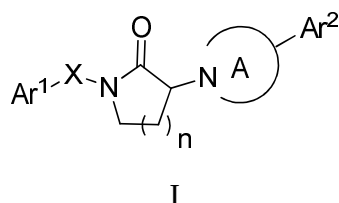


CLAIMS

We claim:

- 5 1. A compound of the formula I



where:

- 10 Ar¹ is phenyl or indanyl and is substituted with 0-3 substituents selected from cyano, halo, alkyl, haloalkyl, and haloalkoxy;

Ar² is phenyl substituted with 1 OH substituent and also substituted with 0-3 substituents selected from cyano, halo, alkyl, haloalkyl, and haloalkoxy;

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X is a bond or C₁-C₃ alkylene;

n is 1 or 2; and

- 20 ring A is azetidiny, pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl, homopiperidinyl, or homopiperazinyl and is substituted with 0-4 substituents selected from halo, alkyl, hydroxy, or alkoxy;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

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2. A compound of claim 1 where n is 1 and ring A is piperidinyl substituted with 0-2 halo substituents.

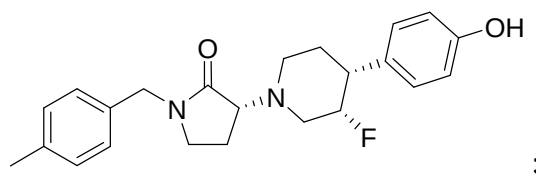
3. A compound of claim 1 where Ar¹ is phenyl substituted with 0-3 substituents
30 selected from cyano, halo, alkyl, haloalkyl, and haloalkoxy.

4. A compound of claim 1 where Ar² is p-hydroxyphenyl.

5. A compound of claim 1 where X is methylene.

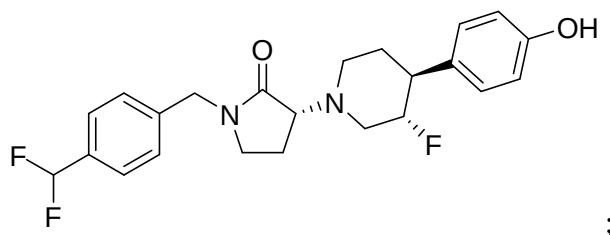
5 6. A compound of claim 1 selected from the group consisting of

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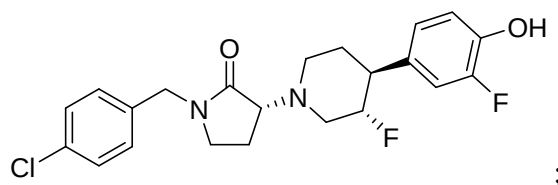


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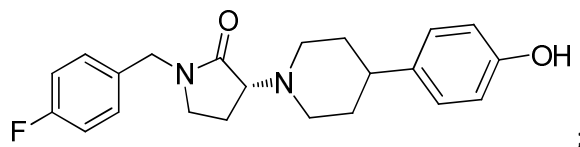
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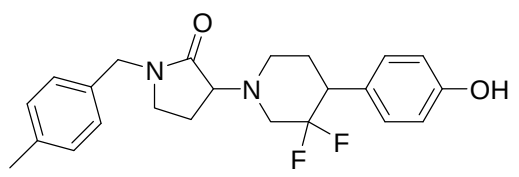


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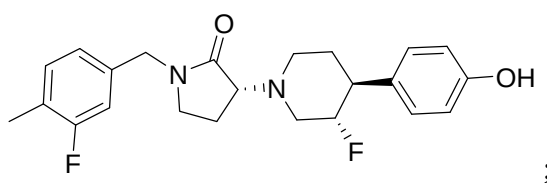


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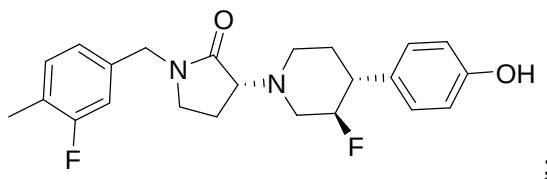
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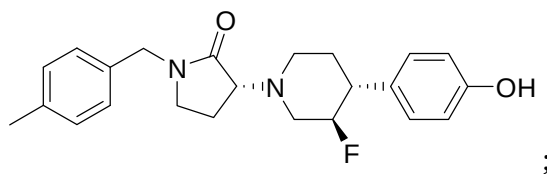
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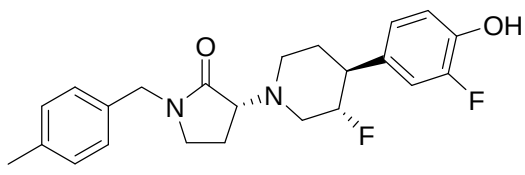
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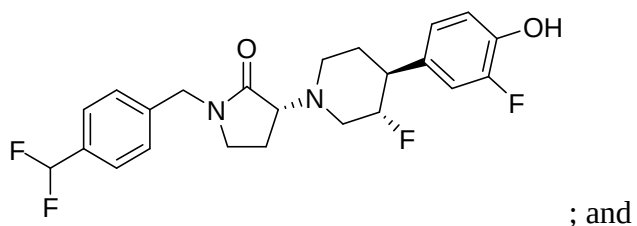
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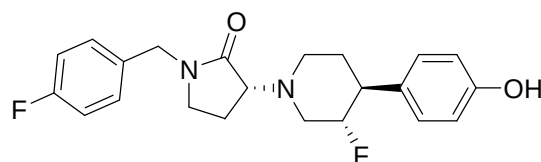
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(*R*)-1-(4-(difluoromethyl)benzyl)-3-((3*S*,4*S*)-3-fluoro-4-(3-fluoro-4-hydroxyphenyl)piperidin-1-yl)pyrrolidin-2-one



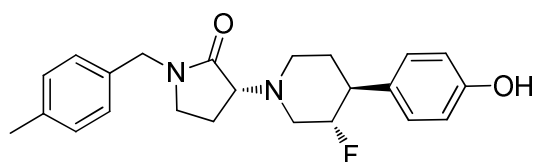
- 5 (*R*)-1-(4-fluorobenzyl)-3-((3*S*,4*S*)-3-hydroxy-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)piperidin-1-yl)pyrrolidin-2-one



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

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7. The compound of claim 1: (*R*)-3-((3*S*,4*S*)-3-fluoro-4-(4-hydroxyphenyl)piperidin-1-yl)-1-(4-methylbenzyl)pyrrolidin-2-one or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof



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8. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.