

COMPOUNDS

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

[0001] The invention relates to compounds capable of absorbing energy to thereby provide a protective effect. More particularly, this invention relates to compounds for absorbing electromagnetic radiation, uses thereof and compositions comprising said compounds.

BACKGROUND TO THE INVENTION

[0002] Any reference to background art herein is not to be construed as an admission that such art constitutes common general knowledge in Australia or elsewhere.

[0003] Ultraviolet light (UV) and visible light absorbing or screening compounds have found use in a range of applications where protection from the sun's harmful UV rays is desirable. This includes their use in glass and lens coatings, paints, packaging, household cleaning formulations and materials including fabrics as well as, perhaps most notably, in sun screen formulations to protect the skin of the user from damage caused by UV radiation.

[0004] Compounds suitable for absorbing UV light, and therefore offering a protective function, were described in WO 2015/006803 in the name of the present applicant. The compounds disclosed therein displayed a cyclic enaminoketone core with a range of substitutions designed to provide a useful variance in absorption characteristics to provide for coverage throughout the UV range. While effective for their primary purpose the stability of the compounds to exposure to electromagnetic radiation was not considered or discussed in any form.

[0005] Inorganic sunscreens, such as zinc oxide, protect from UV primarily by light scattering. Conversely organic sunscreen agents, such as those described in WO 2015/006803, absorb the UV light and must then emit this energy in order to return to the ground state. Such energy loss can occur by

any or all of a variety of pathways such as fluorescence, phosphorescence, transfer to another molecule, isomerisation, heat generation or fragmentation. If destructive pathways such as fragmentation, and some isomerisations, predominate then the ability of the molecule to continue to absorb UV or visible light is destroyed. While protective compounds are not required to be indefinitely photostable it is important that they provide for a useful lifetime and so resist fast degradation.

[0006] It would therefore be desirable to provide for compounds which can absorb energy from a variety of ranges within the electromagnetic spectrum or which provide for a variety of molar extinction coefficients or mass extinction coefficients or which can demonstrate improved stability to this exposure to provide for a greater operational lifespan.

[0007] Further, there is an ongoing need for compounds, whether preferentially photostabilised or not, which provide for improved physical stability. For example, the incorporation of absorbing compounds into lenses and other solid phase polymeric products requires a high level of stability of the compound to the initiating and curing conditions of the polymer.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0008] It has been found that certain non-cyclic enamine core compounds provide for absorbance across a useful range of the electromagnetic spectrum with a useful variation in molar extinction coefficients or mass extinction coefficients or λ_{max} or λ_{crit} values; and this variance can, to a significant degree, be tailored based on the choice of functional groups extending from the enamine core. Further, these compounds have been advantageously found to demonstrate both a useful degree of photostability and an improved physical stability or general robustness to a range of conditions, including incorporation into lenses. Finally, while providing these advantages the compounds of the invention, due at least in part to their non-cyclic core, are also easily accessible

in a synthetic sense and can be prepared in a short number of steps from readily available building blocks.

[0009] The various features and embodiments of the present invention, referred to in individual sections above apply, as appropriate, to other sections, *mutatis mutandis*. Consequently features specified in one section may be combined with features specified in other sections as appropriate.

[0010] Further features and advantages of the present invention will become apparent from the following detailed description.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0011] FIG 1 is a graphical representation of the absorbance of compounds 142 and 143 measured in a 10mm cuvette as 0.001% solutions in methanol (142 is the uppermost trace at peak point of approximately 330 nm);

[0012] FIG 2 is a is a graphical representation of the % transmission of compounds 142 and 143 measured in a 2mm cuvette as 0.1% solutions in methanol (142 is the left most trace);

[0013] FIG 3 is a graphical representation of the % transmission of compound 142 in differing lens compositions measured as a 2mm thickness lens of 0.1% concentration. Solution denotes the absorber as a methanol solution, CR-39 the absorber in a cured CR-39 lens and NK the absorber in a cured NK ester lens formulation (1510 Solution and 1510 NK are left most traces which largely overlap until the 1510 NK trace continues off the chart while the 1510 Solution one plateaus and the 1510 CR trace is the right most trace which plateaus at the lowest transmittance);

[0014] FIG 4 is a graphical representation of the % transmission of compound 143 in differing lens compositions measured as a 2mm thickness lens of 0.1% concentration. Solution denotes the compound as a methanol solution, CR-39 the compound in a cured CR-39 lens and NK the compound in

a cured NK ester lens formulation (the 1522 NK trace plateaus at the lowest transmittance at 500 nm while the 1522 solution trace is the left most);

[0015] FIG 5 is a graphical representation of the % transmission of compound 164 in solution versus when incorporated into a cured CR-39 lens (the 154 solution trace is the one with the higher plateau and steeper rise);

[0016] FIG 6 is a graphical representation of the % transmission of compound 213 in solution versus when incorporated into a cured CR-39 lens (the 213 solution trace is the one with the higher plateau and steeper rise);

[0017] FIG 7 is a graphical representation showing the transmittance spectra of compound 143 when cast into epoxy resin (the trace with the lowest plateau at 500 nm is the Blank, that with the next lowest is 143 epoxy and the 143 solution trace is the one running off the scale);

[0018] FIG 8 is a graphical representation showing the transmittance spectra of compound 164 when cast into epoxy resin (the 164 epoxy trace is that with the lowest plateau at 500 nm while the 164 solution trace runs off the scale);

[0019] FIG 9 is a graphical representation showing the transmittance spectra of compound 164 in varnish both before and after irradiation (the 164 trace is that which has the lowest plateau at 500 nm, the 164-1 trace has the next lowest and the Varnish trace is the highest plateau at 500 nm);

[0020] FIG 10 is a graphical representation showing the transmittance spectra of compound 164 in PMMA both before and after irradiation (the 164 Sun 3 weeks trace is that which has the lowest plateau at 500 nm, the 164-2h trace has the next lowest, the 164-1h is next lowest and the 164 trace is the highest plateau at 500 nm);

[0021] FIG 11 is a graphical representation showing the transmittance spectra of compound 142 before and after irradiation (the 142 trace has the highest plateau at 500 nm);

[0022] FIG 12 is a graphical representation showing the transmittance spectra of compound 143 before and after irradiation (the 143 trace has the highest plateau at 500 nm);

[0023] FIG 13 is a graphical representation showing the transmittance spectra of compound 164 before and after irradiation (the 164 trace has the highest plateau at 500 nm);

[0024] FIG 14 is a graphical representation showing the transmittance spectra of compound 213 before and after irradiation (the 213 trace has the highest plateau at 500 nm); and

[0025] FIG 15 is a graphical representation showing the transmittance spectra of compound 215 before and after irradiation (the 215 trace has the highest plateau at 500 nm).

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

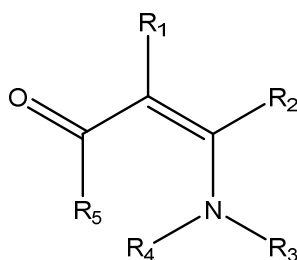
[0026] The present invention is predicated, at least in part, on the finding that non-cyclic enamine structures provide for effective absorption of electromagnetic radiation across a wide range of the spectrum while at the same time offering a surprising level of stability both in the physical and photostability senses. The use of cyclic enaminoketones in UV absorption is known from WO 2015/006803, in the name of the present applicant, and from older publications such as *International Journal of Cosmetic Science* **20**, 41-51 (1998) (Dunlap et al). Dunlap, in one of the earliest disclosures of these MAA compounds stated that the most promising approach to address instability problems with the enaminoketone core was to incorporate the enamine function, i.e. both the double bond and enamine nitrogen atom, into the ring structure itself. Dunlap stated that this modification proved effective in preventing hydrolytic cleavage of the enaminone chromophore. It has thus been accepted wisdom that the enamine core of such compounds had to be built within the ring to achieve both effective absorption and sufficient stability to allow them to be used in absorbing applications. Surprisingly, the present

inventors have found that not only is this not the case but in fact many of the present non-cyclic enamine compounds actually show significantly improved stability over related cyclic compounds.

[0027] It will be appreciated then that, while to a degree, the present compounds might be viewed as ring-opened forms of the cyclic enamine compounds they in fact show significantly different and advantageous properties which could not be predicted from a comparison with the closest cyclic analogue. That is, there has been demonstrated to be a lack of predictability that deconstructing the enamine ring structure would result in compounds which still absorb electromagnetic radiation effectively and, particularly, which show useful and in some cases greatly improved stability.

[0028] The present compounds may have an electron withdrawing group adjacent the carbonyl group. While it is known that electron withdrawing groups can reduce electron density around adjacent functional groups and thereby decrease chemical reactivity, it is important to realise that chemical reactivity is not the same as, and is certainly not predictive of, photostability. The underlying mechanisms of chemical reactivity and photostability (or release of excitation energy upon irradiation) are different with a variety of different considerations. It could therefore not reasonably be predicted with any degree of certainty that a compound which has reduced chemical reactivity due to the presence of an electron withdrawing group would also demonstrate improved photostability and would, at the same time, prove to be an effective absorber of electromagnetic radiation, such as UV and visible light.

[0029] According to a first aspect of the present invention, there is provided a compound of formula I, or a salt or isomer thereof:



formula I

wherein, R_1 is selected from the group consisting of C_1 to C_{20} alkyl, C_2 to C_{20} alkenyl, C_2 to C_{20} alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, aroyl, C_5 to C_7 cycloalkenyl and heterocyclic, each of which groups may be substituted or unsubstituted;

R_2 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C_1 to C_{12} alkyl, C_2 to C_{12} alkenyl, aryl, heteroaryl, aroyl, C_5 to C_7 cycloalkenyl and heterocyclic, each of which groups may be substituted or unsubstituted;

R_3 and R_4 are independently selected from the group consisting of C_1 to C_{20} alkyl, C_2 to C_{20} alkenyl, C_2 to C_{20} alkynyl, C_1 to C_{20} alkylamine, aryl, heteroaryl, aroyl, C_5 to C_7 cycloalkyl, C_3 to C_8 cycloalkenyl, C_2 to C_{12} alkanoyloxy, haloalkyl, and heterocyclic, all of which groups may be substituted or unsubstituted, or R_3 and R_4 may together form a cyclic structure which includes the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, said cyclic structure being optionally substituted; and

R_5 is selected from the group consisting of C_1 to C_{20} haloalkyl, C_1 to C_{20} haloalkenyl, a fluorine-containing group, C_1 to C_{20} alkyl, C_2 to C_{20} alkenyl, C_1 to C_{20} alkoxy, ester, amide, C_1 to C_{20} alkanoyl, C_1 to C_{20} alkenoyl, aryl, C_5 to C_7 cycloalkenyl and heterocyclic, each of which groups may be substituted or unsubstituted.

[0030] In any embodiment of the compound of formula I, R_1 is selected from the group consisting of C_2 to C_{12} alkenyl, C_2 to C_{12} alkynyl, C_5 or C_6 aryl, C_5 or C_6 heteroaryl, C_5 or C_6 aroyl, C_5 or C_6 cycloalkenyl, fused aryl-heterocyclic and

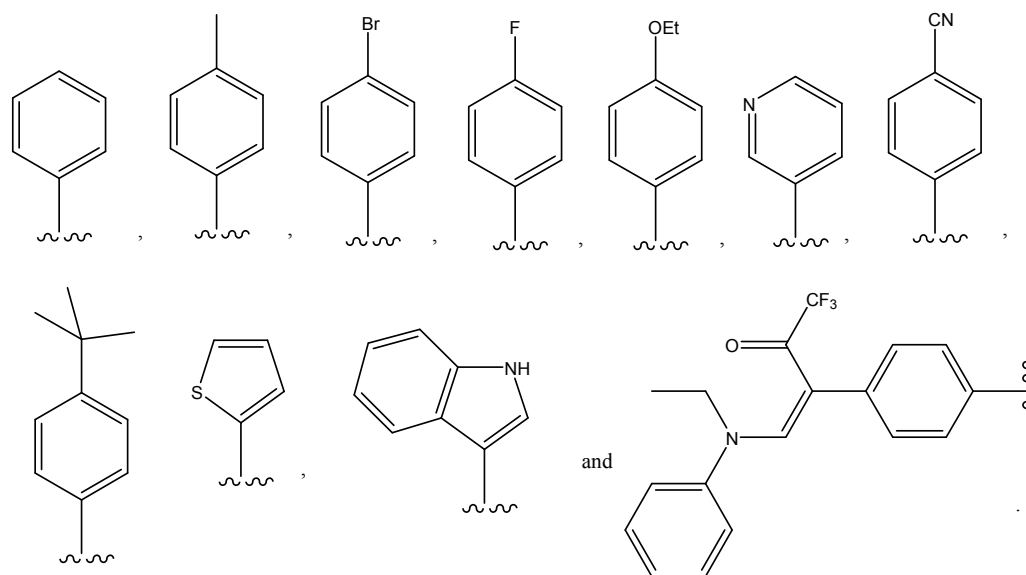
C₅ or C₆ heterocyclic, each of which groups may be substituted or unsubstituted.

[0031] In any embodiment of the compound of formula I, R₁ is selected from the group consisting of phenyl, pyridyl, pyran, thiopyran, diazine, oxazine, thiazine, dioxine, dithiine, pyrrole, furan, thiophene, imidazole, pyrazole, oxazole, isoxazole, thiazole, isothiazole, indole and isoindole, each of which groups may be substituted or unsubstituted.

[0032] Preferably, R₁ is phenyl or substituted phenyl.

[0033] In any of the above embodiments of R₁, R₁ may be substituted with a moiety selected from the group consisting of halo, C₁ to C₁₂ alkyl, C₁ to C₁₂ alkoxy, C₂ to C₁₂ alkenyl and enamine to form a divalent presentation of a further compound of formula I, each of which groups may themselves be substituted or unsubstituted. Preferably R₁ is phenyl optionally substituted with C₁ to C₆ alkyl or C₁ to C₆ alkoxy.

[0034] In any of the embodiments of formula I, R₁ may be selected from the group consisting of:



[0035] In any embodiment of the compound of formula I, R₂ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C₁ to C₆ alkyl, C₂ to C₆ alkenyl, C₅ or C₆ aryl, C₅ or C₆ heteroaryl, C₅ or C₆ aroyl, C₅ or C₆ cycloalkenyl and C₅ or C₆ heterocyclic each of which groups may be substituted or unsubstituted.

[0036] In any embodiment of the compound of formula I, R₂ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C₁ to C₆ alkyl, C₂ to C₆ alkenyl, C₅ or C₆ aryl, C₅ or C₆ heteroaryl and C₅ or C₆ heterocyclic each of which groups may be substituted or unsubstituted.

[0037] In preferred embodiments of the compound of formula I, R₂ may be selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, *n*-butyl, *sec*-butyl, isobutyl, *tert*-butyl, pentyl and optionally substituted phenyl.

[0038] When R₂ is phenyl then it may be substituted with a moiety selected from the group consisting of C₁ to C₆ alkyl, C₁ to C₆ alkoxy, halo and C₁ to C₆ haloalkyl.

[0039] Preferably, R₂ is hydrogen or phenyl.

[0040] In any embodiment of the compound of formula I, R₃ and R₄ may be independently selected from the group consisting of C₁ to C₁₂ alkyl, C₂ to C₁₂ alkenyl, C₂ to C₁₂ alkynyl, C₁ to C₁₂ alkylamine, C₅ to C₇ aryl, biaryl, bicyclic, C₅ to C₇ heteroaryl, C₅ to C₇ aroyl, C₄ to C₇ cycloalkenyl, and C₅ to C₇ heterocyclic, all of which groups may be substituted or unsubstituted, or R₃ and R₄ may together form a cyclic structure which includes the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, said cyclic structure being selected from C₅ to C₇ saturated nitrogen heterocycles and C₅ to C₇ unsaturated nitrogen heterocycles each of which may be optionally substituted.

[0041] In any embodiment of the compound of formula I, R₃ and R₄ may be independently selected from the group consisting of C₁ to C₉ alkyl, C₂ to C₉ alkenyl, C₁ to C₉ alkylamine, phenyl, naphthyl, triazine, C₅, C₆ or C₇ nitrogen heterocycle and a divalent presentation of a further compound of formula I, II, or III, all of which groups may be substituted or unsubstituted, or R₃ and R₄ may

together form a cyclic structure which includes the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, said cyclic structure being selected from pyrrolidine, piperidine, azepane, homopiperazine, piperazine, each of which may be substituted or unsubstituted or may be fused with one or more of C₅ or C₆ aryl, C₅ or C₆ cycloalkyl, C₅ or C₆ heteroaryl or C₅ or C₆ heterocyclic rings each of which may themselves be substituted or unsubstituted.

[0042] In certain embodiments, R₃ and R₄ may be independently selected from C₃ to C₂₀ alkyl.

[0043] Preferably, R₃ and R₄ may be independently selected from C₆ aryl or biaryl, C₁ to C₆ alkyl, C₁ to C₁₂ alkylamine, each of which groups may be substituted or unsubstituted, and C₅, C₆ or C₇ nitrogen heterocycle each of which heterocycles may be optionally fused with a substituted or unsubstituted benzene ring.

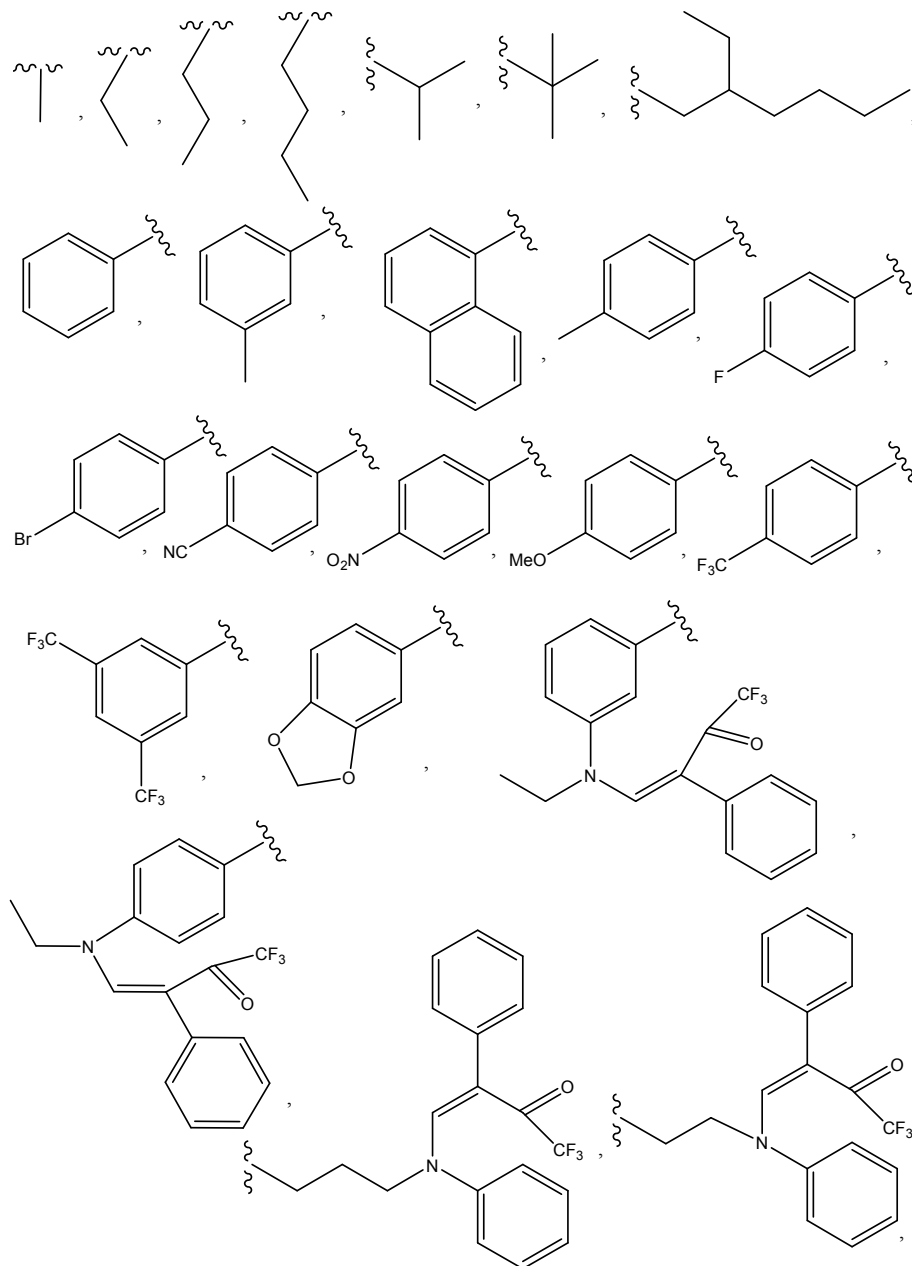
[0044] Preferably, when R₃ and R₄ together form a C₅ nitrogen heterocycle fused with a benzene ring then the structure formed is an indoline which is optionally substituted.

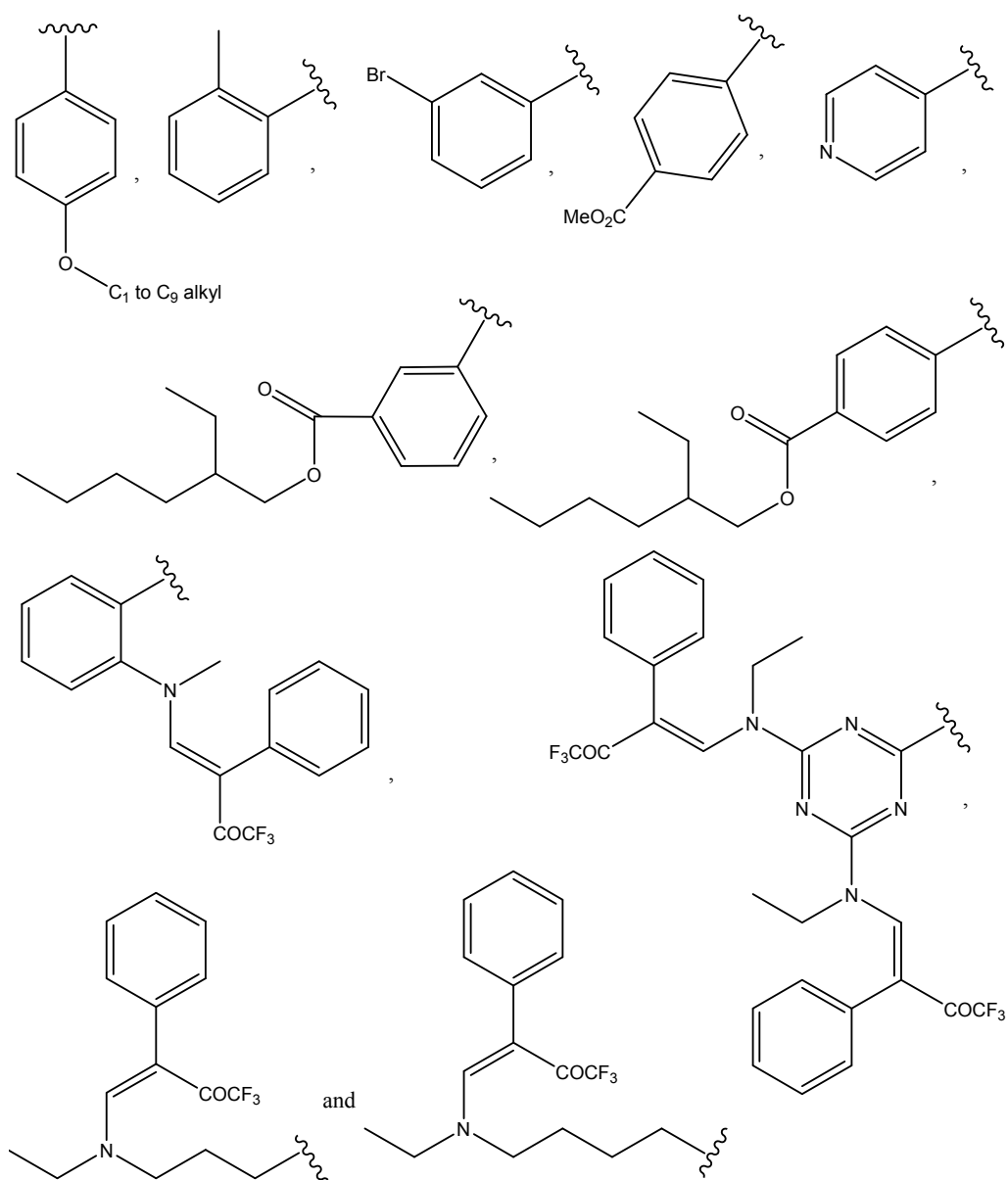
[0045] In embodiments, when R₃ and R₄ together form a C₅ nitrogen heterocycle fused with a benzene ring then the benzene ring may be substituted with a -C(O)-O-R₂₃ group wherein R₂₃ is selected from C₁ to C₂₀ alkyl or a polymeric tag including PEG and PDMS.

[0046] In any embodiment of the compound of formula I, the structure(s) formed by R₃ and R₄ may be substituted with a moiety selected from the group consisting of halo, nitro, cyano, C₁ to C₁₂ alkyl, C₂ to C₁₂ alkenyl, C₁ to C₁₂ haloalkyl, -N-alkyl, C₁ to C₁₂ alkoxy, C₁ to C₁₂ alkylalkanoate, C₁ to C₆ haloalkyl, C₅ or C₆ aryl, C₅ or C₆ heteroaryl, C₅ or C₆ heterocyclic and enamine, to form a divalent presentation of a further compound of formula I, each of which groups may themselves be substituted or unsubstituted, when R₃ and R₄ together form a C₅, C₆ or C₇ nitrogen heterocycle fused with a benzene ring then the benzene

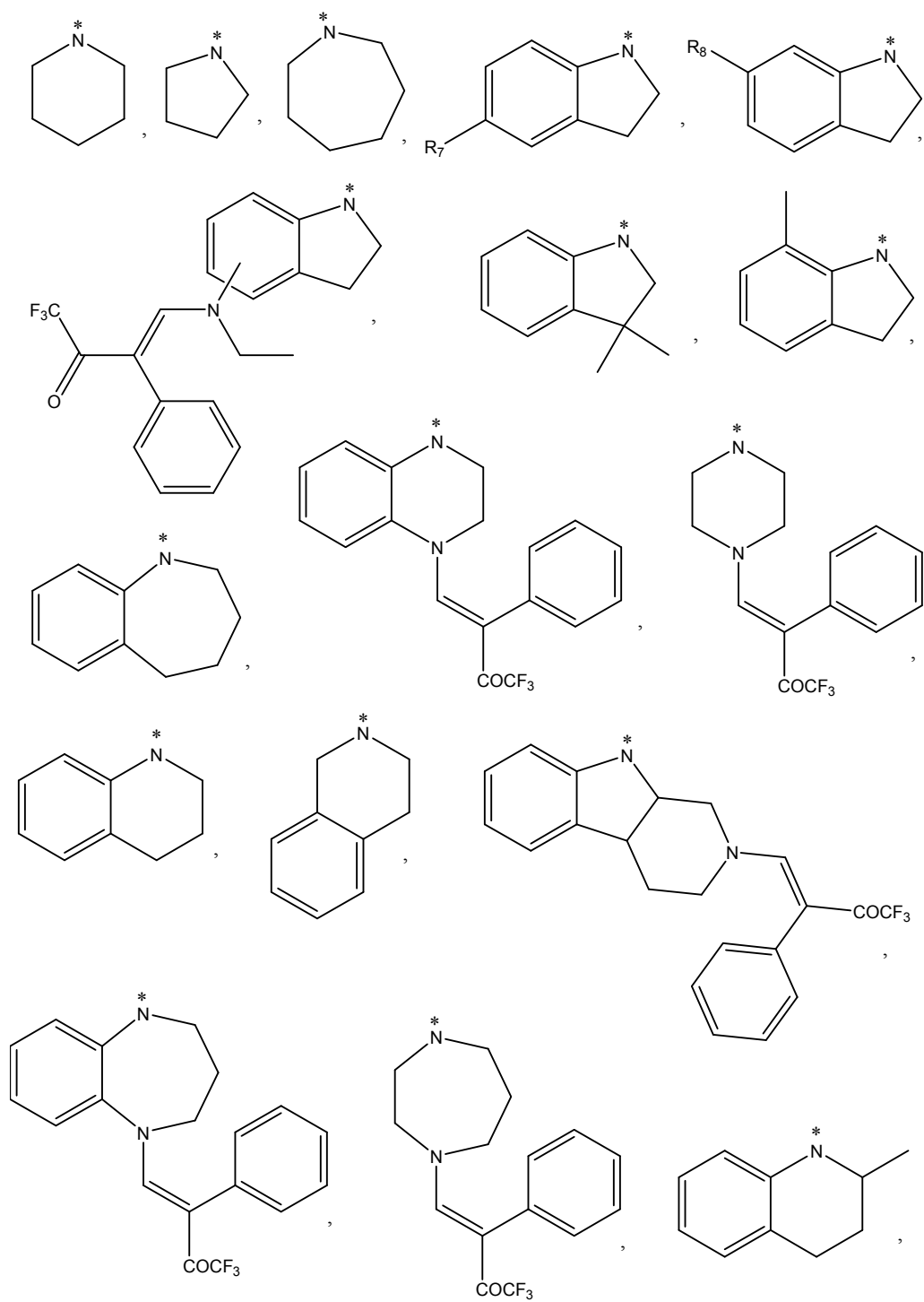
ring may be optionally substituted with optionally substituted C_1 to C_{12} alkylalkanoate, carboxymethyl ester and trifluoroalkyl.

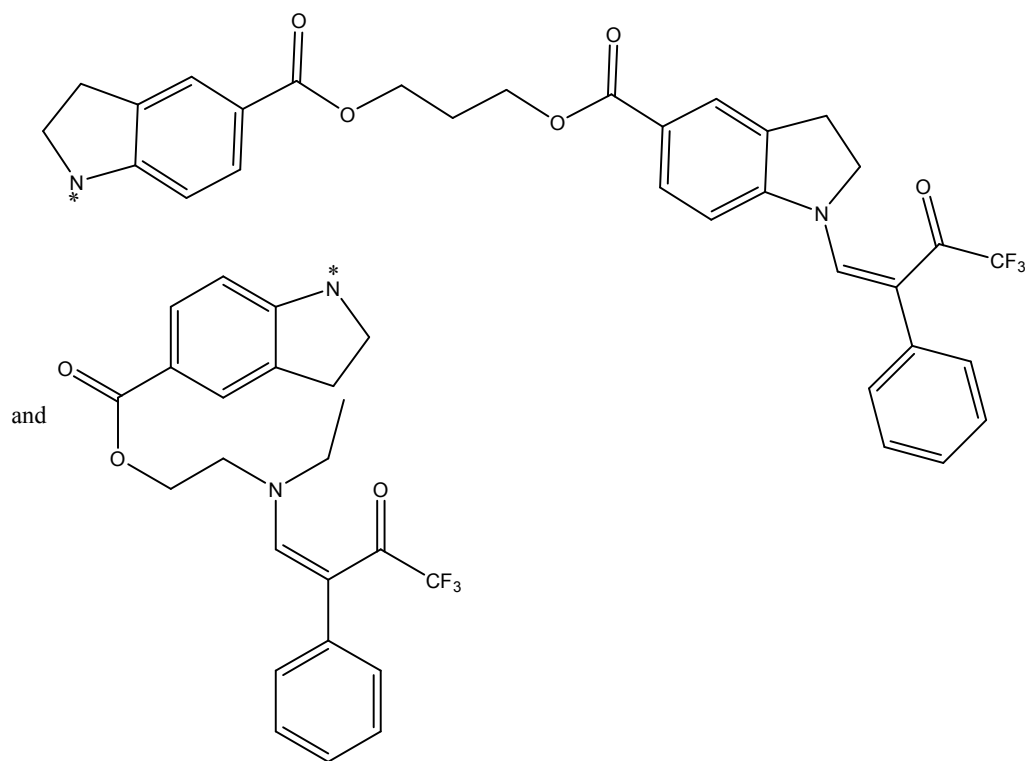
[0047] In any embodiment of the compound of formula I, R_3 and R_4 may be independently selected from the group consisting of:





or R₃ and R₄ may together form a cyclic structure which includes the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, said cyclic structure being selected from the group consisting of:





wherein, the asterisk indicates the enamine nitrogen atom to which R_3 and R_4 are directly attached; and

R_7 and R_8 are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, F, Br, Cl, C_1 to C_{20} alkyl, C_1 to C_6 fluoroalkyl, nitro, C_1 to C_6 alkoxy, $-C(O)O-C_1$ to C_9 alkyl, $-C(O)O-C_1$ to C_4 alkyl-carbamate, carboxymethyl, carboxyethyl, a multivalent presentation of another compound of formula I, $-C(O)O-PEG$ and $-C(O)O-PDMS$, each of which may be optionally substituted.

[0048] In any embodiment of the structural formulae of the first aspect presented herein, while R_7 and R_8 may often be exemplified as carboxymethyl, it should be appreciated that it is envisaged that the length of this ester alkyl chain may be extended to alter the solubility properties of the compound rather than to change the absorbance, as such. Therefore, it is envisaged that any compound shown herein with a carboxymethyl group extending from the R_3/R_4 substituent could have the methyl moiety of the carboxymethyl replaced with a C_2 to C_{20} alkyl or alkenyl chain which may be branched or unbranched. A C_2 to

C₁₆ alkyl or alkenyl chain, C₂ to C₁₂ alkyl or alkenyl chain, or a C₂ to C₈ alkyl or alkenyl chain may be preferred.

[0049] To achieve optimal absorbance and to improve photostability, it is preferred that the compounds of the first aspect do not have both R₃ and R₄ as alkyl. Particularly, it is preferred that R₃ and R₄ are not both methyl.

[0050] In any embodiment of the compound of formula I, R₅ may be selected from the group consisting of C₁ to C₁₂ haloalkyl, C₂ to C₁₂ haloalkenyl, C₅ or C₆ aryl, C₁ to C₁₂ perhaloalkyl, C₁ to C₁₂ alkyl, C₁ to C₁₂ alkenyl, C₁ to C₁₂ alkoxy, C₁ to C₁₂ alkanoyl, phenyl, ester, amide, C₅ to C₇ heterocyclic and an enamine as a divalent presentation of a further compound of formula I, all of which groups may be substituted or unsubstituted.

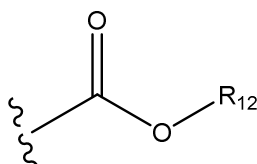
[0051] In one embodiment, the C₅ or C₆ aryl is C₅ or C₆ halo-substituted aryl.

[0052] Suitably, the halo groups of the R₅ substituent are fluorine.

[0053] In any embodiment of the compound of formula I, R₅ may be selected from the group consisting of C₁ to C₆ fluoroalkyl, C₂ to C₆ fluoroalkenyl, C₅ or C₆ fluoro aryl, C₁ to C₆ perfluoroalkyl, C₁ to C₆ alkyl, C₁ to C₉ alkenyl, C₁ to C₆ alkoxy, C₁ to C₉ alkanoyl, C₁ to C₆ cyanoalkyl, phenyl, C₁ to C₉ ester, C₁ to C₉ amide, C₅ to C₇ heterocyclic and an enamine as a divalent presentation of a further compound of formula I, all of which groups may be substituted or unsubstituted.

[0054] When R₅ is amide then the nitrogen of the amide may form part of a nitrogen heterocycle. Preferably, the nitrogen heterocycle is 5- or 6-membered heterocycle which may be substituted or fused with an aryl ring. In certain embodiments the nitrogen heterocycle is indoline which may be substituted or unsubstituted.

[0055] In embodiments of R₅ wherein R₅ comprises an ester group then the structure may be:



wherein R_{12} is selected from the group consisting of C_1 to C_{12} alkyl, C_2 to C_6 alkylalkanoate, C_5 or C_6 aryl, C_5 to C_7 cycloalkyl and alkylaryl.

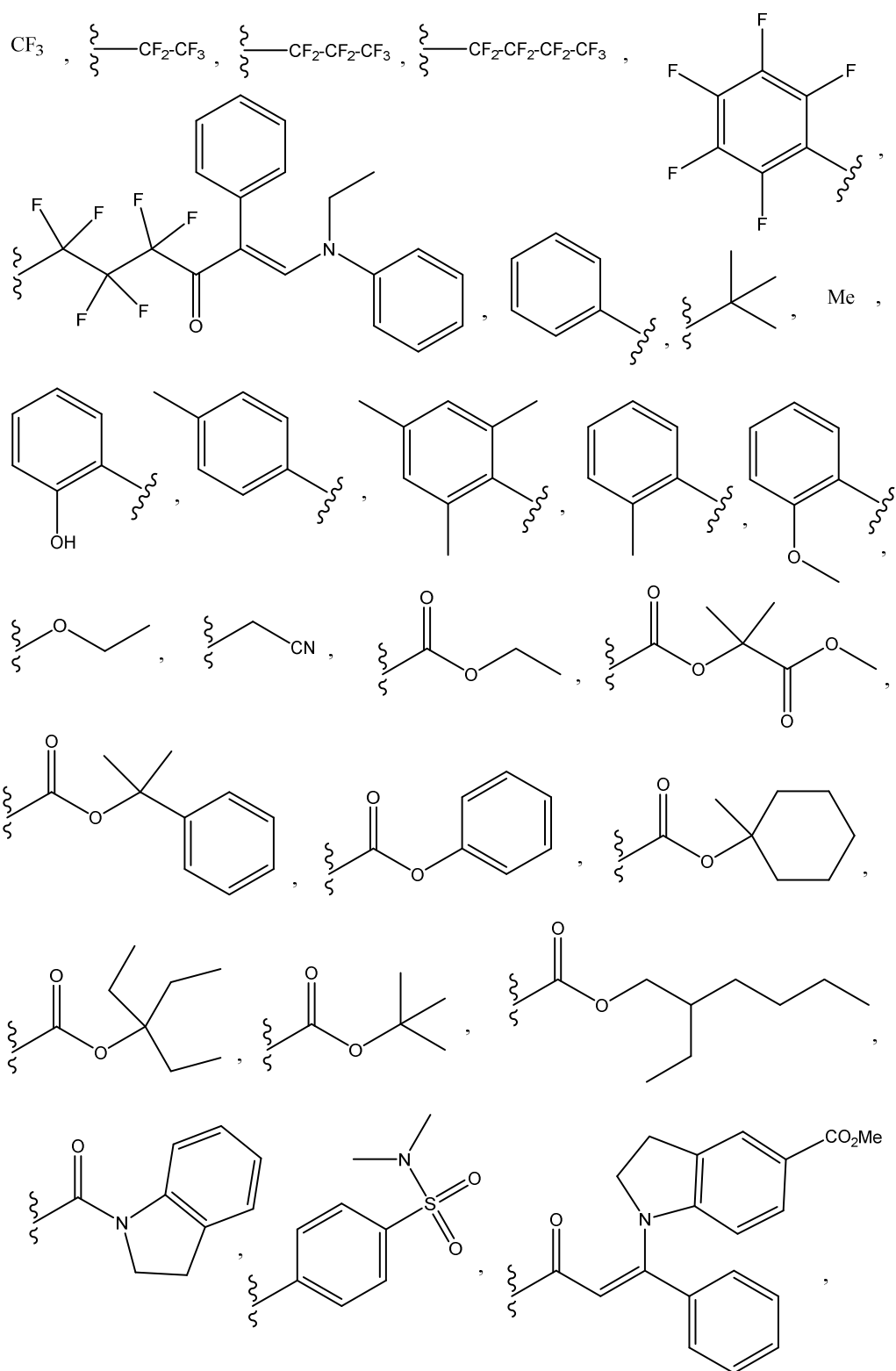
[0056] The C_1 to C_{12} alkyl may be a tertiary alkyl group.

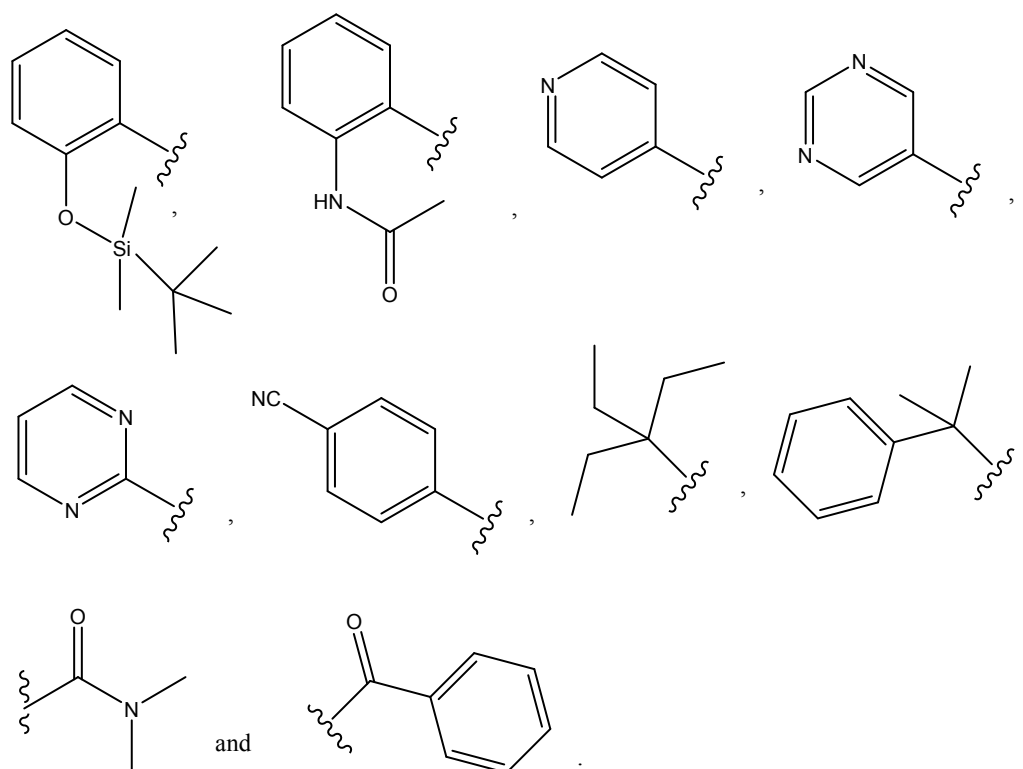
[0057] In embodiments wherein R_5 is substituted C_5 or C_6 aryl, including phenyl, then the substituent(s) may be selected from the group consisting of C_1 to C_6 alkyl, C_1 to C_6 alkoxy, hydroxyl, nitro, cyano, halo and $-S(O)_2-N-R_{13}R_{14}$ wherein R_{13} and R_{14} of the sulphonamide group are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C_1 to C_6 alkyl.

[0058] In one embodiment, R_5 is fluoro-substituted phenyl or fluoroalkyl or perfluoroalkyl selected from C_1 to C_9 fluoroalkyl, C_1 to C_6 fluoroalkyl, C_1 to C_4 fluoroalkyl, C_1 to C_9 perfluoroalkyl, C_1 to C_6 perfluoroalkyl and C_1 to C_4 perfluoroalkyl.

[0059] In one embodiment, R_5 is polyfluoro-substituted phenyl, that is, the phenyl group is substituted with at least 2 fluorine atoms.

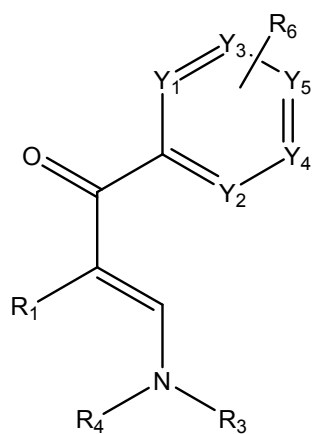
[0060] In any one or more embodiments of formula I, R_5 may be selected from the group consisting of:





[0061] In any embodiment of the compound of the first aspect, wherein R₅ is phenyl then it is not unsubstituted phenyl. It has been found that substitution of the phenyl group in this position greatly improves photostability.

[0062] In one embodiment of the first aspect, there is provided a compound of formula II, or a salt or isomer thereof:



formula II

wherein, R_1 , R_3 and R_4 are independently as described for any embodiment of formula I;

Y_1 , Y_2 , Y_3 , Y_4 and Y_5 are independently selected from a nitrogen or a carbon atom; and

each incidence of R_6 is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, halo, nitro, cyano, C_1 to C_{12} alkyl, C_1 to C_{12} alcohol, C_2 to C_{12} alkenyl, C_1 to C_{12} alkoxy, alkoxysilane, C_1 to C_6 amide, sulphonamide, and C_1 to C_{12} haloalkyl, each of which may be substituted or unsubstituted.

[0063] In any embodiment of the compound of formula II, each incidence of R_6 is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, Br, F, Cl, nitro, cyano, C_1 to C_9 alkyl, C_1 to C_9 alcohol, C_2 to C_9 alkenyl, C_1 to C_9 alkoxy, sulphonamide, and C_1 to C_9 haloalkyl, each of which may be substituted or unsubstituted.

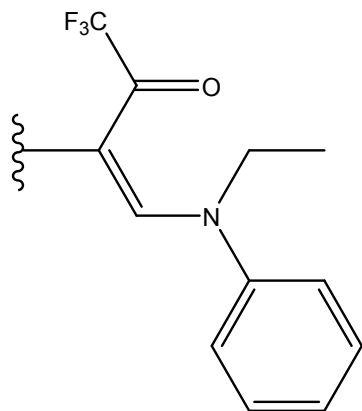
[0064] In any embodiment of the compound of formula II, each incidence of R_6 is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, Br, F, C_1 to C_6 alkyl, C_1 to C_6 alcohol, C_1 to C_6 alkoxy, $-S(O)_2N(C_1 \text{ to } C_4 \text{ alkyl})_2$, and C_1 to C_6 haloalkyl, each of which may be substituted or unsubstituted.

[0065] In embodiments of formula II, R_6 forms one or more of a 2-, 4-, and 6-substitution pattern with any one or more of the above listed groups.

[0066] A 4-, or a 2,4,6-substitution pattern of the phenyl group may be preferred in certain embodiments of formula I or II.

[0067] In any embodiment of the compound of formula II, each incidence of R_6 is independently selected from the following:

H, hydroxyl, Br, OMe, OEt, F, methyl, ethyl, propyl, $-S(O)_2NMe_2$, and

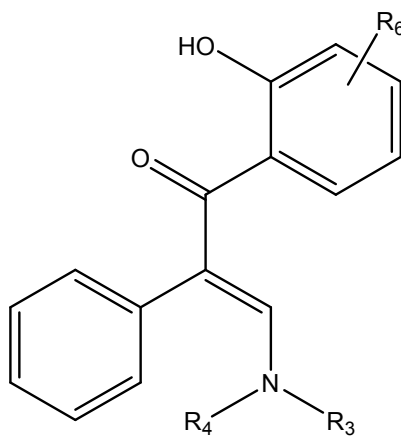


[0068] In any embodiment of the compound of formula II, either (i) Y_1 and Y_2 ; or (ii) Y_3 and Y_4 ; or (iii) Y_5 are a nitrogen atom. Those which are not nitrogen atoms will be carbon atoms.

[0069] In certain embodiments, all of Y_1 , Y_2 , Y_3 , Y_4 and Y_5 are carbon atoms.

[0070] In preferred embodiments of the compound of formula II, R_1 is phenyl or substituted phenyl.

[0071] In one particular embodiment of the compound of formula II, there is provided a compound of formula IIa, or a salt or isomer thereof:



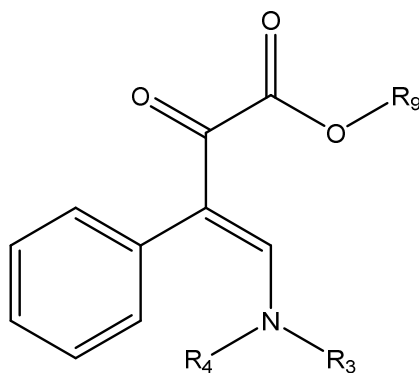
formula IIa

wherein, R_3 , R_4 and R_6 are independently as described for any embodiment of formula I and/or formula II.

[0072] In embodiments, each incidence of R_6 is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, Br, F, C_1 to C_4 alkyl, C_1 to C_4 alcohol, C_1 to C_4 alkoxy, and C_1 to C_4 haloalkyl, each of which may be substituted or unsubstituted.

[0073] Suitably, R_6 may be hydrogen.

[0074] In one embodiment of the first aspect, there is provided a compound of formula III, or a salt or isomer thereof:



formula III

wherein, R_3 and R_4 are independently as described for any embodiment of formula I, II, and IIa; and

R_9 is selected from aryl, C_1 to C_{12} alkyl, C_1 to C_{12} alkyl aryl, C_5 to C_7 cycloalkyl, C_5 or C_6 heterocycle and C_2 to C_{12} alkylalkanoate, each of which may be substituted or unsubstituted.

[0075] The C_1 to C_{12} alkyl may be a tertiary alkyl group.

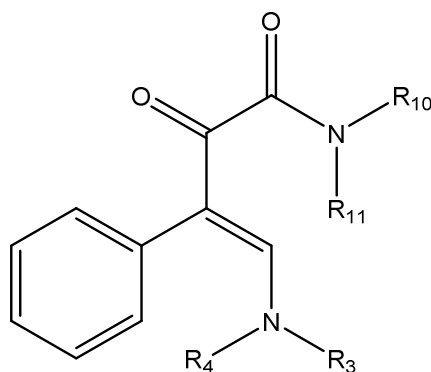
[0076] In embodiments of the compound of formula III, R_9 is selected from C_5 or C_6 aryl, C_1 to C_9 alkyl, C_1 to C_6 alkyl aryl, C_5 or C_6 cycloalkyl, C_5 or C_6 nitrogen heterocycle and C_2 to C_9 alkylalkanoate, each of which may be substituted or unsubstituted.

[0077] In embodiments of the compound of formula III, R_9 is selected from phenyl, C_1 to C_9 alkyl, C_1 to C_4 alkyl aryl, C_6 cycloalkyl, indoline and C_2 to C_6 alkylalkanoate, each of which may be substituted or unsubstituted.

[0078] In preferred embodiments of the compound of formula III, R_9 is selected from optionally substituted phenyl and a tertiary alkyl.

[0079] The tertiary alkyl may be *tert*-butyl.

[0080] In one embodiment of the first aspect, there is provided a compound of formula IV, or a salt or isomer thereof:



formula IV

wherein, R_3 and R_4 are independently as described for any embodiment of formula I, II, IIa and III; and

R_{10} and R_{11} are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C_1 to C_{20} alkyl, C_2 to C_{20} alkenyl, C_2 to C_{20} alkynyl, C_1 to C_{20} alkylamine, aryl, heteroaryl, aroyl, C_5 to C_7 cycloalkyl, C_3 to C_8 cycloalkenyl, C_2 to C_{12} alkanoyloxy, haloalkyl, and heterocyclic, all of which groups may be substituted or unsubstituted, or R_{10} and R_{11} may together form a cyclic structure which includes the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, said cyclic structure being optionally substituted.

[0081] In any embodiment of the compound of formula IV, R_{10} and R_{11} may be independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C_1 to C_{12} alkyl, C_2 to C_{12} alkenyl, C_2 to C_{12} alkynyl, C_1 to C_{12} alkylamine, C_5 to C_7 aryl,

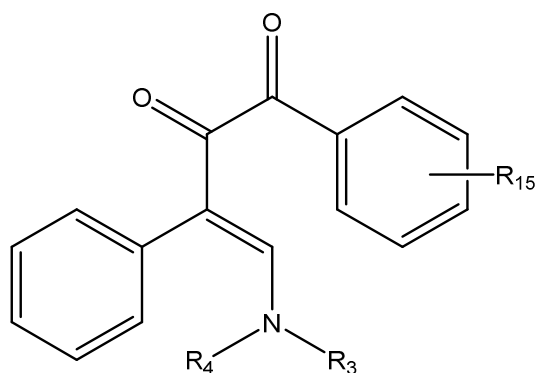
biaryl, bicyclic, C₅ to C₇ heteroaryl, C₅ to C₇ aroyl, C₄ to C₇ cycloalkenyl, and C₅ to C₇ heterocyclic, all of which groups may be substituted or unsubstituted, or R₁₀ and R₁₁ may together form a cyclic structure which includes the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, said cyclic structure being selected from C₅ to C₇ saturated nitrogen heterocycles and C₅ to C₇ unsaturated nitrogen heterocycles each of which may be optionally substituted.

[0082] In any embodiment of the compound of formula IV, R₁₀ and R₁₁ may be independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C₁ to C₉ alkyl, C₂ to C₉ alkenyl, C₁ to C₉ alkylamine, phenyl, naphthyl, triazine, C₅, C₆ or C₇ nitrogen heterocycle and a divalent presentation of a further compound of formula I, II, or III, all of which groups may be substituted or unsubstituted, or R₁₀ and R₁₁ may together form a cyclic structure which includes the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, said cyclic structure being selected from pyrrolidine, piperidine, azepane, homopiperazine, piperazine, each of which may be substituted or unsubstituted or may be fused with one or more of C₅ or C₆ aryl, C₅ or C₆ cycloalkyl, C₅ or C₆ heteroaryl or C₅ or C₆ heterocyclic rings each of which may themselves be substituted or unsubstituted.

[0083] Preferably, R₁₀ and R₁₁ may be independently selected from hydrogen, C₆ aryl or biaryl, C₁ to C₆ alkyl, C₁ to C₁₂ alkylamine, each of which groups may be substituted or unsubstituted, and C₅, C₆ or C₇ nitrogen heterocycle each of which heterocycles may be optionally fused with a substituted or unsubstituted benzene ring.

[0084] Preferably, when R₁₀ and R₁₁ together form a C₅ nitrogen heterocycle fused with a benzene ring then the structure formed is an indoline which is optionally substituted.

[0085] In one embodiment of the first aspect, there is provided a compound of formula V, or a salt or isomer thereof:



formula V

wherein, R₃ and R₄ are independently as described for any embodiment of formula I, II, IIa, III and IV; and

each incidence of R₁₅ is independently selected from those groups described for R₆.

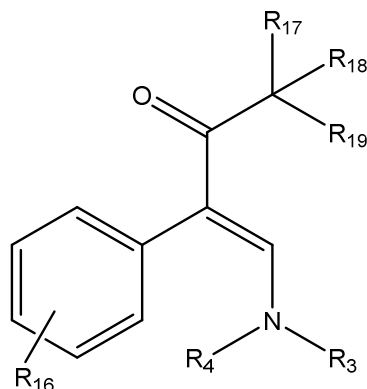
[0086] In embodiments of the compound of formula V, each incidence of R₁₅ is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, halo, nitro, cyano, C₁ to C₁₂ alkyl, C₁ to C₁₂ alcohol, C₂ to C₁₂ alkenyl, C₁ to C₁₂ alkoxy, sulphonamide, and C₁ to C₁₂ haloalkyl, each of which may be substituted or unsubstituted.

[0087] In any embodiment of the compound of formula V, each incidence of R₁₅ is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, Br, F, Cl, nitro, cyano, C₁ to C₉ alkyl, C₁ to C₉ alcohol, C₂ to C₉ alkenyl, C₁ to C₉ alkoxy, sulphonamide, and C₁ to C₉ haloalkyl, each of which may be substituted or unsubstituted.

[0088] In any embodiment of the compound of formula V, each incidence of R₁₅ is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, Br, F, C₁ to C₆ alkyl, C₁ to C₆ alcohol, C₁ to C₆ alkoxy, -S(O)₂N(C₁ to C₄ alkyl)₂, and C₁ to C₆ haloalkyl, each of which may be substituted or unsubstituted.

[0089] In preferred embodiments, each incidence of R₁₅ may be selected from hydrogen and optionally substituted C₁ to C₉ alkyl.

[0090] In one embodiment of the first aspect, there is provided a compound of formula VI, or a salt or isomer thereof:



formula VI

wherein, R₃ and R₄ are independently selected from those groups as described for any embodiment of formula I, II, IIa, III, IV and V;

R₁₇, R₁₈ and R₁₉ are independently selected from methyl, ethyl and propyl; and

each incidence of R₁₆ is independently selected from those groups described for R₆.

[0091] Preferably, R₁₇, R₁₈ and R₁₉ are methyl.

[0092] In embodiments of the compound of formula VI, each incidence of R₁₆ is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, halo, nitro, cyano, C₁ to C₁₂ alkyl, C₁ to C₁₂ alcohol, C₂ to C₁₂ alkenyl, C₁ to C₁₂ alkoxy, sulphonamide, and C₁ to C₁₂ haloalkyl, each of which may be substituted or unsubstituted.

[0093] In any embodiment of the compound of formula VI, each incidence of R₁₆ is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, Br, F, Cl, nitro, cyano, C₁ to C₉ alkyl, C₁ to C₉ alcohol, C₂ to C₉ alkenyl, C₁ to C₉ alkoxy, sulphonamide, and C₁ to C₉ haloalkyl, each of which may be substituted or unsubstituted.

[0094] In any embodiment of the compound of formula VI, each incidence of R_{16} is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, Br, F, C_1 to C_6 alkyl, C_1 to C_6 alcohol, C_1 to C_6 alkoxy, $-S(O)_2N(C_1 \text{ to } C_4 \text{ alkyl})_2$, and C_1 to C_6 haloalkyl, each of which may be substituted or unsubstituted.

[0095] In embodiments, each incidence of R_{16} may be selected from hydrogen and optionally substituted C_1 to C_9 alkyl.

[0096] In certain embodiments of the compound of formula VI, R_{16} is hydrogen and R_3 and R_4 together form an optionally substituted indoline ring system.

[0097] The benzene ring of the indoline is suitably substituted with a group selected from C_1 to C_6 alkyl, C_1 to C_6 alcohol, C_1 to C_6 alkoxy and carboalkoxy, optionally carbomethoxy and carboethoxy.

[0098] In particular embodiments of a compound of any one of formula I to VI, R_3 and R_4 may independently be selected from the group consisting of C_1 to C_6 alkyl and C_5 or C_6 aryl, or may together form an indoline group, each of which groups may be substituted or unsubstituted.

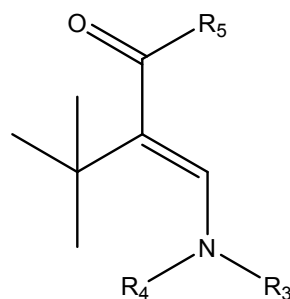
[0099] In certain embodiments of a compound of any one of formula I to VI, R_3 and R_4 may independently be selected from optionally substituted phenyl and indoline.

[00100] When the indoline group is substituted it may be substituted at one or more of the 4-, 5-, and 6-positions.

[00101] Preferred indoline substitutions are with carboalkoxy with an alkyl chain of less than 6 carbons, optionally carbomethoxy or carboethoxy. One preferred example is 5-carbomethoxyindoline.

[00102] In one embodiment of the first aspect, there is provided a compound of formula VII, or a salt or isomer thereof:

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formula VII

wherein, R₃, R₄ and R₅, as appropriate, are independently selected from those groups as described for any embodiment of formula I, II, IIa, III, IV, V and VI.

[00103] In one embodiment, R₅ is selected from C₁ to C₆ alkyl and optionally substituted phenyl.

[00104] In one embodiment, the C₁ to C₆ alkyl group is a *tert*-butyl group.

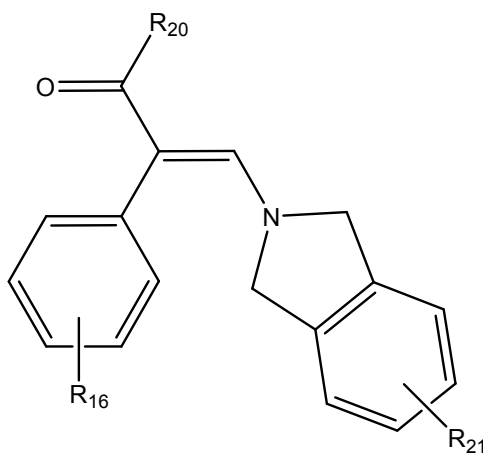
[00105] When the phenyl group is substituted then the substituent may be selected from any one or more of those groups described for R₁₅ and/or R₁₆.

[00106] The compounds of the first aspect may be effective absorbers in the UV-A, UV-B and visible regions of the spectrum. The benefits of protection from UV light for humans and various materials are well known. The dangers of exposure to visible light have received less attention but are of potentially equally serious consequence. Visible light sensitivity, for example, is an important phenomenon in diseases such as porphyria, solar urticaria, and other idiopathic photodermatoses, such as polymorphous light eruption. Patients who undergo photodynamic therapy treatments also become sensitive to visible light for a few days because of the accompanying topical medications. Protection against visible light might also be important for darker skinned patients who have pigmentary disorders. Finally, visible light is thought to be a causative agent in age-related macular degeneration of the eye and so lenses and glasses offering protection in this range would be advantageous. As is discussed further in the examples section, compounds of the first aspect have

been shown to be stable enough to survive the relatively harsh and demanding lens casting conditions and to be photostable when within the lens to thereby offer a practical solution to the difficulty of achieving effective protection in such lenses.

[00107] Organic sunscreen agents typically offer no protection against visible light, as their absorption spectrum is limited to UVB and UVA wavebands. Inorganic sunscreen agents, such as iron oxide, titanium dioxide, and zinc oxide can offer some visible light protection. However, the spectral protection of these agents varies according to their particle size. It is an advantage of the present invention that the variation in compound substitutions provides for a range of absorptions and so a number of compounds presented herein represent effective absorbers in the visible light region. It is expected that the perceived importance of such absorbing compounds in an effective sunscreen, or otherwise light protective formulation, will only increase with realisation by the general public of the risks. Compounds of the present invention, or combinations thereof, can provide an effective solution.

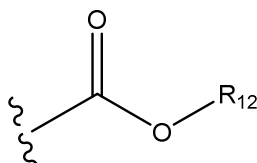
[00108] Therefore, in one embodiment of the first aspect, there is provided a compound of formula VIII, or a salt or isomer thereof:



formula VIII

wherein, each incidence of R_{16} is independently selected from those groups described for R_6 ;

R_{20} is selected from C_1 to C_6 haloalkyl, optionally substituted phenyl, or R_{20} comprises an ester group having the following structure:



wherein R_{12} is selected from the group consisting of C_1 to C_{12} alkyl, C_2 to C_6 alkylalkanoate and C_5 or C_6 aryl; and

R_{21} is selected from hydrogen, $-C(O)O-C_1$ to C_{20} alkyl inclusive of carboxymethyl, and a divalent presentation of a compound of the first aspect.

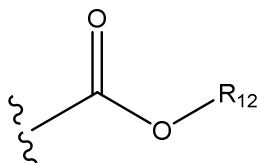
[00109] The compounds of formula VIII have been found to be particularly effective as absorbing compounds in the UV-A and visible regions of the spectrum and so may find applications, as discussed above, as visible light energy absorbing compounds.

[00110] In embodiments, the R_{12} C_1 to C_{12} alkyl may be a tertiary alkyl group.

[00111] Preferably, R_{12} is a C_1 to C_6 alkyl group with optional C_1 to C_4 alkyl branches.

[00112] In embodiments, R_{16} is hydrogen.

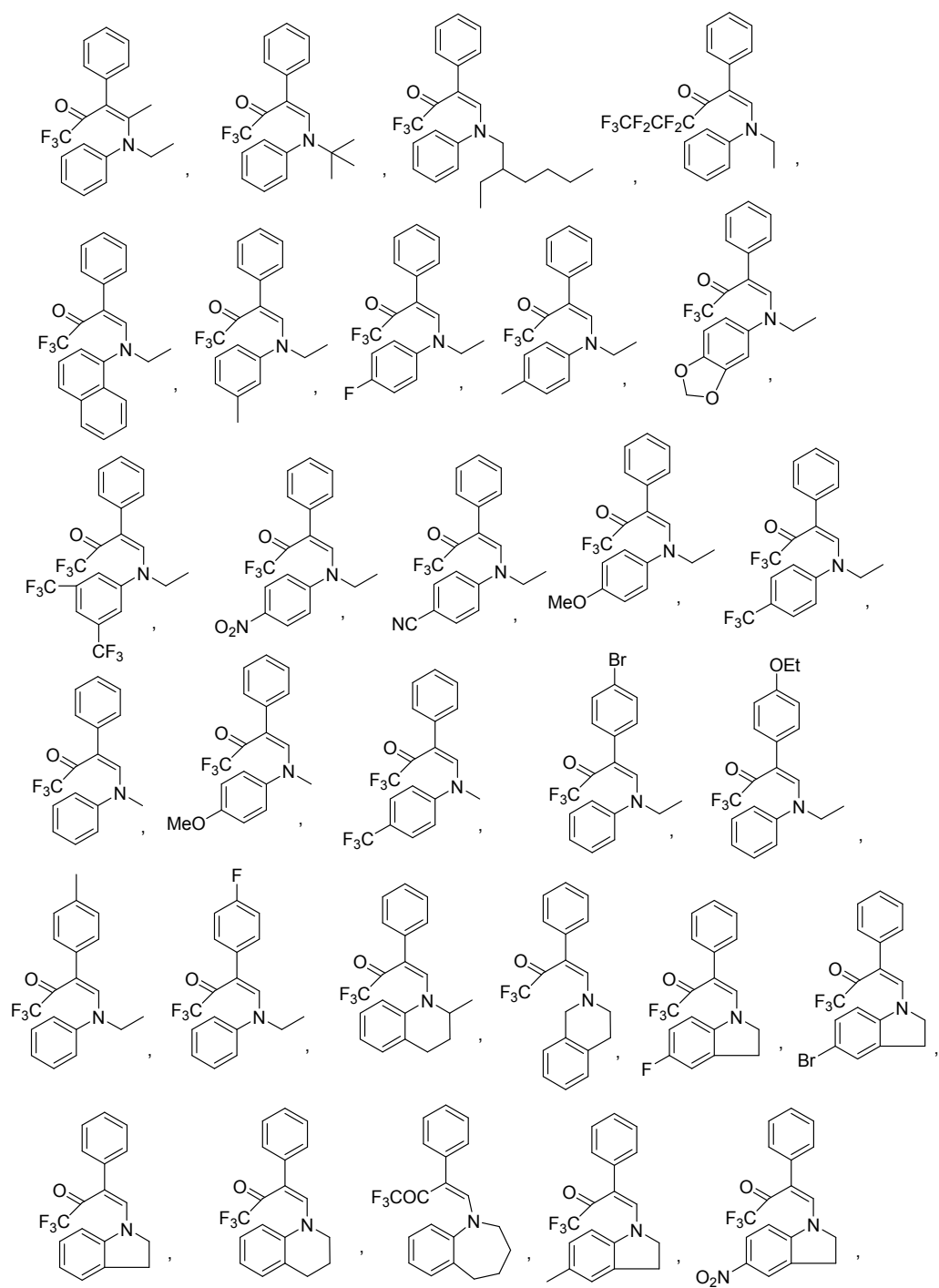
Suitably, R_{20} is selected from C_1 to C_3 fluoroalkyl, phenyl or R_{20} comprises an ester group having the following structure:

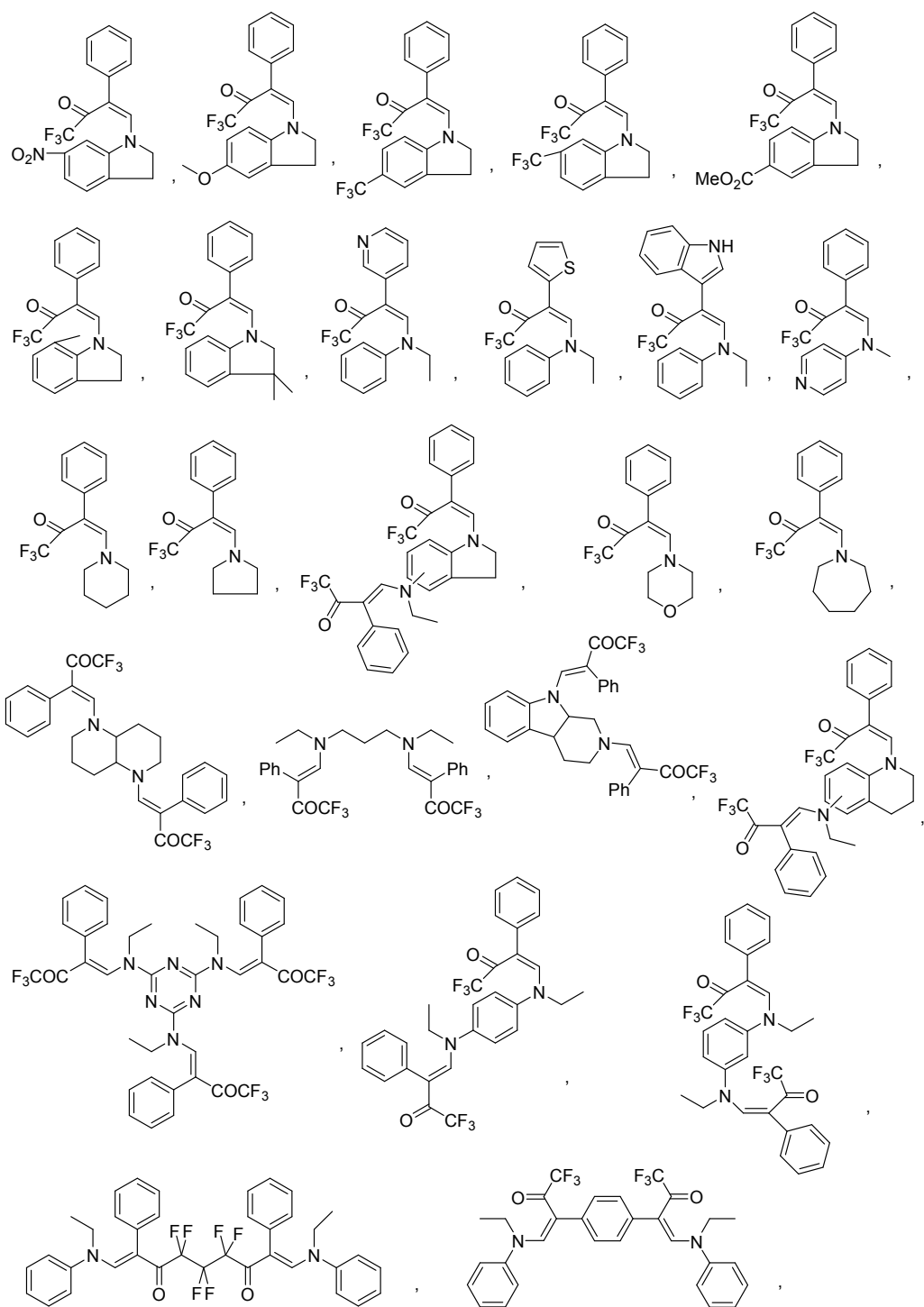


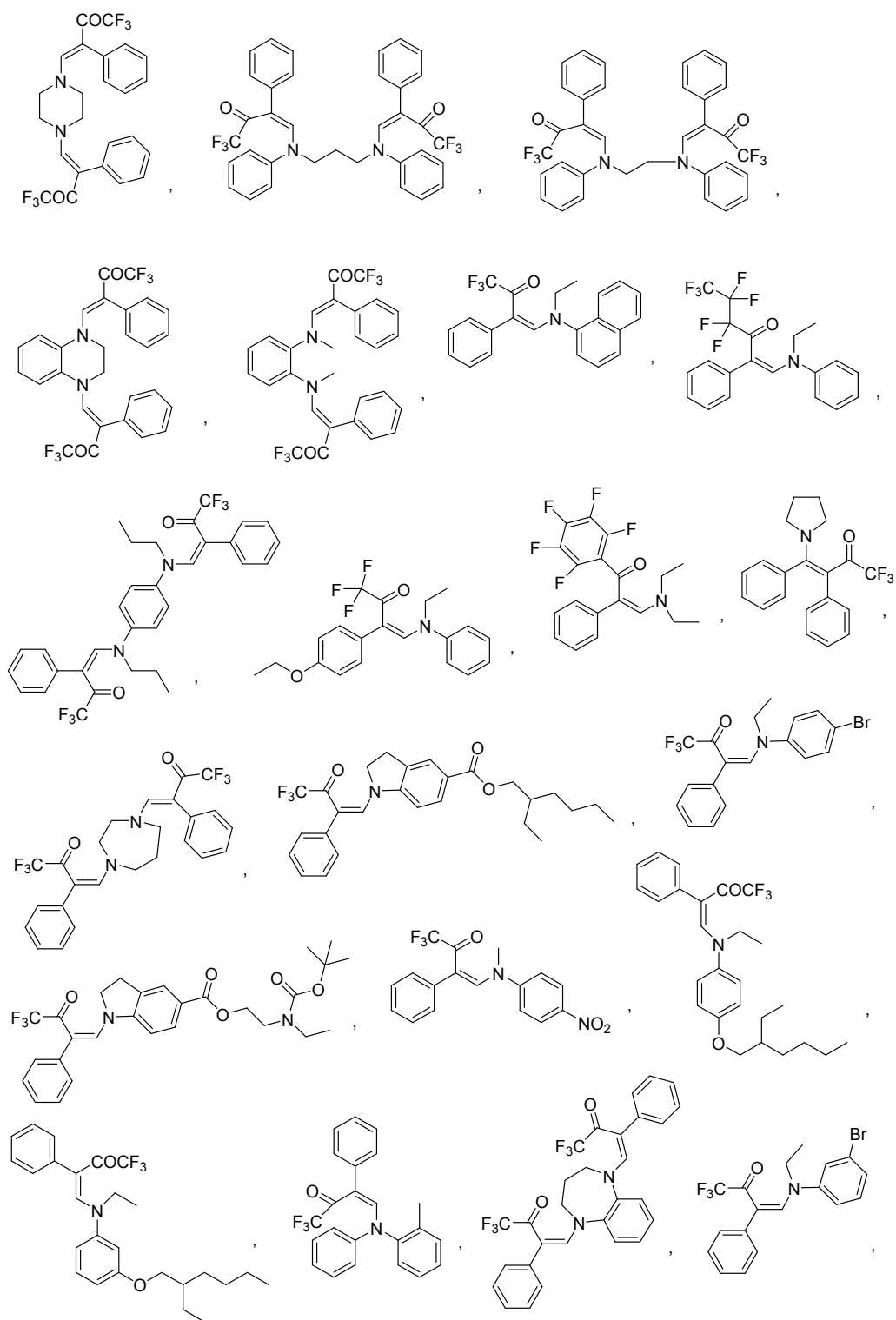
wherein R_{12} is C_1 to C_6 alkyl.

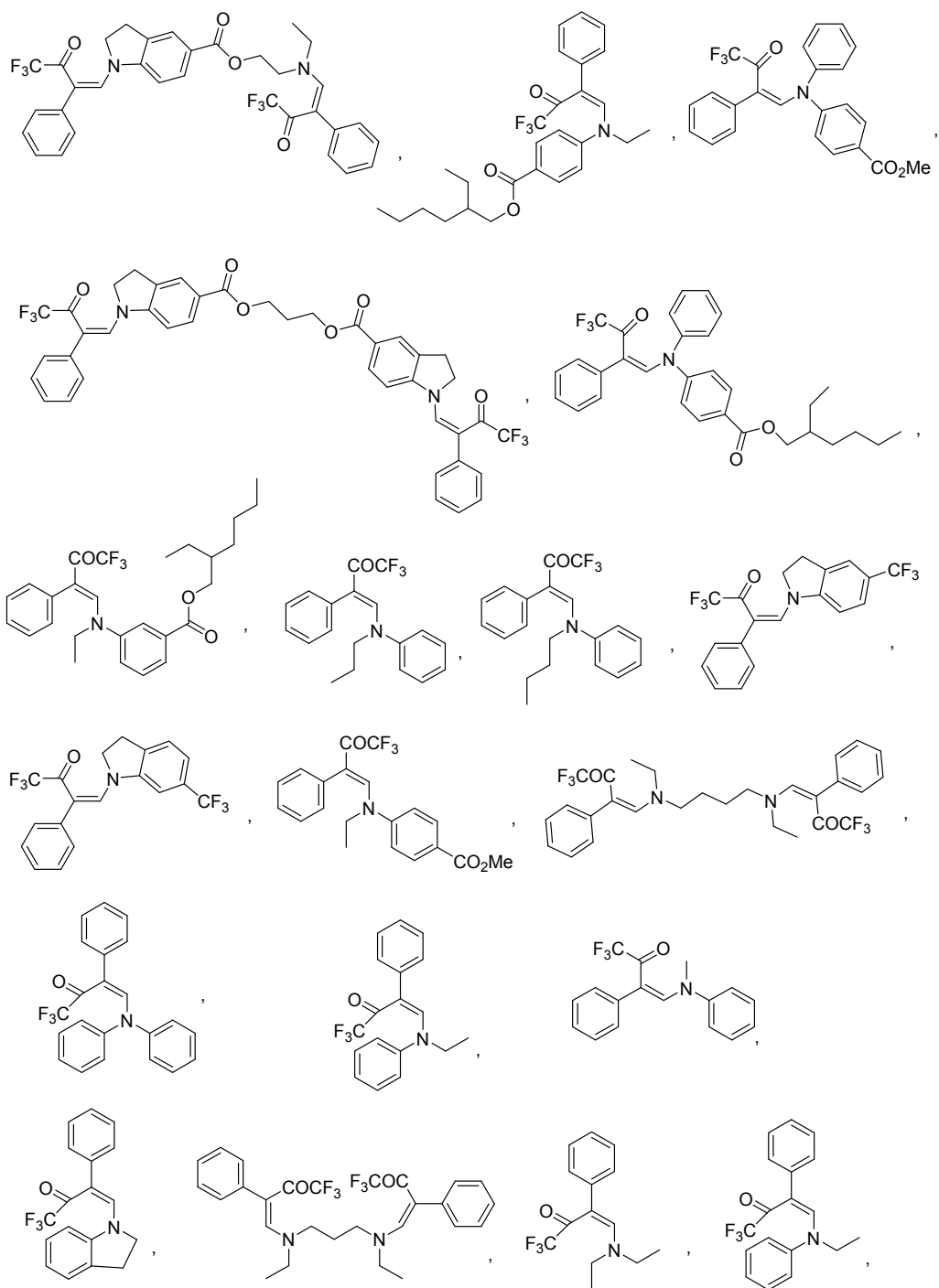
[00113] In certain embodiments of the compounds of any one of formula I to VIII, as appropriate, R_1 , R_3 , R_4 , and R_5 may form a 'divalent presentation' of another compound of any one of formula I to VIII. By this it is meant that the divalent presentation is made up of the first compound of any one of formula I to VIII and a second compound of any one of formula I to VIII which extends from one of the R groups mentioned. The second compound of any one of formula I to VIII may be connected to the first directly as the appropriate R group or may be joined via a linking group. This linking group may take the form of an aryl, alkylaryl, alkoxy or alkoxyaryl group or a short (i.e. 1 to 6 carbons) carbon chain which may itself be substituted. In certain embodiments a propyl chain is the preferred linking group. In one embodiment, the carbon linking chain comprises at least one carbon-fluorine bond. In certain embodiments at least two carbons in the chain have at least one carbon-fluorine bond. The second compound may be a repeat of the first compound to thereby form a symmetrical divalent presentation.

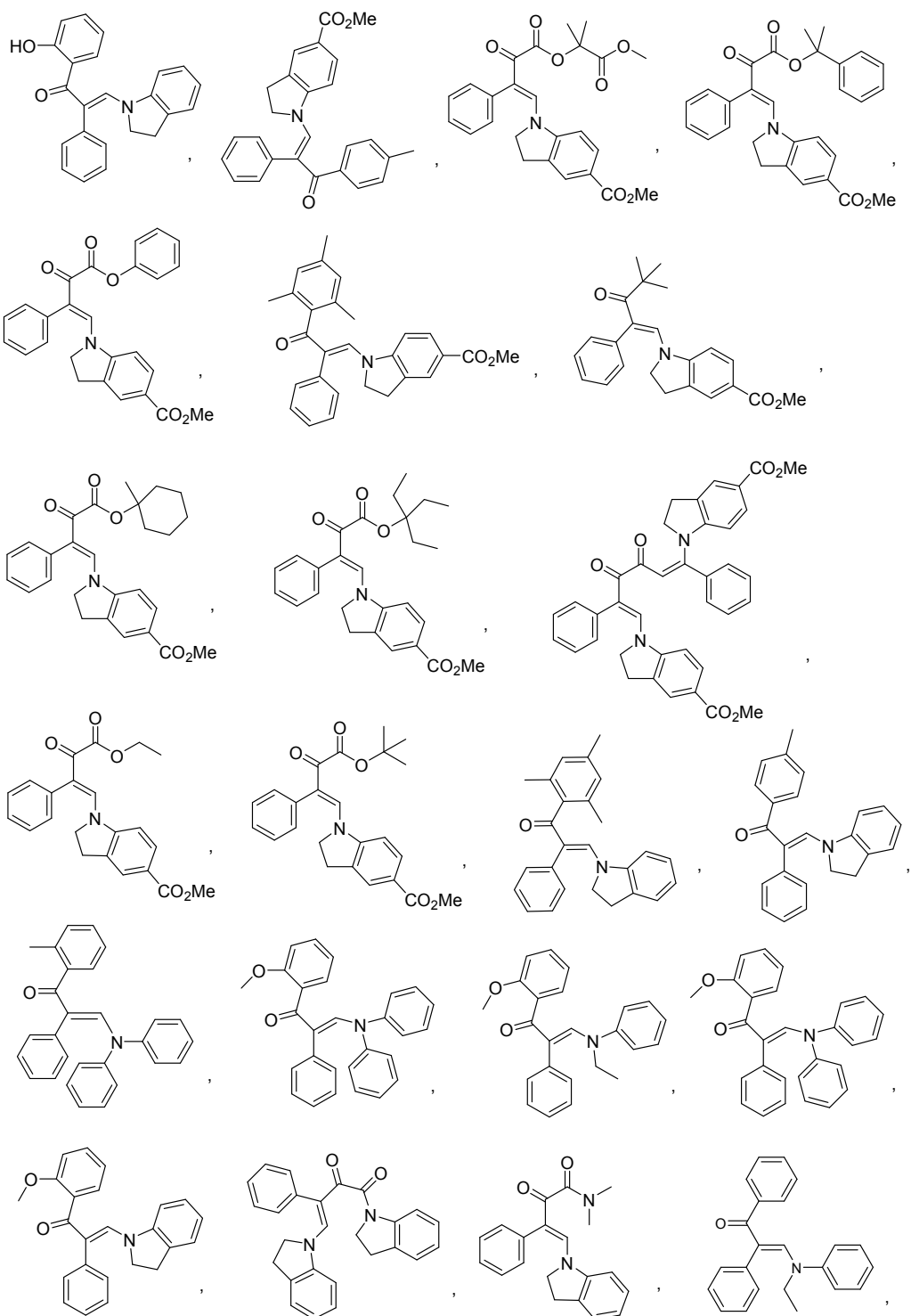
[00114] In one embodiment, the compound of any one of formula I to VIII, as appropriate, is selected from the group consisting of:

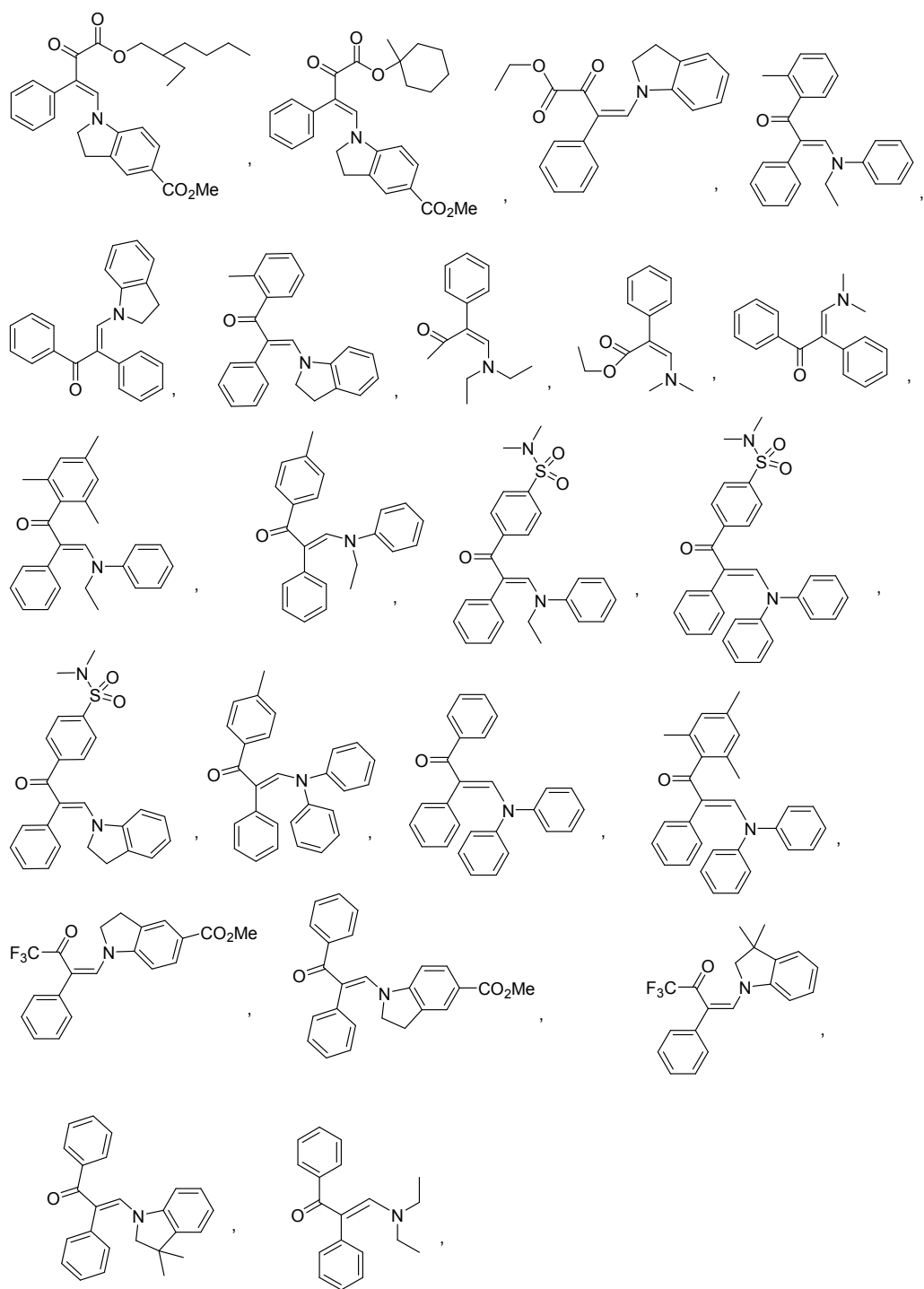


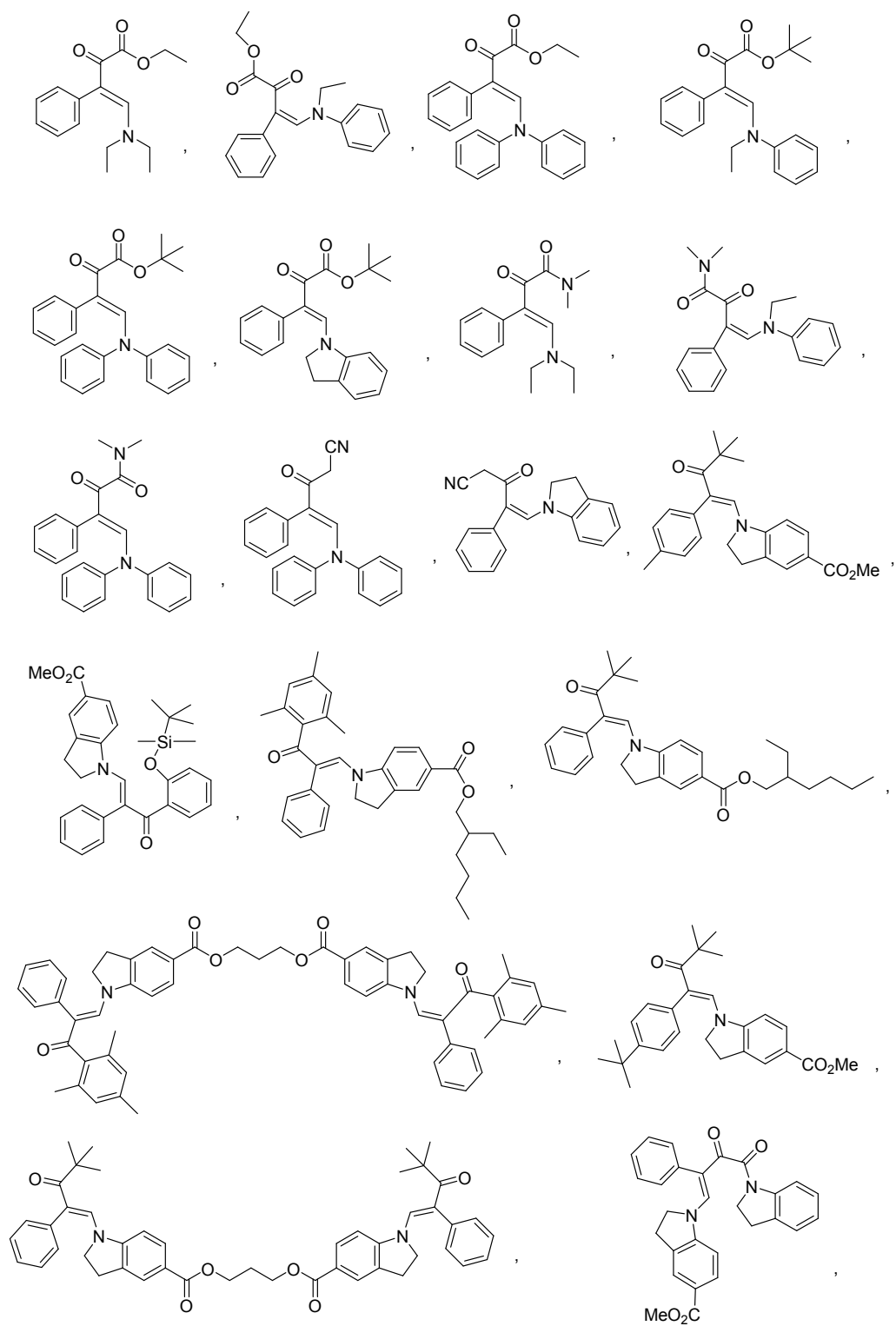


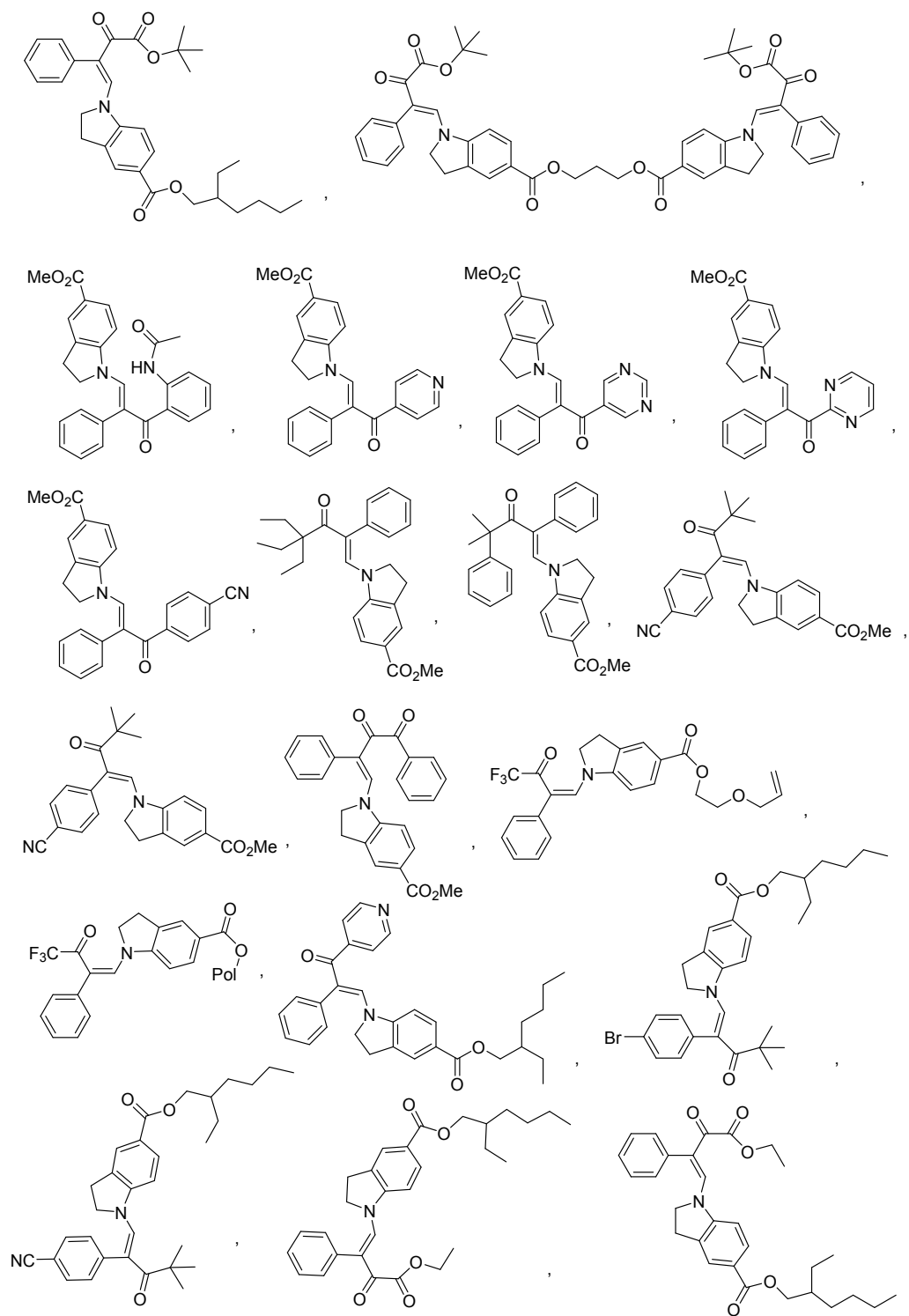












and salts and/or isomers thereof, wherein 'Pol' may be PEG, PDMS or C₆ to C₂₀ alkyl and wherein a bond extending from within a ring structure indicates that bond may be connected directly to any of the ring atoms of that structure, as appropriate.

[00115] The compounds of any one of formula I to VIII may demonstrate one or more advantages over the prior art including but not limited to one or more of improved or otherwise desirable; absorbance, physical stability, photostability, λ_{max} , λ_{crit} , molar extinction coefficient, mass extinction coefficient, steepness and/or breakthrough (as defined herein), solubility, increased molecular weight, clogP, ease of synthesis, low cost of synthesis relative to cyclic analogues, and effective absorbance in an alternate region of the electromagnetic spectrum i.e. they may provide access to a region of the spectrum not provided for by prior art compounds.

[00116] Referring now to terminology used generically herein, the term "alkyl" means a straight-chain or branched alkyl substituent containing from, for example, 1 to about 12 carbon atoms, preferably 1 to about 9 carbon atoms, more preferably 1 to about 6 carbon atoms, even more preferably from 1 to about 4 carbon atoms, still yet more preferably from 1 to 2 carbon atoms. Examples of such substituents considered to be included within these ranges include methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, *n*-butyl, *sec*-butyl, isobutyl, *tert*-butyl, pentyl, isoamyl, hexyl, and the like. The number of carbons referred to relates to the carbon backbone and carbon branching but does not include carbon atoms belonging to any substituents, for example the carbon atoms of an alkoxy substituent branching off the main carbon chain. In certain embodiments, the reference to an alkyl group may be reference to a tertiary alkyl group.

[00117] The term "alkyl aryl" refers to a carbon chain which terminates in an aryl group. Both 'alkyl' and 'aryl' may be any such group as defined herein. In certain embodiments the alkyl chain may be a C₁ to C₆ alkyl chain and the aryl group may be a phenyl, each of which may be substituted or unsubstituted.

[00118] The term “alkenyl,” as used herein, means a linear alkenyl substituent containing at least one carbon-carbon double bond and from, for example, 2 to 6 carbon atoms (branched alkenyls are 3 to 6 carbons atoms), preferably from 2 to 5 carbon atoms (branched alkenyls are preferably from 3 to 5 carbon atoms), more preferably from 3 to 4 carbon atoms. Examples of such substituents considered to be included within these ranges include vinyl, propenyl, isopropenyl, *n*-butenyl, *sec*-butenyl, isobutenyl, *tert*-butenyl, pentenyl, isopentenyl, hexenyl, and the like.

[00119] The term “alkynyl,” as used herein, means a linear alkynyl substituent containing at least one carbon-carbon triple bond and from, for example, 2 to 6 carbon atoms (branched alkynyls are 3 to 6 carbons atoms), preferably from 2 to 5 carbon atoms (branched alkynyls are preferably from 3 to 5 carbon atoms), more preferably from 3 to 4 carbon atoms. Examples of such substituents considered to be included within these ranges include ethynyl, propynyl, isopropynyl, *n*-butynyl, *sec*-butynyl, isobutynyl, *tert*-butynyl, pentynyl, isopentynyl, hexynyl, and the like.

[00120] The term “alkylalkanoate” may be used herein interchangeably with the term ‘ester’ and refers to an ester moiety being one that comprises up to 20 carbon atoms, preferably 12, more preferably 9, even more preferably 6 carbon atoms as a backbone and wherein the carbonyloxy component may be located anywhere along the 20 carbon backbone. The backbone may be substituted particularly with C₁ to C₆ alkyl or C₁ to C₆ alkoxy. In certain embodiments the group referred to may be one with an alkyl chain only at the terminal end of the group, such as carbomethoxy. In certain embodiments, the terms may be used to refer to a group comprising an alkyl chain both before the carbonyl carbon and then following the ether oxygen. In embodiments, the term “ester” may also include an aryl group following the ether oxygen.

[00121] The term “cycloalkyl” refers to optionally substituted saturated monocyclic, bicyclic or tricyclic carbon groups. Where appropriate, the cycloalkyl group may have a specified number of carbon atoms, for example, C₃-C₆

cycloalkyl is a carbocyclic group having 3, 4, 5 or 6 carbon atoms. Non-limiting examples may include cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclopentenyl, cyclohexyl, cyclohexenyl, cyclohexadienyl and the like.

[00122] The term "cycloalkenyl" refers to optionally substituted mono-cyclic, bicyclic or tricyclic carbon groups having at least one double bond. Where appropriate, the cycloalkenyl group may have a specified number of carbon atoms, for example, C₃-C₆ cycloalkenyl is a carbocyclic group having 3, 4, 5 or 6 carbon atoms. Non-limiting examples may include cyclopentenyl, cyclohexenyl, cyclohexadienyl and the like.

[00123] The term "aryl" refers to an unsubstituted or substituted aromatic carbocyclic substituent, as commonly understood in the art. It is understood that the term aryl applies to cyclic substituents that are planar and comprise $4n+2$ π electrons, according to Hückel's Rule. Phenyl is a preferred aryl group.

[00124] The term "heteroaryl" refers to an aryl group containing from one or more (particularly one to four) non-carbon atom(s) (particularly N, O or S) or a combination thereof, which heteroaryl group is optionally substituted at one or more carbon or nitrogen atom(s). Heteroaryl rings may also be fused with one or more cyclic hydrocarbon, heterocyclic, aryl, or heteroaryl rings. Heteroaryl includes, but is not limited to, 5-membered heteroaryls having one hetero atom (e.g., thiophenes, pyrroles, furans); 5 membered heteroaryls having two heteroatoms in 1,2 or 1,3 positions (e.g., oxazoles, pyrazoles, imidazoles, thiazoles, purines); 5-membered heteroaryls having three heteroatoms (e.g., triazoles, thiadiazoles); 5-membered heteroaryls having 3 heteroatoms; 6-membered heteroaryls with one heteroatom (e.g., pyridine, quinoline, isoquinoline, phenanthrine, 5,6-cycloheptenopyridine); 6-membered heteroaryls with two heteroatoms (e.g., pyridazines, cinnolines, phthalazines, pyrazines, pyrimidines, quinazolines); 6-membered heretoaryls with three heteroatoms such as triazines (e.g., 1,3,5- triazine); and 6-membered heteroaryls with four

heteroatoms. "Substituted heteroaryl" means a heteroaryl having one or more non-interfering groups as substituents.

[00125] "Heterocyclic" or "heterocycle" refers to an aromatic or non-aromatic ring having 5 to 7 atoms in the ring and of those atoms 1 to 4 are heteroatoms, said ring being isolated or fused to a second ring wherein said heteroatoms are independently selected from O, N and S. Heterocyclic includes partially and fully saturated heterocyclic groups. Heterocyclic systems may be attached to another moiety via any number of carbon atoms or heteroatoms of the radical and may be both saturated and unsaturated. Preferred heterocyclic rings are nitrogen heterocycles. Non-limiting examples of heterocyclic include indoline, pyrrolidinyl, pyrrolinyl, pyranyl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl, morpholinyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, tetrahydrothiophenyl, pyrazolinyl, dithiolyl, oxathiolyl, dioxanyl, dioxinyl, oxazinyl, azepinyl, diazepinyl, thiazepinyl, oxepinyl and thiapinyl, imidazoliny, thiomorpholinyl, and the like.

[00126] "Alkanoyl" means alkanoyl groups of a straight or branched configuration and of the specified number of carbon atoms. By way of non-limiting example, alkanoyl may be selected from acetyl, propionoyl, butyryl, isobutyryl, pentanoyl and hexanoyl.

[00127] Whenever a range of the number of atoms in a structure is indicated (e.g., a C₁-C₂₀, C₁-C₁₂, C₁-C₁₀, C₁-C₉, C₁-C₆, C₁-C₄, or C₂-C₂₀, C₂-C₁₂, C₂-C₁₀, C₂-C₉, C₂-C₈, C₂-C₆, C₂-C₄ alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, alkylalkanoate, haloalkyl, alkanoyl etc.), it is specifically contemplated that any sub-range or individual number of carbon atoms falling within the indicated range also can be used. Thus, for instance, the recitation of a range of 1-20 carbon atoms (e.g., C₁-C₂₀), 1-12 carbon atoms (e.g., C₁-C₁₂), 1-10 carbon atoms (e.g., C₁-C₁₀), 1-9 carbon atoms (e.g., C₁-C₉), 1-6 carbon atoms (e.g., C₁-C₆), 1-4 carbon atoms (e.g., C₁-C₄), 1-3 carbon atoms (e.g., C₁-C₃), or 2-8 carbon atoms (e.g., C₂-C₈) as used with respect to any chemical group (e.g., alkyl, alkanoyl, etc.) referenced herein encompasses and specifically describes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and/or 20 carbon atoms, as

appropriate, as well as any sub-range thereof (e.g., 1-2 carbon atoms, 1-3 carbon atoms, 1-4 carbon atoms, 1-5 carbon atoms, 1-6 carbon atoms, 1-7 carbon atoms, 1-8 carbon atoms, 1-9 carbon atoms, 1-10 carbon atoms, 1-11 carbon atoms, 1-12 carbon atoms, 1-18 carbon atoms, 2-3 carbon atoms, 2-4 carbon atoms, 2-5 carbon atoms, 2-6 carbon atoms, 2-7 carbon atoms, 2-8 carbon atoms, 2-9 carbon atoms, 2-10 carbon atoms, 2-11 carbon atoms, 2-12 carbon atoms, 2-18 carbon atoms, 3-4 carbon atoms, 3-5 carbon atoms, 3-6 carbon atoms, 3-7 carbon atoms, 3-8 carbon atoms, 3-9 carbon atoms, 3-10 carbon atoms, 3-11 carbon atoms, 3-12 carbon atoms, 4-5 carbon atoms, 4-6 carbon atoms, 4-7 carbon atoms, 4-8 carbon atoms, 4-9 carbon atoms, 4-10 carbon atoms, 4-11 carbon atoms, and/or 4-12 carbon atoms, etc., as appropriate).

[00128] In any of the embodiments described the term “substituted” (such as is referred to in ‘substituted or unsubstituted, or ‘optionally substituted’ and the like) may refer to substitution of that moiety with a group selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkylalkanoate, aryl, alkylaryl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, alkynyl, aroyl, alkanone, cycloalkyl, cycloalkanone, cycloalkenyl, alkanoyl, alkanoyloxy, alkoxycarbonyl, carbamoyl, carboxyl, halo, cyano, nitro, haloalkyl, N-alkyl, N-aryl and N-heterocyclyl. Each of these groups may themselves be substituted with the same or different groups. The carbon chains may be C₁ to C₂₀ or C₂ to C₂₀, as appropriate and these ranges include all sub-ranges of C₁ to C₁₂ or C₂ to C₁₂, C₁ to C₉ or C₂ to C₉, C₁ to C₆ or C₂ to C₆ and C₁ to C₄ or C₂ to C₄. Each cyclic structure listed above may be C₄ to C₇, preferably C₅ or C₆ and may be fused with one or more other cyclic structures.

[00129] It will be appreciated by the person of skill in the art that the compounds of the first aspect will, due to the enamine core double bond, present as geometric isomers, such as *cis/trans* and E/Z isomers. While drawn in one configuration herein for the sake of convenience, it should be appreciated that all compounds of the first aspect may be in the E or Z form and every structure drawn herein is explicitly considered to be represented in

both the E and Z isomeric forms. Synthesis of the compounds of the first aspect may result in substantially pure forms of E or Z isomer or a mixture of E and Z forms, which forms may be used in any of the methods and applications described herein in that particular form. Similarly, it will be appreciated that in any aspect of the present invention when compounds of the first aspect are provided in a composition or formulation then each compound may be present in either substantially the E or substantially the Z isomeric form or may be present as a mixture of both.

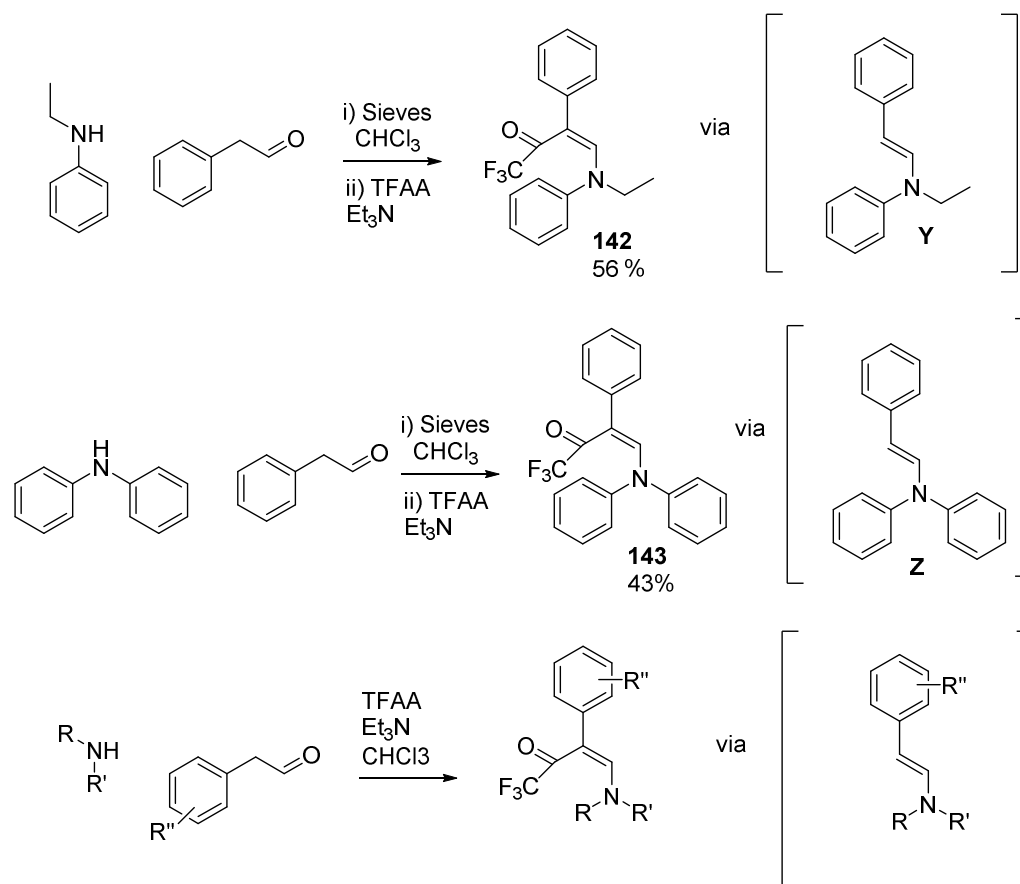
[00130] Certain of the compounds of the first aspect may contain chiral centers, which may be either of the (R) or (S) configuration, or which may comprise a mixture thereof. Accordingly, the present invention also includes stereoisomers of the compounds described herein, where applicable, either individually or admixed in any proportions. Stereoisomers may include, but are not limited to, enantiomers, diastereomers, racemic mixtures, and combinations thereof. Such stereoisomers can be prepared and separated using conventional techniques, either by reacting enantiomeric starting materials, or by separating isomers of compounds and prodrugs of the present invention.

Compound Synthesis and Strategies

Fluorinated Compounds

[00131] The compounds of the first aspect may, in one embodiment, be synthesised in a one-pot procedure without the need for isolation of the intermediate enamines (**Y** and **Z** in the below scheme 1). In the example synthesis of compounds **142** and **143** shown in scheme 1 below, phenylacetaldehyde was chosen to allow ease of enamine formation by conjugation with the aromatic ring. The starting materials are both cheap and readily available on a large scale. A generalised approach is also outlined in scheme 1 whereby it can be seen how variation can be introduced to the synthesised compounds through use of a range of R, R' and R''' groups including alkyl, aryl and hydrogen. It should be noted that yields shown throughout the synthetic schemes shown herein have generally not been

optimised, for example often only precipitated product was collected and remaining compound within liquors was not pursued, as the purpose was simply to obtain sufficient product for subsequent testing.

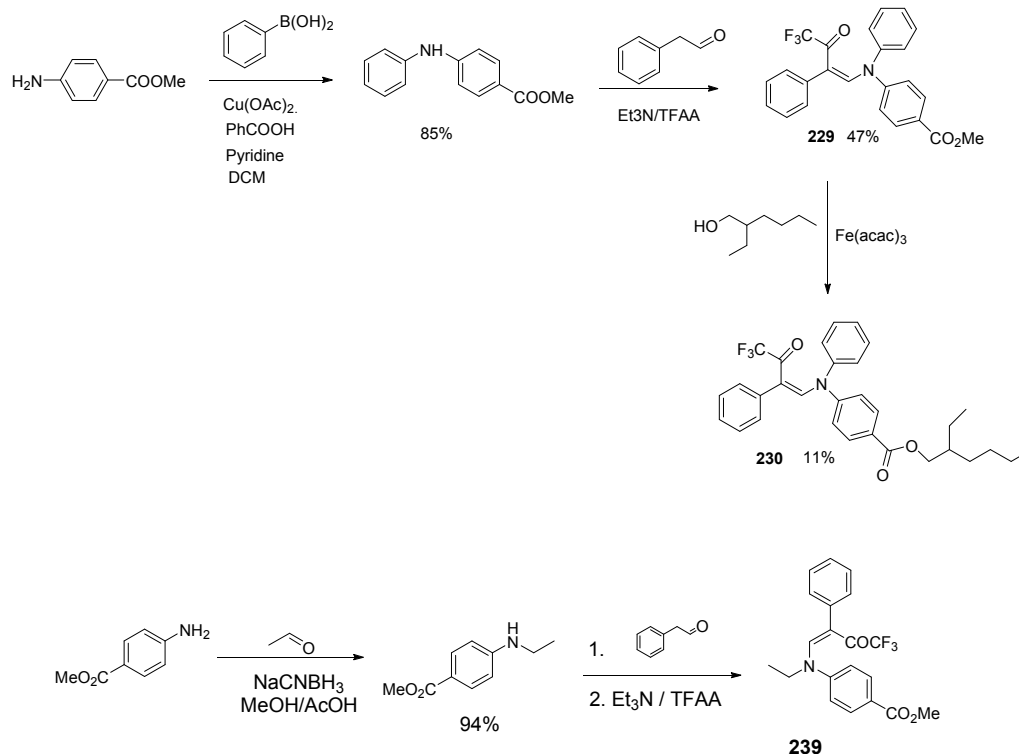


Scheme 1: Synthetic route to compounds **142** and **143** and generalised scheme.

[00132] This general approach allowed access to a wide range of non-cyclic enamine compounds with varying substituents based on choice of reagents. Modifications of the scheme and use of the intermediates to access a variety of products provides for a means to tailor the final product in terms of lipophilicity, stability and absorbance maximum. It is noted that alterations can be made at the R_2 position by, in one embodiment, starting with 2-phenylacetophenone to place a phenyl group at R_2 . It will be appreciated that analogous starting

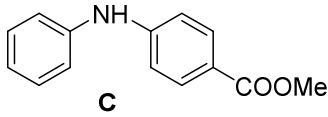
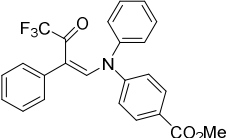
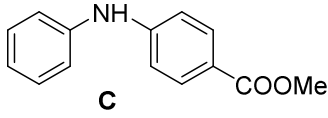
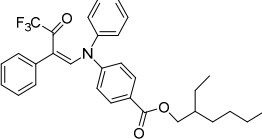
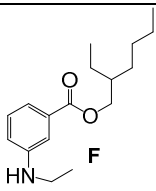
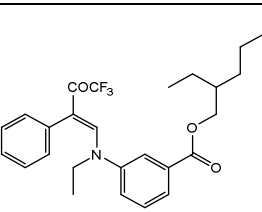
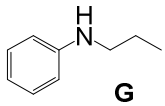
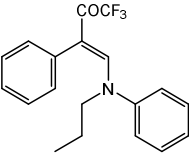
materials can provide variation at the R₂ position. Further, for formation of enamines where reactivity of the substrates may be low then slightly altered and more forcing conditions (for example, but not limited to, heating under dehydrating conditions including Dean-Stark conditions or molecular sieves and use of catalytic acid which may be a Bronsted or Lewis acid) and the separation of the two steps (so as to form the enamine isolate and then acylate this with TFAA separately) may be useful. These approaches and reaction conditions are known generally in the art and may be accessed in standard texts and journal articles including but not limited to J. AM. CHEM. SOC. 2006, 128, 11774-11775, Highly Efficient Rh(I)-Catalyzed Asymmetric Hydrogenation of Enamines Using Monodentate Spiro Phosphonite Ligands and particularly the associated supporting information.

[00133] By way of selected examples only, alternative synthetic pathways to access a number of compounds of the invention are shown in scheme 2, below, leading to the numbered compounds.



Scheme 2: Synthetic routes to various fluorinated compounds.

[00134] Again, it will be appreciated that the synthetic approaches allow for a very wide variation in the various groups of the final compounds. One key area of modification is around R_3 and R_4 and the nitrogen to which these groups are attached. In one embodiment, variation at this region can be achieved through use of a wide range of amines, many of which are commercially available or, if required, may be synthesised in a straightforward manner. By way of non-limiting example only, table 1 below indicates certain amines employed in synthesis of selected compounds of the invention and the resultant compounds formed. It will be appreciated that while this table focuses on variation at the R_3 and R_4 positions, the other positions may be varied in concert in the manner indicated throughout this description and the examples.

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 C	230	
 F	232	
 G	233	

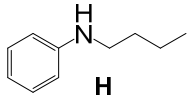
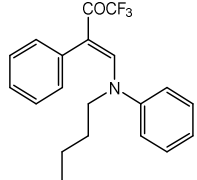
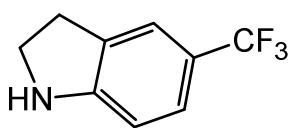
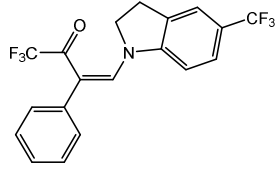
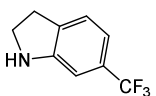
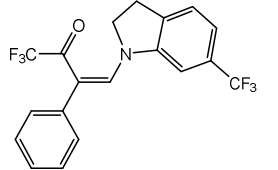
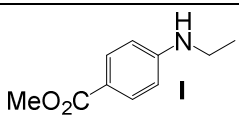
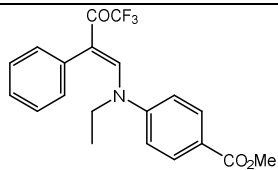
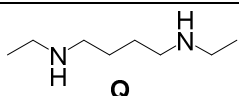
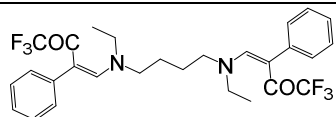
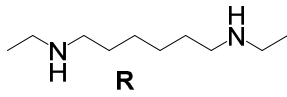
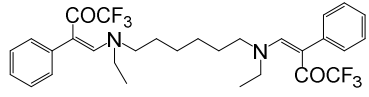
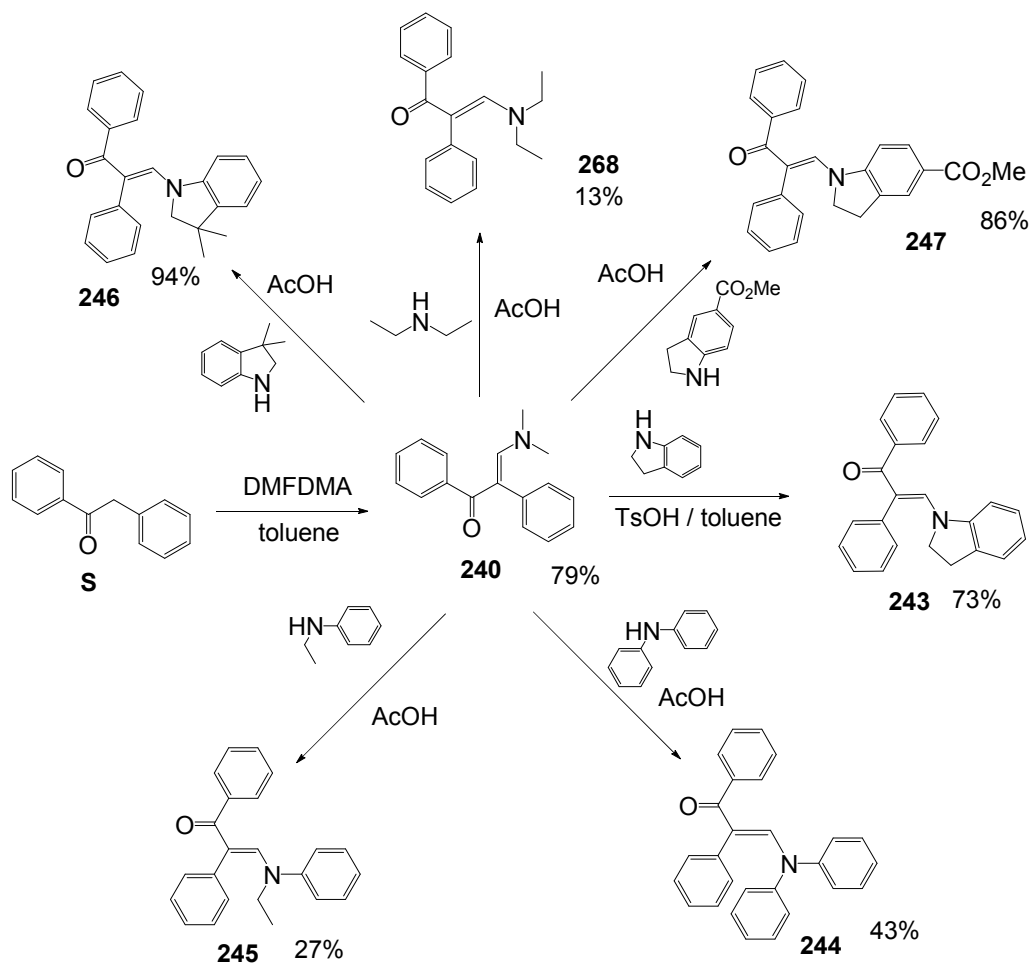
Amine	Product No.	Product
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	235	
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	239	
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	242	

Table 1: Exemplary amine reactant variations.

Benzoyl and Alkanoyl Compounds

[00135] In certain embodiments, the compounds of the first aspect may display a benzoyl or alkanoyl moiety, that is, R₅ may comprise a phenyl group or a short chain alkyl group. Such compounds may be synthesised by a number of approaches and non-limiting examples are shown in the following schemes.

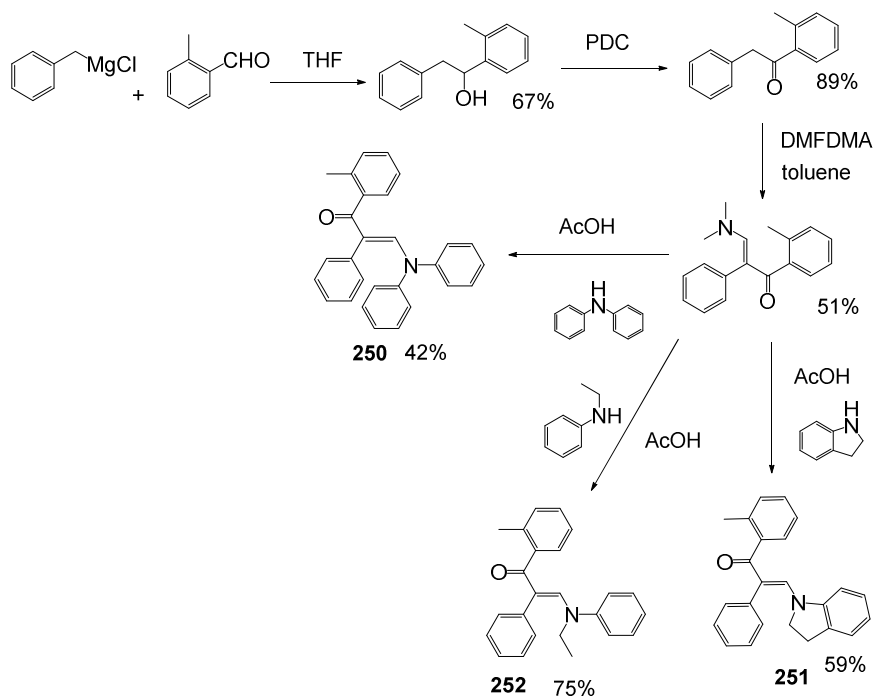
[00136] In scheme 3, the corresponding phenylacetophenone, **S** was reacted with *N,N*-dimethylformamide dimethyl acetal (DMFDMA) to give the dimethylenamine intermediate **240**. This could then undergo a transamination process to give the desired final compounds. Whilst transamination in the presence of *p*-toluenesulphonic acid worked satisfactorily for compound **243**, it was found that the presence of acetic acid instead gave better results for compounds **244** and **245**.



Scheme 3: Synthetic routes to benzoyl compounds.

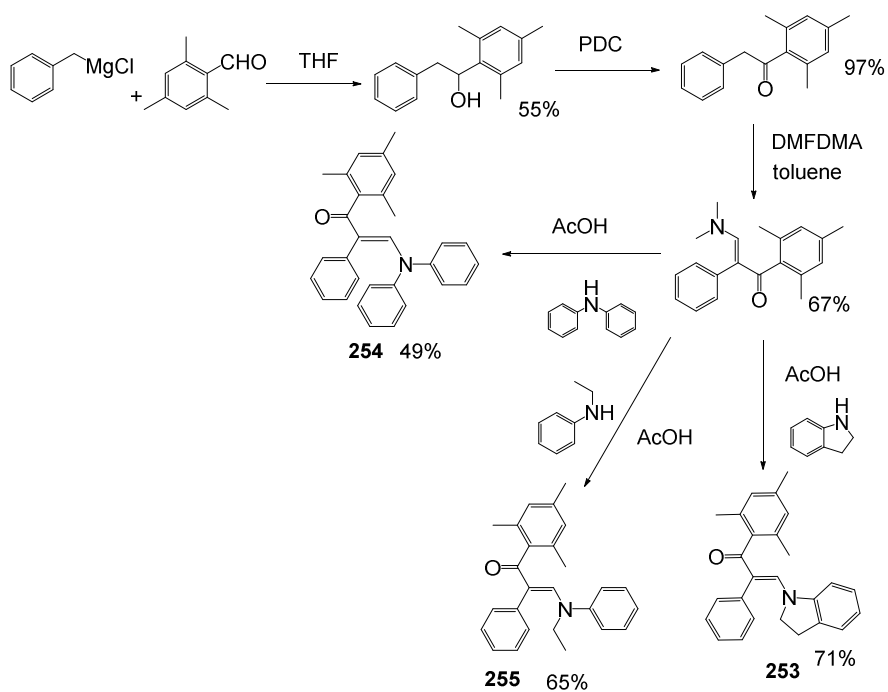
[00137] Schemes 4 to 7 exemplify a similar approach for the synthesis of the related 2-methyl, 4 methyl, 2,4,6-trimethyl and methoxy benzoyl compound derivatives. For these compounds, the corresponding phenylacetophenone was

not commercially available and so was prepared via a coupling of benzylmagnesium chloride and the substituted benzaldehyde followed by oxidation of the intermediate alcohol. From a review of the schemes it will be appreciated that choice of the substitution on the benzaldehyde, from a wide range of both commercially available and easily synthesised alternatives, and subsequent selection of the reagent to introduce the nitrogen-containing group can result in the generation of significant compound diversity.

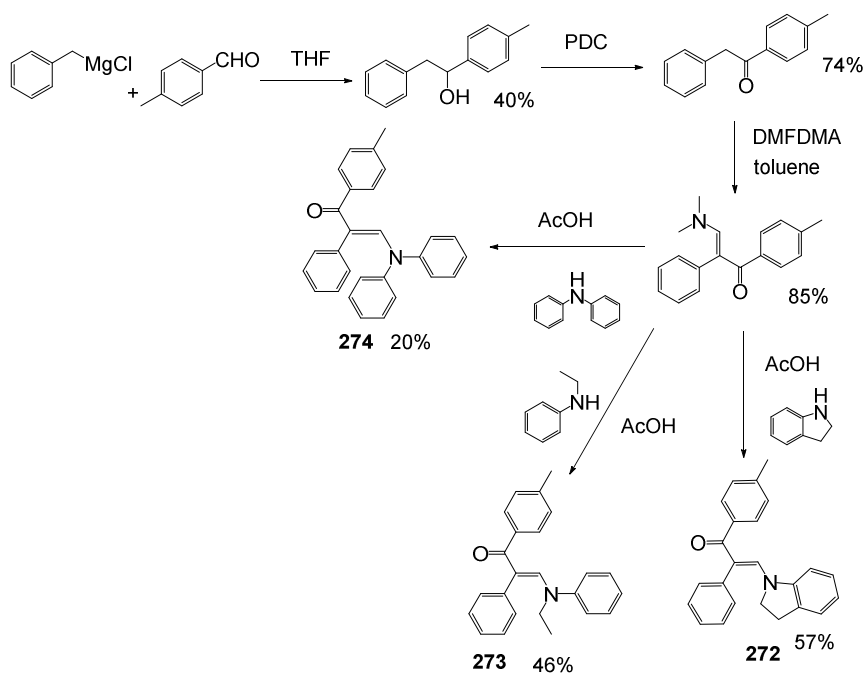


Scheme 4: Synthesis of 2-methylbenzoyl compounds.

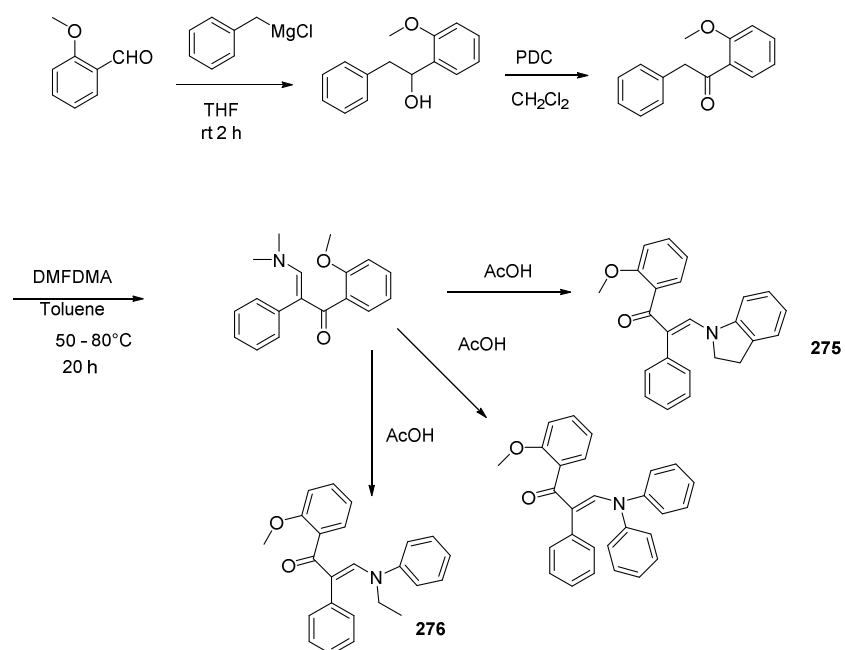
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Scheme 5: Synthesis of 2,4,6-trimethylbenzoyl compounds.

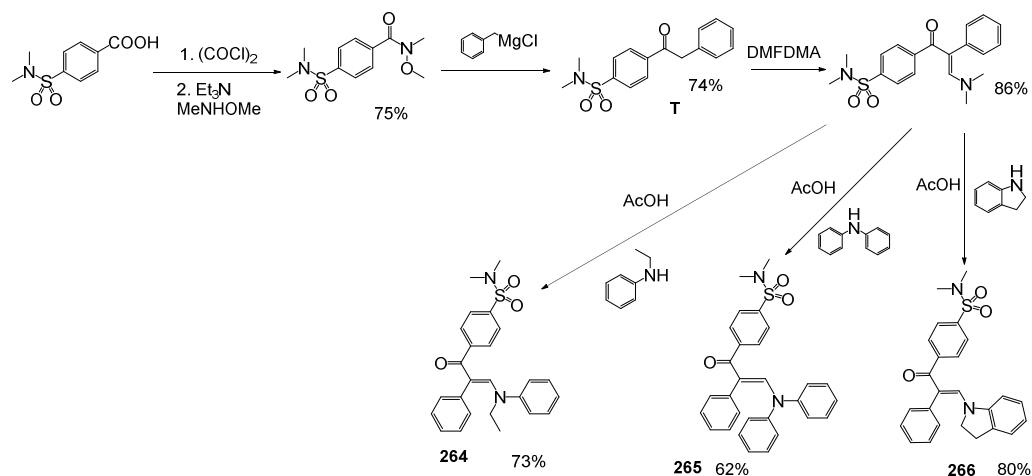


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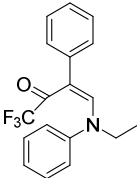
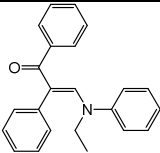
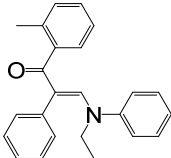
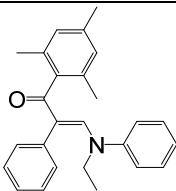
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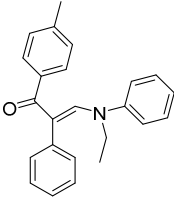
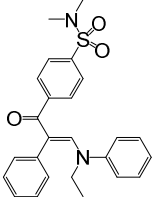
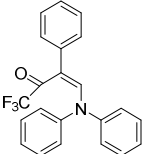
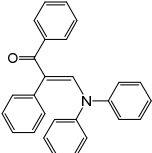
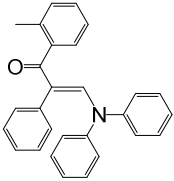
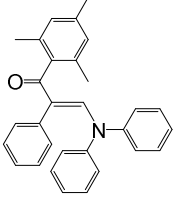
[00138] Yet a further approach is shown in scheme 8, below, to yield compounds displaying sulfonyl groups. Substituted phenylacetophenone, **T** was obtained via reduction of the corresponding Weinreb amide. Once **T** was in hand then standard enamine formation and transamination pathways as described were followed to access compounds **264-266**.

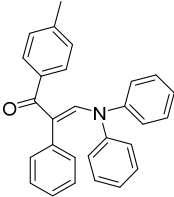
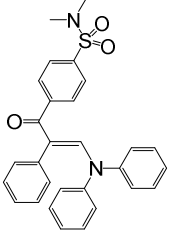
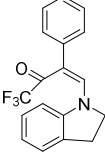
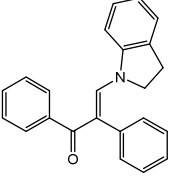
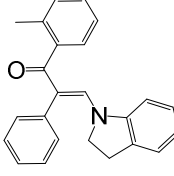
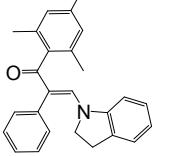


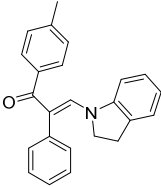
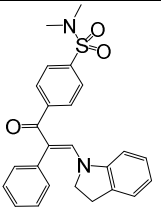
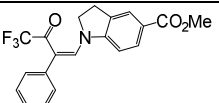
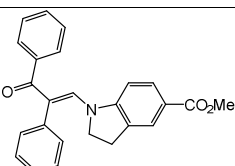
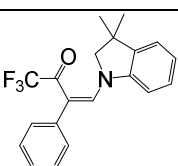
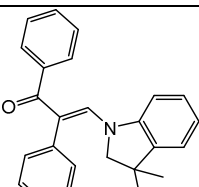
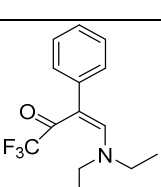
Scheme 8: Synthesis of substituted phenylacetophenone **T** and corresponding compounds.

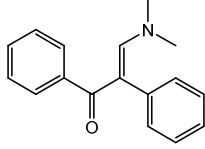
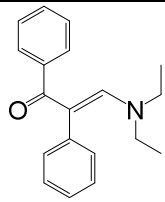
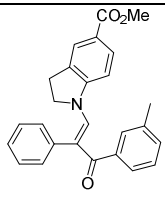
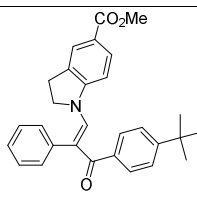
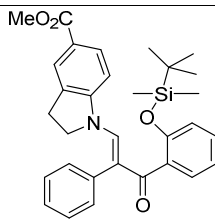
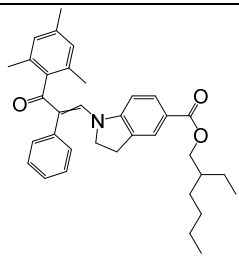
[00139] The synthesised benzoyl functionalised compounds and their spectroscopic properties can be seen in table 2 wherein; breakthrough denotes the value in nm where transmittance increases beyond 1%; steepness refers to the distance in nm over which transmittance increases from 1 to 80% (a higher value indicates a less steep transition from absorbing to transmitting and is generally unfavourable); and ^a denotes an average of multiple measurements. As a general comment, it can be noted that the benzoyl substituted compounds gave similar absorbance maxima to the corresponding trifluoroacetyl derivative.

No.	Structure	Mw	λ_{max} (nm)	λ_{crit} (nm)	ϵ	E (1%, 1cm)	Break- through (1%T at 0.1%)	Steep- ness (nm)	Photo- stability (%)
142		318	331	365	34708	1088	381	29	99
245		327	333	374	20292	621	394	40	55
252		341	323	359	26295	771	373	39	48
255		369	323	354	29450	798	364	34	83 ^a

No.	Structure	Mw	$\lambda_{\max}$ (nm)	λ_{crit} (nm)	ϵ	E (1%, 1cm)	Break- through (1%T at 0.1%)	Steep- ness (nm)	Photo- stability (%)
273		341	336	376	20922	614	394	37	73
264		434	340	381	18791	433	403	46	20
143		367	351	381	27893	760	402	32	Not soluble Assumed >98
244		375	352	383	20114	536	407	43	58
250		389	341	373	28714	738	389	37	60
254		417	341	369	27592	661	383	32	88 ^a

No.	Structure	Mw	$\lambda_{\max}$ (nm)	λ_{crit} (nm)	ϵ	E (1%, 1cm)	Break- through (1%T at 0.1%)	Steep- ness (nm)	Photo- stability (%)
274		389	353	384	16369	420	411	42	76
265		482	360	387	15775	327	418	48	N/A
164		317	367	389	35741	1127	418	20	99
243		325	361	386	29026	893	420	37	70
251		339	355	378	33598	991	399	30	52
253		367	355	375	34122	929	392	26	78

No.	Structure	Mw	$\lambda_{\max}$ (nm)	λ_{crit} (nm)	ϵ	E (1%, 1cm)	Break- through (1%T at 0.1%)	Steep- ness (nm)	Photo- stability (%)
272		339	362	386	30075	887	421	35	80
266		432	368	390	23870	552	429	46	N/A
201		375	373	391	46134	1230	420	18	97
247		383	371	389	41977	1096	422	34	76
213		345	366	389	29690	860	413	22	
246		353	357	385	15933	451	405	43	53
144		271	319	350	23306	860			97

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268		279	312	360	18293	656	374	48	10
286		397	370	389	47867	1205	423	46	N/A
287		439	373	389	44238	1007	425	35	76
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303		523	369	382	60921	1164	399	24	94, 93

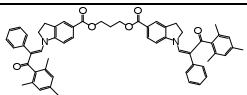
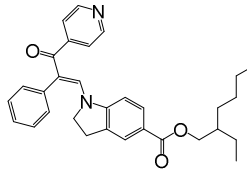
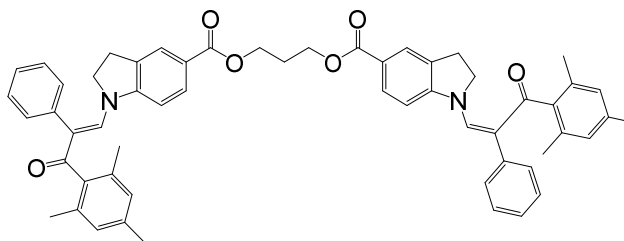
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307	 * enlarged structure shown below	862	370	384	107885	1251	402	22	98, 98
308		482	374	391	38378	796	431	41	79

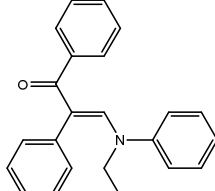
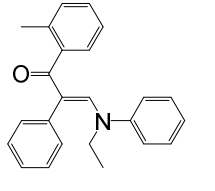
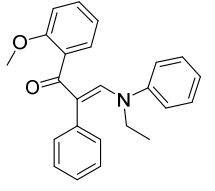
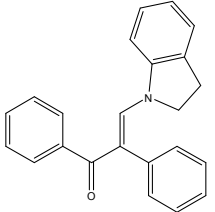
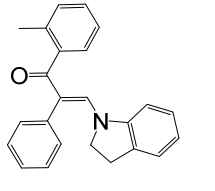
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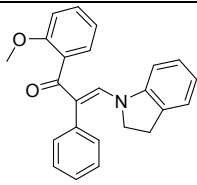


* Compound 307 structure -

[00140] In order to further test the effect of substitution on photostability in the benzoyl series the ortho-methoxy substituted analogues **275** and **276** were prepared. The methoxy derivatives were intermediate between the unsubstituted benzoyl and the ortho – methyl derivatives in terms of both $\lambda_{\max}$ and λ_{crit} . Strength of absorbance was greater than that seen for the unsubstituted benzoyls and similar to the methyl derivatives. The photostability of compound **276** was found to be very similar to the o-methyl derivative with a useful value of 56% while compound **275** came in at 90 and 95% on two separate tests. These results are indicated in table 3 along with previously exemplified compounds, for comparison's sake.

[00141] Therefore, in one embodiment of the compound of the first aspect, when R₅ is aryl, such that a benzoyl compound is formed, it is preferred that the aromatic ring of the benzoyl (phenyl) is substituted.

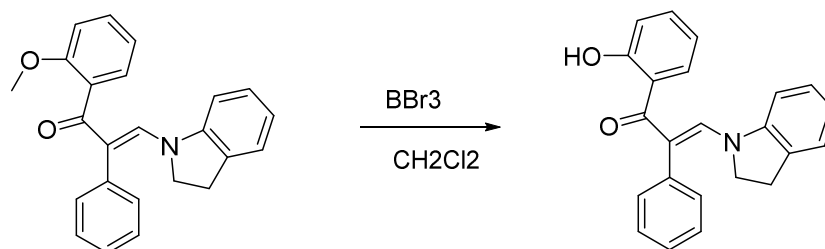
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252		341	6.4	323	359	26295	771	>95	Breakthrough 372 Steepness 39 Photostability 48
276		357	6.2	327	366	25385	711	>95	Breakthrough 379 Steepness 40
243		325	5.7	361	386	29026	893	>95	Breakthrough 420 Steepness 37 Photostability 70
251		339	6.2	355	378	33598	991	>95	Breakthrough 399 Steepness 30 Photostability 52

275		355	5.8	358	383	38139	1074	>95	Breakthrough 406 Steepness 30 Photostability 56
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All compounds were found to be soluble in most organic solvents.

Table 3: Properties of methoxy benzoyl compounds and comparators.

[00142] It will also be appreciated by a skilled chemist that the methoxy compounds can be transformed into their hydroxyl analogues. One possible route is shown in scheme 9 below.

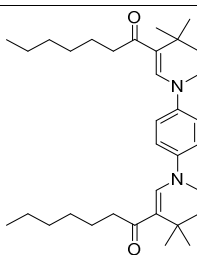
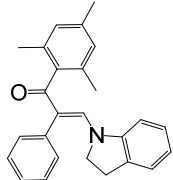
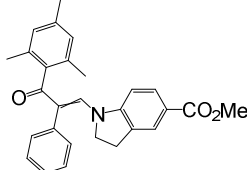
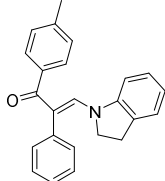
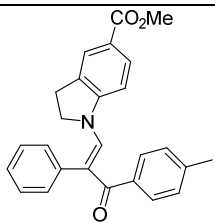


Scheme 9: Methoxy group transformation.

[00143] In order to further test the effect of substitution on photostability in the benzoyl series, the 5 carbomethoxy indoline derivatives, which can be seen to be the most photostable of the various amines used, of both the trimethyl benzoyl series **282** and the 4-methyl series **284** were prepared (scheme 13). The selected data is shown in table 4a. Both compounds are very strong absorbers with **282** showing a steep transmittance curve and a breakthrough of 402 nm to give a compound with similar UV-transmittance properties to compound **129**. Compound **282** proved to have a critical wavelength of 382nm and features a very steep drop off in absorbance at approximately 390 nm. The photostability was found to be 89 and 91% on two separate tests.

[00144] Compound **285** is the diphenylamine based derivative of the 2-methoxybenzoyl series. Compound **283** was synthesised to incorporate a tertiary alkyl group into the compound in place of the phenyl moiety. It possesses a very strong absorbance in conjunction with a very steep

transmittance curve. This gave a compound with a breakthrough of 401nm and a critical wavelength of 384 nm but which still gave a colourless solution at 0.1 % by mass. The photostability was found to be 87 and 88% on two separate tests. As with compound **282**, this compound compares very favourably with compound **129**, as a comparator absorbing compound. The selected data for t-alkanoyl compounds is shown in table 4b.

No.	Structure	Mw	ClogP	λ_{max} nm	λ_{crit} nm	ϵ	E (1%, 1cm)	Purity (%)	Other
129		520	10.51	359 359	378 378	60809 70222	1169 1350	>90 >95	Steepness 20 Breakthrough 397
253		367	7.2	355	375	34122	929	>95	Photostability 78% Breakthrough 392 Steepness 26
282		425	7.4	368	382	60650	1427	>95	Photostability 89, 91% Breakthrough 402 Steepness 23
272		339	6.2	362	386	30075	887	>95	Photostability 80% Breakthrough 421 Steepness 35
284		397	6.4	371	389	45689	1150	>95	Breakthrough 423 Steepness 30

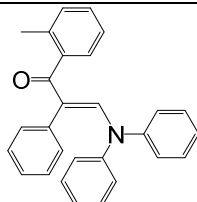
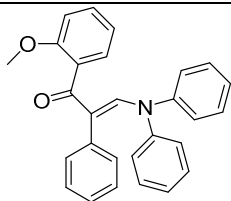
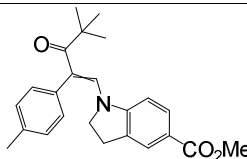
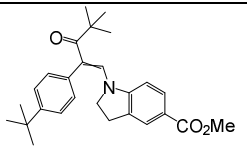
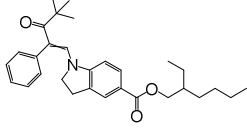
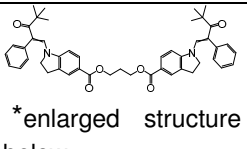
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250		389	7.4	341	373	28714	738	>95	Photostability 60% Breakthrough 389 Steepness 37
285		406	6.7	345	378	27034	666	>95	Photostability 76% Breakthrough 398 Steepness 34

Table 4a: Data for selected benzoyl compounds and comparators.

No.	Structure	Mw	Clog P	λ_{max} nm	λ_{crit} nm	ϵ	E (1%, 1cm)	Purity (%)	Other
295		377	6.2	368	385	49288	1307	>95	Breakthrough 402 Steepness 16 Photostability 68
296		419	7.5	368	384	50838	1213	>95	Breakthrough 401 Steepness 16 Photostability 73
300		461	9.3	367	384	54826	1189	>95	Breakthrough 400 Steepness 16 Photostability 81, 83
304	 *enlarged structure below	738	11.5	365	384	75535	1023	>95	Breakthrough 401 Steepness 19 Photostability 90, 92

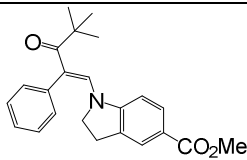
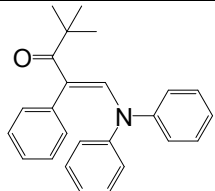
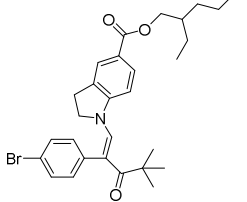
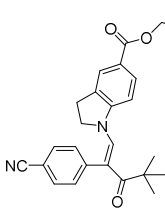
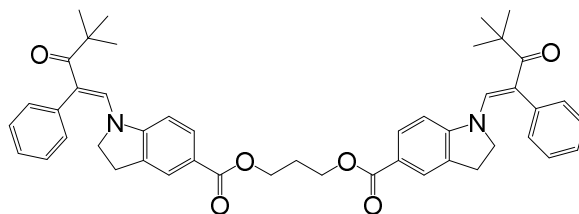
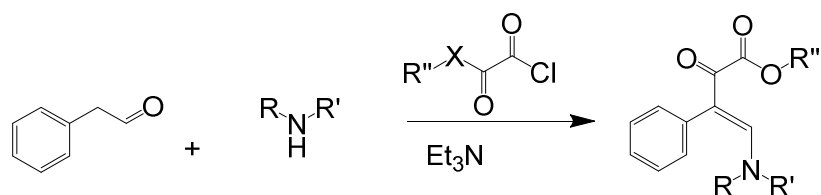
No.	Structure	Mw	Clog P	λ_{max} nm	λ_{crit} nm	ϵ	E (1%, 1cm)	Purity (%)	Other
283		363	5.7	367	384	48637	1339	>95	Photostability 87, 88% Breakthrough 401 Steepness 16
294		355	6.6	344	373	17462	492	>95	Breakthrough 383 Steepness 28
309		539	10.1	366	384	42050	780	>95	Photostability 80 Steepness 19 Breakthrough 397
310		486	8.7	368	385	50502	1039	>95	Photostability 78, 81 Steepness 22 Breakthrough 402

Table 4b: Data for selected *t*-alkanoyl compounds.

*Compound 304 structure -

1,2-Dicarbonyl Compounds

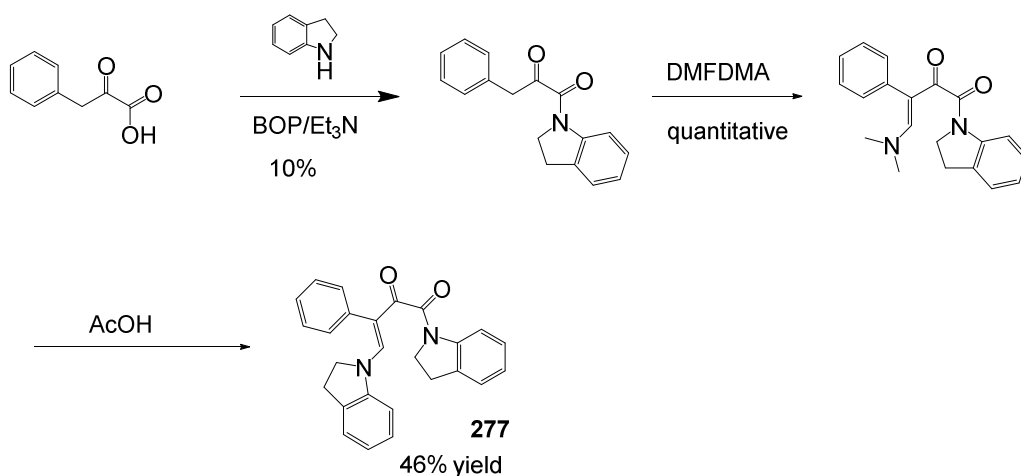
[00145] A series of 1,2-dicarbonyl functionalised compounds was prepared with the synthesis generally performed using a modification of the standard synthetic procedure as shown in scheme 9.



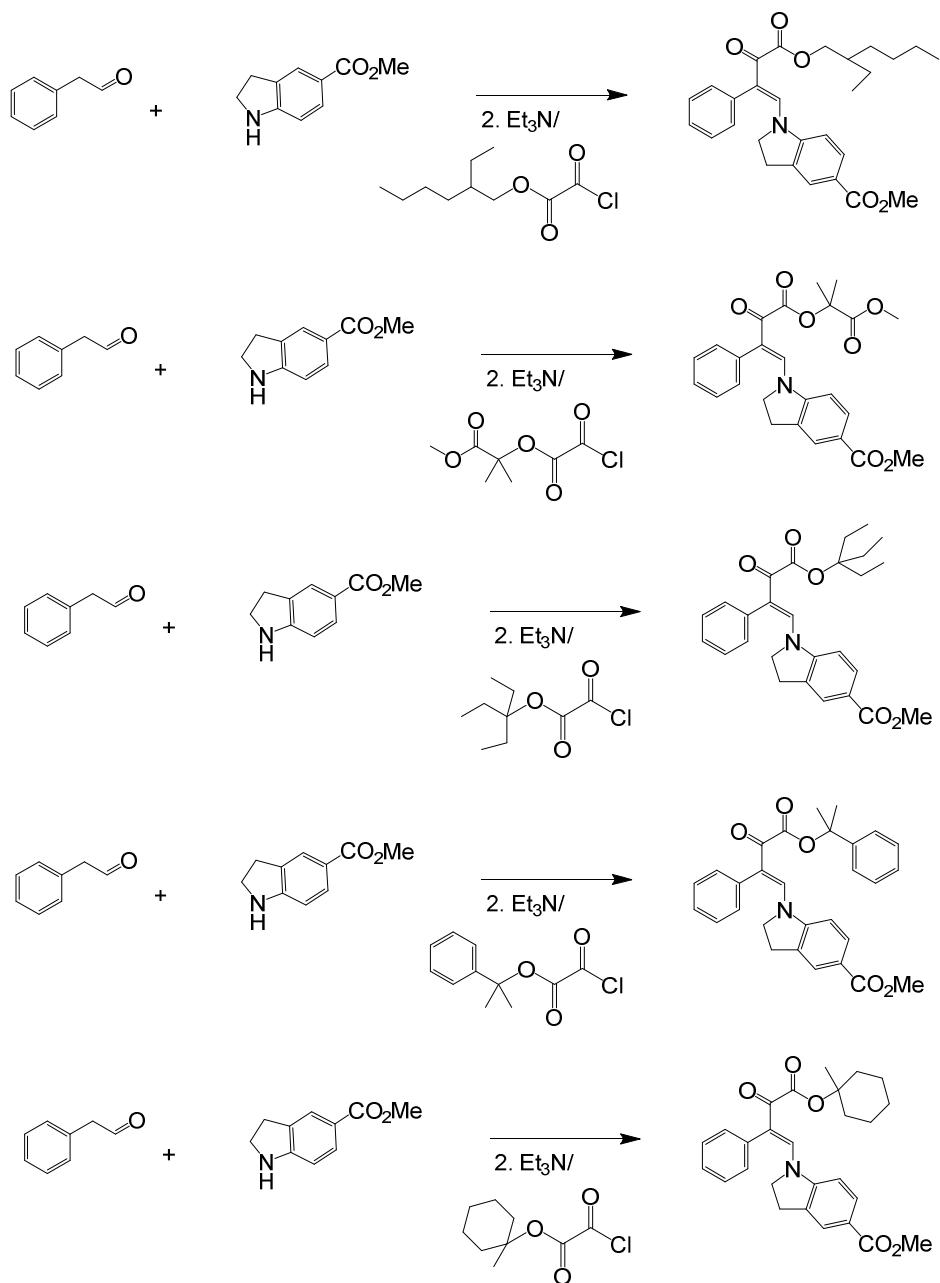
Scheme 9: Synthesis of 1,2-dicarbonyl derivatives.

[00146] In the case of ethyl chlorooxoacetate ($X = O$, $R'' = \text{Et}$) this reagent was commercially available. The corresponding *t*-butyl derivative ($X = O$, $R'' = t\text{Bu}$) could be prepared in almost quantitative yield from the reaction of oxalyl chloride and *tert*-butyl alcohol via a modification of a literature procedure. This meant a wide variation could be achieved at this position. In addition to these ester functionalised reagents, compounds with an amide functionality were also prepared. The products could be accessed through formation of the corresponding acid chloride.

[00147] Schemes 10 and 11, below, show selected exemplary pathways to a variety of 1,2-dicarbonyl compounds of the first aspect. Scheme 11 indicates that a variety of such compounds can be made with ester functionalities. Similarly, this approach can be used with a variation in reactant to instead generate an amide functionality, as per scheme 10.

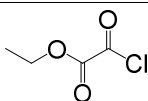
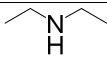
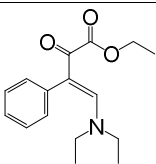
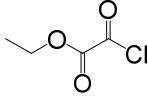
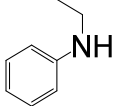
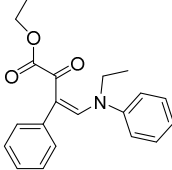
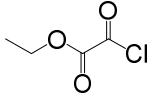
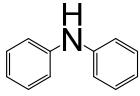
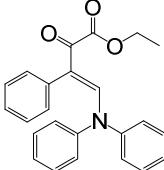
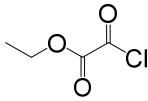
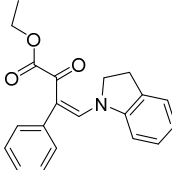
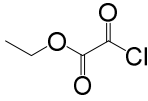
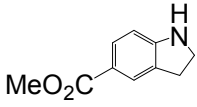
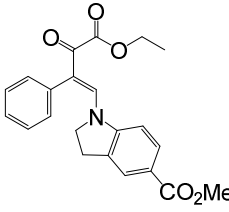


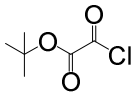
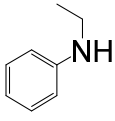
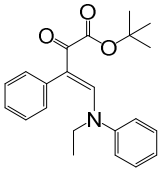
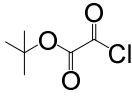
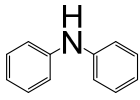
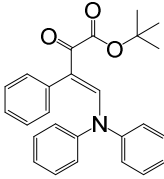
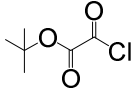
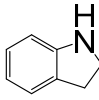
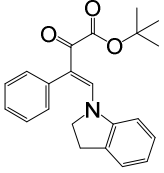
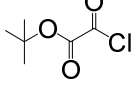
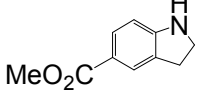
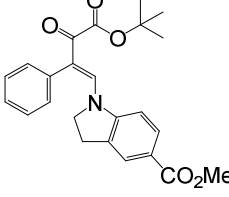
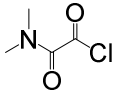
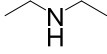
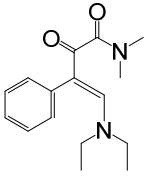
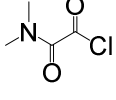
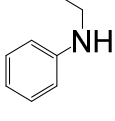
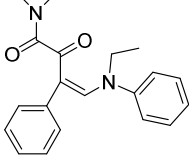
Scheme 10: Synthesis of a 1,2-dicarbonyl compound displaying an amide functionality.



Scheme 11: Synthesis of a 1,2-dicarbonyl compound displaying an ester functionality.

[00148] Table 5 indicates non-limiting examples of acylating agent and amine used in the generation of certain 1,2-dicarbonyl compounds of the first aspect. It will be appreciated that these examples could easily be expanded upon and further cross combinations of groups used to generate many more such compounds.

Acylating Agent	Amine	No.	Product	Yield (%)
		260		80
		248		15
		237		48
		231		25
		256		41

Acyating Agent	Amine	No.	Product	Yield (%)
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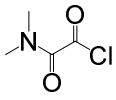
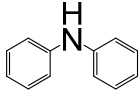
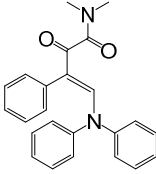
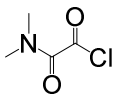
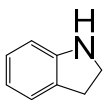
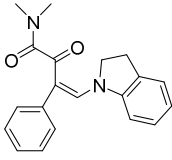
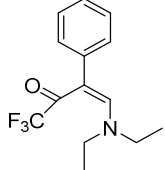
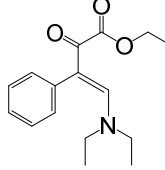
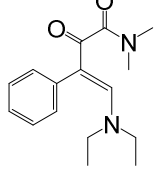
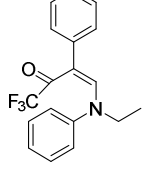
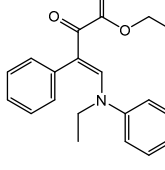
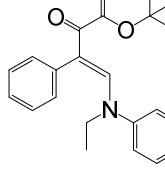
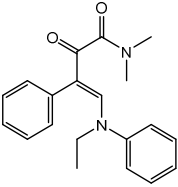
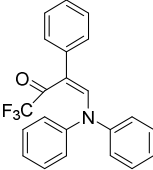
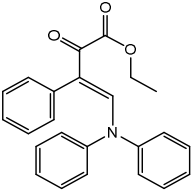
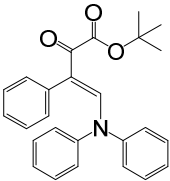
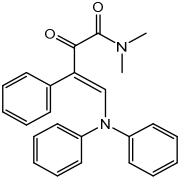
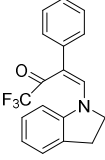
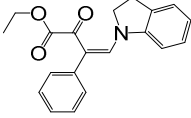
Acylating Agent	Amine	No.	Product	Yield (%)
		257		7
		258		5

Table 5. 1,2-Dicarbonyl analogues.

[00149] A number of 1,2-dicarbonyl compounds were tested and the results are shown in table 6. In general terms the 1,2-dicarbonyl substituted compounds gave similar absorbance maxima to the corresponding trifluoroacetyl analogues. Photostability followed a similar trend to that seen for the benzoyl analogues (albeit with higher values) with *N*-ethyl,*N*-phenyl derivative **248** showed good photostability with 78% remaining after irradiation. The highest photostability was seen for compounds derived from both *N,N*-diphenyl amine (**237**, 83% remains) and indoline (**231**, 80% remains). Broadly speaking this trend was continued with the other derivatives prepared. As also observed in the benzoyl series, the introduction of an ester moiety into the 5 position of the indoline ring, as in compound **256**, resulted in a modest increase in photostability (85% from 80%), λ_{max} and an increase in the efficiency of absorbance resulting in a compound with an E value of over 1200. An increase in steepness of the transmittance curve was also observed.

No.	Structure	Mw	$\lambda_{\max}$ (nm)	λ_{crit} (nm)	ϵ	E (1%, 1cm)	Break- through (1%T at 0.1%)	Steep- ness (nm)	Photo- stability (%)
144		271	319	350	23306	860	361	23	97
260		275	313	352	19983	726	363	38	40
261		274	310	342	23144	844	355	28	63
142		318	331	365	34708	1088	381	29	99
248		323	329	368	23523	728	383	38	78
271		351	332	366	18592	530	381	36	75

No.	Structure	Mw	λ_{max} (nm)	λ_{crit} (nm)	ϵ	E (1%, 1cm)	Break- through (1%T at 0.1%)	Steep- ness (nm)	Photo- stability (%)
259		322	326	365	23336	724	378	34	66
143		367	351	381	27893	760	402	32	Not soluble Assumed >98%
237		371	348	380	28737	775	400	39	83
270		399	349	381	22023	551	400	35	89
257		370	346	378	14163	382	394	32	85
164		317	367	389	35741	1127	418	20	99
231		321	363	388	31758	989	418	34	80

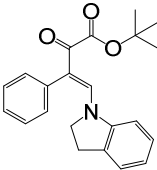
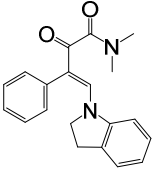
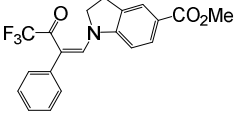
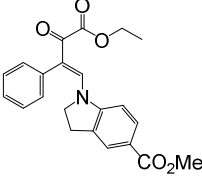
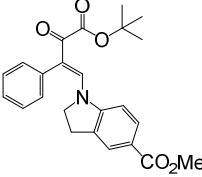
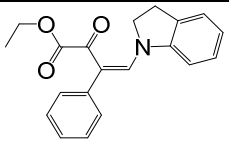
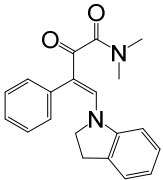
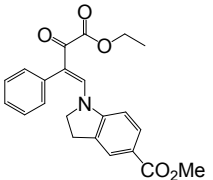
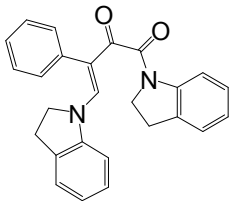
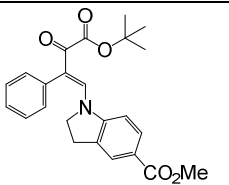
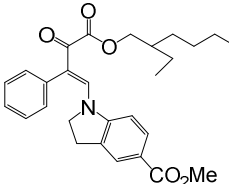
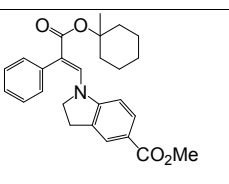
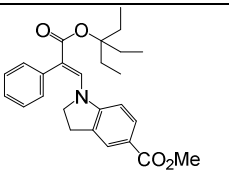
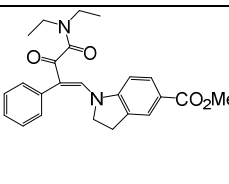
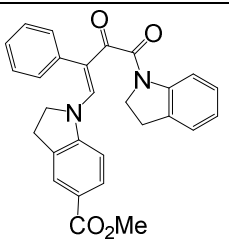
No.	Structure	Mw	λ_{max} (nm)	λ_{crit} (nm)	ϵ	E (1%, 1cm)	Break- through (1%T at 0.1%)	Steep- ness (nm)	Photo- stability (%)
267		349	366	389	32824	940	417	32	76
258		320	359	384	33443	1045	409	23	63
201		375	373	391	46134	1230	420	18	97
256		379	372	391	46566	1228	421	28	85
269		407	374	391	42074	1033	419	26	94 ^a

Table 6: Properties of select 1,2-dicarbonyl compounds and comparators.

[00150] Table 7, below, shows data for further 1,2-dicarbonyl compounds and further physical data for some of those exemplified in table 6. Compounds **277** and **278** were synthesised largely to investigate the effect of the ester / amide moiety on properties of the 1,2-dicarbonyl compounds. On moving from the ester to the amide a slight increase in steepness of transmittance curve was observed along with a lowering of λ_{max} of approximately 5 nm. Photostability results for **277** gave a result of 95% stability. This confirms that the

modifications to the amide moiety can be used to positively alter photostability. Compound **278** is an ester-bearing compound prepared from 2-ethylhexanol. Whilst this compound does not feature a 3° alcohol as compound **269** does, it was postulated that the bulky alcohol side chain might also increase photostability. As has been observed previously, changing the ester does not impact the position of absorbance or the molar extinction coefficient greatly. **278** has a lower efficiency of absorbance (E) due to the increased molecular mass. The photostability of absorber **278** was measured as 88% which is intermediate between the corresponding ethyl ester (**256**, 85%) and the *t*-butyl ester (**269**, 94% average) but all representing useful levels of photostability.

No.	Structure	Mw	ClogP	λ_{max} nm	λ_{crit} nm	ϵ	E (1%, 1cm)	Purity (%)	Other
231		321	4.6	363	388	31758	989	>95	Breakthrough 418 Steepness 34 Photostability 80%
258		320	3.2	359	384	33443	1045	>95	Breakthrough 409 Steepness 23 Photostability 63%
256		379	4.8	372	391	46566	1228	>95	Breakthrough 421 Steepness 28 Photostability 85%
277		394	5.2	365	388	34350	872	>95	Breakthrough 414 Steepness 26 Photostability 95%

269		407	5.5	374	391	42074	1033	>95	Breakthrough 419 Steepness 26 Photostability 94, 98, 91%
278		463	7.9	372	391	44118	953	>95	Breakthrough 418 Steepness 30 Photostability 88%
288		419	7.3	356	370	57009	1360	>95	Breakthrough 383 Steepness 28
289		421	7.6	357	370	59157	1405	>95	Breakthrough 381 Steepness 18 Photostability 78%
290		406	4.6	370	389	51191	1260	>95	Breakthrough 412 Steepness 22 Photostability 53%
305		452	5.5	375	391	48709	1078	>95	Breakthrough 417 Steepness 23 Photostability 80, 75

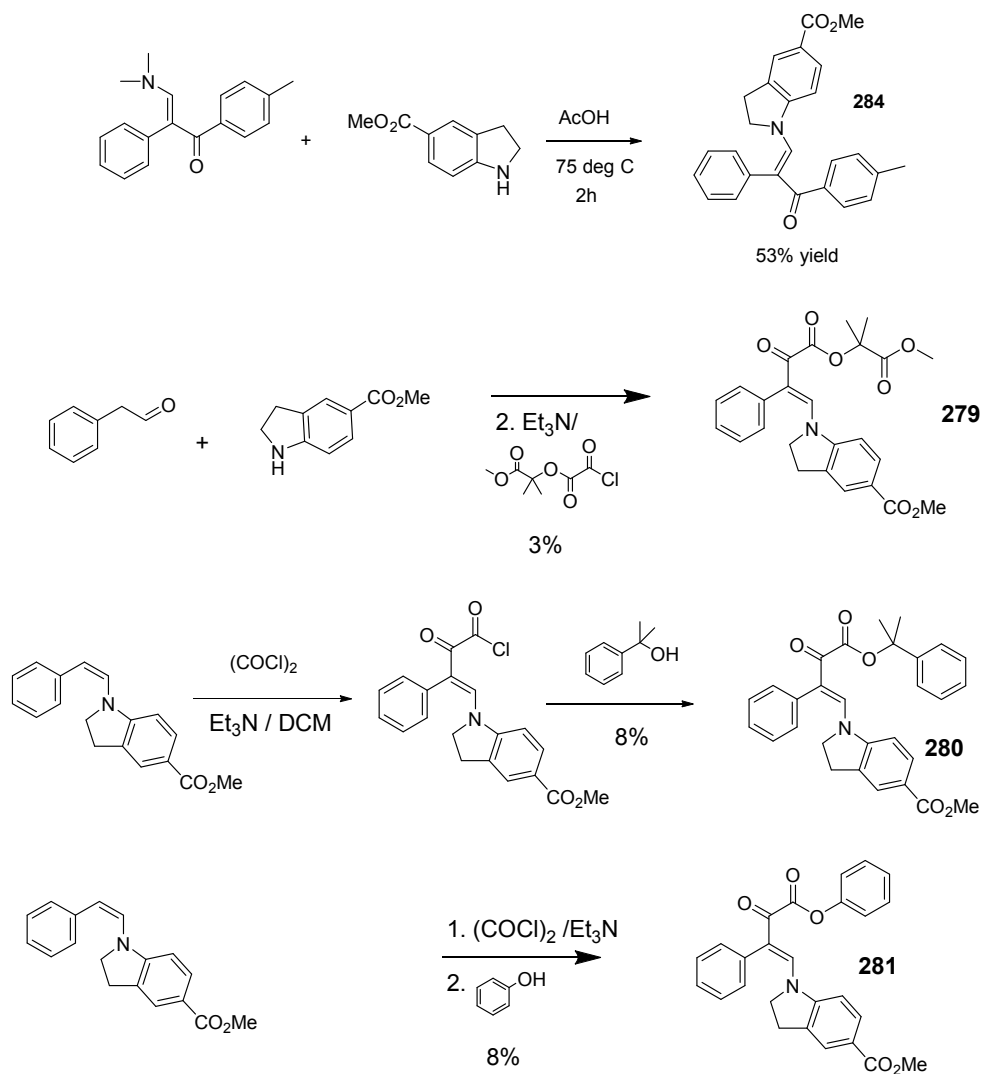
All compounds were found to be soluble in most organic solvents.

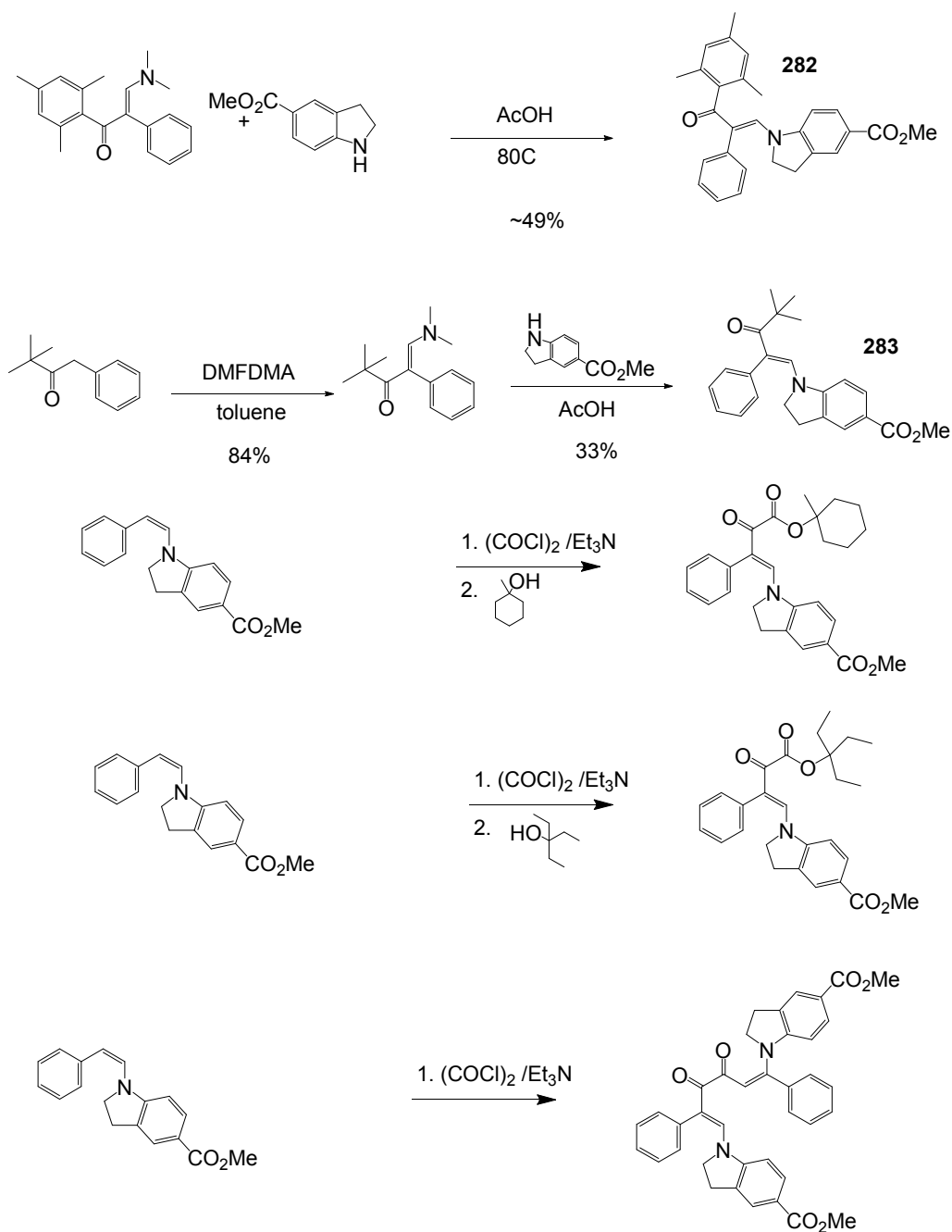
Table 7: Physical and spectroscopic data for select compounds.

General Compound Synthesis Pathways

[00151] Scheme 13, below, shows a number of synthetic pathways resulting in compounds of the first aspect of a range of different classes. This scheme shows that, using the approaches set out herein and those known in the art, a

very wide array of enamine compounds are attainable. Scheme 13 is indicative only and is not in any way limiting on the classes of compounds which can be synthesised.





Scheme 13: Synthesis of selected compounds

[00152] Amongst the compounds synthesised using certain of the pathways of scheme 13 were some further examples of 1,2-dicarbonyl esters which were functionalised with 3° alcohols, in addition to a compound functionalised by

phenol. Ester functionalised compound **279** proved to possess a very strong absorbance as did benzyl ester **280** which also featured a steep transmittance curve resulting in a critical wavelength of 370nm and no residual colour. Substitution with a phenol, **281** resulted in weaker absorbance strength but with all compounds demonstrating strong photostability.

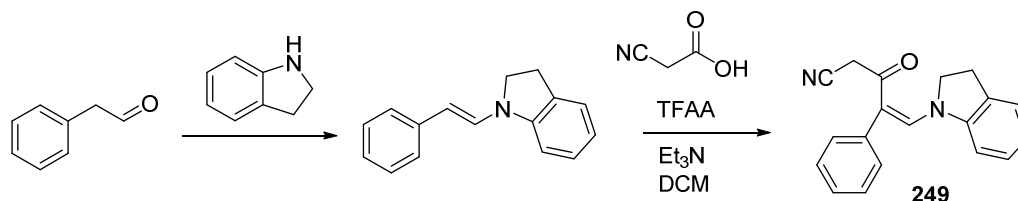
No.	Structure	Mw	ClogP	λ_{max} nm	λ_{crit} nm	ϵ	E (1%, 1cm)	Purity (%)	Other
256		379	4.8	372	391	46566	1228	>95	Photostability 85% Breakthrough 421 Steepness 28
269		407	5.5	374	391	42074	1033	>95	Photostability 94, 98, 91% Breakthrough 419 Steepness 26
279		451	4.8	368	386	58842	1304	>95	Photostability 32% Breakthrough 412 Steepness 32
280		469	7.1	357	370	67567	1440	>95	Photostability 68% Breakthrough 384 Steepness 21
281		427	5.1	376	392	30040	703	>95	Breakthrough 419 Steepness 34

All compounds were found to be soluble in most organic solvents.

Table 8: Physical and spectroscopic data for select compounds

Miscellaneous Compounds

[00153] A number of other compounds of the first aspect were synthesised with non-benzoyl or dicarbonyl functional groups. The synthesis of compound **249** having an electron withdrawing cyanoacetyl group is shown in scheme 14. Compound **238** was prepared in a similar manner.



Scheme 14: Synthesis of cyanoacetyl-bearing compound **249**.

[00154] The properties of these compounds are shown in table 9 with comparator compounds. Both cyanoacetyl derivatives displayed a slightly lower value for λ_{max} and λ_{crit} with similar values for strength of absorbance compared to their trifluoroacetyl analogues. In both cases low solubility meant that photostability could not be measured. This would not preclude use of the compounds in many applications where solubility is not at issue.

No.	Structure	Mw	λ_{max} (nm)	λ_{crit} (nm)	ϵ	E (1%, 1cm)	Break- through (1%T at 0.1%)	Steep- ness (nm)	Photo- stability (%)
143		367	351	381	27893	760	402	32	Not soluble Assumed >98
238		338	346	373	28026	829	391	31	Not soluble

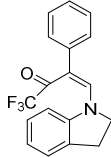
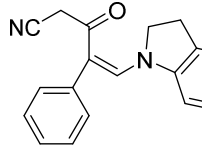
No.	Structure	Mw	λ_{max} (nm)	λ_{crit} (nm)	ϵ	E (1%, 1cm)	Break- through (1%T at 0.1%)	Steep- ness (nm)	Photo- stability (%)
164		317	367	389	35741	1127	418	20	99
249		288	361	361	31385	1089	405	Not soluble	Not soluble

Table 9: Properties of miscellaneous functionalised compounds and comparators.

[00155] It will be appreciated that the schemes above and discussion of synthesis in the examples, represent reaction pathways to access a range of compound classes of the first aspect. It will further be appreciated by the person of skill in the art that these reaction schemes are representative only and simple modification of the exemplified pathways, for example replacement of one reagent with an analogous reagent which presents a variation in side chains, will be apparent to access further compounds of the first aspect.

[00156] According to a second aspect of the present invention there is provided a composition comprising a compound of any one of formula I to VI, or a salt or isomer thereof, and a suitable carrier.

[00157] In one embodiment, the compounds may provide for improved solubility or stability in standard compositions, including sunscreen compositions. Such solubility may be measured by generating, for example, a 3% solution of the relevant compound in 2:1:1 EtOH:capric/caprylic triglyceride:C12-C15 alkyl benzoate.

[00158] In one embodiment, the composition is a sunscreen composition. The sunscreen composition may be suitable for protection from one or more of UV-A, UV-B and visible light.

[00159] The composition may contain dispersing agents, emulsifiers or thickening agents to assist in applying a uniform layer of the active compounds. Suitable dispersing agents for the formulations include those useful for dispersing organic UV and visible light absorbing agents in a water phase, oil phase, or part of an emulsion, including, for example, chitosan.

[00160] Emulsifiers may be used in the composition to disperse one or more of the compounds or other components of the composition. Suitable emulsifiers include conventional agents such as, for example, ethoxylated alcohols (oleth-2, oleth-20 etc.), glycerol stearate, stearyl alcohol, cetyl alcohol, dimethicone copolyol phosphate, hexadecyl-D-glucoside, octadecyl-D-glucoside, cetearyl alcohol and dicetyl phosphate and ceteth-10-phosphate (Crodafos™ CES), one or more ethoxylated esters of natural derivatives, e.g. polyethoxylated esters of hydrogenated castor oil; or a silicone emulsifier such as silicone polyol; a free or ethoxylated fatty acid soap; an ethoxylated fatty alcohol; a free or ethoxylated sorbitan ester, an ethoxylated fatty acid; or an ethoxylated glyceride.

[00161] Emollients may be used in the sunscreen composition including cetyl esters, such as cetyl ethylhexanoate, isostearyl neopentanoate, diisopropyl sebacate, coconut oil and silicones.

[00162] Humectants may be used including glycols such as propylene glycol and butylene glycol as well as glycerine.

[00163] Rheology modifiers such as various Carbopol® acrylate polymeric compounds, alkyl acrylates as well as neutralisers and preservatives as are standard in the art.

[00164] Thickening agents may be used to increase the viscosity of the sunscreen composition. Suitable thickening agents include glyceryl stearate, carbomers, acrylate/acrylonitrile copolymers, xanthan gum and combinations of

these. The amount of thickener within the sunscreen composition, on a solids basis without water, may range from about 0.001 to about 5%, preferably from 0.01 to about 1% and optimally from about 0.1 to about 0.5% by weight.

[00165] Minor optional adjunct ingredients for the sunscreen composition may include preservatives, waterproofing agents, fragrances, anti-foam agents, plant extracts (Aloe vera, witch hazel, cucumber, etc) opacifiers, skin conditioning agents and colorants, each in amounts effective to accomplish their respective functions.

[00166] The sunscreen formulations may optionally contain an ingredient which enhances the waterproof properties such as, compounds that form a polymeric film, such as dimethicone copolyol phosphate, diisostearoyl trimethylpropane siloxysilicate, chitosan, dimethicone, polyethylene, polyvinylpyrrolidone (PVP), polyvinylpyrrolidone/vinylacetate, PVP/Eicosene copolymer and adipic acids/diethylene glycol/glycerine crosspolymer etc. Waterproofing agents may be present at levels of from about 0.01 to about 10% by weight.

[00167] There is considerable knowledge in the art in terms of sunscreen formulations and standard texts and journal articles may also provide guidance. One such text which may prove useful is *The Chemistry and Manufacture of Cosmetics*. An appropriate article to refer to may be *Cosmetics & Toiletries*, vol. 116, No.9, September 2001 and Tanner. P.R., *Dermatol. Clin.* 2006 Jan; 24(1):53-62. These articles and textbook are incorporated herein in their entirety by way of reference.

[00168] Eusolex[®] UV-Pearls[®] (supplied commercially by Merck) may provide for the present absorbing compounds to be encapsulated in micro-capsules allowing for alternative options in formulation. Such encapsulation may provide for a reduced dermal uptake, lower allergy potential, and further improved photostability. The micro-encapsulation technology employed entraps the compounds in a sol-gel silica glass. Merck supplies such products as aqueous

dispersions containing approximately 37% (w/w) of the UV absorber. The white liquids contain Eusolex[®] UV-Pearls[®] of about 1.0 μm diameter on average which are transparent when applied to the skin.

[00169] Therefore, in one embodiment, the compounds of the first aspect are present in a composition as encapsulated compounds. The encapsulation may be by any known method of encapsulation but preferably is by a sol gel encapsulation approach. Suitably, the encapsulation is a silica-based sol gel encapsulation. For compounds with highly desirable absorption properties but less than optimal photostability, encapsulation may improve the photostability into commercially acceptable territory.

[00170] The sunscreen compositions can additionally contain one or more further UV-protective substances, e.g. triazines, 1,3-diketones, such as avobenzene, oxanilides, triazoles or amides containing vinyl groups or cinnamides. Such protective substances are described, for example, in GB-A-2,286,774 or alternatively are known from Cosmetics & Toiletries (107), 50 et seq. (1992).

[00171] The compositions may contain 0.1 to 15, preferably 0.5 to 10% by weight, based on the total weight of the composition, of a compound of any one of formula I to VI. The compositions can be prepared by physical mixing of the compounds with the auxiliary by the usual methods, such as, for example, by simply stirring the individual components together. The compositions can be formulated as a water-in-oil or oil-in-water emulsion, as an oil-in-alcohol lotion, as a vesicular dispersion of an ionic or non-ionic amphiphilic lipid, as a gel, solid stick or as an aerosol formulation. As a water-in-oil or oil-in-water emulsion, any compatible auxiliary preferably contains 5 to 50% of an oil phase, 5 to 20% of an emulsifier and 30 to 90% of water. The oil phase can in this case contain any oil suitable for cosmetic formulations, e.g. one or more hydrocarbon oils, a wax, a natural oil, a silicone oil, a fatty acid ester or a fatty alcohol. Preferred mono- or polyols are ethanol, isopropanol, propylene glycol, hexylene glycol, glycerol and sorbitol.

[00172] In one embodiment, the sunscreen composition may comprise more than one compound of any one of formula I to VIII or a compound of any one of formula I to VIII and a known UV absorbing sunscreen agent or protective agent such as avobenzene, EHT, octinoxate and octocrylene.

[00173] The protective agent may be an additive, such as octocrylene and like compounds, which have protective effects on the compounds of the invention. While showing modest UV absorption itself, octocrylene is primarily used in sunscreen formulations due to the stabilising and protective effect it has on other UV absorbing actives. Current understanding suggests that the energy levels of such stabilisers need to be matched with the UV/light absorbing active to allow efficient stabilisation and so it cannot be assumed that protective agents such as octocrylene would work with any particular class of absorbing compounds. Due to the lack of understanding of the protective relationship, and hence lack of reliable prediction, it is necessary to test the compounds with the protective additive and see if the benefit is obtained. Advantageously, it has been found by such testing that the present compounds of formula Ia, Ib, II and/or V are appropriately 'matched' with octocrylene and so receive the additional protective benefit. Further protective agents which may be present in the composition include MBC, MBBT, BEMT, DHHB, Diethylhexyl 2,6 Naphthalate (DEHN, CORAPAN® TQ), Diethylhexyl Syringylidene Malonate (DESM, OxyneX® ST), and Benzotriazolyl Dodecyl p-cresol (TINOGARD® TL).

[00174] In one alternative embodiment, the composition comprising a compound of any one of formula I to VIII is a coating composition, a plastics composition or a paint composition.

[00175] UV protective paint or general coating compositions can be useful in external applications such as in automotive paints, masonry and timber paints and UV protective compositions for boats and other marine applications.

[00176] The paint composition may contain a diluent or solvent such as water, petroleum distillate, an esters, a glycol ether, a binder or film forming

component including include synthetic or natural resins such as alkyds, acrylics, vinyl-acrylics, vinyl acetate/ethylene (VAE), polyurethanes, polyesters, melamine resins, epoxy, or oils, and may comprise a pigment or dye to provide colouration and/or other optional additives such as catalysts, thickeners, stabilizers, emulsifiers, texturizers, adhesion promoters, UV stabilizers, flatteners (de-glossing agents), fungicides, flow control agents, surfactants, and rheology modifiers.

[00177] In a further alternative embodiment, the composition may be a glass or plastic film-forming composition. Such compositions may be useful in forming UV and/or visible light protective glass or plastic films useful to prevent UV and/or visible light damage to the enclosed material. They may be useful in forming or coating: automotive glass, architectural glass and plastics, such as PVC, used in similar applications. The compositions may, in one embodiment, result in UV and/or visible light protective ophthalmic lenses including corrective contact lenses and eyeglasses. Such compositions are known in the art but have not comprised the compounds of the present invention to this point.

[00178] In further embodiments, the composition comprising at least one compound of any one of formula I to VI, or a salt thereof, may be an industrial formulation. Such formulations may form components of dishwashing liquids, gels or tablets, food packaging, coatings for signage and the like.

[00179] Such formulations may comprise a range of emulsifiers, silicates, bleaches, activators, catalysts, metal care agents, alkalinity agents, polymeric dispersants, anti-redispersion agents, sulfonated or carboxylated polymers, enzymes, ionic surfactants and non-ionic surfactants, as are known in the art.

[00180] Detergent active components which may be selected from bleach, bleach activator, bleach catalyst, surfactants, alkalinity sources, enzymes, polymeric dispersants, anti-corrosion agents (e.g. sodium silicate) and care agents. Highly preferred detergent components include a builder compound, an

alkalinity source, an anti-redeposition agent, a sulfonated polymer, an enzyme and an additional bleaching agent.

[00181] The bleach is preferably selected from inorganic peroxides inclusive of perborates and percarbonates, organic peracids inclusive of preformed monoperoxy carboxylic acids, such as phthaloyl amido peroxy hexanoic acid and di-acyl peroxides

[00182] Builders suitable for use in such an industrial detergent composition include builders which form water-soluble hardness ion complexes (sequestering builders) such as citrates and polyphosphates e.g. sodium tripolyphosphate and sodium tripolyphosphate hexahydrate, potassium tripolyphosphate and mixed sodium and potassium tripolyphosphate salts and builders which form hardness precipitates (precipitating builders) such as carbonates e.g. sodium carbonate.

[00183] Other suitable builders include amino acid based compounds or a succinate based compound. Examples of suitable amino acid based compounds include MGDA (methyl-glycine-diacetic acid), and salts and derivatives thereof and GLDA (glutamic-N,N-diacetic acid) and salts and derivatives thereof. GLDA (salts and derivatives thereof) is especially preferred according to the invention, with the tetrasodium salt thereof being especially preferred. Particular suitable builders include; for example, aspartic acid-N-monoacetic acid (ASMA), aspartic acid-N,N-diacetic acid (ASDA), aspartic acid-N-monopropionic acid (ASMP), iminodisuccinic acid (IDA), N-(2-sulfomethyl)aspartic acid (SMAS), N-(2-sulfoethyl)aspartic acid (SEAS), N-(2-sulfomethyl)glutamic acid (SMGL), N-(2-sulfoethyl)glutamic acid (SEGL), N-methyliminodiacetic acid (MIDA), α -alanine-N,N-diacetic acid (α -ALDA), serine-N,N-diacetic acid (SEDA), isoserine-N,N-diacetic acid (ISDA), phenylalanine-N,N-diacetic acid (PHDA), anthranilic acid-N,N-diacetic acid (ANDA), sulfanilic acid-N,N-diacetic acid (SLDA), taurine-N,N-diacetic acid (TUDA) and

sulfomethyl-N,N-diacetic acid (SMDA) and alkali metal salts or ammonium salts thereof

[00184] The detergent and cleaning compositions herein can comprise traditional detergency components and can also comprise organic solvents having a cleaning function and organic solvents having a carrier or diluent function or some other specialised function. The compositions will generally be built and comprise one or more detergent active components which may be selected from bleaching agents, surfactants, alkalinity sources, enzymes, thickeners (in the case of liquid, paste, cream or gel compositions), anti-corrosion agents (e.g. sodium silicate) and disrupting and binding agents (in the case of powder, granules or tablets).

[00185] In yet a further embodiment, the composition may be a treatment for hair of a mammal, such as a human or companion animal. The hair care composition may be a colouring or other cosmetic composition or may be a UV protective composition specifically designed for hair application. The composition may directly protect the hair from UV damage or the compound(s) of the first aspect contained therein may also provide UV protection to dyes or other components of the hair treatment composition. Dyes and other components which may be included in the composition include anionic and/or cationic surfactants, fragrances, pest repellents, vitamins, sunscreens and cooling agents are well known in the art and it is envisaged that the composition would comprise one or more compounds of the first aspect along with one or more such components and a suitable carrier.

[00186] A third aspect of the present invention resides in the use of a compound of any one of formula I to VI, or a salt or isomer thereof, as an electromagnetic radiation absorbing compound.

[00187] A fourth aspect of the present invention resides in a method of protecting a surface or tissue from electromagnetic radiation including the step

of applying a compound of any one of formula I to VI, or a salt or isomer thereof, to the surface or tissue.

[00188] Preferably, the use of the third aspect or the method of the fourth aspect has the compound as a component of a sunscreen composition. The compound of any one of formula I to VIII may be present in the sunscreen composition with a range of standard formulation agents including water, various emulsifiers, stabilisers and surfactants.

[00189] Alternatively, the use of the third aspect or the method of the fourth aspect has the compound as a component of a coating composition. The compound of any one of formula I to VIII may be present in the coating composition with a range of standard formulation agents including, one or more of the agents described above. The coating composition may be a medical device coating, hair care, paint, staining, UV and/or visible light protective, tinting, marine protection or polymeric matrix formulation wherein the compound of any one of formula I to VIII provides UV and/or visible light protective or additional UV and/or visible light protective properties to the formulation.

[00190] For example, the coating composition may be a paint formulation for the exterior of a building, marine vessel or for exposed timber structures. The coating composition may also be a matrix coating for signage and the like which are exposed to the sun's rays for extended periods of time and which display information which it is desirable to protect from fading. It may be used for medical device coatings as described for the second aspect.

[00191] Further, the use of the third aspect or the method of the fourth aspect may employ the compound of any one of formula I to VIII as a component of a UV and/or visible light protective glass and/or UV and/or visible light protective polymeric film. The glass may be prepared in a manner standard in the industry. The polymeric film may be chosen from a range of standard film materials such as polyolefin-based films. The compounds of the present invention may be incorporated by cross-linking during film formation or may be

associated with the film forming compounds, such as loosely held within the polymeric matrix.

[00192] In one embodiment, the use of the third aspect or the method of the fourth aspect may employ the compound of any one of formula I to VIII as a component of a packaging and/or photobleachable and/or light exposure indicating material. The compounds of the invention may have their colour altered by exposure to UV and/or visible light. They may change from colourless to exhibit a colour or *vice versa*.

[00193] In one embodiment, the use of the third aspect or the method of the fourth aspect may have the compound in or on an ophthalmic lens. This may be in terms of the UV and/or visible light absorbing compounds being cast in a lens formulation where the absorber is added to the bulk lens monomer prior to casting. Alternatively, the UV and/or visible light absorbing compound may be included as part of a coating layer or via imbibition. The lens may be a glass or plastic lens. By way of non-limiting example only, compounds **142**, **143**, **164** and **213** have been shown to be stable enough for such incorporation and to maintain useful levels of absorption thereafter.

[00194] Plastic lenses may be tinted by dipping them in a heated soluble dye comprising the UV and/or visible light absorbing compounds. This dye penetrates a uniform distance into the lens surfaces, providing a tint of uniform colour and transmittance and incorporating the UV and/or visible light absorbing compound. Glass lenses may be tinted by the addition of a chemical compound to the molten glass. The UV and/or visible light absorbing compound, if stable under those conditions, may be added in this process.

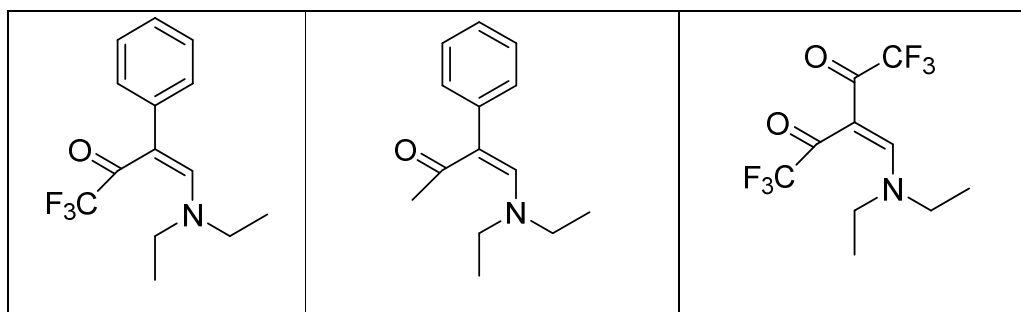
[00195] Some glass lenses are tinted by the application of a coating to one or both lens surfaces. These coatings consist of a thin layer of a coloured glass compound or a metal oxide that is applied using a vacuum deposition process. The UV and/or visible light absorbing compounds of the invention may be incorporated during this standard process.

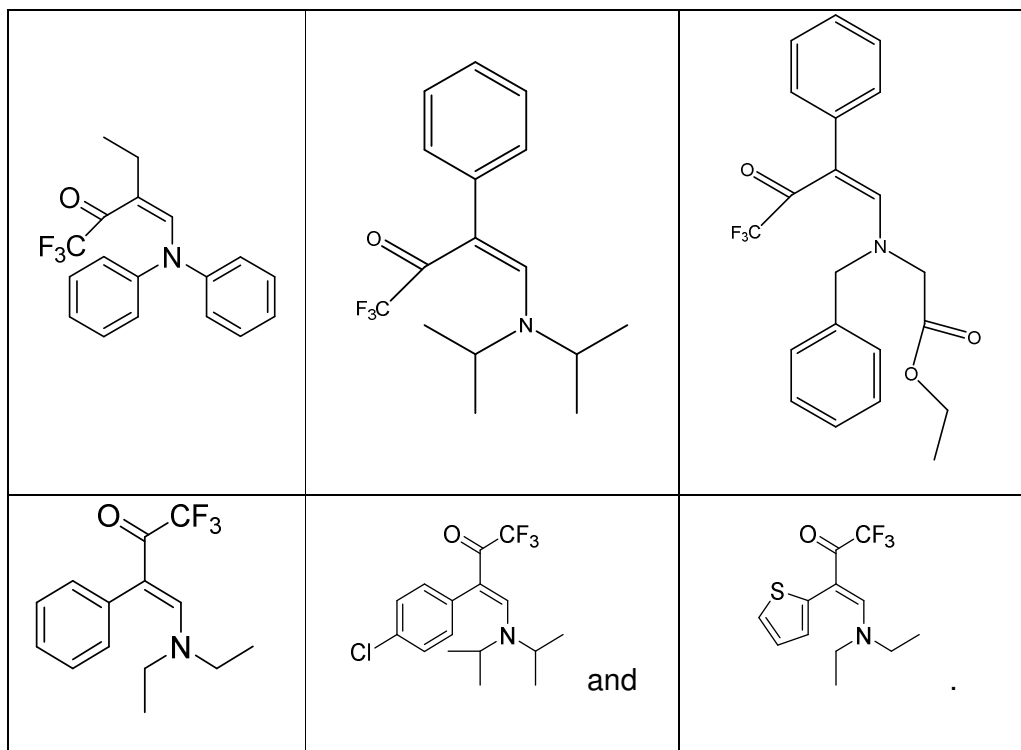
[00196] In embodiments wherein the UV and/or visible light absorbing compound is included in the lens during formation of same it may be co-polymerised with a lens forming monomer. Many lens-forming monomers are known in the art and include both acrylic and silicone-containing monomers, among others. Non-limiting examples of preferred lens-forming monomers are diethyleneglycol bis allylcarbonate, 2-phenylethyl methacrylate; 4-phenylbutyl methacrylate; 5-phenylpentyl methacrylate; 2-benzyloxyethyl methacrylate; and 3-benzyloxypropyl methacrylate; and corresponding acrylates thereof.

[00197] The present compounds may also be used in the formation of plastic materials whereby their presence within the plastics matrix, either in the sense of being captured therein or being chemically bonded to the plastics backbone, imparts UV and/or visible light protective properties.

[00198] Therefore, it will be appreciated that the present compounds may be electromagnetic radiation absorbing molecules for human and material photo protection applications, including as components of coating compositions, glass compositions, plastics compositions, film-forming compositions, paint compositions; components of or coatings for lenses and eyeglasses; surface coatings for automobiles, timber, masonry, metals, plastics and glass; and components of compositions for marine applications.

[00199] In any embodiment of the compound of any one of formula I to VIII, or of the compound employed in any of the second, third or fourth aspects, independently, the compound is not a compound selected from the group consisting of:





[00200] In any embodiment of the compound of any one of formula I to VIII, or of the compound employed in any of the second to sixth aspects, independently, any one or more of the following provisos may apply to the compound:

when R_1 is phenyl or chlorophenyl, R_2 is hydrogen and R_5 is CF_3 then R_3 and R_4 are (i) not both ethyl or isopropyl; and (ii) if one of R_3 or R_4 is benzyl then the other is not an ester group;

R_1 and R_2 do not form a ring structure;

R_3 or R_4 do not form a ring structure or fused ring structure with R_1 and/or R_2 ;

R_3 and R_4 do not form an aziridine ring with the nitrogen atom in formula I to VIII to which they are attached;

the alkene carbon atom of the enamine does not form a cyclic structure with the nitrogen atom of the enamine;

when R_1 , R_5 and one of R_3 or R_4 is unsubstituted phenyl, and R_2 is hydrogen then the other of R_3 or R_4 is not methyl, unsubstituted phenyl or $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH-Ph}$;

when R_1 , R_2 , R_5 and one of R_3 or R_4 is unsubstituted phenyl, then the other of R_3 or R_4 is not benzoyl;

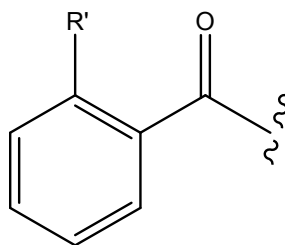
when one of R_3 or R_4 is alkyl then the other cannot be hydrogen or methyl;

when R_1 is hydrogen then R_5 is not alkyl greater than C_1 to C_6 ;

when R_1 is pyridine then R_3 or R_4 are not methyl;

when R_5 is phenyl then it is not para-substituted with a nitro group;

when R_5 is methyl, R_1 is unsubstituted phenyl and one of R_3 or R_4 is unsubstituted phenyl, then the other of R_3 or R_4 is not methyl or unsubstituted phenyl;

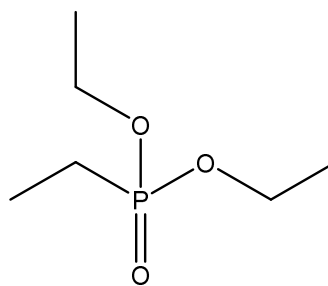


when R_5 is

and R' is hydrogen or carboxyl then R_3

an R_4 are not unsubstituted phenyl and methyl, at the same time, and are not phenol and acetyl groups, at the same time, and are not both unsubstituted phenyl, and are not unsubstituted phenyl and unsubstituted benzyl, at the same time, and do not together form a methyl substituted indole or a benzimidazole; and

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R₃ and R₄ do not comprise

[00201] In any embodiment of a compound of any one of formula I to VIII, R₃ and/or R₄ may not comprise a sulfonic acid group. A sulfonic acid group is any group having the formula –SO₃X wherein X may be hydrogen, an ammonium ion or other salt or counterion.

[00202] In one particular embodiment of a compound of any one of formula I to VIII, wherein R₃ and/or R₄ together form a bicyclic or tricyclic group then the bicyclic or tricyclic group may not comprise a sulfonic acid group.

[00203] In a further particular embodiment of a compound of any one of formula I to VIII, wherein R₃ and/or R₄ together form an indole or indole-containing or a fused piperidine-phenyl group then the phenyl group of these structures may not comprise a sulfonic acid group.

[00204] In any embodiment of a compound of any one of formula I to VIII, R₃ and/or R₄ may not be methyl.

[00205] In any embodiment of a compound of any one of formula I to VIII, R₃ and/or R₄ may not be ethyl.

[00206] In any embodiment of a compound of any one of formula I to VIII, R₁ may not be acetyl.

[00207] In any embodiment of a compound of any one of formula I to VIII, R₁ may not be an ester/alkyl alkanoate group.

[00208] In any embodiment of a compound of any one of formula I to VIII, R₁ may not be cyano.

[00209] In any embodiment of a compound of any one of formula I to VIII, R₅ may not be CCl₃.

[00210] In any embodiment of a compound of any one of formula I to VIII, R₅ may not be halo-substituted phenyl.

[00211] In any embodiment of a compound of any one of formula I to VIII, R₅ does not comprise a double bond adjacent the carbonyl carbon to which R₅ is attached.

[00212] The invention will now be described by, but it is in no way limited to, the following Examples.

EXPERIMENTAL

Example 1 - Select procedures for compound preparation

[00213] A number of synthetic pathways have been shown in the schemes discussed earlier. Therefore, a detailed procedure is only provided for compounds 142 and 143. Characterisation data was obtained for all compounds but, similarly, is not included for the sake of brevity.

Method 1 Preparation of 4-(ethyl(phenyl)amino)-1,1,1-trifluoro-3-phenylbut-3-en-2-one, **142**

[00214] A solution of 2-phenylacetaldehyde (0.643 ml, 5.78 mmol) in CHCl₃ (Volume: 10 ml) was treated with 4Å sieves (0.5 g, 4.13 mmol) and then N-ethylaniline (0.505 ml, 4.13 mmol) (amount adjusted to account for lack of purity in phenylacetaldehyde). After stirring at room temperature (RT) for 2 h analysis of an aliquot shows mostly product with only small amounts of starting aniline and aldehyde. A portion of this mixture of N-ethyl-N-styrylaniline in CHCl₃ containing 20% N-ethylaniline and 10% 2-phenylacetaldehyde (0.45 g, 2.015 mmol) was treated with triethylamine (0.562 ml, 4.03 mmol) and then dropwise with TFAA (0.313 ml, 2.217 mmol) and left to stir at RT overnight. NMR of an aliquot suggests only traces of enamine remain. The mixture was diluted with water / DCM, shaken and the organic phase separated and washed with

NaHCO₃ before drying (MgSO₄) and evaporation to an orange sweet smelling oil (710mg). The crude material was purified by column chromatography eluting with 0-5% EtOAc / petroleum ether to give **142** as a pale yellow oil which on standing solidified to an off white solid (362mg, 56%).

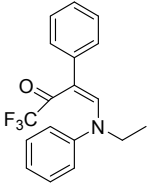
[00215] δ_H (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.24-6.95 (m, br, 10H), 3.51-3.46 (m, br, 2H), 0.98-0.94 (m, br, 3H). δ_C (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) 150.6, 131.2, 128.9, 127.5, 127.0, 126.2, 13.3. HRMS (EI): calc. for C₁₈H₁₆NOF₃ [M⁺], 319.1179. Found, 319.1178 [M⁺]. UV λ_{max} 331 nm, ϵ 34708 M⁻¹ cm⁻¹.

Preparation of 4-(diphenylamino)-1,1,1-trifluoro-3-phenylbut-3-en-2-one, **143**

[00216] Prepared according to the procedure above for the preparation of 4-(ethyl(phenyl)amino)-1,1,1-trifluoro-3-phenylbut-3-en-2-one, **142** as a pale yellow solid in 43% yield.

[00217] δ_H (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) 8.12 (s, 1H), 7.17-7.05 (m, br, 6H), 6.92-6.87 (m, br, 7H), 6.80-6.77 (m, 2H). δ_C (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) 180.0 (m), 148.8, 132.5, 131.2, 129.3, 127.6, 127.0, 126.6, 115.1. HRMS (EI): calc. for C₂₂H₁₆NOF₃ [M⁺], 367.1179. Found, 367.1180 [M⁺]. UV λ_{max} 351 nm, ϵ 27893 M⁻¹ cm⁻¹.

[00218] The following, table 11, provides information on the absorption profile of compounds **142** and **143**.

No.	Structure	Mw	ClogP	λ_{max} (nm)	λ_{crit} (nm)	ϵ	E (1%, 1cm)	Photo- stability (% remains)
142		319	5.1	331	365	34708	1088	91

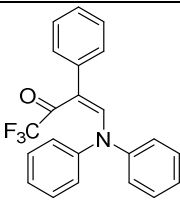
143		367	5.9	351	381	27893	760	N/A
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Table 11: Data for compounds **142** and **143**.

[00219] Compound **142** proved to possess strong UV absorbance with a λ_{max} of 331nm and a λ_{crit} of 365nm. As expected the λ_{max} and λ_{crit} of **143** were higher, likely as a result of the influence of the second aryl ring, giving significant absorbance in the visible region. While the strength of the absorbance was lower than that observed for **142**, presumably as a result of the difficulty in obtaining co-planarity of the chromophore with the added steric bulk of a second aromatic substituent, it should be noted that this may not be an issue for use of diaryl absorbers such as **143** due to the low cost of their preparation.

Prototype absorber **142** also proved to be exceptionally photostable with 99% of the material remaining after irradiation for 1 hour. The absorbance and transmission properties of **142** and **143** are also seen in FIGs 1 and 2, respectively.

Example 2 - General procedures for lens casting

[00220] Two lens formulations were used. The first (CR-39) was composed of Di(ethylene glycol) bis(allylcarbonate) with 3% wt benzoyl peroxide as initiator. The second lens formulation (NK) was made up of 4 parts NK Ester BPE 100N (Ethoxylated Bisphenol A dimethacrylate) to 1 part NK Ester 9G (PEG 400 dimethacrylate) with 0.4 wt% AIBN as initiator.

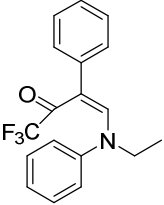
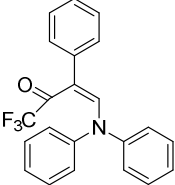
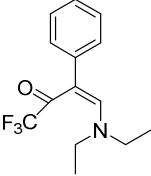
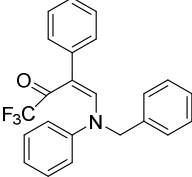
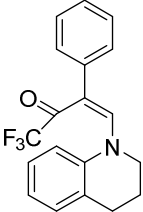
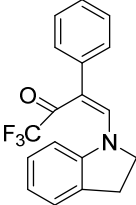
[00221] A Viton O-ring (RS part no 129-088, 13.94mm id, 2.62mm thickness; initial tests suggest an inexpensive nitrile rubber alternative, RS part no 128-912 would also work satisfactorily) was attached to a standard glass microscope slide using a minimal amount of superglue. Once the glue had dried the lens matrix (3g of the lens matrix was treated with 3mg of absorber, 0.1 wt%

and stirred until dissolution complete. 3g of the matrix was sufficient to prepare 3-4 lenses) was added via pipette to the interior until a convex meniscus was formed at the top of the O-ring. The mixture was then left to settle for 15 minutes during which time any bubbles formed were dispersed. A second microscope slide was then slowly rolled on top of the first to form a seal and expel any air. Taking care to maintain pressure the lens mould was then clamped at the sides with two “Bulldog” clips and cured in an oven at 70°C for 18 hours. Once the curing process was complete the two microscope slides were separated and the lens removed from the O-ring before washing with acetone and drying / polishing with a soft tissue. The lenses thus formed were approximately 2mm thick and 15mm in diameter.

[00222] Both compound **142** and **143** are seen to be stable to lens casting conditions with seemingly very little if any decomposition on casting in lenses both in CR-39 (initiated with benzoyl peroxide) and NK-Ester (initiated by AIBN) and, importantly, no observable colouration of the test lenses. The transmittance spectra of the lenses obtained for both media in contrast with the simple solutions can be seen in FIGs 3 (compound **142**) and 4 (compound **143**).

[00223] A range of further fluorinated compounds were synthesised, in the manner used for compounds **142** and **143**, and tested and their structures and properties are set out in table 12. Compounds **142** and **143** are included for comparison's sake.

Structure	No.	λ_{max} (nm)	λ_{crit} (nm)	ϵ	E (1%, 1cm)	Photo- stability (% remains)

	142	331	365	34708	1088	99
	143	351	381	27893	760	N/A
	144	319		23306	860	97
	162	329	365	23495	620	N/A
	163	354	383	26848	811	N/A
	164	367	389	35741	1127	99

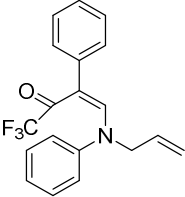
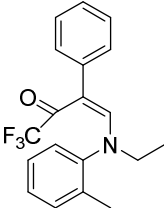
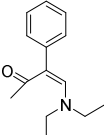
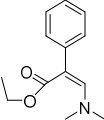
	172	331	365	22290	673	N/A
	177	320	354	23543	707	N/A
	149	294		14973	690	6
	171	291		22598	1169	18

Table 12: Data for selected compounds of the first aspect. (N/A means compound not tested)

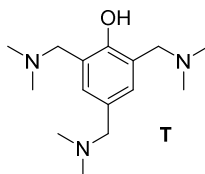
[00224] As can be seen on moving away from an aromatic nitrogen substituent (**142** vs. **144**) a lowering in $\lambda_{\max}$ is observed but the photostability seen with the parent compound is retained. The results show success in altering absorbance position by changing substituents and demonstrates that the central non-cyclic enamine structure can be used to provide electromagnetic radiation absorbers with a range of absorbing profiles. Of particular interest are compounds **163** and **164** which show an increase in $\lambda_{\max}$ on constraining only the nitrogen substituent in a ring i.e. not the double bond. As compound **164** showed a number of desirable properties for further development it was also cast into the same CR-39 lenses as described above for compounds **142** and **143**, to evaluate its stability under these conditions. Additionally the dimethyl analogue **213** (structure in table 14) was also

evaluated. The CR-39 formulation consisted of (Di(ethylene glycol) bis(allylcarbonate) with benzoyl peroxide (3%wt) and a curing cycle of 70°C for 18 hours, as previously described. Both compounds **164** (FIG 5 wherein the higher plateau line is the solution experiment and the lower the CR experiment) and **213** (FIG 6 wherein the higher plateau line is the solution experiment and the lower the CR experiment) showed a good correlation between the solution phase transmission spectra and that seen in the lenses with only a very slight lowering of the steepness of the curve observed. This indicates good stability to the lens curing conditions and efficacy in lens applications.

[00225] **172** was synthesised with a pendant allyl group which could be used to incorporate the compound within a polymeric matrix for a range of applications including lenses, glass, coatings and the like. The compounds tested for photostability show an excellent stability profile.

Example 3 - General procedures for Testing of Compounds in Epoxy Resin

[00226] In order to test the stability of a number of compounds to a typical epoxy resin curing system, epoxy adhesive packs were obtained (Parfix 5 minute everyday epoxy adhesive, 24ml). This is a standard 2 part epoxy resin with the first part composed of a viscous Bisphenol-A / epichlorohydrin polymeric reaction product. The second part is a viscous 30% solution of an aminophenol hardener, **T** (shown below). Epoxy resins cured by 1° and 2° amines are also available.



[00227] To test the stability of the compounds to the curing conditions, a 0.1% wt (1mg absorber per gram of resin) was prepared and added to a mould comprising a 2mm thick viton o-ring super glued to a microscope slide. Attempts to cap this with a second microscope slide resulted in the test piece

being firmly bonded to both layers of glass and so once the mould was filled, the resin was levelled off with a palette knife and left to cure in the dark overnight (test pieces were touch hard after ca. 10 minutes). Due to difficulties in solubilising the compounds in the mixed resin / hardener in the limited working time as the resin cured; the two barrels of the application syringe were separated with a scalpel allowing the separate application of both parts of the resin system.

[00228] As the compounds were found to be generally more soluble in the Bisphenol-A / epichlorohydrin polymeric resin component, a 2% solution of the compounds was prepared in this and then diluted with an equal amount of the hardener. This was then mixed thoroughly and immediately added to the moulds as described above. While the test pieces thus obtained had low transmittance, this was due to the presence of air trapped in the resin (the resin is very viscous, cures quickly and needs to be vigorously stirred to ensure mixing which makes it impossible to remove the air which is thus introduced when using simple lab equipment) but this approach is sufficient purely to determine if the compounds had survived the curing process.

[00229] The results of the epoxy testing can be seen in FIG 7 wherein the lower plateau represents the black, the next highest the epoxy result and the line trending off the chart being the solution phase result (compound **143**) and FIG 8 wherein the plateau line is the epoxy result (compound **164**). All of the samples retain significant light blocking beyond that seen for the blank epoxy resin which indicates that the compounds remain intact after curing. Compound **143** shows a close match between the solution phase spectrum and that measured in epoxy resin. This suggests that little or no decomposition occurred.

Example 4 – Incorporation of Compounds Into Coatings

[00230] As a model for the use of the compounds of the first aspect in coatings, a 1% solution by mass (10mg in 1g) of the compounds in British Paints oil based polyurethane varnish was applied to the surface of a

microscope slide and left to dry overnight in the dark. The transmittance of the slide was then measured before irradiating the sample with a xenon arc lamp (as for the solution phase thin film samples) for two hours and the transmittance re-measured. Slight variations in the thickness of the films obtained would be sufficient to result in variations in transmittance so it was judged to be of equal importance to observe the slope of the samples before and after irradiation as any change here was likely an indicator of decomposition. The varnish itself blocks the transmission of light up to approximately 350-370 nm.

[00231] Compound **164** was tested and appeared to be largely unscathed by the irradiation with an almost identical slope both before and after exposure to UV as is seen in FIG 9 wherein the uppermost line is the varnish control, the lowest plateau line is that for the compound before radiation and the middle trace following irradiation.

Example 5 – Incorporation of Compounds in a Polymer Matrix

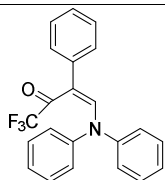
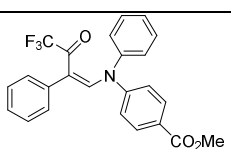
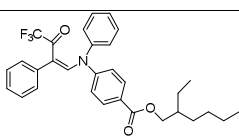
[00232] In order to determine the stability of the compounds in a polymer matrix, thin films were cast in Poly(methylmethacrylate) (PMMA). This was achieved by adding the compound in question to a solution of PMMA (Mw 240,000) in DCM and spreading the resulting solution onto a glass slide before evaporation over night to give the desired film. The film was then sandwiched between 2 glass slides to prevent deformation and irradiated. A blank film was found to block light up to approximately 250 nm and the glass microscope slide up to approximately 295 nm (the xenon lamp used for the irradiation was Pyrex filtered and so would be blocking these wavelengths in any case). In this way films of compound **164** were prepared. The films were irradiated for 1h, 2h and also left outside exposed to direct sunlight and atmospheric conditions for 3 weeks (Melbourne summer time).

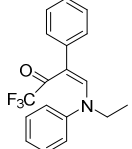
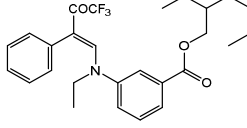
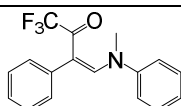
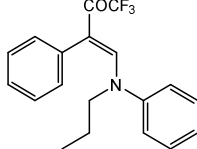
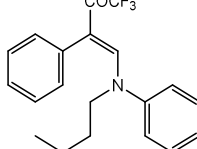
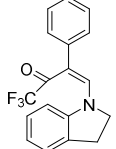
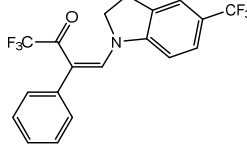
[00233] As can be seen in FIG 10 (from top plateau line downwards is (i) **164** in PMMA prior to irradiation; (ii) after 1h irradiation; (iii) 2h irradiation; and (iv) 3 weeks sun exposure) , varnish **164** shows satisfyingly close overlap of all of the

spectra for the different exposure periods indicating good incorporation into the matrix thin film without compound deterioration.

[00234] In order to gauge longer term photostability, the PMMA film samples were evaluated in a QUV Weatherometer using type A bulbs with solar irradiance at 70 °C for 8 hours followed by heating in the dark under a humid atmosphere at 50 °C for 4h. The film was then sandwiched between 2 glass slides to prevent deformation and irradiated. The samples were evaluated by a visual comparison and measurement of transmittance spectra. Compounds **142**, **143**, **164**, **213** and **215** all showed little sign of decomposition after irradiation. This clearly indicates the suitability of compounds of the first aspect to incorporation into polymeric matrices and films. The relevant transmission spectra are shown in FIG 11 (**142**), FIG 12 (**143**), FIG 13 (**164**), FIG 14 (**213**) and FIG 15 (**215**) wherein in all of these figures the lower plateau line represents the result following radiation and the upper line prior to irradiation.

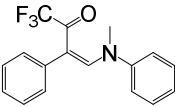
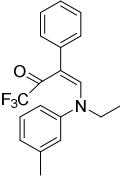
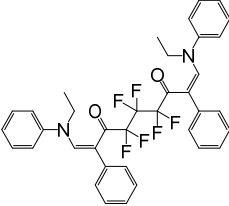
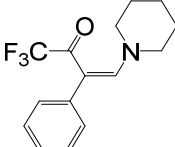
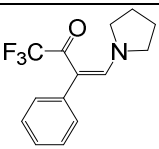
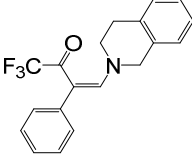
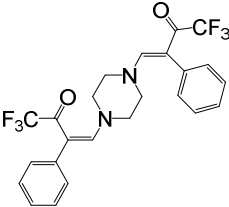
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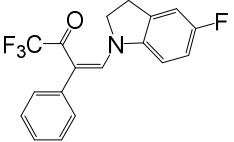
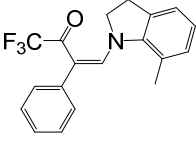
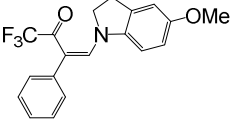
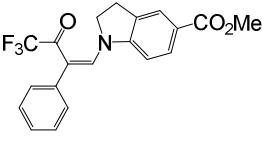
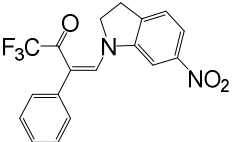
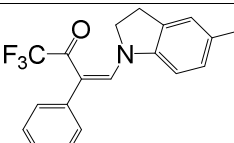
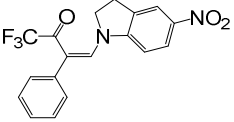
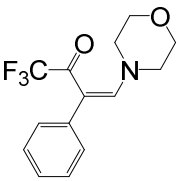
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143		367	351	381	27893	760	402	32	N/A
229		425	356	382	33427	786	403	33	
230		523	355	381	27313	522	398	34	

No.	Structure	Mw	$\lambda_{\max}$ (nm)	λ_{crit} (nm)	ϵ	E (1%, 1cm)	Break- through (1%T at 0.1%)	Steep- ness (nm)	Photo- stability (%)
142		318	331	365	34708	1088	381	29	99
232		475	334	368	20462	430	373	35	
183		305	332	367	23153	759			90
233		333	331	365	24467	734	380	36	87
234		347	330	365	24440	704	381	31	87
164		317	367	389	35741	1127	418	20	99
235		385	361	386	37158	965	409	19	

No.	Structure	Mw	$\lambda_{\max}$ (nm)	λ_{crit} (nm)	ϵ	E (1%, 1cm)	Break- through (1%T at 0.1%)	Steep- ness (nm)	Photo- stability (%)
236		385	364	387	31379	815	409	19	
239		377	348	375	25349	728	391	28	
222		526	327	362	53355	1014	365	24	N/A
144		271	319	350	23306	860			97
241		540	319	353	44769	829	365	28	
242		569	318	353	30981	544	361	52	

Table 13: Selected compound data for fluorinated compounds

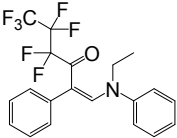
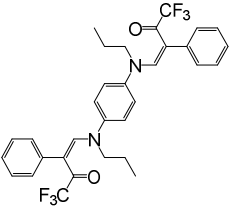
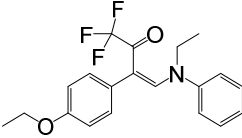
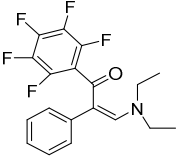
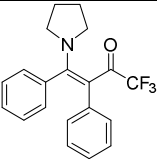
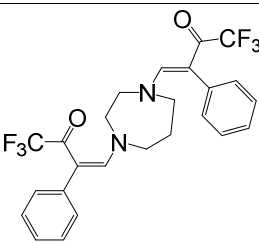
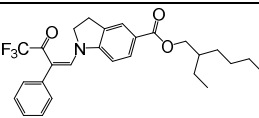
Structure	No.	$\lambda_{\max}(\text{nm})$	$\lambda_{\text{crit}}(\text{nm})$	ϵ	E (1%, 1cm)	Photo-stability (% remains)
	183	332	367	23153	759	90
	186	331	367	23605	709	
	190	330	370	40027	616	
	192	322	353	25028	884	
	193	323	354	20673	769	
	194	321	352	22743	687	
	195	339	360	33248	689	

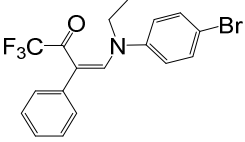
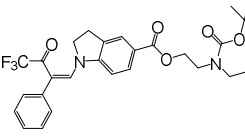
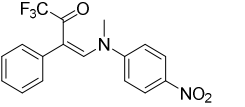
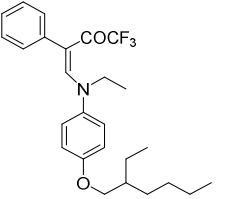
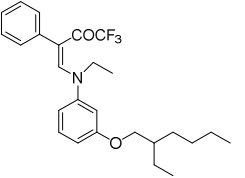
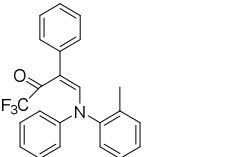
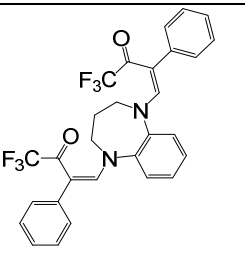
	198	368	389	29804	890	
	199	360	386	32273	975	
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	201	373	391	46134	1230	97
	202	355	387	32693	903	
	205	371	391	36692	1108	
	206	398	396	50315	1390	
	209	320	351	24356	855	

	211	350	380	28907	837	
	212	377	391	40293	760	
	213	366	389	29690	860	
	214	371	390	39265	994	
	217	324	359	29114	843	
	222	327	362	53355	1014	

Table 14: Further selected compound data for fluorinated compounds

Structure	No.	λ_{max} (nm)	λ_{crit} (nm)	ϵ	E (1%, 1cm)	Photo- stability (% remains)
	189	324	357	23400	634	

	191	332	370	18948	452	95
	196	344	378	41997	714	
	197	335	369	42359	1166	
	203	319 (broad)	356	22532	611	31
	204	363	387	12357	358	70
	210	326	356	40611	819	
	215	374	391	50515	1067	85

	216	332	367	25865	651	
	218	375	391	44357	833	
	219	376	391	24860	710	
	220	332	371	23819	532	
	221	332	366	21876	490	
	223	344	377	25885	679	
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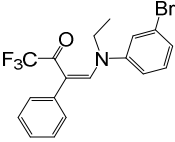
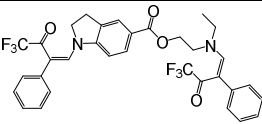
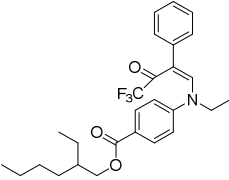
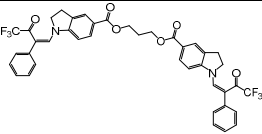
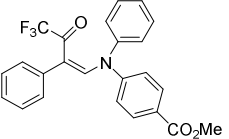
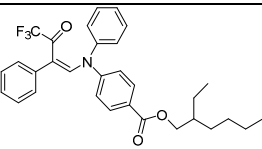
	225	332	366	24181	609	
	226	374	388	43151	685	
	227	347	374	30252	646	85
	228	374	391	89042	1168	95
	229	356	382	33427	786	
	230	355	381	27313	522	

Table 15: Data for selected fluorinated compounds

Photostability Protocol

[00236] The compounds of the first aspect may demonstrate an improved stability upon exposure to electromagnetic radiation, as shown in the photostability data presented. The below approach was used to test this.

[00237] 1 mL of a 3% solution of the test compound (30mg of test compound in 1 mL solvent) was prepared in a solvent mix made up of 50% EtOH and 25% capric/caprylic triglyceride and 25% C₁₂-C₁₅ alkyl benzoate. 50 μ L of this solution (containing 1.5mg of test compound) was added carefully to the centre of a glass microscope slide and the volatile components left to evaporate in the dark for at least 3 hours to give a liquid film. The prepared films were then exposed for 1 hour to an Eimac 150W xenon arc lamp filtered through Pyrex (15 Amp supply current, samples 19 cm from the lamp) previously allowed to warm up for 15 minutes prior to sample exposure. The irradiation was performed in a fume cupboard where the air flow was sufficient to keep sample T < 30°C. One hour's exposure represented a calculated radiation dose (using meter) of approximately 100 MED.

[00238] In order to calculate the photostability of the test compounds, the exposed slides were placed in a beaker and rinsed with 2 x 5 mL EtOH, 1 x 5 mL MeOH. The combined washings were then added to a 100 mL volumetric flask and made up to 100 mL total volume with methanol. The UV absorbance was then measured in a 10 mm cuvette. The percent stability is measured as the ratio of absorbance at λ_{max} for the irradiated sample compared to the unirradiated sample.

[00239] The thin films are a good surrogate for testing the stability of a candidate in, for example, a sunscreen formulation as they use cosmetic emollients as solvent and are formed at cosmetically relevant concentrations.

[00240] Salt forms of the compounds of the first aspect can be prepared by reaction of the compound with an organic or inorganic acid, using standard methods detailed in the literature.

[00241] Examples of acceptable salt forms of the compounds useful according to the invention include acid addition salts. Suitable acid addition salts according to the present invention include organic and inorganic acids and may include those formed from hydrochloric, hydrobromic, sulfuric, phosphoric,

citric, tartaric, lactic, pyruvic, acetic, succinic, fumaric, maleic, oxaloacetic, methanesulfonic, ethanesulfonic, p-toluenesulfonic, benzenesulfonic, and isethionic acids. Other useful acid addition salts include propionic acid, glycolic acid, oxalic acid, malic acid, malonic acid, benzoic acid, cinnamic acid, mandelic acid, salicylic acid, and the like. Particular examples of salt forms include, but are not limited to, sulfates, pyrosulfates, bisulfates, sulfites, bisulfites, phosphates, monohydrogenphosphates, dihydrogenphosphates, metaphosphates, pyrophosphates, chlorides, bromides, iodides, acetates, propionates, decanoates, caprylates, acrylates, formates, isobutyrate, caproates, heptanoates, propiolates, oxalates, malonates, succinates, suberates, sebacates, fumarates, maleates, butyne-1,4-dioates, hexyne-1,6-dioates, benzoates, chlorobenzoates, methylbenzoates, dinitrobenzoates, hydroxybenzoates, methoxybenzoates, phthalates, sulfonates, xylenesulfonates, phenylacetates, phenylpropionates, phenylbutyrates, citrates, lactates, γ -hydroxybutyrates, glycolates, tartrates, methanesulfonates, propanesulfonates, naphthalene-sulfonates, and mandelates.

[00242] All references, including publications, patent applications, and patents, cited herein are hereby incorporated by reference to the same extent as if each reference were individually and specifically indicated to be incorporated by reference and were set forth in its entirety herein.

[00243] The use of the terms “a” and “an” and “the” and similar referents in the context of describing the invention (especially in the context of the following claims) are to be construed to cover both the singular and the plural, unless otherwise indicated herein or clearly contradicted by context. The terms “comprising,” “having,” “including,” and “containing” are to be construed as open-ended terms (i.e., meaning “including, but not limited to,”) unless otherwise noted. Recitation of ranges of values herein are merely intended to serve as a shorthand method of referring individually to each separate value falling within the range, unless otherwise indicated herein, and each separate value is incorporated into the specification as if it were individually recited

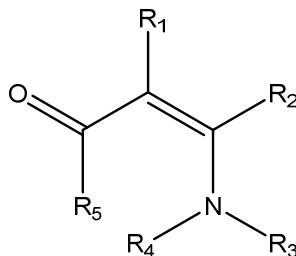
herein. All methods described herein can be performed in any suitable order unless otherwise indicated herein or otherwise clearly contradicted by context. The use of any and all examples, or exemplary language (e.g., “such as”) provided herein, is intended merely to better illuminate the invention and does not pose a limitation on the scope of the invention unless otherwise claimed. No language in the specification should be construed as indicating any non-claimed element as essential to the practice of the invention.

[00244] Unless defined otherwise, all technical and scientific terms used herein have the same meaning as would be commonly understood by those of ordinary skill in the art to which this invention belongs.

[00245] Preferred embodiments of this invention are described herein, including the best mode known to the inventors for carrying out the invention. Variations of those preferred embodiments may become apparent to those of ordinary skill in the art upon reading the foregoing description. It is expected that skilled artisans will employ such variations as appropriate and it is considered within the scope and spirit of the present invention for the invention to be practiced otherwise than as specifically described herein. Accordingly, this invention includes all modifications and equivalents of the subject matter recited in the claims appended hereto as permitted by applicable law. Moreover, any combination of the above-described elements in all possible variations thereof is encompassed by the invention unless otherwise indicated herein or otherwise clearly contradicted by context.

CLAIMS

1. A compound of formula I, or a salt or isomer thereof:



formula I

wherein, R₁ is selected from the group consisting of C₁ to C₂₀ alkyl, C₂ to C₂₀ alkenyl, C₂ to C₂₀ alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, aroyl, C₅ to C₇ cycloalkenyl and heterocyclic, each of which groups may be substituted or unsubstituted;

R₂ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C₁ to C₁₂ alkyl, C₂ to C₁₂ alkenyl, aryl, heteroaryl, aroyl, C₅ to C₇ cycloalkenyl and heterocyclic, each of which groups may be substituted or unsubstituted;

R₃ and R₄ are independently selected from the group consisting of C₁ to C₂₀ alkyl, C₂ to C₂₀ alkenyl, C₂ to C₂₀ alkynyl, C₁ to C₂₀ alkylamine, aryl, heteroaryl, aroyl, C₅ to C₇ cycloalkyl, C₃ to C₈ cycloalkenyl, C₂ to C₁₂ alkanoyloxy, haloalkyl, and heterocyclic, all of which groups may be substituted or unsubstituted, or R₃ and R₄ may together form a cyclic structure which includes the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, said cyclic structure being optionally substituted; and

R₅ is selected from the group consisting of C₁ to C₂₀ haloalkyl, C₁ to C₂₀ haloalkenyl, a fluorine-containing group, C₁ to C₂₀ alkyl, C₂ to C₂₀ alkenyl, C₁ to C₂₀ alkoxy, ester, amide, C₁ to C₂₀ alkanoyl, C₁ to C₂₀ alkenoyl, aryl, C₅ to C₇ cycloalkenyl and heterocyclic, each of which groups may be substituted or unsubstituted.

2. The compound of claim 1 wherein R₁ is selected from the group consisting of C₂ to C₁₂ alkenyl, C₂ to C₁₂ alkynyl, C₅ or C₆ aryl, C₅ or C₆

heteroaryl, C₅ or C₆ aroyl, C₅ or C₆ cycloalkenyl, fused aryl-heterocyclic and C₅ or C₆ heterocyclic, each of which groups may be substituted or unsubstituted.

3. The compound of claim 1 or claim 2 wherein R₁ is selected from the group consisting of phenyl, pyridyl, pyran, thiopyran, diazine, oxazine, thiazine, dioxine, dithiine, pyrrole, furan, thiophene, imidazole, pyrazole, oxazole, isoxazole, thiazole, isothiazole, indole and isoindole, each of which groups may be substituted or unsubstituted.

4. The compound of any one of the preceding claims wherein R₂ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C₁ to C₆ alkyl, C₂ to C₆ alkenyl, C₅ or C₆ aryl, C₅ or C₆ heteroaryl, C₅ or C₆ aroyl, C₅ or C₆ cycloalkenyl and C₅ or C₆ heterocyclic each of which groups may be substituted or unsubstituted.

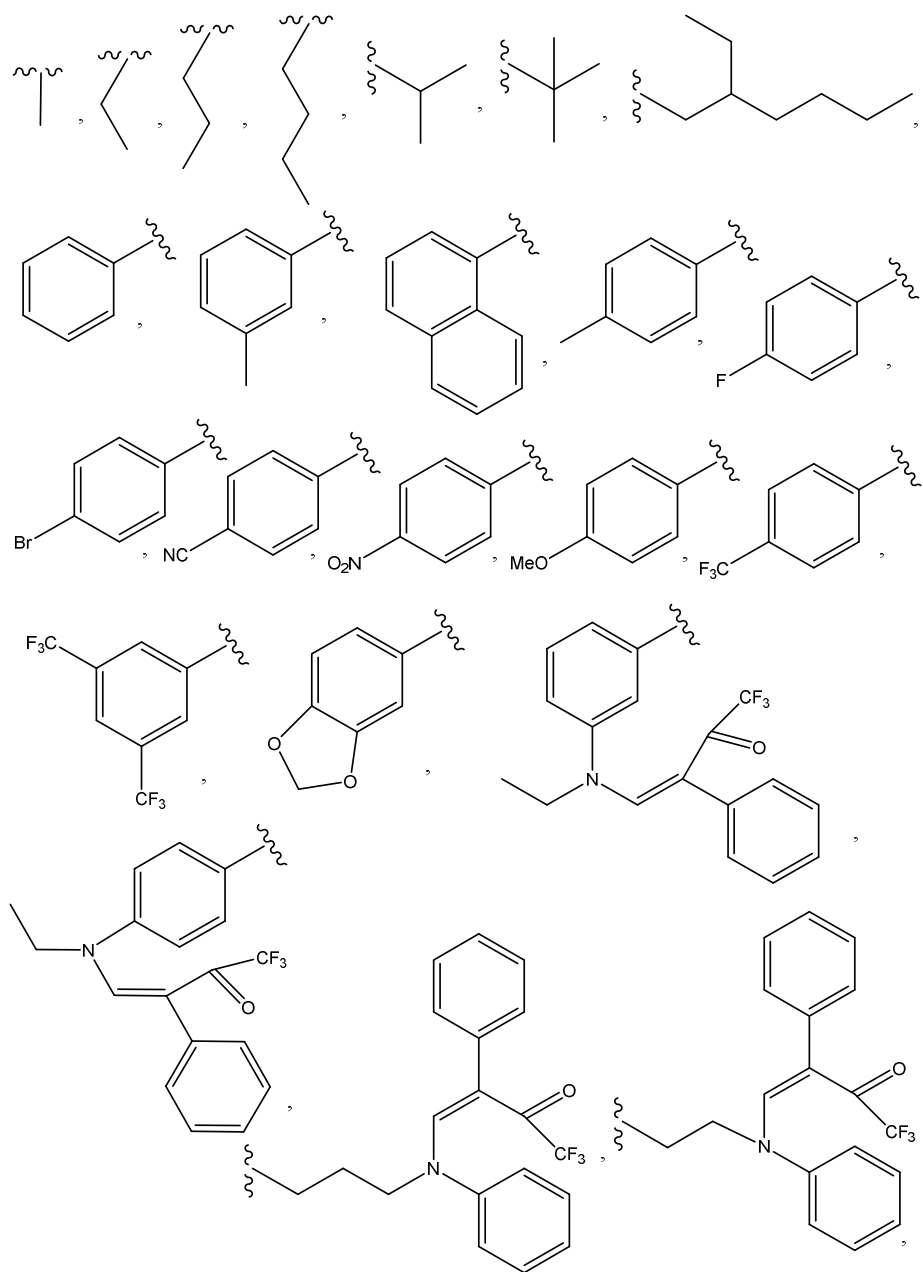
5. The compound of any one of the preceding claims wherein R₃ and R₄ are independently selected from the group consisting of C₁ to C₁₂ alkyl, C₂ to C₁₂ alkenyl, C₂ to C₁₂ alkynyl, C₁ to C₁₂ alkylamine, C₅ to C₇ aryl, biaryl, bicyclic, C₅ to C₇ heteroaryl, C₅ to C₇ aroyl, C₄ to C₇ cycloalkenyl, and C₅ to C₇ heterocyclic, all of which groups may be substituted or unsubstituted, or R₃ and R₄ may together form a cyclic structure which includes the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, said cyclic structure being selected from C₅ to C₇ saturated nitrogen heterocycles and C₅ to C₇ unsaturated nitrogen heterocycles each of which may be optionally substituted.

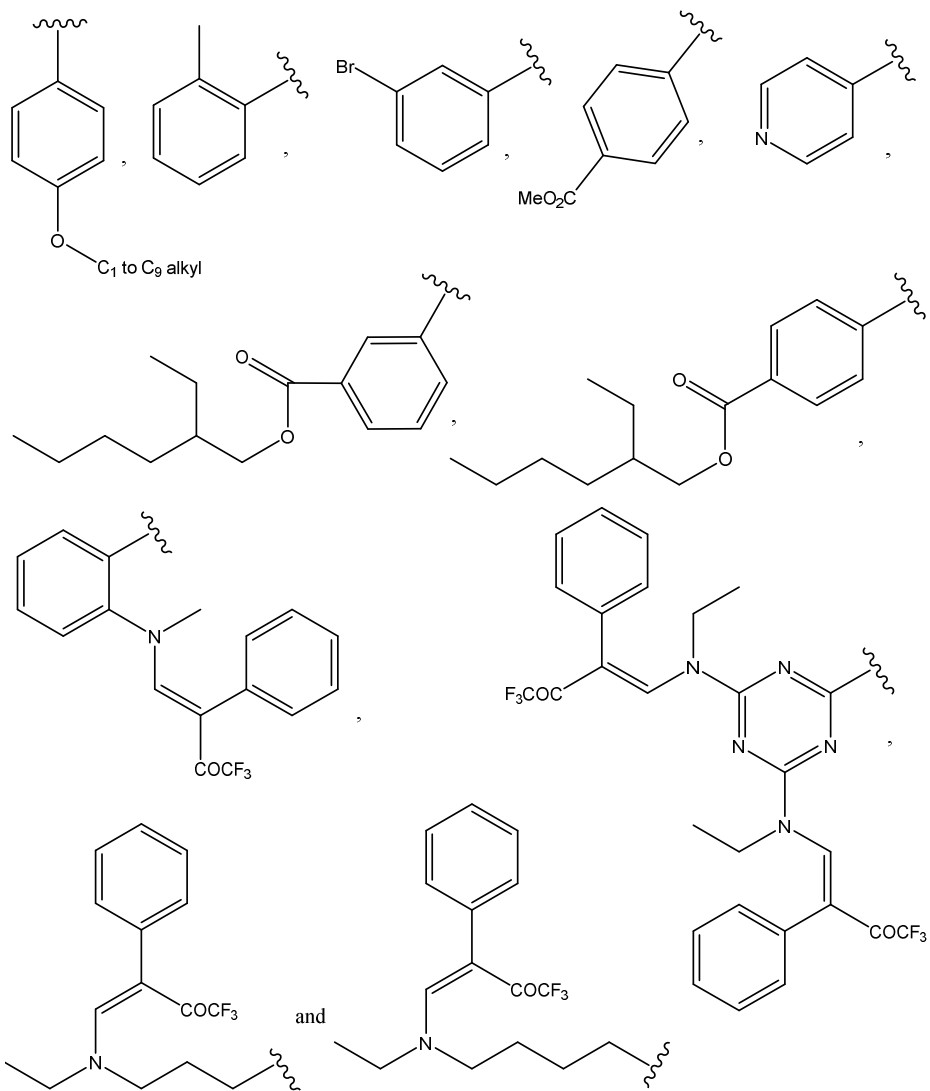
6. The compound of any one of the preceding claims wherein R₃ and R₄ are independently selected from the group consisting of C₁ to C₉ alkyl, C₂ to C₉ alkenyl, C₁ to C₉ alkylamine, phenyl, naphthyl, triazine, C₅, C₆ or C₇ nitrogen heterocycle and a divalent presentation of a further compound of formula I, all of which groups may be substituted or unsubstituted, or R₃ and R₄ may together form a cyclic structure which includes the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, said cyclic structure being selected from pyrrolidine, piperidine, azepane, homopiperazine, piperazine, each of which may be substituted or unsubstituted or may be fused with one or more of C₅ or C₆ aryl, C₅ or C₆

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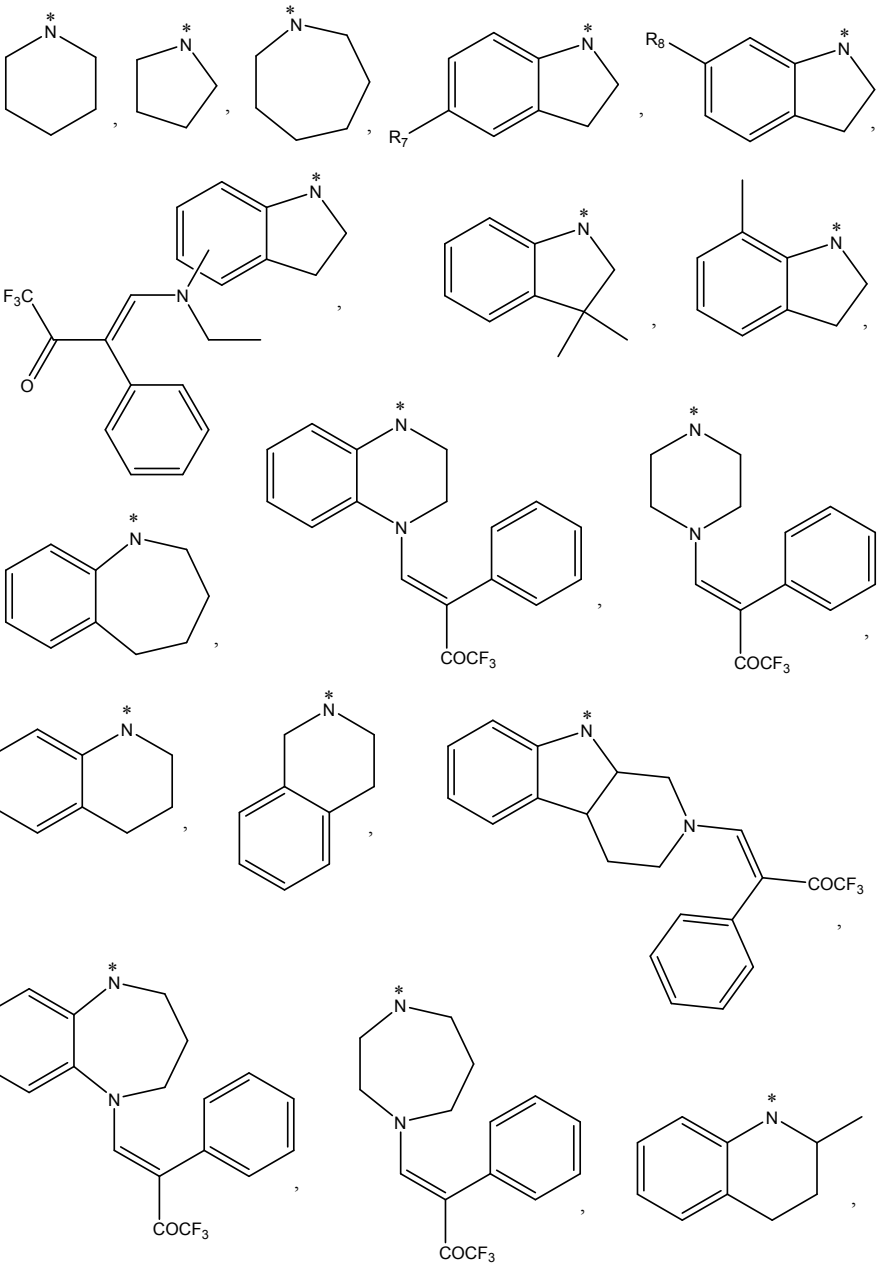
7. The compound of any one of the preceding claims wherein R₃ and R₄ together form a C₅ nitrogen heterocycle fused with a benzene ring.

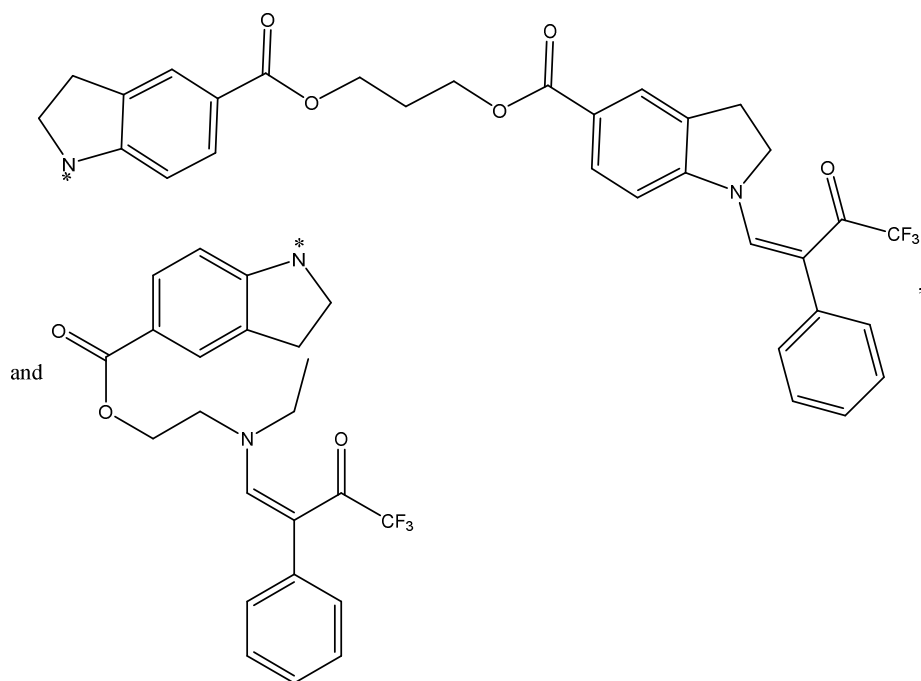
8. The compound of any one of the preceding claims wherein R₃ and R₄ are independently selected from the group consisting of:





or R₃ and R₄ may together form a cyclic structure which includes the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, said cyclic structure being selected from the group consisting of:





wherein, the asterisk indicates the enamine nitrogen atom to which R_3 and R_4 are directly attached; and

R_7 and R_8 are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, F, Br, Cl, C_1 to C_{20} alkyl, C_1 to C_6 fluoroalkyl, nitro, C_1 to C_6 alkoxy, $-C(O)O-C_1$ to C_9 alkyl, $-C(O)O-C_1$ to C_4 alkyl-carbamate, carboxymethyl, carboxyethyl, a multivalent presentation of another compound of formula I, $-C(O)O$ -PEG and $-C(O)O$ -PDMS, each of which may be optionally substituted.

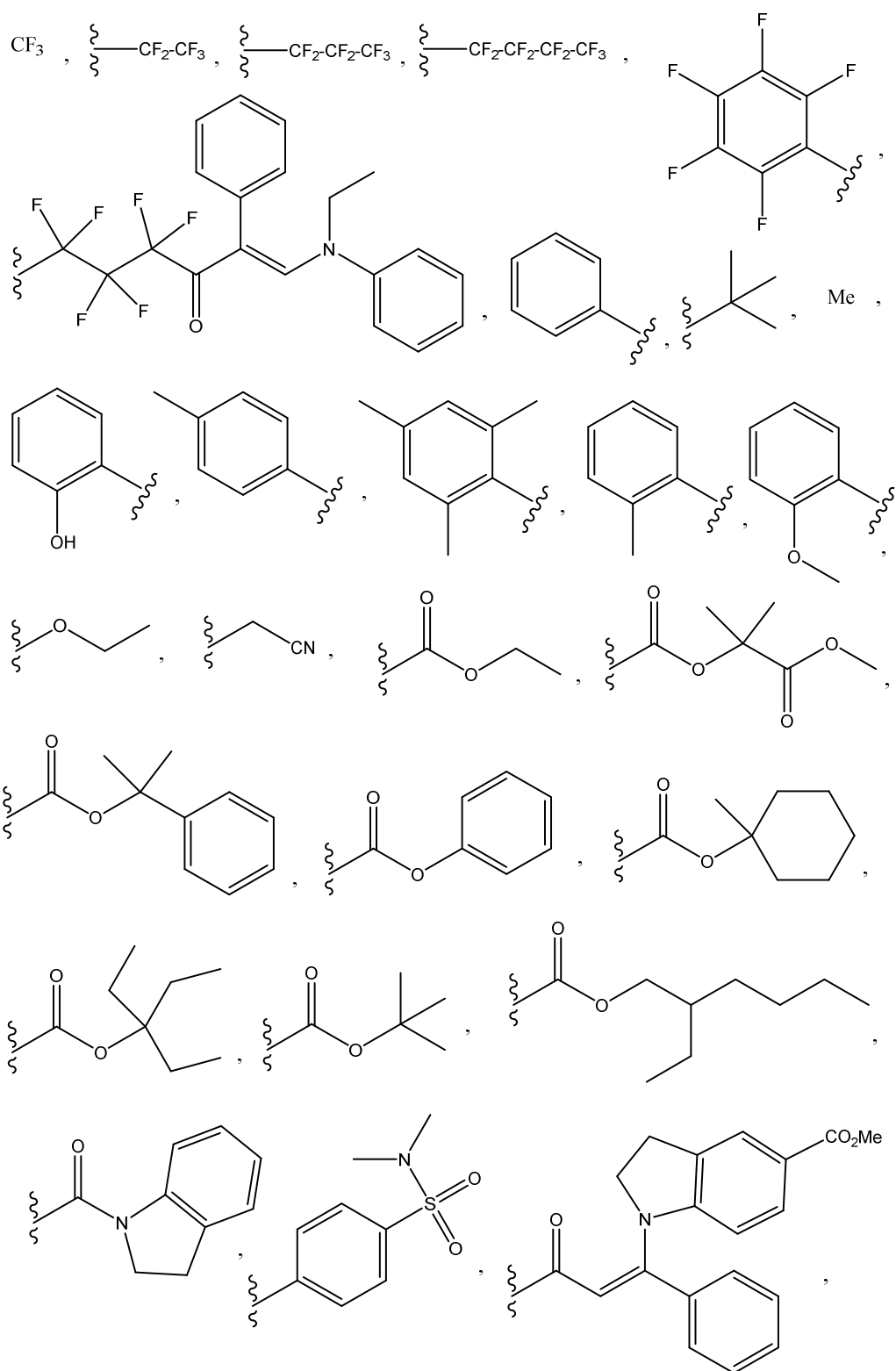
9. The compound of any one of the preceding claims wherein R_5 is selected from the group consisting of C_1 to C_{12} haloalkyl, C_2 to C_{12} haloalkenyl, C_5 or C_6 aryl, C_1 to C_{12} perhaloalkyl, C_1 to C_{12} alkyl, C_1 to C_{12} alkenyl, C_1 to C_{12} alkoxy, C_1 to C_{12} alkanoyl, phenyl, ester, amide, C_5 to C_7 heterocyclic and an enamine as a divalent presentation of a further compound of formula I, all of which groups may be substituted or unsubstituted.

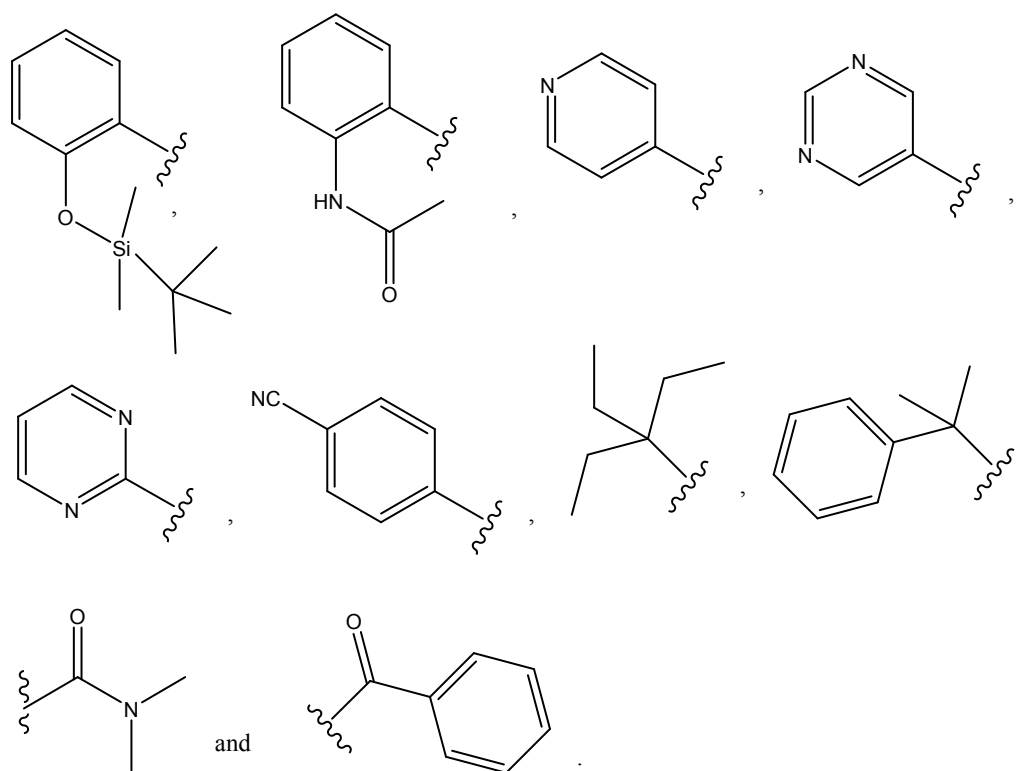
10. The compound of any one of the preceding claims wherein R_5 is selected from the group consisting of C_1 to C_6 fluoroalkyl, C_2 to C_6 fluoroalkenyl, C_5 or C_6 fluoro aryl, C_1 to C_6 perfluoroalkyl, C_1 to C_6 alkyl, C_1 to C_9 alkenyl, C_1 to C_6

alkoxy, C₁ to C₉ alkanoyl, C₁ to C₆ cyanoalkyl, phenyl, C₁ to C₉ ester, C₁ to C₉ amide, C₅ to C₇ heterocyclic and an enamine as a divalent presentation of a further compound of formula I, all of which groups may be substituted or unsubstituted.

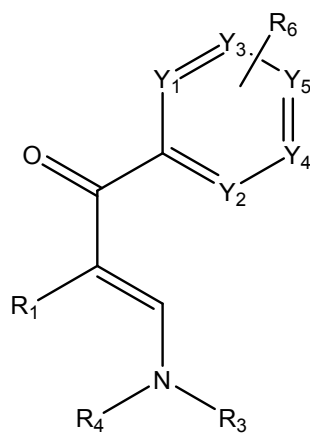
11. The compound of claim 8 or claim 9 wherein when R₅ is amide then the nitrogen of the amide may form part of a 5- or 6-membered nitrogen heterocycle which may be substituted or fused with an aryl ring.

12. The compound of any one of the preceding claims wherein R₅ is selected from the group consisting of:





13. A compound of formula II, or a salt or isomer thereof:



formula II

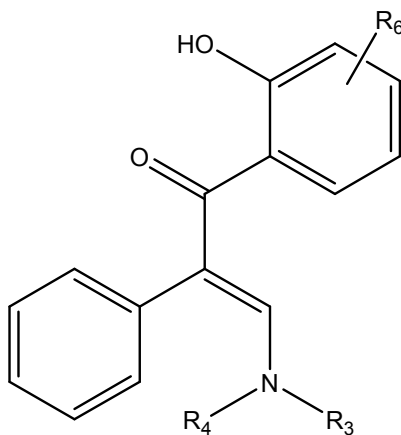
wherein, R₁, R₃ and R₄ are independently as defined in any one of the preceding claims;

Y_1 , Y_2 , Y_3 , Y_4 and Y_5 are independently selected from a nitrogen or a carbon atom; and

each incidence of R_6 is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, halo, nitro, cyano, C_1 to C_{12} alkyl, C_1 to C_{12} alcohol, C_2 to C_{12} alkenyl, C_1 to C_{12} alkoxy, alkoxysilane, C_1 to C_6 amide, sulphonamide, and C_1 to C_{12} haloalkyl, each of which may be substituted or unsubstituted.

14. The compound of claim 13 wherein each incidence of R_6 is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, Br, F, Cl, nitro, cyano, C_1 to C_9 alkyl, C_1 to C_9 alcohol, C_2 to C_9 alkenyl, C_1 to C_9 alkoxy, sulphonamide, and C_1 to C_9 haloalkyl, each of which may be substituted or unsubstituted.

15. The compound of claim 13 or claim 14 wherein the compound is a compound of formula IIa, or a salt or isomer thereof:

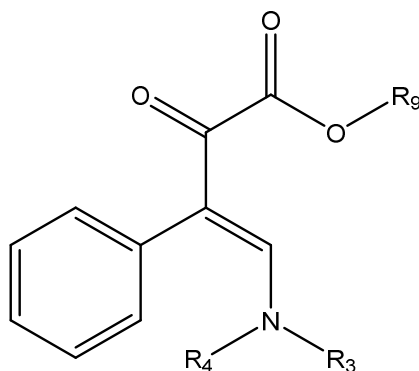


formula IIa

wherein, R_3 , R_4 are independently as defined in any one of the preceding claims and R_6 is as defined in claim 13 or claim 14.

16. The compound of claim 15 wherein each incidence of R_6 is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, Br, F, C_1 to C_4 alkyl, C_1 to C_4 alcohol, C_1 to C_4 alkoxy, and C_1 to C_4 haloalkyl, each of which may be substituted or unsubstituted.

17. A compound of formula III, or a salt or isomer thereof:



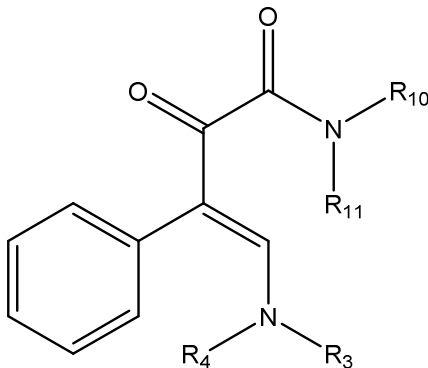
formula III

wherein, R₃ and R₄ are independently as defined in any one of the preceding claims; and

R₉ is selected from the group consisting of aryl, C₁ to C₁₂ alkyl, C₁ to C₁₂ alkyl aryl, C₅ to C₇ cycloalkyl, C₅ or C₆ heterocycle and C₂ to C₁₂ alkylalkanoate, each of which may be substituted or unsubstituted.

18. The compound of claim 17 wherein R₉ is selected from C₅ or C₆ aryl, C₁ to C₉ alkyl, C₁ to C₆ alkyl aryl, C₅ or C₆ cycloalkyl, C₅ or C₆ nitrogen heterocycle and C₂ to C₉ alkylalkanoate, each of which may be substituted or unsubstituted.

19. A compound of formula IV, or a salt or isomer thereof:



formula IV

wherein, R₃ and R₄ are independently as defined in any one of the preceding claims; and

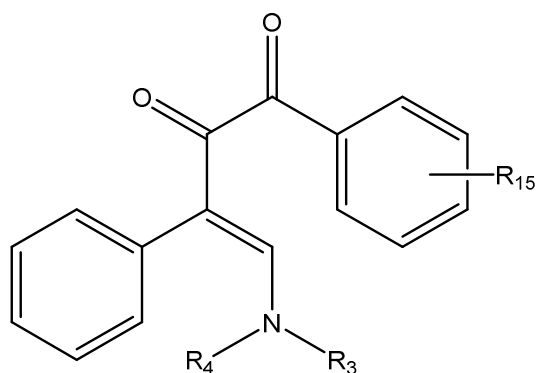
R₁₀ and R₁₁ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C₁ to C₂₀ alkyl, C₂ to C₂₀ alkenyl, C₂ to C₂₀ alkynyl, C₁ to C₂₀ alkylamine, aryl, heteroaryl, aroyl, C₅ to C₇ cycloalkyl, C₃ to C₈ cycloalkenyl, C₂ to C₁₂ alkanoyloxy, haloalkyl, and heterocyclic, all of which groups may be substituted or unsubstituted, or R₁₀ and R₁₁ may together form a cyclic structure which includes the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, said cyclic structure being optionally substituted.

20. The compound of claim 19 wherein R₁₀ and R₁₁ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C₁ to C₁₂ alkyl, C₂ to C₁₂ alkenyl, C₂ to C₁₂ alkynyl, C₁ to C₁₂ alkylamine, C₅ to C₇ aryl, biaryl, bicyclic, C₅ to C₇ heteroaryl, C₅ to C₇ aroyl, C₄ to C₇ cycloalkenyl, and C₅ to C₇ heterocyclic, all of which groups may be substituted or unsubstituted, or R₁₀ and R₁₁ may together form a cyclic structure which includes the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, said cyclic structure being selected from C₅ to C₇ saturated nitrogen heterocycles and C₅ to C₇ unsaturated nitrogen heterocycles each of which may be optionally substituted.

21. The compound of claim 19 or claim 20 wherein R₁₀ and R₁₁ may be independently selected from hydrogen, C₆ aryl or biaryl, C₁ to C₆ alkyl, C₁ to C₁₂ alkylamine, each of which groups may be substituted or unsubstituted, and C₅, C₆ or C₇ nitrogen heterocycle each of which heterocycles may be optionally fused with a substituted or unsubstituted benzene ring.

22. The compound of any one of claim 19 to claim 21 wherein, when R₁₀ and R₁₁ together form a C₅ nitrogen heterocycle fused with a benzene ring, then the structure formed is an indoline which is optionally substituted.

23. A compound of formula V, or a salt or isomer thereof:



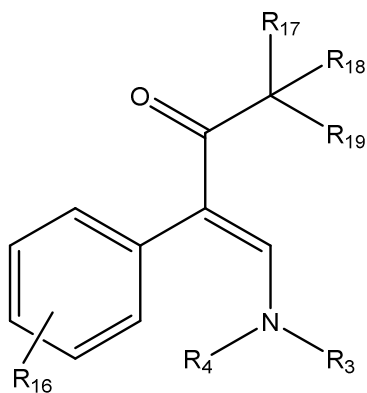
formula V

wherein, R_3 and R_4 are independently as defined in any one of the preceding claims; and

each incidence of R_{15} is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, halo, nitro, cyano, C_1 to C_{12} alkyl, C_1 to C_{12} alcohol, C_2 to C_{12} alkenyl, C_1 to C_{12} alkoxy, sulphonamide, and C_1 to C_{12} haloalkyl, each of which may be substituted or unsubstituted.

24. The compound of claim 23 wherein each incidence of R_{15} is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, Br, F, Cl, nitro, cyano, C_1 to C_9 alkyl, C_1 to C_9 alcohol, C_2 to C_9 alkenyl, C_1 to C_9 alkoxy, sulphonamide, and C_1 to C_9 haloalkyl, each of which may be substituted or unsubstituted.

25. A compound of formula VI, or a salt or isomer thereof:



formula VI

wherein, R_3 and R_4 are independently as defined in any one of the preceding claims; and

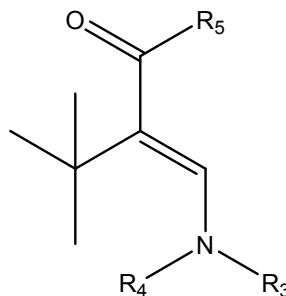
R_{17} , R_{18} and R_{19} are independently selected from methyl, ethyl and propyl; and

each incidence of R_{16} is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, halo, nitro, cyano, C_1 to C_{12} alkyl, C_1 to C_{12} alcohol, C_2 to C_{12} alkenyl, C_1 to C_{12} alkoxy, sulphonamide, and C_1 to C_{12} haloalkyl, each of which may be substituted or unsubstituted.

26. The compound of claim 25 wherein each incidence of R_{16} is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, Br, F, Cl, nitro, cyano, C_1 to C_9 alkyl, C_1 to C_9 alcohol, C_2 to C_9 alkenyl, C_1 to C_9 alkoxy, sulphonamide, and C_1 to C_9 haloalkyl, each of which may be substituted or unsubstituted.

27. The compound of claim 25 or claim 26 wherein R_{16} is hydrogen and R_3 and R_4 together form an optionally substituted indoline ring system.

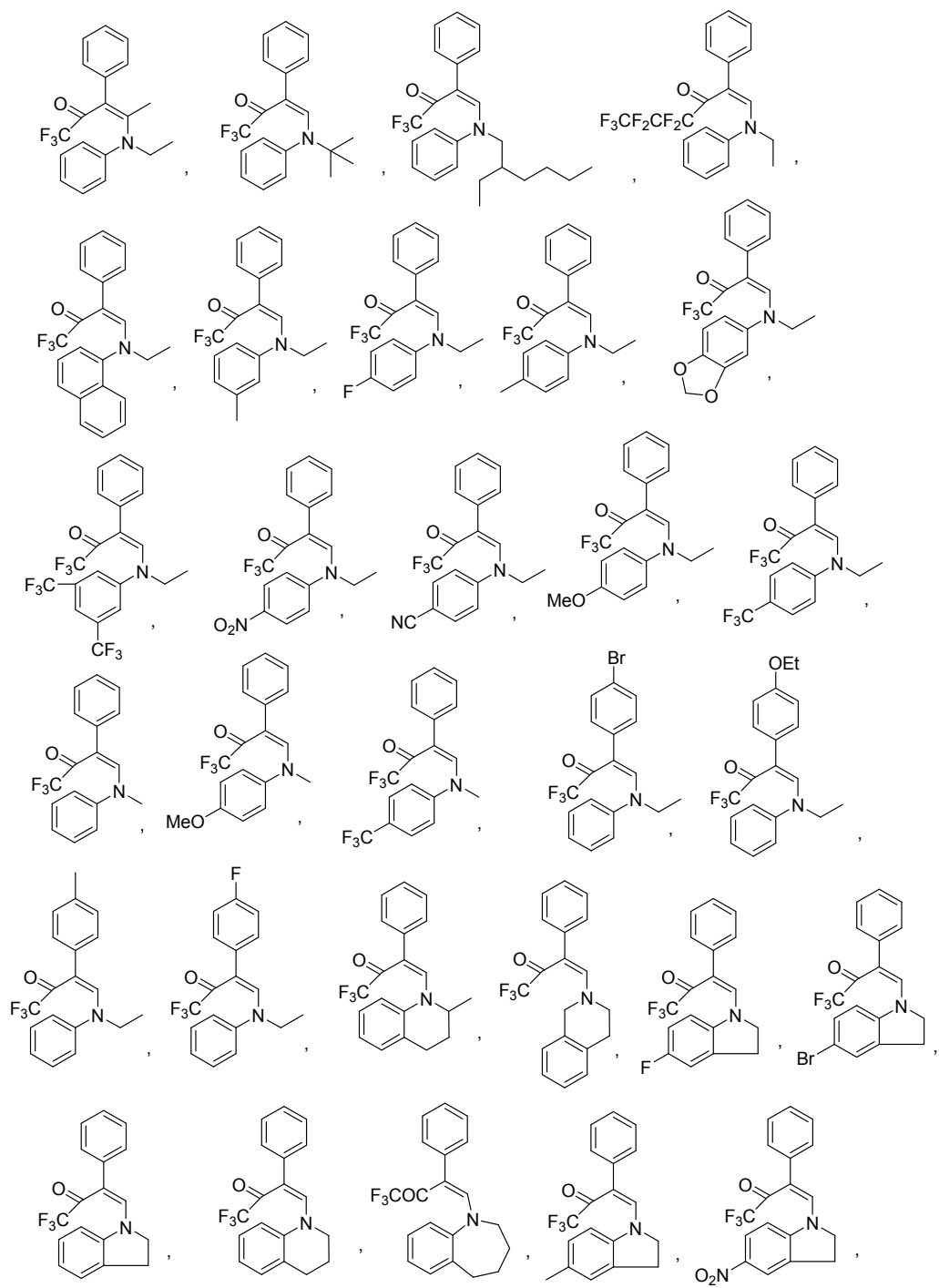
28. A compound of formula VII, or a salt or isomer thereof:

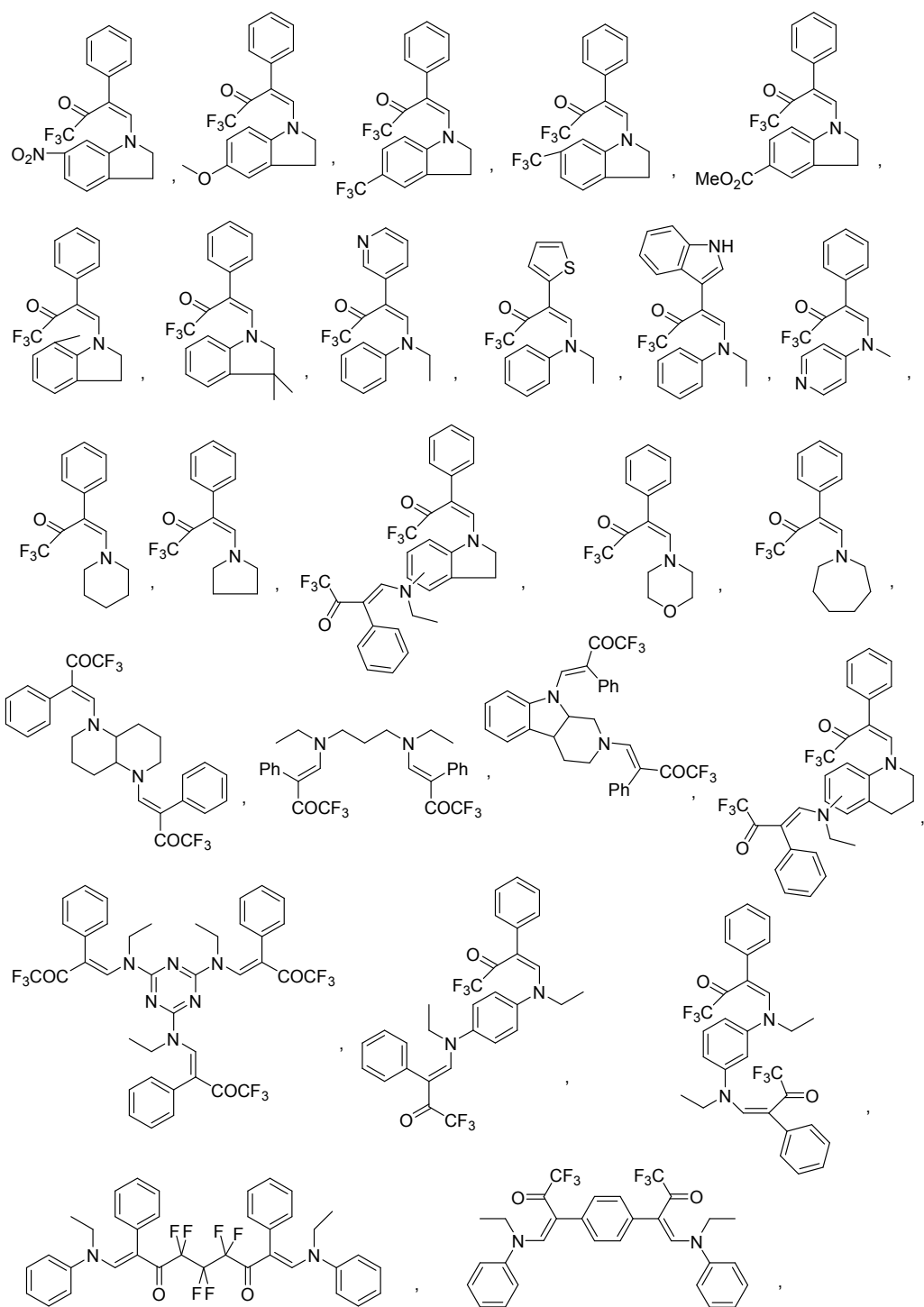


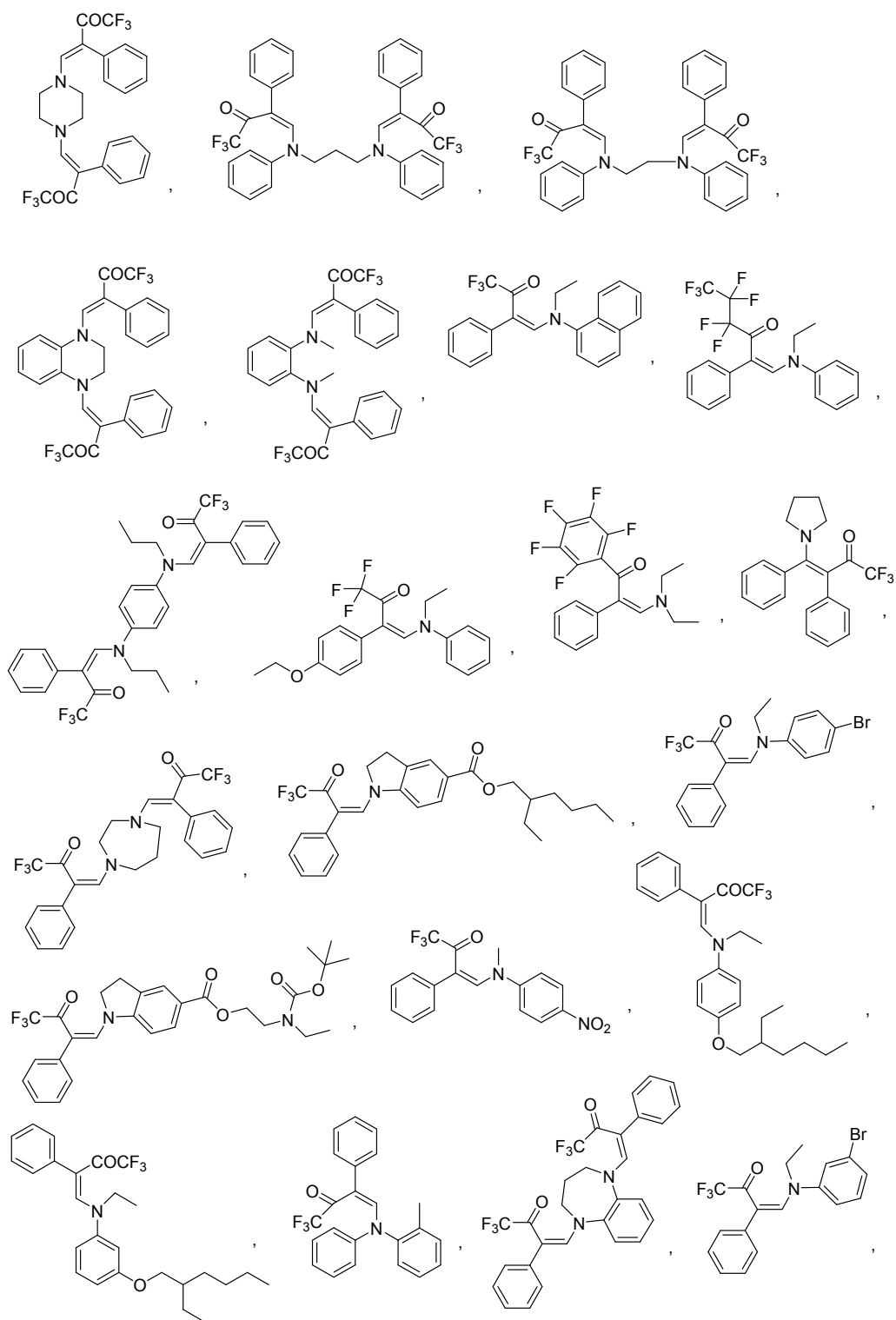
formula VII

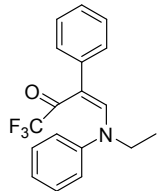
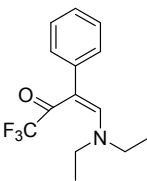
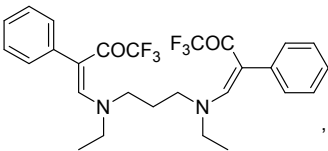
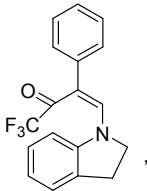
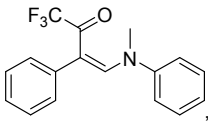
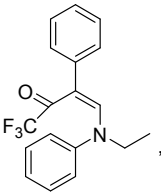
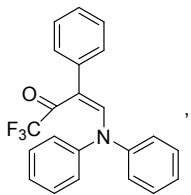
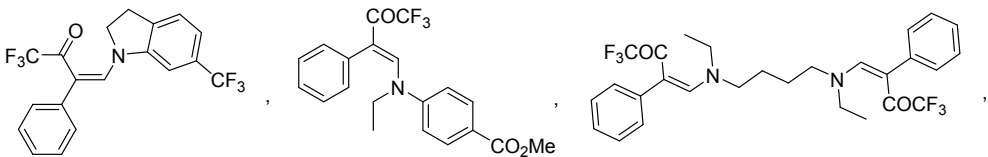
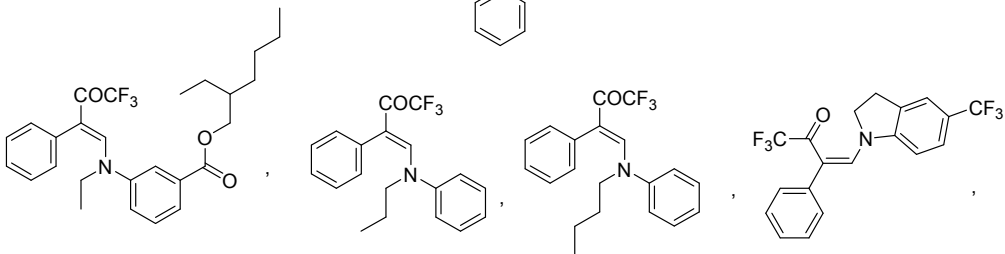
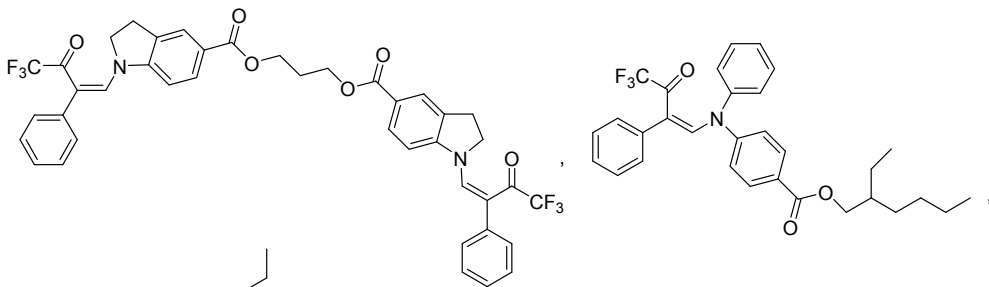
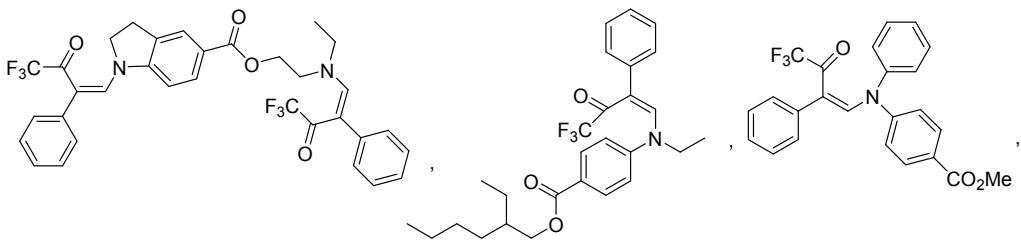
wherein, R_3 , R_4 and R_5 , as appropriate, are independently as defined in any one of the preceding claims.

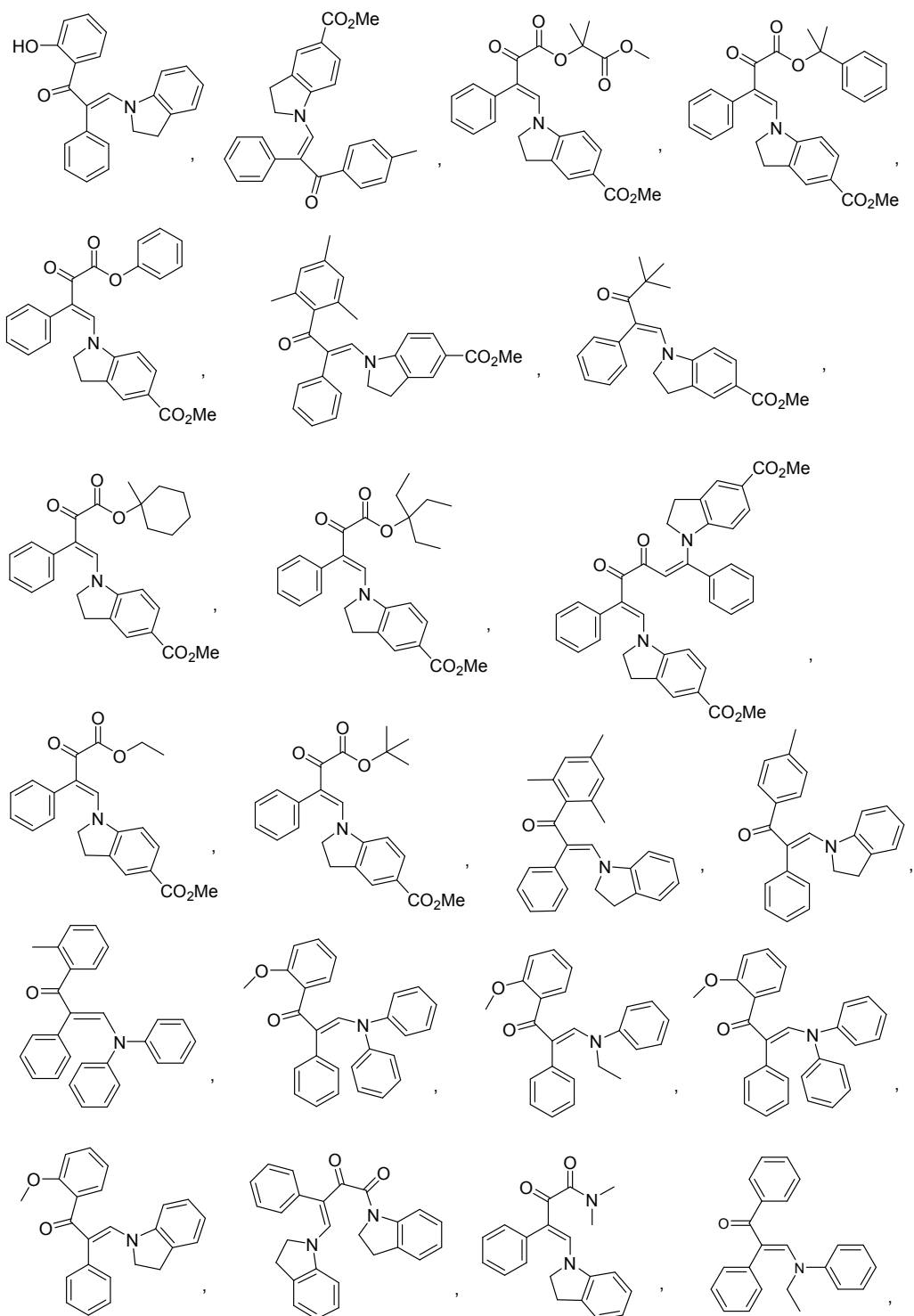
29. The compound of claim 28 wherein R_5 is selected from C_1 to C_6 alkyl and optionally substituted phenyl.
30. The compound of any one of the preceding claims wherein R_3 and R_4 are independently selected from the group consisting of C_1 to C_6 alkyl and C_5 or C_6 aryl, or may together form an indoline group, each of which groups may be substituted or unsubstituted.
31. The compound of any one of the preceding claims wherein the compound is selected from the group consisting of:

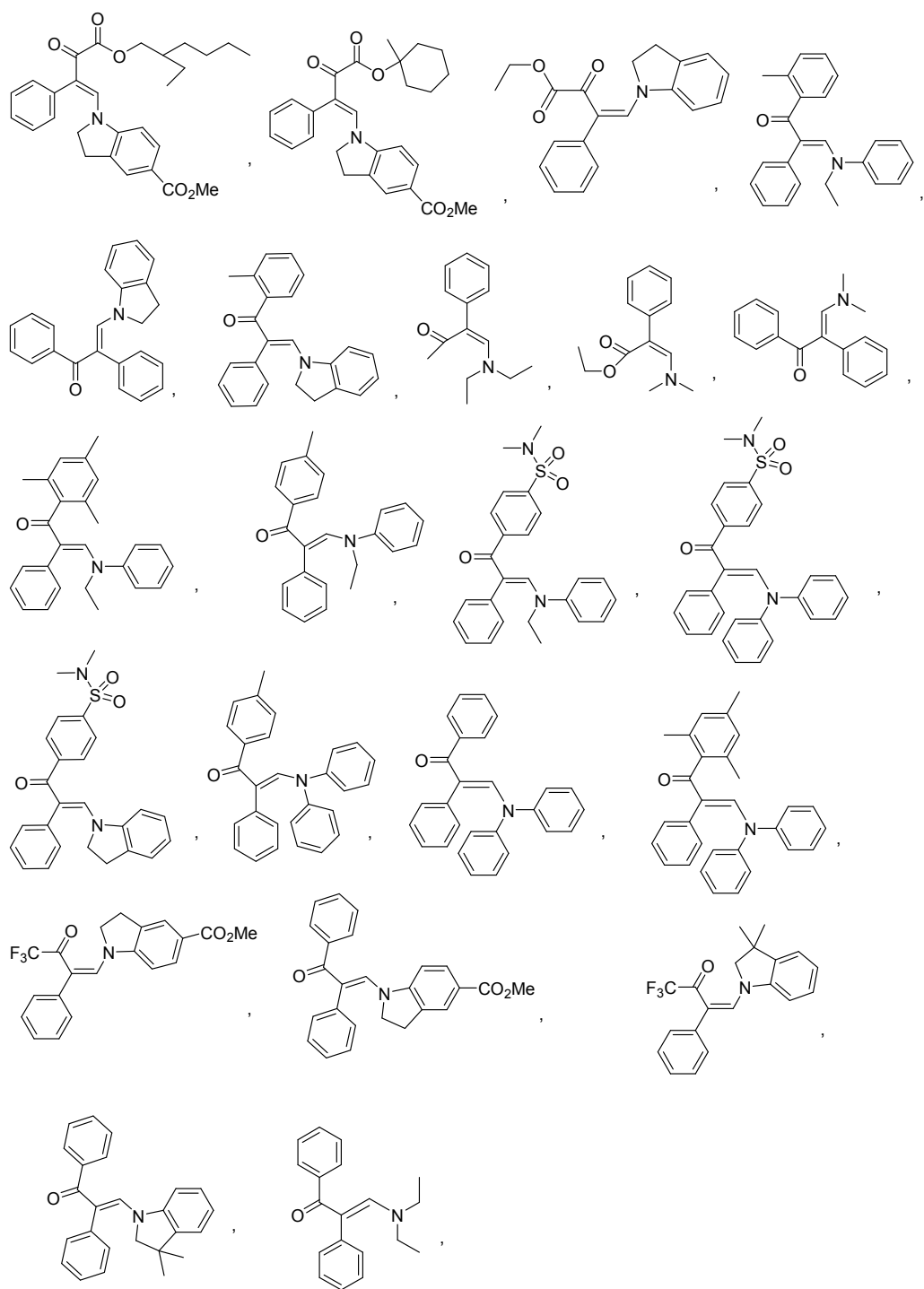


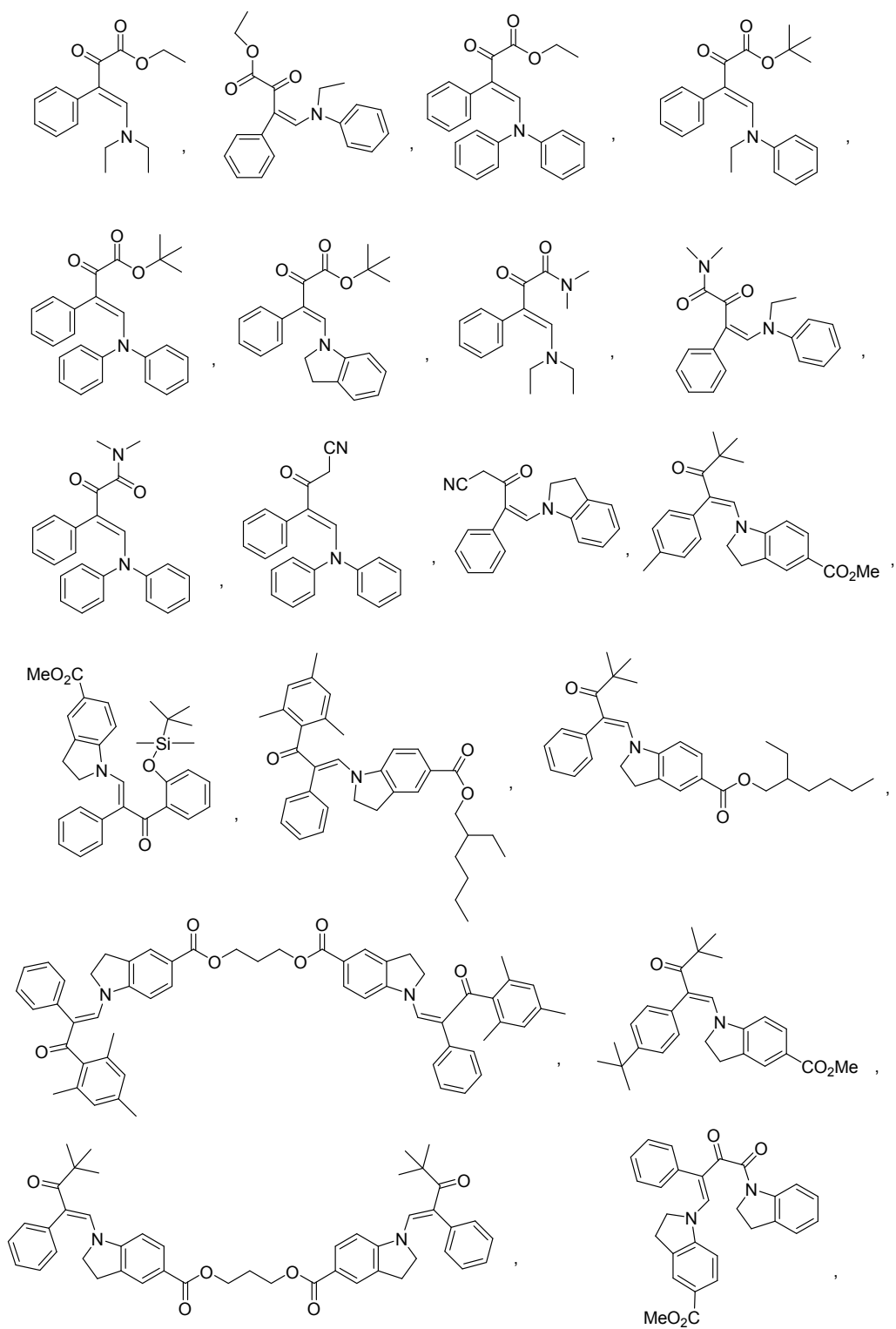


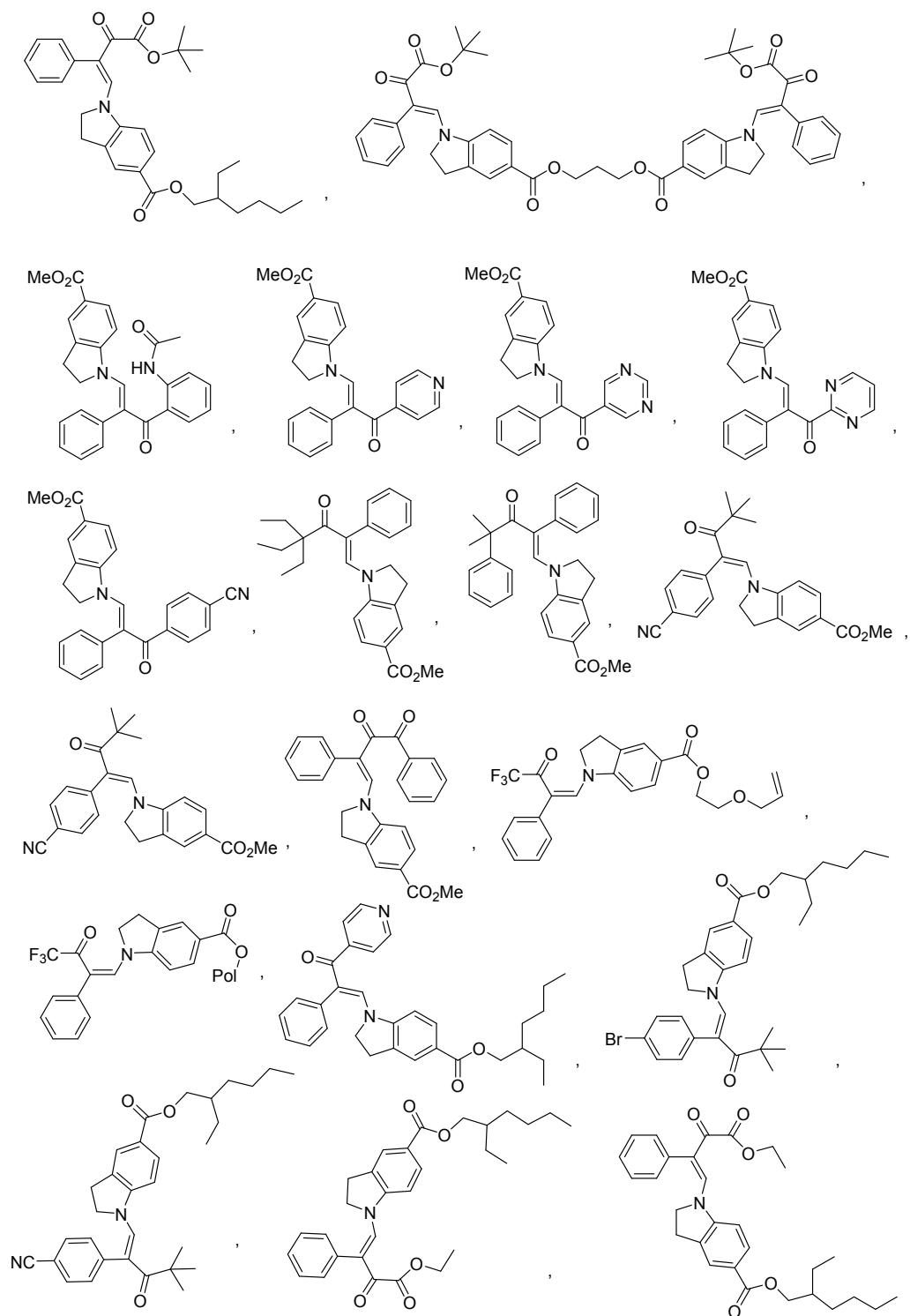












and salts and/or isomers thereof, wherein 'Pol' may be PEG, PDMS or C₆ to C₂₀

alkyl and wherein a bond extending from within a ring structure indicates that bond may be connected directly to any of the ring atoms of that structure, as appropriate.

32. A composition comprising a compound of any one of claim 1 to claim 31, or a salt or isomer thereof, and a suitable carrier.

33. The composition of claim 32, wherein the composition is selected from the group consisting of a sunscreen composition, a coating composition, a detergent composition, a hair care composition, a packaging composition, a lens-forming composition and a glass or polymeric film-forming composition.

34. Use of a compound of any one of claim 1 to claim 31, or a salt or isomer thereof, as an electromagnetic energy absorbing compound.

35. The use of claim 34 wherein the electromagnetic energy is UV-A, UV-B, visible or any combination thereof.

36. The use of claim 34 or 35 wherein the use is as a component of a one or more of a sunscreen composition, a coating composition, a detergent composition, a hair care composition, a packaging composition, a lens-forming composition and a glass or polymeric film-forming composition.

37. The use of claim 36 in the formation of a UV or visible light protective ophthalmic lens or UV or visible light protective coating for glass or plastic.

38. A method of protecting a surface or tissue from UV rays including the step of applying a compound of any one of claim 1 to claim 31, or a salt or isomer thereof, to the surface or tissue.

39. The method of claim 38 wherein the surface is selected from a surface of a fabric, clothing material, lens, plastic, timber, masonry and glass.

40. The method of claim 38 wherein the tissue is the skin of a mammal.