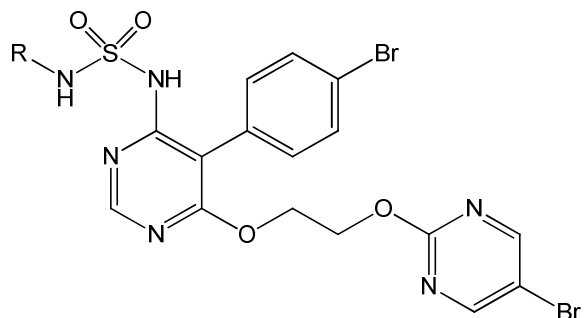


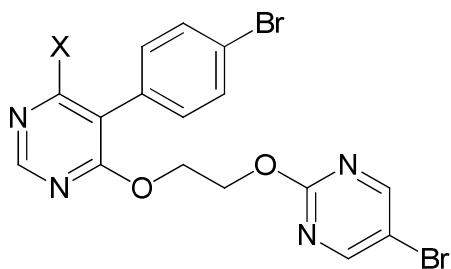
# Claims

1. A process for manufacturing the compound of formula I



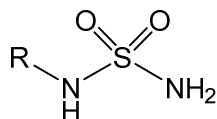
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wherein R is *n*-propyl, or a salt thereof, said process comprising the reaction of the  
5 compound of formula I-1



I-1

wherein X is bromine, chlorine or fluorine, with the compound of formula I-2



I-2

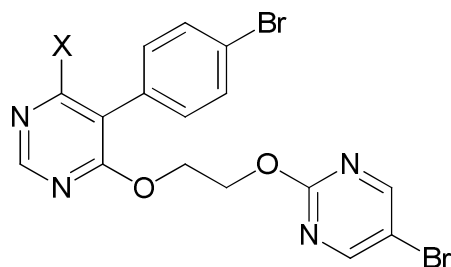
wherein R is *n*-propyl, or a salt of said compound of formula I-2, said reaction being  
performed in the presence of a base in a polar aprotic organic solvent or a polar mixture of  
aprotic organic solvents, and, when X is bromine or chlorine, in the presence of  
10 tetra-*n*-butyl ammonium fluoride hydrate or cesium fluoride.

2. The process of claim 1, wherein the base is selected from the group consisting of NaOH, KOH, 1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene, triethylamine, potassium *tert*-butylate, Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>.
3. The process of claim 2, wherein the base is K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>.
- 5    4. The process of one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the polar aprotic organic solvent or polar mixture of aprotic organic solvents comprises dimethylsulfoxide.
5. The process of claim 4, which is performed using dimethylsulfoxide as solvent.
6. The process of one of claims 1 to 5, wherein X is chlorine and the reaction of the compound of formula I-1 with the compound of formula I-2 is performed in the presence
- 10    of tetra-*n*-butyl ammonium fluoride hydrate and using dimethylsulfoxide as solvent.

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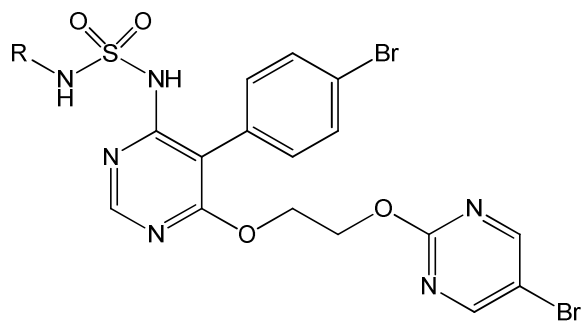
7. Use of a compound of formula I-1



I-1

wherein X is bromine, chlorine or fluorine, or a salt thereof, in a process for manufacturing the compound of formula I as defined in claim 1, or a salt thereof.

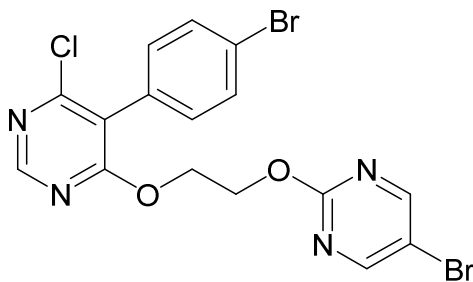
5 8. A process for manufacturing the compound of formula I



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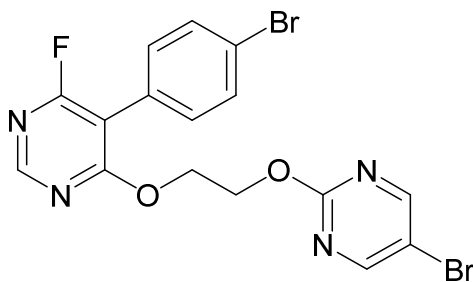
wherein R is *n*-propyl, or for manufacturing a salt thereof, said process comprising the reaction of the compound of formula I-1, said process comprising the following steps:

- a) the reaction of the compound of formula I-1<sub>Cl</sub>



I-1<sub>Cl</sub>

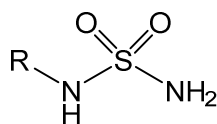
- 5 or a salt thereof, with tetra *n*-butyl ammonium fluoride hydrate or cesium fluoride in the presence of a base in a polar aprotic organic solvent or a polar mixture of aprotic organic solvents, to yield the compound of formula I-1<sub>F</sub>



I-1<sub>F</sub>

and

- 10 b) the reaction of the compound of formula I-1<sub>F</sub> obtained at step a) with a compound of formula I-2



I-2

wherein R is *n*-propyl, or a salt thereof, in the presence of a base in a polar aprotic organic solvent or a polar mixture of aprotic organic solvents, to yield said compound of formula I or a salt thereof.

**9.** The process of claim 8, wherein step a) is performed by reacting the compound of formula I-1<sub>Cl</sub> with cesium fluoride.