

R^{82} and R^{83} are independently selected from the group consisting of chloro, cyano, and methyl.

20 12. A compound according to Claim 3, selected from the group consisting of:

2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid;

3-(4-fluorophenyl)-7-hydroxy-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[g]indazol-2-yl)-2-methylbenzonitrile;

25 3-(4-fluorophenyl)-7-hydroxy-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[g]indazol-2-yl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile;

2-chloro-4-(3-(4-fluorophenyl)-7-hydroxy-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[g]indazol-2-yl)benzonitrile;

30 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-N-(2-(methylsulfonyl)ethyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxamide;

2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid;

2-(4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid;

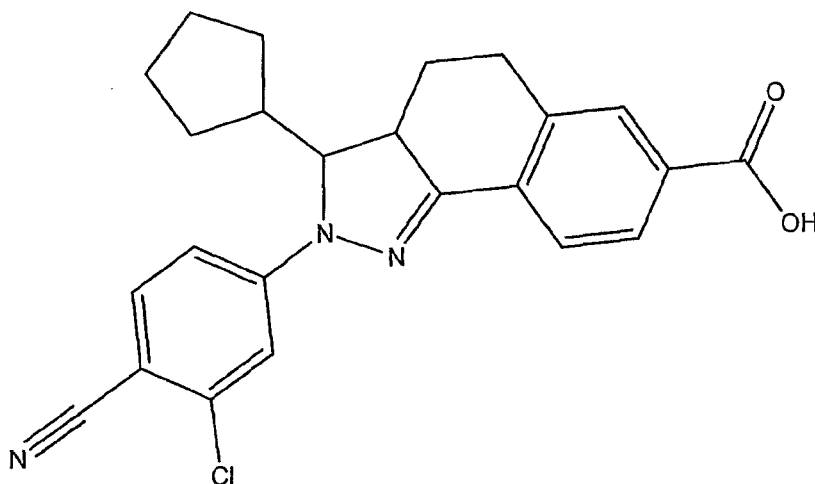
35 2-(4-cyano-3-methylphenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid;

- 5 2-(5-cyano-6-methylpyridin-2-yl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid;
- 2-(4-cyano-3-methoxyphenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid;
- N-(2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazol-7-yl)acetamide;
- 10 methyl 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylate;
- 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3a-methyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid;
- 15 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-N-(2-(methylsulfonyl)ethyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxamide;
- 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-N-(2-hydroxyethyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxamide;
- 2-(4-cyano-3-methylphenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid;
- 20 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclobutyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid;
- 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentenyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid;
- 25 2-(4-cyano-3-methylphenyl)-3-cyclopentenyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid;
- 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(5-methyl-2-furyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid;
- 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(3-furyl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid;
- 30 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-(5-methyl-2-furyl)-N-[2-(methylsulfonyl)ethyl]-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxamide;
- 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-N-[2-(methylsulfonyl)ethyl]-3-(2-methyl-1,3-thiazol-5-yl)-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxamide;
- 35 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid;

5 2-[4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-3-cyclopentyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid;
 2-(4-cyano-3-methylphenyl)-3-cyclopentenyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid; and
 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentenyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-c]pyrazole-7-carboxylic acid;
 10 or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

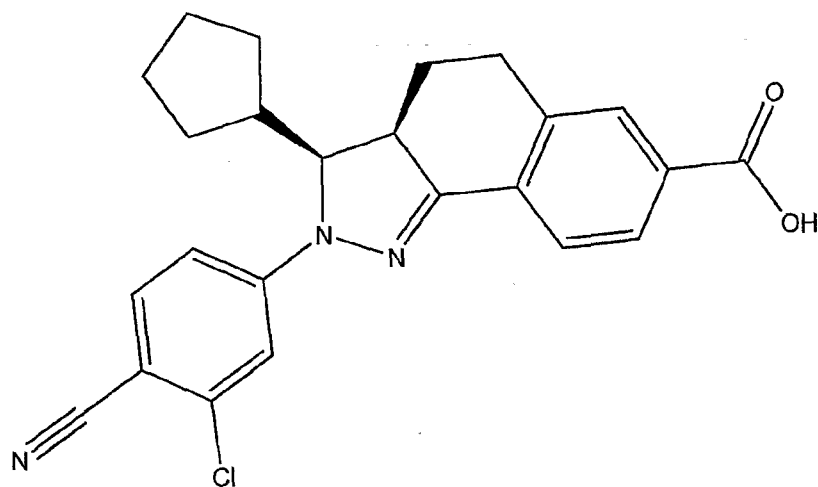
13. A compound according to Claim 3, selected from the group consisting of:
 2-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid;
 15 2-(4-cyano-3-methylphenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid; and
 2-(4-cyano-3-methoxyphenyl)-3-cyclopentyl-3,3a,4,5-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[g]indazole-7-carboxylic acid;
 20 or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

14. The compound having the formula



25 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

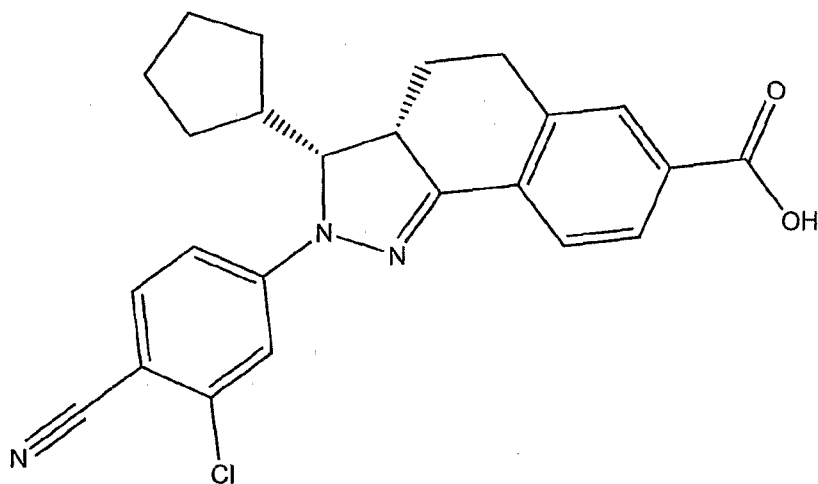
15. The compound having the formula



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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

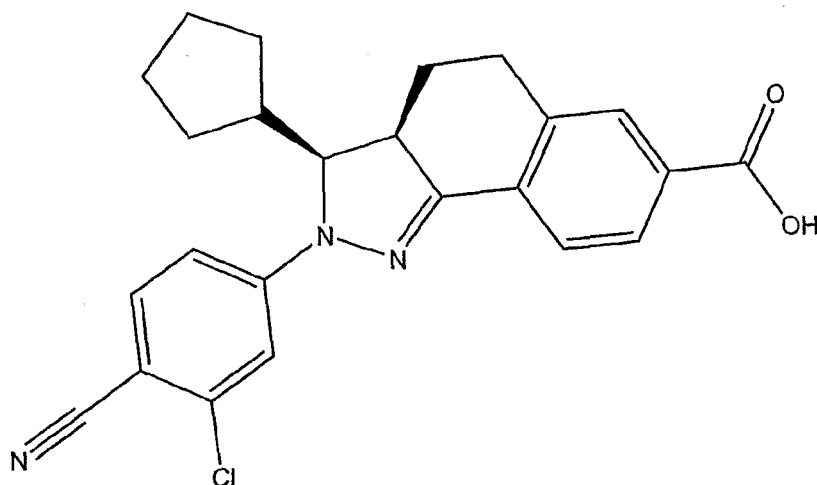
16. The compound having the formula



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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

17. The compound having the formula



18. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of any of Claims 1 to 17, or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

19. The composition of Claim 18, further comprising a therapeutically effective amount of one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of diuretics, angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitors, angiotensin II receptor blockers, calcium channel blockers, beta blockers, alpha blockers, alpha-beta blockers, aldosterone receptor antagonists and renin inhibitors.

20. A method of treating a condition selected from the group consisting of cardiovascular conditions, renal conditions, liver conditions, vascular conditions, inflammatory conditions, pain, retinopathy, neuropathy, insulinopathy, edema, endothelial dysfunction and baroreceptor dysfunction comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of any of Claims 1 to 17, or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, to a subject in need thereof.