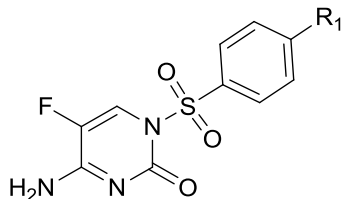


What is claimed is:

1. A method of making compounds of Formula III, comprising the steps of:

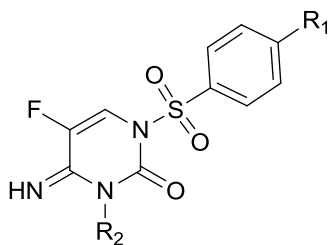
contacting a compound of Formula II with an alkali alkoxide and an alkylating agent,



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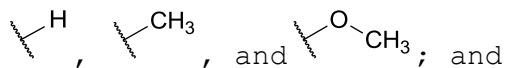
; and

forming a compound of Formula III:

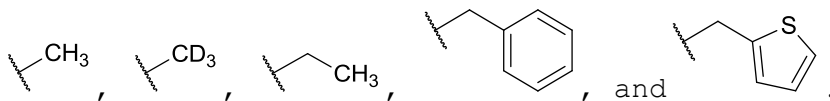


III

wherein R₁ is selected from the group consisting of:



R₂ is selected from the group consisting of:



2. The method of Claim 1 wherein R_1 is  and R_2 is .
3. The method of Claim 1 or 2, wherein the contacting step is carried out between 22 °C and 60 °C.
4. The method of Claim 1 or 2 wherein the contacting step is carried out between 22 °C and 45 °C.
5. The method of any one of Claims 1-4, wherein the contacting step further includes a solvent selected from the group consisting of: DMF, DMSO, DMA, NMP, and CH₃CN.
6. The method of Claim 5 wherein the solvent is selected from the group consisting of: DMF, DMA, and NMP.
7. The method of Claim 5 or 6 wherein the solvent is DMF.
8. The method of any one of claims 1-7, wherein the alkali alkoxide is selected from the group consisting of: KO^tBu, CH₃ONa, CH₃CH₂ONa, CH₃CH₂OLi, CH₃OLi, CH₃CH₂OK, and CH₃CH₂ONa.
9. The method of any one of Claims 1-8, wherein the alkylating agent is selected from the group consisting of: alkyl halides and benzyl halides.
10. The method of Claim 9, wherein the alkylating agent is an alkyl halide.
11. The method of Claim 9 wherein the alkylating agent is a benzyl halide.
12. The method of Claim 11 wherein the benzyl halide is benzyl bromide.
13. The method of Claim 10, wherein the alkyl halide is methyl iodide.

14. The method of Claim 10 where the alkyl halide is ethyl iodide.
15. The method of any one of claims 5-14, wherein the alkali alkoxide is KO^tBu , and the solvent is DMF.
16. The method of any one of Claims 1-15, wherein the molar ratio of the compound of Formula II to alkali alkoxide is from about 3:1 to about 1:1 and the molar ratio of the compound of Formula II to alkylating agent is from about 1:1 to about 3:1.
17. The method of Claim 16, wherein the molar ratio of the compound of Formula II to alkali alkoxide is about 2:1 and the molar ratio of the compound of Formula II to alkylating agent is about 1:3.
18. The method of any one of Claims 1-17, further comprising a step of diluting a completed reaction mixture with CH_3CN and 2.5% aqueous $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$.
19. The method of Claim 18, wherein the ratio of DMF to CH_3CN is from about 1:1 to about 3:1 and a ratio of DMF to 2.5% aqueous $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ is from about 1:2 to about 2:1.
20. The method of Claim 19, wherein the ratio of DMF to CH_3CN is about 2:1 and a ratio of DMF to 2.5% aqueous $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ is about 1:1.