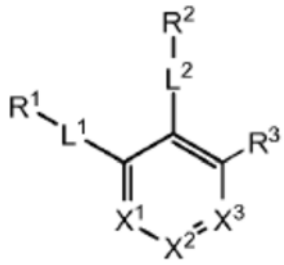
WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A compound having formula (I):



(I)

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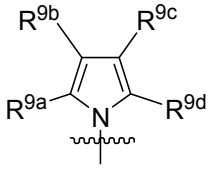
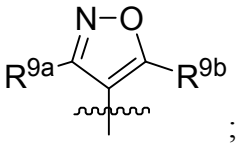
or any hydrate, solvate, or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

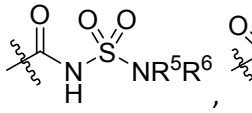
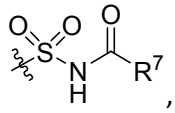
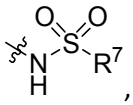
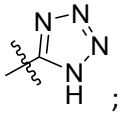
X^1 is selected from the group consisting of CR^{4a} and N;

X^2 is selected from the group consisting of CR^{4b} and N;

X^3 is selected from the group consisting of CR^{4c} and N;

R^1 is selected from the group consisting of optionally substituted C_{1-6} linear alkyl, optionally substituted C_{3-6} branched alkyl, optionally substituted C_{3-6} cycloalkyl, optionally substituted phenyl, optionally substituted heteroaryl, optionally substituted benzyl, and optionally substituted heteroaryl methyl;

R^2 is selected from the group consisting of optionally substituted phenyl and optionally substituted heteroaryl, wherein the heteroaryl in R^2 is selected from the group consisting of pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, [1,2,3]-triazolyl, [1,2,4]-triazolyl, quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl, benzofuranyl, benzothiophenyl, imidazolyl, 1H-indolyl,  and ;

R^3 is selected from the group consisting of CO_2R^{4d}, , , , and ;

R^{4d} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, optionally substituted C_{1-6} linear alkyl, and optionally substituted C_{3-6} branched alkyl;

R^{4a}, R^{4b}, and R^{4c} are each independently selected from the group consisting of fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, and hydrogen;

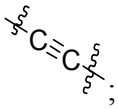
R^5 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, optionally substituted C_{1-6} linear alkyl, and optionally substituted C_{3-6} branched alkyl;

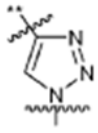
R^6 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, optionally substituted C_{1-6} linear alkyl, and optionally substituted C_{3-6} branched alkyl;

R^7 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, optionally substituted C_{1-6} linear alkyl, and optionally substituted C_{3-6} branched alkyl;

R^{8a}, R^{8b}, R^{8c}, R^{8d}, and R^{8e} are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, optionally substituted C_{1-6} linear alkyl, and optionally substituted C_{3-6} branched alkyl;

R^{9a}, R^{9b}, R^{9c}, R^{9d}, and R^{9e} are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, optionally substituted C_{1-6} linear alkyl, and optionally substituted C_{3-6} branched alkyl;

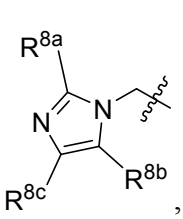
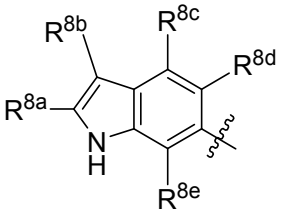
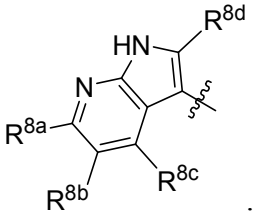
L^1 is ;

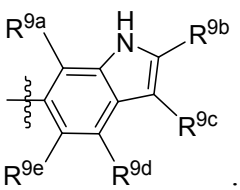
L^2 is selected from a group consisting of NH, $(CH_2)_m$, and , wherein "**" indicates the point of attachment for R^2;

n is 0, 1, 2, or 3; and

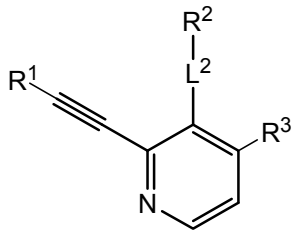
m is 0, 1, 2, or 3.

2. The compound of claim 1, wherein R^1 is selected from the group consisting of

, , and .

3. The compound of claim 1, wherein R^2 is .

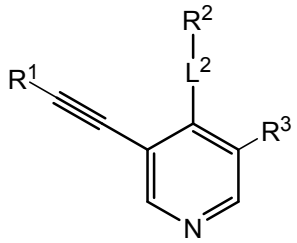
4. The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound is of formula (VI)



(VI)

or any hydrate, solvate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

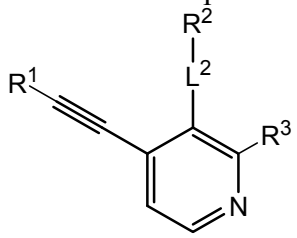
5. The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound is of formula (VII)



(VII)

or any hydrate, solvate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

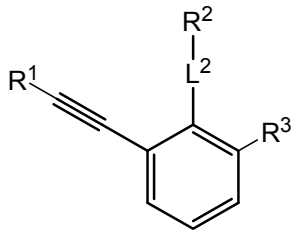
6. The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound is of formula (VIII)



(VIII)

or any hydrate, solvate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

7. The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound is of formula (IX)



(IX)

or any hydrate, solvate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

8. The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound is

3-{2-[3-(methylsulfamoyl)phenyl]ethynyl}-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;

3-[2-(1H-indol-3-yl)ethynyl]-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;

3-[2-(3-methanesulfonamidophenyl)ethynyl]-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;
2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)-3-[2-(3-sulfamoylphenyl)ethynyl]benzoic acid;
3-[2-(3-carbamoylphenyl)ethynyl]-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;
3-(2-{imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-6-yl}ethynyl)-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;
3-[2-(2-hydroxypyridin-4-yl)ethynyl]-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;
3-[2-(1H-indazol-6-yl)ethynyl]-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;
3-{2-[3-(3,3-dimethyl-2-oxoazetidin-1-yl)phenyl]ethynyl}-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;
3-(2-{3-[(2-carboxy-2,2-dimethylethyl)amino]phenyl}ethynyl)-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;
3-(2-{imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl}ethynyl)-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;
3-(2-{imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl}ethynyl)-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;
3-(2-{imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-5-yl}ethynyl)-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;
2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)-3-(2-{1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridin-5-yl}ethynyl)benzoic acid;
3-[2-(1-methyl-1H-indol-4-yl)ethynyl]-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;
3-[2-(1-methyl-1H-indol-5-yl)ethynyl]-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;
3-[2-(1-benzothiophen-6-yl)ethynyl]-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;
3-[2-(1H-indol-7-yl)ethynyl]-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;
3-{2-[2-(hydroxymethyl)phenyl]ethynyl}-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;
3-{2-[4-(hydroxymethyl)phenyl]ethynyl}-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;
2-(2,5-dimethyl-1H-pyrrol-1-yl)-3-[2-(4-methylphenyl)ethynyl]benzoic acid;
2-(2,5-dimethyl- 1H-pyrrol-1-yl)-3-[2-(3-hydroxyphenyl)ethynyl]benzoic acid;
3-[2-(2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-6-yl)ethynyl]-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;
3-[2-(1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)ethynyl]-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;
3-[2-(1,2-dimethyl-1H-imidazol-4-yl)ethynyl]-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;
3-[2-(1-methyl-1H-imidazol-5-yl)ethynyl]-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;
3-[2-(1-methyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)ethynyl]-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;
2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)-3-[2-(1,3-thiazol-5-yl)ethynyl]benzoic acid;
2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)-3-[2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)ethynyl]benzoic acid;
2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)-3-(2-{1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridin-6-yl}ethynyl)benzoic acid;
3-{2-[3-(2-hydroxypropan-2-yl)phenyl]ethynyl}-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;
3-(3-hydroxy-4-methylpent-1-yn-1-yl)-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;
3-(3-hydroxy-3-phenylprop-1-yn-1-yl)-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;
2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)-3-(2-{1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridin-3-yl}ethynyl)benzoic acid;
3-[2-(1H-indol-4-yl)ethynyl]-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;
2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)-3-(2-{[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyridin-7-yl}ethynyl)benzoic acid;

3-{2-[3-(dimethylsulfamoyl)phenyl]ethynyl}-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;

3-[2-(3-fluoro-5-hydroxyphenyl)ethynyl]-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;

3-{2-[3-(hydroxymethyl)phenyl]ethynyl}-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;

3-[2-(5-hydroxypyridin-3-yl)ethynyl]-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;

3 [2-(1H-1,3 -benzodiazol-5-yl)ethynyl]-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;

3-[2-(1H-indol-5-yl)ethynyl]-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;

3-[2-(1H-indol-6-yl)ethynyl]-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;

3-[2-(4-methylphenyl)ethynyl]-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;

3-[2-(3,5-difluorophenyl)ethynyl]-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;

3-{2-[3-(difluoromethoxy)phenyl]ethynyl}-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;

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3-(3,3-dimethylbut-1-yn-1-yl)-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;

2-(2,5-dimethyl-1H-pyrrol-1-yl)-3-(2-phenylethynyl)benzoic acid;

5-[2-(4-fluorophenyl)ethynyl]-4-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)pyridine-3-carboxylic acid;

5-(2-phenylethynyl)-4-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)pyridine-3-carboxylic acid;

3-[2-(1-aminocyclohexyl)ethynyl]-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;

3-[2-(1-hydroxycyclohexyl)ethynyl]-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;

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3-[2-(3-hydroxyphenyl)ethynyl]-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;

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5-chloro-3-(2-phenylethynyl)-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;

5-fluoro-3-[2-(4-fluorophenyl)ethynyl]-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;

5-fluoro-3-(2-phenylethynyl)-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;

3-(2-cyclopropylethynyl)-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;

3-(3-hydroxy-3-methylbut-1-yn-1-yl)-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;

3-[3-(dimethylamino)prop-1-yn-1-yl]-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;

3-(4-phenylbut-1-yn-1-yl)-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;

3-(5-hydroxypent-1-yn-1-yl)-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;

3-[2-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethynyl]-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;

3-[2-(pyridin-4-yl)ethynyl]-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;

3-[2-(pyridin-3-yl)ethynyl]-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;

3-[2-(3-methoxyphenyl)ethynyl]-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;

3-[2-(4-fluorophenyl)ethynyl]-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;

3-(2-phenylethynyl)-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;

3-{3-[benzyl(methyl)amino]prop-1-yn-1-yl}-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;
3-[3-(1H-imidazol-1-yl)prop-1-yn-1-yl]-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;
3-(2-phenylethynyl)-2-(pyridin-4-yl)benzoic acid;
2-(4-methanesulfonylphenyl)-3-(2-phenylethynyl)benzoic acid;
3-(2-phenylethynyl)-2-(pyrimidin-5-yl)benzoic acid;
2-(4-phenyl-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)-3-(2-phenylethynyl)benzoic acid;
2-[4-(3-methoxyphenyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]-3-(2-phenylethynyl)benzoic acid;
3-(2-phenylethynyl)-2-[4-(pyridin-3-yl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]benzoic acid;
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2-phenyl-3-(2-phenylethynyl)benzoic acid;
2-(4-methylphenyl)-3-(2-phenylethynyl)benzoic acid;
2-(6-methoxypyridin-3-yl)-3-(2-phenylethynyl)benzoic acid;
2-[6-(dimethylamino)pyridin-3-yl]-3-(2-phenylethynyl)benzoic acid;
2-[3-(hydroxymethyl)phenyl]-3-(2-phenylethynyl)benzoic acid;
2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-3-(2-phenylethynyl)benzoic acid;
2-[4-(hydroxymethyl)phenyl]-3-(2-phenylethynyl)benzoic acid;
2-(1-benzofuran-5-yl)-3-(2-phenylethynyl)benzoic acid;
2-(1-benzothiophen-5-yl)-3-(2-phenylethynyl)benzoic acid;
2-(1-methyl-1H-indol-5-yl)-3-(2-phenylethynyl)benzoic acid;
2-(3-methanesulfonamidophenyl)-3-(2-phenylethynyl)benzoic acid;
2-(1-methyl-1H-indol-6-yl)-3-(2-phenylethynyl)benzoic acid;
2-{2-[(2-hydroxyethyl)sulfamoyl]phenyl}-3-(2-phenylethynyl)benzoic acid;
2-[4-(cyclopropylcarbamoyl)phenyl]-3-(2-phenylethynyl)benzoic acid;
3-[2-(3-hydroxyphenyl)ethynyl]-2-(quinolin-3-yl)benzoic acid;

3-(5-hydroxypent-1-yn-1-yl)-2-(quinolin-3-yl)benzoic acid;
3-[2-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethynyl]-2-(quinolin-3-yl)benzoic acid;
3-(2-{imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl}ethynyl)-2-(quinolin-3-yl)benzoic acid;
2-(quinolin-3-yl)-3-[2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)ethynyl]benzoic acid;
3-(2-phenylethynyl)-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzene-1-sulfonamide;
N-[3-(2-phenylethynyl)-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzenesulfonyl]acetamide;
2-(dimethyl-1,2-oxazol-4-yl)-3-(2-phenylethynyl)benzoic acid;
2-[3-(methoxycarbonyl)-1H-indol-6-yl]-3-(2-phenylethynyl)benzoic acid;
3-[3-(benzylamino)prop-1-yn-1-yl]-2-phenylbenzoic acid;
3-(3-{[3-(1H-imidazol-1-yl)propyl]amino}prop-1-yn-1-yl)-2-phenylbenzoic acid;
2-phenyl-3-[3-(4-phenylpiperazin-1-yl)prop-1-yn-1-yl]benzoic acid;
2-phenyl-3-[3-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)prop-1-yn-1-yl]benzoic acid;
3-(3-hydroxyprop-1-yn-1-yl)-2-phenylbenzoic acid;
3-{2-[3-(aminomethyl)phenyl]ethynyl}-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;
3-{2-[3-(3,5-difluorobenzenesulfonamidomethyl)phenyl]ethynyl}-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;
3-{2-[4-(1,2-dimethyl-1H-imidazole-5-sulfonamidomethyl)phenyl]ethynyl}-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;
3-{2-[3-(cyclopropanesulfonamidomethyl)phenyl]ethynyl}-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;
2-(3-methoxyphenyl)-3-(2-{1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridin-3-yl}ethynyl)benzoic acid;
2-(3-methoxyphenyl)-3-[2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)ethynyl]benzoic acid;
2-(1-methyl-1H-indol-5-yl)-3-[2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)ethynyl]benzoic acid;
2-(pyridin-4-yl)-3-[2-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)ethynyl]benzoic acid;
2-(1H-indol-3-yl)-3-[2-(pyridin-4-yl)ethynyl]benzoic acid;
2-[4-(dimethylamino)phenyl]-3-[2-(pyridin-4-yl)ethynyl]benzoic acid;
2-phenyl-3-[2-(pyridin-4-yl)ethynyl]benzoic acid;
3'-hydroxy-4'-methoxy-6-pyridin-4-ylethynyl-biphenyl-2-carboxylic acid;
5'-hydroxy-3'-methoxy-6-pyridin-4-ylethynyl-biphenyl-2-carboxylic acid;
2-(3,5-dimethyl-isoxazol-4-yl)-3-pyridin-4-ylethynyl-benzoic acid;
2-(2,5-dimethyl-pyrrol-1-yl)-3-(3-hydroxy-3-methyl-but-1-ynyl)-benzoic acid;
2-(2,5-dimethyl-pyrrol-1-yl)-3-pyridin-4-ylethynyl-benzoic acid;
3-(3-carbamoyl-phenylethynyl)-2-(2,5-dimethyl-pyrrol-1-yl)-benzoic acid;
3-(3-carboxy-phenylethynyl)-2-(2,5-dimethyl-pyrrol-1-yl)-benzoic acid;
2-(2,5-dimethyl-pyrrol-1-yl)-3-(3-hydroxymethyl-phenylethynyl)-benzoic acid;

2-(2,5-dimethyl-pyrrol-1-yl)-3-(1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridin-3-ylethynyl)-benzoic acid;
2-(2,5-dimethyl-pyrrol-1-yl)-3-(3-hydroxy-3-phenyl-prop-1-ynyl)-benzoic acid;
3-(3-acetylamino-phenylethynyl)-2-(2,5-dimethyl-pyrrol-1-yl)-benzoic acid;
3-cyclopropylethynyl-2-(2,5-dimethyl-pyrrol-1-yl)-benzoic acid;
2-(2,5-dimethyl-pyrrol-1-yl)-3-(3-methoxy-phenylethynyl)-benzoic acid;
2-isoquinolin-6-yl-3-phenylethynyl-benzoic acid;
2-benzofuran-2-yl-3-phenylethynyl-benzoic acid;
3-phenylethynyl-2-quinolin-8-yl-benzoic acid;
2-(2-amino-pyrimidin-5-yl)-3-phenylethynyl-benzoic acid;
4'-dimethylaminomethyl-6-phenylethynyl-biphenyl-2-carboxylic acid;
3-(4-amino-phenylethynyl)-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
3-(4-carboxy-phenylethynyl)-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-3-(4-methoxy-phenylethynyl)-benzoic acid;
3-(4-carbamoyl-phenylethynyl)-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-3-[4-(piperazine-1-carbonyl)-phenylethynyl]-benzoic acid;
3-(4-acetylamino-phenylethynyl)-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-3-{4-[(pyridine-3-carbonyl)-amino]-phenylethynyl}-benzoic acid;
2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-3-(4-methanesulfonylamino-phenylethynyl)-benzoic acid;
2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-3-[4-(thiophene-2-sulfonylamino)-phenylethynyl]-benzoic acid;
2-(3-(Methoxycarbonyl)-1H-indol-6-yl)-3-(thiazol-4-ylethynyl) benzoic acid;
2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-3-(thiazol-4-ylethynyl)benzoic acid;
2-(3-chloro-1H-indol-6-yl)-3-((3-hydroxyphenyl)ethynyl)benzoic acid;
2-(3-(2-acetamidoethyl)-1H-indol-6-yl)-3-((3-hydroxyphenyl)ethynyl)benzoic acid;
2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-3-((4-(tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-yloxy)phenyl)ethynyl)benzoic acid;
2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-3-((4-morpholinophenyl)ethynyl)benzoic acid;
3-((3-carbamoylphenyl)ethynyl)-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)benzoic acid;
3-((4-Fluorophenyl)ethynyl)-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)benzoic acid;
3-((2,4-Difluorophenyl)ethynyl)-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)benzoic acid;
3-((3-Acetamidophenyl)ethynyl)-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)benzoic acid;
2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-3-((3-(nicotinamido)phenyl)ethynyl)benzoic acid;
3-((3-(3-chloro-4-fluorophenylsulfonamido)phenyl)ethynyl)-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)benzoic acid;
3-((3-aminophenyl)ethynyl)-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)benzoic acid;
2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-3-((3-(methylsulfonamido)phenyl)ethynyl)benzoic acid;
2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-3-((3-(thiophene-2-sulfonamido)phenyl)ethynyl)benzoic acid;

3-((3-acetamido-5-fluorophenyl)ethynyl)-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)benzoic acid;
3-((6-aminopyridin-2-yl)ethynyl)-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)benzoic acid;
3-((2-aminopyridin-4-yl)ethynyl)-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)benzoic acid;
3-((3-hydroxyphenyl)ethynyl)-2-(5-methoxypyridin-3-yl)benzoic acid;
3-((3-hydroxyphenyl)ethynyl)-2-(pyrimidin-5-yl)benzoic acid;
4'-Amino-6-((3-hydroxyphenyl)ethynyl)-5'-methoxybiphenyl-2-carboxylic acid;
3-(4-hydroxybut-1-ynyl)-2-(1H-indol-6-yl) benzoic acid;
3-(3-amino-3-methylbut-1-ynyl)-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)benzoic acid;
3-(3-hydroxy-3-phenylprop-1-ynyl)-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)benzoic acid;
3-(3-hydroxy-3-methylbut-1-ynyl)-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)benzoic acid;
3-((3-(hydroxymethyl)phenyl)ethynyl)-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)benzoic acid;
6-(2-carboxy-6-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)-1H-indole-2-carboxylic acid;
2-(2-(ethoxycarbonyl)-1H-indol-6-yl)-3-(phenylethynyl)benzoic acid;
3-((3-carbamoyl-5-methoxyphenyl)ethynyl)-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)benzoic acid;
2-(1H-indol-5-yl)-3-(phenylethynyl)benzoic acid;
5-(2-carboxy-6-((3-hydroxyphenyl)ethynyl)phenyl)-1H-indole-2-carboxylic acid;
5-(2-carboxy-6-((4-methoxyphenyl)ethynyl)phenyl)-1H-indole-2-carboxylic acid;
3-((4-fluoro-3-(tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-yloxy)phenyl)ethynyl)-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)benzoic acid;
5'-acetamido-6-(phenylethynyl)biphenyl-2-carboxylic acid;
3-[3-(5-amino-1H-1,3-benzodiazol-1-yl)prop-1-yn-1-yl]-2-phenylbenzoic acid;
2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-3-[2-(pyridin-4-yl)ethynyl] benzoic acid;
2-(4-methylphenyl)-3-[2-(pyridin-4-yl)ethynyl]benzoic acid;
3-[2-(3-hydroxyphenyl)ethynyl]-2-(4-methyl phenyl)benzoic acid;
3-{3-[(1H-1,3-benzodiazol-6-yl)amino]prop-1-yn-1-yl}-2-phenylbenzoic acid;
3-[2-(3-hydroxyphenyl)ethynyl]-2-(1-methyl-1H-indol-5-yl)benzoic acid;
3-[2-(3-hydroxyphenyl)ethynyl]-2-(3-methanesulfonamidophenyl) benzoic acid;
3-[2-(3-hydroxyphenyl)ethynyl]-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)benzoic acid;
2-(3-carbamoylphenyl)-3-[2-(3-hydroxyphenyl)ethynyl]benzoic acid;
2-[1-(benzenesulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl]-3-[2-(3-hydroxyphenyl)ethynyl] benzoic acid;
2-(3-hydroxyphenyl)-3-[2-(3-hydroxyphenyl)ethynyl]benzoic acid;
2-(1H-indol-5-yl)-3-[2-(pyridin-4-yl)ethynyl]benzoic acid;
2-(3-chloro-5-hydroxyphenyl)-3-[2-(pyridin-4-yl)ethynyl] benzoic acid;
2-(3-fluoro-5-hydroxyphenyl)-3-[2-(pyridin-4-yl)ethynyl]benzoic acid;
2-(3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-3-[2-(pyridin-4-yl)ethynyl] benzoic acid;

3-[3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-hydroxyprop-1-yn-1-yl]-2-(3-hydroxyphenyl) benzoic acid;
3-[2-(3-hydroxyphenyl)ethynyl]-2-(2-phenoxyphenyl) benzoic acid;
3-[2-(3-hydroxyphenyl)ethynyl]-2-(1H-indol-3-yl) benzoic acid;
2-(3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-3-[2-(3-hydroxyphenyl) ethynyl]benzoic acid;
2-indol-1-yl-3-pyridin-4-ylethynyl-benzoic acid;
2-imidazol-1-yl-3-pyridin-4-ylethynyl-benzoic acid;
3-pyridin-4-ylethynyl-2-[1,2,4]triazol-1-yl-benzoic acid;
2-imidazol-1-yl-3-phenylethynyl-benzoic acid;
3-phenylethynyl-2-[1,2,4]triazol-1-yl-benzoic acid;
2-indol-1-yl-3-phenylethynyl-benzoic acid; and
or any hydrate, solvate, or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

9. A composition comprising at least one compound according to claim 1 and at least one excipient.

10. A composition comprising at least one compound according to claim 7 and at least one excipient.

11. A compound according to claim 1 or 7 for use as a medicament.

12. The use of a compound according to claim 1 or 7 in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment or prevention of a disease caused by EBNA1 activity, wherein the disease caused by EBNA1 activity is selected from the group consisting of cancer, infectious mononucleosis, chronic fatigue syndrome, multiple sclerosis, systemic lupus erythematosus, and rheumatoid arthritis.

13. The use according to claim 12, wherein the cancer is selected from the group consisting of nasopharyngeal carcinoma, gastric carcinomas, non-hodgkin lymphoma, anaplastic large-cell lymphoma, angioimmunoblastic T-cell lymphoma, hepatosplenic T-cell lymphoma, B-cell lymphoma, Burkitt's lymphoma, reticuloendotheliosis, reticulosis, microglioma, diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, extranodal T/NK lymphoma/angiocentric lymphoma, follicular lymphoma, immunoblastic lymphoma, mucosa-associated lymphatic tissue lymphoma, B-cell chronic lymphocytic leukemia, mantle cell lymphoma, mediastinal large B cell lymphoma, lymphoplasmactic lymphoma, nodal marginal zone B cell lymphoma, splenic marginal zone lymphoma, intravascular large B-cell lymphoma, primary effusion lymphoma, lyphomatoid granulomatosis, angioimmunoblastic lymphadenopathy,

leiomyosarcomas, X-linked lymphoproliferative disease, post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorders, Hodgkin's lymphoma, and breast cancer.

14. The use of a compound according to claim 1 or 8 in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment or prevention of Epstein-Barr Virus infection.

15. The use of a compound according to claim 1 or 8 in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment or prevention of a disease or condition associated with Epstein-Barr Virus infection, wherein the disease or condition associated with Epstein-Barrr Virus infection is at least one selected from the group consisting of cancer, infectious mononucleosis, chronic fatigue syndrome, multiple sclerosis, systemic lupus erythematosus, and rheumatoid arthritis.

16. The use of a compound according to claim 1 or 8 in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of lytic Epstein-Barr Virus infection.

17. The use of a compound according to claim 1 or 8 in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of latent Epstein-Barr Virus infection.

18. The use according to any one of claims 11 to 17, wherein the medicament further comprises at least one excipient.

19. The compound of claim 1 or 8, wherein R^3 is CO_2R^{4d}, and wherein R^{4d} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C_{1-6} linear alkyl, and C_{3-6} branched alkyl.

20. The compound of claim 1 or 8, wherein R^3 is CO_2R^{4d}, and wherein R^{4d} is hydrogen.

21. The compound of claim 1 or 8, wherein R^3 is CO_2R^{4d}, and wherein R^{4d} is selected from the group consisting of methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, sec-butyl, iso-butyl, and tert-butyl.