

INHIBITORS OF HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS REPLICATION

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

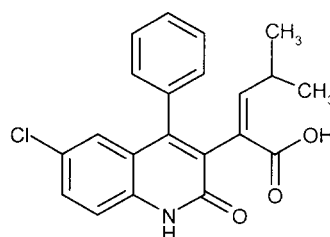
The present invention relates to compounds, compositions and methods for the treatment of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection. In particular, the present invention provides novel inhibitors of HIV replication, pharmaceutical compositions containing such compounds and methods for using these compounds in the treatment of HIV infection.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) is caused by the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), particularly the HIV-1 strain. Most currently approved therapies for HIV infection target the viral reverse transcriptase and protease enzymes, with one additional approved drug targeting gp41 to inhibit viral entry. Within the reverse transcriptase inhibitor and protease inhibitor classes, resistance of HIV to existing drugs is a problem. Therefore, it is important to discover and develop new antiretroviral compounds.

Japanese patent application 03-227923 describes coumarins with anti-HIV activity.

A compound of the formula:

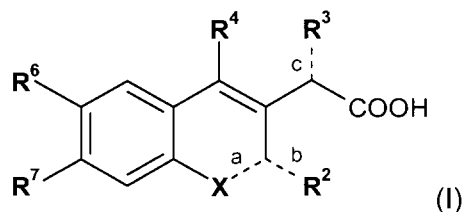


is described as a synthetic intermediate in the synthesis of pyrano[2,3-b]quinoline alkaloids in M. Sekar and K.J. Rajendra Prasad (1998) *J. Nat. Prod.* 61: 294-296.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention provides a novel series of compounds having inhibitory activity against HIV replication. Furthermore, representative compounds of the invention have activity as inhibitors in a cell-based HIV replication assay. Further objects of this invention arise for the one skilled in the art from the following description and the examples.

One aspect of the invention provides compounds of formula (I):



wherein

5 bond **a** is a double bond and bond **b** is a single bond or

bond **a** is a single bond and bond **b** is a double bond;

X is O or NR¹ when bond **a** is a single bond;

or **X** is N when bond **a** is a double bond;

R¹ is H, (C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₁₋₆)haloalkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-, aryl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl- or

10 **Het**-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-;

wherein each of the (C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-, aryl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl- and

Het-(C₁₋₆)alkyl- is optionally substituted with -OH, -O(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -SH,

-S(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -NH₂, -NH(C₁₋₆)alkyl or -N((C₁₋₆)alkyl)₂;

R² is H, (C₁₋₆)alkyl or -O(C₁₋₆)alkyl when bond **b** is a single bond;

15 or **R**² is O when bond **b** is a double bond;

R³ is (C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₁₋₆)haloalkyl, (C₂₋₆)alkenyl, (C₂₋₆)alkynyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-,
aryl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-, **Het**-(C₁₋₆)alkyl- or -**Y-R**³¹, and bond **c** is a single bond; or

R³ is (C₁₋₆)alkylidene and bond **c** is a double bond;

wherein **Y** is O or S and **R**³¹ is (C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₁₋₆)haloalkyl, (C₂₋₆)alkenyl,

20 (C₂₋₆)alkynyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl, aryl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-, aryl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-
or **Het**-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-;

wherein each of the (C₁₋₆)alkylidene, (C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₁₋₆)haloalkyl, (C₂₋₆)alkenyl,

(C₂₋₆)alkynyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-, aryl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-, **Het**-(C₁₋₆)alkyl- and

-**Y-R**³¹ is optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents each independently

25 selected from (C₁₋₆)alkyl, halo, cyano, oxo and -O(C₁₋₆)alkyl;

R⁴ is aryl or **Het**, wherein each of the aryl and **Het** is optionally substituted with 1 to 5
substituents each independently selected from halo, (C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₂₋₆)alkenyl,

(C₁₋₆)haloalkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl, -OH, -O(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -SH, -S(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -NH₂,

-NH(C₁₋₆)alkyl and -N((C₁₋₆)alkyl)₂; wherein the (C₁₋₆)alkyl is optionally

30 substituted with hydroxy, cyano or oxo;

R⁶ and **R**⁷ are each independently selected from H, halo, (C₁₋₆)alkyl and

(C₁₋₆)haloalkyl;

with the proviso that when

bond **a** is a single bond and bond **b** is a double bond; and

X is NR¹; **R**¹ is H; and **R**² is O; and

5 **R**⁴ is unsubstituted phenyl; **R**⁶ is Cl; **R**⁷ is H; and

bond **c** is a double bond; then

R³ is not =CH-CH(CH₃)₂; and

wherein **Het** is a 4- to 7-membered saturated, unsaturated or aromatic heterocycle

having 1 to 4 heteroatoms each independently selected from O, N and S, or

10 a 7- to 14-membered saturated, unsaturated or aromatic heteropolycycle

having wherever possible 1 to 5 heteroatoms, each independently selected from O, N and S;

or a salt or an ester thereof.

15 Another aspect of this invention provides a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof, as a medicament.

Still another aspect of this invention provides a pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula (I) or a
20 pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof; and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers.

According to an embodiment of this aspect, the pharmaceutical composition according to this invention additionally comprises at least one other antiviral agent.

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The invention also provides the use of a pharmaceutical composition as described hereinabove for the treatment of an HIV infection in a mammal having or at risk of having the infection.

30 A further aspect of the invention involves a method of treating an HIV infection in a mammal having or at risk of having the infection, the method comprising administering to the mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula (I), a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof, or a composition thereof as described hereinabove.

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Another aspect of the invention involves a method of treating an HIV infection in a mammal having or at risk of having the infection, the method comprising administering to the mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a combination of a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof, and
5 at least one other antiviral agent; or a composition thereof.

Also within the scope of this invention is the use of a compound of formula (I) as described herein, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof, for the treatment of an HIV infection in a mammal having or at risk of having the infection.
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Another aspect of this invention provides the use of a compound of formula (I) as described herein, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof, for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of an HIV infection in a mammal having or at risk of having the infection.
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An additional aspect of this invention refers to an article of manufacture comprising a composition effective to treat an HIV infection; and packaging material comprising a label which indicates that the composition can be used to treat infection by HIV; wherein the composition comprises a compound of formula (I) according to this
20 invention or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.

Still another aspect of this invention relates to a method of inhibiting the replication of HIV comprising exposing the virus to an effective amount of the compound of formula (I), or a salt or ester thereof, under conditions where replication of HIV is
25 inhibited.

Further included in the scope of the invention is the use of a compound of formula (I), or a salt or ester thereof, to inhibit the replication of HIV.

30 Yet another aspect of the invention provides a derivative of a compound of formula (I), the derivative comprising a detectable label.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Definitions

35 As used herein, the following definitions apply unless otherwise noted:

The term "substituent", as used herein and unless specified otherwise, is intended to mean an atom, radical or group which may be bonded to a carbon atom, a heteroatom or any other atom which may form part of a molecule or fragment

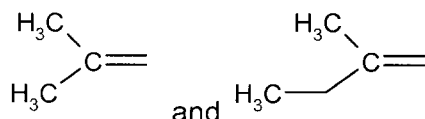
5 thereof, which would otherwise be bonded to at least one hydrogen atom.

Substituents contemplated in the context of a specific molecule or fragment thereof are those which give rise to chemically stable compounds, such as are recognized by those skilled in the art.

10 The term "(C_{1-n})alkyl" as used herein, wherein n is an integer, either alone or in combination with another radical, is intended to mean acyclic, straight or branched chain alkyl radicals containing from 1 to n carbon atoms. "(C₁₋₆)alkyl" includes, but is not limited to, methyl, ethyl, propyl (*n*-propyl), butyl (*n*-butyl), 1-methylethyl (*iso*-propyl), 1-methylpropyl (*sec*-butyl), 2-methylpropyl (*iso*-butyl), 1,1-dimethylethyl (*tert*-butyl), pentyl and hexyl. The abbreviation Me denotes a methyl group; Et denotes an ethyl group, Pr denotes a propyl group, iPr denotes a 1-methylethyl group, Bu denotes a butyl group and tBu denotes a 1,1-dimethylethyl group.

The term "(C_{1-n})alkylidene" as used herein, wherein n is an integer, either alone or in combination with another radical, is intended to mean acyclic, straight or branched chain alkyl radicals containing from 1 to n carbon atoms which are bonded to a molecule or fragment thereof, as a substituent thereof, by a double bond.

"(C₁₋₆)alkylidene" includes, but is not limited to, CH₂=, CH₃CH=, CH₃CH₂CH=,



25 groups. Unless specified otherwise, the term "(C_{2-n})alkylidene" is understood to encompass individual stereoisomers where possible, including but not limited to (*E*) and (*Z*) isomers, and mixtures thereof. When a (C_{2-n})alkylidene group is substituted, it is understood to be substituted on any carbon atom thereof which would otherwise bear a hydrogen atom, unless specified otherwise, such that the substitution would give rise to a chemically stable compound, such as are recognized by those skilled in the art.

The term "(C_{2-n})alkenyl", as used herein, wherein n is an integer, either alone or in combination with another radical, is intended to mean an unsaturated, acyclic

straight or branched chain radical containing two to n carbon atoms, at least two of which are bonded to each other by a double bond. Examples of such radicals include, but are not limited to, ethenyl (vinyl), 1-propenyl, 2-propenyl, and 1-butenyl. Unless specified otherwise, the term "(C_{2-n})alkenyl" is understood to encompass
5 individual stereoisomers where possible, including but not limited to (E) and (Z) isomers, and mixtures thereof. When a (C_{2-n})alkenyl group is substituted, it is understood to be substituted on any carbon atom thereof which would otherwise bear a hydrogen atom, unless specified otherwise, such that the substitution would give rise to a chemically stable compound, such as are recognized by those skilled in
10 the art.

The term "(C_{2-n})alkynyl", as used herein, wherein n is an integer, either alone or in combination with another radical, is intended to mean an unsaturated, acyclic straight or branched chain radical containing two to n carbon atoms, at least two of
15 which are bonded to each other by a triple bond. Examples of such radicals include, but are not limited to, ethynyl, 1-propynyl, 2-propynyl, and 1-butyne. When a (C_{2-n})alkynyl group is substituted, it is understood to be substituted on any carbon atom thereof which would otherwise bear a hydrogen atom, unless specified otherwise, such that the substitution would give rise to a chemically stable
20 compound, such as are recognized by those skilled in the art.

The term "(C_{3-m})cycloalkyl" as used herein, wherein m is an integer, either alone or in combination with another radical, is intended to mean a cycloalkyl substituent containing from 3 to m carbon atoms and includes, but is not limited to, cyclopropyl,
25 cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl and cycloheptyl.

The term "(C_{3-m})cycloalkyl-(C_{1-n})alkyl-" as used herein, wherein n and m are both integers, either alone or in combination with another radical, is intended to mean an alkyl radical having 1 to n carbon atoms as defined above which is itself substituted
30 with a cycloalkyl radical containing from 3 to m carbon atoms as defined above. Examples of (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl- include, but are not limited to, cyclopropylmethyl, cyclobutylmethyl, cyclopentylmethyl, cyclohexylmethyl, 1-cyclopropylethyl, 2-cyclopropylethyl, 1-cyclobutylethyl, 2-cyclobutylethyl, 1-cyclopentylethyl, 2-cyclopentylethyl, 1-cyclohexylethyl and 2-cyclohexylethyl. When
35 a (C_{3-m})cycloalkyl-(C_{1-n})alkyl- group is substituted, it is understood that substituents

may be attached to either the cycloalkyl or the alkyl portion thereof or both, unless specified otherwise, such that the substitution would give rise to a chemically stable compound, such as are recognized by those skilled in the art.

- 5 The term "aryl" as used herein, either alone or in combination with another radical, is intended to mean a carbocyclic aromatic monocyclic group containing 6 carbon atoms which may be further fused to a second 5- or 6-membered carbocyclic group which may be aromatic, saturated or unsaturated. Aryl includes, but is not limited to, phenyl, indanyl, indenyl, 1-naphthyl, 2-naphthyl, tetrahydronaphthyl and
10 dihydronaphthyl.

- The term "aryl-(C_{1-n})alkyl-" as used herein, wherein n is an integer, either alone or in combination with another radical, is intended to mean an alkyl radical having 1 to n carbon atoms as defined above which is itself substituted with an aryl radical as
15 defined above. Examples of aryl-(C_{1-n})alkyl- include, but are not limited to, phenylmethyl (benzyl), 1-phenylethyl, 2-phenylethyl and phenylpropyl. When an aryl-(C_{1-n})alkyl- group is substituted, it is understood that substituents may be attached to either the aryl or the alkyl portion thereof or both, unless specified otherwise, such that the substitution would give rise to a chemically stable
20 compound, such as are recognized by those skilled in the art.

- The term "**Het**" as used herein, either alone or in combination with another radical, is intended to mean a 4- to 7-membered saturated, unsaturated or aromatic heterocycle having 1 to 4 heteroatoms each independently selected from O, N and
25 S, or a 7- to 14-membered saturated, unsaturated or aromatic heteropolycycle having wherever possible 1 to 5 heteroatoms, each independently selected from O, N and S, unless specified otherwise. When a **Het** group is substituted, it is understood that substituents may be attached to any carbon atom or heteroatom thereof which would otherwise bear a hydrogen atom, unless specified otherwise,
30 such that the substitution would give rise to a chemically stable compound, such as are recognized by those skilled in the art.

- The term "**Het**-(C_{1-n})alkyl-" as used herein and unless specified otherwise, wherein n is an integer, either alone or in combination with another radical, is intended to mean
35 an alkyl radical having 1 to n carbon atoms as defined above which is itself

substituted with a **Het** substituent as defined above. Examples of **Het**-(C_{1-n})alkyl- include, but are not limited to, thienylmethyl, furylmethyl, piperidinyethyl, 2-pyridinylmethyl, 3-pyridinylmethyl, 4-pyridinylmethyl, quinolinylpropyl, and the like. When an **Het**-(C_{1-n})alkyl- group is substituted, it is understood that substituents may
5 be attached to either the **Het** or the alkyl portion thereof or both, unless specified otherwise, such that the substitution would give rise to a chemically stable compound, such as are recognized by those skilled in the art.

The term "heteroatom" as used herein is intended to mean O, S or N.
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The term "heterocycle" as used herein and unless specified otherwise, either alone or in combination with another radical, is intended to mean a 3- to 7-membered saturated, unsaturated or aromatic heterocycle containing from 1 to 4 heteroatoms each independently selected from O, N and S; or a monovalent radical derived by
15 removal of a hydrogen atom therefrom. Examples of such heterocycles include, but are not limited to, azetidine, pyrrolidine, tetrahydrofuran, tetrahydrothiophene, thiazolidine, oxazolidine, pyrrole, thiophene, furan, pyrazole, imidazole, isoxazole, oxazole, isothiazole, thiazole, triazole, tetrazole, piperidine, piperazine, azepine, diazepine, pyran, 1,4-dioxane, 4-morpholine, 4-thiomorpholine, pyridine,
20 pyridine-N-oxide, pyridazine, pyrazine and pyrimidine, and saturated, unsaturated and aromatic derivatives thereof.

The term "heteropolycycle" as used herein and unless specified otherwise, either alone or in combination with another radical, is intended to mean a heterocycle as
25 defined above fused to one or more other cycle, including a carbocycle, a heterocycle or any other cycle; or a monovalent radical derived by removal of a hydrogen atom therefrom. Examples of such heteropolycycles include, but are not limited to, indole, isoindole, benzimidazole, benzothiophene, benzofuran, benzopyran, benzodioxole, benzodioxane, benzothiazole, quinoline, isoquinoline,
30 and naphthyridine, and saturated, unsaturated and aromatic derivatives thereof.

The term "halo" as used herein is intended to mean a halogen substituent selected from fluoro, chloro, bromo or iodo.

35 The term "(C_{1-n})haloalkyl" as used herein, wherein n is an integer, either alone or in

combination with another radical, is intended to mean an alkyl radical having 1 to n carbon atoms as defined above wherein one or more hydrogen atoms are each replaced by a halo substituent. Examples of (C_{1-n})haloalkyl include but are not limited to chloromethyl, chloroethyl, dichloroethyl, bromomethyl, bromoethyl, dibromoethyl,
5 fluoromethyl, difluoromethyl, trifluoromethyl, fluoroethyl and difluoroethyl.

The terms "-O-(C_{1-n})alkyl" or "(C_{1-n})alkoxy" as used herein interchangeably, wherein n is an integer, either alone or in combination with another radical, is intended to mean an oxygen atom further bonded to an alkyl radical having 1 to n carbon atoms as
10 defined above. Examples of -O-(C_{1-n})alkyl include but are not limited to methoxy (CH₃O-), ethoxy (CH₃CH₂O-), propoxy (CH₃CH₂CH₂O-), 1-methylethoxy (*iso*-propoxy; (CH₃)₂CH-O-) and 1,1-dimethylethoxy (*tert*-butoxy; (CH₃)₃C-O-). When an -O-(C_{1-n})alkyl radical is substituted, it is understood to be substituted on the (C_{1-n})alkyl portion thereof, such that the substitution would give rise to a chemically
15 stable compound, such as are recognized by those skilled in the art.

The terms "-S-(C_{1-n})alkyl" or "(C_{1-n})alkylthio" as used herein interchangeably, wherein n is an integer, either alone or in combination with another radical, is intended to mean an sulfur atom further bonded to an alkyl radical having 1 to n carbon atoms
20 as defined above. Examples of -S-(C_{1-n})alkyl include but are not limited to methylthio (CH₃S-), ethylthio (CH₃CH₂S-), propylthio (CH₃CH₂CH₂S-), 1-methylethylthio (*isopropyl*thio; (CH₃)₂CH-S-) and 1,1-dimethylethylthio (*tert*-butylthio; (CH₃)₃C-S-). When -S-(C_{1-n})alkyl radical, or an oxidized derivative thereof, such as an -SO-(C_{1-n})alkyl radical or an -SO₂-(C_{1-n})alkyl radical, is substituted, each is
25 understood to be substituted on the (C_{1-n})alkyl portion thereof, such that the substitution would give rise to a chemically stable compound, such as are recognized by those skilled in the art.

The term "oxo" as used herein is intended to mean an oxygen atom attached to a
30 carbon atom as a substituent by a double bond (=O).

The term "thioxo" as used herein is intended to mean an sulfur atom attached to a carbon atom as a substituent by a double bond (=S).

35 The term "COOH" as used herein is intended to mean a carboxyl group (-C(=O)-OH).

It is well known to one skilled in the art that carboxyl groups may be substituted by functional group equivalents. Examples of such functional group equivalents contemplated in this invention include, but are not limited to, esters, amides, imides, boronic acids, phosphonic acids, phosphoric acids, tetrazoles, triazoles,
5 N-acylsulfamides ($\text{RCONHSO}_2\text{NR}_2$), and N-acylsulfonamides ($\text{RCONHSO}_2\text{R}$).

The term "functional group equivalent" as used herein is intended to mean an atom or group that may replace another atom or group which has similar electronic, hybridization or bonding properties.

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The term "protecting group" as used herein is intended to mean protecting groups that can be used during synthetic transformation, including but not limited to examples which are listed in Greene, "Protective Groups in Organic Chemistry", John Wiley & Sons, New York (1981), and more recent editions thereof.

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The following designation  is used in sub-formulas to indicate the bond which is connected to the rest of the molecule as defined.

The term "salt thereof" as used herein is intended to mean any acid and/or base
20 addition salt of a compound according to the invention, including but not limited to a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

The term "pharmaceutically acceptable salt" as used herein is intended to mean a salt of a compound according to the invention which is, within the scope of sound
25 medical judgment, suitable for use in contact with the tissues of humans and lower animals without undue toxicity, irritation, allergic response, and the like, commensurate with a reasonable benefit/risk ratio, generally water or oil-soluble or dispersible, and effective for their intended use. The term includes pharmaceutically-acceptable acid addition salts and pharmaceutically-acceptable base addition salts.
30 Lists of suitable salts are found in, for example, S.M. Birge et al., J. Pharm. Sci., 1977, 66, pp. 1-19.

The term "pharmaceutically-acceptable acid addition salt" as used herein is intended to mean those salts which retain the biological effectiveness and properties of the

free bases and which are not biologically or otherwise undesirable, formed with inorganic acids including but not limited to hydrochloric acid, hydrobromic acid, sulfuric acid, sulfamic acid, nitric acid, phosphoric acid and the like, and organic acids including but not limited to acetic acid, trifluoroacetic acid, adipic acid, ascorbic acid, aspartic acid, benzenesulfonic acid, benzoic acid, butyric acid, camphoric acid, camphorsulfonic acid, cinnamic acid, citric acid, digluconic acid, ethanesulfonic acid, glutamic acid, glycolic acid, glycerophosphoric acid, hemisulfic acid, hexanoic acid, formic acid, fumaric acid, 2-hydroxyethanesulfonic acid (isethionic acid), lactic acid, hydroxymaleic acid, malic acid, malonic acid, mandelic acid, mesitylenesulfonic acid, methanesulfonic acid, naphthalenesulfonic acid, nicotinic acid, 2-naphthalenesulfonic acid, oxalic acid, pamoic acid, pectinic acid, phenylacetic acid, 3-phenylpropionic acid, pivalic acid, propionic acid, pyruvic acid, salicylic acid, stearic acid, succinic acid, sulfanilic acid, tartaric acid, p-toluenesulfonic acid, undecanoic acid and the like.

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The term "pharmaceutically-acceptable base addition salt" as used herein is intended to mean those salts which retain the biological effectiveness and properties of the free acids and which are not biologically or otherwise undesirable, formed with inorganic bases including but not limited to ammonia or the hydroxide, carbonate, or bicarbonate of ammonium or a metal cation such as sodium, potassium, lithium, calcium, magnesium, iron, zinc, copper, manganese, aluminum and the like. Particularly preferred are the ammonium, potassium, sodium, calcium, and magnesium salts. Salts derived from pharmaceutically-acceptable organic nontoxic bases include but are not limited to salts of primary, secondary, and tertiary amines, quaternary amine compounds, substituted amines including naturally occurring substituted amines, cyclic amines and basic ion-exchange resins, such as methylamine, dimethylamine, trimethylamine, ethylamine, diethylamine, triethylamine, isopropylamine, tripropylamine, tributylamine, ethanolamine, diethanolamine, 2-dimethylaminoethanol, 2-diethylaminoethanol, dicyclohexylamine, lysine, arginine, histidine, caffeine, hydrabamine, choline, betaine, ethylenediamine, glucosamine, methylglucamine, theobromine, purines, piperazine, piperidine, N-ethylpiperidine, tetramethylammonium compounds, tetraethylammonium compounds, pyridine, N,N-dimethylaniline, N-methylpiperidine, N-methylmorpholine, dicyclohexylamine, dibenzylamine, N,N-dibenzylphenethylamine, 1-phenamine, N,N'-dibenzylethylenediamine, polyamine resins and the like. Particularly preferred

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organic nontoxic bases are isopropylamine, diethylamine, ethanolamine, trimethylamine, dicyclohexylamine, choline, and caffeine.

The term "ester thereof" as used herein is intended to mean any ester of a
5 compound according to the invention in which any of the -COOH substituents of the molecule is replaced by a -COOR substituent, in which the **R** moiety of the ester is any carbon-containing group which forms a stable ester moiety, including but not limited to alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclylalkyl, each of which being optionally further substituted. The term "ester
10 thereof" includes but is not limited to pharmaceutically acceptable esters thereof.

The term "pharmaceutically acceptable ester" as used herein is intended to mean esters of the compound according to the invention in which any of the COOH substituents of the molecule are replaced by a -COOR substituent, in which the **R**
15 moiety of the ester is selected from alkyl (including, but not limited to, methyl, ethyl, propyl, 1-methylethyl, 1,1-dimethylethyl, butyl); alkoxyalkyl (including, but not limited to methoxymethyl); acyloxyalkyl (including, but not limited to acetoxymethyl); arylalkyl (including, but not limited to, benzyl); aryloxyalkyl (including, but not limited to, phenoxymethyl); and aryl (including, but not limited to phenyl) optionally substituted
20 with halogen, (C₁₋₄)alkyl or (C₁₋₄)alkoxy. Other suitable esters can be found in Design of Prodrugs, Bundgaard, H. Ed. Elsevier (1985). Such pharmaceutically acceptable esters are usually hydrolyzed *in vivo* when injected into a mammal and transformed into the acid form of the compound according to the invention. With regard to the esters described above, unless otherwise specified, any alkyl moiety present
25 preferably contains 1 to 16 carbon atoms, more preferably 1 to 6 carbon atoms. Any aryl moiety present in such esters preferably comprises a phenyl group. In particular the esters may be a (C₁₋₁₆)alkyl ester, an unsubstituted benzyl ester or a benzyl ester substituted with at least one halogen, (C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₁₋₆)alkoxy, nitro or trifluoromethyl.

30 The term "mammal" as used herein is intended to encompass humans, as well as non-human mammals which are susceptible to infection by HIV. Non-human mammals include but are not limited to domestic animals, such as cows, pigs, horses, dogs, cats, rabbits, rats and mice, and non-domestic animals.

35 The term "treatment" as used herein is intended to mean the administration of a

compound or composition according to the present invention to alleviate or eliminate symptoms of HIV infection and/or to reduce viral load in a patient. The term “treatment” also encompasses the administration of a compound or composition according to the present invention post-exposure of the individual to the virus but

5 before the appearance of symptoms of the disease, and/or prior to the detection of the virus in the blood, to prevent the appearance of symptoms of the disease and/or to prevent the virus from reaching detectable levels in the blood, and the administration of a compound or composition according to the present invention to prevent perinatal transmission of HIV from mother to baby, by administration to the

10 mother before giving birth and to the child within the first days of life.

The term “antiviral agent” as used herein is intended to mean an agent that is effective to inhibit the formation and/or replication of a virus in a mammal, including but not limited to agents that interfere with either host or viral mechanisms necessary

15 for the formation and/or replication of a virus in a mammal.

The term “inhibitor of HIV replication” as used herein is intended to mean an agent capable of reducing or eliminating the ability of HIV to replicate in a host cell, whether *in vitro*, *ex vivo* or *in vivo*.

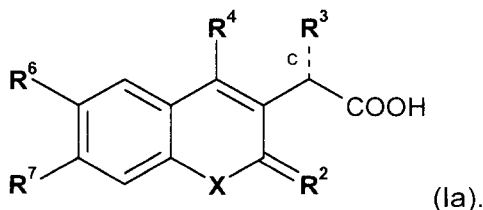
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Preferred embodiments

In the following preferred embodiments, groups and substituents of the compounds according to this invention are described in detail.

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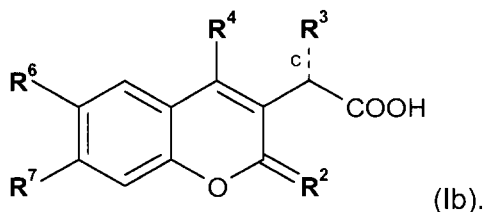
Core-A: In one embodiment, **X** is O or NR¹; **a** is a single bond and **b** is a double bond. In this embodiment, the compounds of the invention are represented by formula (Ia):



30 wherein **c**, **R**¹, **R**², **R**³, **R**⁴, **R**⁶ and **R**⁷ are as defined herein.

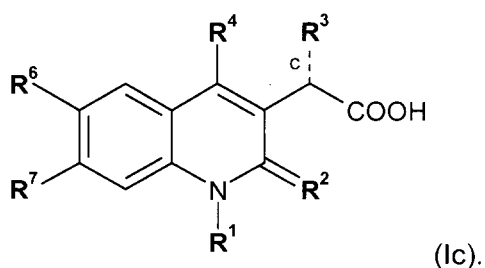
Core-B: In another embodiment, **X** is O; **a** is a single bond; and **b** is a double

bond. In this embodiment, the compounds of the invention are represented by formula (Ib):



wherein **c**, **R²**, **R³**, **R⁴**, **R⁶** and **R⁷** are as defined herein.

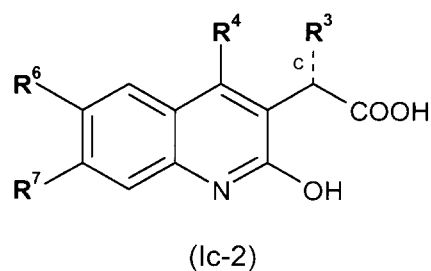
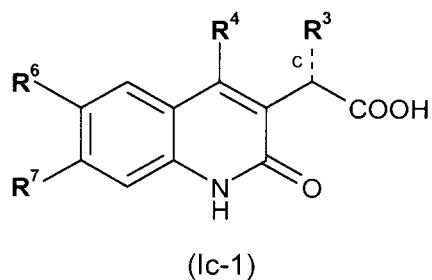
- 5 **Core-C:** In another embodiment, **X** is **NR¹**; **a** is a single bond; and **b** is a double bond. In this embodiment, the compounds of the invention are represented by formula (Ic):



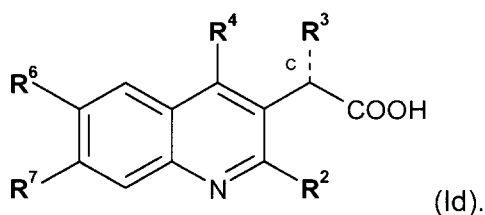
wherein **c**, **R¹**, **R²**, **R³**, **R⁴**, **R⁶** and **R⁷** are as defined herein.

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It will be apparent to one skilled in the art that when **R¹** is H and **R²** is O, compounds of formula (Ic) can exist in two possible tautomeric forms, (Ic-1) and (Ic-2), as shown below:

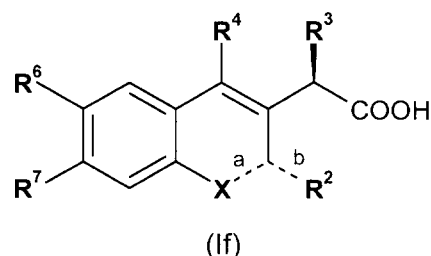
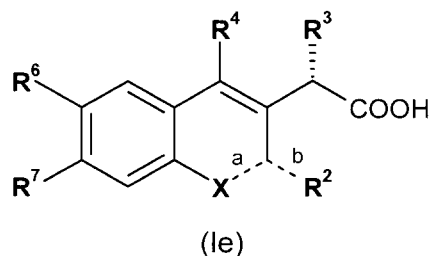


- 15 **Core-D:** In an alternative embodiment, **X** is N; **a** is a double bond; and **b** is a single bond. In this embodiment, the compounds of the invention are represented by formula (Id):



wherein **c**, **R²**, **R³**, **R⁴**, **R⁶** and **R⁷** are as defined herein.

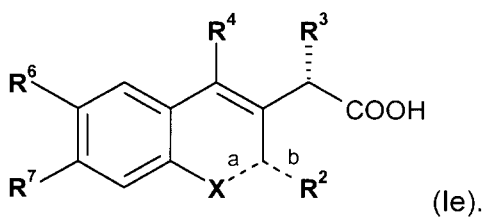
It will be apparent to a person skilled in the art that, when bond **c** is a single bond,
 5 the carbon atom bonded to the –COOH and **R³** substituents can exist in two possible stereochemical configurations, as shown in formulas (Ie) and (If) below:



wherein **a**, **b**, **X**, **R¹**, **R²**, **R³**, **R⁴**, **R⁶** and **R⁷** are as defined herein.

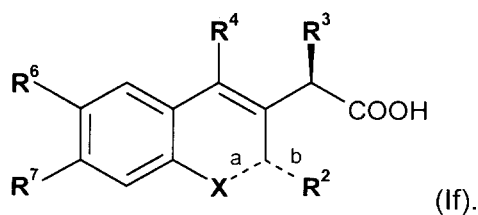
It has been found that compounds of formula (Ie) have improved activity over
 10 compounds of formula (If).

Core-E: Therefore, in one embodiment, the compounds of the present invention are represented by formula (Ie):



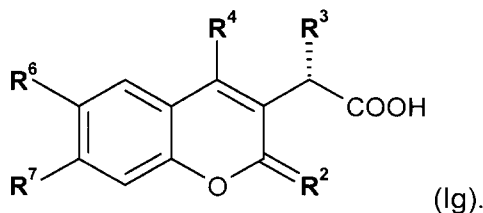
15 wherein **a**, **b**, **X**, **R²**, **R³**, **R⁴**, **R⁶** and **R⁷** are as defined herein.

Core-F: In another embodiment, the compounds of the present invention are represented by formula (If):



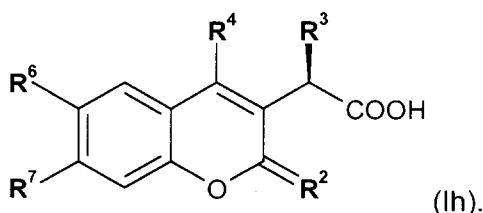
wherein **a**, **b**, **X**, **R²**, **R³**, **R⁴**, **R⁶** and **R⁷** are as defined herein.

Core-G: In another embodiment, the compounds of the invention are represented by formula (Ig):



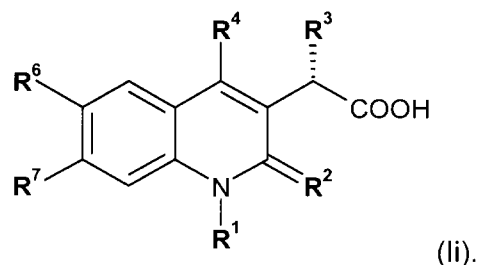
wherein R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^6 and R^7 are as defined herein.

5 **Core-H:** In another embodiment, the compounds of the invention are represented by formula (Ih):



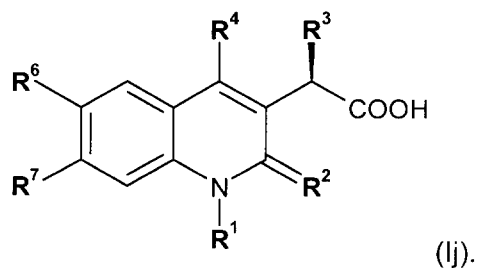
wherein R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^6 and R^7 are as defined herein.

10 **Core-I:** In another embodiment, the compounds of the invention are represented by formula (Ii):



wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^6 and R^7 are as defined herein.

Core-J: In another embodiment, the compounds of the invention are represented by formula (Ij):

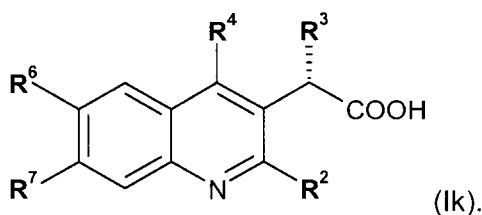


15 wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^6 and R^7 are as defined herein.

It will be apparent to one skilled in the art that when R^1 is H and R^2 is O, compounds

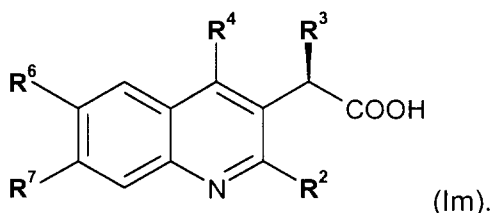
of formula (li) and (lj) can each also exist in two possible tautomeric forms, as described for compounds of formula (lc) above.

Core-K: In an alternative embodiment, the compounds of the invention are represented by formula (Ik):



wherein R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^6 and R^7 are as defined herein.

Core-M: In an alternative embodiment, the compounds of the invention are represented by formula (Im):



wherein R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^6 and R^7 are as defined herein.

Any and each individual definition of **a**, **b** and **X** as set out herein may be combined with any and each individual definition of **c**, R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^6 and R^7 as set out herein.

R¹:

R¹-A: In one embodiment, when **X** is $-NR^1$, R^1 is H, (C_{1-6}) alkyl, (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl- (C_{1-6}) alkyl-, or **Het**- (C_{1-6}) alkyl-;

wherein **Het** is a 4- to 7-membered heterocycle having 1 to 3 heteroatoms each independently selected from N, O and S;

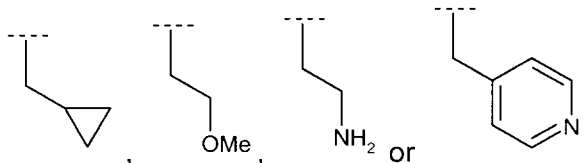
and wherein each of the (C_{1-6}) alkyl, (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl- (C_{1-6}) alkyl-, and **Het**- (C_{1-6}) alkyl- is optionally substituted with -OH, -O (C_{1-3}) alkyl, -NH₂, -NH (C_{1-3}) alkyl or -N $((C_{1-3})$ alkyl)₂.

R¹-B: In another embodiment, when **X** is $-NR^1$, R^1 is H, (C_{1-6}) alkyl, (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl- (C_{1-6}) alkyl- or **Het**- (C_{1-6}) alkyl-;

wherein **Het** is a 5- or 6-membered heterocycle having 1 or 2 heteroatoms each independently selected from N, O and S;

and wherein the (C₁₋₆)alkyl is optionally substituted with -OCH₃ or -NH₂.

R¹-C: In still another embodiment, when **X** is -NR¹, **R¹** is H, CH₃, CH₂CH₃,



- 5 Any and each individual definition of **R¹** as set out herein may be combined with any and each individual definition of **c**, **R³**, **R⁴**, **R⁶** and **R⁷** as set out herein.

R²:

R²-A: In one embodiment, when bond **b** is a double bond, **R²** is O.

- 10 **R²-B:** In an alternative embodiment, when bond **b** is a single bond, **R²** is (C₁₋₆)alkyl or -O(C₁₋₆)alkyl.

R²-C: In another embodiment, when bond **b** is a single bond, **R²** is (C₁₋₆)alkyl.

R²-D: In another embodiment, when bond **b** is a single bond, **R²** is -O(C₁₋₆)alkyl.

- 15 **R²-E:** In another embodiment, when bond **b** is a single bond, **R²** is -CH₃, -CH₂CH₃, -CH₂CH₂CH₃, -CH(CH₃)₂, -OCH₃, -OCH₂CH₃, -OCH₂CH₂CH₃, or -OCH(CH₃)₂.

R²-F: In another embodiment, when bond **b** is a single bond, **R²** is -CH₃, -CH₂CH₃, -CH(CH₃)₂, or -OCH₃.

R²-G: In another embodiment, when bond **b** is a single bond, **R²** is -CH₃ or -CH₂CH₃.

- 20 **R²-H:** In another embodiment, when bond **b** is a single bond, **R²** is -CH₃.

Any and each individual definition of **b** and **R²** as set out herein may be combined with any and each individual definition of **c**, **X**, **R¹**, **R³**, **R⁴**, **R⁶** and **R⁷** as set out herein.

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R³:

R³-A: In one embodiment, **R³** is (C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₁₋₆)haloalkyl, (C₂₋₆)alkenyl, (C₂₋₆)alkynyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-, aryl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl- or **Het**-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-; wherein each of the (C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₁₋₆)haloalkyl, (C₂₋₆)alkenyl, (C₂₋₆)alkynyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-, aryl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl- and **Het**-(C₁₋₆)alkyl- is optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents each independently selected from (C₁₋₆)alkyl, halo, cyano, oxo and -O(C₁₋₆)alkyl; and

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bond **c** is a single bond.

R³-B: In another embodiment, **R³** is (C₁₋₆)alkyl or (C₂₋₆)alkenyl; and

bond **c** is a single bond.

R³-C: In another embodiment, **R³** is (C₁₋₆)alkylidene and bond **c** is a double bond.

5 **R³-D:** In another embodiment, **R³** is selected from:

-CH₂CH₂CH₃, -CH₂CH(CH₃)₂, -CH₂CH=CH₂ and -CH₂C(CH₃)=CH₂; and

bond **c** is a single bond;

or **R³** is =CHCH₂CH₃ and bond **c** is a double bond.

R³-E: In an alternative embodiment, **R³** is -**Y**-(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -**Y**-(C₁₋₆)haloalkyl,

10 -**Y**-(C₂₋₆)alkenyl, -**Y**-(C₂₋₆)alkynyl, -**Y**-(C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl, -**Y**-aryl,

(C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-**Y**-, aryl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-**Y**- or **Het**-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-**Y**-;

wherein **Y** is O or S; and

wherein each of the -**Y**-(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -**Y**-(C₂₋₆)alkenyl, -**Y**-(C₂₋₆)alkynyl,

-**Y**-(C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl, -**Y**-aryl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-**Y**-, aryl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-**Y**-

15 and **Het**-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-**Y**- is optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents each independently selected from (C₁₋₆)alkyl, halo, cyano, oxo and -O(C₁₋₆)alkyl; and

bond **c** is a single bond.

R³-F: In another embodiment, **R³** is -O-(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -O-(C₁₋₆)haloalkyl,

20 -O-(C₂₋₆)alkenyl, -O-(C₂₋₆)alkynyl, -O-(C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl, -O-aryl,

(C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-O-, aryl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-O- or **Het**-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-O-;

wherein each of the -O-(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -O-(C₂₋₆)alkenyl, -O-(C₂₋₆)alkynyl,

-O-(C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl, -O-aryl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-O-, aryl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-O-

25 and **Het**-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-O- is optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents each independently selected from (C₁₋₆)alkyl, halo, cyano, oxo and -O(C₁₋₆)alkyl; and

bond **c** is a single bond.

R³-G: In another embodiment, **R³** is -O(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -O-(C₁₋₆)haloalkyl,

-O-(C₂₋₆)alkenyl, -O(C₂₋₆)alkynyl, -O-(C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl, -O-aryl,

30 (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl-(C₁₋₃)alkyl-O- or **Het**-(C₁₋₃)alkyl-O-;

wherein **Het** is a 5- or 6-membered heterocycle having 1 to 3 heteroatoms each independently selected from N, O and S; and

wherein each of the -O(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -O-(C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl and **Het**-(C₁₋₃)alkyl-O- is optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents each independently selected

from (C₁₋₃)alkyl, cyano, oxo and -O(C₁₋₆)alkyl; and

bond **c** is a single bond.

R³-H: In another embodiment, **R³** is -O(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -O-(C₁₋₆)haloalkyl, -O(C₂₋₆)alkenyl, -O(C₂₋₆)alkynyl or -O-(C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl;

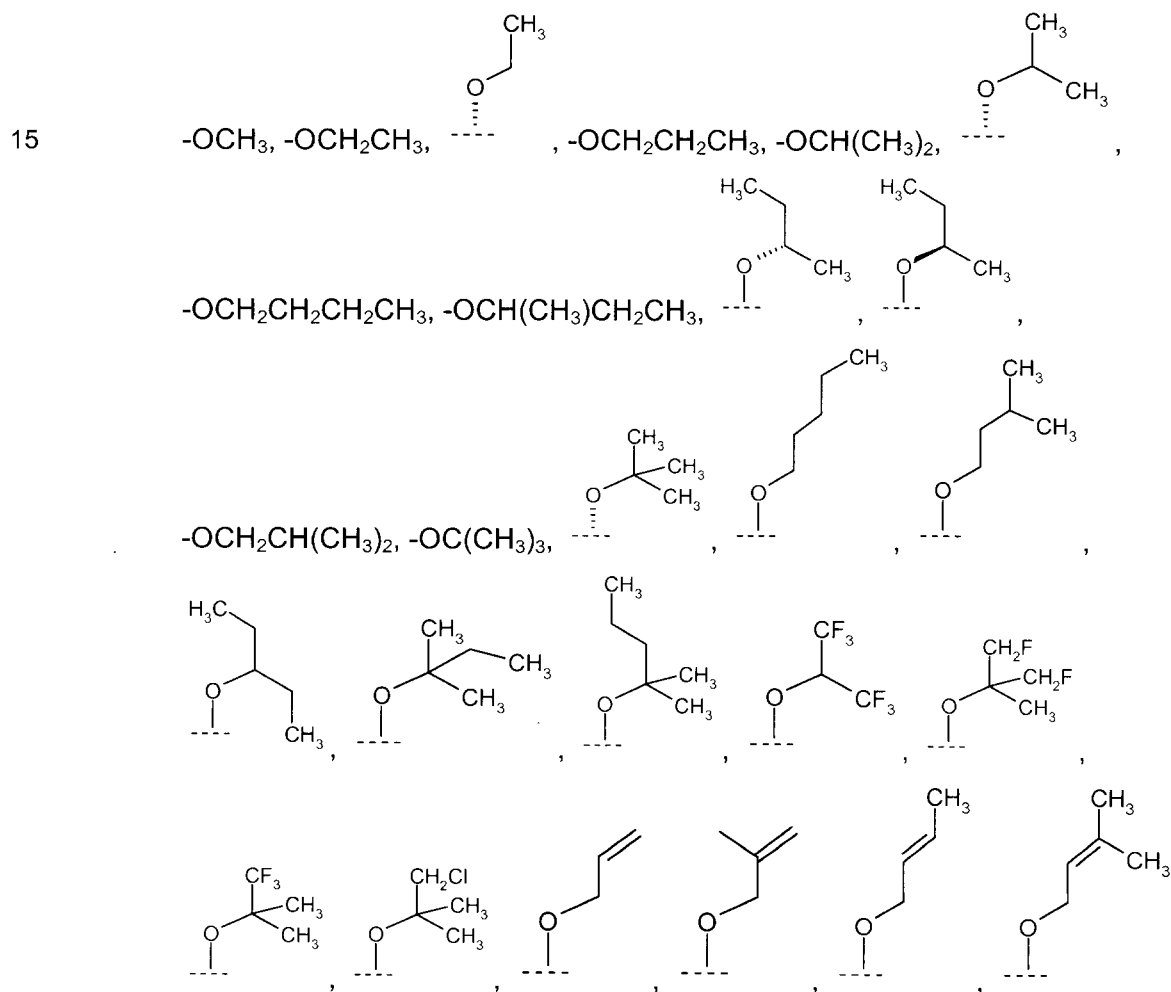
5 wherein each of the -O(C₁₋₆)alkyl and -O-(C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl is optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents each independently selected from (C₁₋₃)alkyl, cyano, oxo and -O(C₁₋₆)alkyl; and

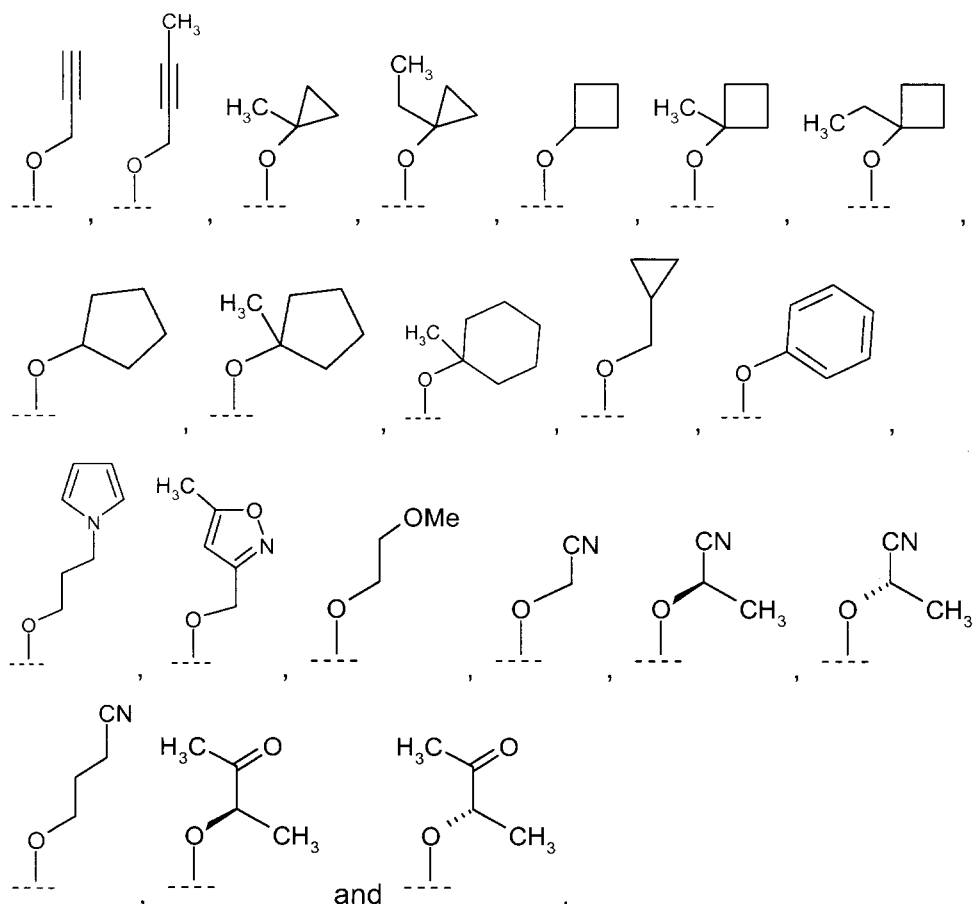
bond **c** is a single bond.

R³-I: In another embodiment, **R³** is -O(C₁₋₆)alkyl; wherein the -O(C₁₋₆)alkyl is optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents each independently selected from cyano, oxo and -O(C₁₋₆)alkyl; and bond **c** is a single bond.

R³-J: In another embodiment, **R³** is -O(C₂₋₄)alkyl; and bond **c** is a single bond.

R³-K: In another embodiment, **R³** is selected from:





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Any and each individual definition of **c** and **R³** as set out herein may be combined with any and each individual definition of **a**, **b**, **X**, **R¹**, **R²**, **R⁴**, **R⁶** and **R⁷** as set out herein.

10 **R⁴:**

R⁴-A: In one embodiment, **R⁴** is aryl optionally substituted with 1 to 5 substituents each independently selected from halo, (C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₂₋₆)alkenyl, (C₁₋₆)haloalkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl, -OH, -O(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -SH, -S(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -NH₂, -NH(C₁₋₆)alkyl and -N((C₁₋₆)alkyl)₂; wherein the (C₁₋₆)alkyl is optionally substituted with hydroxy, cyano or oxo.

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R⁴-B: In another embodiment, **R⁴** is naphthyl or phenyl, wherein the phenyl is optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents each independently selected from halo, (C₁₋₄)alkyl, (C₂₋₄)alkenyl, (C₁₋₄)haloalkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl, -OH, -O(C₁₋₄)alkyl, -SH, -S(C₁₋₄)alkyl, -NH₂, -NH(C₁₋₄)alkyl and -N((C₁₋₄)alkyl)₂; wherein the (C₁₋₄)alkyl is optionally substituted with hydroxy, cyano or oxo.

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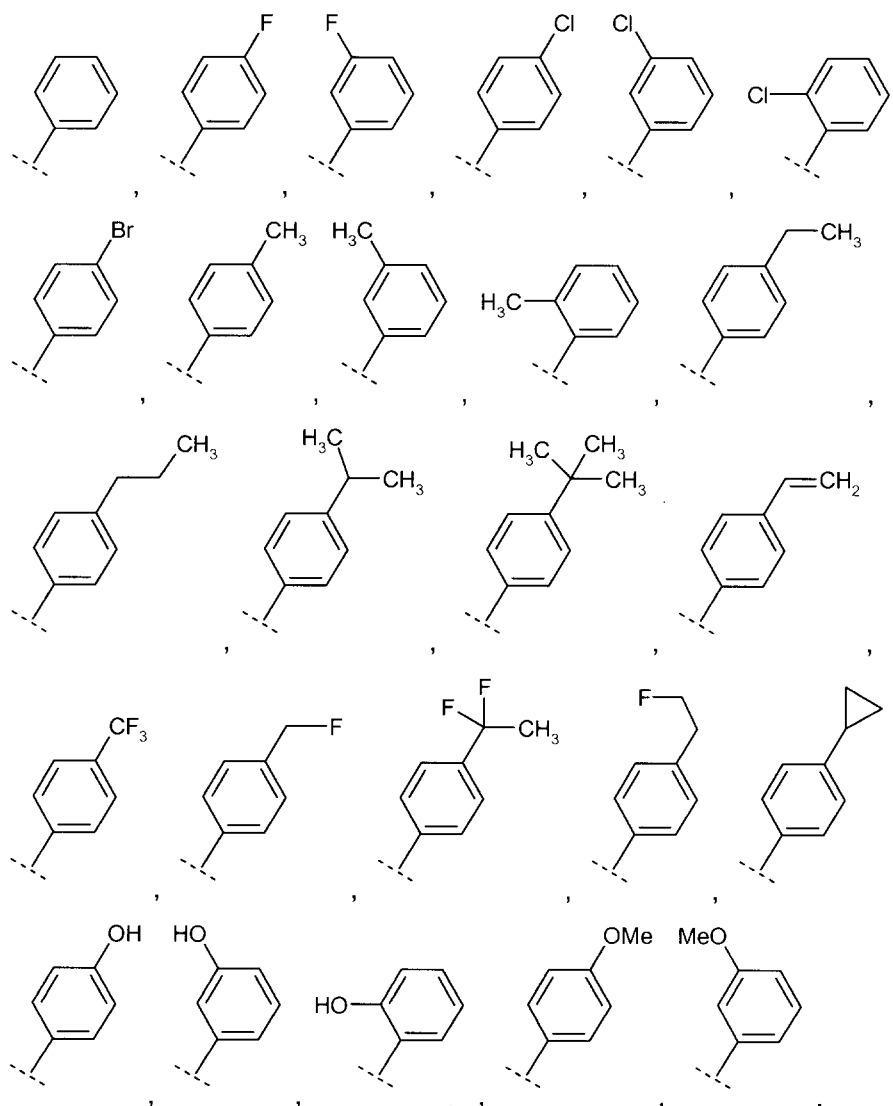
R⁴-C: In another embodiment, **R⁴** is phenyl optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents each independently selected from halo, (C₁₋₄)alkyl, (C₂₋₄)alkenyl, (C₁₋₄)haloalkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl, -OH, -O(C₁₋₄)alkyl, -SH, -S(C₁₋₄)alkyl, -NH₂, -NH(C₁₋₄)alkyl and -N((C₁₋₄)alkyl)₂; wherein the (C₁₋₄)alkyl is optionally substituted with hydroxy, cyano or oxo.

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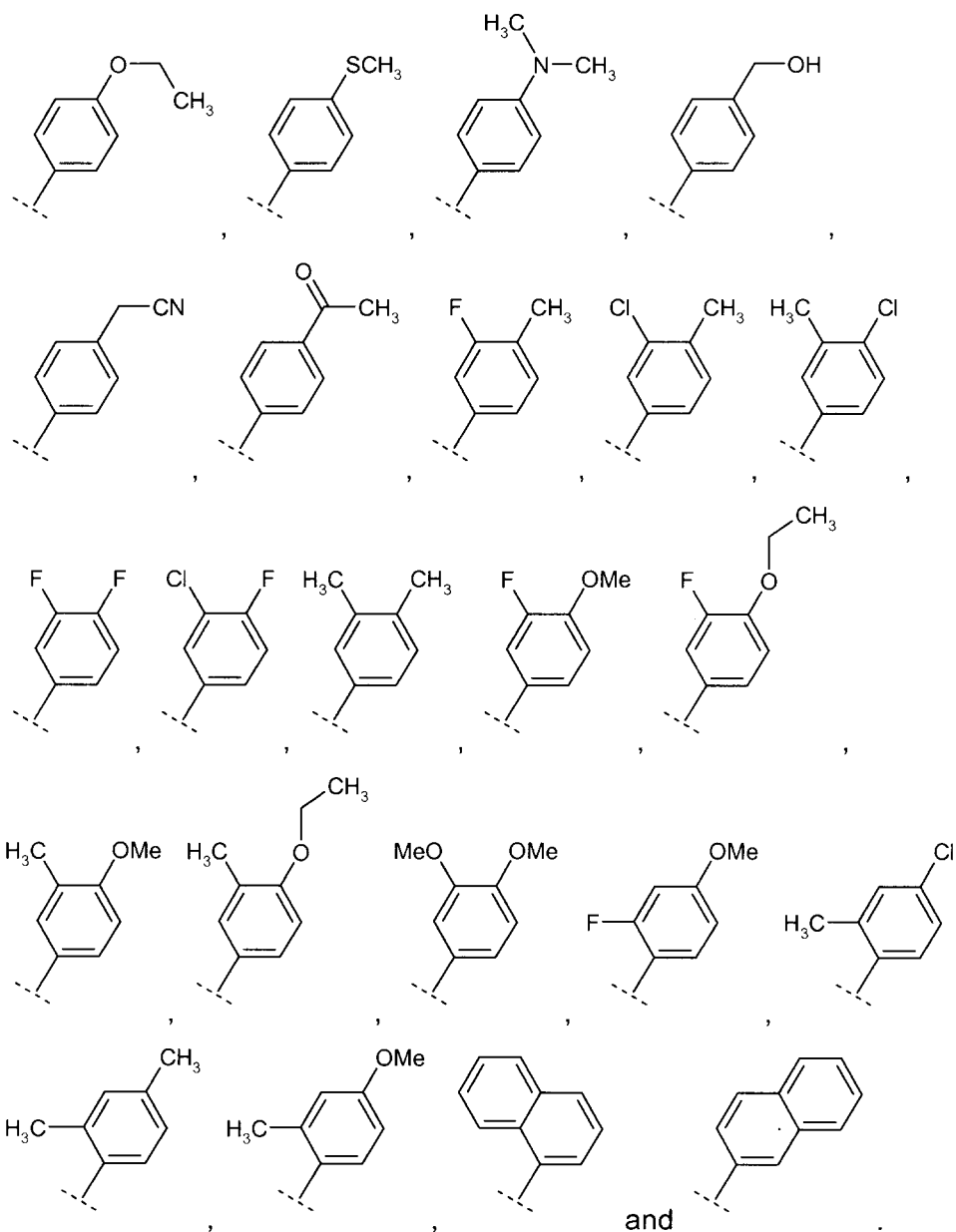
R⁴-D: In another embodiment, **R⁴** is phenyl optionally substituted with 1 or 2 substituents each independently selected from F, Cl, Br, -CH₃, -CH₂CH₃, -CH₂CH₂CH₃, -CH(CH₃)₂, -C(CH₃)₃, -CH=CH₂, CH₂F, CF₃, -CF₂CH₃, -CH₂CH₂F, cyclopropyl, -OH, -OCH₃, -OCH₂CH₃, -SCH₃, -N(CH₃)₂, -CH₂OH, -CH₂CN and CH₃C(=O)-.

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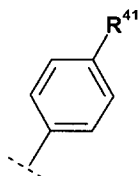
R⁴-E: In another embodiment, **R⁴** is selected from:



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R⁴-F: In another embodiment, **R⁴** is a group of formula:



wherein **R⁴¹** is selected from halo, (C₁₋₄)alkyl and (C₁₋₄)haloalkyl.

- 10 **R⁴-G:** In an alternative embodiment, **R⁴** is **Het** optionally substituted with 1 to 5 substituents each independently selected from halo, (C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₂₋₆)alkenyl, (C₁₋₆)haloalkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl, -OH, -O(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -SH, -S(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -NH₂,

-NH(C₁₋₆)alkyl and -N((C₁₋₆)alkyl)₂; wherein the (C₁₋₆)alkyl is optionally substituted with hydroxy, cyano or oxo.

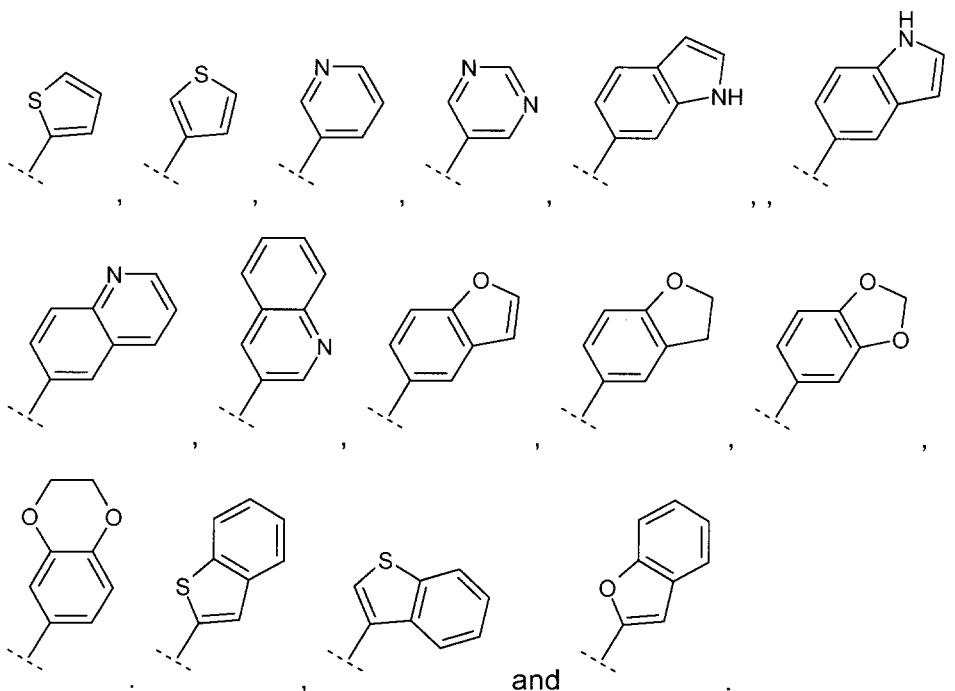
R⁴-H: In another alternative embodiment, **R⁴** is **Het** optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents each independently selected from halo, (C₁₋₆)alkyl and -O(C₁₋₆)alkyl;

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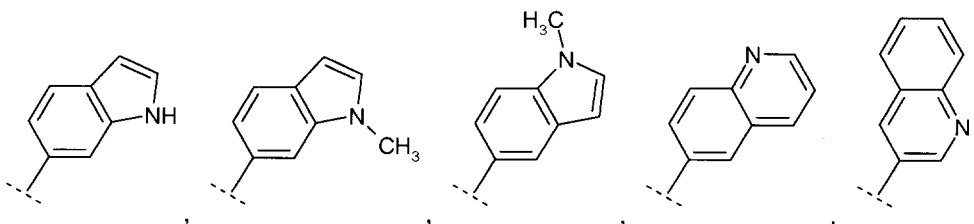
wherein the **Het** is a 5- or 6-membered heterocycle having 1 to 3 heteroatoms each independently selected from N, O and S; or the **Het** is a 9- or 10-membered heteropolycycle having 1 to 3 heteroatoms each independently selected from N, O and S.

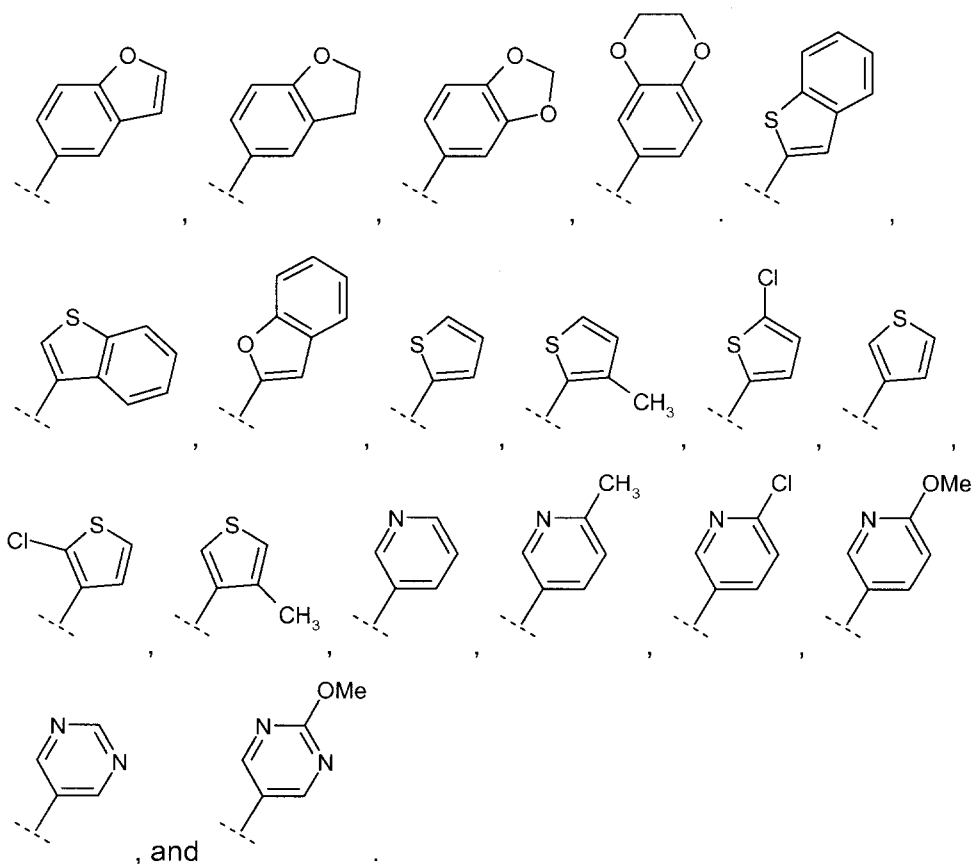
10 **R⁴-I:** In another alternative embodiment, **R⁴** is **Het** optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents each independently selected from halo, (C₁₋₆)alkyl and -O(C₁₋₆)alkyl;

wherein the **Het** is selected from:



R⁴-J: In another alternative embodiment, **R⁴** is selected from:





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Any and each individual definition of R^4 as set out herein may be combined with any and each individual definition of **a**, **b**, **c**, **X**, R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^6 and R^7 as set out herein.

One skilled in the art will recognize that when the R^4 substituent is not symmetrically substituted about the axis of rotation of the bond attaching R^4 to **Core**, rotational isomers or atropisomers are possible. Compounds of the invention in which the R^4 substituent is not symmetrically substituted about the axis of rotation of the bond attaching R^4 to **Core** and in which the carbon atom bonded to the -COOH and R^3 substituents is chiral, as described above, will have two chiral centers, a chiral carbon atom and a rotational axis of asymmetry, and thus the atropisomers will exist as diastereomers. However, individual diastereomeric atropisomers may or may not be detectable and/or separable, depending upon the relative amounts of each atropisomer present at equilibrium, and the degree of steric hindrance to rotation about this bond, and thus, the rate at which rotation occurs to interconvert these atropisomers. Once separated, individual atropisomers may interconvert, rapidly or slowly, with each other to form an equilibrium mixture of atropisomers.

R⁶:

R⁶-A: In one embodiment, **R⁶** is H, halo, (C₁₋₃)alkyl or (C₁₋₃)haloalkyl.

R⁶-B: In another embodiment, **R⁶** is H, F, Cl, Br, CH₃ or CF₃.

5 **R⁶-C:** In another embodiment, **R⁶** is H, F, Cl or Br.

R⁶-D: In another embodiment, **R⁶** is H, Cl or Br.

Any and each individual definition of **R⁶** as set out herein may be combined with any and each individual definition of **a, b, c, X, R¹, R², R³, R⁴** and **R⁷** as set out herein.

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R⁷:

R⁷-A: In one embodiment, **R⁷** is H or F.

R⁷-B: In another embodiment, **R⁷** is H.

15 Any and each individual definition of **R⁷** as set out herein may be combined with any and each individual definition of **a, b, c, X, R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁶** and **R⁷** as set out herein.

20 Examples of preferred subgeneric embodiments of the present invention are set forth in the following table, wherein each substituent group of each embodiment is defined according to the definitions set forth above:

Embodiment	Core	R ¹	R ²	R ³	R ⁴	R ⁶	R ⁷
E-1	Core-B		R ² -A	R ³ -B	R ⁴ -B	R ⁶ -A	R ⁷ -A
E-2	Core-G		R ² -A	R ³ -B	R ⁴ -B	R ⁶ -A	R ⁷ -A
E-3	Core-C	R ¹ -A	R ² -A	R ³ -B	R ⁴ -B	R ⁶ -A	R ⁷ -A
E-4	Core-I	R ¹ -A	R ² -A	R ³ -B	R ⁴ -B	R ⁶ -A	R ⁷ -A
E-5	Core-D		R ² -C	R ³ -B	R ⁴ -B	R ⁶ -A	R ⁷ -A
E-6	Core-K		R ² -C	R ³ -B	R ⁴ -B	R ⁶ -A	R ⁷ -A
E-7	Core-D		R ² -D	R ³ -B	R ⁴ -B	R ⁶ -A	R ⁷ -A
E-8	Core-K		R ² -D	R ³ -B	R ⁴ -B	R ⁶ -A	R ⁷ -A
E-9	Core-B		R ² -A	R ³ -C	R ⁴ -B	R ⁶ -A	R ⁷ -A
E-10	Core-G		R ² -A	R ³ -C	R ⁴ -B	R ⁶ -A	R ⁷ -A
E-11	Core-C	R ¹ -A	R ² -A	R ³ -C	R ⁴ -B	R ⁶ -A	R ⁷ -A

Embodiment	Core	R ¹	R ²	R ³	R ⁴	R ⁶	R ⁷
E-12	Core-I	R ¹ -A	R ² -A	R ³ -C	R ⁴ -B	R ⁶ -A	R ⁷ -A
E-13	Core-D		R ² -C	R ³ -C	R ⁴ -B	R ⁶ -A	R ⁷ -A
E-14	Core-K		R ² -C	R ³ -C	R ⁴ -B	R ⁶ -A	R ⁷ -A
E-15	Core-D		R ² -D	R ³ -C	R ⁴ -B	R ⁶ -A	R ⁷ -A
E-16	Core-K		R ² -D	R ³ -C	R ⁴ -B	R ⁶ -A	R ⁷ -A
E-17	Core-B		R ² -A	R ³ -F	R ⁴ -B	R ⁶ -A	R ⁷ -A
E-18	Core-G		R ² -A	R ³ -F	R ⁴ -B	R ⁶ -A	R ⁷ -A
E-19	Core-C	R ¹ -A	R ² -A	R ³ -F	R ⁴ -B	R ⁶ -A	R ⁷ -A
E-20	Core-I	R ¹ -A	R ² -A	R ³ -F	R ⁴ -B	R ⁶ -A	R ⁷ -A
E-21	Core-D		R ² -C	R ³ -F	R ⁴ -B	R ⁶ -A	R ⁷ -A
E-22	Core-K		R ² -C	R ³ -F	R ⁴ -B	R ⁶ -A	R ⁷ -A
E-23	Core-D		R ² -D	R ³ -F	R ⁴ -B	R ⁶ -A	R ⁷ -A
E-24	Core-K		R ² -D	R ³ -F	R ⁴ -B	R ⁶ -A	R ⁷ -A
E-25	Core-B		R ² -A	R ³ -B	R ⁴ -H	R ⁶ -A	R ⁷ -A
E-26	Core-G		R ² -A	R ³ -B	R ⁴ -H	R ⁶ -A	R ⁷ -A
E-27	Core-C	R ¹ -A	R ² -A	R ³ -B	R ⁴ -H	R ⁶ -A	R ⁷ -A
E-28	Core-I	R ¹ -A	R ² -A	R ³ -B	R ⁴ -H	R ⁶ -A	R ⁷ -A
E-29	Core-D		R ² -C	R ³ -B	R ⁴ -H	R ⁶ -A	R ⁷ -A
E-30	Core-K		R ² -C	R ³ -B	R ⁴ -H	R ⁶ -A	R ⁷ -A
E-31	Core-D		R ² -D	R ³ -B	R ⁴ -H	R ⁶ -A	R ⁷ -A
E-32	Core-K		R ² -D	R ³ -B	R ⁴ -H	R ⁶ -A	R ⁷ -A
E-33	Core-B		R ² -A	R ³ -C	R ⁴ -H	R ⁶ -A	R ⁷ -A
E-34	Core-G		R ² -A	R ³ -C	R ⁴ -H	R ⁶ -A	R ⁷ -A
E-35	Core-C	R ¹ -A	R ² -A	R ³ -C	R ⁴ -H	R ⁶ -A	R ⁷ -A
E-36	Core-I	R ¹ -A	R ² -A	R ³ -C	R ⁴ -H	R ⁶ -A	R ⁷ -A
E-37	Core-D		R ² -C	R ³ -C	R ⁴ -H	R ⁶ -A	R ⁷ -A
E-38	Core-K		R ² -C	R ³ -C	R ⁴ -H	R ⁶ -A	R ⁷ -A
E-39	Core-D		R ² -D	R ³ -C	R ⁴ -H	R ⁶ -A	R ⁷ -A
E-40	Core-K		R ² -D	R ³ -C	R ⁴ -H	R ⁶ -A	R ⁷ -A
E-41	Core-B		R ² -A	R ³ -F	R ⁴ -H	R ⁶ -A	R ⁷ -A
E-42	Core-G		R ² -A	R ³ -F	R ⁴ -H	R ⁶ -A	R ⁷ -A
E-43	Core-C	R ¹ -A	R ² -A	R ³ -F	R ⁴ -H	R ⁶ -A	R ⁷ -A
E-44	Core-I	R ¹ -A	R ² -A	R ³ -F	R ⁴ -H	R ⁶ -A	R ⁷ -A

Embodiment	Core	R ¹	R ²	R ³	R ⁴	R ⁶	R ⁷
E-45	Core-D		R ² -C	R ³ -F	R ⁴ -H	R ⁶ -A	R ⁷ -A
E-46	Core-K		R ² -C	R ³ -F	R ⁴ -H	R ⁶ -A	R ⁷ -A
E-47	Core-D		R ² -D	R ³ -F	R ⁴ -H	R ⁶ -A	R ⁷ -A
E-48	Core-K		R ² -D	R ³ -F	R ⁴ -H	R ⁶ -A	R ⁷ -A

Examples of most preferred compounds according to this invention are each single compound listed in the following Tables 1 to 3.

- 5 In general, all tautomeric and isomeric forms and mixtures thereof, for example, individual tautomers, geometric isomers, stereoisomers, atropisomers, enantiomers, diastereomers, racemates, racemic or non-racemic mixtures of stereoisomers, mixtures of diastereomers, or mixtures of any of the foregoing forms of a chemical structure or compound is intended, unless the specific stereochemistry or isomeric
10 form is specifically indicated in the compound name or structure.

It is well-known in the art that the biological and pharmacological activity of a compound is sensitive to the stereochemistry of the compound. Thus, for example, enantiomers often exhibit strikingly different biological activity including differences in
15 pharmacokinetic properties, including metabolism, protein binding, and the like, and pharmacological properties, including the type of activity displayed, the degree of activity, toxicity, and the like. Thus, one skilled in the art will appreciate that one enantiomer may be more active or may exhibit beneficial effects when enriched relative to the other enantiomer or when separated from the other enantiomer.
20 Additionally, one skilled in the art would know how to separate, enrich, or selectively prepare the enantiomers of the compounds of the present invention from this disclosure and the knowledge in the art.

Preparation of pure stereoisomers, e.g. enantiomers and diastereomers, or mixtures
25 of desired enantiomeric excess (ee) or enantiomeric purity, are accomplished by one or more of the many methods of (a) separation or resolution of enantiomers, or (b) enantioselective synthesis known to those of skill in the art, or a combination thereof. These resolution methods generally rely on chiral recognition and include, for example, chromatography using chiral stationary phases, enantioselective host-
30 guest complexation, resolution or synthesis using chiral auxiliaries, enantioselective

synthesis, enzymatic and nonenzymatic kinetic resolution, or spontaneous enantioselective crystallization. Such methods are disclosed generally in Chiral Separation Techniques: A Practical Approach (2nd Ed.), G. Subramanian (ed.), Wiley-VCH, 2000; T.E. Beesley and R.P.W. Scott, Chiral Chromatography, John Wiley & Sons, 1999; and Satinder Ahuja, Chiral Separations by Chromatography, Am. Chem. Soc., 2000. Furthermore, there are equally well-known methods for the quantitation of enantiomeric excess or purity, for example, GC, HPLC, CE, or NMR, and assignment of absolute configuration and conformation, for example, CD ORD, X-ray crystallography, or NMR.

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Pharmaceutical composition

Compounds of the present invention may be administered to a mammal in need of treatment for HIV infection as a pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to the invention or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof; and one or more conventional non-toxic pharmaceutically-acceptable carriers, adjuvants or vehicles. The specific formulation of the composition is determined by the solubility and chemical nature of the compound, the chosen route of administration and standard pharmaceutical practice. The pharmaceutical composition according to the present invention may be administered orally or systemically.

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When one enantiomer of a chiral active ingredient has a different biological activity than the other, it is contemplated that the pharmaceutical composition according to the invention may comprise a racemic mixture of the active ingredient, a mixture enriched in one enantiomer of the active ingredient or a pure enantiomer of the active ingredient. The mixture enriched in one enantiomer of the active ingredient is contemplated to contain from more than 50% to about 100% of one enantiomer of the active ingredient and from about 0% to less than 50% of the other enantiomer of the active ingredient. Preferably, when the composition comprises a mixture enriched in one enantiomer of the active ingredient or a pure enantiomer of the active ingredient, the composition comprises from more than 50% to about 100% of, or only, the more physiologically active enantiomer and/or the less toxic enantiomer. It is well known that one enantiomer of an active ingredient may be the more physiologically active for one therapeutic indication while the other enantiomer of the active ingredient may be the more physiologically active for a different therapeutic

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indication; therefore the preferred enantiomeric makeup of the pharmaceutical composition may differ for use of the composition in treating different therapeutic indications.

- 5 For oral administration, the compound, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof, can be formulated in any orally acceptable dosage form including but not limited to aqueous suspensions and solutions, capsules or tablets. For systemic administration, including but not limited to administration by subcutaneous, intracutaneous, intravenous, intramuscular, intra-articular, intrasynovial, intrasternal, intrathecal, and intralesional injection or infusion techniques, it is preferred to use a solution of the compound, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof, in a pharmaceutically acceptable sterile aqueous vehicle.

- Pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, adjuvants, vehicles, excipients and additives as well as methods of formulating pharmaceutical compositions for various modes of administration are well-known to those of skill in the art and are described in pharmaceutical texts such as Remington: The Science and Practice of Pharmacy, 21st Edition, Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, 2005; and L.V. Allen, N.G. Popovich and H.C. Ansel, Pharmaceutical Dosage Forms and Drug Delivery Systems, 8th ed., Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, 2004.

- The dosage administered will vary depending upon known factors, including but not limited to the activity and pharmacodynamic characteristics of the specific compound employed and its mode, time and route of administration; the age, diet, gender, body weight and general health status of the recipient; the nature and extent of the symptoms; the severity and course of the infection; the kind of concurrent treatment; the frequency of treatment; the effect desired; and the judgment of the treating physician. In general, the compound is most desirably administered at a dosage level that will generally afford antivirally effective results without causing any harmful or deleterious side effects.

- A daily dosage of active ingredient can be expected to be about 0.001 to about 100 milligrams per kilogram of body weight, with the preferred dose being about 0.01 to about 50 mg/kg. Typically, the pharmaceutical composition of this invention will be administered from about 1 to about 5 times per day or alternatively, as a continuous

infusion. Such administration can be used as a chronic or acute therapy. The amount of active ingredient that may be combined with the carrier materials to produce a single dosage form will vary depending upon the host treated and the particular mode of administration. A typical preparation will contain from about 5% to
5 about 95% active compound (w/w). Preferably, such preparations contain from about 20% to about 80% active compound.

Therefore, according to one embodiment, the pharmaceutical composition according to the invention comprises a racemic mixture of the compound of formula (I), or a
10 pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.

An alternative embodiment provides a pharmaceutical composition comprising a mixture enriched in one enantiomer of the compound of formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.

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A further embodiment provides a pharmaceutical composition comprising a pure enantiomer of the compound of formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.

20 **Combination therapy**

Combination therapy is contemplated wherein a compound according to the invention, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof, is co-administered with at least one additional antiviral agent. The additional agents may be combined with compounds of this invention to create a single dosage form. Alternatively these
25 additional agents may be separately administered, concurrently or sequentially, as part of a multiple dosage form.

When the pharmaceutical composition of this invention comprises a combination of a compound according to the invention, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or
30 ester thereof, and one or more additional antiviral agent, both the compound and the additional agent should be present at dosage levels of between about 10 to 100%, and more preferably between about 10 and 80% of the dosage normally administered in a monotherapy regimen. In the case of a synergistic interaction between the compound of the invention and the additional antiviral agent or agents,
35 the dosage of any or all of the active agents in the combination may be reduced

compared to the dosage normally administered in a monotherapy regimen.

Antiviral agents contemplated for use in such combination therapy include agents (compounds or biologicals) that are effective to inhibit the formation and/or

5 replication of a virus in a mammal, including but not limited to agents that interfere with either host or viral mechanisms necessary for the formation and/or replication of a virus in a mammal. Such agents can be selected from:

- NRTIs (nucleoside or nucleotide reverse transcriptase inhibitors; including but not limited to zidovudine, didanosine, zalcitabine, stavudine, lamivudine,
10 emtricitabine, abacavir, and tenofovir);
- NNRTIs (non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors; including but not limited to nevirapine, delavirdine, efavirenz, capravirine, etravirine, rilpivirine and BILR 355);
- protease inhibitors (including but not limited to ritonavir, tipranavir, saquinavir,
15 nelfinavir, indinavir, amprenavir, fosamprenavir, atazanavir, lopinavir, VX-385 and TMC-114);
- entry inhibitors including but not limited to
 - CCR5 antagonists (including but not limited to maraviroc (UK-427,857) and TAK-652),
 - 20 • CXCR4 antagonists (including but not limited to AMD-11070),
 - fusion inhibitors (including but not limited to enfuvirtide (T-20)) and
 - others (including but not limited to BMS-488043);
- integrase inhibitors (including but not limited to MK-0518, c-1605, BMS-538158 and GS 9137);
- 25 • TAT inhibitors;
- maturation inhibitors (including but not limited to PA-457); and
- immunomodulating agents (including but not limited to levamisole).

Furthermore, a compound according to the invention can be used with at least one
30 other compound according to the invention or with one or more antifungal or antibacterial agents (including but not limited to fluconazole).

Therefore, according to one embodiment, the pharmaceutical composition of this invention additionally comprises one or more antiviral agents.

A further embodiment provides the pharmaceutical composition of this invention wherein the one or more antiviral agent comprises at least one NNRTI.

- 5 According to another embodiment of the pharmaceutical composition of this invention, the one or more antiviral agent comprises at least one NRTI.

According to yet another embodiment of the pharmaceutical composition of this invention, the one or more antiviral agent comprises at least one protease inhibitor.

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According to still another embodiment of the pharmaceutical composition of this invention, the one or more antiviral agent comprises at least one entry inhibitor.

- 15 According to a further embodiment of the pharmaceutical composition of this invention, the one or more antiviral agent comprises at least one integrase inhibitor.

A compound according to the present invention may also be used as a laboratory reagent or a research reagent. For example, a compound of the present invention may be used as positive control to validate assays, including but not limited to
20 surrogate cell-based assays and *in vitro* or *in vivo* viral replication assays.

Furthermore, a compound according to the present invention may be used to treat or prevent viral contamination of materials and therefore reduce the risk of viral infection of laboratory or medical personnel or patients who come in contact with
25 such materials (e.g. blood, tissue, surgical instruments and garments, laboratory instruments and garments, and blood collection apparatuses and materials).

Derivatives comprising a detectable label

Another aspect of the invention provides a derivative of a compound of formula (I),
30 the derivative comprising a detectable label. Such a label allows recognition either directly or indirectly of the derivative such that it can be detected, measured or quantified. The detectable label may itself be detectable, measurable or quantifiable, or it may interact with one or more other moieties which themselves comprise one or more detectable labels, so that the interaction therebetween allows the derivative to
35 be detected, measured or quantified.

Such derivatives may be used as probes to study HIV replication, including but not limited to study of the mechanism of action of viral and host proteins involved in HIV replication, study of conformational changes undergone by such viral and host proteins under various conditions and study of interactions with entities which bind to or otherwise interact with these viral and host proteins. Derivatives according to this aspect of the invention may be used in assays to identify compounds which interact with viral and host proteins, the assays including but not limited to displacement assays which measure the extent to which the derivative is displaced from interacting with the viral and host proteins. Such derivatives may also be used to form covalent or non-covalent interactions with the viral and host proteins or to identify residues of the viral and host proteins which interact with the compounds of the invention.

Detectable labels contemplated for use with derivatives of the compounds of the invention include, but are not limited to, fluorescent labels, chemiluminescent labels, chromophores, antibodies, enzymatic markers, radioactive isotopes, affinity tags and photoreactive groups.

A fluorescent label is a label which fluoresces, emitting light of one wavelength upon absorption of light of a different wavelength. Fluorescent labels include but are not limited to fluorescein; Texas Red; aminomethylcoumarin; rhodamine dyes, including but not limited to tetramethylrhodamine (TAMRA); Alexa dyes including but not limited to Alexa Fluor® 555; cyanine dyes including but not limited to Cy3; europium or lanthanide series based fluorescent molecules; and the like.

A chemiluminescent label is a label which can undergo a chemical reaction which produces light. Chemiluminescent labels include but are not limited to luminol, luciferin, lucigenin, and the like.

A chromophore is a label which selectively absorbs certain wavelengths of visible light while transmitting or reflecting others, thereby causing the compounds which contain the chromophore to appear colored. Chromophores include but are not limited to natural and synthetic dyes.

An antibody is a protein produced by a mammalian immune system in response to a specific antigen, which binds specifically to that antigen. Antibodies contemplated for use as detectable labels according to the invention include but are not limited to antibodies against the following: polyhistidine tags, glutathione-S-transferase (GST),
5 hemagglutinin (HA), FLAG[®] epitope tags, Myc tag, maltose binding protein (MBP), green fluorescent protein (GFP) and the like.

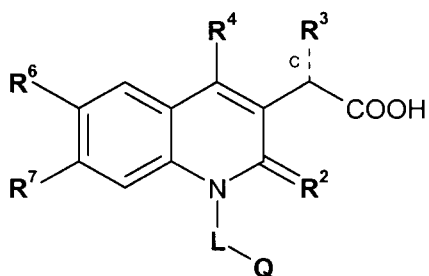
An enzymatic marker is an enzyme whose presence may be detected by means of an assay specific to the catalytic activity of the enzyme. Enzymatic markers
10 contemplated for use as detectable labels according to the invention include but are not limited to luciferase, horseradish peroxidase (HRP), β -galactosidase and the like.

A radioactive isotope is an isotope of an atom which produces radiation upon radioactive decay. Radioactive isotopes include but are not limited to ^{14}C , ^3H , ^{31}P ,
15 ^{121}I , ^{125}I and the like.

An affinity tag is a label which has a strong affinity for another moiety, designated herein as a binding partner. Such an affinity tag can be used to form a complex with the binding partner so that the complex may be selectively detected or separated
20 from a mixture. Affinity tags include but are not limited to biotin or a derivative thereof, a histidine polypeptide, a polyarginine, an amylose sugar moiety or a defined epitope recognizable by a specific antibody; suitable epitopes include but are not limited to glutathione-S-transferase (GST), hemagglutinin (HA), FLAG[®] epitope tags, Myc tag, maltose binding protein (MBP), green fluorescent protein (GFP) and the
25 like.

Furthermore, compounds of the invention used as probes may be labelled with a photoreactive group which is transformed, upon activation by light, from an inert group to a reactive species, such as a free radical. Such a group may be used to
30 activate the derivative so that it can form a covalent bond with one or more residues of a viral or host protein. Photoreactive groups include but are not limited to photoaffinity labels such as benzophenone and azide groups.

One embodiment of the derivative of a compound of formula (I) according to the
35 invention has the formula (Ic'):



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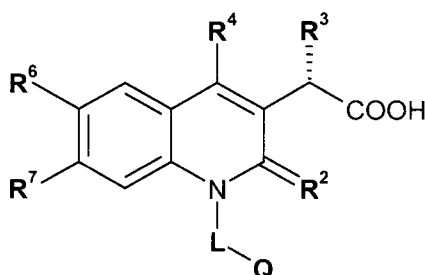
wherein **L** is a linker;

Q is a detectable label; and

c, **R²**, **R³**, **R⁴**, **R⁶** and **R⁷** are as defined herein.

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An alternative embodiment of the derivative of a compound of formula (I) according to the invention has the formula (Ii')



(Ii');

wherein **L** is a linker;

10 **Q** is a detectable label; and

R², **R³**, **R⁴**, **R⁶** and **R⁷** are as defined herein.

In one embodiment, **Q** is selected from a fluorescent label, a chemiluminescent label, a chromophore, an antibody, an enzymatic marker, a radioactive isotope, an
15 affinity tag and a photoreactive group.

In another embodiment, **Q** is a fluorescent label or an affinity tag.

In yet another embodiment, **Q** is selected from biotin, fluorescein, TAMRA, Alexa
20 Fluor® 555, Cy3, europium or lanthanide series based fluorescent molecules, polyhistidine tags, glutathione-S-transferase (GST), hemagglutinin (HA), FLAG® epitope tags, Myc tag and a radioactive isotope selected from ¹⁴C, ³H, ³¹P, ¹²¹I and ¹²⁵I.

It is contemplated that the linker **L** may be any chemically stable group which acts to place the detectable label **Q** in an appropriate position relative to the compound of the invention and/or to any other moiety or moieties with which it interacts, so that the derivative of the compound of the invention may be detected, measured or
5 quantified.

Therefore, in one embodiment, when **Q** is a fluorescent label or an affinity tag, the linker **L** comprises a plurality of atoms, each independently selected from C, O, N and S; the atoms being bonded to form a linear or branched chain which optionally
10 comprise one or more carbocyclic or heterocyclic rings; such that the average distance between the N atom to which **L** is bonded and **Q** is from about 2 Å to about 100 Å.

In another embodiment, when **Q** is a fluorescent label or an affinity tag, the linker **L**
15 comprises a plurality of atoms, each independently selected from C, O, N and S; the atoms being bonded to form a linear or branched chain which optionally comprise one or more carbocyclic or heterocyclic rings; such that the average distance between the N atom to which **L** is bonded and **Q** is from about 10 Å to about 50 Å.

In yet another embodiment, when **Q** is a fluorescent label or an affinity tag, the linker
20 **L** comprises a plurality of atoms, each independently selected from C, O, N and S; the atoms being bonded to form a linear or branched chain which optionally comprise one or more carbocyclic or heterocyclic rings; such that the average distance between the N atom to which **L** is bonded and **Q** is from about 25 Å to
25 about 35 Å.

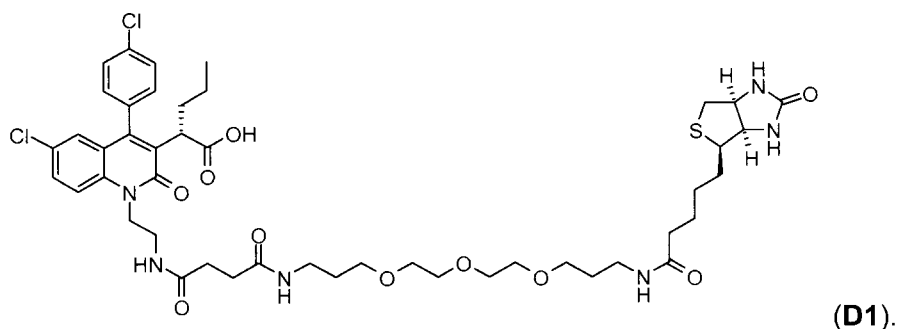
In an alternative embodiment, when **Q** is a fluorescent label or an affinity tag, the linker **L** comprises a linear chain of from 1 to 100 atoms, each independently selected from C, O, N and S; the linear chain optionally comprising from one to five
30 carbocyclic or heterocyclic rings and being optionally substituted with (C₁₋₆)alkyl, halo, -O-(C₁₋₆)alkyl, oxo or thioxo.

In another alternative embodiment, when **Q** is a fluorescent label or an affinity tag, the linker **L** comprises a linear chain of from 10 to 50 atoms, each independently
35 selected from C, O, N and S; the linear chain optionally comprising from one to three

carbocyclic or heterocyclic rings and being optionally substituted with (C₁₋₆)alkyl, halo, -O-(C₁₋₆)alkyl, oxo or thioxo.

A specific example of a derivative according to the invention has the following

5 formula **D1**:

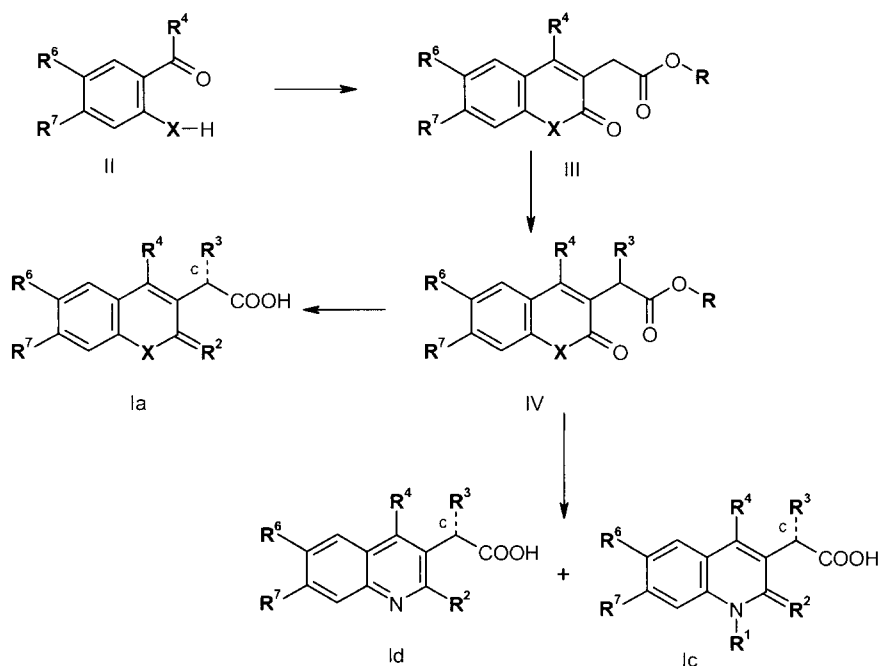


METHODOLOGY AND SYNTHESIS

The synthesis of compounds of formula (I) according to this invention is conveniently
 10 accomplished following the general procedure outlined in the schemes below
 wherein **a**, **b**, **c**, **X**, **R**², **R**³, **R**⁴, **R**⁶ and **R**⁷ are as defined herein. Further instruction is
 provided to one skilled in the art by the specific examples set out hereinbelow.

Compounds of formula (Ia) wherein **X** is O or NR¹, bond **c** is a single bond, **R**² is O,
 15 **R**³ is an optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl or alkynyl group as defined herein,
 including a haloalkyl, cycloalkyl-alkyl, aryl-alkyl or **Het**-alkyl group, and **R**¹, **R**⁴, **R**⁶ and
R⁷ are as defined herein may be prepared as outlined in Scheme 1 below.

Scheme 1:



Intermediates of formula (II), wherein X is O or NH and R^4 , R^6 and R^7 are as defined herein, are commercially available or are prepared by procedures known to the skilled in the art or as set forth in the examples below. Condensation with an appropriate derivative of succinic acid, by procedures known to the skilled in the art or as set forth in the examples below, provides intermediates of formula (III) wherein R is an ester protecting group such as methyl or ethyl. Alkylation of intermediates (III), by procedures known to the skilled in the art or as set forth in the examples below, provides intermediates of formula (IV), wherein R^3 is an optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl or alkynyl group as defined herein, including a haloalkyl, cycloalkyl-alkyl, aryl-alkyl or **Het**-alkyl group. It is contemplated that one R^3 group may be transformed to another R^3 group by procedures well known in the art or as set forth in the examples below, at any chemically convenient intermediate stage in the scheme. Hydrolysis of the ester protecting group of intermediates (IV) provides compounds of formula (Ia) wherein X is O or NR^1 , R^2 is O, bond **c** is a single bond, R^3 is an optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl or alkynyl group as defined herein, including a haloalkyl, cycloalkyl-alkyl, aryl-alkyl or **Het**-alkyl group, and R^1 , R^4 , R^6 and R^7 are as defined herein.

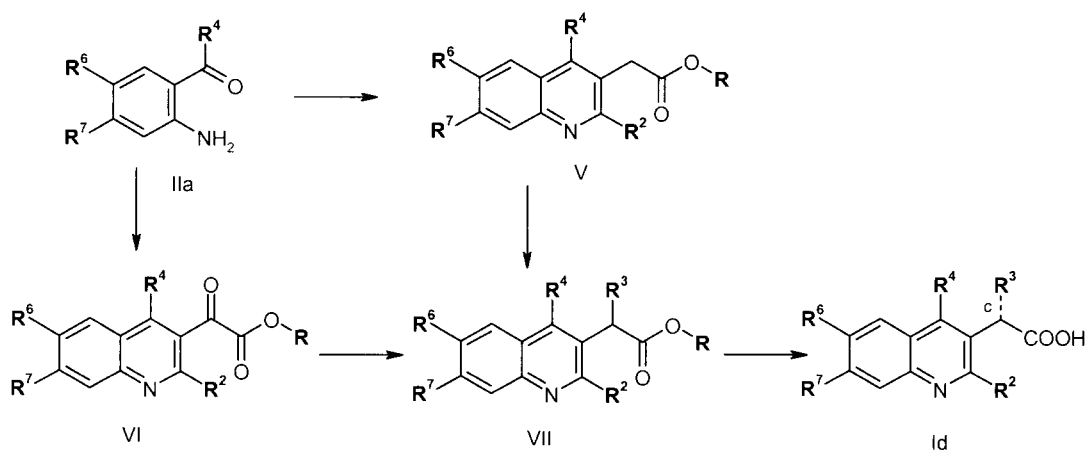
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Intermediates of formula (IV) wherein X is NH may also be transformed to compounds of formula (Id) wherein bond **c** is a single bond, R^2 is $-O(C_{1-6})$ alkyl and

R^3 , R^4 , R^6 and R^7 are as defined herein and/or to compounds of formula (Ic) wherein bond **c** is a single bond, R^2 is O and R^1 , R^3 , R^4 , R^6 and R^7 are as defined herein by alkylation procedures known to the skilled in the art or as set forth in the examples below, followed by hydrolysis of the ester protecting group.

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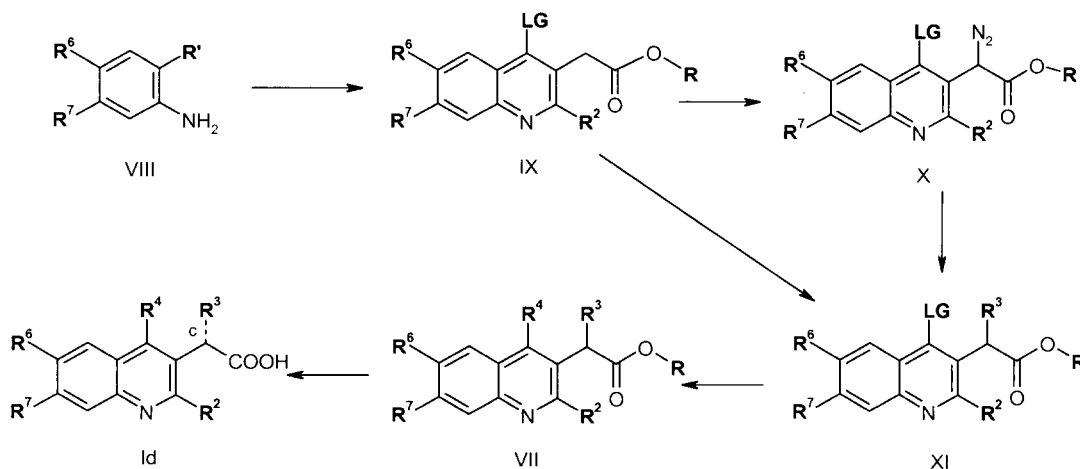
Compounds of formula (Id) wherein bond **c** is a single bond, R^2 is H or (C₁₋₆)alkyl and R^3 , R^4 , R^6 and R^7 are as defined herein may be prepared as outlined in Scheme 2 below.

10 **Scheme 2:**

Intermediates of formula (IIa) wherein R^4 , R^6 and R^7 are as defined herein, are commercially available or are prepared by procedures known to the skilled in the art or as set forth in the examples below. Condensation of intermediates (IIa) with an appropriate γ -ketoester reagent, by procedures known to the skilled in the art or as set forth in the examples below, provides intermediates of formula (V) wherein **R** is an ester protecting group such as methyl or ethyl and R^2 is H or (C₁₋₆)alkyl. Alkylation of intermediates (V), by procedures known to the skilled in the art or as set forth in the examples below, provides intermediates of formula (VII), wherein R^3 is an optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl or alkynyl group as defined herein, including a haloalkyl, cycloalkyl-alkyl, aryl-alkyl or **Het**-alkyl group. Alternatively, intermediates (IIa) are condensed with a suitable α,γ -diketoester reagent, by procedures known to the skilled in the art or as set forth in the examples below, to provide intermediates of formula (VI), wherein **R** is an ester protecting group such as methyl or ethyl and R^2 is H or (C₁₋₆)alkyl. Intermediates (VI) are transformed, by procedures known to the skilled in the art or as set forth in the examples below, to intermediates (VII), wherein

- R^3 is (C_{1-6}) alkylidene or a group of formula $-O-R^{31}$ wherein R^{31} is as defined herein. It is contemplated that one R^3 group may be transformed to another R^3 group by procedures well known in the art or as set forth in the examples below, at any chemically convenient intermediate stage in the scheme. Hydrolysis of the ester protecting group of intermediate (VII), by procedures known to the skilled in the art or as set forth in the examples below, provides compounds of formula (Id) wherein bond **c** is a single bond, R^2 is H or (C_{1-6}) alkyl and R^3 , R^4 , R^6 and R^7 are as defined herein.
- Alternatively, compounds of formula (Id) wherein bond **c** is a single bond, R^2 is H or (C_{1-6}) alkyl, R^3 is $-O-R^{31}$ or is an optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl or alkynyl group as defined herein, including a haloalkyl, cycloalkyl-alkyl, aryl-alkyl or **Het**-alkyl group, and R^{31} , R^4 , R^6 and R^7 are as defined herein may be prepared as outlined in Scheme 3 below.

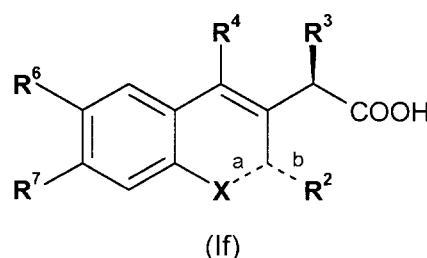
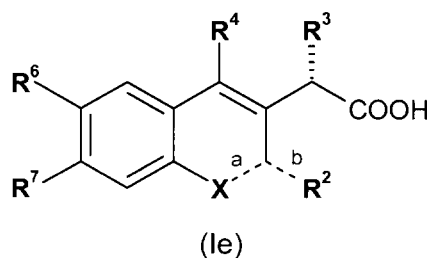
Scheme 3:



- Intermediates of formula (VIII) wherein R' is COOH or H and R^6 and R^7 are as defined herein are commercially available or are prepared by procedures known to the skilled in the art or as set forth in the examples below. Intermediates of formula (IX) wherein **LG** is a leaving group such as a halogen atom, **R** is an ester protecting group such as methyl or ethyl and R^2 is H or (C_{1-6}) alkyl, are prepared from intermediates of formula (VIII) by procedures known to the skilled in the art or as set forth in the examples below. Intermediates (IX) are transformed to intermediates of formula (X) by reaction with a diazotizing reagent such as 4-acetamidobenzenesulfonyl azide, by procedures known to the skilled in the art or as set forth in the

examples below. Displacement of the diazo group with an alcohol, by procedures known to the skilled in the art or as set forth in the examples below, provides intermediates of formula (XI) wherein R^3 is $-O-R^{31}$ wherein R^{31} is as defined herein. Alternatively, intermediates (IX) may be converted to intermediates (XI) wherein R^3 is an optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl or alkynyl group as defined herein, including a haloalkyl, cycloalkyl-alkyl, aryl-alkyl or **Het**-alkyl group, by alkylation, using procedures known to the skilled in the art or as set forth in the examples below. Coupling of intermediates (XI) with a suitable R^4 precursor by procedures known to the skilled in the art or as set forth in the examples below, provides intermediates of formula (VII) which are hydrolysed to compounds of formula (Id), wherein bond **c** is a single bond, R^2 is H or (C_{1-6}) alkyl and R^3 , R^4 , R^6 and R^7 are as defined herein, as outlined in Scheme 2.

As described above, when bond **c** is a single bond, the carbon atom bonded to the $-COOH$ and R^3 substituents can exist in two possible stereochemical configurations, as shown in formulas (Ie) and (If) below:



wherein **a**, **b**, **X**, R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^6 and R^7 are as defined herein. Therefore, when the carbon atom to which R^3 is bonded is the only stereogenic center in a compound of formula (I), such a compound of formula (I) may exist as enantiomers. When prepared from achiral precursors, the compound of formula (I) will generally exist as a racemic mixture of enantiomers (Ie) and (If). Such a racemic mixture may be separated into its constituent enantiomers by any chiral resolution means known to the skilled in the art, including but not limited to, enzymatic resolution, separation by chiral chromatography, reaction with a chiral auxiliary to form a physically separable mixture of diastereomers, separation of the diastereomers, and removal of the chiral auxiliary to regenerate the separate enantiomers of the compound of formula (I), and other chiral resolution means known in the art or described herein.

EXAMPLES

Other features of the present invention will become apparent from the following non-limiting examples which illustrate, by way of example, the principles of the invention. It will be apparent to a skilled person that the procedures exemplified below may be used, with appropriate modifications, to prepare other compounds of the invention as described herein.

As is well known to a person skilled in the art, reactions are performed in an inert atmosphere (including but not limited to nitrogen or argon) where necessary to protect reaction components from air or moisture. Temperatures are given in degrees Celsius (°C). Solution percentages and ratios express a volume to volume relationship, unless stated otherwise. Flash chromatography is carried out on silica gel (SiO₂) according to the procedure of W.C. Still *et al.*, J. Org. Chem., (1978), 43, 2923. Mass spectral analyses are recorded using electrospray mass spectrometry. Analytical HPLC is carried out under standard conditions using a Combiscreen ODS-AQ C18 reverse phase column, YMC, 50 x 4.6 mm i.d., 5 µM, 120 Å at 220 nM, elution with a linear gradient as described in the following table (Solvent A is 0.06% TFA in H₂O; solvent B is 0.06% TFA in CH₃CN):

Time (min)	Flow (mL/min)	Solvent A (%)	Solvent B (%)
0	3.0	95	5
0.5	3.0	95	5
6.0	3.0	50	50
10.5	3.5	0	100

Abbreviations or symbols used herein include:

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Ac: acetyl;

AcOH: acetic acid;

Ac₂O: acetic anhydride;

BOC or Boc: *tert*-butyloxycarbonyl;

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Bu: butyl;

DBU: 1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene;

DCM: dichloromethane;

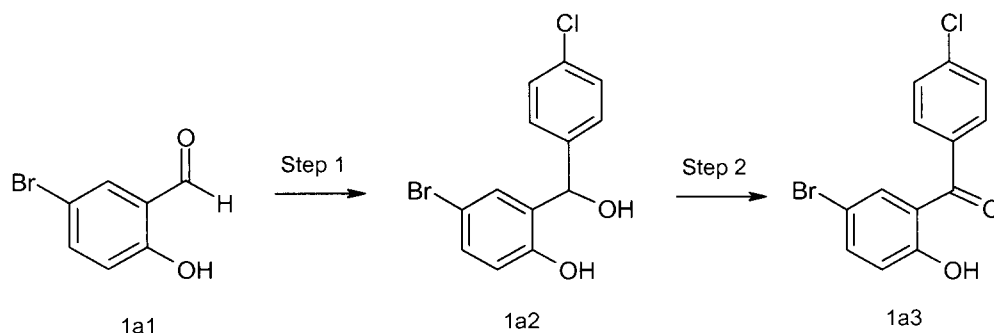
DME: dimethoxyethane;

DMF: *N,N*-dimethylformamide;

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DMSO: dimethylsulfoxide;

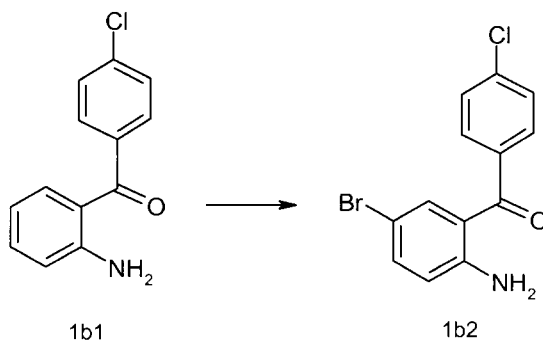
- EC₅₀: 50% effective concentration;
Et: ethyl;
Et₃N : triethylamine;
Et₂O: diethyl ether;
5 EtOAc: ethyl acetate;
EtOH: ethanol;
HPLC: high performance liquid chromatography;
IC₅₀: 50% inhibitory concentration;
*i*Pr or *i*-Pr: 1-methylethyl (*iso*-propyl);
10 LiHMDS: lithium hexamethyldisilazide;
Me: methyl;
MeCN: acetonitrile;
MeOH: methanol;
MOI: multiplicity of infection;
15 MS: mass spectrometry (MALDI-TOF: Matrix Assisted Laser Desorption Ionization-
Time of Flight, FAB: Fast Atom Bombardment);
NMR: nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy;
Ph: phenyl;
PG: protecting group;
20 Pr: propyl;
RPMI: Roswell Park Memorial Institute (cell culture medium);
RT: room temperature (approximately 18°C to 25°C);
tert-butyl or *t*-butyl: 1,1-dimethylethyl;
Tf: trifluoromethanesulfonyl;
25 Tf₂O: trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride;
TFA: trifluoroacetic acid;
THF: tetrahydrofuran; and
TLC: thin layer chromatography.

EXAMPLE 1A**Step 1:**

To a solution of aldehyde **1a1** (0.5 g, 2.5 mmol) in Et₂O (10 mL) at 0°C, is added 4-chlorophenyl magnesium bromide (5.0 mL, 5.0 mmol) and the mixture is allowed to react at 0°C for 15 minutes. Saturated aqueous NH₄Cl is added, and the mixture is extracted three times with EtOAc. The organic layers are combined, washed with water, saturated aqueous NaHCO₃, and brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated. The residue is purified by chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc 100:0 to 3:1) to give compound **1a2**.

Step 2:

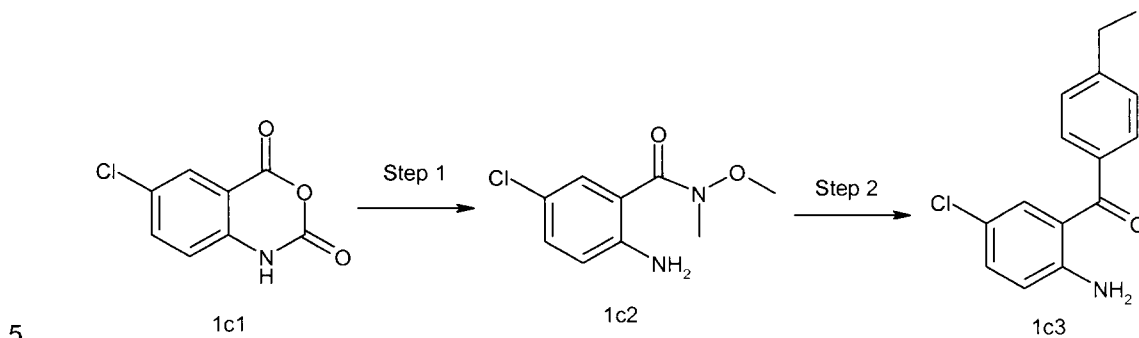
To a solution of alcohol **1a2** (5.82 g, 18.5 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (35 mL) is added activated MnO₂ (10.0 g, 115 mmol). The mixture is stirred at room temperature for 18 hours and filtered through Celite™. The filtrate is concentrated under reduced pressure to provide compound **1a3**.

EXAMPLE 1B

To a solution of compound **1b1** (20.0 g, 86.3 mmol) in AcOH (150 mL) is added KBr (12.3 g, 103.6 mmol) and NaBO₃·4H₂O (15.9 g, 103.6 mmol) and the mixture is allowed to stir at room temperature for 2 hours. The mixture is poured onto ice and extracted with EtOAc and the organic layer is washed with water and brine, dried

(MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated. Chromatographic purification of the residue (EtOAc/hexane) provides compound **1b2**.

EXAMPLE 1C



The procedure of S. Frye *et al. J. Org. Chem.* **1991**, 56, 3750-3752 is followed.

Step 1:

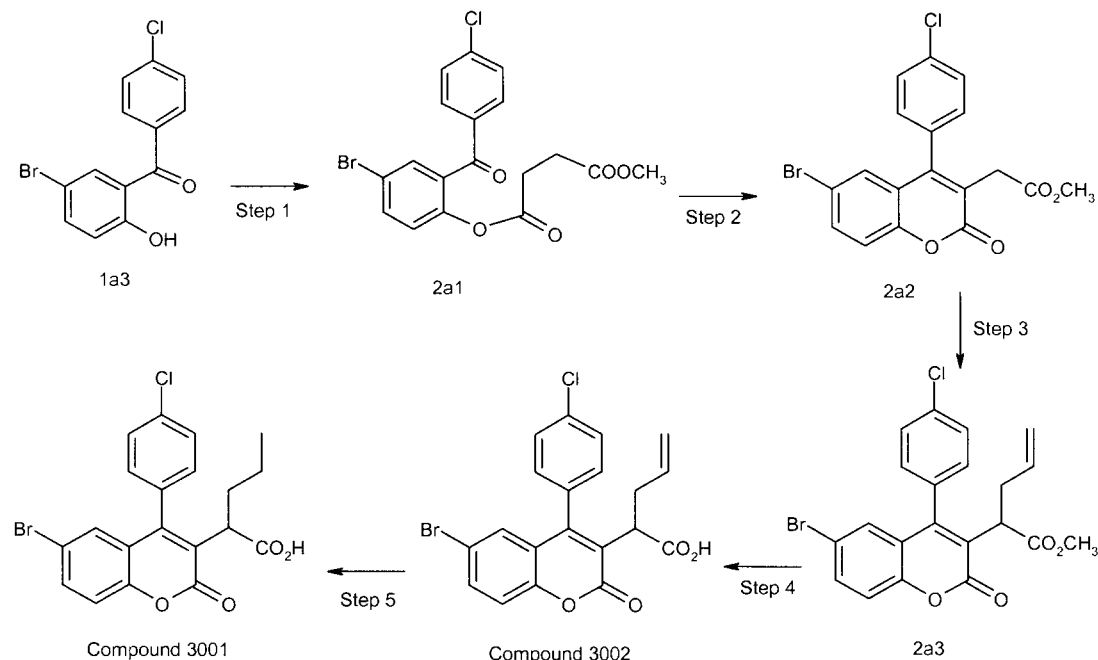
To a solution of CH₃NH-OCH₃·HCl (12.35 g, 126.6 mmol) and Et₃N (18 mL, 140.2 mmol) in DMF (140 mL) is added compound **1c1** (24.5 g, 124.1 mmol) portionwise.

- 10 The reaction is stirred at RT for 16 h, then heated at 50°C for 16 h. The mixture is diluted with EtOAc (300 mL), washed with brine (4x), dried (MgSO₄), filtered and evaporated to dryness. The residue is purified by flash column chromatography (50% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford intermediate **1c2**.

Step 2:

- 15 Compound **1c2** (5.25 g, 24.5 mmol) and 1-ethyl-4-iodobenzene (5.3 mL, 36.7 mmol) are dissolved in anhydrous THF (130 mL) and cooled to -78°C for 30 min. To this solution is added n-BuLi (1.6M in THF, 38.2 mL, 61.15 mmol) over about 40 min. The reaction is quenched by addition of 10% HCl (aq) and the mixture is extracted with EtOAc. The organic phase is washed with brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO₄,
 20 filtered and concentrated. The residue is dissolved in EtOAc and purified by flash column chromatography to give compound **1c3**.

Other intermediates of formula (II) or (IIa) in Schemes 1 and 2 may be prepared using the procedures of Examples 1A, 1B and 1C.

EXAMPLE 2A**Preparation of compounds 3001 and 3002, Table 3****Step 1:**

- 5 To a mixture of compound **1a3** (Example 1A) (0.72 g, 2.3 mmol) and CH_2Cl_2 , is added pyridine (0.725 mL, 9.0 mmol) and 3-carbomethoxypropionyl chloride (0.36 mL, 2.9 mmol). The mixture is stirred at room temperature for 2 hours, added to 1M HCl and extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer is dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product is purified by flash
- 10 chromatography on silica gel (20% EtOAc/hexanes) to give compound **2a1**.

Step 2:

- A mixture of compound **2a1** (0.54 g, 1.3 mmol), triethylamine (4.0 mL), and acetic anhydride (6.0 mL) is heated at 100°C for 18h. The mixture is added to 1M HCl and brine (1:1 mixture) and extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer is washed with
- 15 saturated aqueous NaHCO_3 , dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue is purified by flash chromatography to give compound **2a2**.

Step 3:

- To a solution of compound **2a2** (0.18 g, 0.44 mmol) and allyl bromide (0.6 mL, 6.9 mmol) in THF (2.0 mL) at 0°C is added LiHMDS (0.7 mL, 0.70 mmol). When the reaction is complete by TLC, saturated NH_4Cl is added and the mixture is extracted
- 20 with EtOAc. The combined organic phase is washed with brine, dried over MgSO_4 ,

filtered and concentrated. Purification by flash chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc 100:0 to 4:1) gives compound **2a3**.

Step 4:

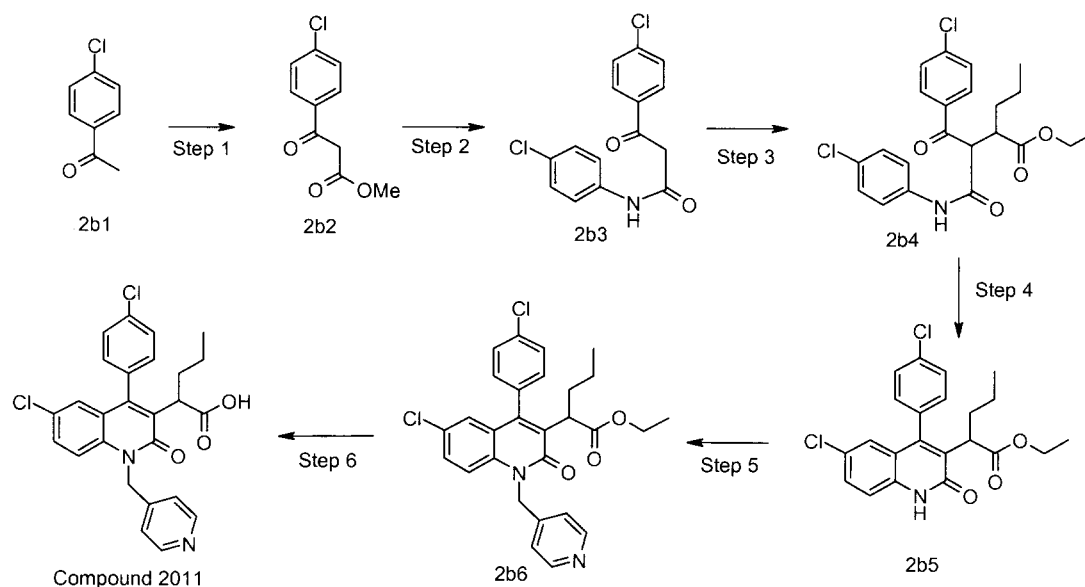
To a mixture of compound **2a3** (0.10 g, 0.22 mmol) and DMSO (2 mL), is added H₂O (0.15 mL) and NaOH (10 N, 0.15 mL) and the mixture is heated at 60°C for 1 hour. The reaction is quenched with saturated NH₄Cl and the mixture is extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers are washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated to give compound **3002** (Table 3).

Step 5:

A mixture of compound **3002** (0.0740 g, 0.17 mmol), EtOAc (2.5 mL) and platinum (IV) oxide (8 mg) is stirred under an atmosphere of H₂ for 1 hour. The mixture is filtered through Celite™ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue is purified by preparative HPLC to provide compound **3001**.

EXAMPLE 2B

Preparation of compound 2011, Table 2



Step 1:

Dimethyl carbonate (22 mL, 269 mmol) and NaH (60% in oil, 10.8 g, 270 mmol) are combined in toluene (80 mL) and heated to 90°C for 20 minutes, then 4-chloroacetophenone **2b1** (14 mL, 109 mmol) is added dropwise over ca. 15 minutes. The mixture is stirred at 90°C for 30 minutes, then cooled and carefully treated with 5% HCl (aq) (100 mL) and EtOAc (100 mL). The organic phase is washed with brine, dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated to dryness. The residue

is purified by flash chromatography (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to give compound **2b2**.

Step 2:

A mixture of compound **2b2** (7.1 g, 33.4 mmol) and 4-chloroaniline (5.9 g, 46.3 mmol) in DMF/xylene (7 mL/40 mL) is heated at 140°C for 10 h. The mixture is
5 partitioned between 1M HCl (40 mL) and EtOAc (150 mL). The organic layer is washed with 1M HCl, water and brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated to dryness. The residue is purified by flash chromatography (SiO₂, 15% to 20% EtOAc/hexanes) to give compound **2b3**.

Step 3:

10 To a mixture of compound **2b3** (4.79 g; 15.5 mmol), KOtBu (2.0 g; 18.57 mmol) and DMF (23 mL) is added ethyl-2-bromovalerate (3.2 mL, 18.25 mmol). The mixture is allowed to stir at room temperature for 16h, then is poured over ice into a solution of 1N HCl (100 mL) and the mixture is extracted with EtOAc (2X100mL). The combined organic extracts are washed with brine (4X), dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and
15 concentrated to afford, after purification by chromaotography (EtOAc/ hexanes) compound **2b4** as a mixture of diastereoisomers.

Step 4:

A mixture of compound **2b4** (in separate portions of 1.26 g, 0.77 g and 1.09 g; 7.15 mmol total) and H₂SO₄ (in separate portions of 24 mL, 15 mL and 19 mL) is allowed
20 to react at 150°C for 20 minutes. The combined reaction mixture is allowed to cool slightly and added dropwise to ice-water. The mixture is extracted with EtOAc (3X), washed with brine (1X), dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The residue (0.69 g; 1.76 mmol) is dissolved in EtOH (25 mL) and to this solution is added POCl₃ (2.4 mL; 27 mmol). The reaction is heated at reflux for 1h, then poured
25 into ice-water and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3X). The organic phase is washed with brine, dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated and the residue is purified by chromatography to afford compound **2b5**.

Step 5:

To a mixture of compound **2b5** (30 mg; 0.072 mmol) and anhydrous MeCN (1.8 mL)
30 is added K₂CO₃ (150 mg; 1.1 mmol) and 4-bromomethylpyridine (36 mg; 0.14 mmol) and the mixture is heated to 70°C and allowed to react for 16 h. The mixture is diluted with EtOAc (40 mL), washed with brine, dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated to afford compound **2b6**.

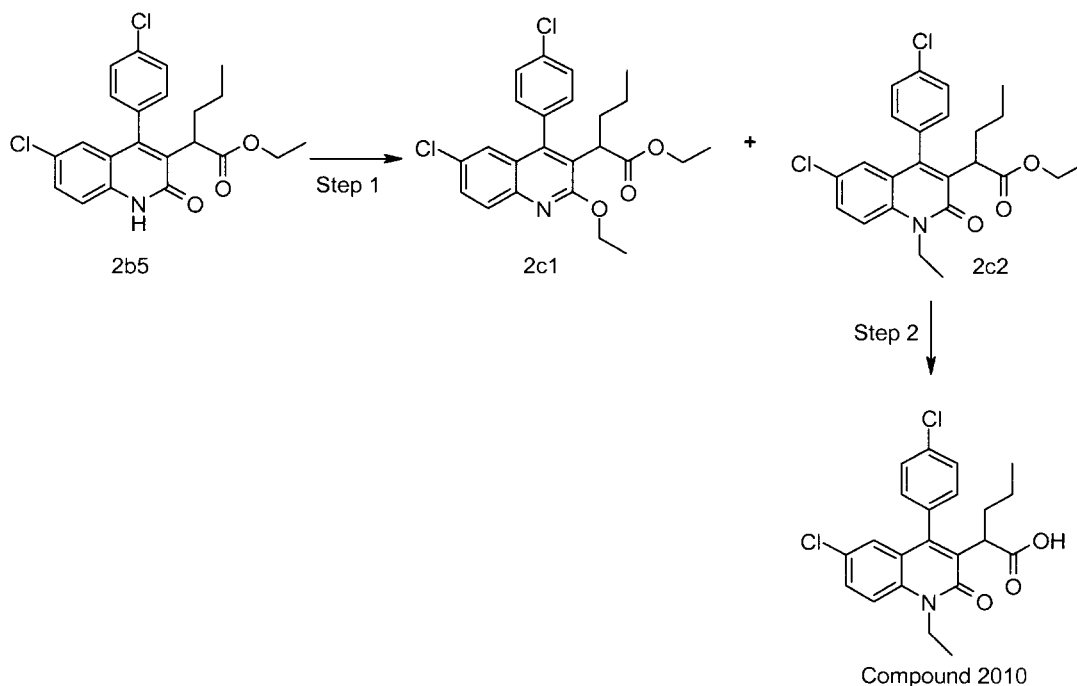
Step 6:

35 Using the procedure of Example 3A, step 4, compound **2b6** is hydrolysed to give

compound **2011** (Table 2).

EXAMPLE 2C

Preparation of compound **2010** (Table 2)



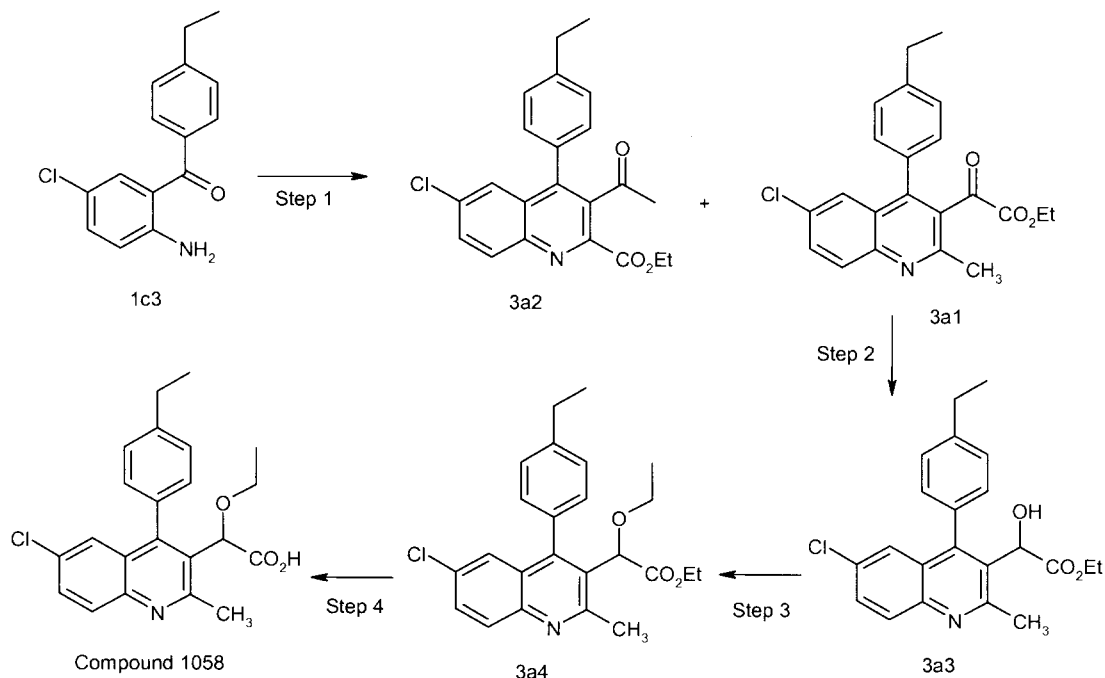
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Step 1:

To a mixture of compound **2b5** (Example 2B) (20 mg; 0.05 mmol), anhydrous MeCN (1.2 mL) and K_2CO_3 (15 mg; 0.1 mmol) is added ethyl iodide (40 μ L; 0.5 mmol). The mixture is allowed to react at 70°C for 16 h, then is diluted with EtOAc (40 mL),
 10 washed with brine, dried (Na_2SO_4), filtered and concentrated to provide a mixture of compounds **2c1** and **2c2**.

Step 2:

The mixture of compounds **2c1** and **2c2** is saponified as described in Example 3A, step 4. Purification of the mixture by preparative HPLC provides compound **2010**
 15 (Table 2).

EXAMPLE 3A**Preparation of compound 1058, Table 1****Step 1:**

- 5 To a solution of compound **1c3** (Example 1C) (3.69 g, 14.17 mmol) in AcOH (88 mL) is added ethyl acetopyruvate (2.65 mL, 18.4 mmol) followed by conc. H_2SO_4 (438 μL). The resulting mixture is heated to 50°C for 16 h, allowed to cool to RT, then concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue partitioned between EtOAc and water. Solid NaHCO_3 is carefully added with stirring and the organic phase is washed with brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO_4 , filtered and concentrated. The residue is purified by flash column chromatography (20% EtOAc/hexane) to provide compound **3a1** (less polar) and by-product **3a2** (more polar).
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Step 2:

- To a mixture of compound **3a1** (2.39 g, 6.26 mmol) and THF/EtOH (40 mL/10 mL) cooled to 0°C is added NaBH_4 (213 mg, 5.63 mmol) over a period of 1 min. The mixture is stirred at 0°C for 40 minutes and diluted with water and 10% aqueous HCl. The mixture is extracted with EtOAc and the organic extract is washed with brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO_4 , filtered and concentrated to give the alcohol **3a3**.
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Step 3:

- 20 A solution of compound **3a3** (513 mg, 1.34 mmol) in anhydrous DMF (10 mL) is treated dropwise with LiHMDS (1M in THF, 1.56 mL, 1.56 mmol) over a 1 minute period. Iodoethane (0.60 mL, 7.5 mmol) is added and the reaction mixture is allowed

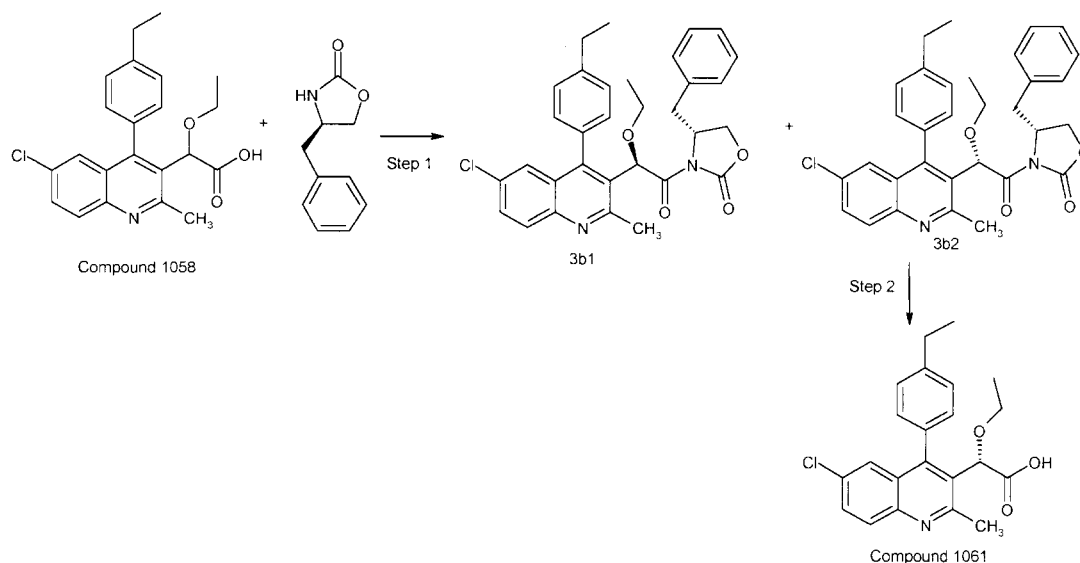
to stir at RT under an N₂ atmosphere for 30 min. The reaction is quenched with water and the mixture partitioned between water and EtOAc. The organic phase is washed with brine, dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated to give intermediate **3a4**.

5 **Step 4:**

A mixture of compound **3a4** (530 mg, 1.29 mmol), MeOH/THF (6 mL/6 mL) and 1N NaOH (0.77 mL, 7.72 mmol) is allowed to react for 30 minutes. The mixture is partitioned between water and EtOAc and the aqueous phase is acidified to pH ~5-6 and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic phase is dried (MgSO₄), filtered
10 and concentrated to give compound **1058** (Table 1).

EXAMPLE 3B

Preparation of compound 1061, Table 1



15 **Step 1:**

To a stirred solution of compound **1058** (Example 3A) (230 mg, 0.60 mmol) in anhydrous THF (15 mL) at 0°C is added Et₃N (125 µL, 0.90 mmol) followed by pivaloyl chloride (85 µL, 0.69 mmol). The resulting solution is stirred at 0°C for 30 min and then at RT for 1.5h. The mixture is cooled to -78°C for 30 minutes, and to it
20 is added a mixture formed by treating a solution of (R)-(+)-4-benzyl-2-oxazolidinone (127 mg, 0.72 mmol) in anhydrous THF (5 mL), cooled to -78°C, with a solution of *n*-BuLi in hexanes (1.6 M, 487 µL, 0.78 mmol) and stirring the resulting mixture at -78°C for 30 min. The mixture is allowed to warm slowly to RT and stirred for 2 h. Saturated NH₄Cl (30 mL) is added and the mixture is extracted twice with EtOAc.

The combined organic extracts are washed with brine, dried (MgSO_4), filtered and concentrated, and the residue is purified by flash column chromatography (5-45% EtOAc in hexanes) to separate the more polar adduct **3b2** from its diastereomer **3b1**.

5 Step 2:

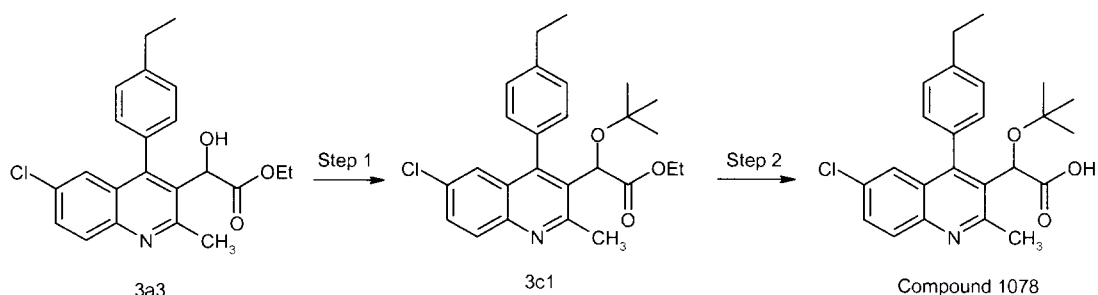
To a solution of compound **3b2** (110 mg, 0.20 mmol) in THF/water (2 mL/1 mL) at 0°C is added H_2O_2 (62 μL , 0.61 mmol) followed by dropwise addition of $\text{LiOH}\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (12.2 mg in 0.2 mL of H_2O). The mixture is stirred at 0°C for 30 min, then 10% Na_2SO_3 (2 mL) is added and the mixture is partitioned between EtOAc and water (adjusted pH to 10). The aqueous phase is adjusted to pH 4-5 and extracted three times with EtOAc. The organic phase is dried (MgSO_4), filtered and concentrated, and the residue is dissolved in DMSO and purified by preparative HPLC to give compound **1061** (Table 1) with optical purity of 99.7% enantiomeric excess as determined by chiral HPLC (ChiralCel OD-R column; 4.6x250mm, 10 μm).

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The procedure of Example 3B may be used to resolve racemic mixtures of other compounds of formula (I) bearing a chiral center into their constituent enantiomers.

EXAMPLE 3C

20 **Preparation of compound 1078, Table 1**



Step 1:

A mixture of compound **3a3** (Example 3A) (2.9 g, 7.55 mmol), anhydrous dioxane (40 mL), isobutylene gas (approx. 10 mL condensed at 0°C) and $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ (8 mL, 61 mmol) at 0°C is allowed to stir at room temperature in a TeflonTM sealed tube for 16 h. Additional isobutylene is added at 0°C (approx. 5 mL) and stirring is continued at room temperature for 3 h. Further $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ (2 mL) and isobutylene (5 mL) is added at 0°C and stirring is continued at room temperature for 16 h. Saturated aqueous NaHCO_3 (10 mL) is added to the reaction mixture, followed by solid NaHCO_3 and

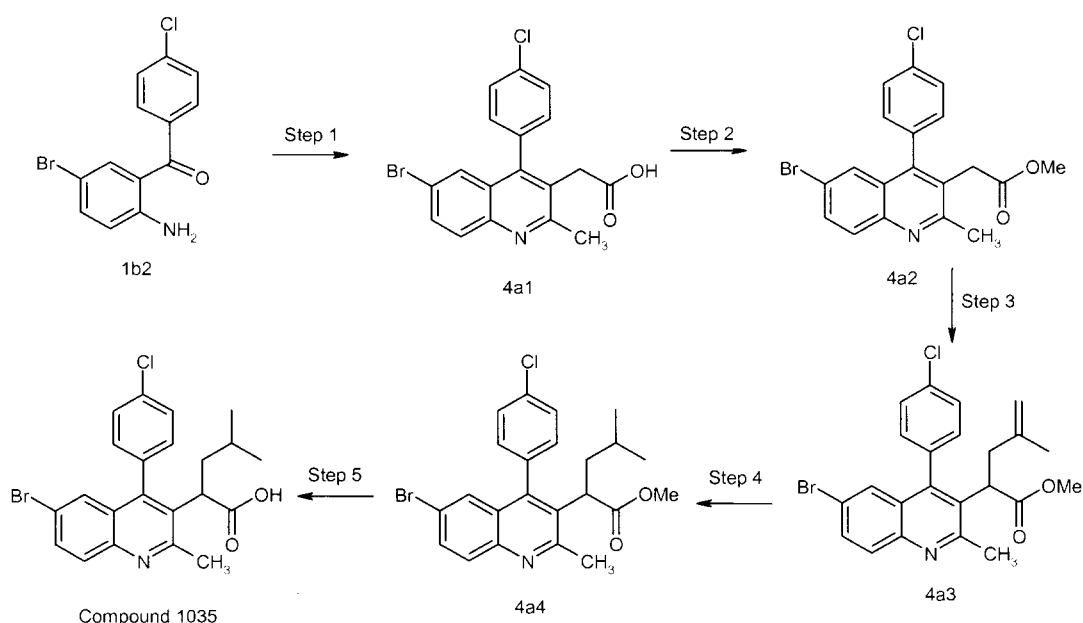
water, the mixture is stirred for 30 min, and the phases are separated. The aqueous phase is extracted (EtOAc) and the combined organic phase is dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and concentrated. The residue is purified by flash column chromatography (gradient of 10% to 60% EtOAc/hexanes) to give compound **3c1**.

5 Step 2:

The procedure used in Example 3A, Step 4 is followed.

EXAMPLE 4A

Preparation of compound 1035, Table 1



Step 1:

A mixture of compound **1b2** (Example 1B) (3.0 g, 9.66 mmol), levulinic acid (1.4 mL, 13.5 mmol), concentrated H_2SO_4 (0.39 mL) and AcOH (30 μL) is heated at 130°C for 17 h. The mixture is added to H_2O (50 mL) and the pH is adjusted to 4 by addition of 1M NaOH. The aqueous phase is extracted with EtOAc and *n*-butanol and the organic extract is washed with water and brine, dried (MgSO_4), filtered and concentrated. The residue is triturated with a mixture of Et_2O and EtOAc to provide compound **4a1**.

Step 2:

To a mixture of compound **4a1** (1.5 g, 3.84 mmol) in toluene/MeOH (2:1, 30 mL) is added trimethylsilyldiazomethane (2M, 3.0 mL, 6.0 mmol). Concentration of the mixture under reduced pressure provides compound **4a2**.

Step 3:

To a solution of compound **4a2** (0.080g, 0.20 mmol) in THF (5.0 mL) at 0°C is added 3-bromo-2-methylpropene (0.3 mL, 3.0 mmol), followed by LiHMDS (0.5 mL, 0.50 mmol) and the reaction mixture is allowed to stir at RT until reaction is complete.

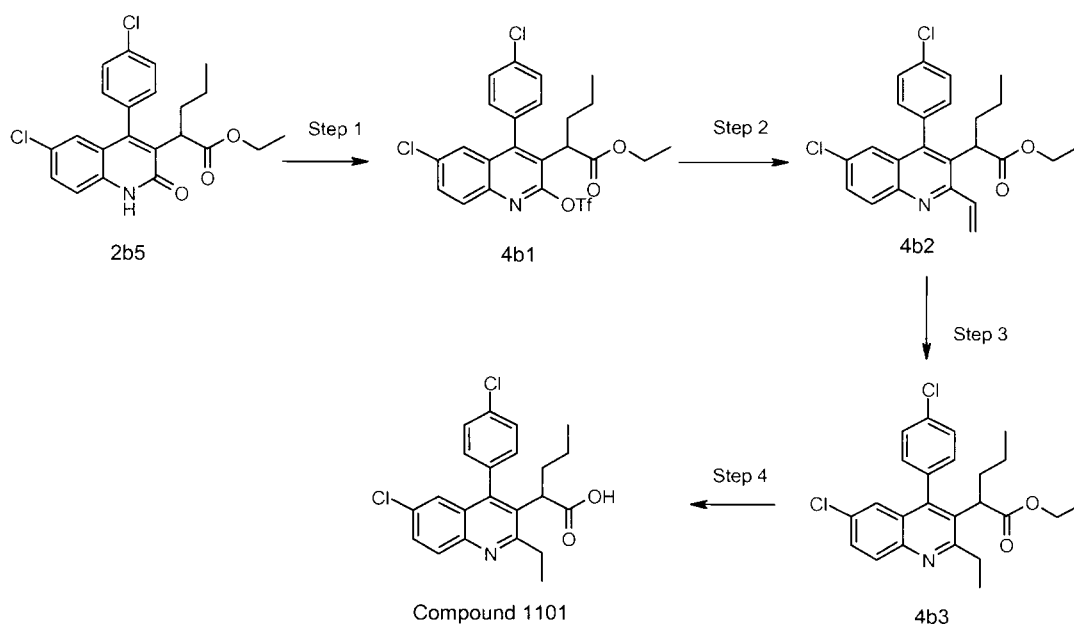
- 5 Aqueous NH₄Cl is added and the mixture is extracted with EtOAc. The organic layers are combined, washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated to provide compound **4a3**.

Step 4:

- 10 A mixture of compound **4a3** (0.0910 g, 0.20 mmol), EtOAc/MeOH (9:1, 10 mL), and Pt₂O (Adam's catalyst) (10 mg) is allowed to stir at room temperature under an atmosphere of H₂ for 30 min. N₂ gas is passed through the mixture, which is then filtered through Celite™ and concentrated. Purification of the residue by flash chromatography provides compound **4a4**.

Step 5:

- 15 A mixture of compound **4a4** (0.047g, 0.102 mmol), DMSO (1.0 mL), water (0.1 mL) and NaOH (10N, 0.1 mL) is stirred at 65°C for 1 hour. AcOH (0.15 mL) is added and the mixture is purified by preparative HPLC to provide compound **1035** (Table 1).

EXAMPLE 4B20 **Preparation of compound 1101 (Table 1)**Step 1:

To a mixture of compound **2b5** (Example 2B) (238 mg; 0.56 mmol), anhydrous

- CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL) and pyridine (276 µl; 3.4 mmol) at 0°C is added Tf₂O (191 µl; 1.13 mmol). The mixture is stirred at 0°C for 30 min, warmed to room temperature and stirred for 20 h. The mixture is poured into ice-water and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3X). The organic layer is washed with brine, dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated to dryness. The residue is purified by chromatography to afford compound **4b1**.

Step 2:

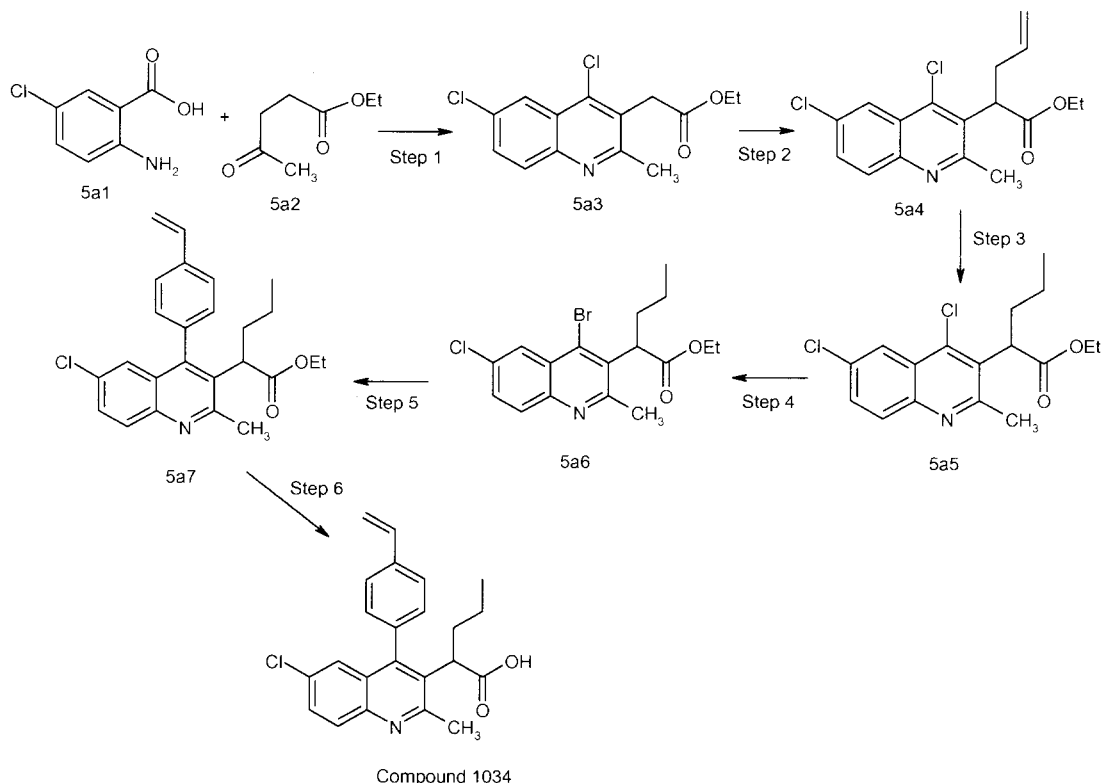
- To a solution of compound **4b1** (50 mg; 0.091 mmol) and Pd[P(t-Bu)₃]₂ (5 mg; 10 mol%) in DMF (1 mL) is added tri-n-butylvinyltin (37 µl; 0.127 mmol). The mixture is sealed and allowed to react under microwave conditions at 110°C for 20 min. The mixture is poured into EtOAc (50 mL), washed with brine (1X), NaHCO₃ and brine (3X). The organic phase is dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated and the residue is purified by flash chromatography (1:30 silica gel; 9:1 Hexane/EtOAc) to afford compound **4b2**.

Step 3:

- A mixture of compound **4b2** (27 mg; 0.063 mmol), EtOH (1.5 mL) and PtO₂ (4 mg) is allowed to react under H₂ at 1 atm for 20 min. The mixture is filtered through Celite™, and the Celite™ pad is washed with EtOH. The combined filtrate is concentrated under reduced pressure to afford compound **4b3**.

Step 4:

- Using the procedure described in Example 3A, step 4, compound **4b3** is converted to compound **1101** (Table 1).

EXAMPLE 5A**Preparation of compound 1034, Table 1****Step 1:**

- 5 To a mixture of acid **5a1** (3.2 g, 18.7 mmol) and ethyl levulinate **5a2** (2.7 mL, 19.0 mmol) in THF (25 mL) is added MgSO_4 (6.5 g). The mixture is heated at 65°C for 1 hour, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue is mixed with POCl_3 (12 mL) and heated at reflux for 4 hours. The reaction mixture is concentrated and the residue is treated with ice and solid NaHCO_3 to adjust the pH to 7-8. The mixture is filtered and the collected solid is taken up in EtOAc, washed with water, dried over MgSO_4 , filtered, concentrated and purified by flash chromatography (100% Hexane to 1:1 Hex/EtOAc) to provide compound **5a3**.

Step 2:

- 15 To a mixture of ester **5a3** (0.0761 g, 0.26 mmol), THF (3.0 mL) at 0°C and allyl bromide (0.2 mL, 2.3 mmol) is added LiHMDS (0.4 mL, 1.0 M, 0.4 mmol). The mixture is allowed to stir at RT for 30 minutes, then aqueous NH_4Cl is added, and the mixture is extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers are washed with brine, dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and concentrated to provide compound **5a4**.

Step 3:

Compound **5a4** is hydrogenated using the procedure of Example 4A, Step 4, to provide compound **5a5**.

Step 4:

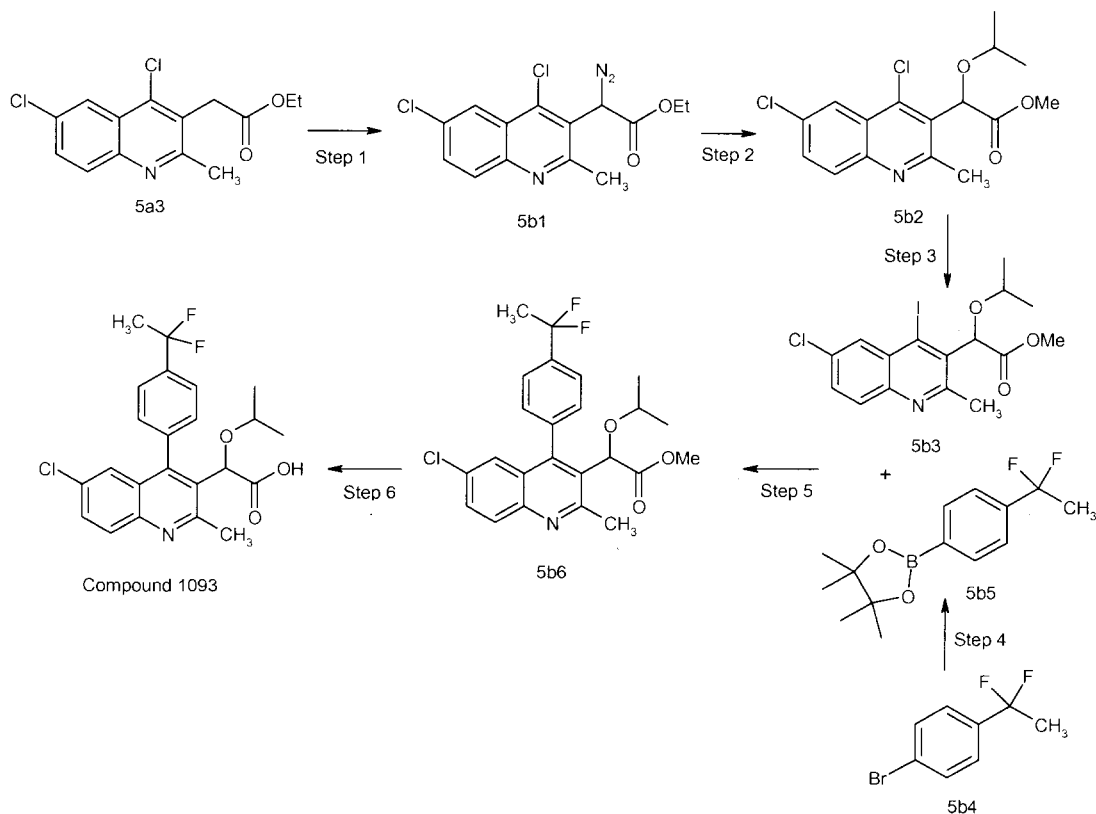
- 5 To a solution of compound **5a5** (0.1466 g, 1.5 mmol) in CH₃CH₂CN (5 mL), is added (CH₃)₃SiBr (15 mL, 4.6 mmol) and the mixture is stirred at 75°C overnight, with removal of (CH₃)₃SiCl by distillation. Saturated NaHCO₃ is added and the mixture is extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers are washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated to give compound **5a6**.

10 Step 5:

- A mixture of compound **5a6** (20.7 mg, 0.054 mmol), 4-ethenylphenylboronic acid (10 mg, 0.068 mmol) and DMF (2.0 mL) is purged with Ar, and to this mixture is added Pd(PPh₃)₄ (3.0 mg, 0.003 mmol). The reaction mixture is allowed to react at 120°C for 2.5 hours, then at RT overnight. The mixture is partitioned between EtOAc and H₂O
15 and the organic phase is washed with brine, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue is purified by flash chromatography (20-30% EtOAc/hexane) to give compound **5a7**.

Step 6:

- A mixture of compound **5a7** (21.4 mg, 0.052 mmol), DMSO (1.0 mL), and NaOH (5N,
20 52 µL) is stirred at 60°C for 45 minutes. CF₃COOH is added and the mixture is purified by preparative HPLC to provide compound **1034** (Table 1).

EXAMPLE 5B**Preparation of compound 1093, Table 1****Step 1:**

- 5 The procedure of Hahn et al (*J. Organometal. Chem.* (2004) 689(16): 2662-73) is followed.

To a mixture of compound **5a3** (Example 5A) (200 mg, 0.671 mmol) and 4-acetamidobenzenesulfonyl azide (322 mg, 1.34 mmol) in anhydrous MeCN (9 mL) at RT is added DBU (501 μ L, 3.35 mmol). The mixture is stirred at room temperature
 10 for 3 hours, then brine (0.5 mL) is added and the mixture is partitioned between brine and EtOAc. The combined organic phases are dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue is purified by column chromatography (20% ethyl acetate/hexane) to provide compound **5b1**.

Step 2:

- 15 A mixture of compound **5b1** (200 mg, 0.617 mmol), 2-propanol (7.7 mL, 100 mmol) and rhodium(II) acetate dimer (81.8 mg, 0.185 mmol) is allowed to react in a Biotage Initiator™ Sixty microwave apparatus at 160°C for 10 minutes. To the mixture is added THF (5.0 mL), MeOH (1.25 mL) and LiOH (1N, 1.5 mL, 1.5 mmol) and the mixture is allowed to stir overnight at room temperature. After acidification with 1N

HCl, the mixture is extracted with EtOAc and the organic extract is dried (MgSO_4), filtered and concentrated. The residue is dissolved in THF (10 mL) and treated with diazomethane. Concentration of the mixture and purification of the residue by flash chromatography (EtOAc/hexane) provides compound **5b2**.

5 Step 3:

The procedure of Wolf et al (*Synlett* (2003) (12): 1801-4) is followed.

A mixture of compound **5b2** (132 mg, 0.386 mmol), THF (1.5 mL) and HCl/dioxane (4M, 0.964 mL, 3.86 mmol) is allowed to stir at room temperature for 10 minutes.

The mixture is concentrated under reduced pressure, the residue is suspended in
10 CH_3CN (3.0 mL), and to this mixture is added NaI (0.405 g, 2.7 mmol). The mixture is heated at reflux for 2 days, diluted with EtOAc, washed with water and 0.5N $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$, dried (MgSO_4), filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification of the residue by flash chromatography (20% EtOAc/hexane) provides compound **5b3**.

15 Step 4:

To a mixture of compound **5b4** (210 mg, 0.95 mmol) in DMF (6.0 mL) is added bis(pinacolato)diboron (265 mg, 1.045 mmol) and KOAc (205 mg, 2.09 mmol). Argon is passed through the mixture for 5 minutes and $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{dppf})\cdot\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ (77.6 mg, 0.095 mmol) is added. Argon is passed through the mixture for 3 minutes further and the
20 mixture is allowed to react at 80°C overnight. The mixture is extracted with EtOAc and the extract is washed with brine, dried (MgSO_4), filtered through Celite™ and concentrated to provide boronic acid **5b5**.

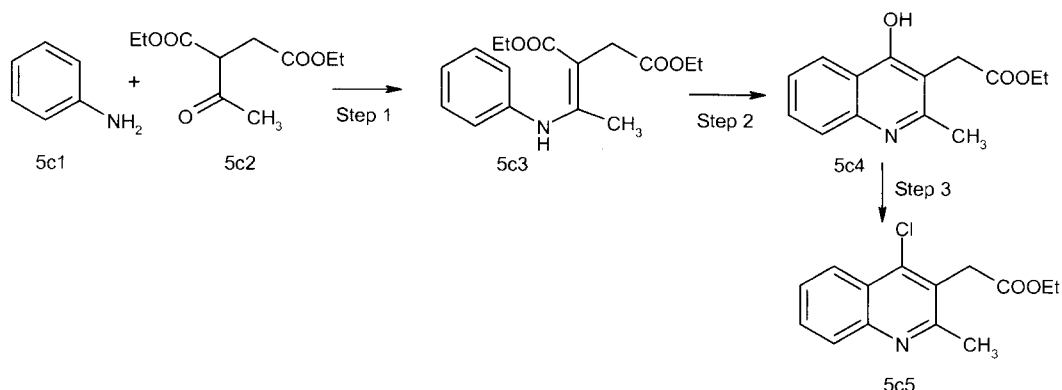
Step 5:

A mixture of compound **5b3** (90 mg, 0.208 mmol), compound **5b5** (111.3 mg, 0.415 mmol), K_2CO_3 (86 mg, 0.623 mmol), $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ (24.0 mg, 0.021 mmol) and DMF (6.0 mL) is allowed to react in a Biotage Initiator™ Sixty microwave apparatus at 120°C for two periods of 5 minutes each. The reaction mixture is diluted with EtOAc, washed with brine, dried (MgSO_4), filtered and concentrated. The residue is purified by flash chromatography to provide compound **5b6**.

30 Step 6:

A mixture of compound **5b6** (35 mg, 0.078 mmol), LiOH (1N, 0.234 mL, 0.234 mmol), MeOH (125 mg) and THF (1.27 mL) is allowed to react at 40°C for 2 h. The mixture is acidified with TFA and purified by preparative HPLC to provide compound **1093**.

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EXAMPLE 5C**Step 1:**

A mixture of aniline **5c1** (68 mL, 0.75 mol) and diethyl acetylsuccinate **5c2** (149.2 mL, 0.75 mol) is allowed to stir at room temperature for 2 days in a sealed dessicator under vacuum in the presence of P_2O_5 . The reaction mixture is diluted with CH_2Cl_2 and purified by flash chromatography (EtOAc / hexane gradient 1:8 to 1:6) to provide compound **5c3**.

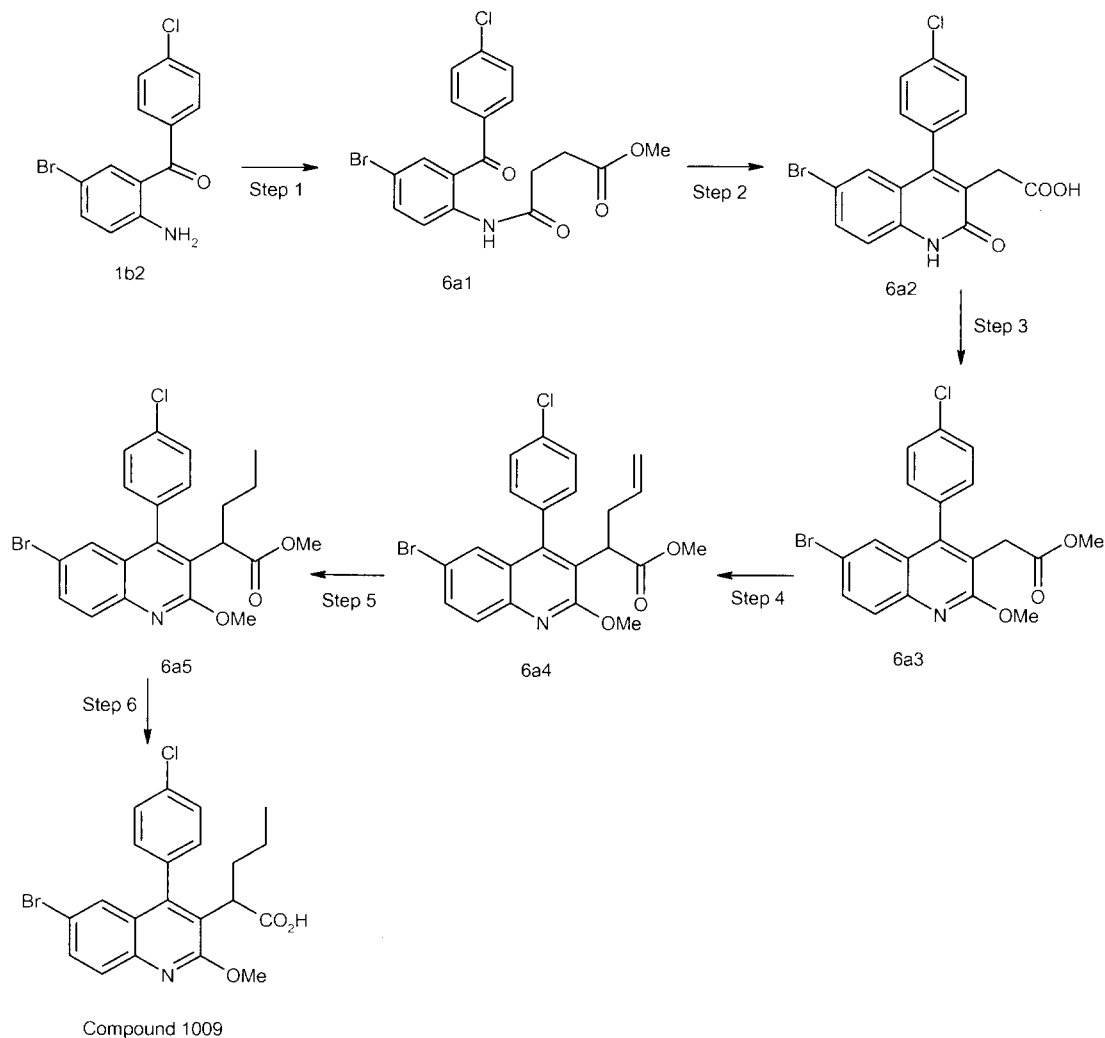
Step 2:

A mixture of compound **5c3** (19.85 g, 68.1 mmol) and Ph_2O (100 mL) is heated at $250^\circ C$ for 10 min, then allowed to cool to room temperature. Hexane is added to the mixture and the solid which forms is collected by filtration, washed with hexane and dried to provide compound **5c4**.

Step 3:

A mixture of compound **5c4** (15.8 g, 64.0 mmol) and $POCl_3$ (50 mL) is heated at reflux under Ar atmosphere for 4 h. The mixture is cooled and concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue is treated with powdered $NaHCO_3$ and diluted with EtOAc. The organic phase is washed with saturated $NaHCO_3$, water and brine, dried (Na_2SO_4), and filtered through a pad of silica gel. Concentration of the filtrate under reduced pressure provides compound **5c5**.

Compound **5c5** can be transformed to compounds of formula (Id) wherein R^6 is H and R^2 is CH_3 , using the procedures of Examples 5A (steps 2-6) and 5B.

EXAMPLE 6A**Preparation of compound 1009, Table 1****Step 1:**

- 5 A mixture of compound **1b2** (Example 1B) (324.5 mg, 1.04 mmol), pyridine (3.0 mL) and 3-carbomethoxypropanoyl chloride (193 μ L, 1.57 mmol) is allowed to stir at room temperature for 30 minutes. A further portion of 3-carbomethoxypropanoyl chloride (193 μ L, 1.57 mmol) is added and stirring is continued for 1 hour. The mixture is added to saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ and extracted with EtOAc, and the EtOAc
- 10 extract is washed with brine, dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated. The residue is purified by flash chromatography to provide compound **6a1**.

Step 2:

- A mixture of compound **6a1** (450 mg, 1.04 mmol), NaOEt (21% in EtOH, 1.36 mL, 4.18 mmol) and EtOH (5.0 mL) is allowed to react at 80°C for 1 hour, then cooled to
- 15 room temperature and diluted with EtOAc. The mixture is acidified to approximately

pH 1 with 1N HCl and the phases are separated. The organic phase is washed with brine, dried (MgSO_4), filtered and concentrated to provide compound **6a2**.

Step 3:

To a solution of compound **6a2** (447 mg, 1.14 mmol) in EtOAc (10 mL) is added
5 excess diazomethane in Et_2O and the mixture is allowed to stir at room temperature overnight. The mixture is concentrated and the residue is purified by flash chromatography (20-50% EtOAc/hexane) to provide compound **6a3**.

Step 4:

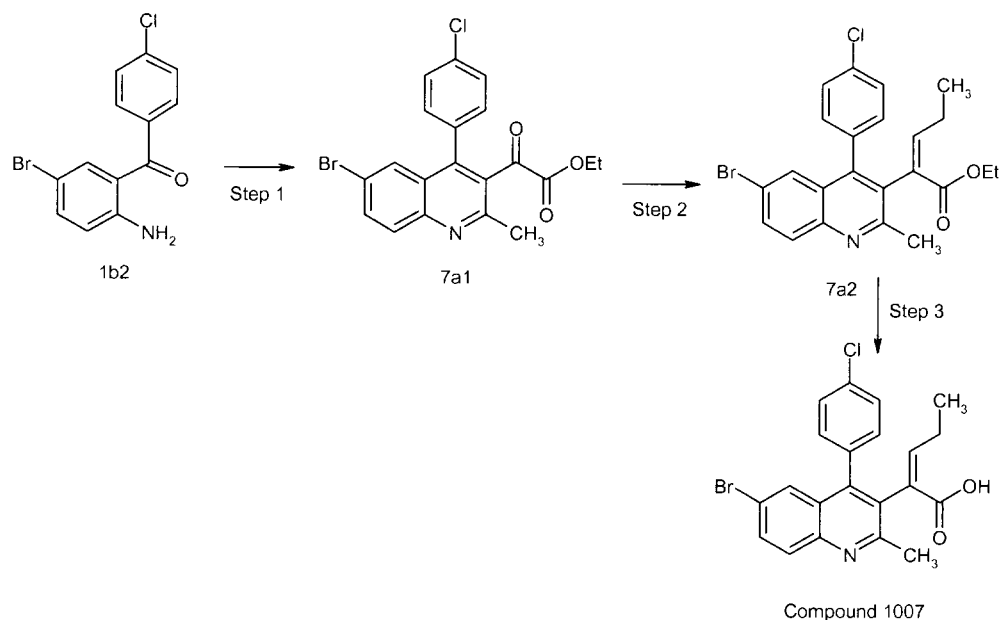
To a mixture of compound **6a3** (51 mg, 0.121 mmol) and allyl bromide (105 μL , 1.21
10 mmol) in THF (1.5 mL), at 0°C is added LiHMDS (1M in toluene, 182 μL , 0.182 mmol). The reaction mixture is allowed to stir at 0°C for 45 minutes, then water is added. The mixture is diluted with EtOAc, the phases are separated, and the organic phase is washed with brine, dried (MgSO_4), filtered and concentrated. Purification of the residue by flash chromatography (15-20% EtOAc/hexane) provides compound
15 **6a4**.

Step 5:

A mixture of compound **6a4** (38 mg, 0.082 mmol), EtOH (2.0 mL) and Pt_2O_5 (5.0 mg) is purged with N_2 and allowed to stir under an atmosphere of H_2 for 20 minutes at room temperature. The mixture is filtered through a Millex®-HV filter and the filtrate
20 is concentrated to provide compound **6a5**.

Step 6:

A mixture of compound **6a5** (35.4 mg, 0.076 mmol) and 5N NaOH (70 μL , 0.38 mmol) in DMSO (1.5 mL) is allowed to react at 60°C for 45 minutes and cooled to room temperature. The mixture is acidified with TFA and purified by preparative
25 HPLC to provide compound **1009** (Table 1).

EXAMPLE 7A**Preparation of compound 1007, Table 1**Step 1:

- 5 A mixture of compound **1b2** (Example 1B) (6.0 g, 19.3 mmol), ethyl acetopyruvate (3.6 mL, 25 mmol) and concentrated H₂SO₄ (0.90 mL) in AcOH (45 mL) is allowed to react at 130°C for 3 h. The mixture is concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue is purified by flash chromatography (10-35% EtOAc/hexane) to provide compound **7a1**.

10 Step 2:

- To a mixture of CH₃CH₂CH₂PPh₃Br (427.4 mg, 1.11 mmol) in anhydrous THF (5 mL) at 0°C is added nBuLi (0.75 mL, 1.20 mmol) and the mixture is allowed to warm to room temperature over 30 minutes. The mixture is again cooled to 0°C and to this mixture is added a mixture of compound **7a1** (400 mg, 0.924 mmol) in THF (1.5 mL).
- 15 The mixture is allowed to stir at room temperature for 2 h, and saturated NH₄Cl (10 mL) is added. The mixture is extracted three times with EtOAc and the combined organic extract is washed with brine, dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated. The residue is purified by flash chromatography (10% EtOAc/hexane) to provide compound **7a2**.

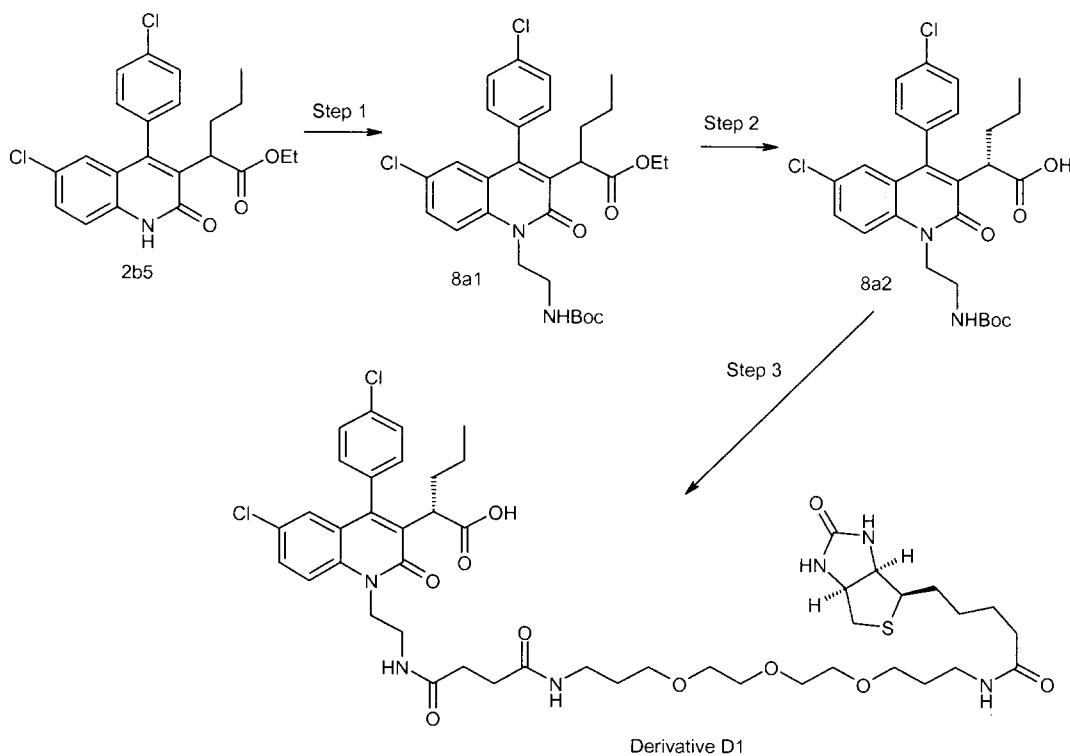
20 Step 3:

A mixture of compound **7a2** (16 mg, 0.035 mmol) and 2.5M NaOH (70 µL, 0.175 mmol) in DMSO (1 mL) is allowed to react for 30 minutes at room temperature. The mixture is acidified with TFA and purified by preparative HPLC to give compound

1007 (Table 1).

EXAMPLE 8A

Synthesis of derivative D1



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Step 1:

A solution of (Boc)₂O (1M in THF, 2.47 mL, 2.47 mmol) is added to a solution of H₂NCH₂CH₂Br·HBr (506 mg, 2.47 mmol) and Et₃N (860 μL, 6.175 mmol) in THF (10mL). The reaction mixture is stirred at RT for 18 h and is partitioned between EtOAc (100 mL) and saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (25 mL). The organic phase is washed with brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and concentrated. The residue is purified by chromatography (5% to 20% EtOAc/hex) to give BocNHCH₂CH₂Br.

To a cooled solution (0°C) of compound **2b5** (Example 2B) (200 mg, 0.495 mmol) in DMF (3 mL) is added KOtBu (67 mg, 0.598 mmol). The mixture is stirred for 15 min, then a solution of BocNHCH₂CH₂Br (160 mg, 0.717 mmol) in DMF (2 mL) is added. The reaction mixture was stirred at RT for 18 h. Water (1 mL) is added, the mixture was diluted with EtOAc (100 mL) and the organic phase is washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (25 mL) and brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and concentrated. The residue is purified by chromatography (10% to 30% EtOAc/hex) to give compound **8a1**.

Step 2:

To a solution of compound **8a1** (96 mg, 0.175 mmol) in DMSO (2.5 mL) is added 5N NaOH (175 μ L, 0.875 mmol). The mixture is stirred for 30 min and purified by semi preparative HPLC to afford the Boc-protected carboxylic acid. The compound is
5 treated with Boc₂O in the presence of NaOH to provide compound **8a2** as a racemic mixture. Separation by chiral HPLC, using a ChiralCel OD-R column (20x250 mm from Chiral Technologies Inc) and an isocratic solvent system of 20% H₂O (containing 0.06% TFA) and 80% of a solvent mixture composed of 75% MeCN in H₂O (containing 0.06% TFA) provides the (S)-enantiomer **8a2**.

10 Step 3:

To a mixture of compound **8a2** (9.2 mg, 0.017 mmol) and CH₂Cl₂ (1.5 mL) is added TFA (750 μ L). The mixture is stirred at RT for 1h and concentrated. The residue is dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (1.0 mL) and to this mixture is added Et₃N (7 μ L, 0.051 mmol), followed by EZ-Link™ TFP-PEO-biotin (Pierce; 17.2 mg, 0.025 mmol). The reaction
15 mixture is stirred at RT for 18 h, the solvent is evaporated and the residue is purified by semi-preparative HPLC to afford derivative **D1**.

EXAMPLE 9**C8166 HIV-1 Luciferase Assay (EC₅₀)**

20 The assay used to measure inhibition of HIV replication is as described in WO 2004/050643, pages 73-75, with the following modifications:

Preparation of Compounds

Serial dilutions of HIV-1 inhibitors are prepared in complete media from DMSO stock solutions. Eleven serial dilutions of desired concentration are prepared in a 1 mL
25 deep well titer plate (96 wells). The 12th well contains complete media with no inhibitor and serves as the positive control. All samples contain the same concentration of DMSO ($\leq$ 0.1% DMSO). Inhibitor is added, to triplicate wells, of a 96 well tissue culture treated clear view black microtiter plate (Corning Costar catalogue # 3904). The total volume per well is 200 μ L of media containing the cells and
30 inhibitor. The last row is reserved for uninfected C8166 LTRluc cells to serve as the background blank control and the first row is media alone.

Infection of Cells

Count C8166 LTRluc cells and place in a minimal volume of complete RPMI 1640 in a tissue culture flask (ex. 30 X 10⁶ cells in 10 mL media/25 cm² flask). Infect cells
35 with HIV-1 at a moi of 0.005. Incubate cells for 1.5 hours at 37°C on a rotating rack

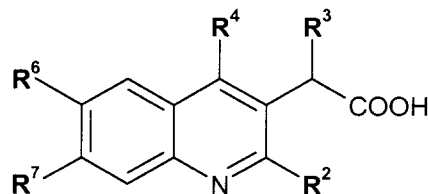
in a 5% CO₂ incubator. Resuspend cells in complete RPMI to give a final concentration of 25,000-cells/well. Add cells to wells of 96 well microtiter plate containing inhibitors. Add 25,000 uninfected C8166- LTRluc cells/well in 200 µL complete RPMI to last row for background control. Incubate cells at 37°C in 5% CO₂ incubator for 3 days.

TABLES OF COMPOUNDS

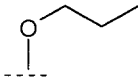
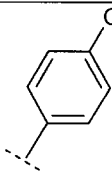
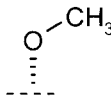
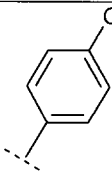
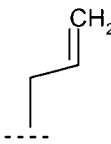
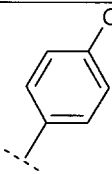
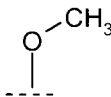
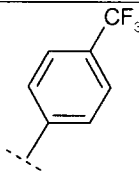
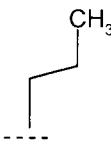
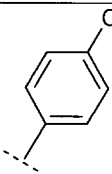
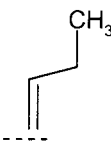
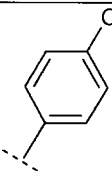
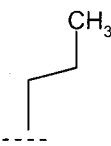
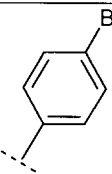
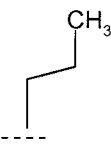
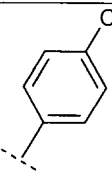
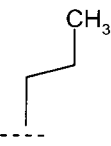
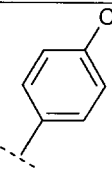
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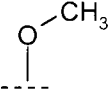
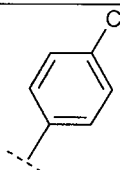
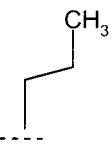
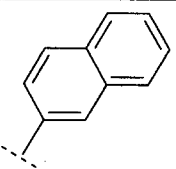
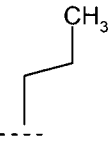
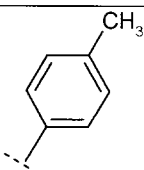
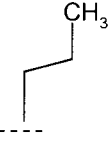
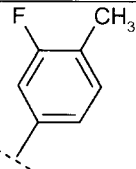
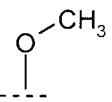
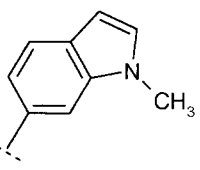
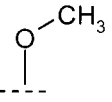
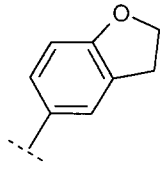
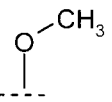
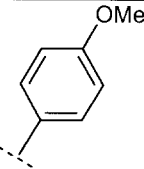
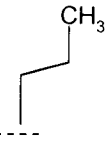
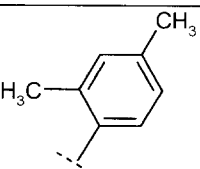
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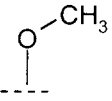
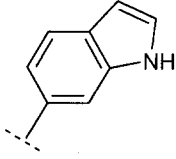
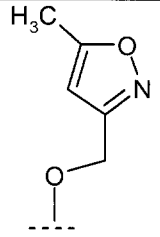
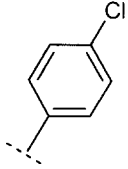
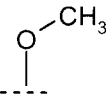
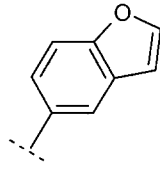
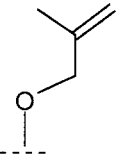
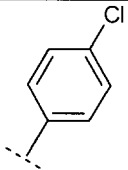
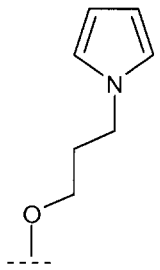
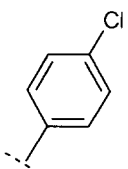
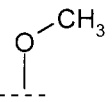
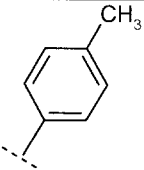
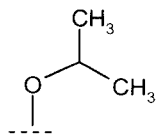
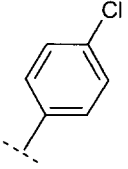
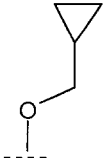
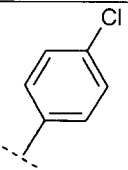
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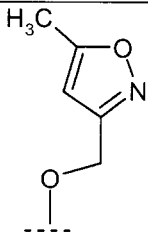
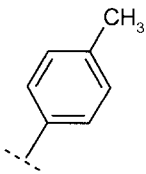
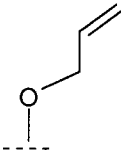
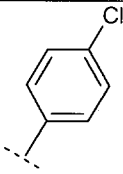
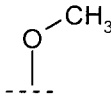
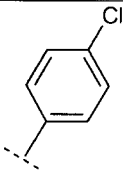
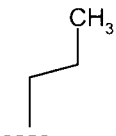
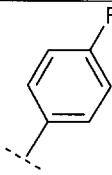
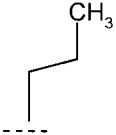
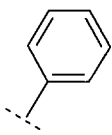
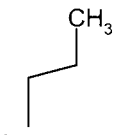
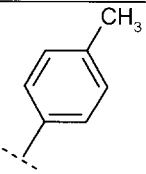
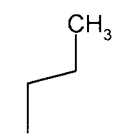
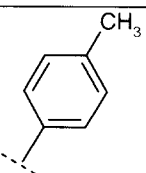
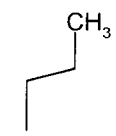
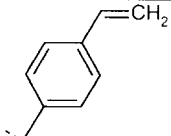


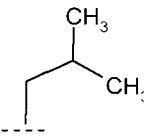
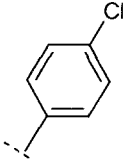
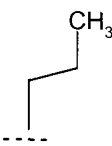
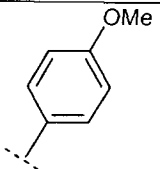
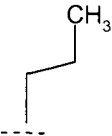
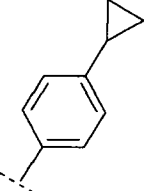
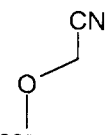
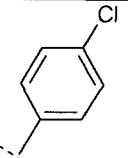
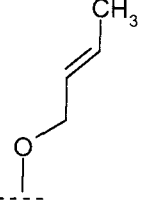
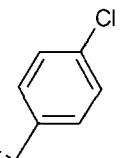
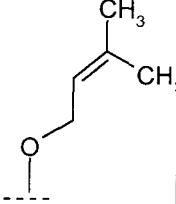
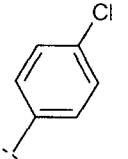
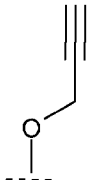
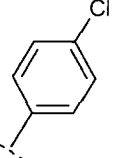
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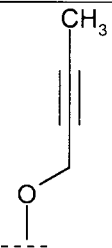
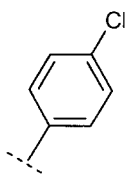
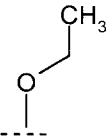
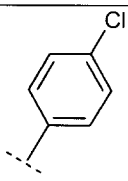
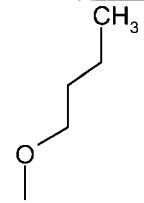
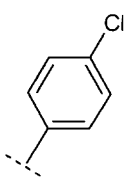
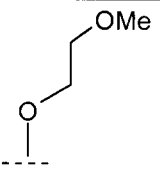
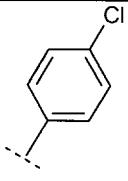
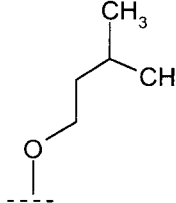
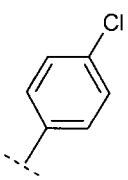
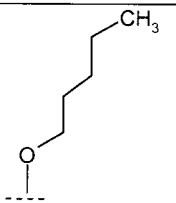
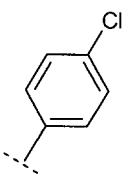
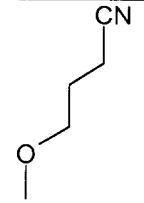
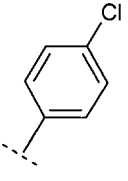
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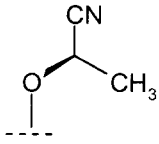
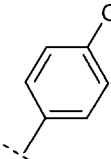
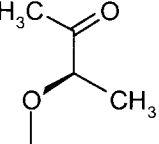
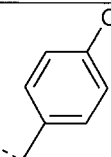
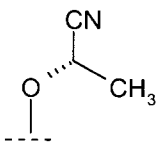
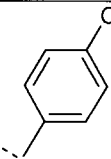
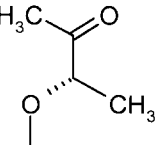
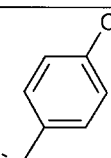
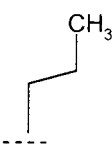
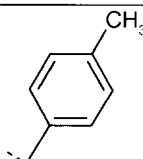
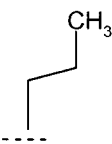
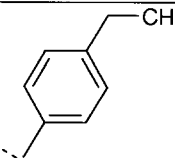
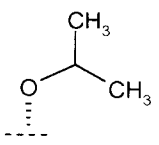
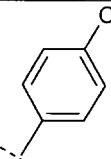
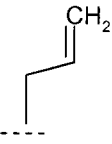
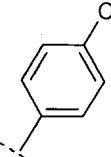
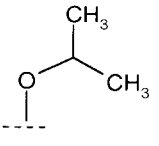
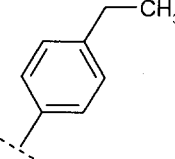
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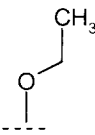
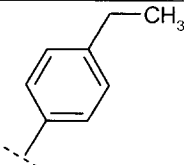
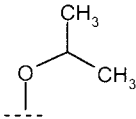
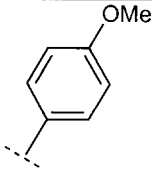
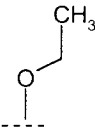
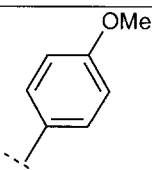
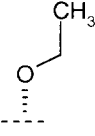
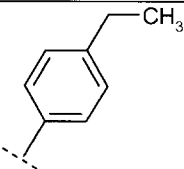
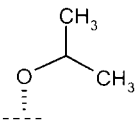
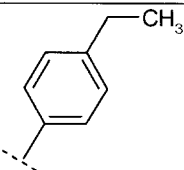
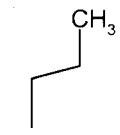
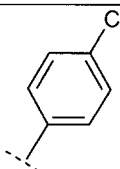
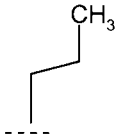
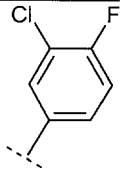
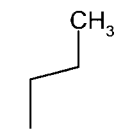
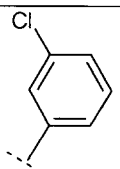
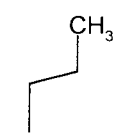
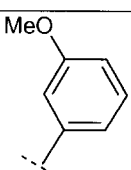
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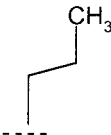
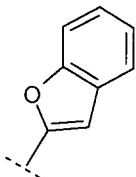
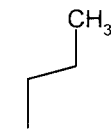
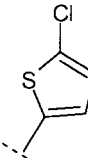
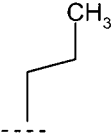
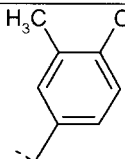
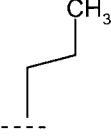
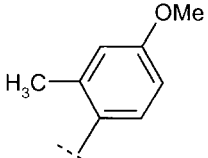
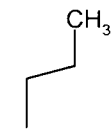
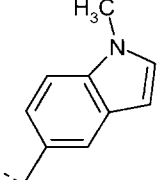
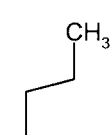
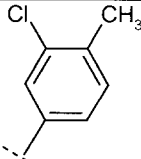
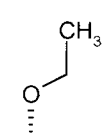
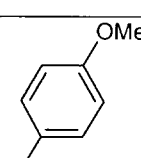
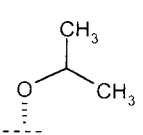
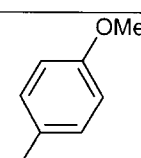
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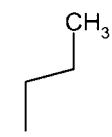
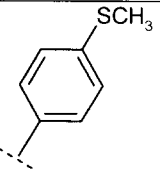
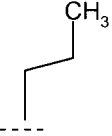
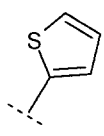
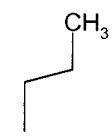
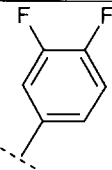
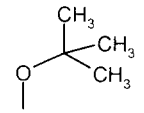
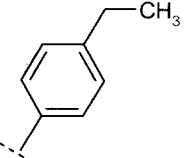
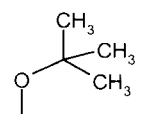
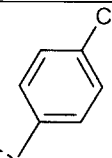
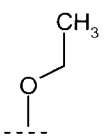
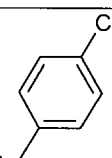
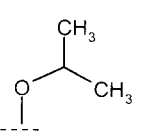
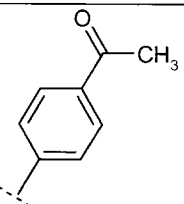
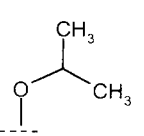
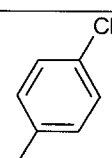
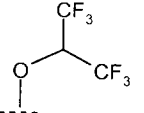
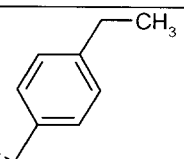
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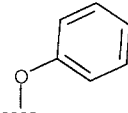
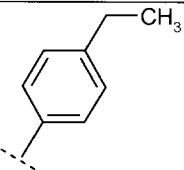
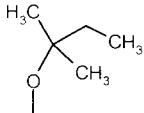
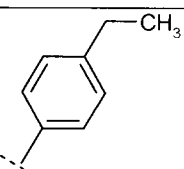
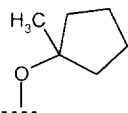
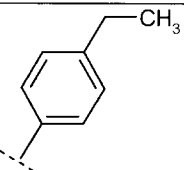
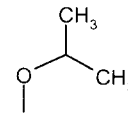
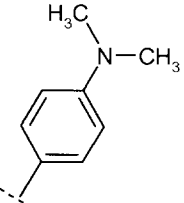
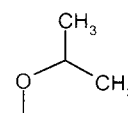
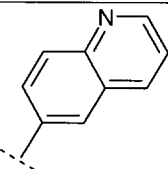
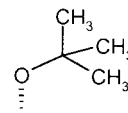
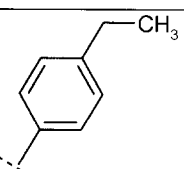
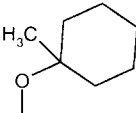
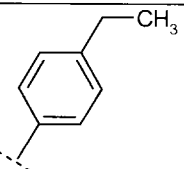
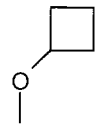
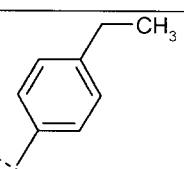
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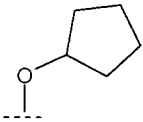
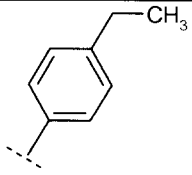
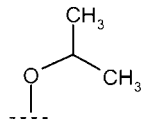
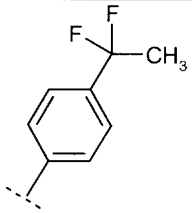
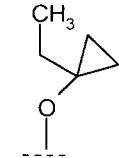
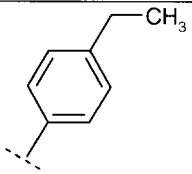
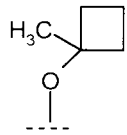
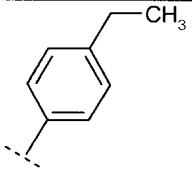
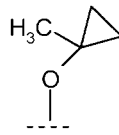
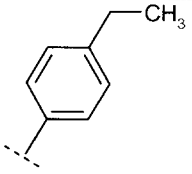
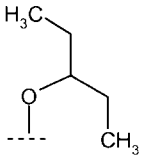
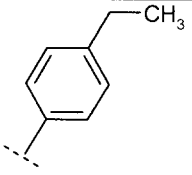
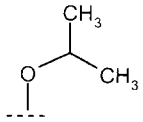
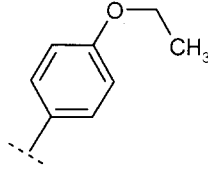
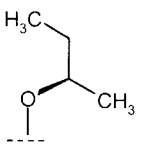
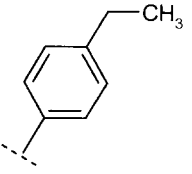
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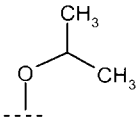
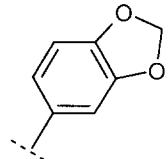
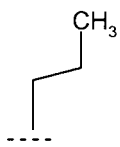
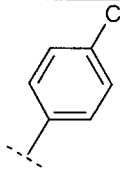
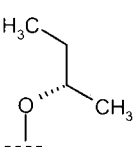
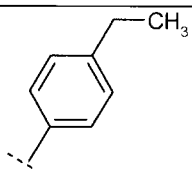
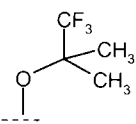
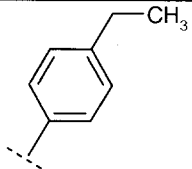
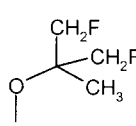
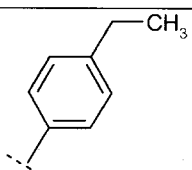
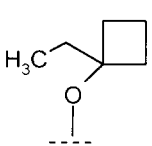
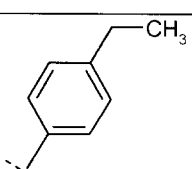
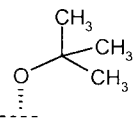
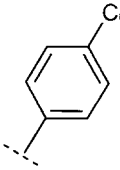
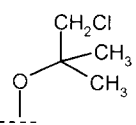
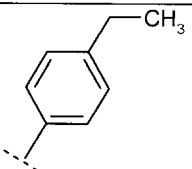
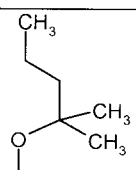
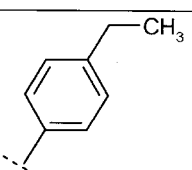
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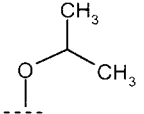
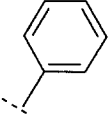
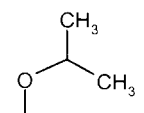
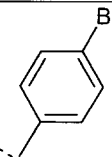
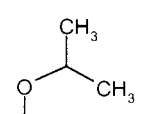
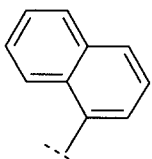
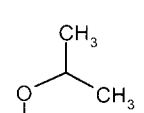
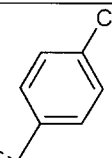
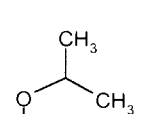
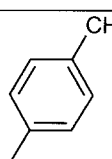
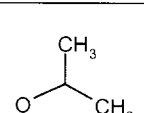
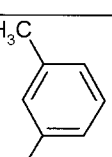
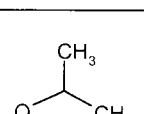
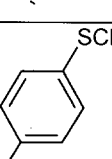
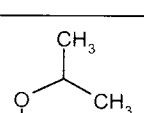
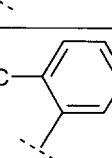
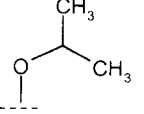
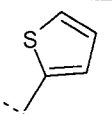
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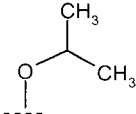
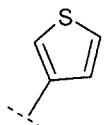
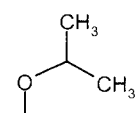
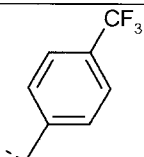
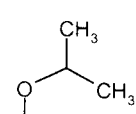
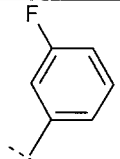
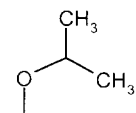
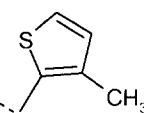
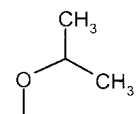
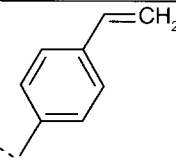
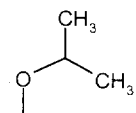
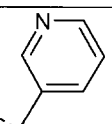
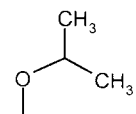
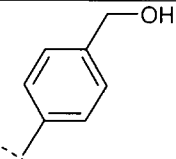
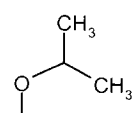
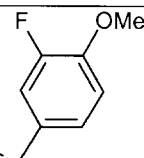
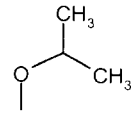
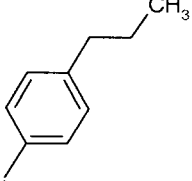
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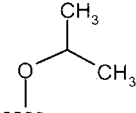
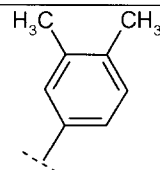
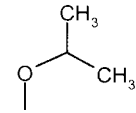
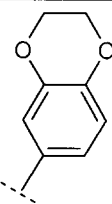
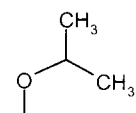
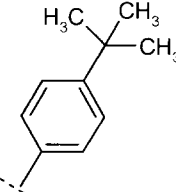
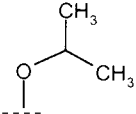
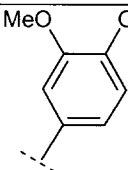
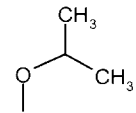
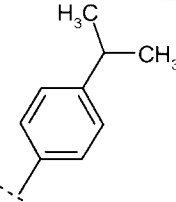
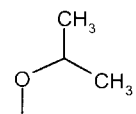
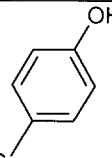
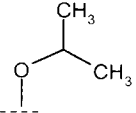
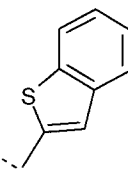
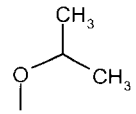
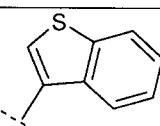
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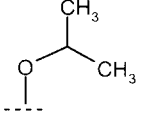
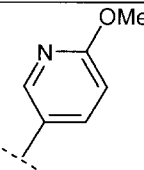
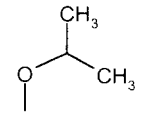
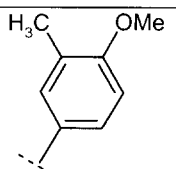
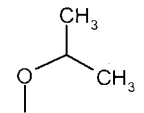
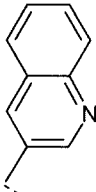
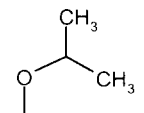
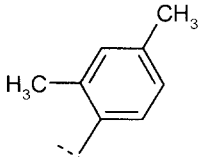
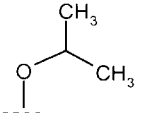
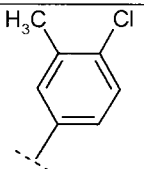
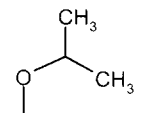
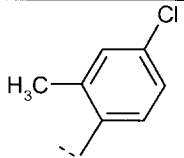
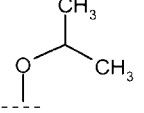
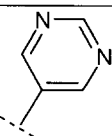
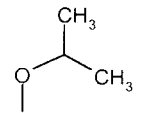
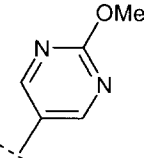
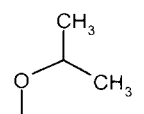
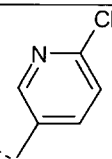
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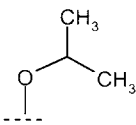
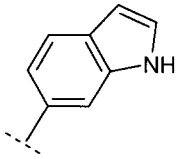
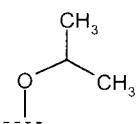
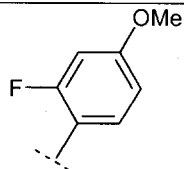
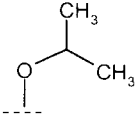
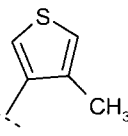
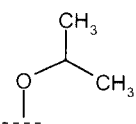
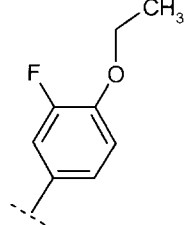
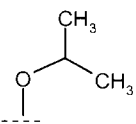
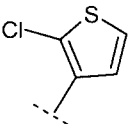
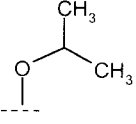
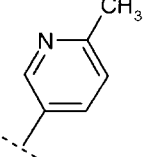
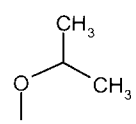
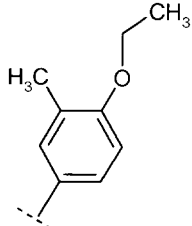
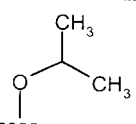
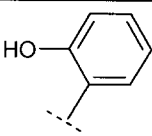
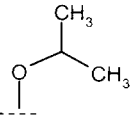
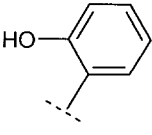
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1101	-CH ₂ CH ₃			Cl	H	5.4	402.1
1102	CH ₃			Cl	H	5.3	412.2
1103	CH ₃			Cl	H	5.8	466.1
1104	CH ₃			Cl	H	5.2	448.2
1105	CH ₃			Cl	H	5.9	438.2
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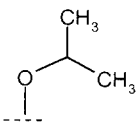
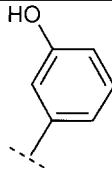
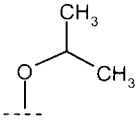
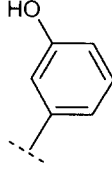
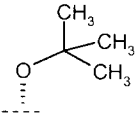
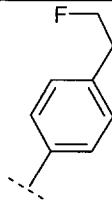
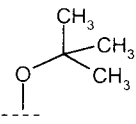
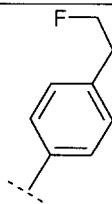
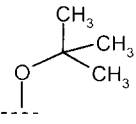
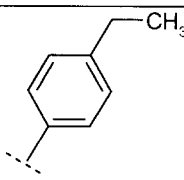
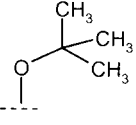
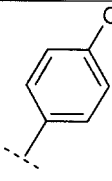
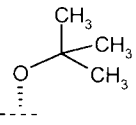
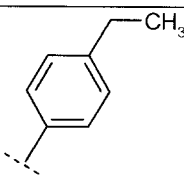
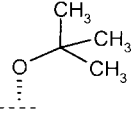
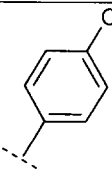
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1113	CH ₃			Cl	H	5.2	384.2
1114	CH ₃			Cl	H	5.2	384.2
1115	CH ₃			Cl	H	5.3	416.1
1116	CH ₃			Cl	H	5.1	384.2
1117	CH ₃			Cl	H	5.0	376.1

Cpd	R ²	R ³	R ⁴	R ⁶	R ⁷	t _R (min)	MS (M+H) ⁺
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1122	CH ₃			Cl	H	5.4	396.2
1123	CH ₃			Cl	H	3.1	371.1
1124	CH ₃			Cl	H	3.6	400.2
1125	CH ₃			Cl	H	4.8; 5.0 mixture of diaster- eomers	418.1
1126	CH ₃			Cl	H	6.1	412.2

Cpd	R ²	R ³	R ⁴	R ⁶	R ⁷	t _R (min)	MS (M+H) ⁺
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1128	CH ₃			Cl	H	4.5; 4.7 mixture of diaster- eomers	428.2
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1130	CH ₃			Cl	H	4.2; 4.4 mixture of diaster- eomers	430.2
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1132	CH ₃			Cl	H	3.7	386.1
1133	CH ₃			Cl	H	6.3	426.1
1134	CH ₃			Cl	H	5.6	426.1

Cpd	R ²	R ³	R ⁴	R ⁶	R ⁷	t _R (min)	MS (M+H) ⁺
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1139	CH ₃			Cl	H	5.9	418.1
1140	CH ₃			Cl	H	5.9	418.1
1141	CH ₃			Cl	H	3.6	372.1
1142	CH ₃			Cl	H	4.0	402.2
1143	CH ₃			Cl	H	4.8	405.1

Cpd	R ²	R ³	R ⁴	R ⁶	R ⁷	t _R (min)	MS (M+H) ⁺
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Cpd	R ²	R ³	R ⁴	R ⁶	R ⁷	t _R (min)	MS (M+H) ⁺
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1154	CH ₃			H	H	2.8; 3.4 mixture of diaster- eomers	352.1
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1157	CH ₃			H	H	4.8	378.2
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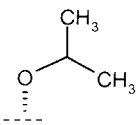
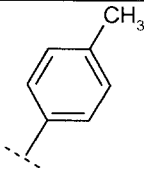
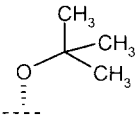
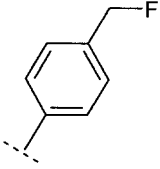
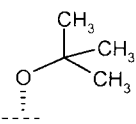
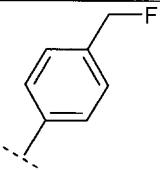
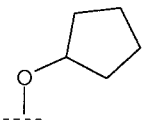
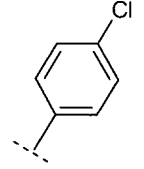
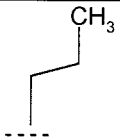
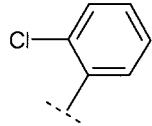
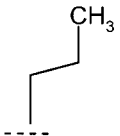
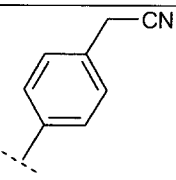
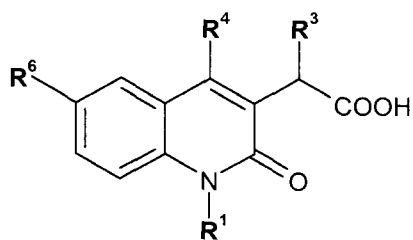
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1162	CH ₃			Cl	H	4.4	416.1
1163	CH ₃			H	H	3.8	382.1
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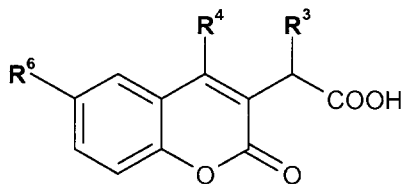
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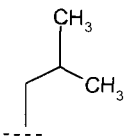
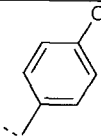
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2002				Cl	5.2	433.1
2003				Cl	7.1	555.1 (M+Na) ⁺
2004	H			Br	5.9	434.0
2005	H			H	5.5	356.1
2006	H			Br	6.1	434.0
2007				Cl	6.9	444.0

Cpd	R ¹	R ³	R ⁴	R ⁶	t _R (min)	MS (M+H) ⁺
2008				Cl	6.4	448.0
2009	CH ₃			Cl	6.5	404.1
2010				Cl	6.7	418.1
2011				Cl	5.4	480.9

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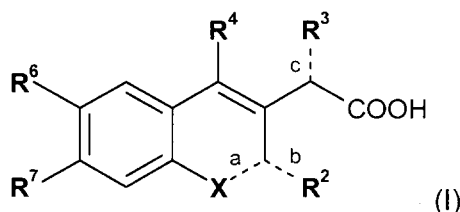


Cpd	R ³	R ⁴	R ⁶	t _R (min)	MS (M+H) ⁺
3001			Br	8.1	435.0
3002			Br	7.8	433.0
3003			Br	6.4	446.9

Cpd	R ³	R ⁴	R ⁶	t _R (min)	MS (M+H) ⁺
3004			Br	6.5	448.0

CLAIMS

1. An isomer, racemate, enantiomer, diastereomer or tautomer of a compound represented by formula (I):



wherein

bond **a** is a double bond and bond **b** is a single bond or

bond **a** is a single bond and bond **b** is a double bond;

X is O or NR¹ when bond **a** is a single bond;

or **X** is N when bond **a** is a double bond;

R¹ is H, (C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₁₋₆)haloalkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-, aryl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl- or **Het**-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-;

wherein each of the (C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-, aryl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl- and **Het**-(C₁₋₆)alkyl- is optionally substituted with -OH, -O(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -SH,

-S(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -NH₂, -NH(C₁₋₆)alkyl or -N((C₁₋₆)alkyl)₂;

R² is H, (C₁₋₆)alkyl or -O(C₁₋₆)alkyl when bond **b** is a single bond;

or **R**² is O when bond **b** is a double bond;

R³ is (C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₁₋₆)haloalkyl, (C₂₋₆)alkenyl, (C₂₋₆)alkynyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-, aryl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-, **Het**-(C₁₋₆)alkyl- or -Y-**R**³¹, and bond **c** is a single bond; or

R³ is (C₁₋₆)alkylidene and bond **c** is a double bond;

wherein **Y** is O or S and **R**³¹ is (C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₁₋₆)haloalkyl, (C₂₋₆)alkenyl,

(C₂₋₆)alkynyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl, aryl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-, aryl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl- or **Het**-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-;

wherein each of the (C₁₋₆)alkylidene, (C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₁₋₆)haloalkyl, (C₂₋₆)alkenyl, (C₂₋₆)alkynyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-, aryl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-, **Het**-(C₁₋₆)alkyl- and

-Y-**R**³¹ is optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents each independently selected from (C₁₋₆)alkyl, halo, cyano, oxo and -O(C₁₋₆)alkyl;

R⁴ is aryl or **Het**, wherein each of the aryl and **Het** is optionally substituted with 1 to 5 substituents each independently selected from halo, (C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₂₋₆)alkenyl,

(C₁₋₆)haloalkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl, -OH, -O(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -SH, -S(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -NH₂,

-NH(C₁₋₆)alkyl and -N((C₁₋₆)alkyl)₂; wherein the (C₁₋₆)alkyl is optionally substituted with hydroxy, cyano or oxo;

R⁶ and **R**⁷ are each independently selected from H, halo, (C₁₋₆)alkyl and (C₁₋₆)haloalkyl;

5 with the proviso that when

bond **a** is a single bond and bond **b** is a double bond; and

X is NR¹; **R**¹ is H; and **R**² is O; and

R⁴ is unsubstituted phenyl; **R**⁶ is Cl; **R**⁷ is H; and

bond **c** is a double bond; then

10 **R**³ is not =CH-CH(CH₃)₂; and

wherein **Het** is a 4- to 7-membered saturated, unsaturated or aromatic heterocycle having 1 to 4 heteroatoms each independently selected from O, N and S, or a 7- to 14-membered saturated, unsaturated or aromatic heteropolycycle having wherever possible 1 to 5 heteroatoms, each independently selected from O, N and S;

or a salt or an ester thereof.

2. A compound according to claim 1, wherein **X** is O or NR¹ and bond **a** is a single bond.

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3. A compound according to claim 1, wherein **X** is N and bond **a** is a double bond.

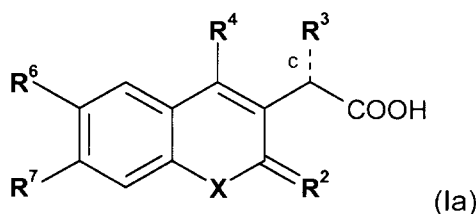
4. A compound according to one or more of claims 1 to 3 wherein **R**⁴ is naphthyl or phenyl, wherein the phenyl is optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents each independently selected from halo, (C₁₋₄)alkyl, (C₂₋₄)alkenyl, (C₁₋₄)haloalkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl, -OH, -O(C₁₋₄)alkyl, -SH, -S(C₁₋₄)alkyl, -NH₂, -NH(C₁₋₄)alkyl and -N((C₁₋₄)alkyl)₂; wherein the (C₁₋₄)alkyl is optionally substituted with hydroxy, cyano or oxo.

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5. A compound according to claim 4, wherein **R**⁴ is phenyl optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents each independently selected from halo, (C₁₋₄)alkyl, (C₂₋₄)alkenyl, (C₁₋₄)haloalkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl, -OH, -O(C₁₋₄)alkyl, -SH, -S(C₁₋₄)alkyl, -NH₂, -NH(C₁₋₄)alkyl and -N((C₁₋₄)alkyl)₂; wherein the (C₁₋₄)alkyl is optionally substituted with hydroxy, cyano or oxo.

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6. A compound according to one or more of claims 1 to 3, wherein **R⁴** is **Het** optionally substituted with 1 to 5 substituents each independently selected from halo, (C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₂₋₆)alkenyl, (C₁₋₆)haloalkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl, -OH, -O(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -SH, -S(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -NH₂, -NH(C₁₋₆)alkyl and -N((C₁₋₆)alkyl)₂; wherein the (C₁₋₆)alkyl is optionally substituted with hydroxy, cyano or oxo.
7. A compound according to claim 6, wherein **R⁴** is **Het** optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents each independently selected from halo, (C₁₋₆)alkyl and -O(C₁₋₆)alkyl; wherein the **Het** is a 5- or 6-membered heterocycle having 1 to 3 heteroatoms each independently selected from N, O and S; or the **Het** is a 9- or 10-membered heteropolycycle having 1 to 3 heteroatoms each independently selected from N, O and S.
8. A compound according to claim 1 of formula (Ia):



wherein
X is O or NR¹;

R¹ is H, (C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-, or **Het**-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-; wherein **Het** is a 4- to 7-membered heterocycle having 1 to 3 heteroatoms each independently selected from N, O and S; and wherein each of the (C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-, and **Het**-(C₁₋₆)alkyl- is optionally substituted with -OH, -O(C₁₋₃)alkyl, -NH₂, -NH(C₁₋₃)alkyl or -N((C₁₋₃)alkyl)₂;

R² is O;

R^3 is (C_{1-6}) alkyl or (C_{2-6}) alkenyl; and
bond **c** is a single bond;

R^4 is naphthyl or phenyl, wherein the phenyl is optionally substituted with 1 to
3 substituents each independently selected from halo, (C_{1-4}) alkyl, (C_{2-4}) alkenyl, (C_{1-4}) haloalkyl, (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl, -OH, -O (C_{1-4}) alkyl, -SH, -S (C_{1-4}) alkyl, -NH₂, -NH (C_{1-4}) alkyl and -N $((C_{1-4})$ alkyl)₂; wherein the (C_{1-4}) alkyl is optionally substituted with hydroxy, cyano or oxo;

R^6 is H, halo, (C_{1-3}) alkyl or (C_{1-3}) haloalkyl;

R^7 is H or F;

or a salt or ester thereof.

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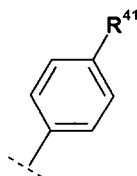
9. A compound according to claim 8, wherein **X** is O.

10. A compound according to claim 8, wherein **X** is NR^1 .

20 11. A compound according to one or more of claims 8 to 10, wherein R^4 is phenyl optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents each independently selected from halo, (C_{1-4}) alkyl, (C_{2-4}) alkenyl, (C_{1-4}) haloalkyl, (C_{3-7}) cycloalkyl, -OH, -O (C_{1-4}) alkyl, -SH, -S (C_{1-4}) alkyl, -NH₂, -NH (C_{1-4}) alkyl and -N $((C_{1-4})$ alkyl)₂; wherein the (C_{1-4}) alkyl is optionally substituted with hydroxy, cyano or oxo.

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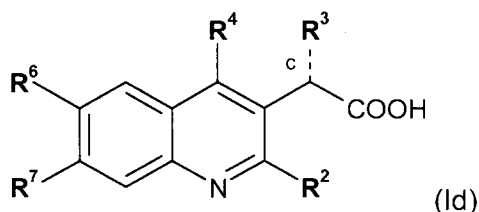
12. A compound according to claim 11, wherein R^4 is a group of formula:



wherein R^{41} is selected from halo, (C_{1-4}) alkyl and (C_{1-4}) haloalkyl.

30 13. A compound according to one or more of claims 1 to 12, wherein R^6 is H, Cl or Br and R^7 is H.

14. A compound according to claim 1 of formula (Id):



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wherein

R² is (C₁₋₆)alkyl or -O(C₁₋₆)alkyl;

- 10 **R³** is (C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₂₋₆)alkenyl, -O-(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -O-(C₁₋₆)haloalkyl, -O-(C₂₋₆)alkenyl, -O-(C₂₋₆)alkynyl, -O-(C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl, -O-aryl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-O-, aryl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-O- or **Het**-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-O-;
 wherein each of the -O-(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -O-(C₂₋₆)alkenyl, -O-(C₂₋₆)alkynyl, -O-(C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl, -O-aryl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-O-, aryl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-O- and **Het**-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-O- is optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents each
 15 independently selected from (C₁₋₆)alkyl, halo, cyano, oxo and -O(C₁₋₆)alkyl;
 and
 bond **c** is a single bond; or

- 20 **R³** is (C₁₋₆)alkylidene and bond **c** is a double bond;

- R⁴** is naphthyl or phenyl, wherein the phenyl is optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents each independently selected from halo, (C₁₋₄)alkyl, (C₂₋₄)alkenyl, (C₁₋₄)haloalkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl, -OH, -O(C₁₋₄)alkyl, -SH, -S(C₁₋₄)alkyl, -NH₂, -NH(C₁₋₄)alkyl and -N((C₁₋₄)alkyl)₂; wherein the (C₁₋₄)alkyl is optionally substituted with
 25 hydroxy, cyano or oxo; or

- R⁴** is **Het** optionally substituted with 1 to 5 substituents each independently selected from halo, (C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₂₋₆)alkenyl, (C₁₋₆)haloalkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl, -OH, -O(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -SH, -S(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -NH₂, -NH(C₁₋₆)alkyl and -N((C₁₋₆)alkyl)₂; wherein the (C₁₋₆)alkyl is
 30 optionally substituted with hydroxy, cyano or oxo;

R⁶ is H, halo, (C₁₋₃)alkyl or (C₁₋₃)haloalkyl; and

R⁷ is H or F;

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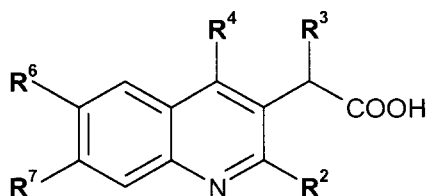
or a salt or ester thereof.

15. A compound according to claim 14, wherein **R⁷** is H and **R⁶** is H, Cl or Br.
- 10 16. A compound according to claim 14, wherein **R²** is (C₁₋₆)alkyl.
17. A compound according to claim 16, wherein **R²** is CH₃.
18. A compound according to claim 14, wherein **R³** is -O-(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -O-(C₁₋₆)haloalkyl, -O-(C₂₋₆)alkenyl, -O-(C₂₋₆)alkynyl, -O-(C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl, -O-aryl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-O-, aryl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-O- or **Het**-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-O-; wherein each of the -O-(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -O-(C₂₋₆)alkenyl, -O-(C₂₋₆)alkynyl, -O-(C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl, -O-aryl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-O-, aryl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-O- and **Het**-(C₁₋₆)alkyl-O- is optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents each independently selected from (C₁₋₆)alkyl, halo, cyano, oxo and -O(C₁₋₆)alkyl; and bond **c** is a single bond.
- 15 19. A compound according to claim 14, wherein **R⁴** is phenyl optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents each independently selected from halo, (C₁₋₄)alkyl, (C₂₋₄)alkenyl, (C₁₋₄)haloalkyl, (C₃₋₇)cycloalkyl, -OH, -O(C₁₋₄)alkyl, -SH, -S(C₁₋₄)alkyl, -NH₂, -NH(C₁₋₄)alkyl and -N((C₁₋₄)alkyl)₂; wherein the (C₁₋₄)alkyl is optionally substituted with hydroxy, cyano or oxo.
- 20 20. A compound according to claim 14, wherein **R⁴** is **Het** optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents each independently selected from halo, (C₁₋₆)alkyl and -O(C₁₋₆)alkyl; wherein the **Het** is a 5- or 6-membered heterocycle having 1 to 3 heteroatoms each independently selected from N, O and S; or the **Het** is a 9-

or 10-membered heteropolycycle having 1 to 3 heteroatoms each independently selected from N, O and S.

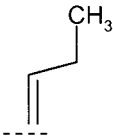
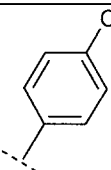
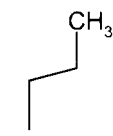
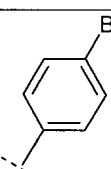
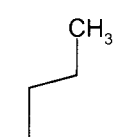
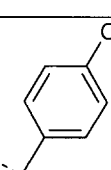
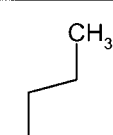
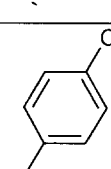
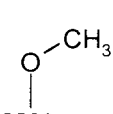
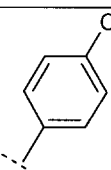
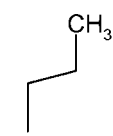
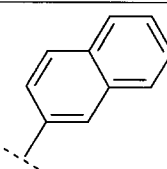
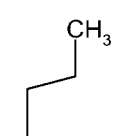
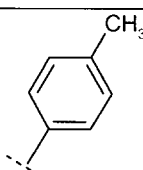
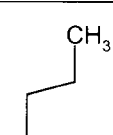
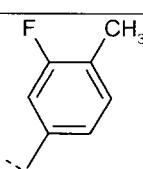
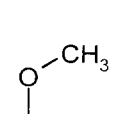
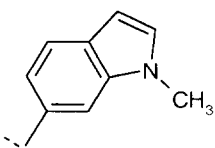
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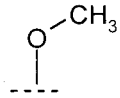
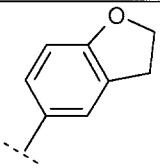
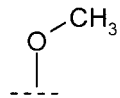
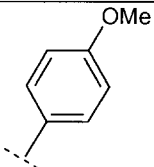
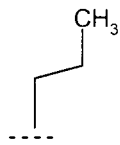
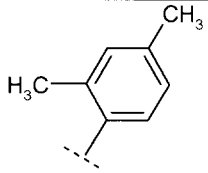
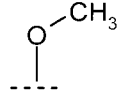
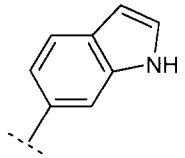
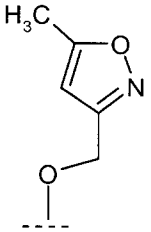
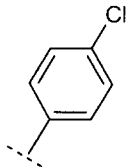
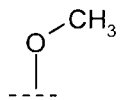
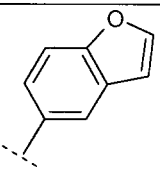
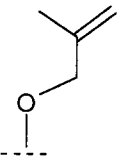
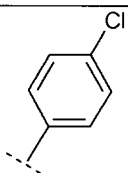
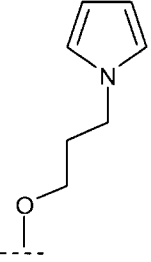
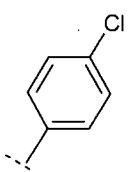
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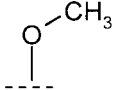
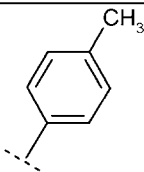
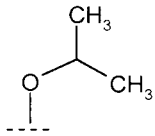
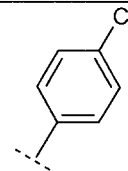
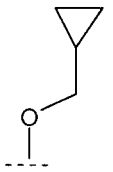
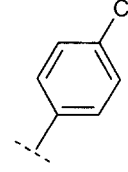
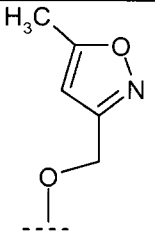
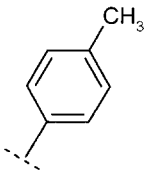
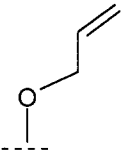
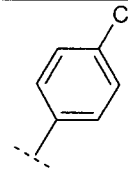
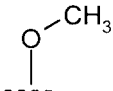
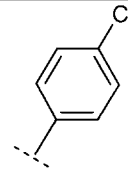
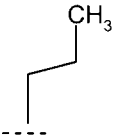
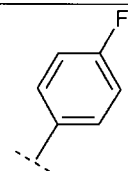
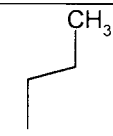
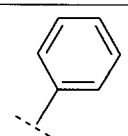
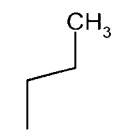
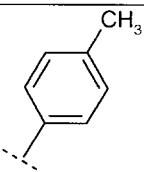


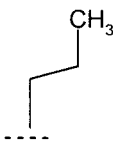
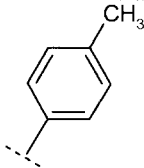
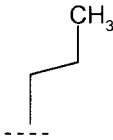
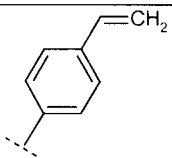
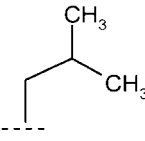
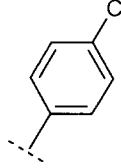
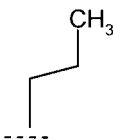
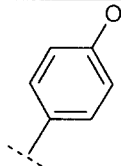
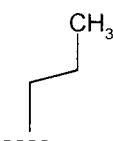
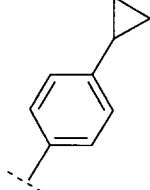
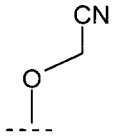
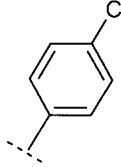
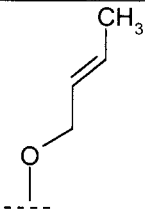
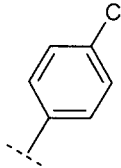
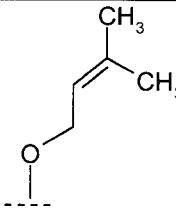
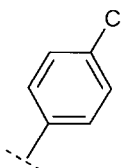
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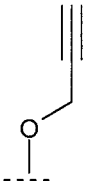
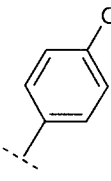
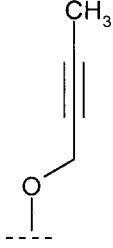
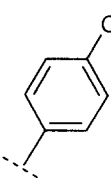
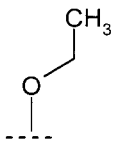
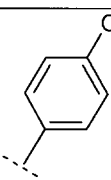
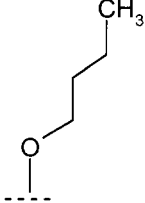
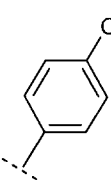
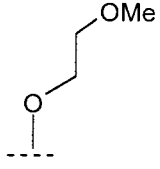
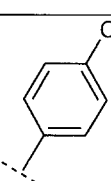
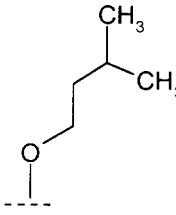
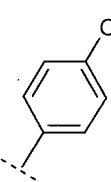
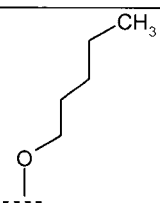
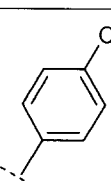
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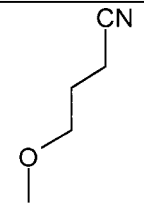
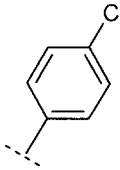
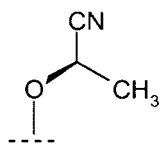
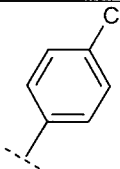
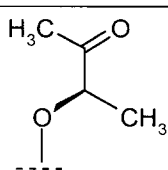
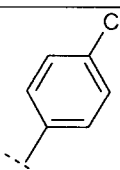
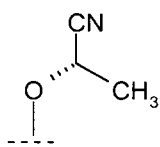
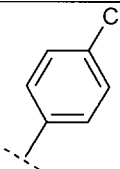
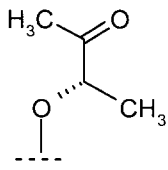
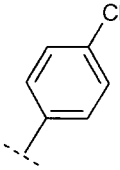
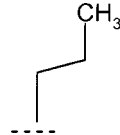
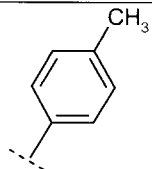
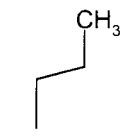
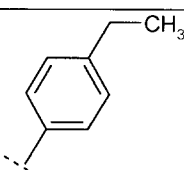
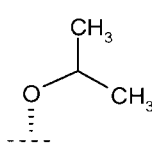
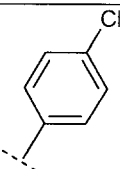
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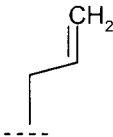
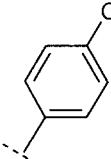
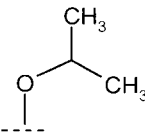
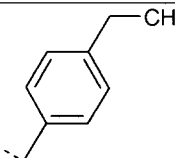
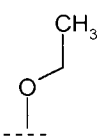
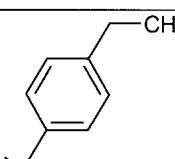
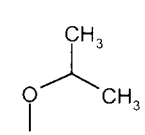
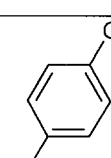
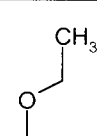
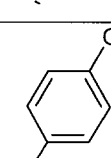
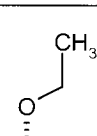
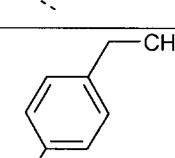
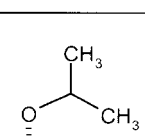
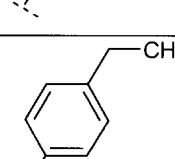
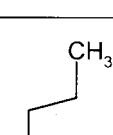
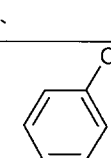
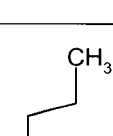
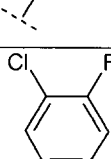
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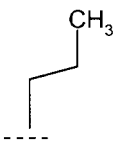
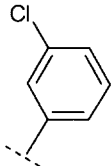
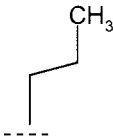
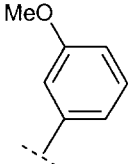
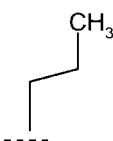
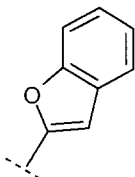
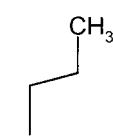
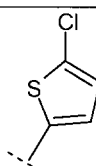
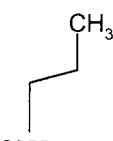
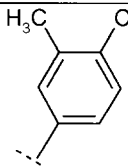
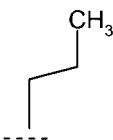
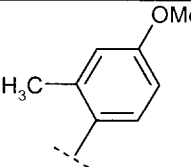
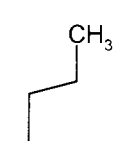
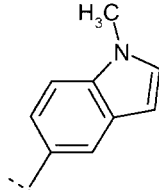
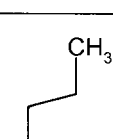
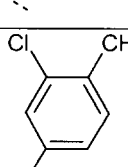
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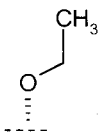
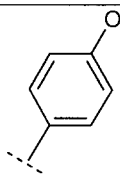
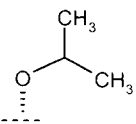
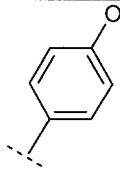
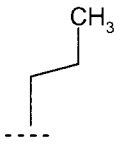
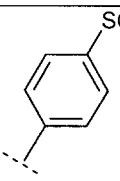
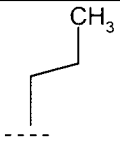
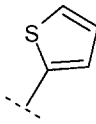
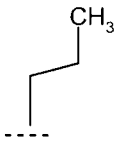
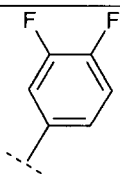
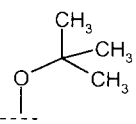
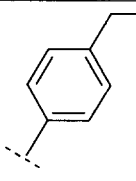
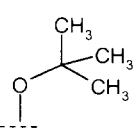
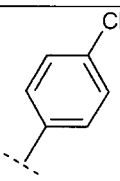
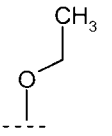
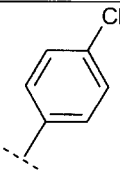
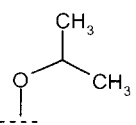
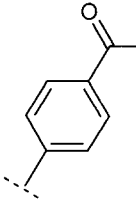
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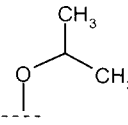
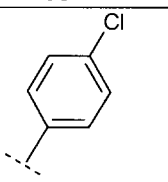
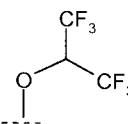
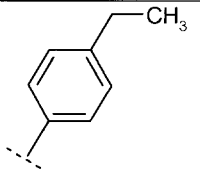
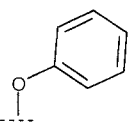
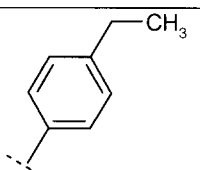
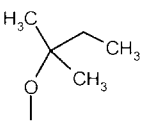
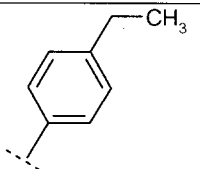
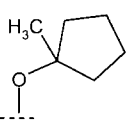
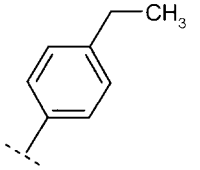
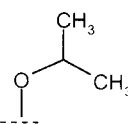
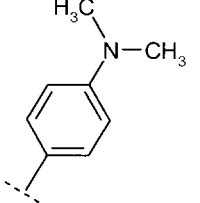
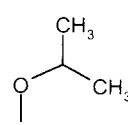
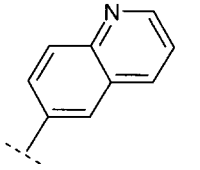
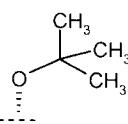
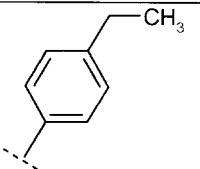
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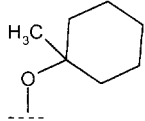
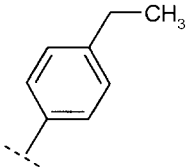
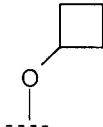
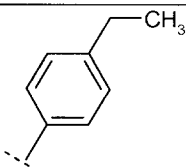
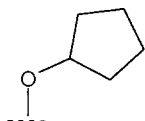
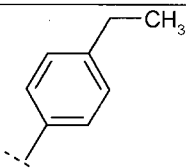
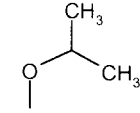
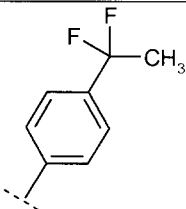
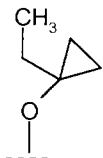
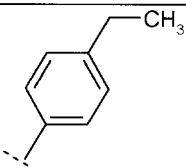
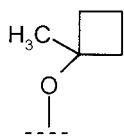
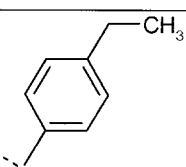
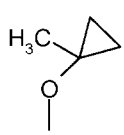
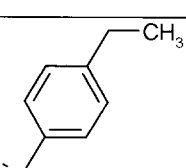
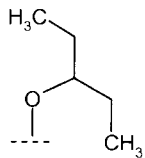
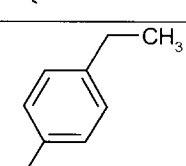
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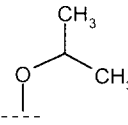
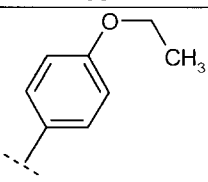
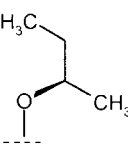
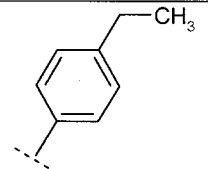
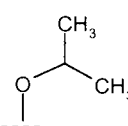
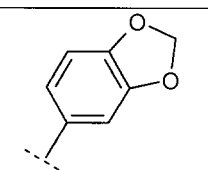
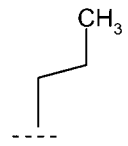
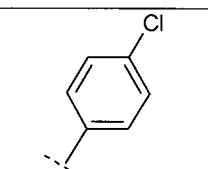
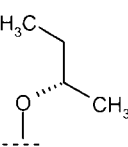
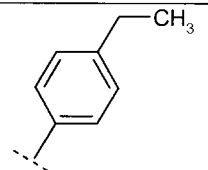
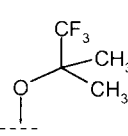
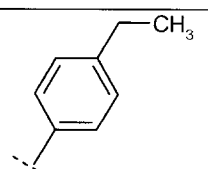
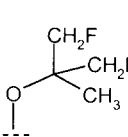
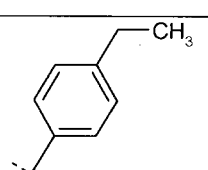
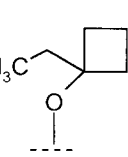
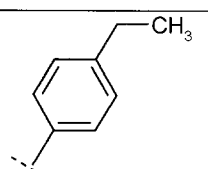
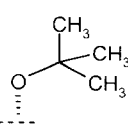
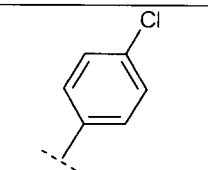
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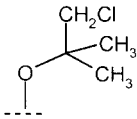
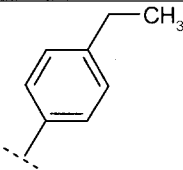
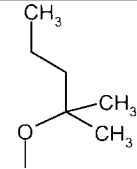
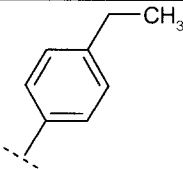
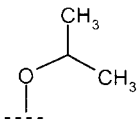
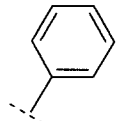
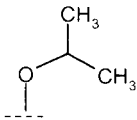
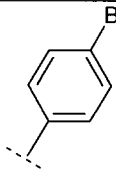
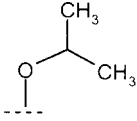
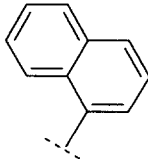
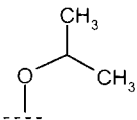
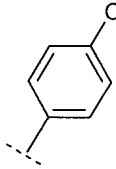
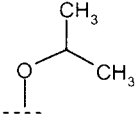
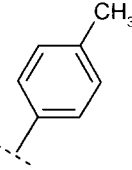
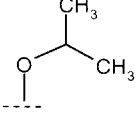
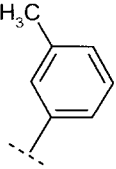
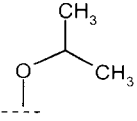
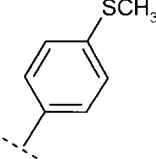
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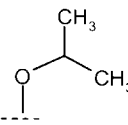
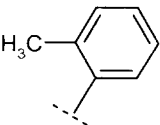
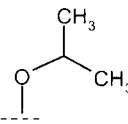
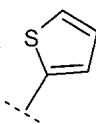
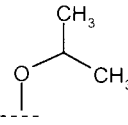
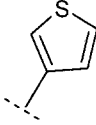
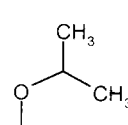
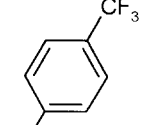
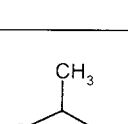
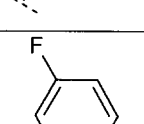
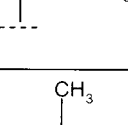
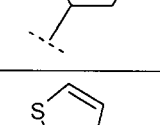
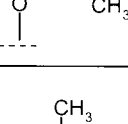
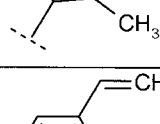
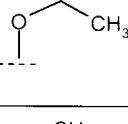
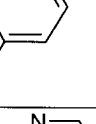
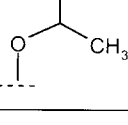
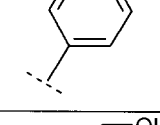
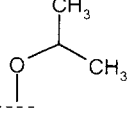
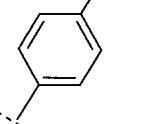
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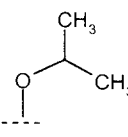
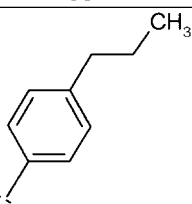
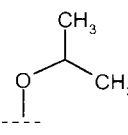
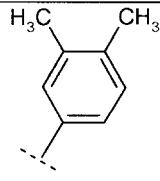
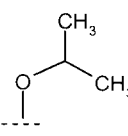
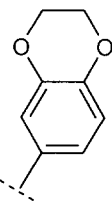
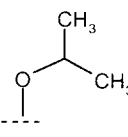
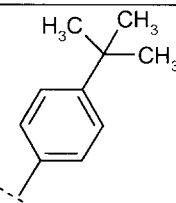
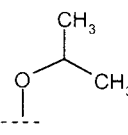
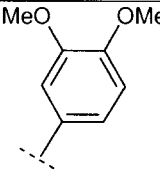
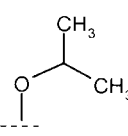
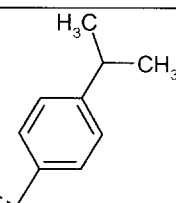
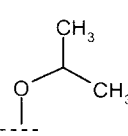
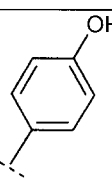
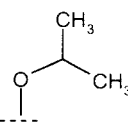
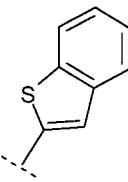
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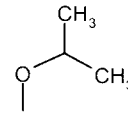
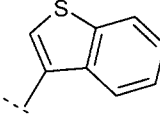
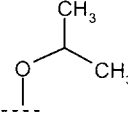
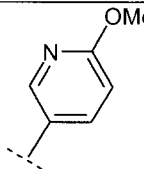
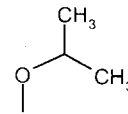
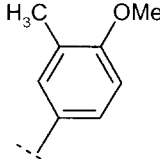
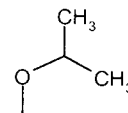
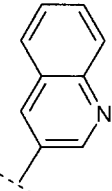
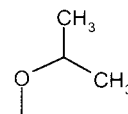
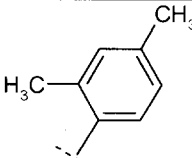
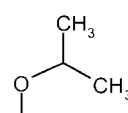
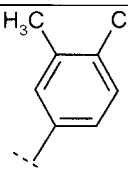
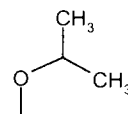
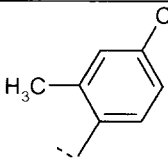
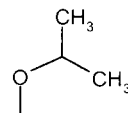
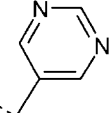
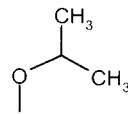
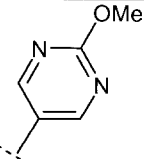
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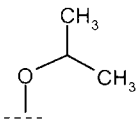
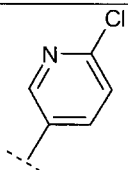
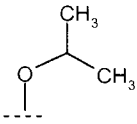
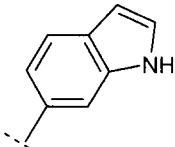
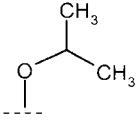
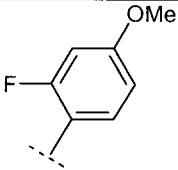
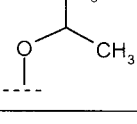
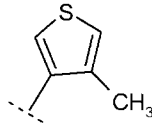
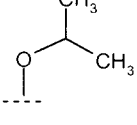
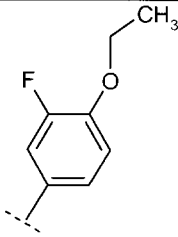
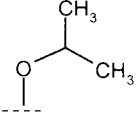
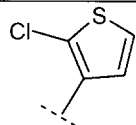
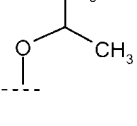
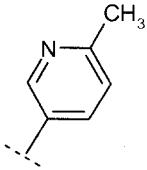
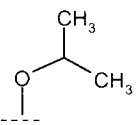
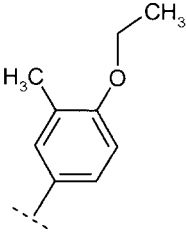
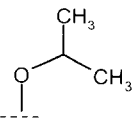
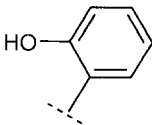
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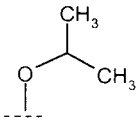
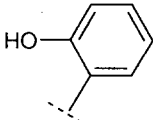
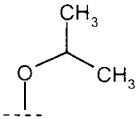
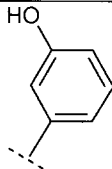
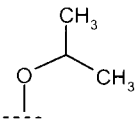
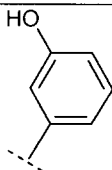
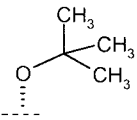
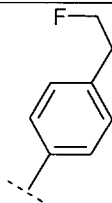
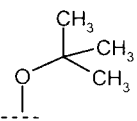
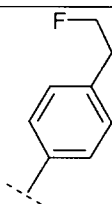
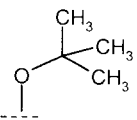
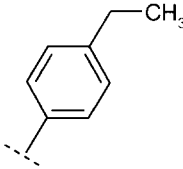
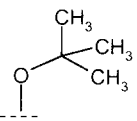
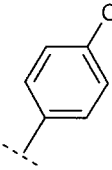
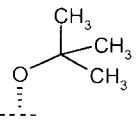
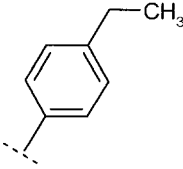
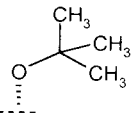
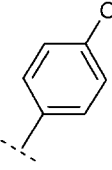
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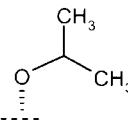
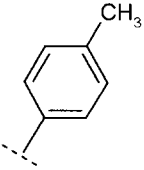
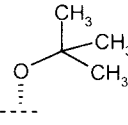
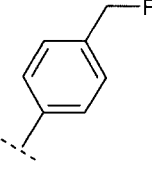
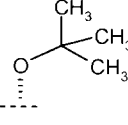
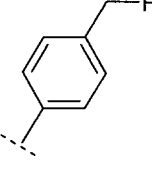
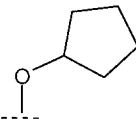
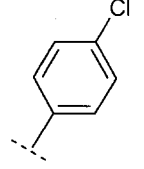
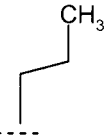
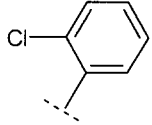
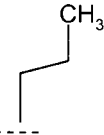
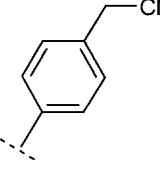
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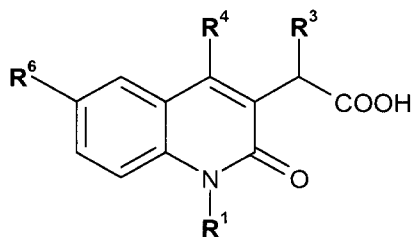
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1151	CH ₃			Cl	H

Cpd	R ²	R ³	R ⁴	R ⁶	R ⁷
1152	CH ₃			H	H
1153	CH ₃			Cl	H
1154	CH ₃			H	H
1155	CH ₃			Cl	H
1156	CH ₃			Cl	H
1157	CH ₃			H	H
1158	CH ₃			H	H
1159	CH ₃			H	H
1160	CH ₃			H	H

Cpd	R ²	R ³	R ⁴	R ⁶	R ⁷
1161	CH ₃			H	H
1162	CH ₃			Cl	H
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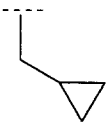
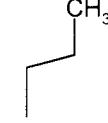
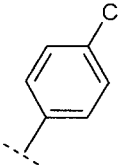
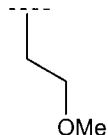
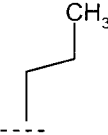
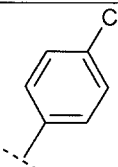
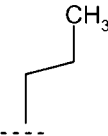
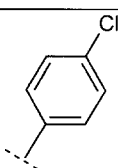
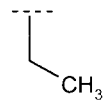
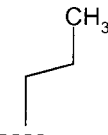
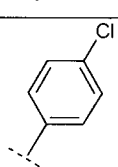
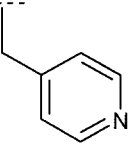
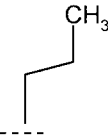
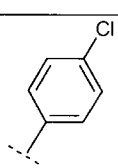
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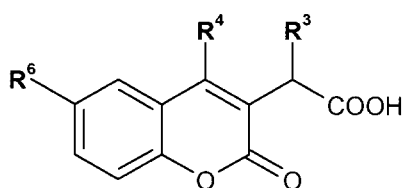
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wherein R^1 , R^3 , R^4 and R^6 are defined according to the following table:

Cpd	R^1	R^3	R^4	R^6
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2002				Cl
2003				Cl
2004	H			Br
2005	H			H
2006	H			Br

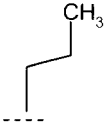
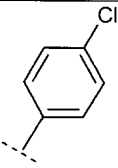
Cpd	R ¹	R ³	R ⁴	R ⁶
2007				Cl
2008				Cl
2009	CH ₃			Cl
2010				Cl
2011				Cl

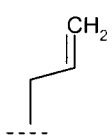
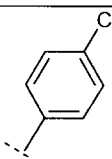
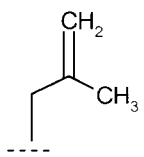
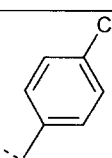
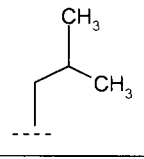
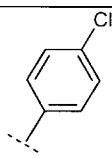
23. A compound according to claim 1 of the formula:



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wherein R³, R⁴ and R⁶ are defined according to the following table:

Cpd	R ³	R ⁴	R ⁶
3001			Br

Cpd	R ³	R ⁴	R ⁶
3002			Br
3003			Br
3004			Br

24. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula (I) as defined in claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof; and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers.

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25. The pharmaceutical composition as defined in claim 24 additionally comprising at least one other antiviral agent.

26. The pharmaceutical composition as defined in claim 25 wherein the at least one antiviral agent comprises at least one NNRTI.

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27. The pharmaceutical composition as defined in claim 25, wherein the at least one antiviral agent comprises at least one NRTI.

28. The pharmaceutical composition as defined in claim 25, wherein the at least one antiviral agent comprises at least one protease inhibitor.

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29. The pharmaceutical composition as defined in claim 25, wherein the at least one antiviral agent comprises at least one entry inhibitor.

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30. The pharmaceutical composition as defined in claim 25, wherein the at least one antiviral agent comprises at least one integrase inhibitor.

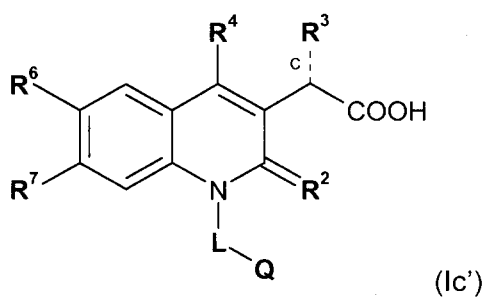
31. The use of a pharmaceutical composition as defined in claim 24 for the treatment of an HIV infection in a mammal having or at risk of having the infection.
32. A method of treating an HIV infection in a mammal having or at risk of having the infection, the method comprising administering to the mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula (I) as defined in claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof, or a composition as defined in claim 24.
33. A method of treating an HIV infection in a mammal having or at risk of having the infection, the method comprising administering to the mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a combination of a compound of formula (I) as defined in claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof, and at least one other antiviral agent; or a composition thereof as defined in claim 24.
34. The use of a compound of formula (I) as defined in claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof, for the treatment of an HIV infection in a mammal having or at risk of having the infection.
35. The use of a compound of formula (I) as defined in claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof, for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of an HIV infection in a mammal having or at risk of having the infection.
36. An article of manufacture comprising a composition effective to treat an HIV infection; and packaging material comprising a label which indicates that the composition can be used to treat infection by HIV; wherein the composition comprises a compound of formula (I) as defined in claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.
37. A method of inhibiting the replication of HIV comprising exposing the virus to an effective amount of the compound of formula (I) as defined in claim 1, or a salt or ester thereof, under conditions where replication of HIV is inhibited.
38. The use of a compound of formula (I) as defined in claim 1, or a salt or ester

thereof, to inhibit the replication of HIV.

39. A derivative of a compound of formula (I) as defined in claim 1, the derivative comprising a detectable label.

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40. A derivative according to claim 39 of formula (Ic'):



10 wherein **L** is a linker;

Q is a detectable label; and

c, **R²**, **R³**, **R⁴**, **R⁶** and **R⁷** are as defined in claim 1.