into macrophage cells. Alternatively, conjugation to antibodies targeting a cell surface antigen (e.g., WTA, Protein A) may improve the therapeutic effects of the rifamycin analogs.

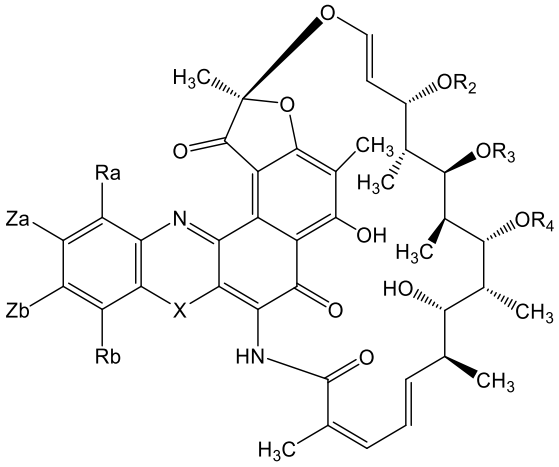
[00017] The foregoing discussion is presented solely to provide a better understanding of the nature of the problems confronting the art and should not be construed in any way as an admission as to prior art nor should the citation of any reference herein be construed as an admission that such reference constitutes "prior art" to the instant application.

SUMMARY OF THE DISCLOSURE

[00018] As discussed herein, there is a strong need to develop effective treatments for bacterial infections in general and *S. aureus* infections in particular. The present disclosure addresses these and other needs by providing new rifamycin analog compounds, intermediates and precursors thereof, antibody-drug conjugates, pharmaceutical compositions, and methods of treatment based on such compounds and pharmaceutical compositions.

[00019] Various non-limiting ~~aspects~~ examples and ~~embodiments~~ examples are described below.

[00020] In one ~~aspect~~example, the present disclosure provides a rifamycin analog compound, intermediate or precursor thereof having a structure of formula (A):



(A)

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

X is selected from -O- and -NR*-;

Za and Zb are independently selected from a hydrogen, -Cl, -Br, $-OR_1$ and $-R_N$; with the proviso that at least one of Za or Zb is not a hydrogen; wherein:

R_1 is selected from a hydrogen, R_N, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, each of which further comprises 0-8

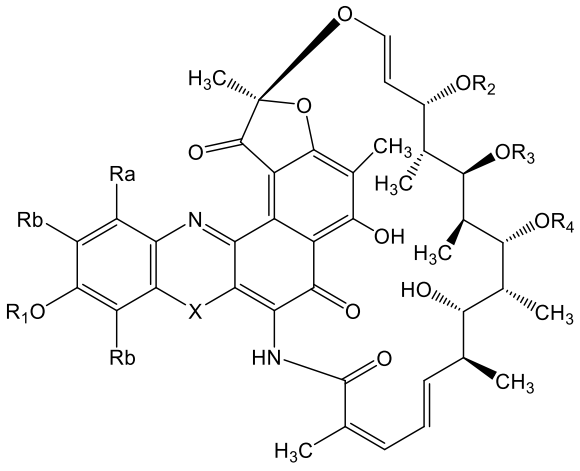
-(C=O)-R*, each of which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S;

R_a is selected from hydrogen, -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -OR*, -NH_2, -NHR*, -$N(R^*)_2$, -$N(R^*)_3^+$, -(C=O)-R*, -CHO, -CO_2H, -CO_2R^*, -SR*, -SO_2R^*, and an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S, and wherein R_a is optionally substituted with one or more of -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -OR*;

R_b is selected from hydrogen, -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -OR*, -(C=O)-R*, -CHO, -CO_2H, -CO_2R^* and an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, which further comprises 0-3 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, and S, and wherein R_b is optionally substituted with one or more of -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -OR*, and

R* is independently at each occurrence selected from hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S and combinations thereof.

[00021] In one ~~aspect~~example, the present disclosure provides a rifamycin analog compound having a structure of formula (I):



(I)

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof wherein:

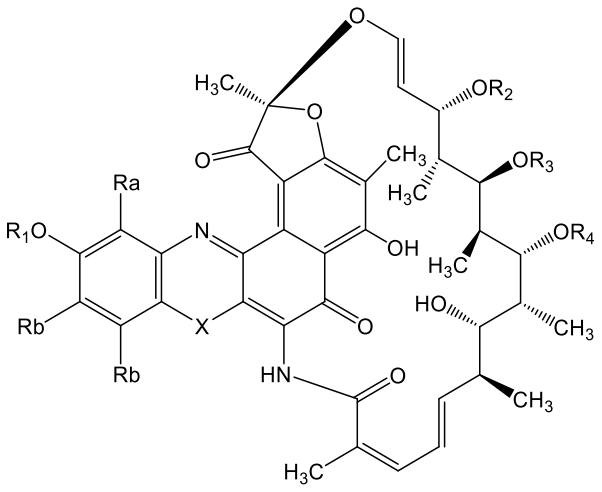
X is selected from -O- and -NR*-;

R_1 is selected from R_N, a hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, each of which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S, and wherein R_1 is optionally substituted with one or more of -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -OR*, -NO, -NO_2, -NO_3, -O-NO, -N_3, -NH_2, -NHR*, -$N(R^*)_2$,

further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S, and wherein R_a is optionally substituted with one or more of -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -OR*;

R_b is selected from hydrogen, -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -OR*, -(C=O)-R*, -CHO, $-CO_2H$, $-CO_2R^*$ and an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, which further comprises 0-3 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, and S, and wherein R_b is optionally substituted with one or more of -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -OR*; and R* is independently at each occurrence selected from hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S and combinations thereof.

[00022] In one example~~aspect~~, the present disclosure provides a rifamycin analog compound having a structure of formula (I'):



(I')

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof wherein:

X is selected from -O- and -NR*-;

R_1 is selected from R_N, a hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, each of which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S, and wherein R_1 is optionally substituted with one or more of -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -OR*, -NO, $-NO_2$, $-NO_3$, -O-NO, $-N_3$, $-NH_2$, -NHR*, $-N(R^*)_2$, $-N(R^*)_3^+$, -N(R*)-OH, $-O-N(R^*)_2$, -N(R*)-O-R*, -CN, -NC, -(C=O)-R*, -CHO, $-CO_2H$, $-CO_2R^*$, -(C=O)-S-R*, -O-(C=O)-H, -O-(C=O)-R*, -S-(C=O)-R*, $-(C=O)-NH_2$, $-(C=O)-N(R^*)_2$, $-(C=O)-NHNH_2$, $-O-(C=O)-NHNH_2$, $-(C=S)-NH_2$, $-(C=S)-N(R^*)_2$, -N(R*)-CHO, -N(R*)-(C=O)-R*, -SCN, -NCS, -NSO, -SSR*, $-SO_2R^*$, $-SO_2-N(R^*)_2$, -S(=O)-OR*, -S(=O)-R*,

O, and S, and wherein R_b is optionally substituted with one or more of -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -OR*; and R* is independently at each occurrence selected from hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S and combinations thereof.

[00023] In an ~~embodiment~~ example of a compound of the formulas (A), (I), or (I'), X is -O-, R_1 is an aliphatic C_1-C_3 hydrocarbon, R_2 is a methyl group, R_3 is Ac (-(C=O)-CH_3), R_4 is a hydrogen, and R_a is a hydrogen.

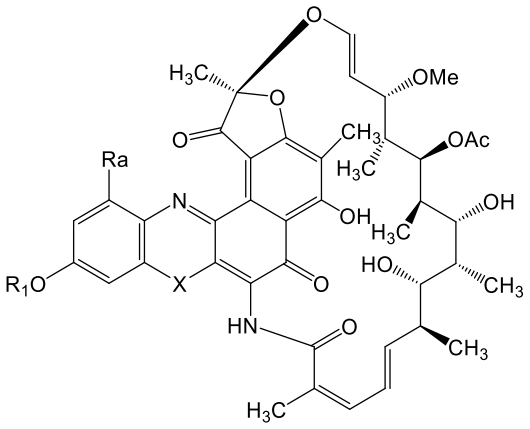
[00024] In an example ~~embodiment~~ of a compound of the formulas (A), (I), or (I'), X is -O-, R_1 is a benzyl group, R_2 is a methyl group, R_3 is Ac (-(C=O)-CH_3), R_4 is a hydrogen; R_a is a hydrogen and R_b is hydrogen.

[00025] In an example ~~embodiment~~ of a compound of the formulas (A), (I), or (I'), X is -O-, R_1 is an aliphatic C_1-C_8 hydrocarbon comprising 1-8 heteroatoms selected from O and N, R_2 is a methyl group, R_3 is Ac (-(C=O)-CH_3), R_4 is a hydrogen; R_a is a hydrogen and R_b is hydrogen.

[00026] In an example ~~embodiment~~ of a compound of the formulas (A), (I), or (I'), X is -O-; R_1 is an aliphatic C_1-C_8 hydrocarbon substituted with one or more of -NH_2, -NHR*, -N(R*)$_2$; R* is hydrogen or an aliphatic C_1-C_3 hydrocarbon; R_2 is a methyl group; R_3 is Ac (-(C=O)-CH_3); R_4 is a hydrogen; R_a is a hydrogen and R_b is hydrogen.

[00027] In an example ~~embodiment~~ of a compound of the formulas (A), (I), or (I'), X is -NCH_3-, R_1 is -OH, R_2 is a methyl group, R_3 is Ac (-(C=O)-CH_3), R_4 is a hydrogen, R_a is a hydrogen and R_b is hydrogen.

[00028] In one example~~embodiment~~, the rifamycin analog compounds of the disclosure have the structure of formula (II):

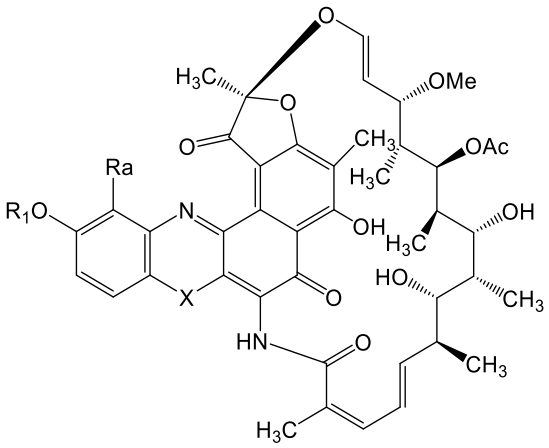


(II)

of attachment; and R', R" and R"' are selected from a hydrogen, a C_1-C_6 aliphatic hydrocarbon, and a protecting group selected from F_{MOC} and $B_{OC,}$ or wherein R' and R'' together form an aliphatic monocyclic, an aliphatic bicyclic, or an aliphatic polycyclic structure; and

R* is independently at each occurrence selected from hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S and combinations thereof.

[00029] In one ~~embodiment~~example, the rifamycin analog compounds of the disclosure have the structure of formula (II'):



(II')

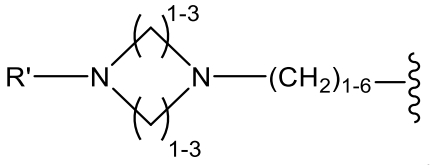
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof wherein:

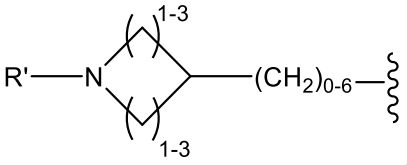
X is selected from -O- and -NR*-;

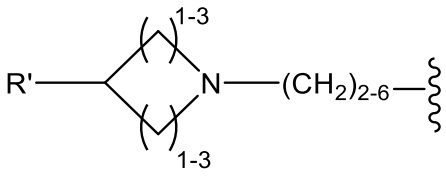
R_a is selected from hydrogen and -OR*;

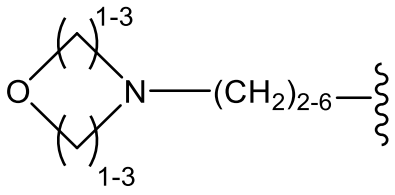
R_1 is selected from R_N, hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, each of which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S, and wherein R_1 is optionally substituted with one or more of -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -OR*, -NO, $-NO_2$, $-NO_3$, -O-NO, $-N_3$, $-NH_2$, -NHR*, $-N(R^*)_2$, $-N(R^*)_3^+$, -N(R*)-OH, $-O-N(R^*)_2$, -N(R*)-O-R*, -CN, -NC, -(C=O)-R*, -CHO, $-CO_2H$, $-CO_2R^*$, -(C=O)-S-R*, -O-(C=O)-H, -O-(C=O)-R*, -S-(C=O)-R*, $-(C=O)-NH_2$, $-(C=O)-N(R^*)_2$, $-(C=O)-NHNH_2$, $-O-(C=O)-NHNH_2$, $-(C=S)-NH_2$, $-(C=S)-N(R^*)_2$, -N(R*)-CHO, -N(R*)-(C=O)-R*, -SCN, -NCS, -NSO, -SSR*, $-SO_2R^*$, $-SO_2-N(R^*)_2$, -S(=O)-OR*, -S(=O)-R*, $-Si(R^*)_3$, $-CF_3$, $-O-CF_3$ and combinations thereof, with a proviso that R_1 is not an n-butyl group;

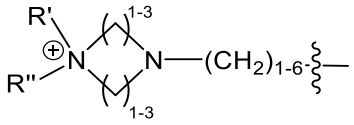
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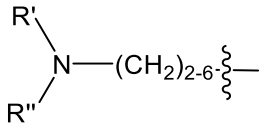


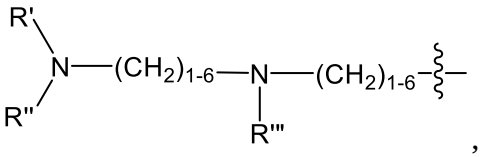
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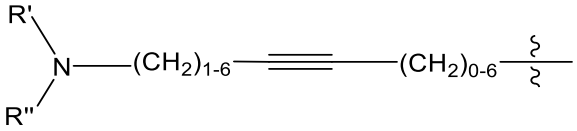
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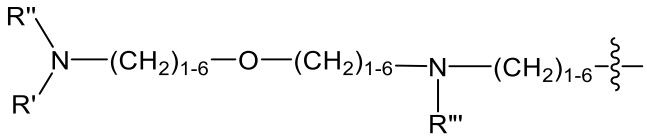
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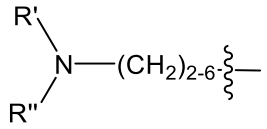
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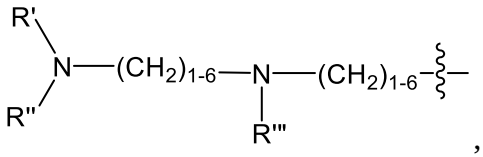
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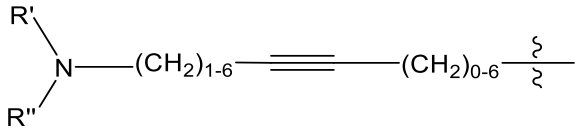
; wherein the 〰 symbol represents the point of attachment; and R', R" and R''' are selected from a hydrogen, a C_1-C_6 aliphatic hydrocarbon, and a protecting group selected from F_{MOC} and $B_{OC,}$ or wherein R' and R'' together form an aliphatic monocyclic, an aliphatic bicyclic, or an aliphatic polycyclic structure; and

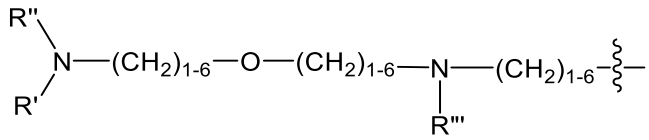
R* is independently at each occurrence selected from hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S and combinations thereof.

[00030] In one example~~embodiment~~, the rifamycin analog compounds of the disclosure have the structure of formula (III):

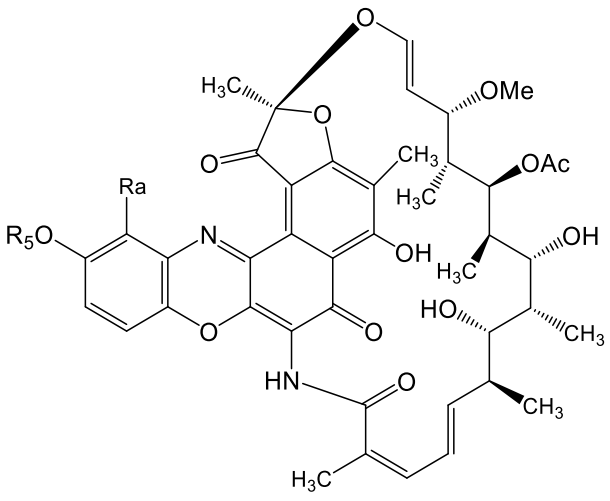

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; wherein the 〰 symbol represents the point of attachment; and R', R" and R''' are selected from a hydrogen, a C_1-C_6 aliphatic hydrocarbon, and a protecting group selected from F_{MOC} and $B_{OC,}$ or wherein R' and R'' together form an aliphatic monocyclic, an aliphatic bicyclic, or an aliphatic polycyclic structure.

[00031] In one example~~embodiment~~, the rifamycin analog compounds of the disclosure have the structure of formula (III'):


(III')

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof wherein:

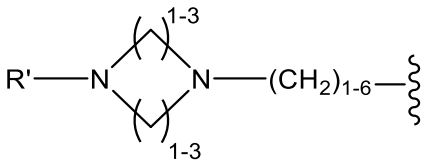
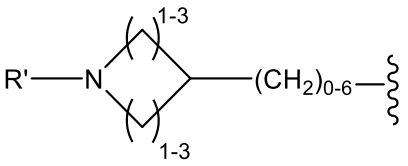
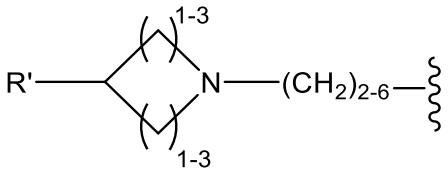
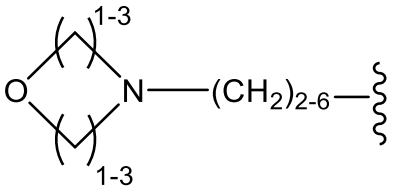
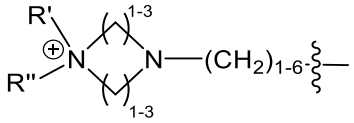
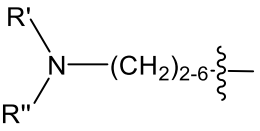
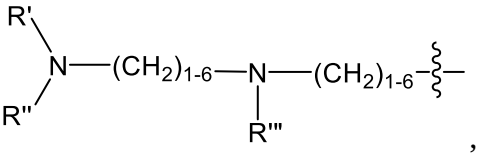
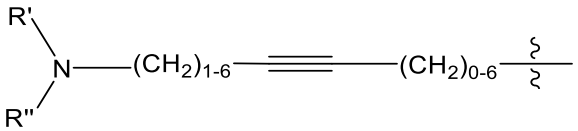
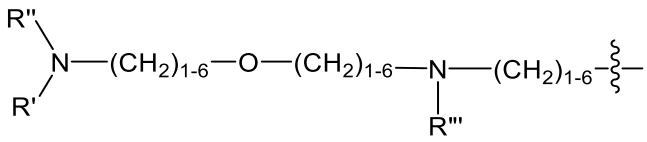
R_a is selected from hydrogen and -OR*;

R_5 is selected from R_N, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, each of which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S, and wherein R_5 is optionally substituted with one or more of -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -OR*, -NH_2, -NHR*, -N(R*)$_2$, -N(R*)$_3^+$, -N(R*)-(C=O)-R*, -(C=O)-R*, -CHO,

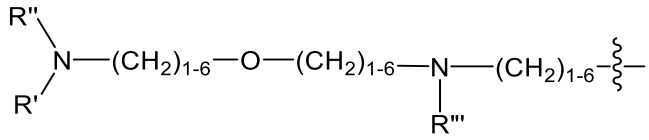
-CO_2H, -CO_2R* and combinations thereof, with a proviso that R_5 is not an n-butyl group;

R* is independently at each occurrence selected from hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S and combinations thereof; and

R_N is selected from:


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wherein the 〰 symbol represents the point of attachment; and R', R" and R''' are selected from a hydrogen, a C_1-C_6 aliphatic hydrocarbon, and a protecting group selected from F_{MOC} and $B_{OC,}$ or wherein R' and R'' together form an aliphatic monocyclic, an aliphatic bicyclic, or an aliphatic polycyclic structure.

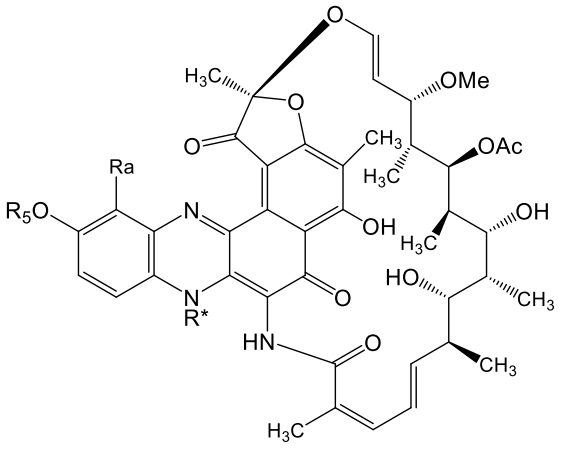
[00032] In one example~~embodiment~~, the rifamycin analog compounds of the disclosure have the structure of formula (IV):



wherein the 〰 symbol represents the point of attachment; and R', R" and R''' are selected from a hydrogen, a C_1-C_6 aliphatic hydrocarbon, and a protecting group selected from F_{MOC} and $B_{OC,}$ or wherein R' and R'' together form an aliphatic monocyclic, an aliphatic bicyclic, or an aliphatic polycyclic structure; and

R* is independently at each occurrence selected from hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S and combinations thereof.

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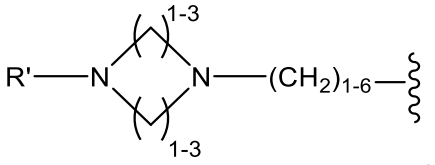
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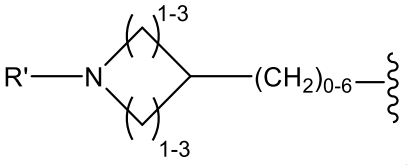
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof wherein:

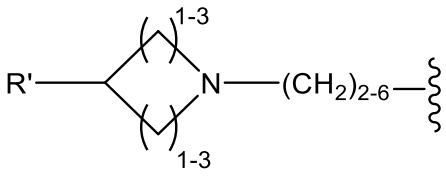
R_a is selected from hydrogen and -OR*;

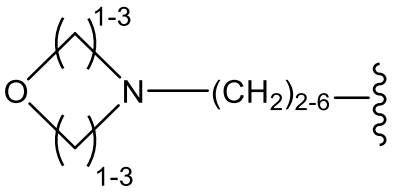
R_5 is selected from R_N, hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, each of which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S, and wherein R_5 is optionally substituted with one or more of -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -OR*, $-NH_2$, -NHR*, $-N(R^*)_2$, $-N(R^*)_3^+$, -N(R*)-(C=O)-R*, -(C=O)-R*, -CHO, $-CO_2H$, $-CO_2R^*$ and combinations thereof;

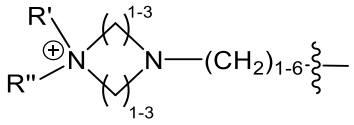
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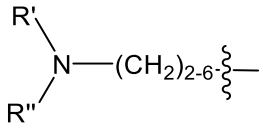


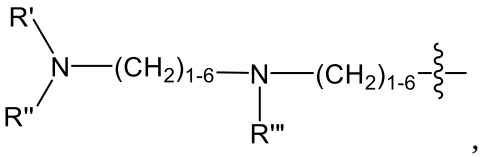
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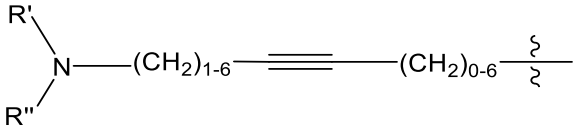
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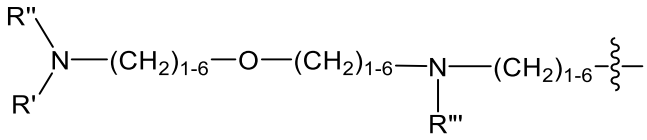
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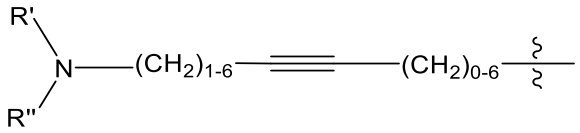
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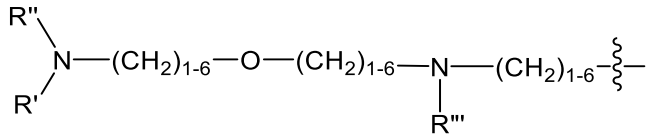
; wherein the 〰 symbol represents the point of attachment; and R', R" and R''' are selected from a hydrogen, a C_1-C_6 aliphatic hydrocarbon, and a protecting group selected from F_{MOC} and $B_{OC,}$ or wherein R' and R'' together form an aliphatic monocyclic, an aliphatic bicyclic, or an aliphatic polycyclic structure; and

R* is independently at each occurrence selected from hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S and combinations thereof.

[00034] In one example~~embodiment~~, the rifamycin analog compounds of the disclosure have the structure of formula (V):



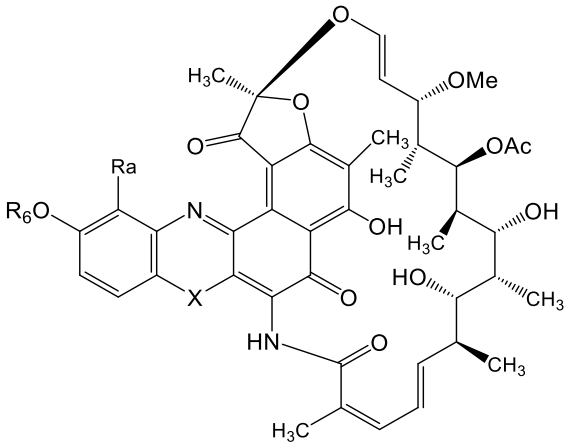
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; wherein the ~~~ symbol represents the point of attachment; and R', R" and R''' are selected from a hydrogen, a C_1-C_6 aliphatic hydrocarbon, and a protecting group selected from F_{MOC} and $B_{OC,}$ or wherein R' and R'' together form an aliphatic monocyclic, an aliphatic bicyclic, or an aliphatic polycyclic structure; and

R* is independently at each occurrence selected from hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S and combinations thereof.

[00035] In one example~~embodiment~~, the rifamycin analog compounds of the disclosure have the structure of formula (V'):



(V')

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof wherein:

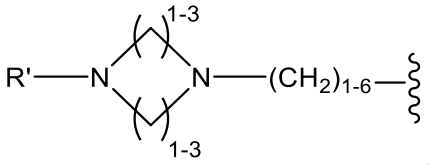
X is selected from -O- and -NR*-;

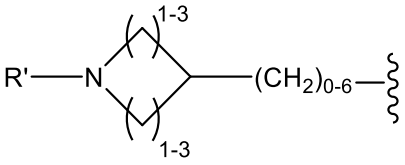
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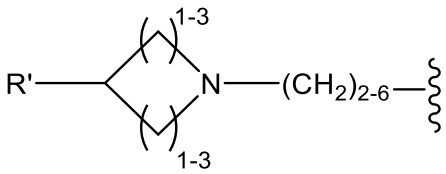
R_6 is selected from R_N, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, each of which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S, and wherein R_6 is optionally substituted with one or more of -OH, -OR*, $-NH_2$, -NHR*, $-N(R^*)_2$, $-N(R^*)_3^+$, -N(R*)-(C=O)-R*, -(C=O)-R*, -CHO, $-CO_2H$, $-CO_2R^*$ and

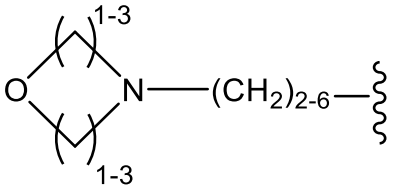
combinations thereof, with a proviso that R_6 is not an n-butyl group;

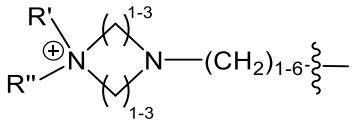
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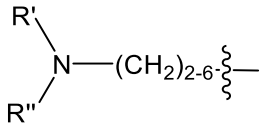


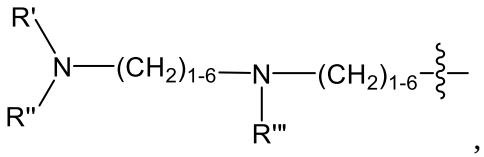
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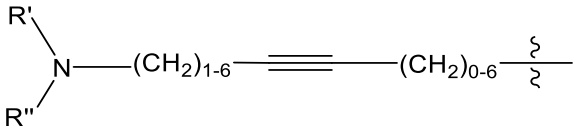
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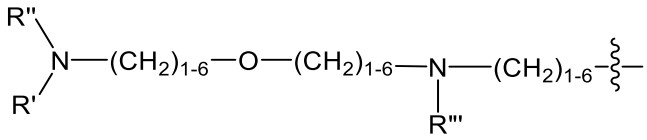
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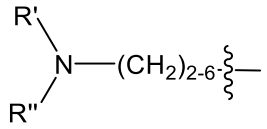
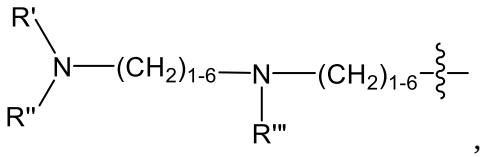
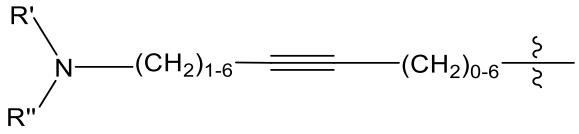
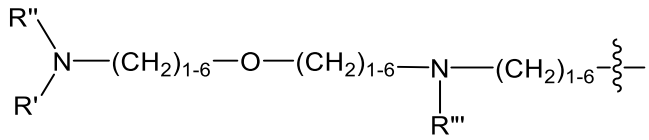
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wherein the 〰 symbol represents the point of attachment; and R', R" and R''' are selected from a hydrogen, a C_1-C_6 aliphatic hydrocarbon, and a protecting group selected from F_{MOC} and $B_{OC,}$ or wherein R' and R'' together form an aliphatic monocyclic, an aliphatic bicyclic, or an aliphatic polycyclic structure; and

R* is independently at each occurrence selected from hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S and combinations thereof.

[00036] In another example~~aspect~~, the present disclosure provides a rifamycin analog compound, intermediate or precursor thereof having a structure of formula (B):


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; wherein the 〰 symbol represents the point of attachment; and R', R" and R''' are selected from a hydrogen, a C_1-C_6 aliphatic hydrocarbon, and a protecting group selected from Fluorenylmethyloxycarbonyl (FMOC) and *tert*-Butyloxycarbonyl (BOC), or wherein R' and R'' together form an aliphatic monocyclic, an aliphatic bicyclic, or an aliphatic polycyclic structure;

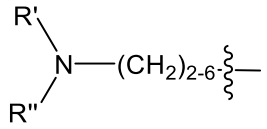
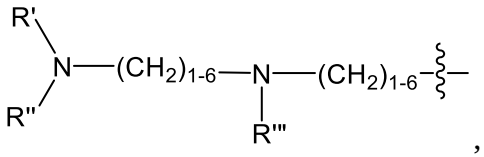
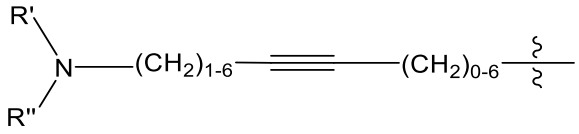
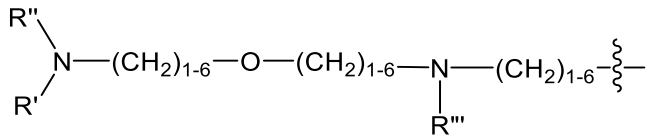
R_2, R_3, and R_4 are independently selected from hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and -(C=O)-R*, each of which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S;

R_a is selected from hydrogen, -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -OR*, $-NH_2$, -NHR*, $-N(R^*)_2$, $-N(R^*)_3^+$, -(C=O)-R*, -CHO, $-CO_2H$, $-CO_2R^*$, -SR*, $-SO_2R^*$, and an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S, and wherein R_a is optionally substituted with one or more of -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -OR*;

R_b is selected from hydrogen, -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -OR*, -(C=O)-R*, -CHO, $-CO_2H$, $-CO_2R^*$ and an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, which further comprises 0-3 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, and S, and wherein R_b is optionally substituted with one or more of -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -OR*, and

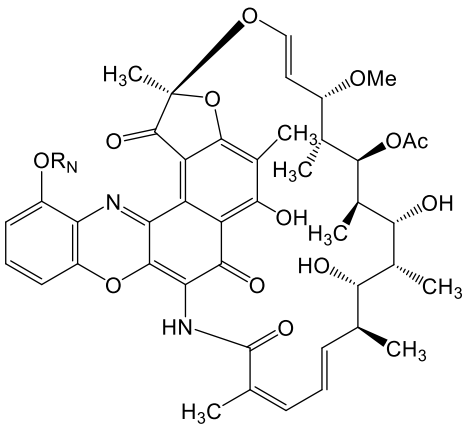
R* is independently at each occurrence selected from hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S and combinations thereof.

[00037] In another example~~aspect~~, the present disclosure provides a rifamycin analog compound having a structure of formula (B-1):


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; wherein the 〰 symbol represents the point of attachment; and R', R" and R''' are selected from a hydrogen, a C_1-C_6 aliphatic hydrocarbon, and a protecting group selected from F_{MOC} and $B_{OC,}$ or wherein R' and R'' together form an aliphatic monocyclic, an aliphatic bicyclic, or an aliphatic polycyclic structure; and

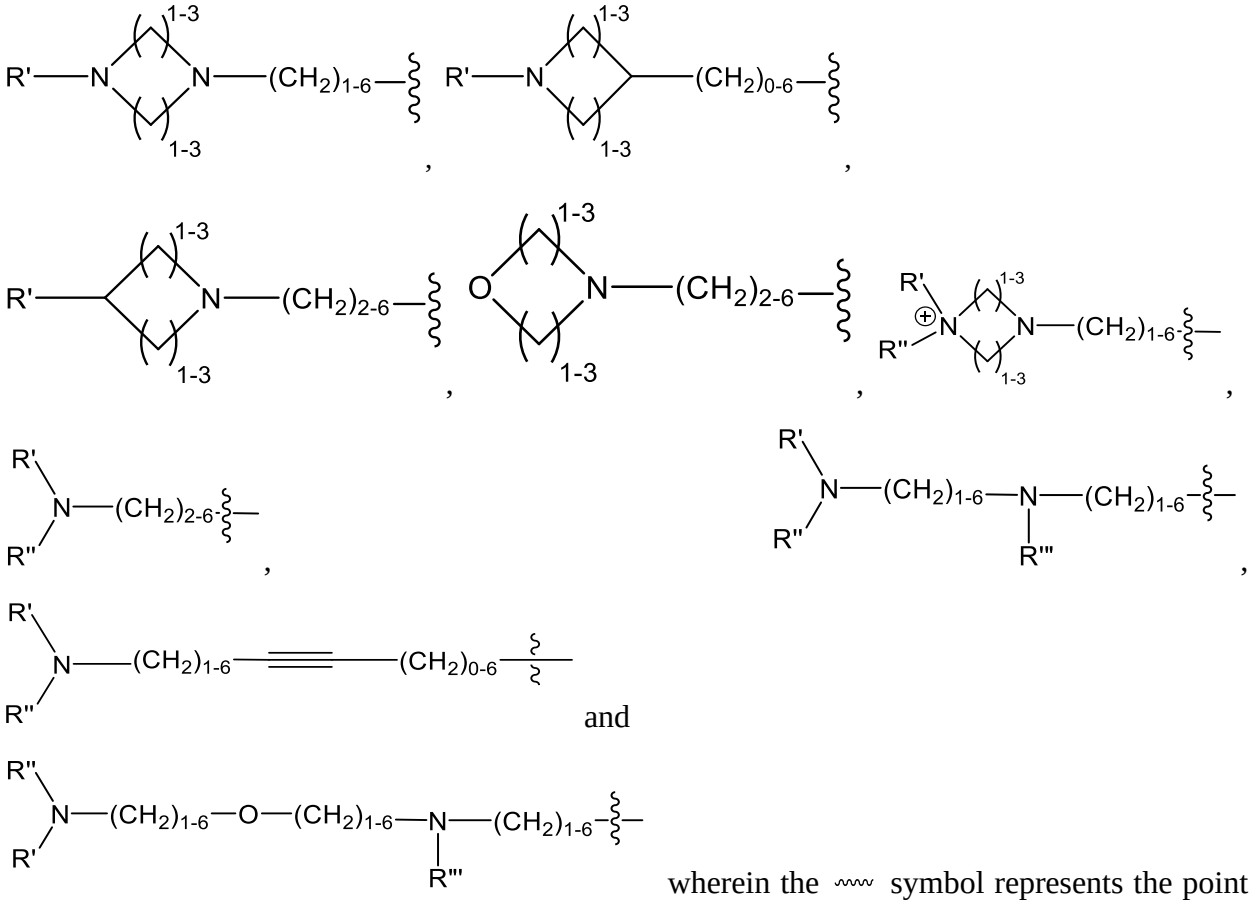
R* is independently at each occurrence selected from hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S and combinations thereof.

[00038] In another example~~aspect~~, the present disclosure provides a rifamycin analog compound having a structure of formula (B-2):


(B-2)

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof wherein:

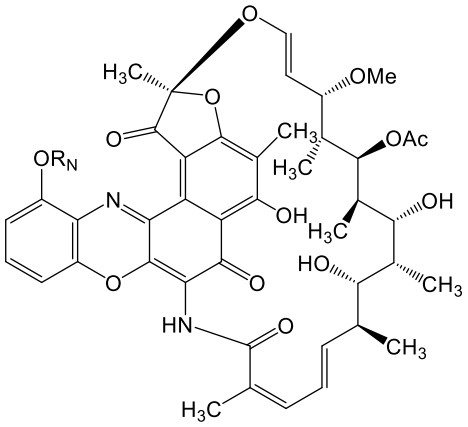
R_N is selected from:



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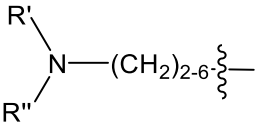
wherein the 〰 symbol represents the point of attachment; and R', R" and R''' are selected from a hydrogen, a C_1-C_6 aliphatic hydrocarbon, and a protecting group selected from F_{MOC} and $B_{OC,}$ or wherein R' and R'' together form an aliphatic monocyclic, an aliphatic bicyclic, or an aliphatic polycyclic structure.

[00039] In another ~~aspect~~example, the present disclosure provides a rifamycin analog compound having a structure of formula (B-2):

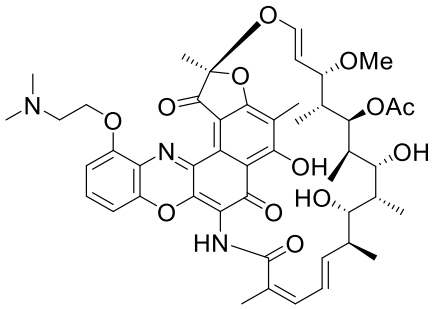


(B-2)

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof wherein:

R_N is  wherein the ~~~ symbol represents the point of attachment; and R' and R" are selected from a hydrogen and a C_1-C_6 aliphatic hydrocarbon.

[00040] In one example~~embodiment~~, a rifamycin analog compound has a structure according to the following formula:



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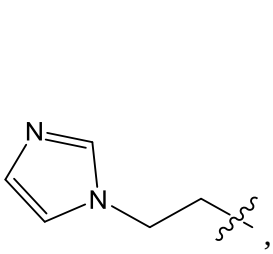
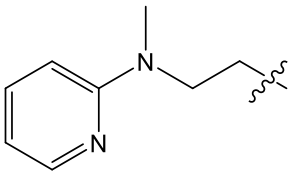
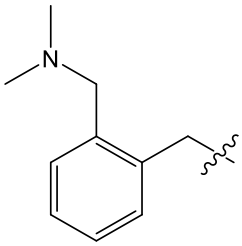
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

[00041] In an example ~~embodiment~~ of any of the preceding formulas is provided a compound wherein R_1 is selected from R_N, a hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, each of which further comprises 0-3 heteroatoms selected from O and N, and wherein R_1 is optionally substituted with one or more of -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, C_{1-3} alkoxide, $-NH_2$, -NHR*, $-N(R^*)_2$, $-N(R^*)_3^+$, -N(R*)-OH, $-O-N(R^*)_2$, -N(R*)-O-R*, -N(R*)-(C=O)-R*, -(C=O)-R*, -CHO, $-CO_2H$, $-CO_2R^*$, -O-(C=O)-H, -O-(C=O)-R*, $-(C=O)-NH_2$, $-(C=O)-N(R^*)_2$, $-Si(R^*)_3$, $-CF_3$, $-O-CF_3$ and combinations thereof, with the provisos that R_1 is not an n-butyl group, and when X is -O-, R_1 is not hydrogen.

[00042] In an example ~~embodiment~~ of any of the preceding formulas is provided a compound wherein R_1 is a combination of an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon and an aromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon.

[00043] In an example ~~embodiment~~ of any of the preceding formulas is provided a compound wherein R_1 is a combination of an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon and a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon.

[00044] In an example ~~embodiment~~ of any of the preceding formulas is provided a compound wherein R_1 is selected from:


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[00045] In an example ~~embodiment~~ of any of the preceding formulas is provided a compound wherein R_1 is an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon substituted with one or more of -NH_2, -NHR*, -$N(R^*)_2$, , or -N(R*)-(C=O)-R*.

[00046] In an example ~~embodiment~~ of any of the preceding formulas is provided a compound wherein R_1 is an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon substituted with -NH-(C=O)-CH_3 or -$N(CH_3)$-(C=O)-CH_3.

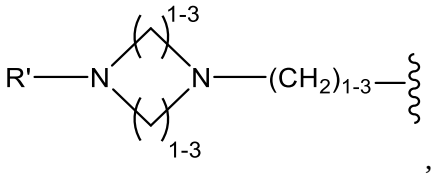
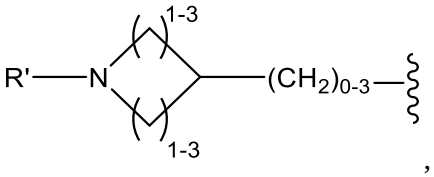
[00047] In an example ~~embodiment~~ of any of the preceding formulas is provided a compound wherein R_a is hydrogen.

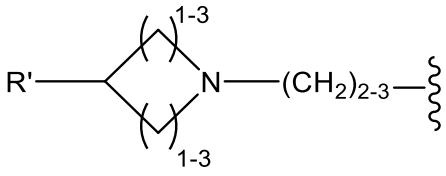
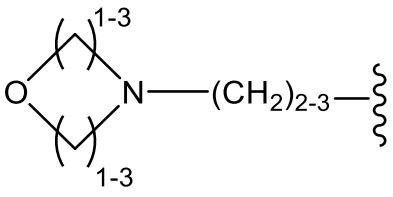
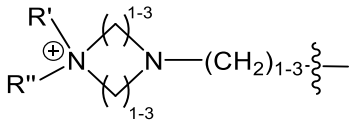
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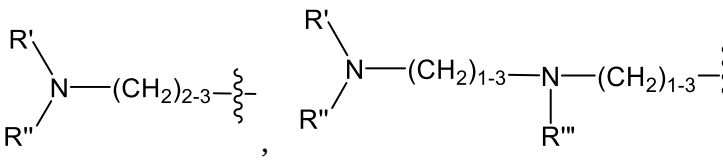
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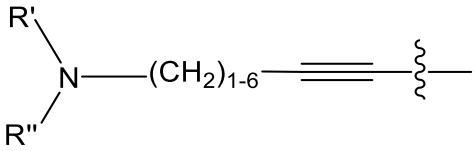
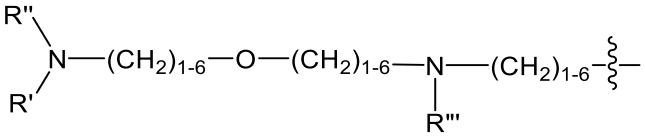
[00050] In an example ~~embodiment~~ of any of the preceding formulas is provided a compound wherein R_a is -OR*, and R* is selected from an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof.

[00051] In an example ~~embodiment~~ of any of the preceding formulas is provided a compound wherein R_N is selected from:


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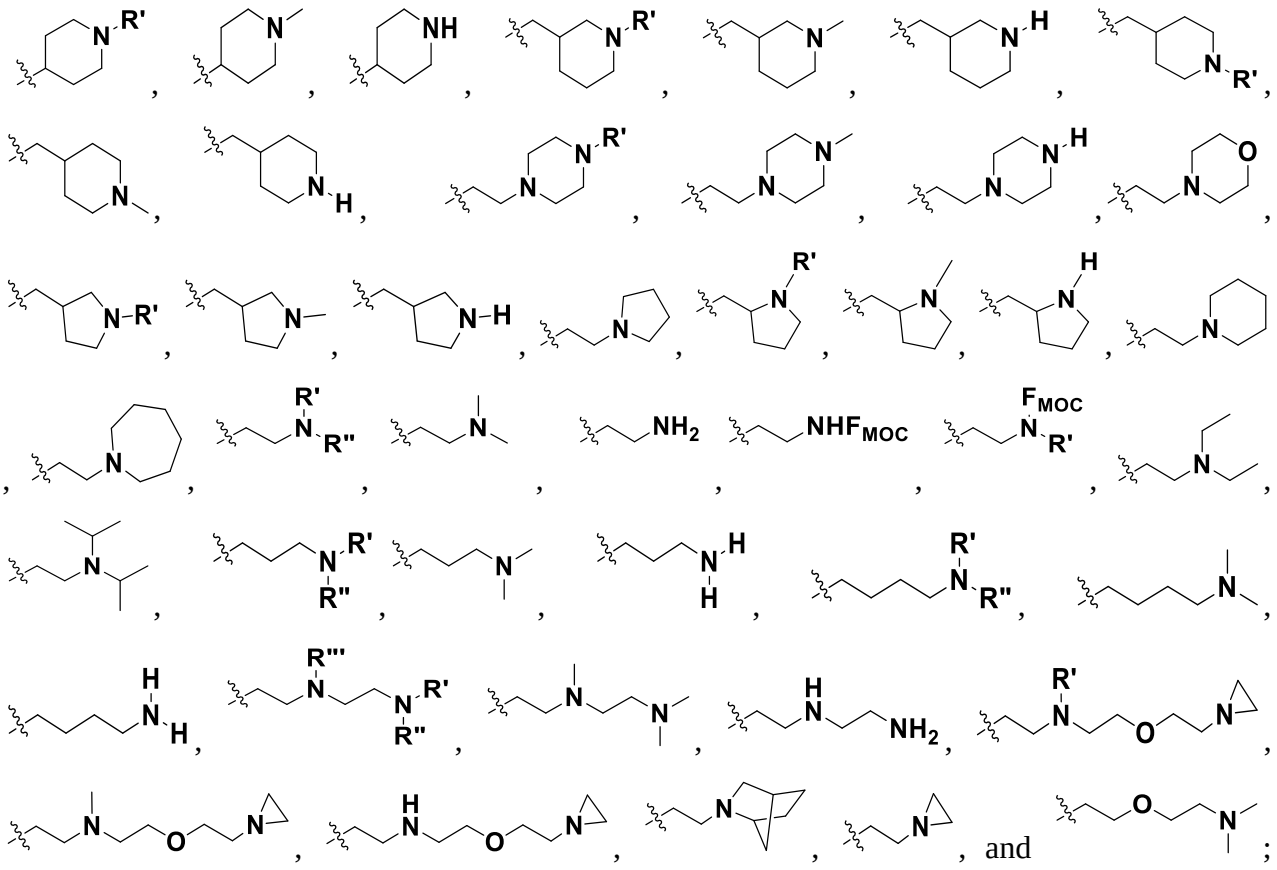

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and ; wherein the 〰 symbol represents the point of attachment; and R', R" and R''' are selected from a hydrogen, a C_1-C_6 aliphatic hydrocarbon, and a protecting group selected from F_{MOC} and $B_{OC,}$ or wherein R' and R'' together form an aliphatic monocyclic, an aliphatic bicyclic, or an aliphatic polycyclic structure.

[00052] In an example ~~embodiment~~ of any of the preceding formulas is provided a compound wherein R_N is selected from:

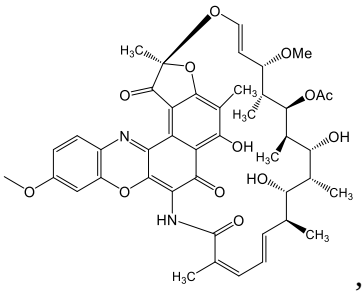
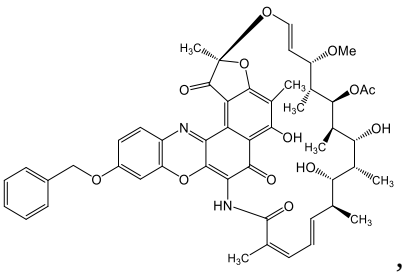
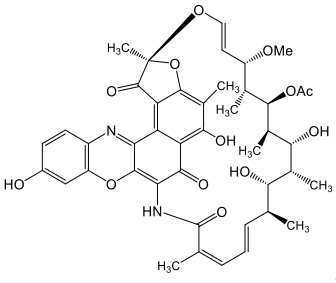
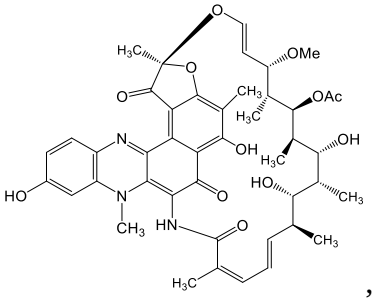
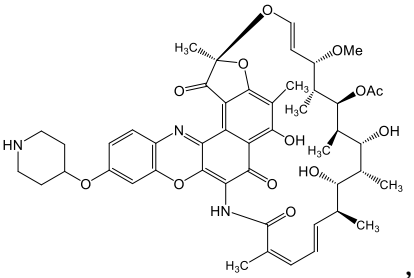
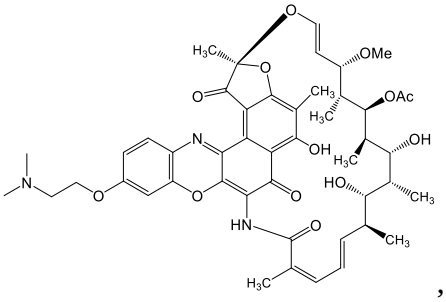
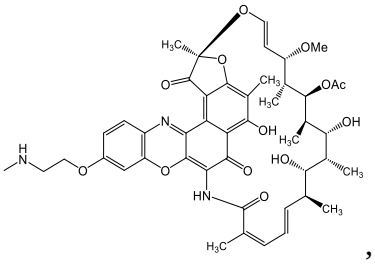
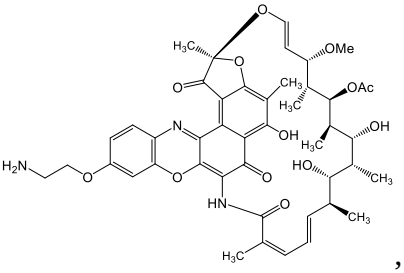
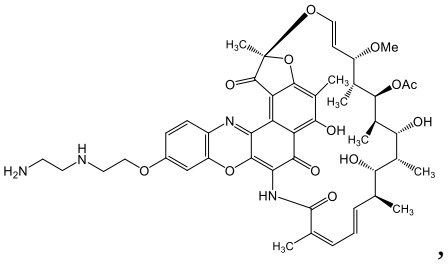
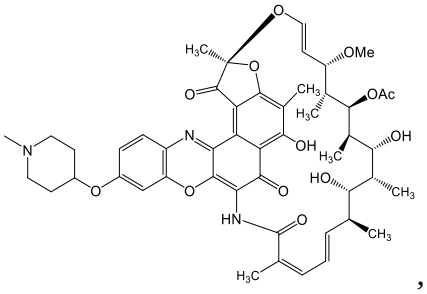
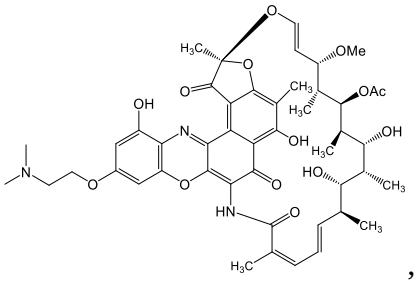
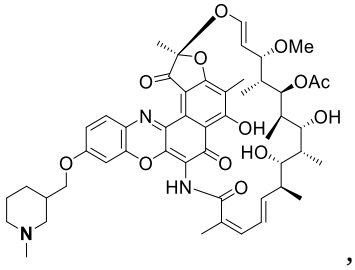


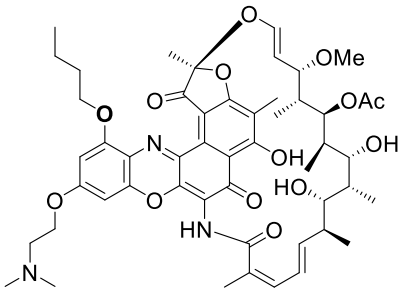
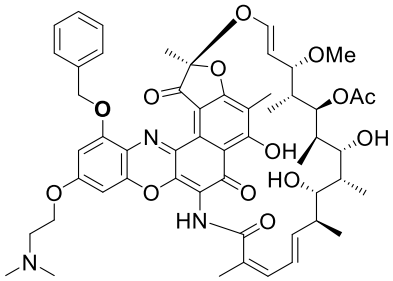
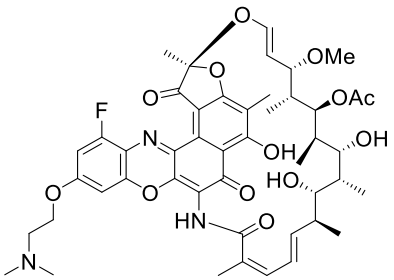
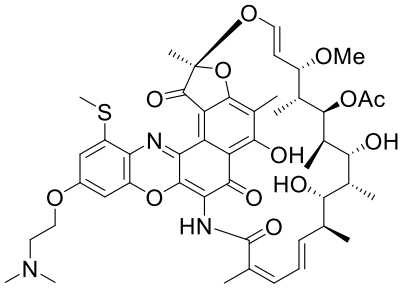
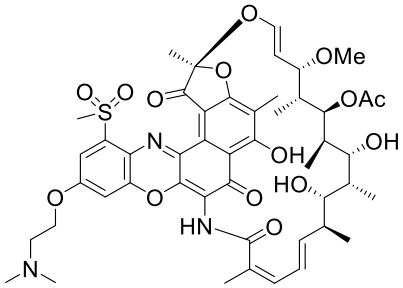
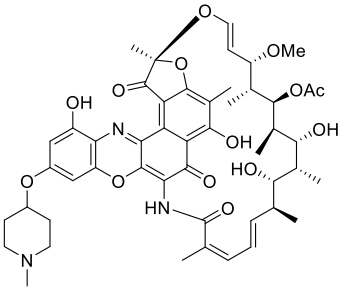
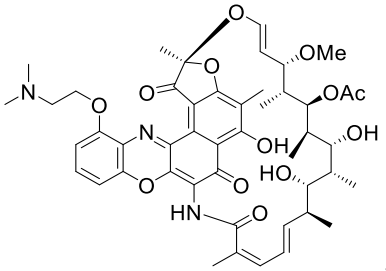
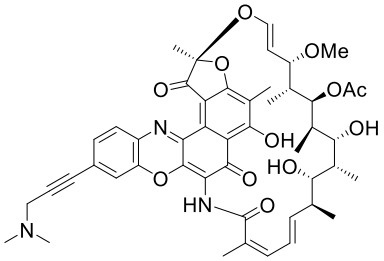
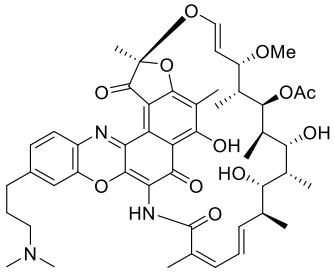
wherein R' is hydrogen, aliphatic hydrocarbon or a protecting group, and wherein the 〰 symbol represents the point of attachment.

[00053] In an example ~~embodiment~~ of a compound of any of the preceding formulas is provided a

compound wherein R* is independently at each occurrence selected from hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_6 hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_4-C_6 hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, which optionally comprise 1-3 heteroatoms selected from O, N and combinations thereof.

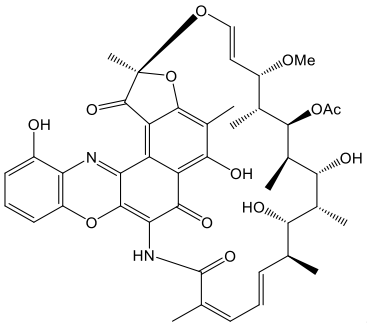
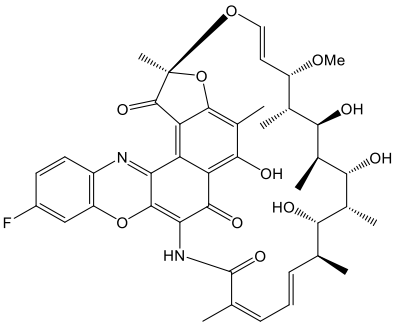
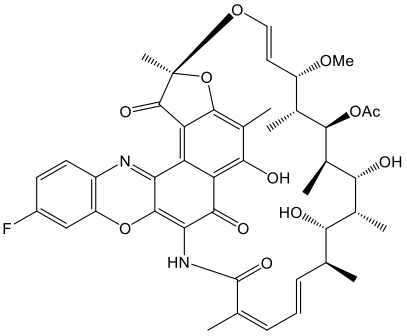
[00054] In one example~~embodiment~~, a rifamycin analog compound of the disclosure has a structure selected from the group consisting of:


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[00055] In one example~~embodiment~~, a rifamycin analog compound of the disclosure has a structure selected from the group consisting of:

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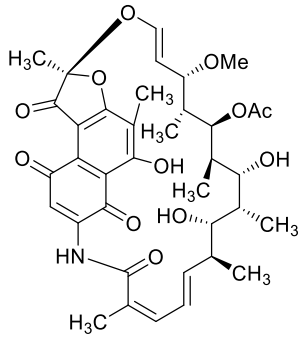
[00056] In one example~~aspect~~, the present disclosure provides a method of manufacturing a rifamycin analog compound having the structure of formula (V):

and a protecting group selected from F_{MOC} and $B_{OC,}$ or wherein R' and R'' together form an aliphatic monocyclic, an aliphatic bicyclic, or an aliphatic polycyclic structure; and

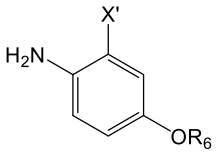
R* is independently at each occurrence selected from hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S and combinations thereof,

comprising the steps of:

(a) contacting Rifamycin S having the structure:



with a compound having the structure of formula (VI):

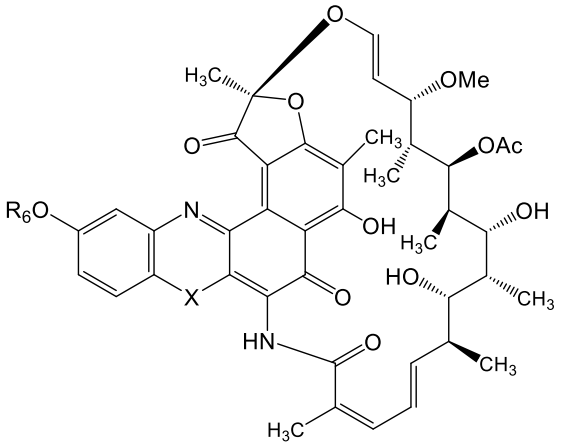


(VI),

wherein X' is selected from -OH and -NHR*, and

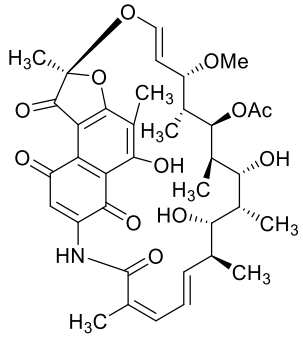
(b) treating the product of step (a) with an oxidizing agent.

[00057] In one example~~aspect~~, the present disclosure provides a method of manufacturing a rifamycin analog compound having the structure of formula (V'):

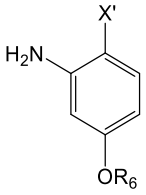


(V'),

wherein X is selected from -O- and NR*-;



with a compound having the structure of formula (VI'):

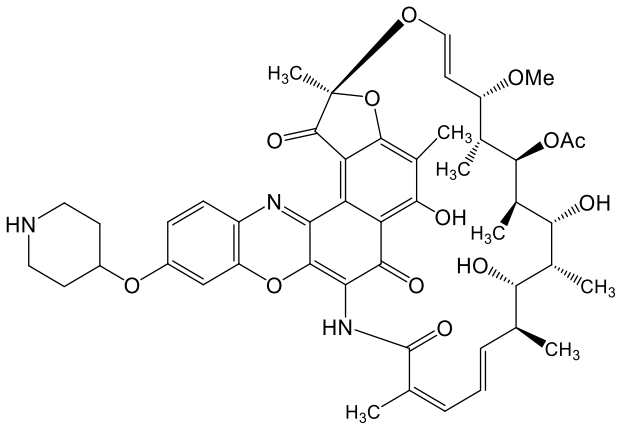


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wherein X' is selected from -OH and -NHR*, and

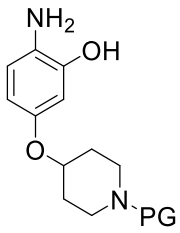
(b) treating the product of step (a) with an oxidizing agent.

[00058] In one example~~aspect~~, the present disclosure provides a method of manufacturing a compound having the structure:



comprising the steps of:

(a) contacting Rifamycin S with a compound having the structure of formula (VII):



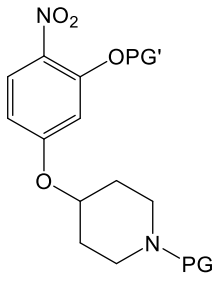
(VII),

wherein PG is a protecting group;

(b) treating the product of step (a) with an oxidizing agent, and

(c) removing the protecting group PG.

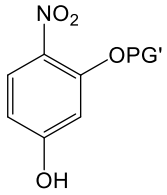
[00059] In one example~~embodiment~~, the compound of formula (VII) is prepared by removing protecting group PG' from a compound of formula (VIII):



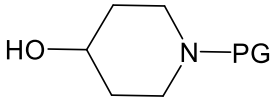
(VIII),

wherein protecting groups PG and PG' may be the same or different from each other.

[00060] In one example~~embodiment~~, the compound of formula (VIII) is prepared by contacting a compound of formula (IX):



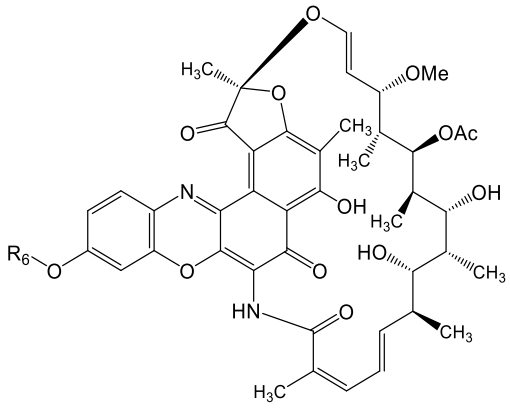
(IX) with a compound of formula (X):



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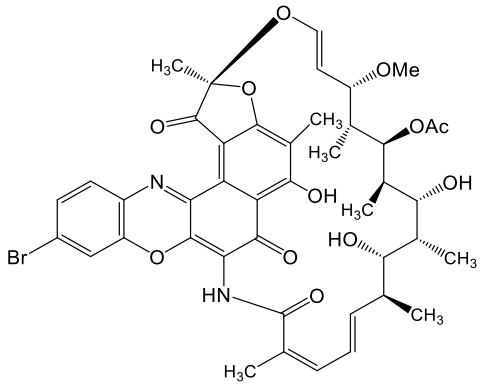
wherein protecting groups PG and PG' may be the same or different from each other.

[00061] In one example~~aspect~~, the present disclosure provides a method of manufacturing a compound having the structure of formula (XI):



(XI)

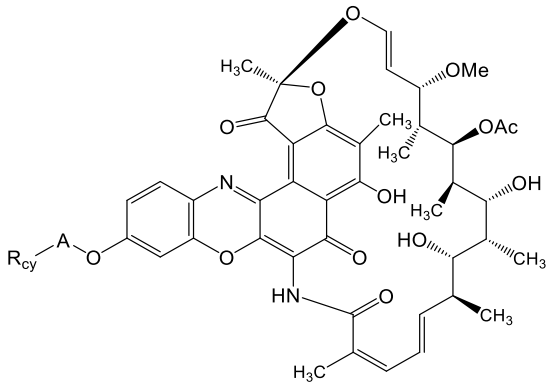
wherein R_6 is selected from R_N, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S and combinations thereof and wherein R_6 is optionally substituted with one or more of -F-Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -OR*, -NO, -NO_2, -NO_3, -O-NO, -N_3, -NH_2, -NHR*, -$N(R^*)_2$, -



(XII)

with an alcohol having the structure R_6-OH.

[00062] In one example~~aspect~~, the present disclosure provides a method of manufacturing a compound having the structure of formula (XIII):



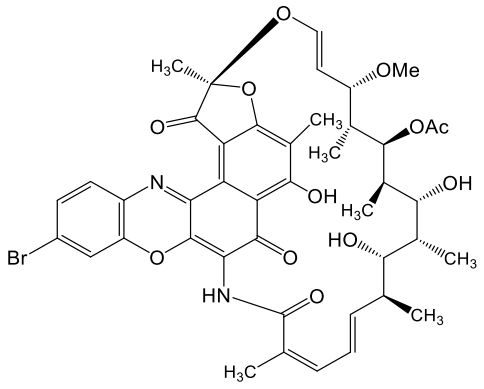
(XIII)

wherein A is selected from a bond (A is absent) or an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon;

R_{cy} is a C_3-C_{14} cycloaliphatic hydrocarbon which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S and combinations thereof and wherein R_{cy} is optionally substituted with one or more of -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -OR*, -NO, -NO_2, -NO_3, -O-NO, -N_3, -NH_2, -NHR*, -N(R*)$_2$, -N(R*)$_3^+$, -N(R*)-OH, -O-N(R*)$_2$, -N(R*)-O-R*, -CN, -NC, -(C=O)-R*, -CHO, -CO_2H, -CO_2R*, -(C=O)-S-R*, -O-(C=O)-H, -O-(C=O)-R*, -S-(C=O)-R*, -(C=O)-NH_2, -(C=O)-N(R*)$_2$, -(C=O)-$NHNH_2$, -O-(C=O)-$NHNH_2$, -(C=S)-NH_2, -(C=S)-N(R*)$_2$, -N(R*)-CHO, -N(R*)-(C=O)-R*, -SCN, -NCS, -NSO, -SSR*, -SO_2R*, -SO_2-N(R*)$_2$, -S(=O)-OR*, -S(=O)-R*, -Si(R*)$_3$, -CF_3, -O-CF_3 and combinations thereof; and

R* is independently at each occurrence selected from hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, which further

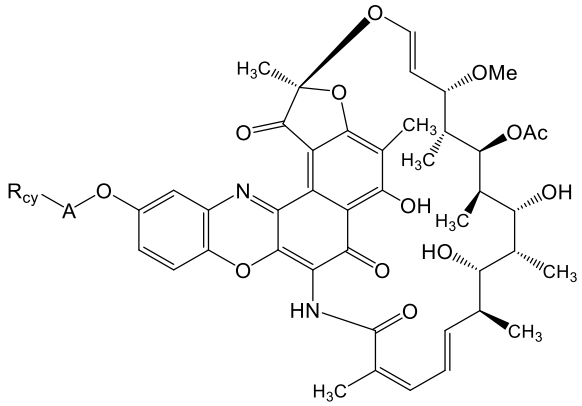
comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S and combinations thereof; comprising contacting a compound having the structure of formula (XII):



(XII)

with an alcohol having the structure R_{cy}-A-OH.

[00063] In one example~~aspect~~, the present disclosure provides a method of manufacturing a compound having the structure of formula (XIII'):



(XIII')

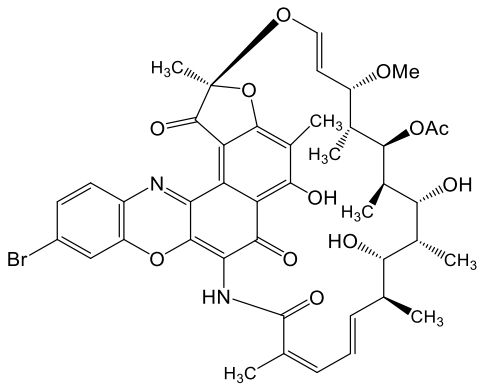
wherein A is selected from a bond (A is absent) or an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon;

R_{cy} is a C_3-C_{14} cycloaliphatic hydrocarbon which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S and combinations thereof and wherein R_{cy} is optionally substituted with one or more of -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -OR*, -NO, -NO_2, -NO_3, -O-NO, -N_3, -NH_2, -NHR*, -$N(R^*)_2$, -$N(R^*)_3^+$, -N(R*)-OH, -O-$N(R^*)_2$, -N(R*)-O-R*, -CN, -NC, -(C=O)-R*, -CHO, -CO_2H, -CO_2R^*, -(C=O)-S-R*, -O-(C=O)-H, -O-(C=O)-R*, -S-(C=O)-R*, -(C=O)-NH_2, -(C=O)-$N(R^*)_2$, -(C=O)-$NHNH_2$, -O-(C=O)-$NHNH_2$, -(C=S)-NH_2, -(C=S)-$N(R^*)_2$, -N(R*)-CHO, -N(R*)-(C=O)-R*, -SCN, -NCS, -NSO, -SSR*, -SO_2R^*, -SO_2-$N(R^*)_2$, -S(=O)-OR*, -S(=O)-R*, -$Si(R^*)_3$, -CF_3, -O-CF_3 and combinations thereof; and

R* is independently at each occurrence selected from hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon,

an aromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S and combinations thereof;

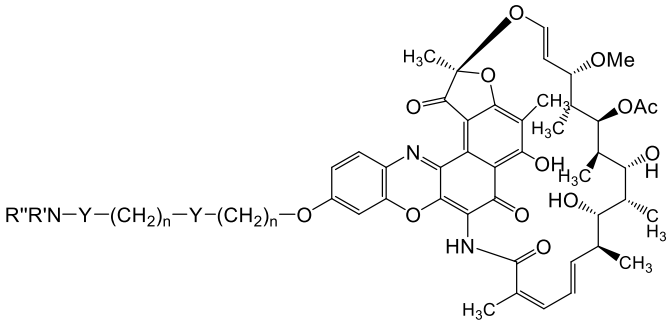
comprising contacting a compound having the structure of formula (XII):



(XII)

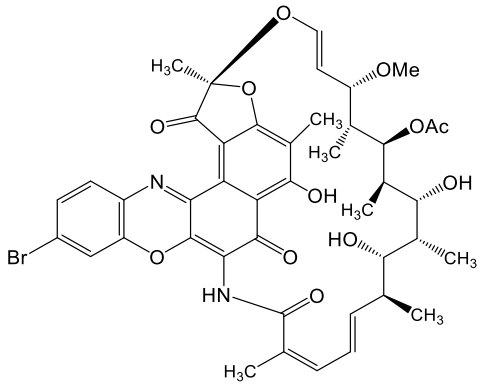
with an alcohol having the structure R_{cy}-A-OH.

[00064] In one example~~aspect~~, the present disclosure provides a method of manufacturing a compound having the structure of formula (XIV):



(XIV),

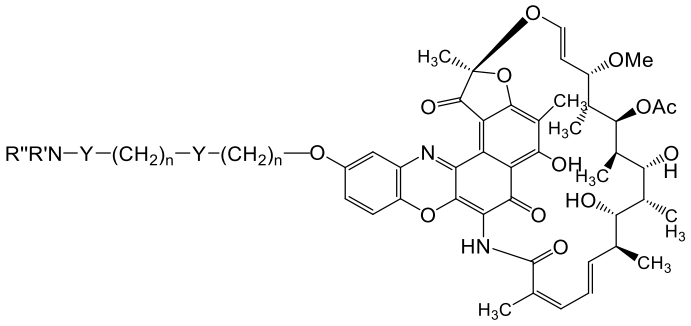
wherein Y is at each occurrence selected from -O- and -NR'R"-; n is independently at each occurrence an integer from 1-6, and R', R'', and R''' are each independently selected from a hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon; said method comprising contacting a compound having the structure of formula (XII):



(XII)

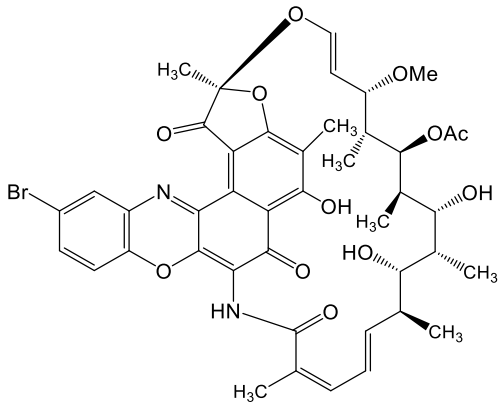
with an alcohol having the structure $R''R'N-Y-(CH_2)_n-Y-(CH_2)_n-OH$.

[00065] In one example~~aspect~~, the present disclosure provides a method of manufacturing a compound having the structure of formula (XIV'):



(XIV'),

wherein Y is at each occurrence selected from -O- and -NR'R"-; n is independently at each occurrence an integer from 1 to 6, and R', R'', and R''' are each independently selected from a hydrogen and an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon; said method comprising contacting a compound having the structure of formula (XII'):



(XII')

with an alcohol having the structure $R''R'N-Y-(CH_2)_n-Y-(CH_2)_n-OH$.

[00066] In one example~~embodiment~~, the compound of formula (XII) is prepared by contacting Rifamycin S with 2-amino-5-bromophenol, and treating the product with an oxidizing agent.

[00067] In one example~~embodiment~~, the compound of formula (XII') is prepared by contacting Rifamycin S with 2-amino-4-bromophenol, and treating the product with an oxidizing agent.

[00068] In one example~~aspect~~, the present disclosure provides a pharmaceutical composition comprising any one or more of compounds as described above, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

[00069] In another example~~aspect~~, the present disclosure provides a pharmaceutical dosage form comprising any one or more of compounds as described above, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, or a pharmaceutical composition as described above.

[00070] In another example~~aspect~~, the present disclosure provides a method of preventing or inhibiting growth of a bacterium comprising administering an effective amount of a rifamycin analog compound having a structure according to any one of formula (A), (B), (I), (I'), (II), (II'), (III), (III'), (IV), (IV'), (V), (V') as provided herein.

[00071] In one example~~embodiment~~, the bacterium is a Gram-positive bacterium.

[00072] In one example~~embodiment~~, the bacterium is a penicillin-resistant bacterium.

[00073] In one example~~embodiment~~, the bacterium is *Staphylococcus aureus*.

[00074] In one example~~embodiment~~, the bacterium is methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA).

[00075] In one example~~embodiment~~, the bacterium is vancomycin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (VRSA).

[00076] In one example~~embodiment~~, the bacterium is methicillin-susceptible *Staphylococcus aureus* (MSSA).

[00077] In yet another example~~aspect~~, the present disclosure provides a method of treating a bacterial infection in a subject in need of such treatment comprising administering to the subject an effective amount of a rifamycin analog compound having a structure according to any one of formula (A), (B), (I), (I'), (II), (II'), (III), (III'), (IV), (IV'), (V), (V') as provided herein.

[00078] In one example~~embodiment~~, the bacterial infection is a Gram-positive bacterial infection.

[00079] In one example~~embodiment~~, the bacterial infection is a penicillin-resistant bacterial infection.

[00080] In one example~~embodiment~~, the bacterial infection is a *Staphylococcus aureus* infection.

[00081] In one example~~embodiment~~, the bacterial infection is a methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) infection.

[00082] In one exampleembodiment, the bacterial infection is a vancomycin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (VRSA) infection.

[00083] In one exampleembodiment, wherein the bacterial infection is a methicillin-susceptible *Staphylococcus aureus* (MSSA) infection.

[00084] In one exampleembodiment, the bacterial infection is an intracellular bacterial infection.

[00085] In one exampleembodiment, the subject is human.

[00086] In one exampleembodiment, the method further comprises administering a second therapeutic agent.

[00087] In one exampleembodiment, the second therapeutic agent is a second antibiotic.

[00088] In one exampleembodiment, the second antibiotic is effective against *Staphylococcus aureus*.

[00089] In one exampleembodiment, the second antibiotic is selected from an aminoglycoside, a beta-lactam, a macrolide, a cyclic peptide, a tetracycline, a fluoroquinoline, a fluoroquinolone, and an oxazolidinone.

[00090] In one exampleembodiment, the second antibiotic is selected from clindamycin, novobiocin, retapamulin, daptomycin, sitafloxacin, teicoplanin, triclosan, napthyridone, radezolid, doxorubicin, ampicillin, vancomycin, imipenem, doripenem, gemcitabine, dalbavancin, and azithromycin.

[00091] In one exampleembodiment, the compound is administered to the subject orally, topically, intranasally, intravenously, intramuscularly, or subcutaneously.

[00092] In another exampleaspect, provided herein are antibody-drug conjugates comprising antibodies, or antigen-binding fragments of antibodies, and further comprising a rifamycin analog. In some examplesembodiments of the antibody-drug conjugates of the present inventiondisclosure, the antibodies, or antigen-binding fragments of antibodies, bind to an infectious disease-related target. Infectious disease-related targets useful for the present disclosure include, but are not limited to, Macrophage scavenger receptor 1 (MSR1), wall teichoic acids (WTA), *S. aureus* antigens such as Protein A, IsdA, IsdB, IsdC, IsdE, IsdH, ClfA, ClfB, CP5, CP8, SdrC, SdrD, SdrE, FnBpA, FnBpB, Cna, polysaccharide poly-N-aceytlglucosamine (PNAG), and SasG.

[00093] In some examplesembodiments, the antibodies, or antigen-binding fragments of antibodies bind to MSR1. In some examplesembodiments, the antibodies, or antigen-binding fragments of antibodies bind to WTA. In some examplesembodiments, the antibodies, or antigen-binding fragments of antibodies

bind to Protein A.

[00094] In another exampleaspect, provided herein are antibody-drug conjugates comprising antibodies, or antigen-binding fragments of antibodies, that bind the membrane glycoprotein receptor known as MSR1, and further comprising a rifamycin analog. The antibodies are useful, *inter alia*, for targeting cells that express MSR1, such as macrophage cells.

[00095] In another exampleaspect, provided herein are antibody-drug conjugates comprising antibodies, or antigen-binding fragments of antibodies, that bind wall teichoic acids (WTA), and further comprising a rifamycin analog.

[00096] In another exampleaspect, provided herein are antibody-drug conjugates comprising antibodies, or antigen-binding fragments of antibodies, that bind Protein A, and further comprising a rifamycin analog.

[00097] In another exampleaspect, provided herein is a pharmaceutical composition comprising an antibody-drug conjugate comprising a recombinant human antibody or fragment thereof, further comprising a rifamycin analog, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. In some examplesembodiments, the recombinant human antibody or fragment thereof specifically binds an infectious disease-related target. In some examplesembodiments, the recombinant human antibody or fragment thereof specifically binds MSR1, WTA or Protein A. In a related exampleaspect, example sembodiments relate to a composition which is a combination of an antibody-drug conjugate comprising antibody described herein and further comprising a rifamycin analog, and a second therapeutic agent. In one exampleembodiment, the second therapeutic agent is any agent that is advantageously combined with an antibody-drug conjugate comprising an antibody described herein. In one exampleembodiment, the second therapeutic agent is an antibody-drug conjugate comprising an antibody described herein conjugated to a second drug or a therapeutic agent. Exemplary combination therapies, co-formulations, and ADCs involving the antibodies are disclosed elsewhere herein.

[00098] Also provided herein are reactive linker-payloads comprising rifamycin analogs, for example, the compounds having a structure according to any example embodiment of formulas (A), (B), (I), (I'), (II), (II'), (III), (III'), (IV), (IV'), (V), (V'), (B-1), (B-2) as provided herein, useful for making the antibody-drug conjugates comprising an antibody. Further provided herein are modified antibodies and modified antigen-binding fragments useful for making the antibody-drug conjugates comprising rifamycin analogs. In some examplesembodiments, the antibody or antigen-binding fragment thereof specifically binds an infectious disease-related target. In some examplesembodiments, the

antibody or antigen-binding fragment thereof specifically binds MSR1, WTA or Protein A.

[00099] Also provided herein are methods of preventing or inhibiting growth of a bacterium comprising administration of an effective amount of an antibody-drug conjugate (ADC) comprising an antibody or antigen-binding fragment thereof and a rifamycin analog. In some examples~~embodiments~~, the antibody or antigen-binding fragment thereof specifically binds an infectious disease-related target. In some examples~~embodiments~~, the antibody or antigen-binding fragment thereof specifically binds MSR1, WTA or Protein A.

[000100] Also provided herein are therapeutic methods comprising administration of an effective amount of an ADC comprising an antibody or antigen-binding fragment thereof and a rifamycin analog, to a subject in need thereof. The therapeutic methods comprise administering a therapeutically effective amount of a pharmaceutical composition comprising an ADC comprising an antibody or antigen-binding fragment thereof and a rifamycin analog to the subject. The disorder treated is any disease or condition which is improved, ameliorated, inhibited or prevented by targeting the infectious disease-related target and/or by the administration of an antibiotic agent. In some examples~~embodiments~~, the disease or condition is a proliferative disease, a metabolic disease, inflammation, a neurodegenerative disease, or disease, disorder, or condition associated with glucocorticoid receptor signaling. In some of such examples~~embodiments~~, the side effects associated with administration of the unconjugated rifamycin analog are reduced. Provided herein is the use of an antibody, an antigen-binding portion thereof, or an ADC comprising an antibody or antigen-binding fragment thereof, described herein, for the treatment of any disease disorder or condition described herein. In some examples~~embodiments~~, the antibody or antigen-binding fragment thereof specifically binds an infectious disease-related target. In some examples~~embodiments~~, the antibody or antigen-binding fragment thereof specifically binds MSR1, WTA or Protein A.

[000101] Also provided herein are therapeutic methods for treating, attenuating, or ameliorating a disease or disorder or condition associated with Staphylococcal infection, for example, a *S. aureus* infection and/or for ameliorating at least one symptom associated with such disease, disorder or condition, comprising administration of a rifamycin analog or an ADC comprising an antibody or antigen-binding fragment thereof and a rifamycin analog, to a subject in need thereof. Such disease, disorder or condition may be cellulitis, bacteremia, dermonecrosis, eyelid infection, eye infection, neonatal conjunctivitis, osteomyelitis, impetigo, boils, scalded skin syndrome, food poisoning, pneumonia, surgical infection, urinary tract infection, burn infection,

meningitis, endocarditis, septicemia, toxic shock syndrome, or septic arthritis. In some examplesembodiments, the subject has a prosthetic joint and the rifamycin analogs or ADCs comprising an antibody or antigen-binding fragment thereof and a rifamycin analog disclosed herein are used for treating and/or preventing *S. aureus* infection of the tissue surrounding the prosthetic joint. In some examplesembodiments, the subject has a catheter and the rifamycin analogs or ADCs comprising an antibody or antigen-binding fragment thereof and a rifamycin analog disclosed herein are used for treating and/or preventing *S. aureus* infection of the catheter and/or the tissue surrounding the catheter. In some examplesembodiments, the subject has a foreign body implanted, and the rifamycin analogs or ADCs comprising an antibody or antigen-binding fragment thereof and a rifamycin analog disclosed herein are used for treating and/or preventing *S. aureus* infection of the foreign body and/or the tissue surrounding the foreign body. In some examplesembodiments, the subject has mastitis, and the antibodies disclosed herein are useful for treating mastitis. The therapeutic methods comprise administering a therapeutically effective amount of a pharmaceutical composition comprising a rifamycin analog or an ADC comprising an antibody or antigen-binding fragment thereof and a rifamycin analog, to a subject in need thereof. In some examplesembodiments, the antibody or antigen-binding fragment thereof specifically binds an infectious disease-related target. In some examplesembodiments, the antibody or antigen-binding fragment thereof specifically binds MSR1, WTA or Protein A.

[000102] In another exampleaspect, the present disclosure provides an antibody-drug conjugate comprising an antibody, or an antigen-binding fragment thereof, conjugated to the rifamycin analog compound of any of the examplesembodiments of the disclosure via a linker or through a linker-spacer.

[000103] In various examplesembodiments, the antibody, or the antigen-binding fragment thereof, binds macrophage scavenger receptor 1 (MSR1). In various examplesembodiments, the antibody, or the antigen-binding fragment thereof, binds wall teichoic acids (WTA). In various examplesembodiments, the antibody, or the antigen-binding fragment thereof, binds *S. aureus* Protein A.

[000104] In one exampleembodiment, the antibody, or the antigen-binding fragment thereof, may comprise: (a) the complementarity determining regions (CDRs) of a heavy chain variable region (HCVR) comprising an amino acid sequence as set forth in Table 9; and (b) the CDRs of a light chain variable region (LCVR) comprising an amino acid sequence as set forth in Table 9.

[000105] In one exampleembodiment, the anti-MSR1 antibody, or the antigen-binding fragment

thereof, may comprise:

(i) a HCDR1 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 4, 36, 52, 92, and 284;

(ii) a HCDR2 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 6, 38, 54, 94, and 286;

(iii) a HCDR3 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 8, 40, 56, 96, and 288;

(iv) a LCDR1 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 12, 44, 60, 100, and 292;

(v) a LCDR2 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 14, 46, 62, 102, and 294; and

(vi) a LCDR3 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 16, 48, 64, 104, and 296.

[000106] In one example~~embodiment~~, the anti-WTA antibody, or the antigen-binding fragment thereof, may comprise: (a) the complementarity determining regions (CDRs) of a heavy chain variable region (HCVR) comprising an amino acid sequence as set forth in Table 2A; and (b) the CDRs of a light chain variable region (LCVR) comprising an amino acid sequence as set forth in Table 2A.

[000107] In one example~~embodiment~~, the anti-WTA antibody, or the antigen-binding fragment thereof, may comprise:

(i) a HCDR1 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 470, 476, 482, and 488;

(ii) a HCDR2 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 471, 477, 483, and 489;

(iii) a HCDR3 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 472, 478, 484, and 490;

(iv) a LCDR1 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 467, 473, 479, and 485;

(v) a LCDR2 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 468, 474, 480, and 486; and

(vi) a LCDR3 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group

consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 469, 475, 481, and 487.

[000108] In one exampleembodiment, the anti-WTA antibody, or the antigen-binding fragment thereof, may comprise: (a) the complementarity determining regions (CDRs) of a heavy chain variable region (HCVR) comprising an amino acid sequence as set forth in Table 2B; and (b) the CDRs of a light chain variable region (LCVR) comprising an amino acid sequence as set forth in Table 2B.

[000109] In one exampleembodiment, the anti-WTA antibody, or the antigen-binding fragment thereof, may comprise:

(i) a HCDR1 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 502, 508, 514, 520, 526, 532, 538, 544, 550, 556, 562, 568, and 574;

(ii) a HCDR2 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 503, 509, 515, 521, 527, 533, 539, 545, 551, 557, 563, 569, and 575;

(iii) a HCDR3 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 504, 510, 516, 522, 528, 534, 540, 546, 552, 558, 564, 570, 576, and 584;

(iv) a LCDR1 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 499, 505, 511, 517, 523, 529, 535, 541, 547, 553, 559, 565, and 571;

(v) a LCDR2 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 500, 506, 512, 518, 524, 530, 536, 542, 548, 554, 560, 566, and 572; and

(vi) a LCDR3 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 501, 507, 513, 519, 525, 531, 537, 543, 549, 555, 561, 567, and 573.

[000110] In some examplesembodiments, the anti-WTA antibody, or the antigen-binding fragment thereof, comprises a V205C mutation (EU numbering) in the light chain.

[000111] In one exampleembodiment, the anti-Protein A antibody, or the antigen-binding fragment thereof, may comprise: (a) the complementarity determining regions (CDRs) of a heavy chain variable region (HCVR) comprising an amino acid sequence as set forth in Table 3A; and (b) the

CDRs of a light chain variable region (LCVR) comprising an amino acid sequence as set forth in Table 3A.

[000112] In one example~~embodiment~~, the anti-Protein A antibody, or the antigen-binding fragment thereof, may comprise:

[000113] (i) a HCDR1 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 632, 652, and 672;

[000114] (ii) a HCDR2 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 634, 654, and 674;

[000115] (iii) a HCDR3 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 636, 656, and 676;

[000116] (iv) a LCDR1 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 640, 660, and 680;

[000117] (v) a LCDR2 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 642 and 662; and

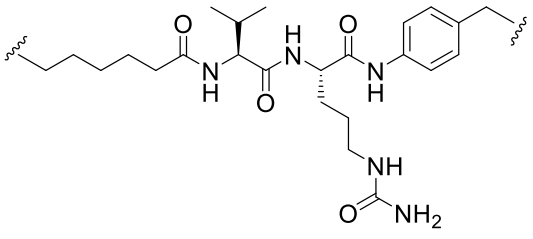
[000118] (vi) a LCDR3 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 644, 664, and 683.

[000119] In some examples~~embodiments~~, the anti-Protein A antibody, or the antigen-binding fragment thereof, comprises a H435R and a Y436F mutation (EU numbering) in the heavy chain Fc.

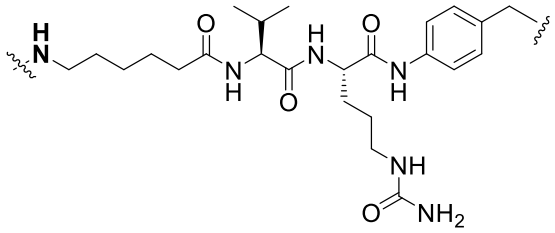
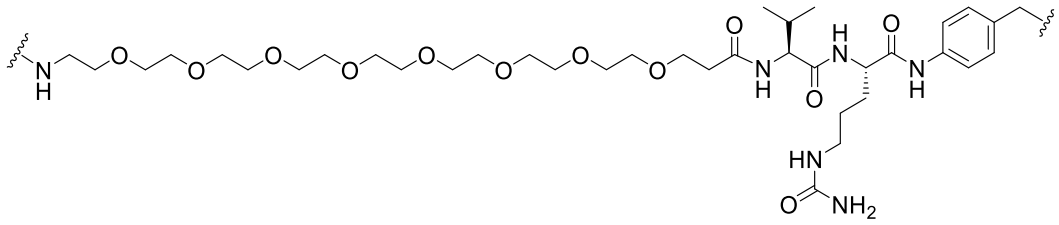
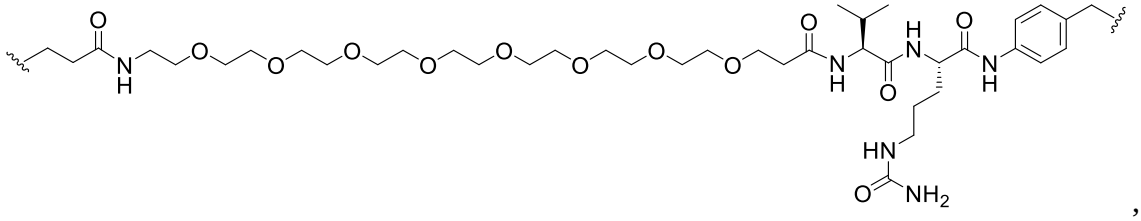
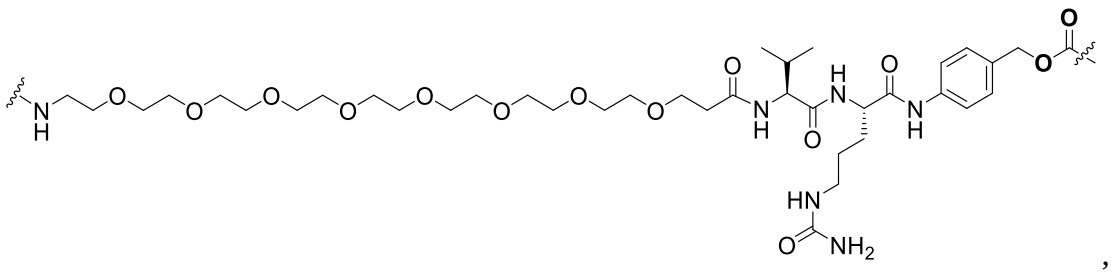
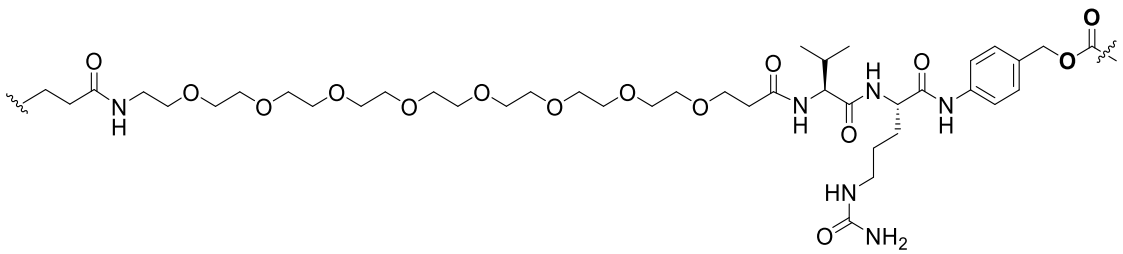
[000120] In various examples~~embodiments~~, the antibody, or antigen-binding fragment thereof, comprises a C103S mutation in the light chain.

[000121] The various examples~~embodiments~~, the antibody, or the antigen-binding fragment thereof, is conjugated to a compound of the present disclosure at position 103 of the light chain.

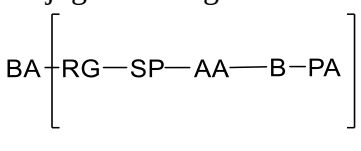
[000122] In one example~~embodiment~~, the linker or linker spacer is selected from



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[000123] In another example~~aspect~~, the present disclosure provides an antibody-drug conjugate having the structure according to Formula (XVIII):

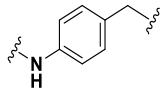

(**XVIII**), wherein

BA is an antibody, or an antigen-binding fragment thereof;

RG is a reactive group selected from a maleimide, an N-hydroxy succinimide, or a succinimide;

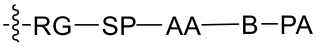
SP is absent or a spacer group residue selected from the group consisting of C_{1-6} alkyl, -NH-, -C(O)-, $-CH_2-CH_2-C(O)-NH-$, $-(CH)_u-C(O)-NH-$, $(-CH_2-CH_2-O)_e$, $-NH-CH_2-CH_2-(-O-CH_2-CH_2)_e-C(O)-$, $-C(O)-(CH_2)_u-C(O)-$, $-C(O)-NH-(CH_2)_v-$, $-(CH)_u-C(O)-NH-(CH_2-CH_2-O)_e-(CH)_u-C(O)-NH-$, $-(CH)_2-C(O)-NH-(CH_2-CH_2-O)_8-(CH)_2-C(O)-NH-$, and combinations thereof, wherein independently at each occurrence subscript **e** is an integer from 0 to 20, subscript **u** is an integer from 1 to 8, and subscript **v** is an integer from 1 to 8;

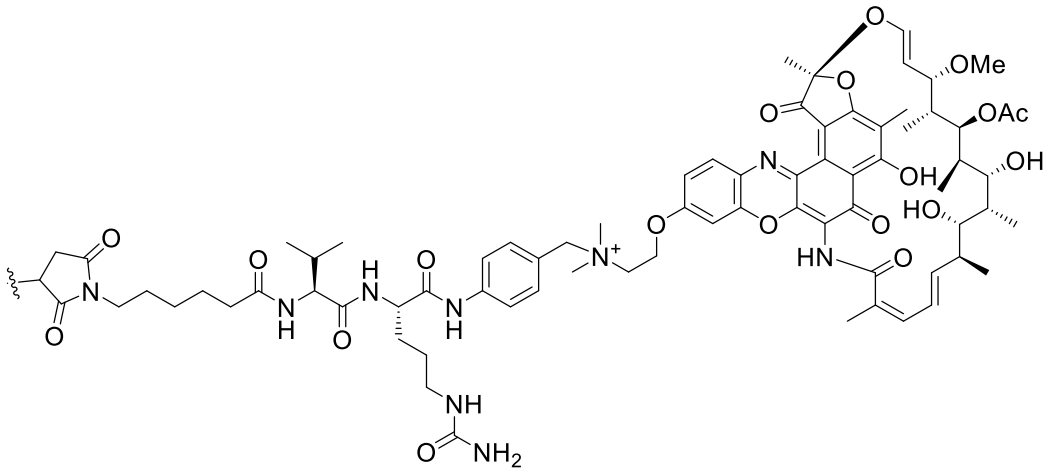
AA is a linker selected from valine-citrulline; citrulline-valine; valine-alanine; alanine-valine; valine-glycine, or glycine-valine;

B is absent or , wherein the  indicates the atom through which the **B** is bonded to the adjacent groups in the formula;

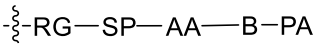
n is an integer from 1 to 30, and

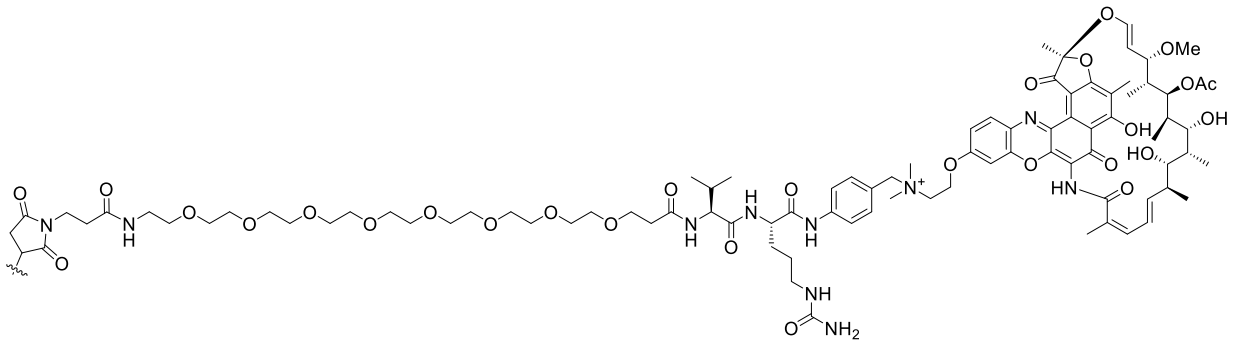
PA is a rifamycin analog according to any of the examples~~embodiments~~ of the disclosure.

[000124] In one example~~embodiment~~,  is

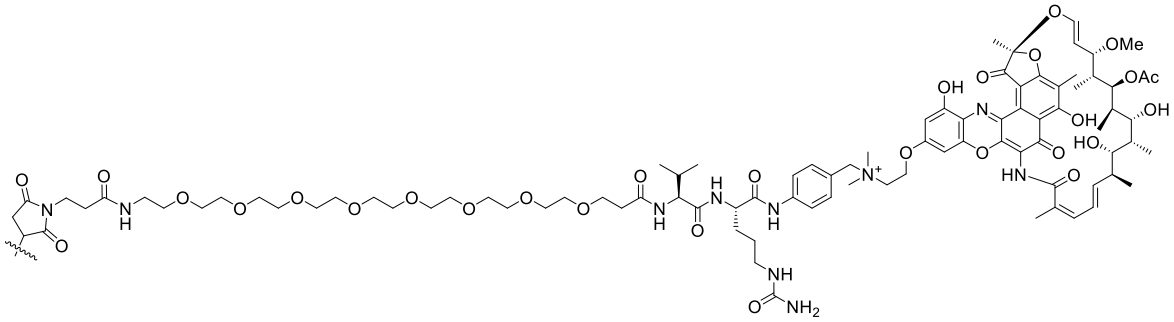


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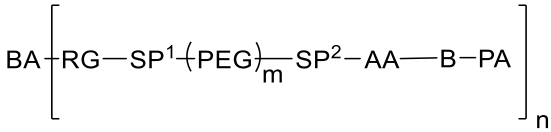
[000125] In one example~~embodiment~~,  is



[000126] In one example~~embodiment~~, -RG—SP—AA—B—PA is



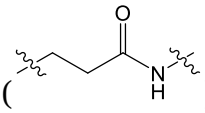
[000127] wherein the — is the bond to the antibody or the antigen-binding fragment thereof. In one example~~aspect~~, the present disclosure provides an antibody-drug conjugate having the structure according to Formula (XIX):



(**XIX**), wherein

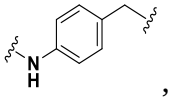
BA is an antibody, or an antigen-binding fragment thereof;

RG is selected from a maleimide, a N-hydroxy succinimide, or a succinimide;

SP^1 and **SP^2** are independently absent or a spacer group selected from the group consisting of C_{1-6} alkyl, -NH-, -C(O)-, $-CH_2-CH_2-C(O)-NH-$ (), $-(CH)_u-C(O)-NH-$, $(-CH_2-CH_2-O)_e$, $-NH-CH_2-CH_2-(-O-CH_2-CH_2)_e-C(O)-$, $-C(O)-(CH_2)_u-C(O)-$, $-C(O)-NH-(CH_2)_v-$, and combinations thereof, wherein subscript **e** is an integer from 0 to 4, subscript **u** is an integer from 1 to 8, and subscript **v** is an integer from 1 to 8;

AA is a linker selected from valine-citrulline; citrulline-valine; valine-alanine; alanine-valine; valine-glycine, or glycine-valine;

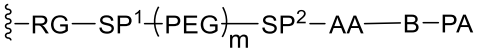
PEG is a polyethylene glycol chain comprising between 1 and 30 polyethylene glycol residues;

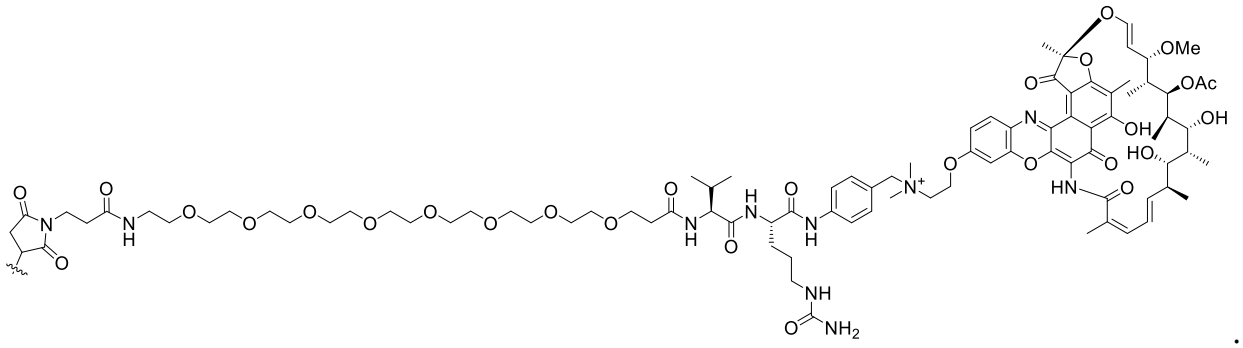
B is absent or , wherein the  indicates the atom through which the **B** is bonded to the adjacent groups in the formula;

n is an integer from 1 to 30;

m is an integer from 0 to 20,

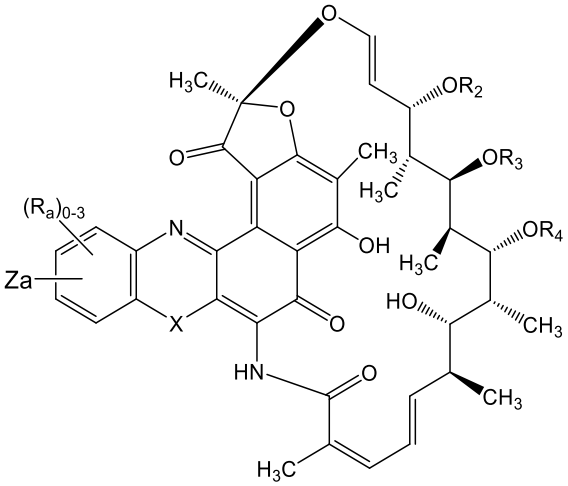
and **PA** is a rifamycin analog according to any of the examples ~~embodiments~~ of the disclosure.

[000128] In one example~~embodiment~~,  is



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[000129] In one example~~aspect~~, the present disclosure provides an antibody-drug conjugate comprising an antibody, or an antigen-binding fragment thereof, conjugated via a linker or through a linker-spacer to a rifamycin analog payload having the structure of Formula (XX):



(XX),

wherein:

X is selected from -O-, -S-, and -NR*-;

Za is selected from $-OR_1$ and $-R_N$;

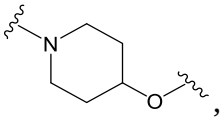
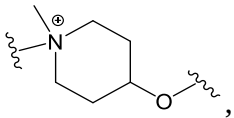
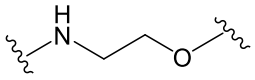
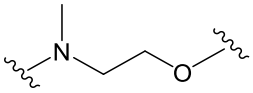
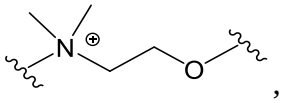
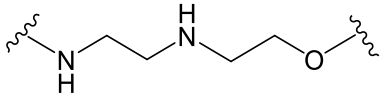
R_1 is selected from a bond; an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a

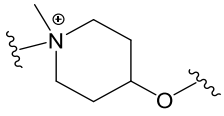
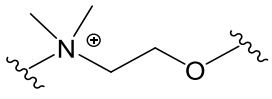
aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, or -(C=O)-R*, each of which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S;

R_a is independently at each occurrence selected from hydrogen, -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, OR*, $-NH_2$, -NHR*, $-N(R^*)_2$, $-N(R^*)_3^+$, -(C=O)-R*, -CHO, $-CO_2H$, $-CO_2R^*$, -SR*, $-SO_2R^*$, and an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S, and wherein R_a is optionally substituted with one or more of -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -OR*;

R* is independently at each occurrence selected from hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S and combinations thereof, and wherein the group Za is bonded to the linker.

[000130] It is to be understood that the group R_1 is either a bond (i.e., R_1 is absent), or a divalent group, i.e. R_1 capable of bonding to the -O- of the rifamycin analog as well as to the linker.

[000131] In one example~~embodiment~~, $-OR_1$ is –O– (i.e., R_1 is absent), , , , , , or .

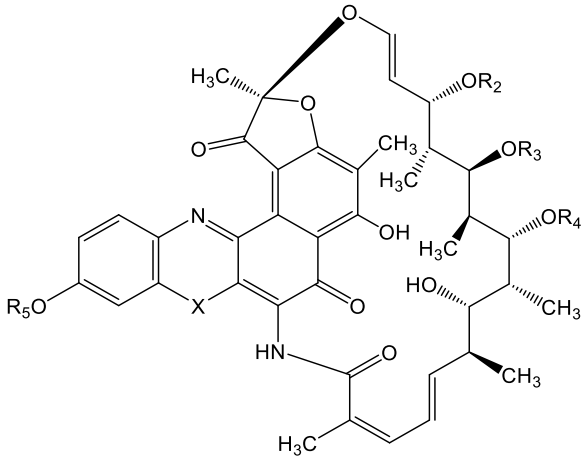
[000132] In one example~~embodiment~~, X is -O-, and $-OR_1$ comprises a tertiary amine. In some of such examples~~embodiments~~, $-OR_1$ is  or .

[000133] In some examples~~embodiments~~, antibody-drug conjugates comprising linker-rifamycin analog payloads comprise ammonium salts having one or more counterions. Any pharmaceutically acceptable counterion may be suitable. For example, in an example ~~embodiment~~ of the disclosure a suitable counterion may be an anion selected from F^-, Cl^-, Br^-, I^-, OH^-, $^-BF_4$, $CF_3SO_3^-$, monobasic sulfate, dibasic sulfate, monobasic phosphate, dibasic phosphate, or tribasic phosphate, NO_3^-, PF_6^-, NO_2^-, carboxylate, $C_eF_fSO_3^-$, (where in e=2-10 and f=2e+1), acetate, aspartate, benzenesulfonate, benzoate, besylate, bicarbonate, bitartrate, camsylate, carbonate, citrate, decanoate, edetate,

esylate, fumarate, gluceptate, gluconate, glutamate, glycolate, glycollyalarsanilate, hexanoate, hydrabamine, hydroxynaphthoate, isthionate, lactate, lactobionate, malate, maleate, mandelate, mesylate, methylbromide, methylnitrate, mucate, napsylate, octanoate, oleate, pamoate, pantothenate, polygalacturonate, propionate, salicylate, stearate, subacetate, succinate, tartrate, teoclate, tosylate, or triethiiodide.

[000134] In some examples~~embodiments~~, R_a is absent. In some examples~~embodiments~~, R_a is -OH and is present at one occurrence.

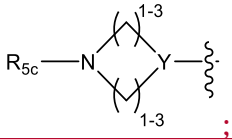
[000134a] In one aspect, there is provided an antibody-drug conjugate comprising an antibody, or an antigen-binding fragment thereof, conjugated via a linker or through a linker-spacer to a rifamycin analog having the structure of Formula (XXI):

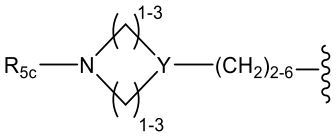


(XXI),

wherein:

X is selected from -O-, -S-, and -NR*-;

R_5 is selected from a bond; an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S; 

; or 

; wherein **Y** is C or N;

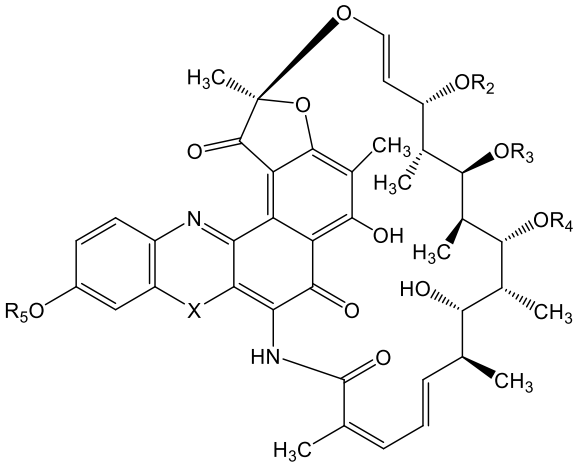
R_2, R_3, and R_4 are independently selected from a hydrogen, a straight chained, branched or cyclic aliphatic C_3-C_{20} hydrocarbon, or -(C=O)-R*, each of which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S,

R* is independently at each occurrence selected from hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_5-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_3-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S and combinations thereof, and

R_{5c} is a bond or an aliphatic C_1-C_8 hydrocarbon,

wherein the group R_5 is bonded to the linker.

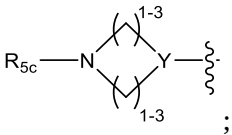
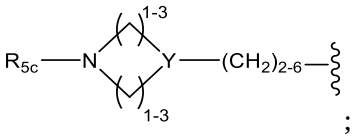
[000135] In one example~~aspect~~, the present disclosure provides an antibody, or an antigen-binding fragment thereof, conjugated via a linker or through a linker-spacer to a rifamycin analog having the structure of Formula (XXI):



(XXI),

wherein:

X is selected from -O-, -S-, and -NR*-;

R_5 is selected from a bond; an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S;  ; or  ;

wherein **Y** is C or N;

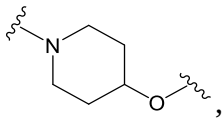
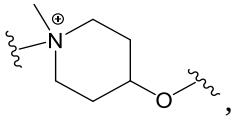
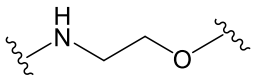
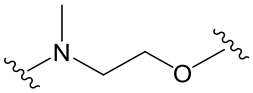
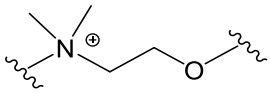
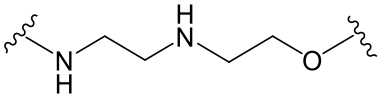
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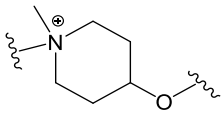
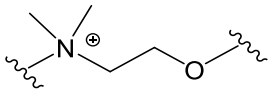
R_{5c} is a bond or an aliphatic C_1-C_8 hydrocarbon,

wherein the group R_5 is bonded to the linker.

[000136] It is to be understood that the group R_5 is either a bond (i.e., R_5 is absent), or a

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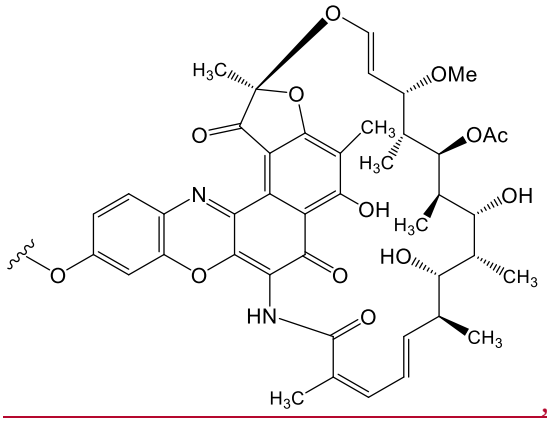
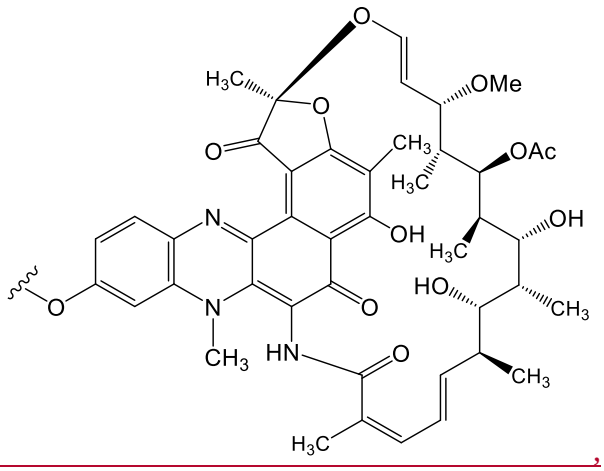
[000137] In one ~~example~~embodiment, $-OR_5$ is –O– (i.e., R_5 is absent), , , , , , or .

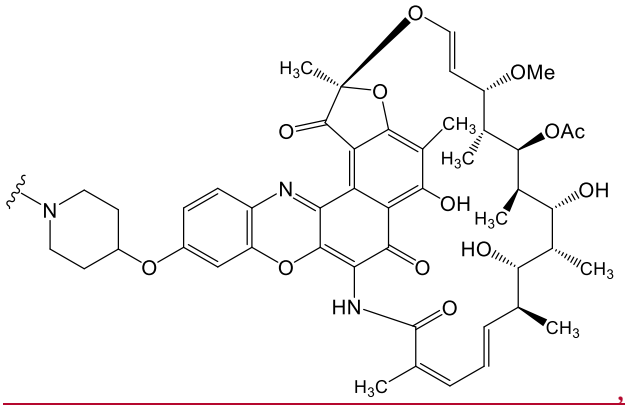
[000138] In one ~~example~~embodiment, X is O, and $-OR_5$ comprises a tertiary amine. In some of such ~~examples~~embodiments, $-OR_5$ is  or .

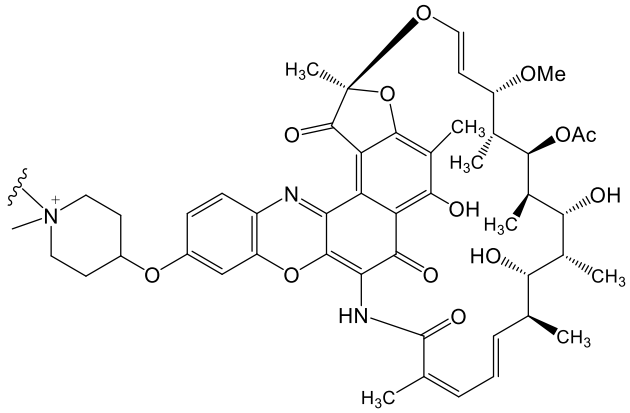
[000139] In one example ~~embodiment~~ of any of the above, R_2 is methyl, ethyl, propyl or isopropyl; R_3 is CH_3-(C=O)- (acetyl) group, CH_3CH_2-(C=O)-, $CH_3CH_2CH_2$-(C=O)-, or $(CH_3)_2CH$-(C=O)-, and R_4 is hydrogen.

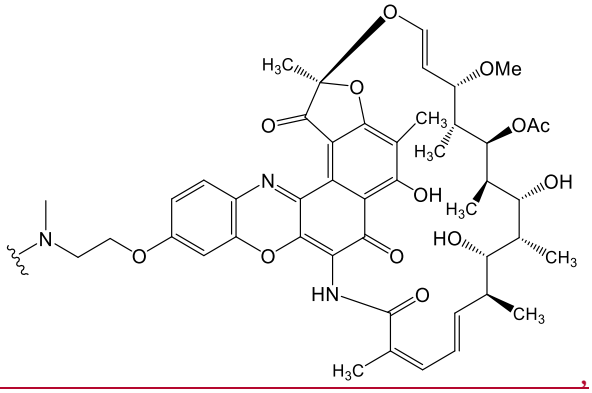
[000140] In one example ~~embodiment~~ of any of the above, R_2 is methyl, R_3 is acetyl, and R_4 is hydrogen.

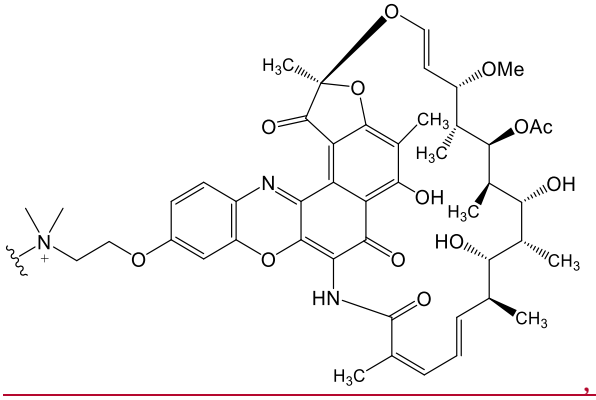
[000140a] In another aspect, there is provided an antibody-drug conjugate comprising an antibody, or an antigen-binding fragment thereof, conjugated via a linker or through a linker-spacer to a compound selected from the group consisting of:

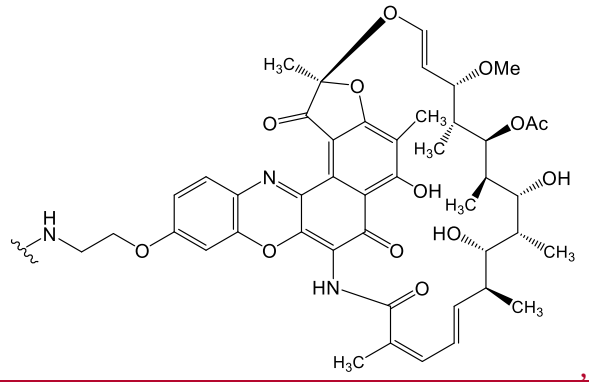
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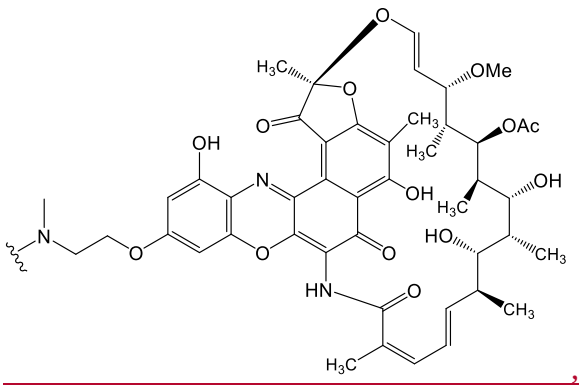


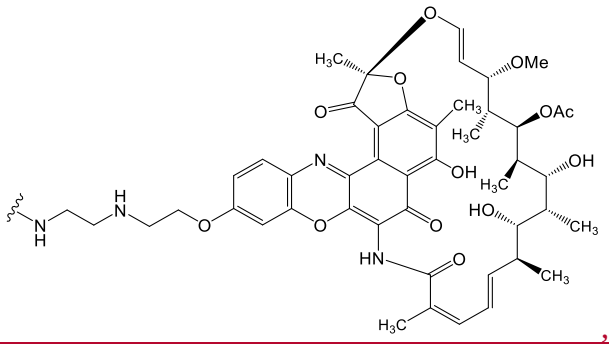


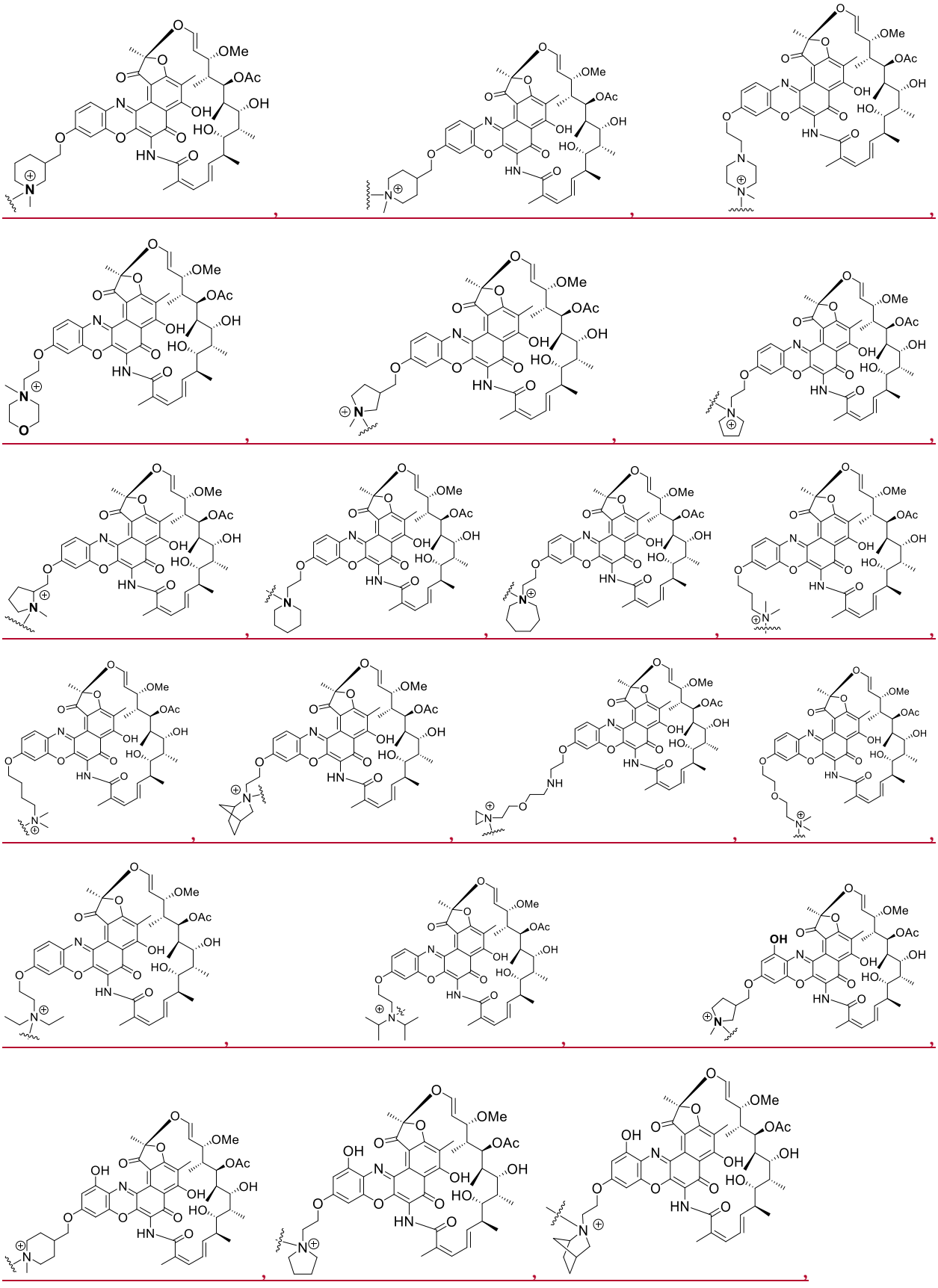


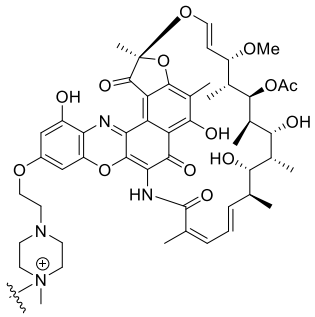
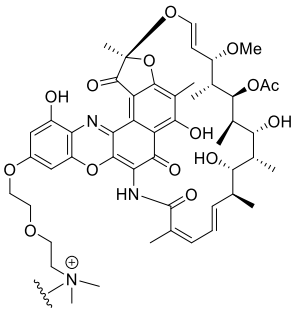
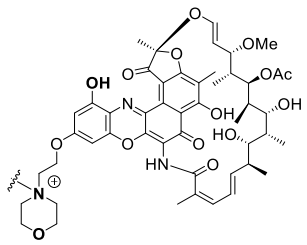
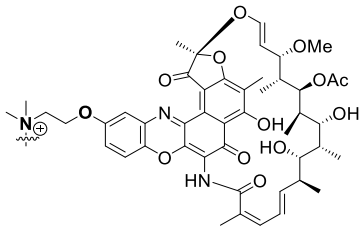
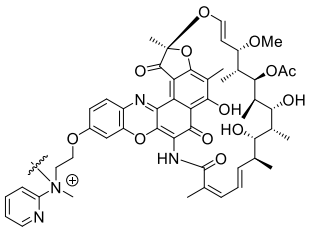
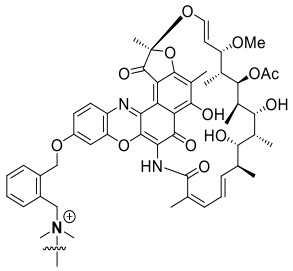
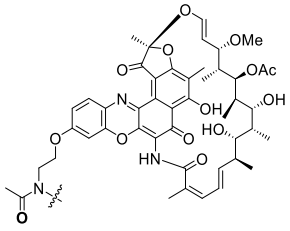
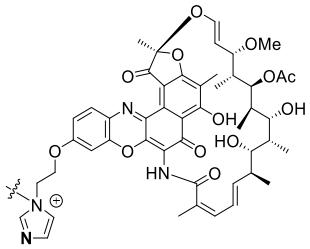
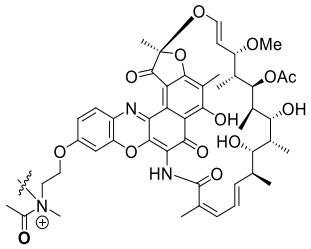
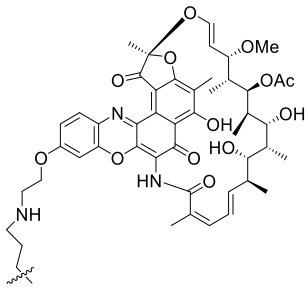
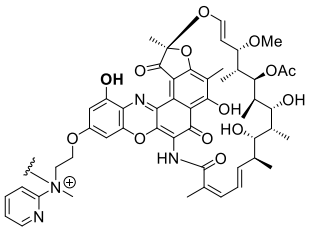
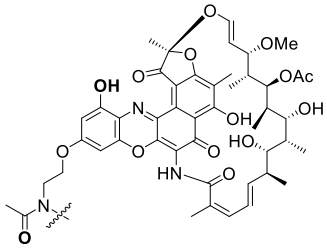
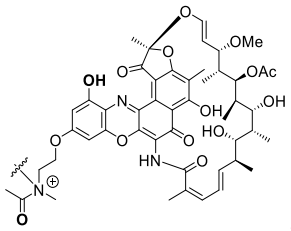
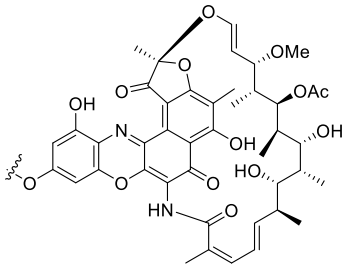


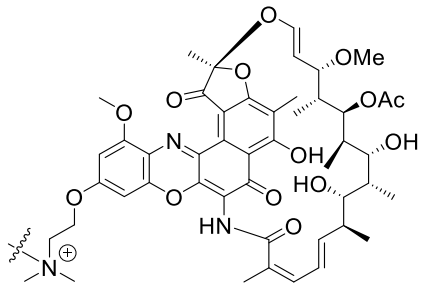
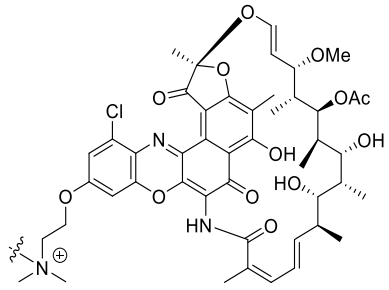
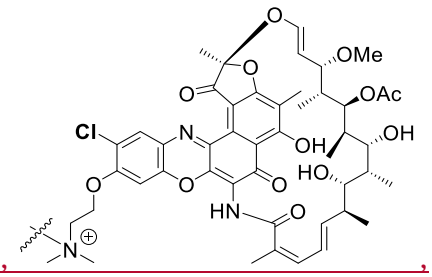
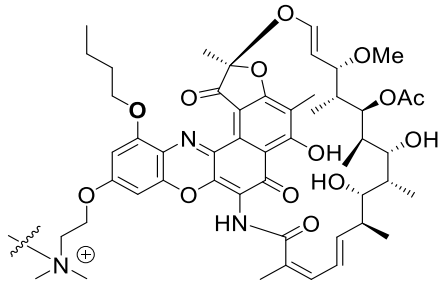
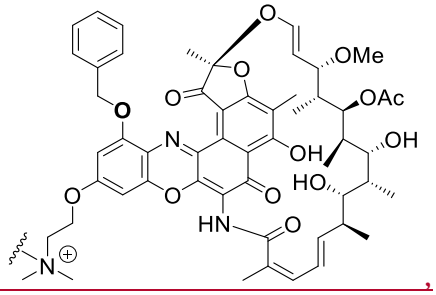
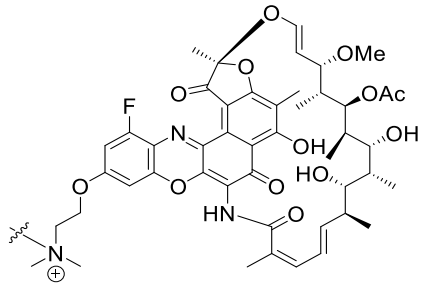
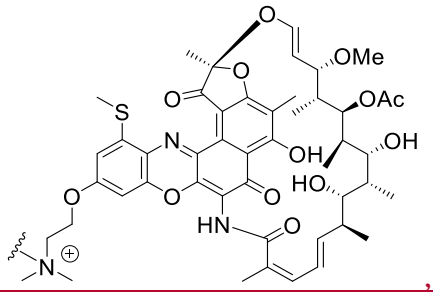
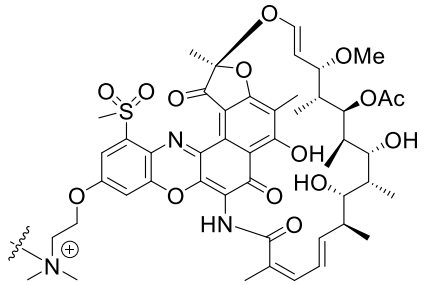
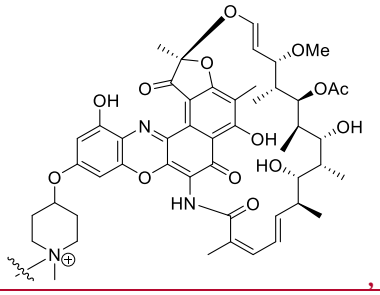
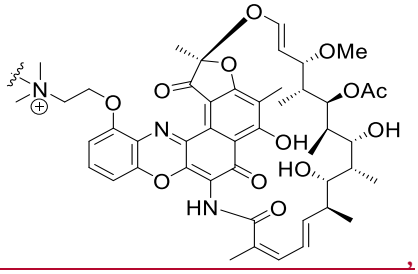
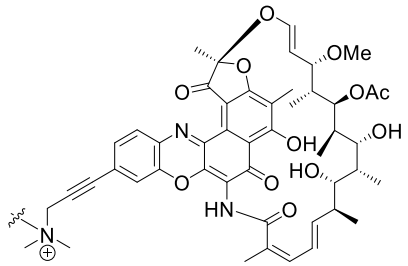
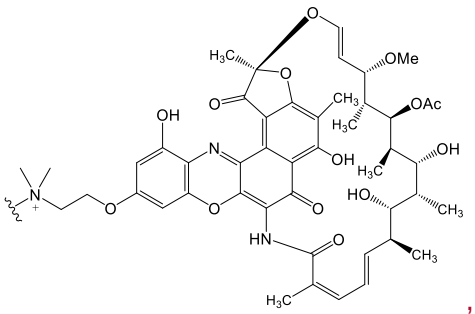


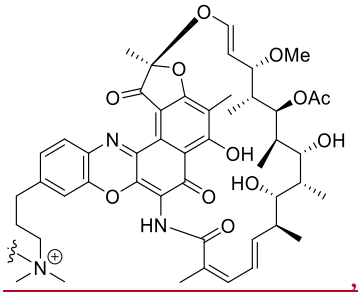






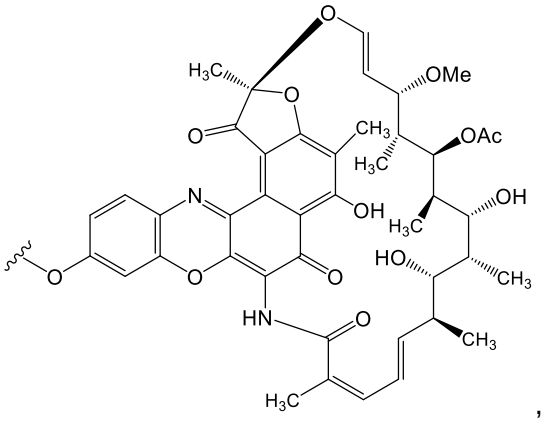
















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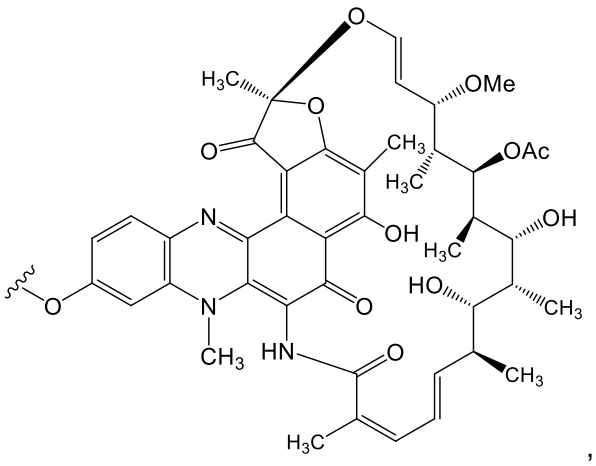


, wherein the ~ is the bond to the linker, and when the compound comprises an ammonium salt, the counterion is an anion selected from F^-, Cl^-, Br^-, I^-, OH^-, $^-BF_4$, $CF_3SO_3^-$, monobasic sulfate, dibasic sulfate, monobasic phosphate, dibasic phosphate, or tribasic phosphate, NO_3^-, PF_6^-, NO_2^-, carboxylate, $C_eF_fSO_3^-$, where in e=2-10 and f=2e+1, acetate, aspartate, benzenesulfonate, benzoate, besylate, bicarbonate, bitartrate, camsylate, carbonate, citrate, decanoate, edetate, esylate, fumarate, gluceptate, gluconate, glutamate, glycolate, glycollyalarsanilate, hexanoate, hydrabamine, hydroxynaphthoate, isthionate, lactate, lactobionate, malate, maleate, mandelate, mesylate, methylbromide, methylnitrate, mucate, napsylate, octanoate, oleate, pamoate, pantothenate, polygalacturonate, propionate, salicylate, stearate, subacetate, succinate, tartrate, teoclate, tosylate, or triethiiodide.

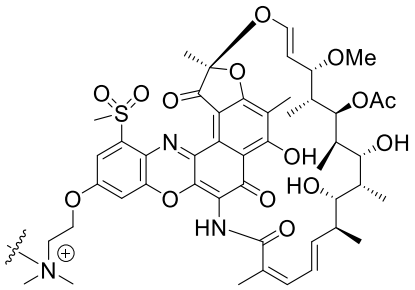
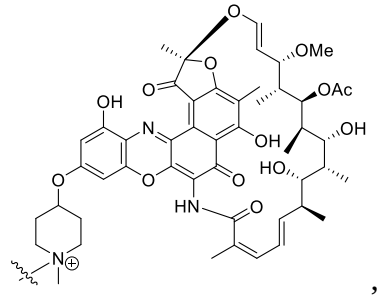
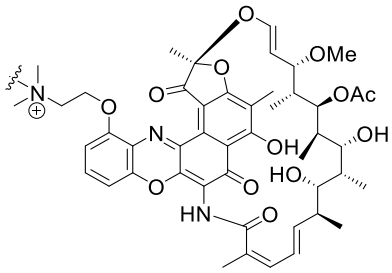
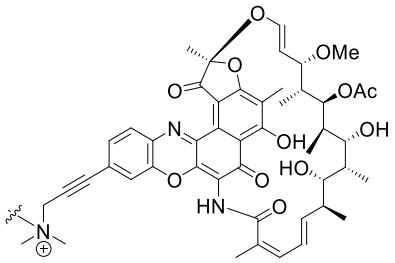
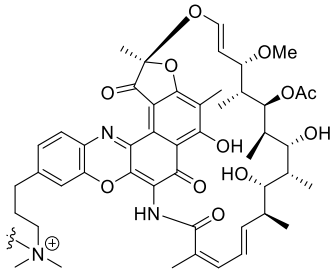
[000141] In one example ~~embodiment~~ of any of the above, the compound is selected from the group consisting of:



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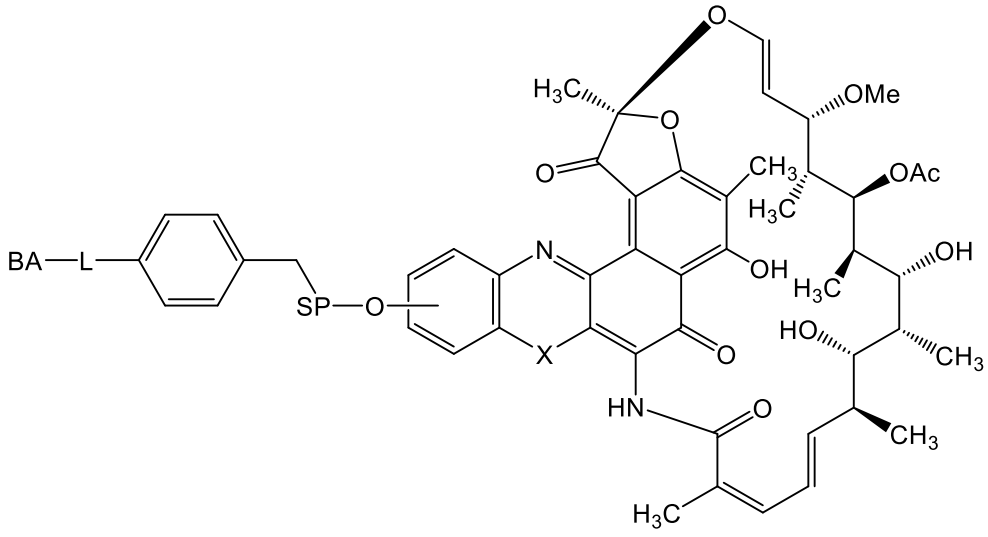


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wherein the ~— is the bond to the linker.

[000141a] In another aspect, there is provided an antibody-drug conjugate having the structure of Formula (XXII):



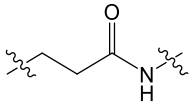
(XXII),

wherein:

BA is an antibody, or an antigen-binding fragment thereof;

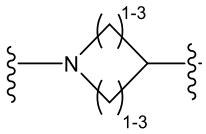
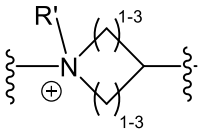
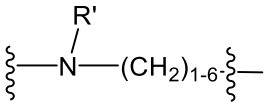
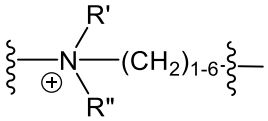
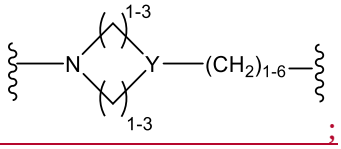
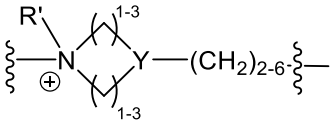
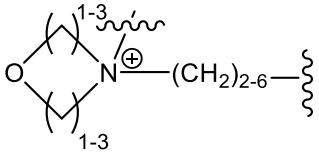
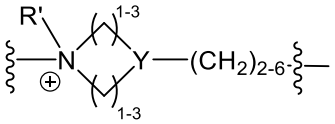
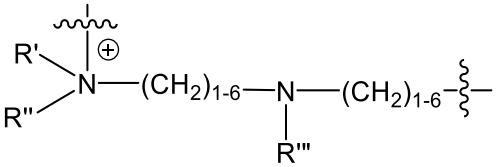
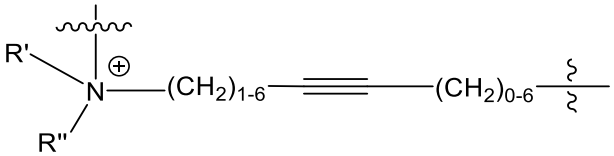
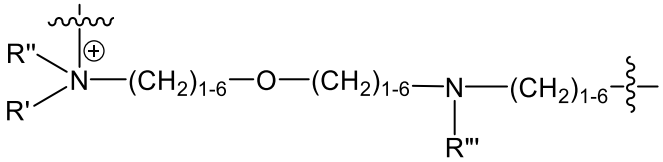
L is a linker having the formula ~—RG—SP^1—PEG—SP^2—AA_{2-4}—~, wherein

RG is selected from a maleimide, a N-hydroxysuccinimide, or a succinimide;

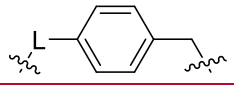
SP^1 and SP^2 are independently absent or a spacer group selected from the group consisting of ; C_{1-6} alkyl, -NH-, -C(O)-, $-CH_2-CH_2-C(O)-NH-$, $-(CH)_u-C(O)-NH-$, $(-CH_2-CH_2-O)_e$, $-NH-CH_2-CH_2-(-O-CH_2-CH_2)_e-C(O)-$, $-C(O)-(CH_2)_u-C(O)-$, $-C(O)-NH-(CH_2)_v-$, and combinations thereof, wherein subscript **e** is an integer from 0 to 4, subscript **u** is an integer from 1 to 8, and subscript **v** is an integer from 1 to 8;

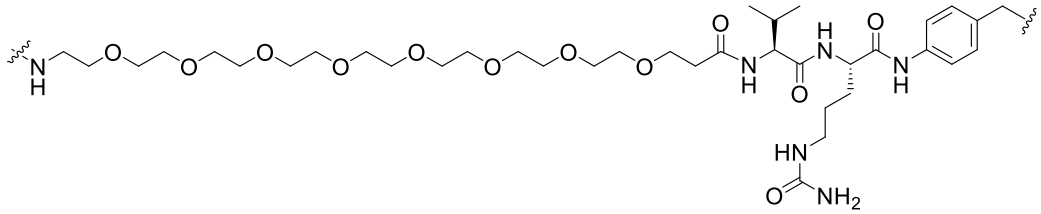
AA_{2-4} is a dipeptide selected from valine-citrulline; citrulline-valine; valine-alanine; alanine-valine; valine-glycine, or glycine-valine, and

PEG is a polyethylene glycol chain comprising between 1 and 30 polyethylene glycol residues;

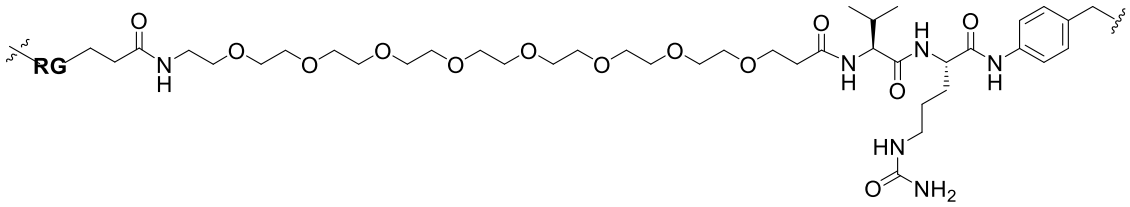
SP is a spacer group selected from ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; , ; ; and

Y is C or N; wherein the 〰 symbol represents the point of attachment; and R', R" and R''' are selected from a hydrogen, a C_1-C_6 aliphatic hydrocarbon, and a protecting group selected from Fluorenylmethyloxycarbonyl (F_{MOC}) and *tert*-Butyloxycarbonyl (B_{OC}), or

wherein R’ and R’’ together form an aliphatic monocyclic, an aliphatic bicyclic, or an aliphatic polycyclic structure; or wherein the  has a structure:



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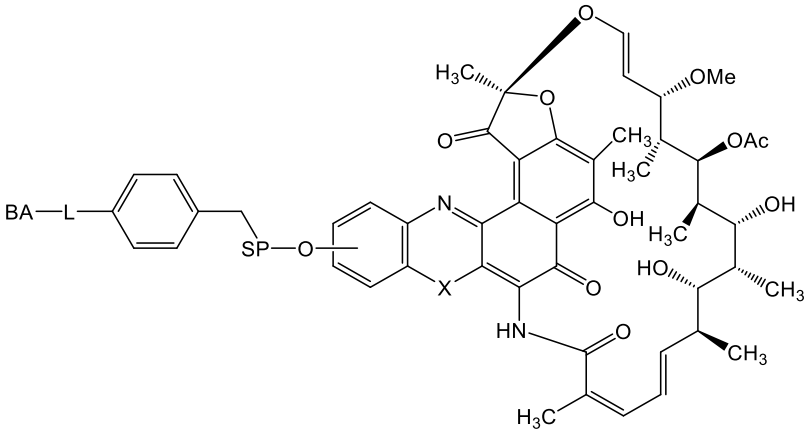
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R* is independently at each occurrence selected from hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_5-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_3-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S and combinations thereof,

and

X is selected from -O-, -S-, and -NR*.

[000142] In one example~~aspect~~, the present disclosure provides an antibody-drug conjugate having the structure of Formula (XXII):

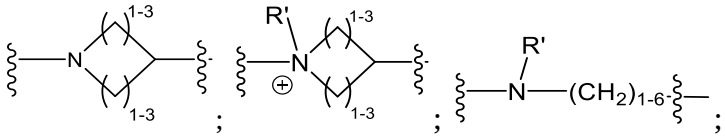


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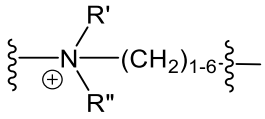
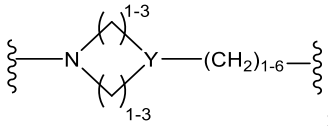
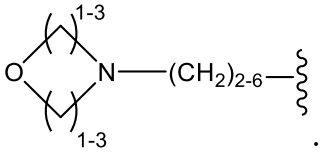
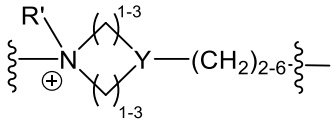
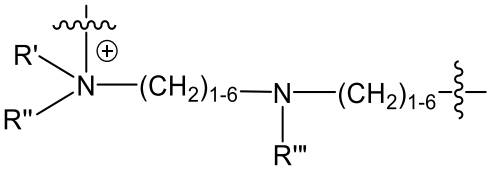
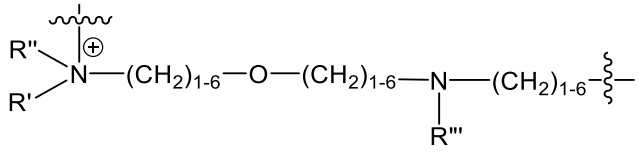
wherein:

BA is an antibody, or an antigen-binding fragment thereof;

L is a linker;

SP is a spacer group selected from 

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wherein the 〰 symbol represents the point of attachment; and R', R" and R''' are selected from a hydrogen, a C_1-C_6 aliphatic hydrocarbon, and a protecting group selected from Fluorenylmethyloxycarbonyl (FMOC) and *tert*-Butyloxycarbonyl (BOC), or wherein R' and R'' together form an aliphatic monocyclic, an aliphatic bicyclic, or an aliphatic polycyclic structure;

Y is C or N;

R' and R" are independently at each occurrence selected from a hydrogen and a C_{1-6} alkyl, and

X is selected from -O-, -S-, and -NR*.

[000143] In one example~~embodiment~~, the antibody is an anti-MSR1 antibody, or the antigen-binding fragment thereof, comprises: (a) the complementarity determining regions (CDRs) of a heavy chain variable region (HCVR) comprising an amino acid sequence as set forth in Table 9; and (b) the CDRs of a light chain variable region (LCVR) comprising an amino acid sequence as set forth in Table 9.

[000144] In one example~~embodiment~~, the anti-MSR1 antibody, or the antigen-binding fragment thereof, comprises:

(i) a HCDR1 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 4, 36, 52, 92, and 284;

(ii) a HCDR2 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 6, 38, 54, 94, and 286;

(iii) a HCDR3 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 8, 40, 56, 96, and 288;

(iv) a LCDR1 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group

consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 12, 44, 60, 100, and 292;

(v) a LCDR2 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 14, 46, 62, 102, and 294; and

(vi) a LCDR3 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 16, 48, 64, 104, and 296.

[000145] In one example~~embodiment~~, the anti-MSR1 antibody, or the antigen-binding fragment thereof, comprises

(i) a HCDR1 domain comprising an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 52;

(ii) a HCDR2 domain comprising an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 54;

(iii) a HCDR3 domain comprising an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 56;

(iv) a LCDR1 domain comprising an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 60;

(v) a LCDR2 domain comprising an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 62; and

(vi) a LCDR3 domain comprising an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 64.

[000146] In one example~~embodiment~~, the anti-MSR1 antibody, or the antigen-binding fragment thereof, comprises a N297Q mutation.

[000147] In one example~~embodiment~~, the anti-WTA antibody, or the antigen-binding fragment thereof, may comprise: (a) the complementarity determining regions (CDRs) of a heavy chain variable region (HCVR) comprising an amino acid sequence as set forth in Table 2A; and (b) the CDRs of a light chain variable region (LCVR) comprising an amino acid sequence as set forth in Table 2A.

[000148] In one example~~embodiment~~, the anti-WTA antibody, or the antigen-binding fragment thereof, may comprise:

(i) a HCDR1 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 470, 476, 482, and 488;

(ii) a HCDR2 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 471, 477, 483, and 489;

(iii) a HCDR3 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 472, 478, 484, and 490;

(iv) a LCDR1 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 467, 473, 479, and 485;

(v) a LCDR2 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group

consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 468, 474, 480, and 486; and

(vi) a LCDR3 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 469, 475, 481, and 487.

[000149] In one example~~embodiment~~, the anti-WTA antibody, or the antigen-binding fragment thereof, may comprise: (a) the complementarity determining regions (CDRs) of a heavy chain variable region (HCVR) comprising an amino acid sequence as set forth in Table 2B; and (b) the CDRs of a light chain variable region (LCVR) comprising an amino acid sequence as set forth in Table 2B.

[000150] In one example~~embodiment~~, the anti-WTA antibody, or the antigen-binding fragment thereof, may comprise:

(i) a HCDR1 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 502, 508, 514, 520, 526, 532, 538, 544, 550, 556, 562, 568, and 574;

(ii) a HCDR2 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 503, 509, 515, 521, 527, 533, 539, 545, 551, 557, 563, 569, and 575;

(iii) a HCDR3 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 504, 510, 516, 522, 528, 534, 540, 546, 552, 558, 564, 570, 576, and 584;

(iv) a LCDR1 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 499, 505, 511, 517, 523, 529, 535, 541, 547, 553, 559, 565, and 571;

(v) a LCDR2 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 500, 506, 512, 518, 524, 530, 536, 542, 548, 554, 560, 566, and 572; and

(vi) a LCDR3 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 501, 507, 513, 519, 525, 531, 537, 543, 549, 555, 561, 567, and 573.

[000151] In some examples~~embodiments~~, the anti-WTA antibody, or the antigen-binding fragment thereof, comprises a V205C mutation (EU numbering) in the light chain.

[000152] In one example~~embodiment~~, the anti-WTA antibody, or the antigen-binding fragment

thereof, is derived from antibody 4497 described in US Patent Application Publication 20140356375 (which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety). In one example~~embodiment~~, the anti-WTA antibody is derived from antibody 4497 and further comprises a V205C mutation in the light chain.

[000153] In one example~~embodiment~~, the anti-WTA antibody, or the antigen-binding fragment thereof, comprises the HCDR1-HCDR2-HCDR3-LCDR1-LCDR2-LCDR3 of SEQ ID Nos: 568-569-570-565-566-567.

[000154] In some examples~~embodiments~~, the anti-WTA antibody or antigen binding fragment thereof comprises three heavy chain complementarity determining regions (HCDR1, HCDR2, and HCDR3) within a heavy chain variable region (HCVR) amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NOs: 586; and three light chain complementarity determining regions (LCDR1, LCDR2, and LCDR3) within a light chain variable region (LCVR) amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 585.

[000155] In some examples~~embodiments~~, the anti-WTA antibody or antigen binding fragment thereof comprises an HCVR amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NOs: 586, and an LCVR amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 585.

[000156] In some example~~embodiments~~, the anti-WTA antibody comprises a heavy chain amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NOs: 602 and a light chain amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 587 or SEQ ID NO: 589. In some examples~~embodiments~~, the anti-WTA antibody, or the antigen-binding fragment thereof comprises a V205C mutation in the light chain.

[000157] In one example~~embodiment~~, the anti-Protein A antibody, or the antigen-binding fragment thereof, may comprise: (a) the complementarity determining regions (CDRs) of a heavy chain variable region (HCVR) comprising an amino acid sequence as set forth in Table 3A; and (b) the CDRs of a light chain variable region (LCVR) comprising an amino acid sequence as set forth in Table 3A.

[000158] In one example~~embodiment~~, the anti-Protein A antibody, or the antigen-binding fragment thereof, may comprise:

[000159] (i) a HCDR1 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 632, 652, and 672;

[000160] (ii) a HCDR2 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 634, 654, and 674;

[000161] (iii) a HCDR3 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the

group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 636, 656, and 676;

[000162] (iv) a LCDR1 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 640, 660, and 680;

[000163] (v) a LCDR2 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 642 and 662; and

[000164] (vi) a LCDR3 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 644, 664, and 683.

[000165] In some examples~~embodiments~~, the anti-Protein A antibody, or the antigen-binding fragment thereof, comprises a H435R and a Y436F mutation (EU numbering) in the heavy chain Fc.

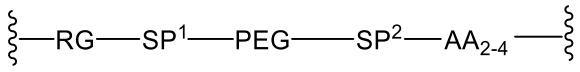
[000166] In one example~~embodiment~~, the anti-Protein A antibody or antigen binding fragment thereof comprises three heavy chain complementarity determining regions (HCDR1, HCDR2, and HCDR3) within a heavy chain variable region (HCVR) amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NOs: 630; and three light chain complementarity determining regions (LCDR1, LCDR2, and LCDR3) within a light chain variable region (LCVR) amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 638. In one example~~embodiment~~, the anti-Protein A antibody or antigen binding fragment thereof comprises a set of six CDRs (HCDR1-HCDR2-HCDR3-LCDR1-LCDR2-LCDR3) comprising SEQ ID NOs: 632-634-636-640-642-644.

[000167] In one example~~embodiment~~, the anti-Protein A antibody or antigen binding fragment thereof comprises an HCVR amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NOs: 630; and an LCVR amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 638.

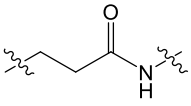
[000168] In one example~~embodiment~~, the anti-Protein A antibody comprises a heavy chain amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NOs: 666 and a light chain amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 668. In one examples~~embodiments~~, the anti-Protein A antibody, further comprises a H435R and a Y436F mutation (EU numbering) in the heavy chain Fc. In one example~~embodiment~~, anti-Protein A antibody further comprises a C103S mutation in the light chain. In one example~~embodiment~~, the anti-Protein A antibody, or antigen-binding fragment thereof, is conjugated to a compound of the present disclosure at light chain position 103.

[000169] In various examples~~embodiments~~, the antibody, or antigen-binding fragment thereof, comprises a C103S mutation in the light chain.

[000170] The various examples~~embodiments~~, the antibody, or the antigen-binding fragment thereof, is conjugated to a compound of the present disclosure at position 103 of the light chain.

[000171] In one example~~embodiment~~, L is a linker having the formula , wherein

RG is selected from a maleimide, a N-hydroxy succinimide, or a succinimide;

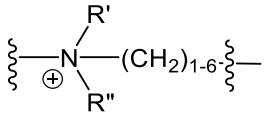
SP^1 and SP^2 are independently absent or a spacer group selected from the group consisting of ; C_{1-6} alkyl, -NH-, -C(O)-, $-CH_2-CH_2-C(O)-NH-$, $-(CH)_u-C(O)-NH-$, $(-CH_2-CH_2-O)_e$, $-NH-CH_2-CH_2-(-O-CH_2-CH_2)_e-C(O)-$, $-C(O)-(CH_2)_u-C(O)-$, $-C(O)-NH-(CH_2)_v-$, and combinations thereof, wherein subscript **e** is an integer from 0 to 4, subscript **u** is an integer from 1 to 8, and subscript **v** is an integer from 1 to 8;

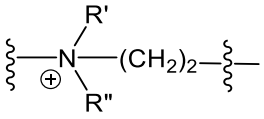
AA_{2-4} is a peptide unit comprising from 2 to 4 amino acids, and

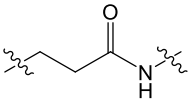
PEG is a polyethylene glycol chain comprising between 1 and 30 polyethylene glycol residues.

[000172] In one example~~embodiment~~, AA_{2-4} is a dipeptide selected from valine-citrulline; citrulline-valine; valine-alanine; alanine-valine; valine-glycine, glycine-valine, or alanine-glycine, alanine-alanine.

[000173] In one example~~embodiment~~, AA_{2-4} is valine-citrulline.

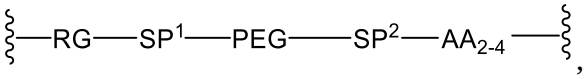
[000174] In one example~~embodiment~~, SP is  and R' and R" are each a C_{1-6} alkyl.

[000175] In one example~~embodiment~~, SP is  and R' and R" are each methyl.

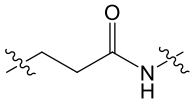
[000176] In one example~~embodiment~~, SP^1 and SP^2 are each .

[000177] In one example~~embodiment~~, PEG comprises 8 polyethylene glycol units.

[000178] In one example~~embodiment~~, BA is an antibody, or an antigen-binding fragment thereof;

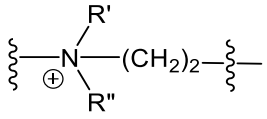
L is a linker having the formula , wherein

RG is selected from a maleimide or a succinimide;

SP^1 and SP^2 are each ;

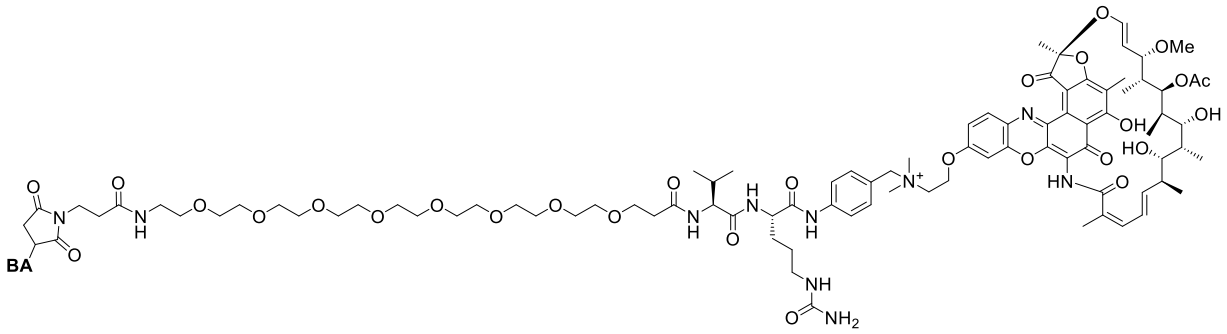
AA_{2-4} is valine-citrulline;

PEG is a polyethylene glycol chain comprising 8 polyethylene glycol residues

SP is  and R' and R" are each methyl, and

X is -O-.

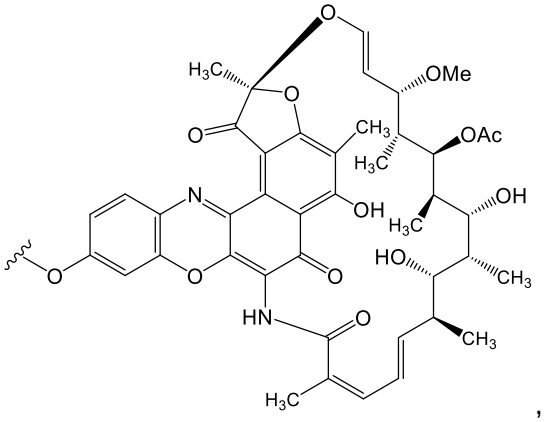
[000179] In one example~~embodiment~~, the antibody-drug conjugate has a structure:



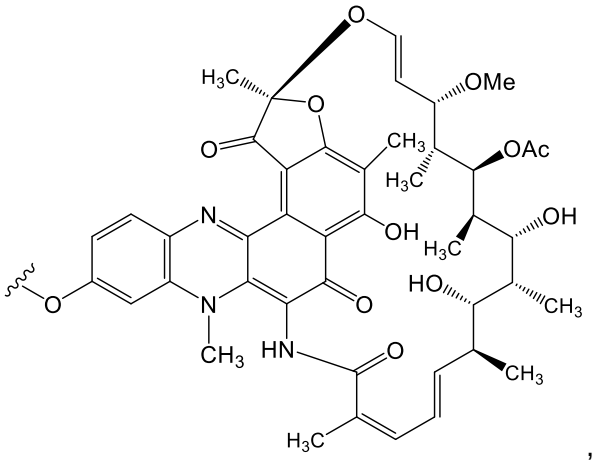
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wherein BA is an antibody, or an antigen-binding fragment thereof.

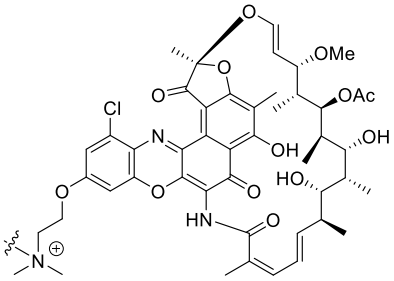
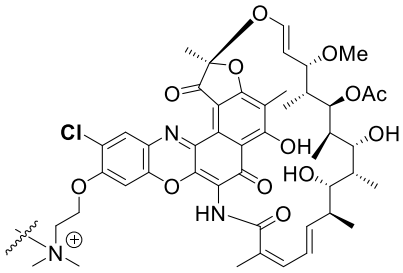
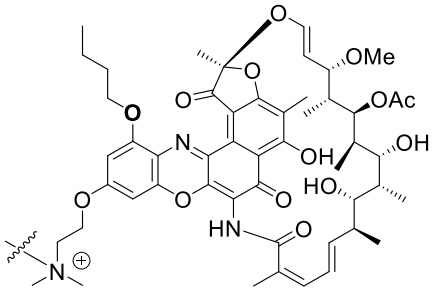
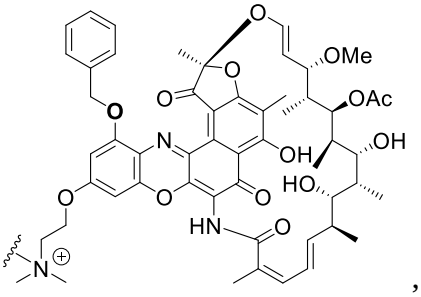
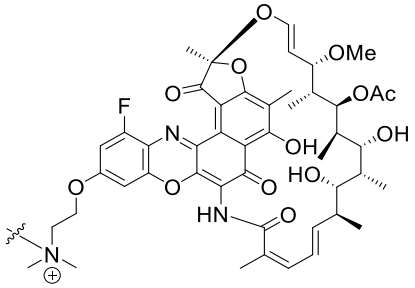
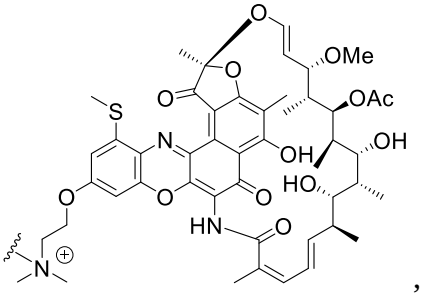
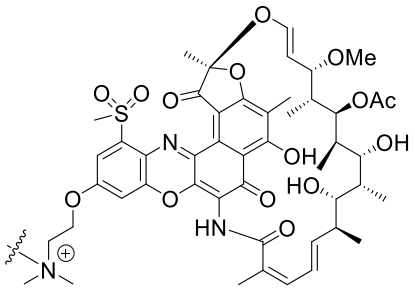
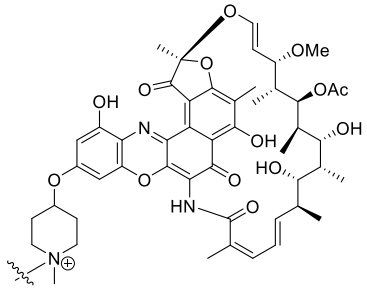
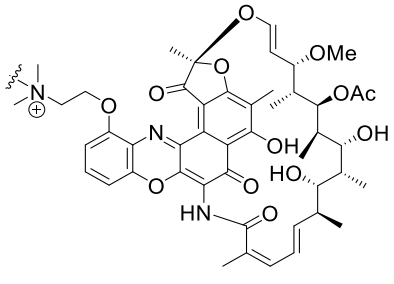
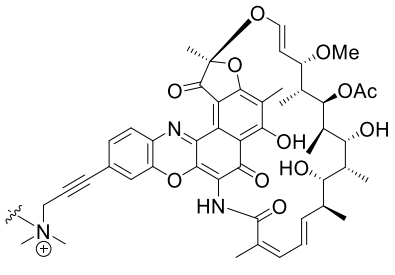
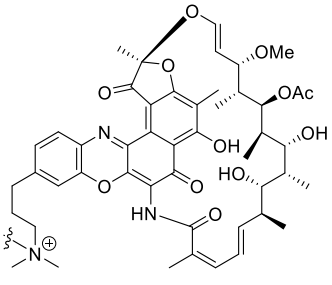
[000180] In another example~~aspect~~, the present disclosure provides an isolated antibody or antigen binding fragment thereof, wherein the antibody or antigen binding fragment thereof is conjugated, directly or through a linker or a linker-spacer, to a payload having the structure selected from the group consisting of:



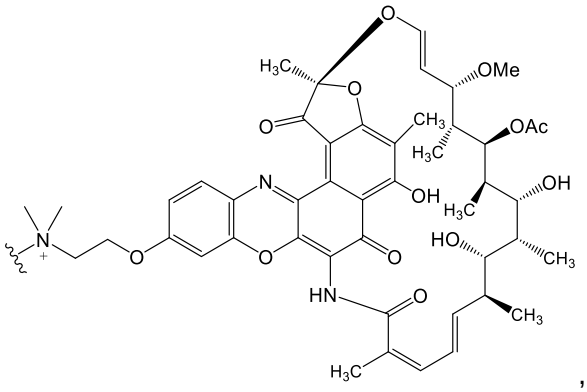
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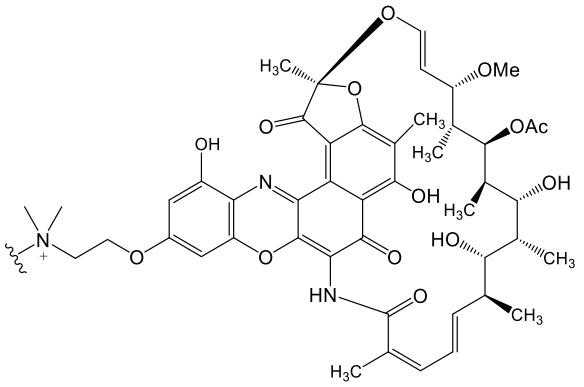


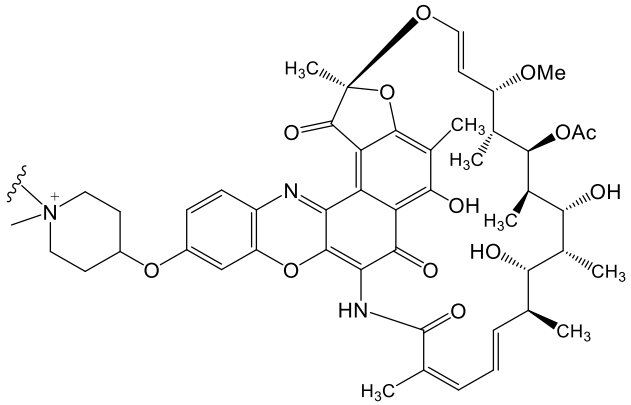
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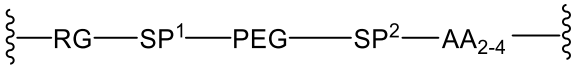












[000181] In one example~~embodiment~~, the payload has the structure selected from:

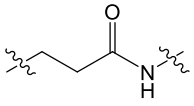

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[000182] In one example~~embodiment~~, the payload is conjugated through a linker, the linker having the structure: , wherein

RG is selected from a maleimide or a succinimide;

SP^1 and SP^2 are independently absent or a spacer group selected from the group consisting of ; C_{1-6} alkyl, -NH-, -C(O)-, $-CH_2-CH_2-C(O)-NH-$, $-(CH)_u-C(O)-NH-$, $(-CH_2-CH_2-O)_e$, $-NH-CH_2-CH_2-(-O-CH_2-CH_2)_e-C(O)-$, $-C(O)-(CH_2)_u-C(O)-$, $-C(O)-NH-(CH_2)_v-$, and

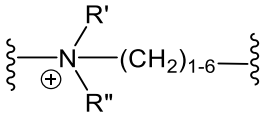
combinations thereof, wherein subscript **e** is an integer from 0 to 4, subscript **u** is an integer from 1 to 8, and subscript **v** is an integer from 1 to 8;

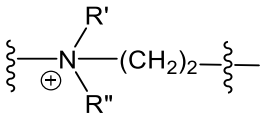
AA_{2-4} is a peptide unit comprising from 2 to 4 amino acids, and

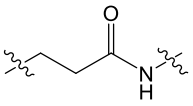
PEG is a polyethylene glycol chain comprising between 1 and 30 polyethylene glycol residues.

[000183] In one example~~embodiment~~, AA_{2-4} is a dipeptide selected from valine-citrulline; citrulline-valine; valine-alanine; alanine-valine; valine-glycine, or glycine-valine.

[000184] In one example~~embodiment~~, AA_{2-4} is valine-citrulline.

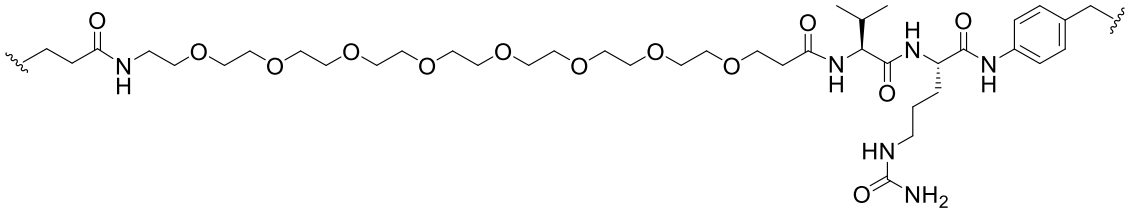
[000185] In one example~~embodiment~~, SP is  and R' and R" are each a C_{1-6} alkyl.

[000186] In one example~~embodiment~~, SP is  and R' and R" are each methyl.

[000187] In one example~~embodiment~~, SP^1 and SP^2 are each .

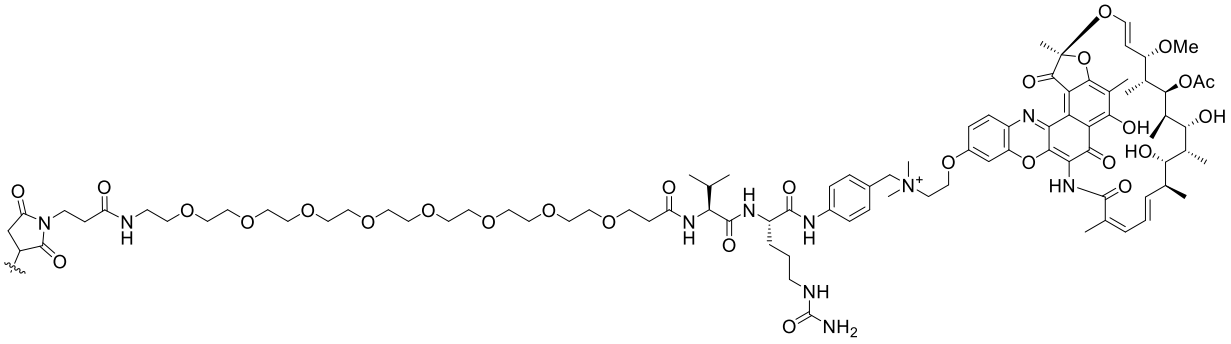
[000188] In one example~~embodiment~~, PEG comprises 8 polyethylene glycol units.

[000189] In one example~~embodiment~~, the payload is conjugated through a linker having the structure:



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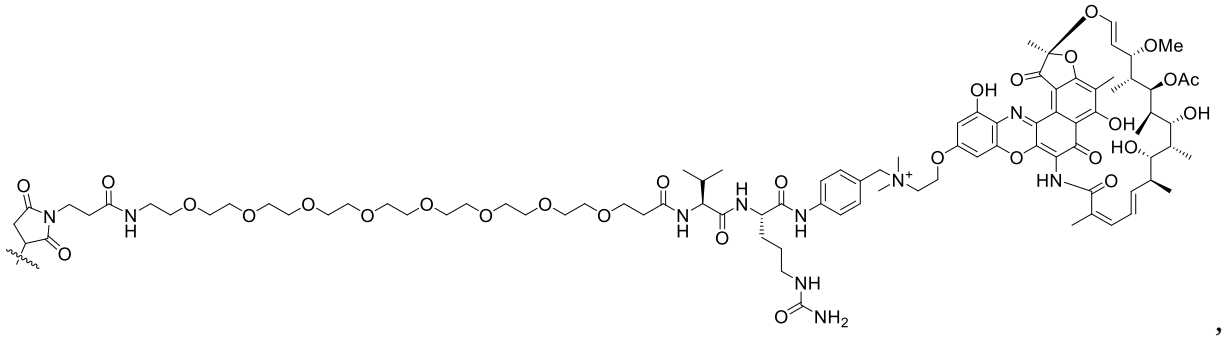
[000190] In one example~~embodiment~~, the payload is conjugated through a linker, the linker-payload having the structure:



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wherein the  is the bond to the antibody or the antigen-binding fragment thereof.

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wherein the ≈— is the bond to the antibody or the antigen-binding fragment thereof.

[000192] In one example~~embodiment~~, the antibody, or the antigen-binding fragment thereof, that binds macrophage scavenger receptor 1 (MSR1) comprises: (a) the complementarity determining regions (CDRs) of a heavy chain variable region (HCVR) comprising an amino acid sequence as set forth in Table 9; and (b) the CDRs of a light chain variable region (LCVR) comprising an amino acid sequence as set forth in Table 9.

[000193] In one example~~embodiment~~, the anti-MSR1 antibody, or the antigen-binding fragment thereof, comprises:

(i) a HCDR1 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 4, 36, 52, 92, and 284;

(ii) a HCDR2 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 6, 38, 54, 94, and 286;

(iii) a HCDR3 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 8, 40, 56, 96, and 288;

(iv) a LCDR1 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 12, 44, 60, 100, and 292;

(v) a LCDR2 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 14, 46, 62, 102, and 294; and

(vi) a LCDR3 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 16, 48, 64, 104, and 296.

[000194] In one example~~embodiment~~, the anti-MSR1 antibody, or the antigen-binding fragment thereof, comprises

(i) a HCDR1 domain comprising an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 52;

(ii) a HCDR2 domain comprising an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 54;

(iii) a HCDR3 domain comprising an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 56;

(iv) a LCDR1 domain comprising an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 60;

(v) a LCDR2 domain comprising an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 62; and

(vi) a LCDR3 domain comprising an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 64.

[000195] In one example~~embodiment~~, the anti-MSR1 antibody, or the antigen-binding fragment thereof, comprises a N297Q mutation.

[000196] In one example~~embodiment~~, the anti-WTA antibody, or the antigen-binding fragment thereof, may comprise: (a) the complementarity determining regions (CDRs) of a heavy chain variable region (HCVR) comprising an amino acid sequence as set forth in Table 2A; and (b) the CDRs of a light chain variable region (LCVR) comprising an amino acid sequence as set forth in Table 2A.

[000197] In one example~~embodiment~~, the anti-WTA antibody, or the antigen-binding fragment thereof, may comprise:

(i) a HCDR1 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 470, 476, 482, and 488;

(ii) a HCDR2 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 471, 477, 483, and 489;

(iii) a HCDR3 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 472, 478, 484, and 490;

(iv) a LCDR1 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 467, 473, 479, and 485;

(v) a LCDR2 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 468, 474, 480, and 486; and

(vi) a LCDR3 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 469, 475, 481, and 487.

[000198] In one example~~embodiment~~, the anti-WTA antibody, or the antigen-binding fragment thereof, may comprise: (a) the complementarity determining regions (CDRs) of a heavy chain variable region (HCVR) comprising an amino acid sequence as set forth in Table 2B; and (b) the CDRs of a light chain variable region (LCVR) comprising an amino acid sequence as set forth in

Table 2B.

[000199] In one exampleembodiment, the anti-WTA antibody, or the antigen-binding fragment thereof, may comprise:

(i) a HCDR1 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 502, 508, 514, 520, 526, 532, 538, 544, 550, 556, 562, 568, and 574;

(ii) a HCDR2 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 503, 509, 515, 521, 527, 533, 539, 545, 551, 557, 563, 569, and 575;

(iii) a HCDR3 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 504, 510, 516, 522, 528, 534, 540, 546, 552, 558, 564, 570, 576, and 584;

(iv) a LCDR1 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 499, 505, 511, 517, 523, 529, 535, 541, 547, 553, 559, 565, and 571;

(v) a LCDR2 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 500, 506, 512, 518, 524, 530, 536, 542, 548, 554, 560, 566, and 572; and

(vi) a LCDR3 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 501, 507, 513, 519, 525, 531, 537, 543, 549, 555, 561, 567, and 573.

[000200] In some examplesembodiments, the anti-WTA antibody, or the antigen-binding fragment thereof, comprises a V205C mutation (EU numbering) in the light chain.

[000201] In one exampleembodiment, the anti-WTA antibody, or the antigen-binding fragment thereof, is derived from antibody 4497 described in US Patent Application Publication 20140356375 (which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety). In one exampleembodiment, the anti-WTA antibody is derived from antibody 4497 and further comprises a V205C mutation in the light chain.

[000202] In one exampleembodiment, the anti-WTA antibody, or the antigen-binding fragment thereof, comprises the HCDR1-HCDR2-HCDR3-LCDR1-LCDR2-LCDR3 of SEQ ID Nos: 568-569-570-565-566-567.

[000203] In some examples~~embodiments~~, the anti-WTA antibody or antigen binding fragment thereof comprises three heavy chain complementarity determining regions (HCDR1, HCDR2, and HCDR3) within a heavy chain variable region (HCVR) amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NOs: 586; and three light chain complementarity determining regions (LCDR1, LCDR2, and LCDR3) within a light chain variable region (LCVR) amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 585.

[000204] In some examples~~embodiments~~, the anti-WTA antibody or antigen binding fragment thereof comprises an HCVR amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NOs: 586, and an LCVR amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 585.

[000205] In some examples~~embodiments~~, the anti-WTA antibody comprises a heavy chain amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NOs: 602 and a light chain amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 587 or SEQ ID NO: 589. In some examples~~embodiments~~, the anti-WTA antibody, or the antigen-binding fragment thereof comprises a V205C mutation in the light chain.

[000206] In one example~~embodiment~~, the anti-Protein A antibody, or the antigen-binding fragment thereof, may comprise: (a) the complementarity determining regions (CDRs) of a heavy chain variable region (HCVR) comprising an amino acid sequence as set forth in Table 3A; and (b) the CDRs of a light chain variable region (LCVR) comprising an amino acid sequence as set forth in Table 3A.

[000207] In one example~~embodiment~~, the anti-Protein A antibody, or the antigen-binding fragment thereof, may comprise:

[000208] (i) a HCDR1 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 632, 652, and 672;

[000209] (ii) a HCDR2 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 634, 654, and 674;

[000210] (iii) a HCDR3 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 636, 656, and 676;

[000211] (iv) a LCDR1 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 640, 660, and 680;

[000212] (v) a LCDR2 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 642 and 662; and

[000213] (vi) a LCDR3 domain comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 644, 664, and 683.

[000214] In some examples~~embodiments~~, the anti-Protein A antibody, or the antigen-binding fragment thereof, comprises a H435R and a Y436F mutation (EU numbering) in the heavy chain Fc.

[000215] In some examples~~embodiments~~, the anti-Protein A antibody, or the antigen-binding fragment thereof, comprises a H435R and a Y436F mutation (EU numbering) in the heavy chain Fc.

[000216] In one example~~embodiment~~, the anti-Protein A antibody or antigen binding fragment thereof comprises three heavy chain complementarity determining regions (HCDR1, HCDR2, and HCDR3) within a heavy chain variable region (HCVR) amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NOs: 630; and three light chain complementarity determining regions (LCDR1, LCDR2, and LCDR3) within a light chain variable region (LCVR) amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 638. In one example~~embodiment~~, the anti-Protein A antibody or antigen binding fragment thereof comprises a set of six CDRs (HCDR1-HCDR2-HCDR3-LCDR1-LCDR2-LCDR3) comprising SEQ ID NOs: 632-634-636-640-642-644.

[000217] In one example~~embodiment~~, the anti-Protein A antibody or antigen binding fragment thereof comprises an HCVR amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NOs: 630; and an LCVR amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 638.

[000218] In one example~~embodiment~~, the anti-Protein A antibody comprises a heavy chain amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NOs: 666 and a light chain amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 668. In one examples~~embodiments~~, the anti-Protein A antibody, further comprises a H435R and a Y436F mutation (EU numbering) in the heavy chain Fc. In one example~~embodiment~~, anti-Protein A antibody further comprises a C103S mutation in the light chain. In one example~~embodiment~~, the anti-Protein A antibody, or antigen-binding fragment thereof, is conjugated to a compound of the present disclosure at light chain position 103.

[000219] In various examples~~embodiments~~, the antibody, or antigen-binding fragment thereof, comprises a C103S mutation in the light chain.

[000220] The various examples~~embodiments~~, the antibody, or the antigen-binding fragment thereof, is conjugated to a compound of the present disclosure at position 103 of the light chain.

[000221] In one example~~aspect~~, the present disclosure provides a method of preventing or inhibiting growth of a bacterium comprising administering an effective amount of an antibody-drug conjugate as described herein.

[000222] In one example~~embodiment~~, the bacterium is a Gram-positive bacterium.

[000223] In one example~~embodiment~~, the bacterium is a penicillin-resistant bacterium.

[000224] In one example~~embodiment~~, the bacterium is *Staphylococcus aureus*.

[000225] In one example~~embodiment~~, the bacterium is selected from methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA), vancomycin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (VRSA), and methicillin-susceptible *Staphylococcus aureus* (MSSA).

[000226] In one example~~aspect~~, the present disclosure provides a method of treating a bacterial infection in a subject in need of such treatment comprising administering to the subject an effective amount of an antibody-drug conjugate as described herein.

[000227] In one example~~embodiment~~, the bacterial infection is a Gram-positive bacterial infection.

[000228] In one example~~embodiment~~, the bacterial infection is a penicillin-resistant bacterial infection.

[000229] In one example~~embodiment~~, the bacterial infection is a *Staphylococcus aureus* infection.

[000230] In one example~~embodiment~~, the bacterial infection is selected from a methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) infection, a vancomycin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (VRSA) infection, and a methicillin-susceptible *Staphylococcus aureus* (MSSA) infection.

[000231] In one example~~embodiment~~, the bacterial infection is an intracellular bacterial infection.

[000232] In one example~~embodiment~~, the subject is human.

[000233] In one example~~embodiment~~, the method further comprises administering a second therapeutic agent.

[000234] In one example~~embodiment~~, the second therapeutic agent is a second antibiotic.

[000235] In one example~~embodiment~~, the second antibiotic is effective against *Staphylococcus aureus*.

[000236] In one example~~embodiment~~, the second antibiotic is selected from an aminoglycoside, a beta-lactam, a macrolide, a cyclic peptide, a tetracycline, a fluoroquinoline, a fluoroquinolone, and an oxazolidinone.

[000237] In one example~~embodiment~~, the second antibiotic is selected from clindamycin, novobiocin, retapamulin, daptomycin, sitafloxacin, teicoplanin, triclosan, napthyridone, radezolid, doxorubicin, ampicillin, vancomycin, imipenem, doripenem, gemcitabine, dalbavancin, and azithromycin.

[000238] In one example~~embodiment~~, the antibody-drug conjugate is administered to the subject orally, topically, intranasally, intravenously, intramuscularly, or subcutaneously.

[000238a] In another aspect, there is provided a pharmaceutical composition comprising the

antibody-drug conjugate as described above or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

[000238b] In another aspect, there is provided a pharmaceutical dosage form comprising the antibody-drug conjugate as described above or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

[000238c] In another aspect, there is provided a use of the antibody-drug conjugate as described above, or the pharmaceutical composition as described above or the pharmaceutical dosage form as described above in the manufacture of a medicament for inhibiting growth of a bacterium.

[000238d] In another aspect, there is provided a use of the antibody-drug conjugate as described above, or the pharmaceutical composition as described above, or the pharmaceutical dosage form as described above in the manufacture of a medicament for treating a bacterial infection in a subject in need of such treatment.

[000238e] In another aspect, there is provided a use of the antibody-drug conjugate as described above, or the pharmaceutical composition as described above, or the pharmaceutical dosage form as described above in the manufacture of a medicament for preventing or treating cellulitis, bacteremia, dermonecrosis, eyelid infection, eye infection, neonatal conjunctivitis, osteomyelitis, impetigo, boils, scalded skin syndrome, food poisoning, pneumonia, surgical infection, urinary tract infection, burn infection, meningitis, endocarditis, septicemia, toxic shock syndrome, septic arthritis, mastitis, infection associated with a prosthetic joint, infection associated with a catheter, or infection associated with an implant.

[000239] In yet another example~~aspect~~, the present disclosure provides a method of preventing or

treating cellulitis, bacteremia, dermonecrosis, eyelid infection, eye infection, neonatal conjunctivitis, osteomyelitis, impetigo, boils, scalded skin syndrome, food poisoning, pneumonia, surgical infection, urinary tract infection, burn infection, meningitis, endocarditis, septicemia, toxic shock syndrome, septic arthritis, mastitis, infection associated with a prosthetic joint, infection associated with a catheter, or infection associated with an implant, in a subject comprising administering to the subject an effective treatment amount of the compounds, the antibody-drug conjugates, or the pharmaceutical compositions as described herein.

[000240] These and other example s~~aspects~~ of the present disclosure will become apparent to those skilled in the art after a reading of the following detailed description of the disclosure, including the appended claims.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[000241] **Figure 1** is a plot of the results of the *S. aureus* growth inhibition assay conducted with rifamycin analogs according to the disclosure.

[000242] **Figure 2** is a bar graph of the results of the *S. aureus* intracellular killing assay conducted with rifamycin analogs according to the disclosure.

[000243] **Figure 3** is a plot of the results of the *S. aureus* intracellular killing assay conducted with rifamycin analogs according to the disclosure.

[000244] **Figure 4** is a schematic of four day *S. aureus* infection model.

[000245] **Figure 5** is a plot of colony forming units of Anti-*Staphylococcus aureus* ADCs according to the disclosure in an intracellular killing assay using THP cells.

[000246] **Figure 6** depicts the average *S. aureus* kidney burden in mice treated with isotype control and anti-WTA Ab-Antibiotic ncADC (antibody-drug conjugates) according to the disclosure at 2 mg/kg in combination with vancomycin.

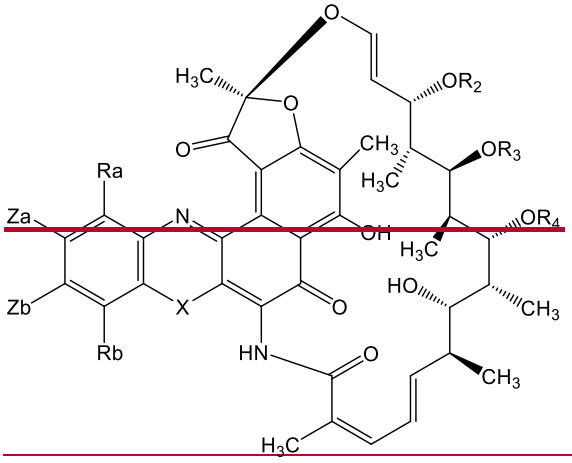
[000247] **Figure 7** depicts the average *S. aureus* kidney burden in mice treated with isotype control and anti-Protein A Ab-Antibiotic ncADC according to the disclosure at 2 mg/kg in combination with vancomycin.

[000248] **Figure 8** depicts the average *S. aureus* kidney burden in mice treated with isotype control and anti-WTA Ab-Antibiotic ncADC according to the disclosure at 5 mg/kg in combination with vancomycin.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A compound having the structure of formula (A):



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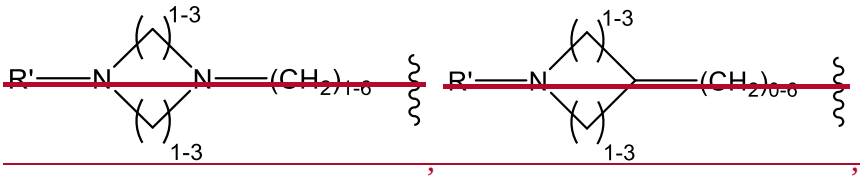
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

X is selected from -O- and -NR*-;

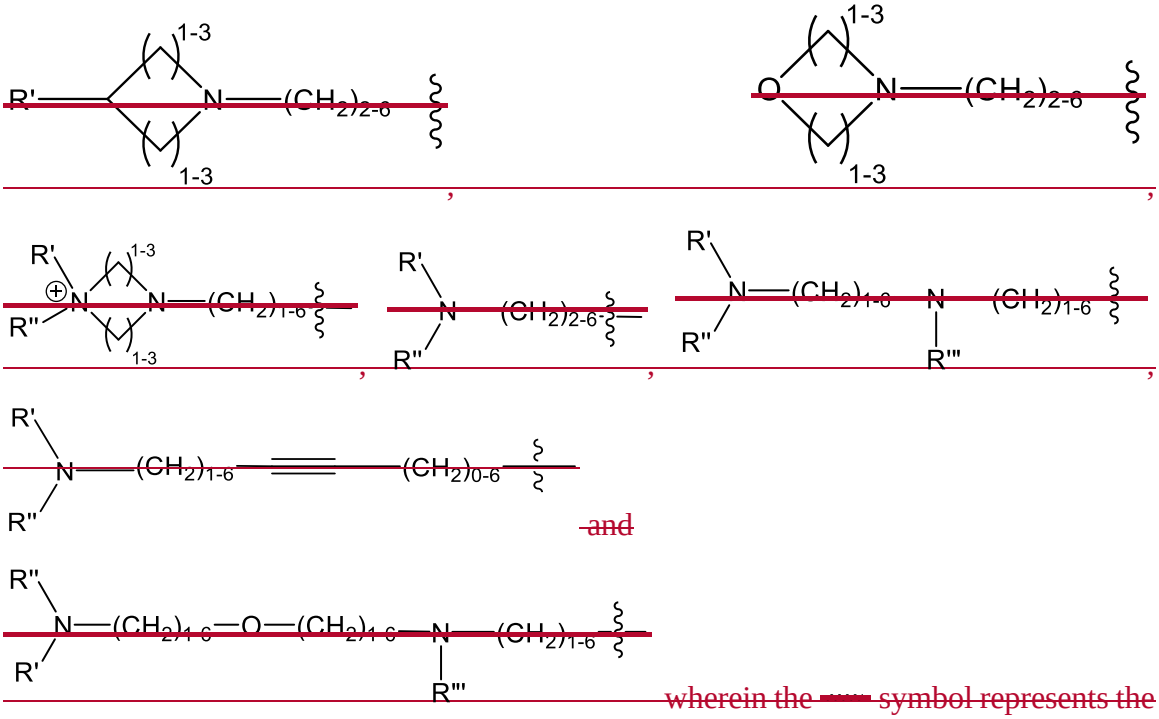
Za and Zb are independently selected from a hydrogen, $-OR_1$, -Cl, -Br, and $-R_N$, with the proviso that at least one of Za or Zb is not a hydrogen, wherein:

R_1 is selected from a hydrogen, R_N, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_5-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon; a cyclic aliphatic C_3-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, each of which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S, and wherein R_1 is optionally substituted with one or more of -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -OR*, -NO, $-NO_2$, $-NO_3$, -O-NO, $-N_3$, $-NH_2$, -NHR*, $-N(R^*)_2$, $-N(R^*)_3^+$, -N(R*)-OH, -O-N(R*)$_2$, -N(R*)-O-R*, -CN, -NC, -(C=O)-R*, -CHO, $-CO_2H$, $-CO_2R^*$, -(C=O)-S-R*, -O-(C=O)-H, -O-(C=O)-R*, -S-(C=O)-R*, -(C=O)-NH_2, -(C=O)-N(R*)$_2$, -(C=O)-$NHNH_2$, -O-(C=O)-$NHNH_2$, -(C=S)-NH_2, -(C=S)-N(R*)$_2$, -N(R*)-CHO, -N(R*)-(C=O)-R*, -SCN, -NCS, -NSO, -SSR*, $-SO_2R^*$, $-SO_2$-N(R*)$_2$, -S(=O)-OR*, -S(=O)-R*, -Si(R*)$_3$, $-CF_3$, -O-CF_3 and combinations thereof, with the provisos that R_1 is not an n-butyl group, and when X is -O- and Ra is hydrogen, R_1 is not hydrogen;

R_N is selected from:



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and

wherein the ~~wavy~~ symbol represents the point of attachment; and R', R" and R''' are selected from a hydrogen, a C_1-C_6 aliphatic hydrocarbon, and a protecting group selected from Fluorenylmethyloxycarbonyl (F_{MOC}) and *tert*-Butyloxycarbonyl (B_{OC}), or wherein R' and R'' together form an aliphatic monocyclic, an aliphatic bicyclic, or an aliphatic polycyclic structure;

R_2, R_3, and R_4 are independently selected from hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and -(C=O)-R*, each of which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S;

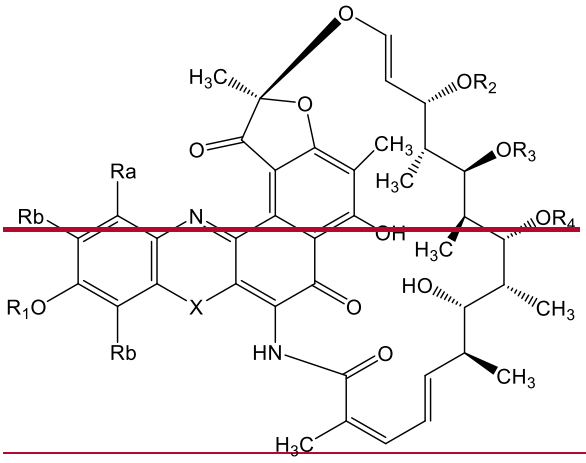
R_a is selected from hydrogen, -Cl, -OR*, -F, -Br, -I, -OH, $-NH_2$, -NHR*, $-N(R^*)_2$, $-N(R^*)_3^+$, -(C=O)-R*, -CHO, $-CO_2H$, $-CO_2R^*$, -SR*, $-SO_2R^*$, and an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S, and wherein R_a is optionally substituted with one or more of -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -OR*;

R_b is selected from hydrogen, -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -OR*, -(C=O)-R*, -CHO, $-CO_2H$, $-CO_2R^*$ and an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, which further comprises 0-3 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, and S, and wherein R_b is optionally substituted with one or more of -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -OR*, and

R* is independently at each occurrence selected from hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_5-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_3-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations

thereof, which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S and combinations thereof.

2. The compound of claim 1 having a structure according to formula (I):



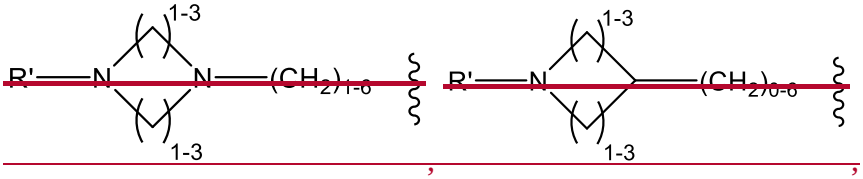
(I)

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof wherein:

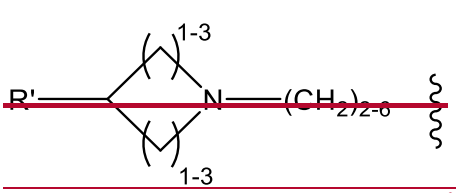
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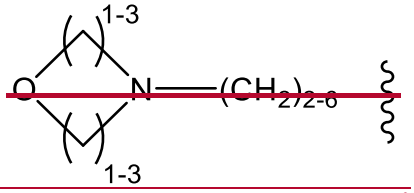
R_1 is selected from R_N, a hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_5-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_3-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, each of which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S, and wherein R_1 is optionally substituted with one or more of -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -OR*, -NO, $-NO_2$, $-NO_3$, -O-NO, $-N_3$, $-NH_2$, -NHR*, $-N(R^*)_2$, $-N(R^*)_3^+$, -N(R*)-OH, -O-N(R*)$_2$, -N(R*)-O-R*, -CN, -NC, -(C=O)-R*, -CHO, $-CO_2H$, $-CO_2R^*$, -(C=O)-S-R*, -O-(C=O)-H, -O-(C=O)-R*, -S-(C=O)-R*, -(C=O)-NH_2, -(C=O)-N(R*)$_2$, -(C=O)-$NHNH_2$, -O-(C=O)-$NHNH_2$, -(C=S)-NH_2, -(C=S)-N(R*)$_2$, -N(R*)-CHO, -N(R*)-(C=O)-R*, -SCN, -NCS, -NSO, -SSR*, $-SO_2R^*$, $-SO_2$-N(R*)$_2$, -S(=O)-OR*, -S(=O)-R*, -Si(R*)$_3$, $-CF_3$, -O-CF_3 and combinations thereof, with the provisos that R_1 is not an n-butyl group, and when X is -O- and Ra is hydrogen, R_1 is not hydrogen;

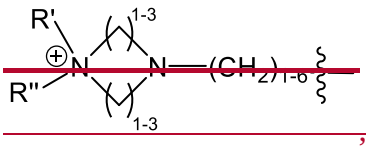
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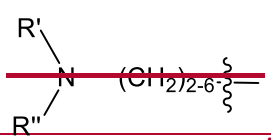


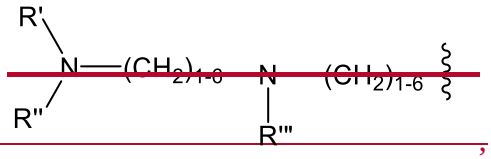
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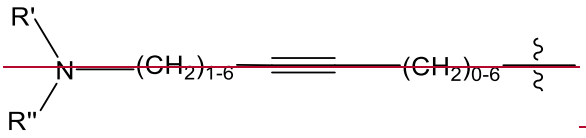


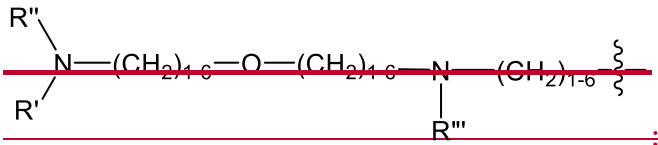
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; wherein the ~~—~~ symbol represents the point of attachment; and R', R" and R''' are selected from a hydrogen, a C_1-C_6 aliphatic hydrocarbon, and a protecting group selected from F_{MOC} and $B_{OC,}$ or wherein R' and R'' together form an aliphatic monocyclic, an aliphatic bicyclic, or an aliphatic polycyclic structure;

R_2, R_3, and R_4 are independently selected from hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, or -(C=O)-R*, each of which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S;

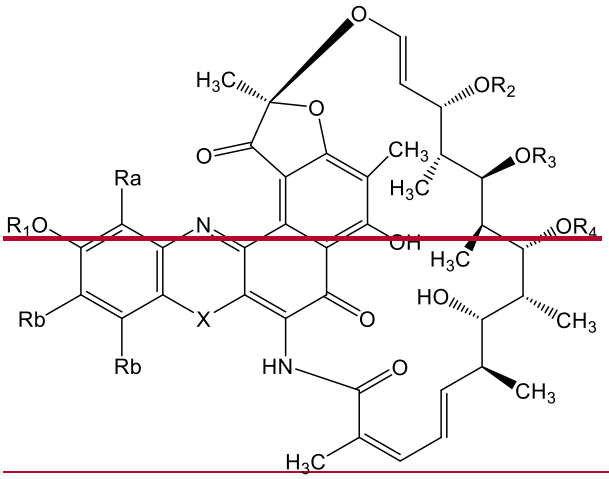
R_a is selected from hydrogen, F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -OR*, $-NH_2$, -NHR*, $-N(R^*)_2$, $-N(R^*)_3^+$, -(C=O)-R*, -CHO, $-CO_2H$, $-CO_2R^*$, -SR*, $-SO_2R^*$, and an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S, and wherein R_a is optionally substituted with one or more of -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -OR*;

R_b is selected from hydrogen, -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -OR*, -(C=O)-R*, -CHO, $-CO_2H$, $-CO_2R^*$ and an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, which further comprises 0-3 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, and S, and wherein R_b is optionally substituted with one or more of -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -OR*; and

R* is independently at each occurrence selected from hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_5-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_3-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations

thereof, which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S and combinations thereof.

3. The compound of claim 1 having a structure according to formula (I')



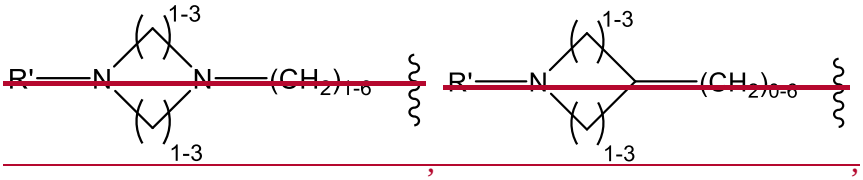
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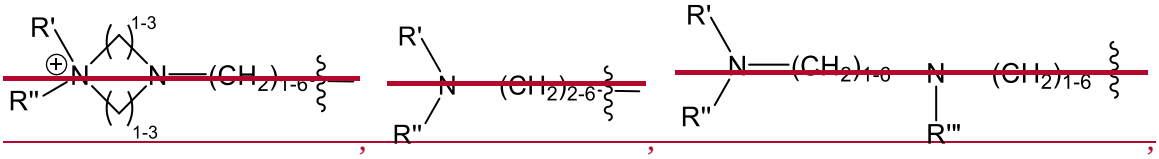
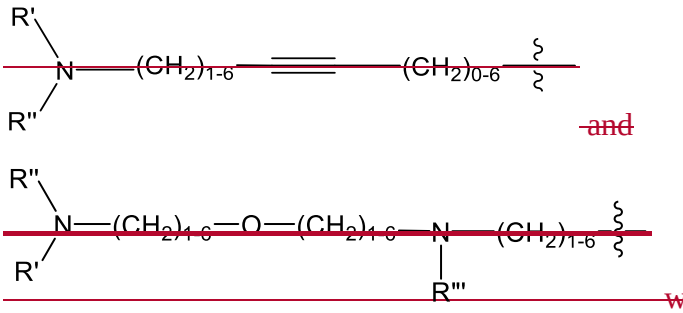
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof wherein:

X is selected from -O- and -NR*-;

R_1 is selected from R_N, a hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_5-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_3-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, each of which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S, and wherein R_1 is optionally substituted with one or more of -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -OR*, -NO, $-NO_2$, $-NO_3$, -O-NO, $-N_3$, $-NH_2$, -NHR*, $-N(R^*)_2$, $-N(R^*)_3^+$, -N(R*)-OH, -O-N(R*)$_2$, -N(R*)-O-R*, -CN, -NC, -(C=O)-R*, -CHO, $-CO_2H$, $-CO_2R^*$, -(C=O)-S-R*, -O-(C=O)-H, -O-(C=O)-R*, -S-(C=O)-R*, $-(C=O)-NH_2$, -(C=O)-N(R*)$_2$, -(C=O)-NHNH$_2$, -O-(C=O)-NHNH$_2$, -(C=S)-NH$_2$, -(C=S)-N(R*)$_2$, -N(R*)-CHO, -N(R*)-(C=O)-R*, -SCN, -NCS, -NSO, -SSR*, $-SO_2R^*$, $-SO_2$-N(R*)$_2$, -S(=O)-OR*, -S(=O)-R*, $-Si(R^*)_3$, $-CF_3$, -O-CF_3 and combinations thereof, with the provisos that R_1 is not an n-butyl group, and when X is -O- and Ra is hydrogen, R_1 is not hydrogen;

R_N is selected from:





and

wherein the —— symbol represents the point of attachment; and R', R" and R''' are selected from a hydrogen, a C_1-C_6 aliphatic hydrocarbon, and a protecting group selected from F_{MOC} and $B_{OC,}$ or wherein R' and R'' together form an aliphatic monocyclic, an aliphatic bicyclic, or an aliphatic polycyclic structure;

R_2, R_3, and R_4 are independently selected from hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, or -(C=O)-R*, each of which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S;

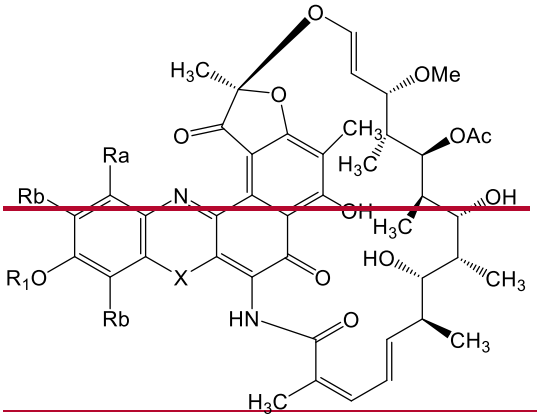
R_a is selected from hydrogen, F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -OR*, $-NH_2$, -NHR*, $-N(R^*)_2$, $-N(R^*)_3^+$, -(C=O)-R*, -CHO, $-CO_2H$, $-CO_2R^*$, -SR*, SO_2R^*, and an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S, and wherein R_a is optionally substituted with one or more of -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -OR*;

R_b is selected from hydrogen, -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -OR*, -(C=O)-R*, -CHO, $-CO_2H$, $-CO_2R^*$ and an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, which further comprises 0-3 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, and S, and wherein R_b is optionally substituted with one or more

of -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -OR*; and

R* is independently at each occurrence selected from hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_5-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_3-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S and combinations thereof.

4. The compound of claim 1 or 2, having the structure of formula (II):



(II)

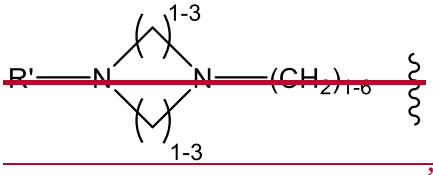
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof wherein:

X is selected from -O- and -NR*-;

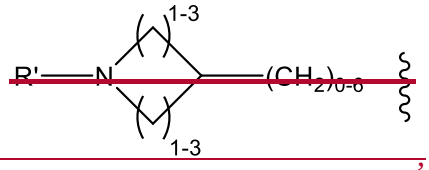
R_a is selected from hydrogen, -Cl, and -OR*;

R_1 is selected from R_N, hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_5-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_3-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, each of which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S, and wherein R_1 is optionally substituted with one or more of -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -OR*, -NO, $-NO_2$, $-NO_3$, -O-NO, $-N_3$, $-NH_2$, -NHR*, $-N(R^*)_2$, $-N(R^*)_3^+$, -N(R*)-OH, -O-N(R*)$_2$, -N(R*)-O-R*, -CN, -NC, -(C=O)-R*, -CHO, $-CO_2H$, $-CO_2R^*$, -(C=O)-S-R*, -O-(C=O)-H, -O-(C=O)-R*, -S-(C=O)-R*, -(C=O)-NH_2, -(C=O)-N(R*)$_2$, -(C=O)-$NHNH_2$, -O-(C=O)-$NHNH_2$, -(C=S)-NH_2, -(C=S)-N(R*)$_2$, -N(R*)-CHO, -N(R*)-(C=O)-R*, -SCN, -NCS, -NSO, -SSR*, $-SO_2R^*$, $-SO_2$-N(R*)$_2$, -S(=O)-OR*, -S(=O)-R*, -Si(R*)$_3$, $-CF_3$, -O-CF_3 and combinations thereof, with a proviso that R_1 is not an n-butyl group;

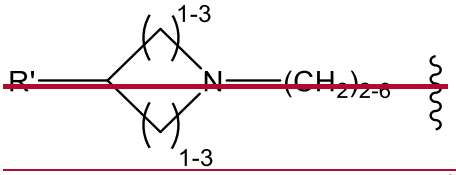
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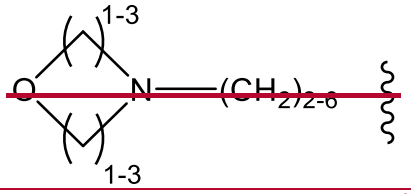
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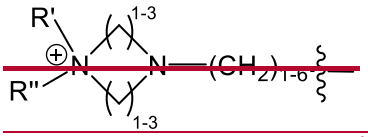
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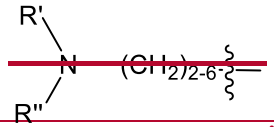
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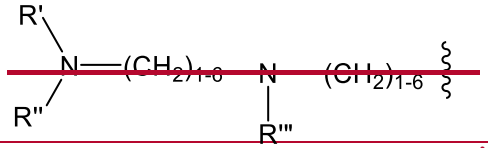
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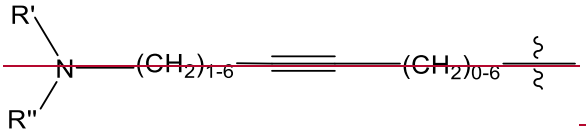
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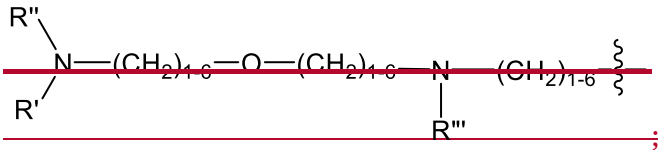
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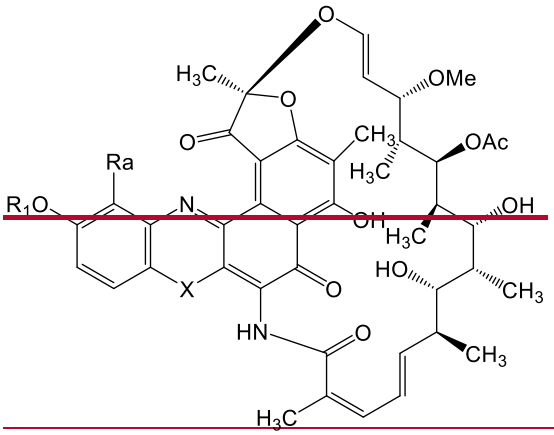
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; wherein the —— symbol represents the point of attachment; and R', R" and R''' are selected from a hydrogen, a C_1-C_6 aliphatic hydrocarbon, and a protecting group selected from F_{MOC} and $B_{OC,}$ or wherein R' and R'' together form an aliphatic monocyclic, an aliphatic bicyclic, or an aliphatic polycyclic structure; and

R* is independently at each occurrence selected from hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_5-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_3-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S and combinations thereof.

5. The compound of claim 1 or 3, having a structure according to formula (II'):



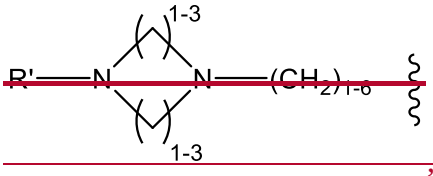
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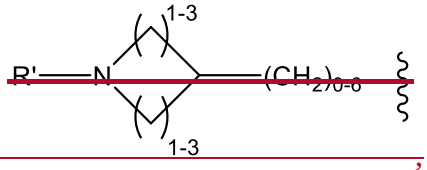
X is selected from -O- and -NR*-;

R_a is selected from hydrogen, -Cl, and -OR*;

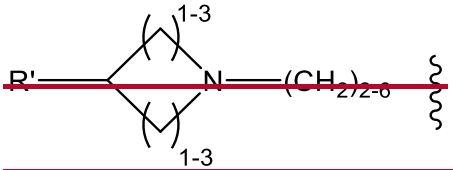
R_1 is selected from R_N, hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_5-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_3-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, each of which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S, and wherein R_1 is optionally substituted with one or more of -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -OR*, -NO, $-NO_2$, $-NO_3$, -O-NO, $-N_3$, $-NH_2$, -NHR*, $-N(R^*)_2$, $-N(R^*)_3^+$, -N(R*)-OH, -O-N(R*)$_2$, -N(R*)-O-R*, -CN, -NC, -(C=O)-R*, -CHO, $-CO_2H$, $-CO_2R^*$, -(C=O)-S-R*, -O-(C=O)-H, -O-(C=O)-R*, -S-(C=O)-R*, $-(C=O)-NH_2$, -(C=O)-N(R*)$_2$, -(C=O)-NHNH$_2$, -O-(C=O)-NHNH$_2$, -(C=S)-NH$_2$, -(C=S)-N(R*)$_2$, -N(R*)-CHO, -N(R*)-(C=O)-R*, -SCN, -NCS, -NSO, -SSR*, $-SO_2R^*$, $-SO_2$-N(R*)$_2$, -S(=O)-OR*, -S(=O)-R*, $-Si(R^*)_3$, $-CF_3$, -O-CF_3 and combinations thereof, with a proviso that R_1 is not an n-butyl group; R_N is selected from:



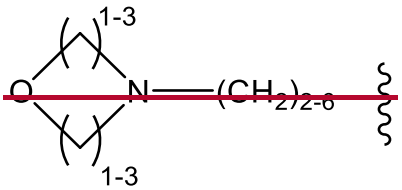
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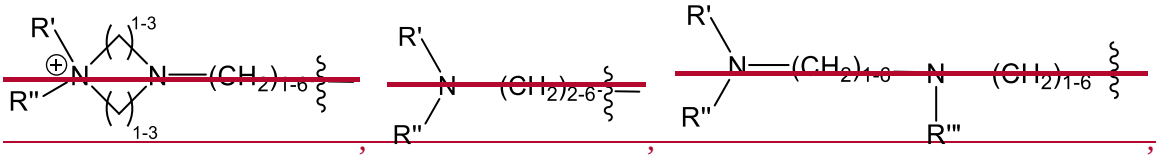
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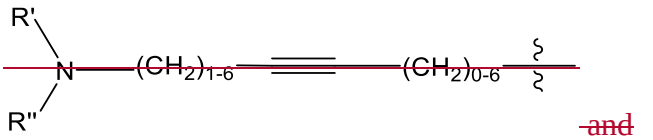


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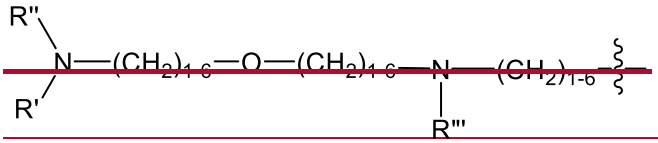


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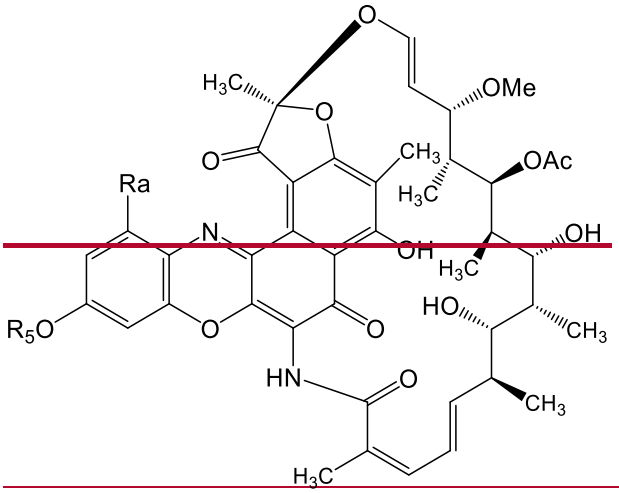
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R* is independently at each occurrence selected from hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_5-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_3-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S and combinations thereof.

6. The compound of claims 1, 2 or 4 having a structure according to formula (III):



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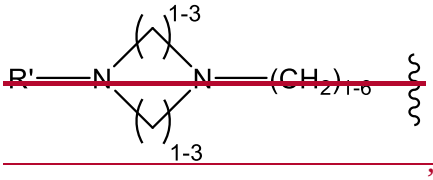
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof wherein:

R_a is selected from hydrogen and -OR*;

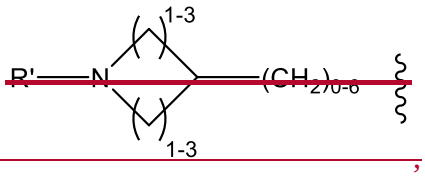
R_5 is selected from R_N, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_5-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_3-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, each of which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S, and wherein R_5 is optionally substituted with one or more of -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -OR*, $-NH_2$, -NHR*, $-N(R^*)_2$, $-N(R^*)_3^+$, -(C=O)-R*, -CHO, $-CO_2H$, $-CO_2R^*$ and combinations thereof, with a proviso that R_5 is not an n-butyl group;

R* is independently at each occurrence selected from hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_5-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_3-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S and combinations thereof; and

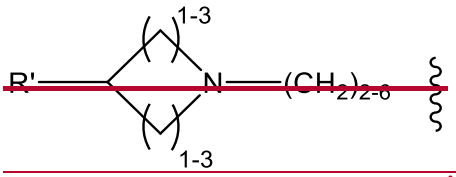
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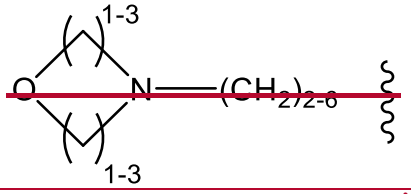
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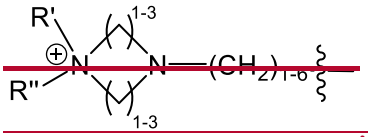
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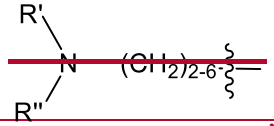
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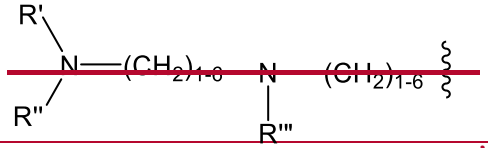
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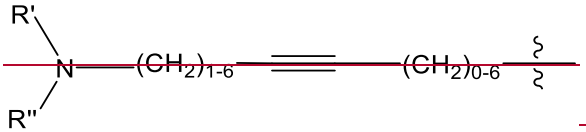
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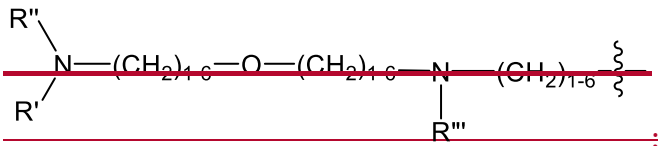
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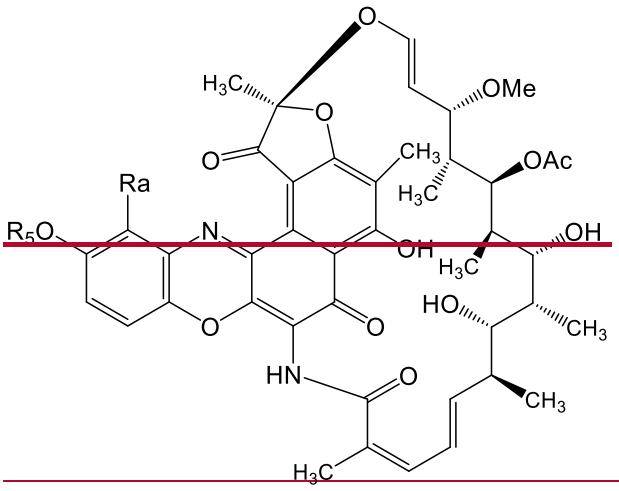
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; wherein the ---- symbol represents the

point of attachment; and R', R" and R"' are selected from a hydrogen, a C_1-C_6 aliphatic hydrocarbon, and a protecting group selected from F_{MOC} and $B_{OC,}$ or wherein R' and R'' together form an aliphatic monocyclic, an aliphatic bicyclic, or an aliphatic polycyclic structure.

7. The compound of claims 1, 3, or 5 having a structure according to formula (III'):



(III')

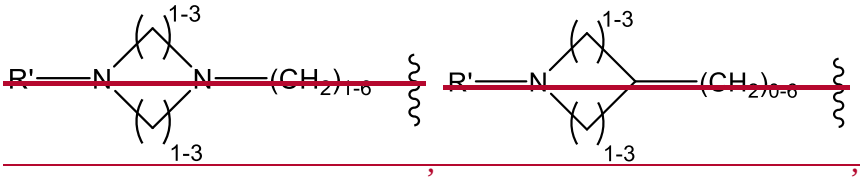
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof wherein:

R_a is selected from hydrogen and -OR*;

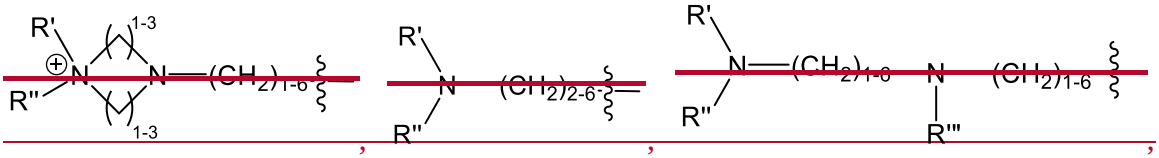
R_5 is selected from R_N, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_5-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_3-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, each of which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S, and wherein R_5 is optionally substituted with one or more of -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -OR*, $-NH_2$, -NHR*, $-N(R^*)_2$, $-N(R^*)_3^+$, -(C=O)-R*, -CHO, $-CO_2H$, $-CO_2R^*$ and combinations thereof, with a proviso that R_5 is not an n-butyl group;

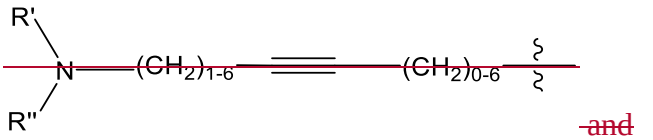
R* is independently at each occurrence selected from hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_5-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_3-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S and combinations thereof; and

R_N is selected from:

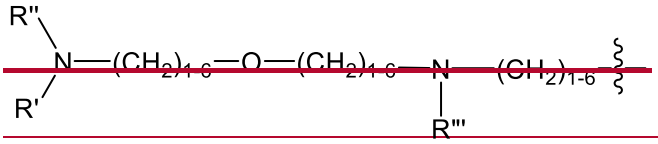






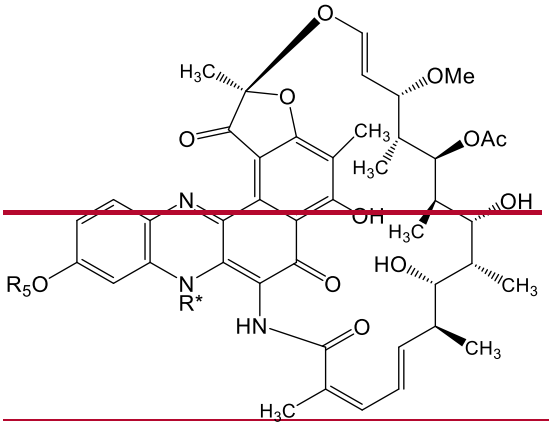


and



wherein the —— symbol represents the point of attachment; and R', R" and R''' are selected from a hydrogen, a C_1-C_6 aliphatic hydrocarbon, and a protecting group selected from F_{MOC} and $B_{OC,}$ or wherein R' and R'' together form an aliphatic monocyclic, an aliphatic bicyclic, or an aliphatic polycyclic structure.

8. The compound of claims 1, 2 or 4 having a structure according to formula (IV):



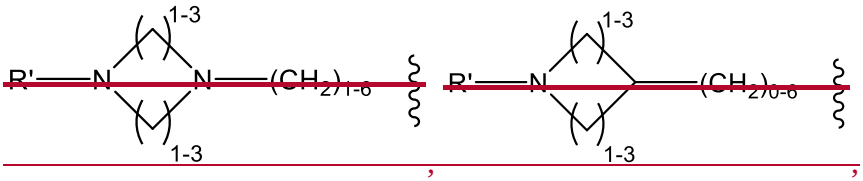
(IV)

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof wherein:

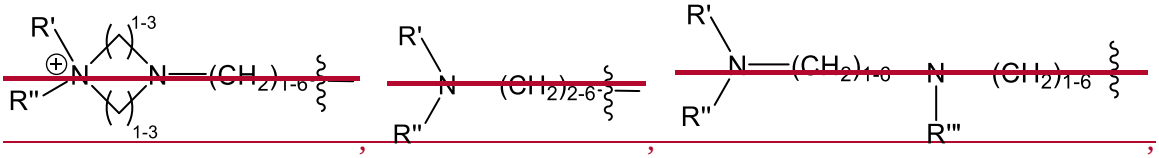
R_a is selected from hydrogen and -OR*;

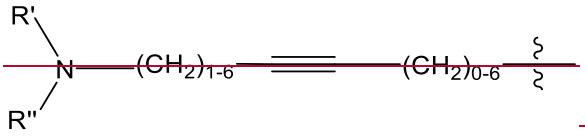
R_5 is selected from R_N, hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_6-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_3-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, each of which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S, and wherein R_5 is optionally substituted with one or more of -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -OR*, $-NH_2$, -NHR*, $-N(R^*)_2$, $-N(R^*)_3^+$, -(C=O)-R*, -CHO, $-CO_2H$, $-CO_2R^*$ and combinations thereof;

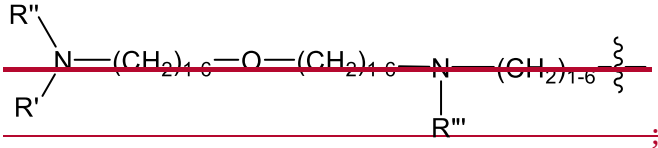
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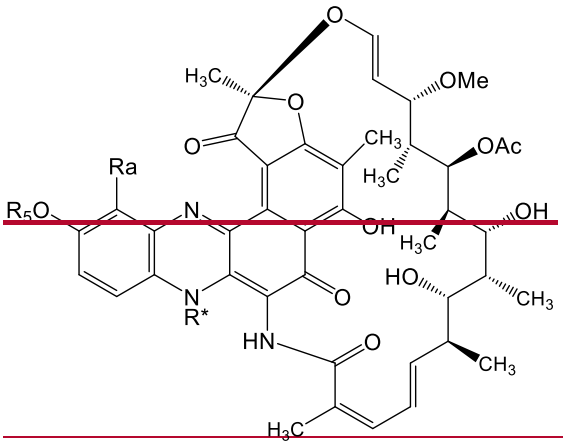

and


; wherein the ~~~~ symbol represents the point of attachment; and R', R'' and R''' are selected from a hydrogen, a C_1-C_6 aliphatic hydrocarbon, and a protecting group selected from F_{MOC} and $B_{OC,}$ or wherein R' and R'' together form an aliphatic monocyclic, an aliphatic bicyclic, or an aliphatic polycyclic structure; and

R* is independently at each occurrence selected from hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20}

hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_5-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_3-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S and combinations thereof.

9. The compound of claims 1, 3, or 5 having a structure according to formula (IV'):



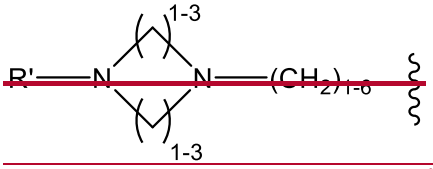
(IV')

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof wherein:

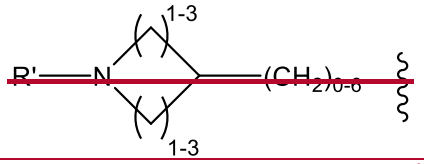
R_a is selected from hydrogen and -OR*;

R_5 is selected from R_N, hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_6-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_3-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, each of which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S, and wherein R_5 is optionally substituted with one or more of -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -OR*, $-NH_2$, -NHR*, $-N(R^*)_2$, $-N(R^*)_3^+$, -(C=O)-R*, -CHO, $-CO_2H$, $-CO_2R^*$ and combinations thereof;

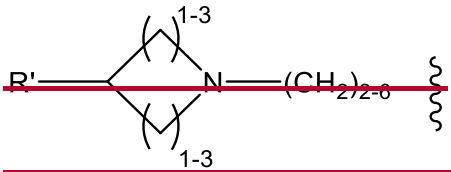
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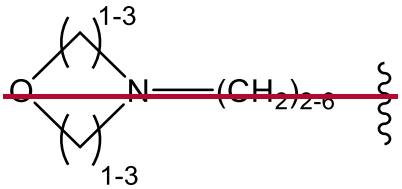
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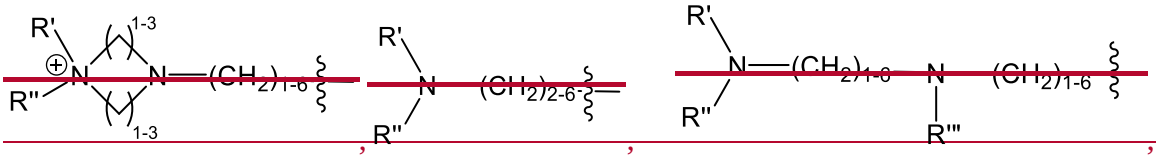
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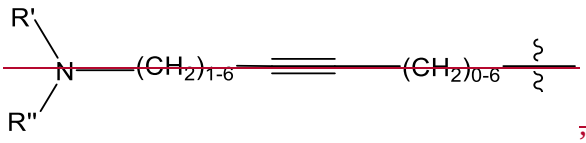


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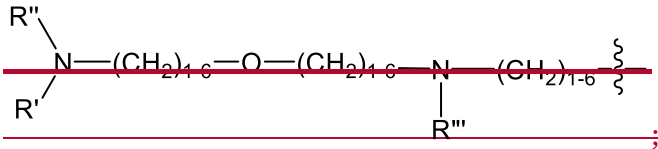
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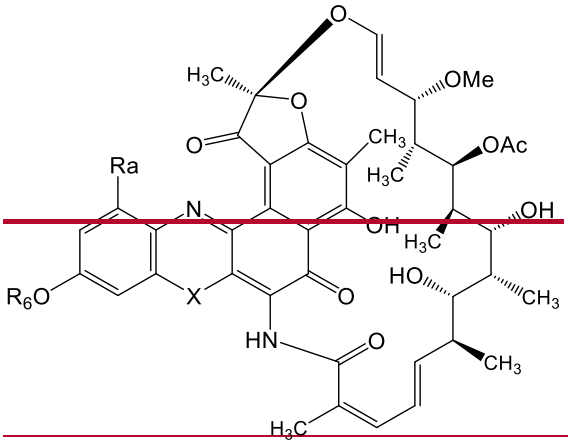
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; wherein the ~~-----~~ symbol represents the point of attachment; and R', R" and R''' are selected from a hydrogen, a C_1-C_6 aliphatic hydrocarbon, and a protecting group selected from F_{MOC} and $B_{OC,}$ or wherein R' and R'' together form an aliphatic monocyclic, an aliphatic bicyclic, or an aliphatic polycyclic structure; and

R* is independently at each occurrence selected from hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_5-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_3-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S and combinations thereof.

10. The compound of claims 1, 2 or 4 having a structure according to formula (V):



(V)

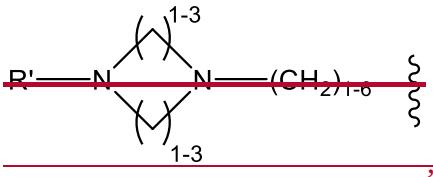
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof wherein:

~~X is selected from -O- and -NR*-;~~

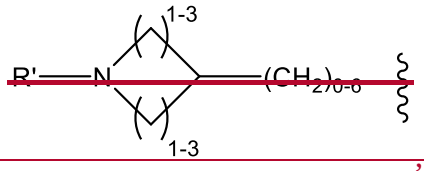
~~R_a is selected from hydrogen and -OR*;~~

~~R_6 is selected from R_N, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_5-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_3-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, each of which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S, and wherein R_6 is optionally substituted with one or more of -OH, -OR*, $-NH_2$, -NHR*, $-N(R^*)_2$, $-N(R^*)_3^+$, -N(R*)-(C=O)-R*, -(C=O)-R*, -CHO, $-CO_2H$, $-CO_2R^*$ and combinations thereof, with a proviso that R_6 is not an n-butyl group;~~

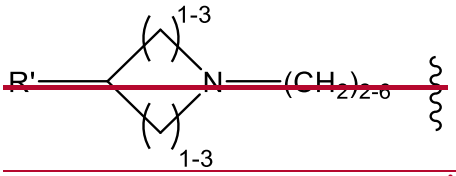
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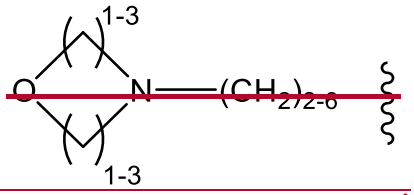
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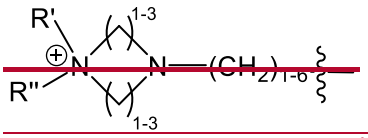
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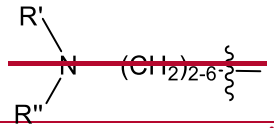
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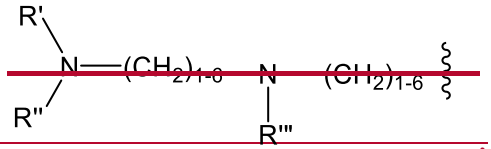
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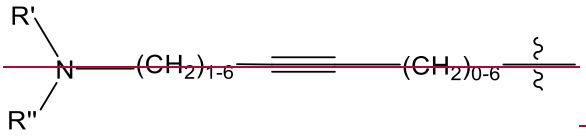
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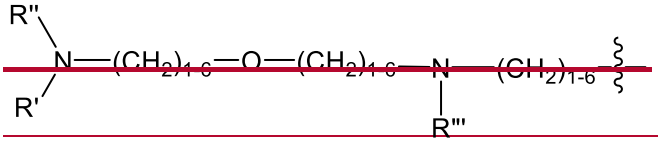
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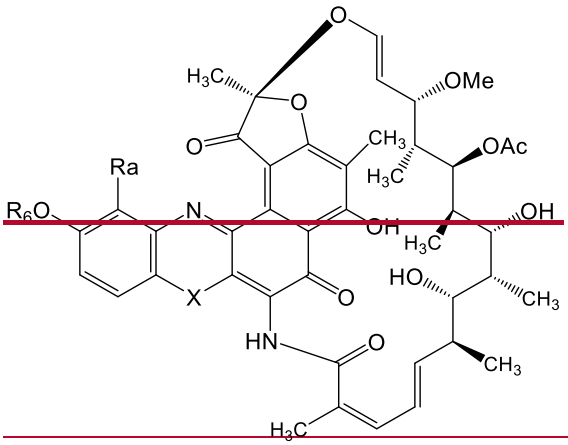
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~~wherein the —— symbol represents the point of attachment; and R', R" and R''' are selected from a hydrogen, a C_1-C_6 aliphatic hydrocarbon, and a protecting group selected from F_{MOC} and $B_{OC,}$ or wherein R' and R'' together form an aliphatic monocyclic, an aliphatic bicyclic, or an aliphatic polycyclic structure; and~~

R* is independently at each occurrence selected from hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_5-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_3-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S and combinations thereof.

11. The compound of claims 1, 3, or 5 having a structure according to formula (V'):



(V')

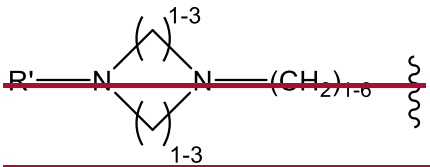
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof wherein:

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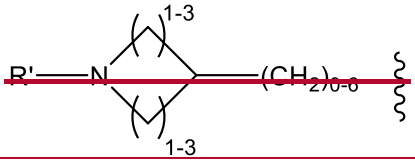
R_a is selected from hydrogen and -OR*;

R_6 is selected from R_N, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_5-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_3-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, each of which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S, and wherein R_6 is optionally substituted with one or more of -OH, -OR*, $-NH_2$, -NHR*, $-N(R^*)_2$, $-N(R^*)_3^+$, -N(R*)-(C=O)-R*, -(C=O)-R*, -CHO, $-CO_2H$, $-CO_2R^*$ and combinations thereof, with a proviso that R_6 is not an n-butyl group;

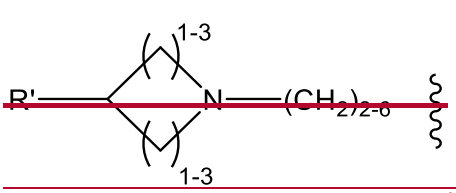
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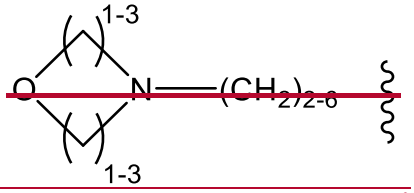


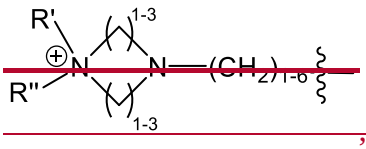
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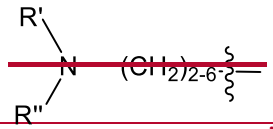


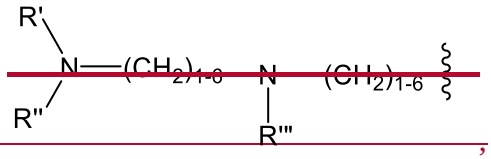
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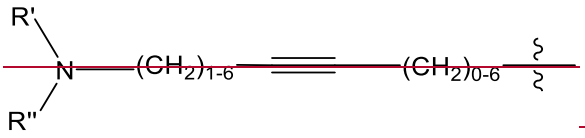


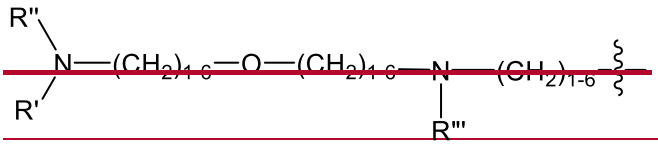
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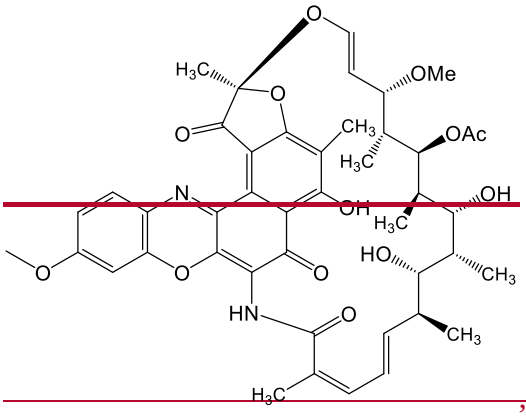
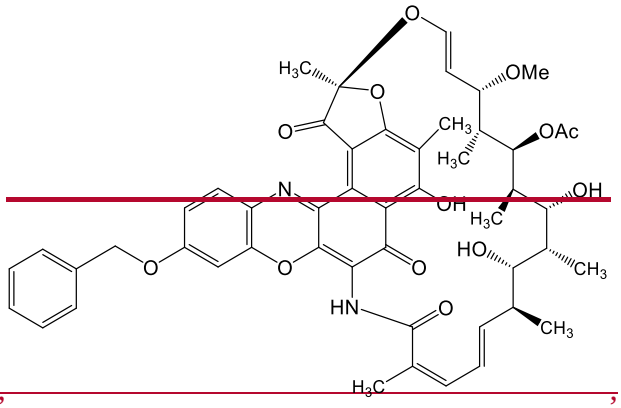
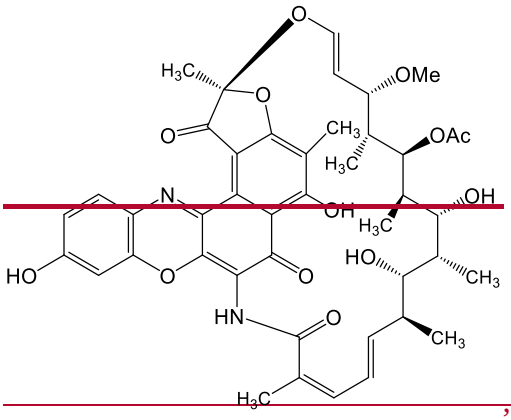
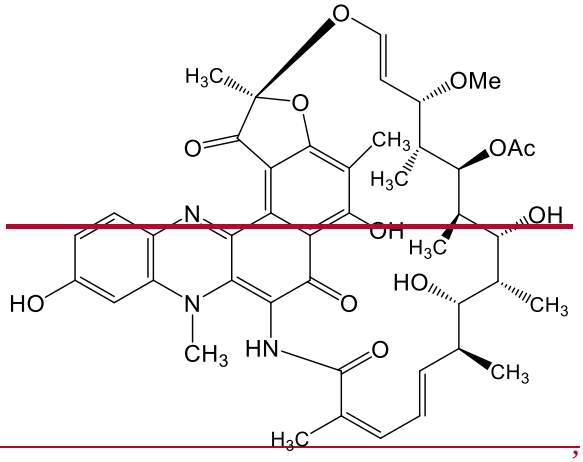
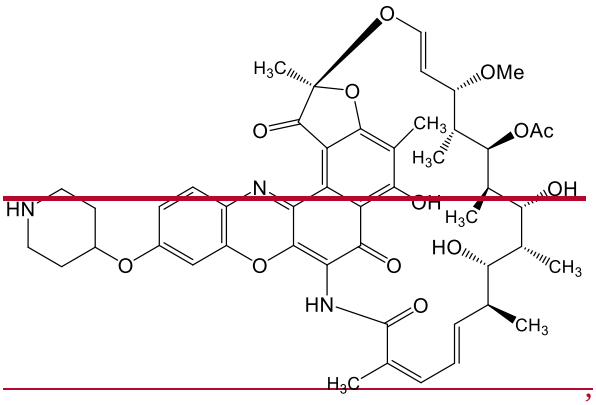
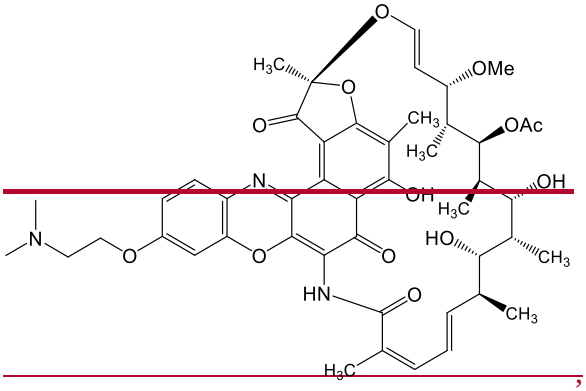
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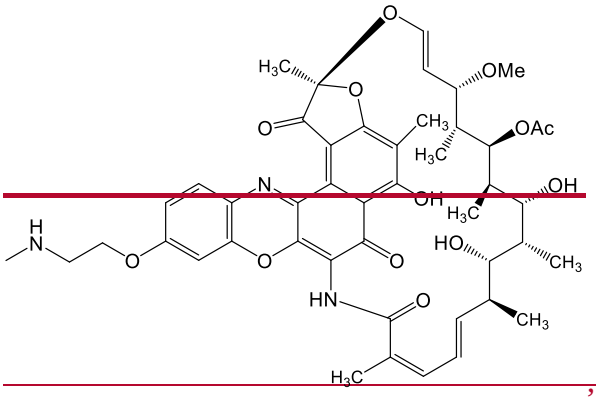
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wherein the —— symbol represents the point of attachment; and R', R" and R''' are selected from a hydrogen, a C_1-C_6 aliphatic hydrocarbon, and a protecting group selected from F_{MOC} and $B_{OC,}$ or wherein R' and R'' together form an aliphatic monocyclic, an aliphatic bicyclic, or an aliphatic polycyclic structure; and

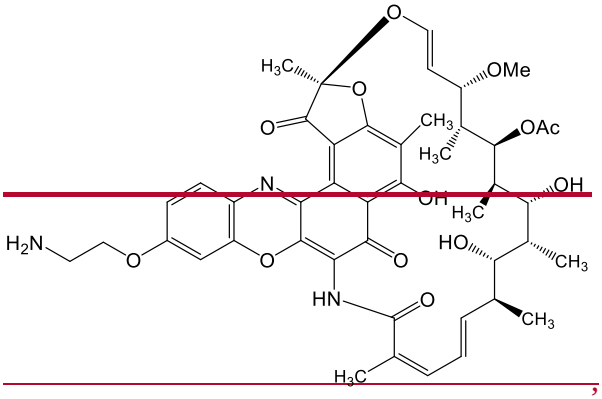
R* is independently at each occurrence selected from hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_5-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_3-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S and combinations thereof.

12. A compound having the structure selected from the group consisting of:

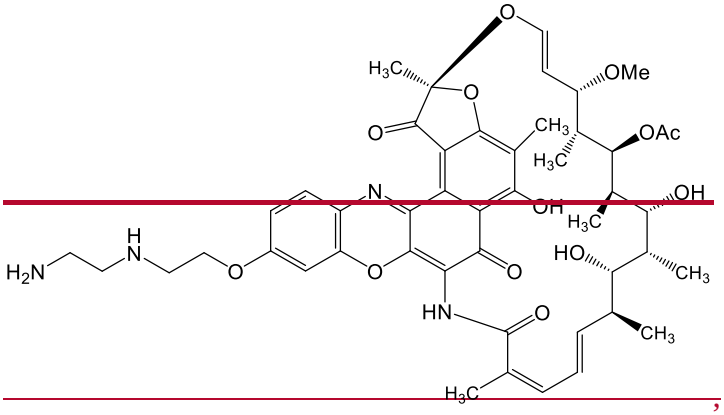

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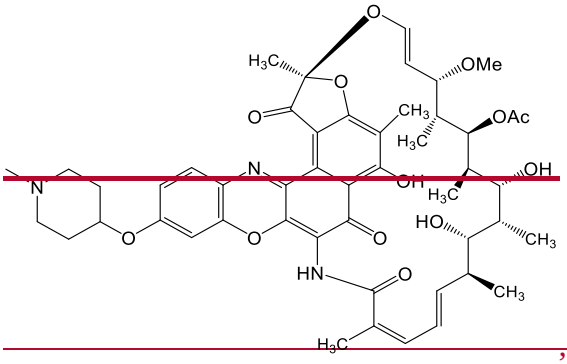
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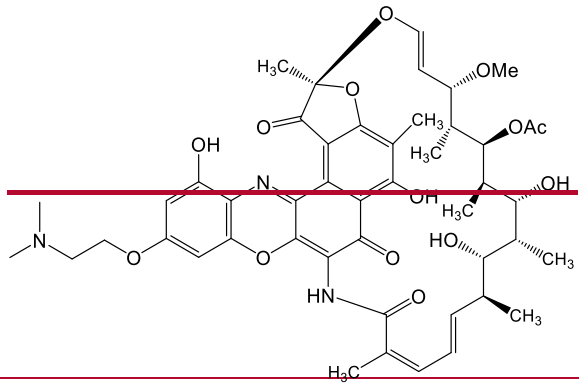


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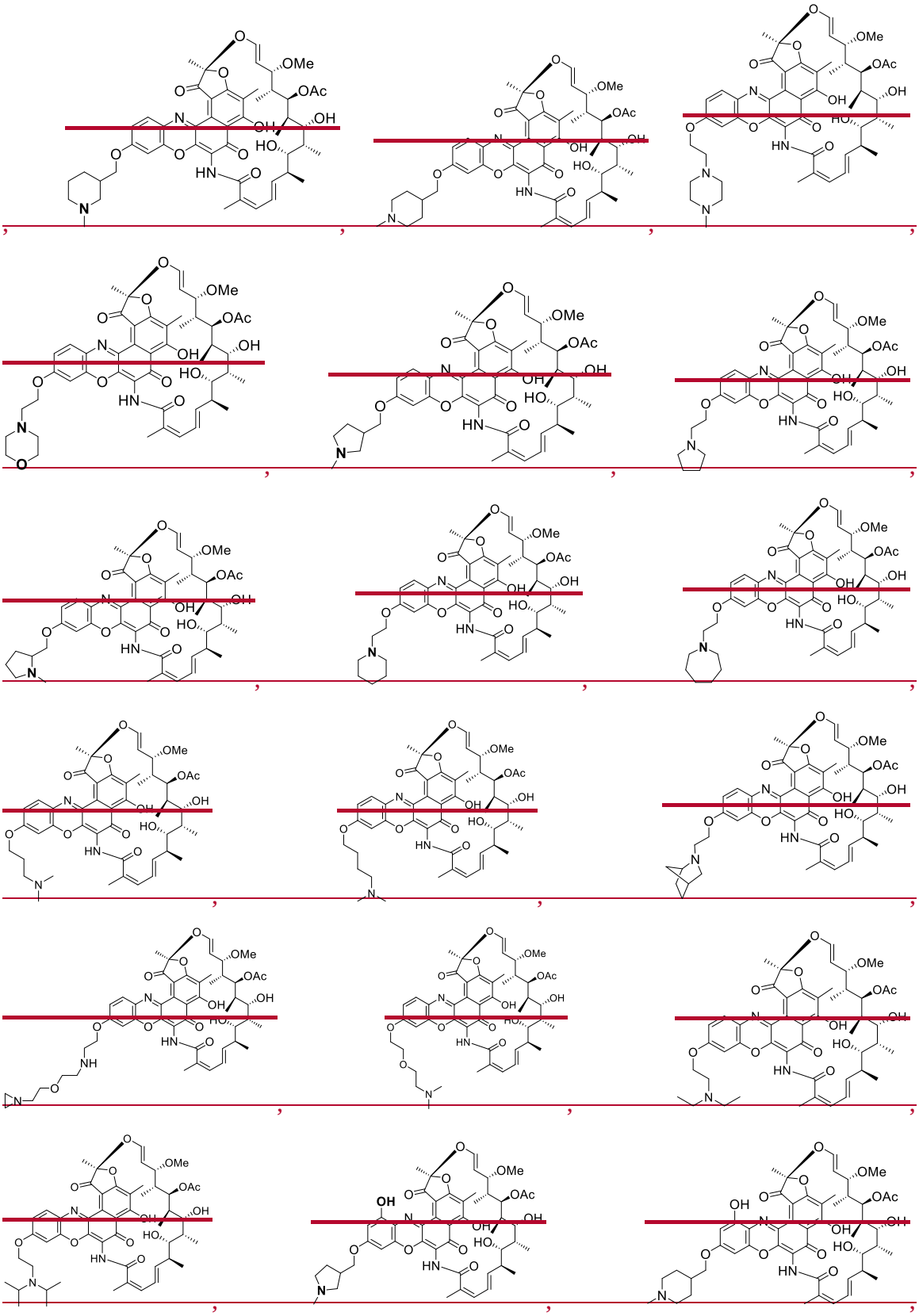


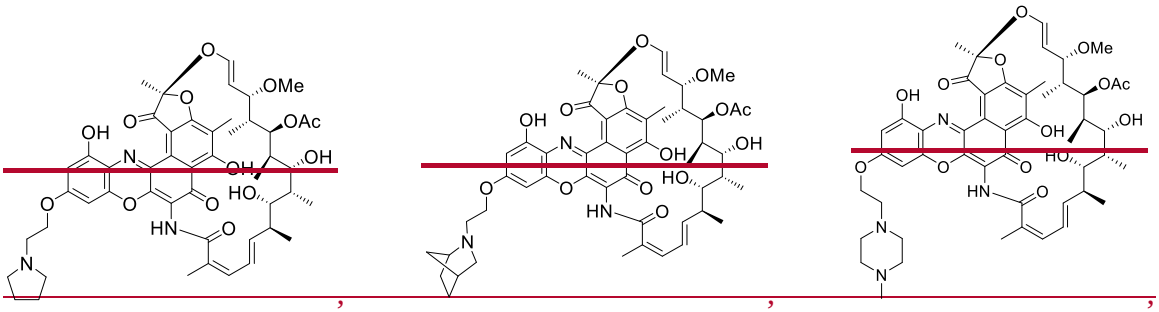
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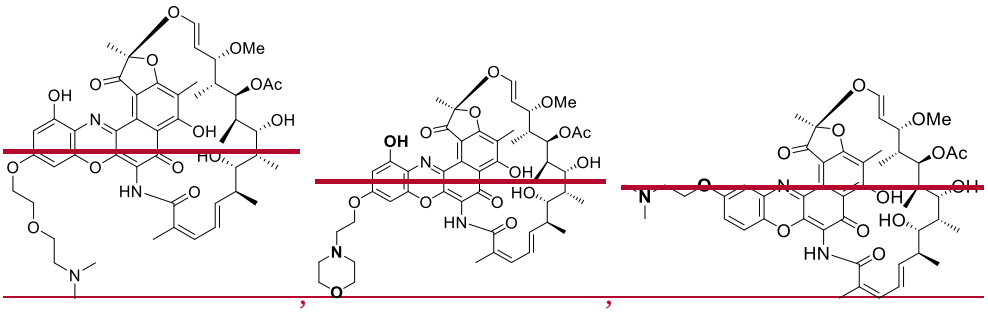


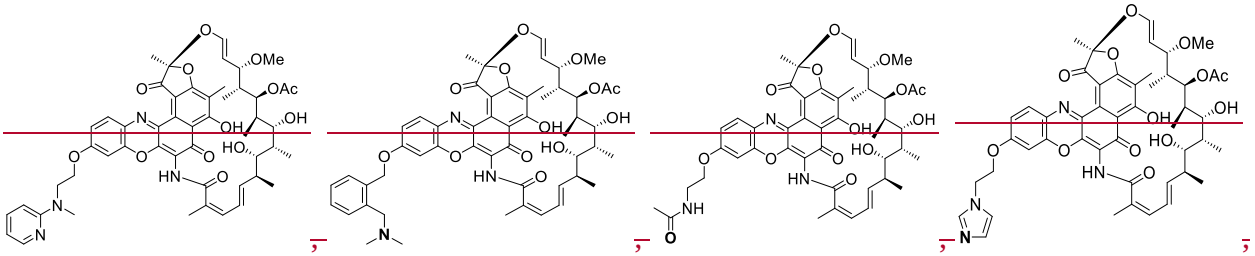


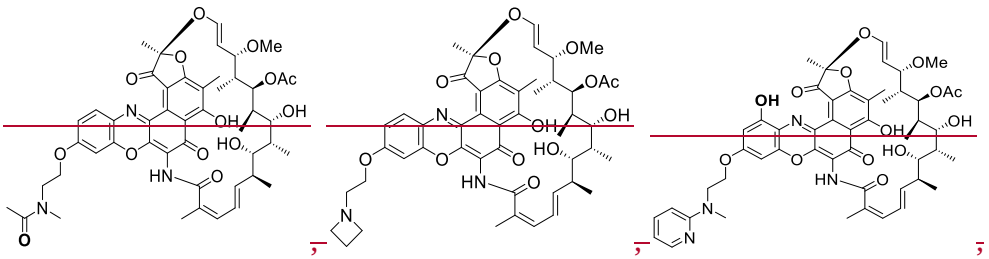
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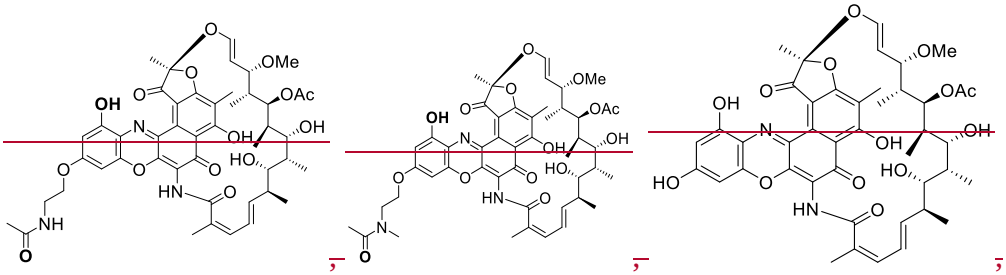


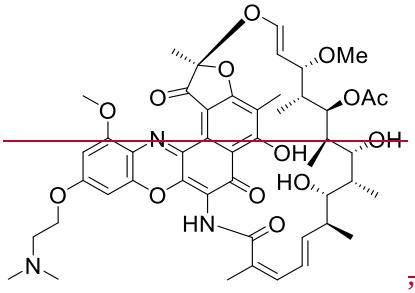
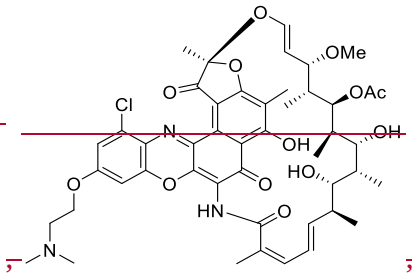
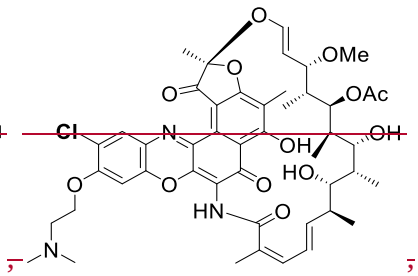
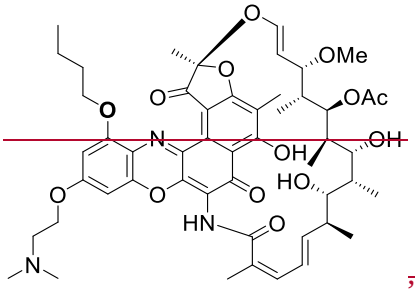
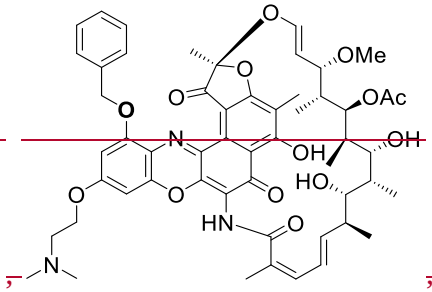
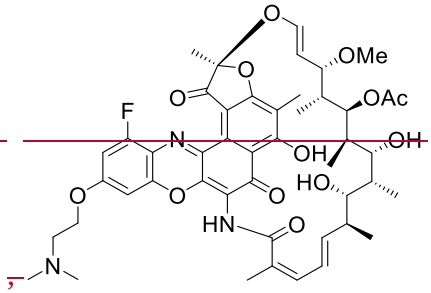
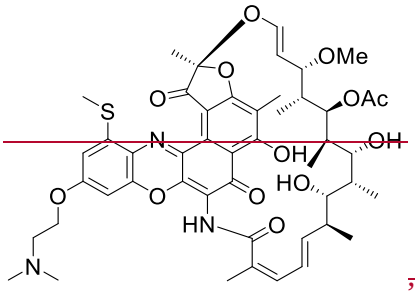
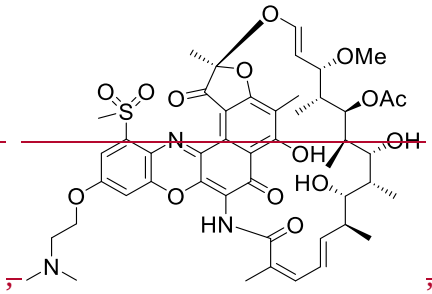
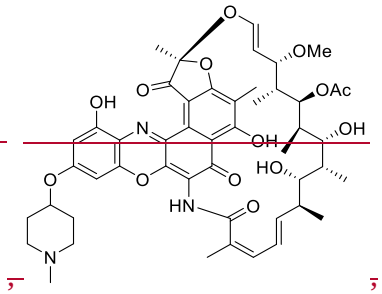
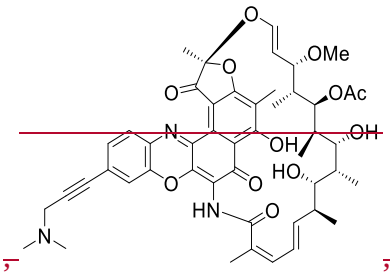
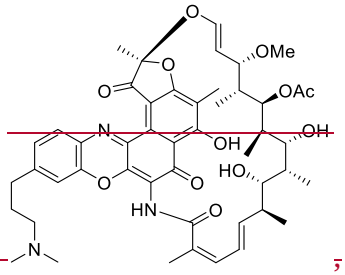






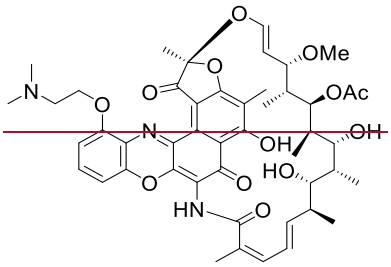




or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

13. A compound having the structure

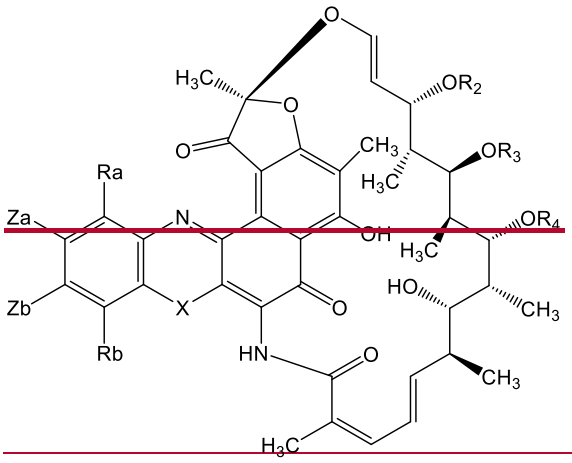


or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

14. A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound of any of claims 1-13 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

15. A pharmaceutical dosage form comprising the compound of any of claims 1-13 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or a pharmaceutical composition of claim14.

16. Use of a compound having the structure of formula (A):



(A)

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, in the manufacture of a medicament for preventing or inhibiting growth of a bacterium, wherein:

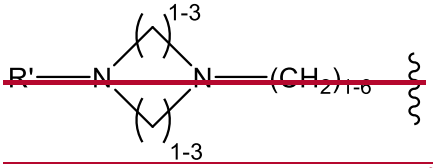
X is selected from -O-, -S- and -NR*-;

Za and Zb are independently selected from a hydrogen, $-OR_1$, -Cl, -Br and $-R_N$, with the proviso that at least one of Za or Zb is not a hydrogen, wherein:

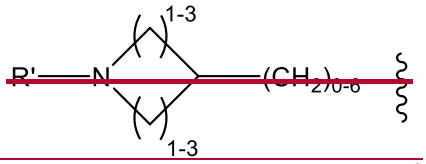
R_1 is selected from a hydrogen, R_N, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_5-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_3-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, each of which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S, and wherein R_1 is optionally substituted with one or more of -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -OR*, -NO, $-NO_2$, $-NO_3$, -O-NO, $-N_3$, $-NH_2$, -NHR*, $-N(R^*)_2$, $-N(R^*)_3^+$, -N(R*)-OH, -O-N(R*)$_2$, -N(R*)-O-R*, -CN, -NC, -(C=O)-R*, -CHO, $-CO_2H$, $-CO_2R^*$, -(C=O)-S-R*, -O-(C=O)-H, -O-(C=O)-R*, -S-(C=O)-R*, -(C=O)-NH_2, -(C=O)-N(R*)$_2$, -(C=O)-$NHNH_2$, -O-(C=O)-$NHNH_2$, -(C=S)-NH_2, -(C=S)-N(R*)$_2$, -N(R*)-CHO, -N(R*)-(C=O)-R*, -SCN, -NCS, -NSO,

-SSR*, -SO_2R*, -SO_2-N(R*)$_2$, -S(=O)-OR*, -S(=O)-R*, -Si(R*)$_3$, -CF_3, -O-CF_3 and combinations thereof, with the provisos that R_1 is not an n-butyl group, and when X is -O- and Ra is hydrogen, R_1 is not hydrogen;

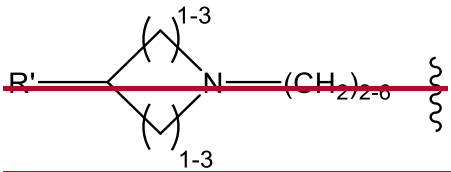
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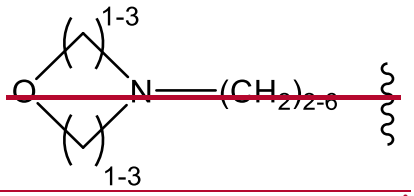
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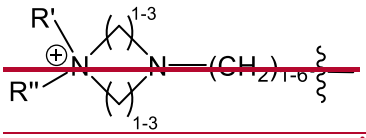
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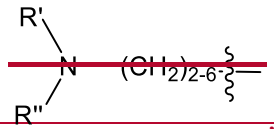
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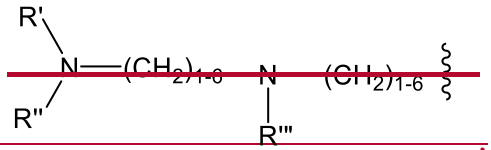
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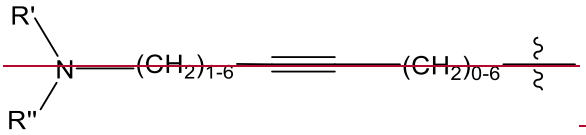
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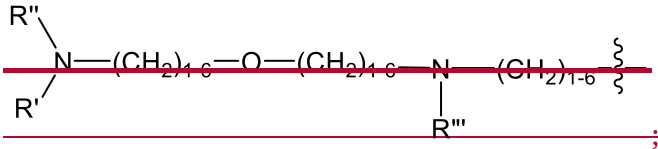
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; wherein the —— symbol represents the point of attachment; and R', R" and R''' are selected from a hydrogen, a C_1-C_6 aliphatic hydrocarbon, and a protecting group selected from Fluorenylmethyloxycarbonyl (F_{MOC}) and *tert*-Butyloxycarbonyl (B_{OC}), or wherein R' and R'' together form an aliphatic monocyclic, an aliphatic bicyclic, or an aliphatic polycyclic structure;

R_2, R_3, and R_4 are independently selected from hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and -(C=O)-R*, each of which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S;

R_a is selected from hydrogen, -Cl, -OR*, -F, -Br, -I, -OH, -NH_2, -NHR*, -N(R*)$_2$, -N(R*)$_3^+$, -(C=O)-R*, -CHO, -CO_2H, -CO_2R*, -SR*, SO_2R*, and an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S, and wherein

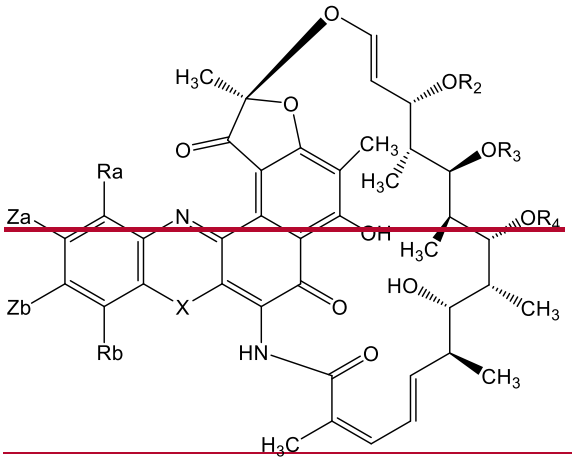
R_a is optionally substituted with one or more of -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -OR*;

R_b is selected from hydrogen, -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -OR*, -(C=O)-R*, -CHO, $-CO_2H$, $-CO_2R^*$ and an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, which further comprises 0-3 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, and S, and wherein R_b is optionally substituted with one or more of -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -OR*, and

R* is independently at each occurrence selected from hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_5-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_3-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S and combinations thereof.

17. Use of a compound having the structure of any of claims 1-13 in the manufacture of a medicament for preventing or inhibiting growth of a bacterium.

18. Use of a compound having the structure of formula (A):



(A)

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, in the manufacture of a medicament for treating a bacterial infection in a subject in need of such treatment, wherein:

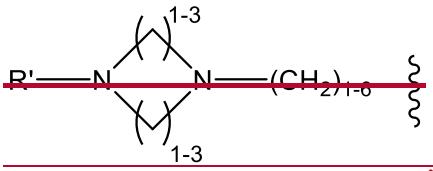
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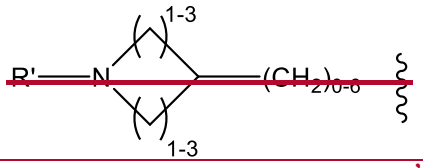
R_1 is selected from a hydrogen, R_N, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_5-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon; a cyclic aliphatic C_3-C_{20} hydrocarbon,

a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, each of which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S, and wherein R_1 is optionally substituted with one or more of -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -OR*, -NO, -NO_2, -NO_3, -O-NO, -N_3, -NH_2, -NHR*, -$N(R^*)_2$, -$N(R^*)_3^+$, -N(R*)-OH, -O-$N(R^*)_2$, -N(R*)-O-R*, -CN, -NC, -(C=O)-R*, -CHO, -CO_2H, -CO_2R^*, -(C=O)-S-R*, -O-(C=O)-H, -O-(C=O)-R*, -S-(C=O)-R*, -(C=O)-NH_2, -(C=O)-$N(R^*)_2$, -(C=O)-$NHNH_2$, -O-(C=O)-$NHNH_2$, -(C=S)-NH_2, -(C=S)-$N(R^*)_2$, -N(R*)-CHO, -N(R*)-(C=O)-R*, -SCN, -NCS, -NSO, -SSR*, -SO_2R^*, -SO_2-$N(R^*)_2$, -S(=O)-OR*, -S(=O)-R*, -$Si(R^*)_3$, -CF_3, -O-CF_3 and combinations thereof, with the provisos that R_1 is not an n-butyl group, and when X is -O- and Ra is hydrogen, R_1 is not hydrogen;

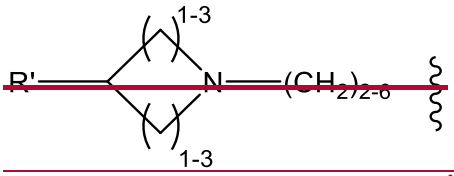
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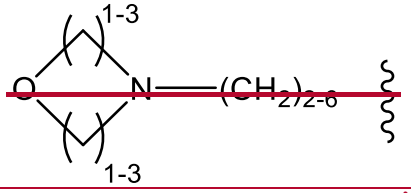
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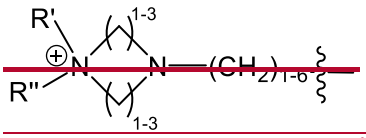
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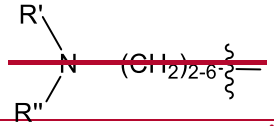
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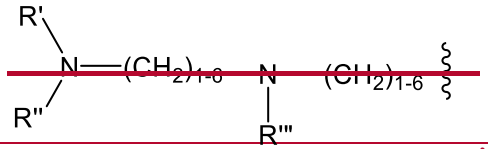
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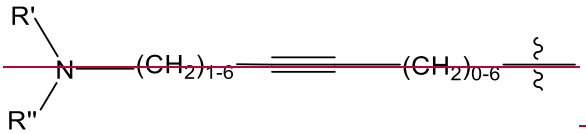
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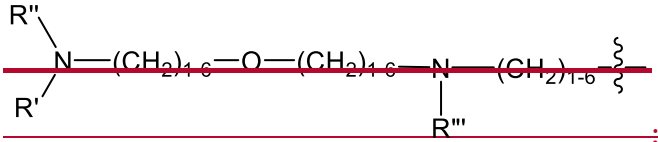
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; wherein the —— symbol represents the point of attachment; and R', R" and R''' are selected from a hydrogen, a C_1-C_6 aliphatic hydrocarbon, and a protecting group selected from F_{MOC} and $B_{OC,}$ or wherein R' and R'' together form an aliphatic monocyclic, an aliphatic bicyclic, or an aliphatic polycyclic

structure;

R_2, R_3, and R_4 are independently selected from hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and -(C=O)-R*, each of which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S;

R_a is selected from hydrogen, -Cl, -OR*, -F, -Br, -I, -OH, $-NH_2$, -NHR*, $-N(R^*)_2$, $-N(R^*)_3^+$, -(C=O)-R*, -CHO, $-CO_2H$, $-CO_2R^*$, -SR*, SO_2R^*, and an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S, and wherein R_a is optionally substituted with one or more of -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -OR*;

R_b is selected from hydrogen, -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -OR*, -(C=O)-R*, -CHO, $-CO_2H$, $-CO_2R^*$ and an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, which further comprises 0-3 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, and S, and wherein R_b is optionally substituted with one or more of -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -OR*, and

R* is independently at each occurrence selected from hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_5-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_3-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S and combinations thereof.

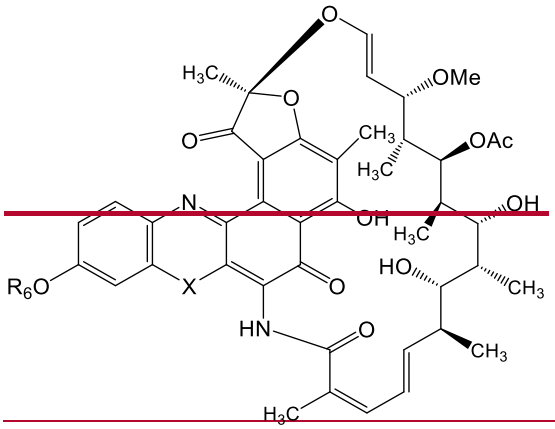
19. Use of a compound having the structure of any of claims 1-13 in the manufacture of a medicament for treating a bacterial infection in a subject in need of such treatment.

20. The use of any of claims 18-19, wherein the subject is human.

21. The use of any of claims 18-20, further comprising administering a second therapeutic agent.

22. The use of claim21, wherein the second therapeutic agent is a second antibiotic.

23. A method of manufacturing a compound having the structure of formula (V):

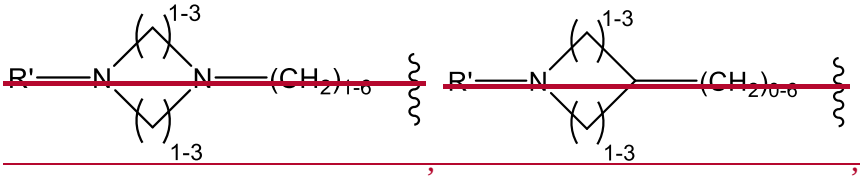


(V),

wherein X is selected from –O– and NR* ;

R_6 is selected from a hydrogen, R_N, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_5-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_3-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof,

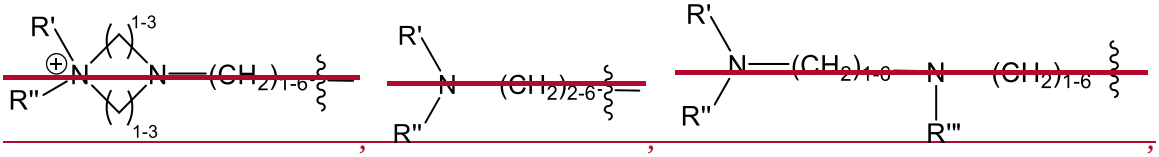
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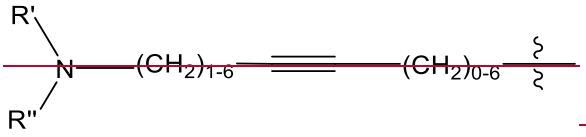
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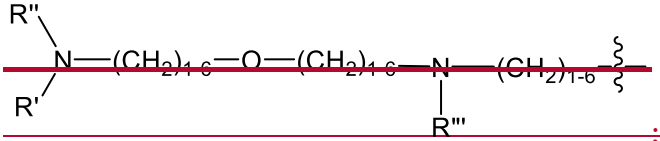
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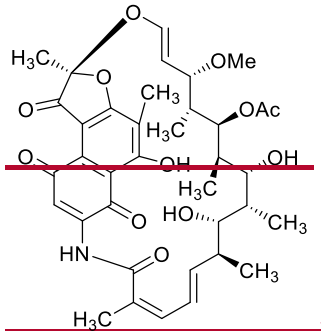
; wherein the —— symbol represents the point of attachment; and R', R" and R"' are selected from a hydrogen, a C_1-C_6 aliphatic

hydrocarbon, and a protecting group selected from F_{MOC} and $B_{OC,}$ or wherein R' and R'' together form an aliphatic monocyclic, an aliphatic bicyclic, or an aliphatic polycyclic structure; and

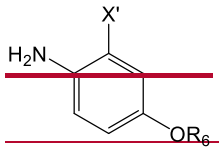
R* is independently at each occurrence selected from hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_5-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_3-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S and combinations thereof,

comprising the steps of:

(a) contacting Rifamycin S having the structure:



with a compound having the structure of formula (VI):

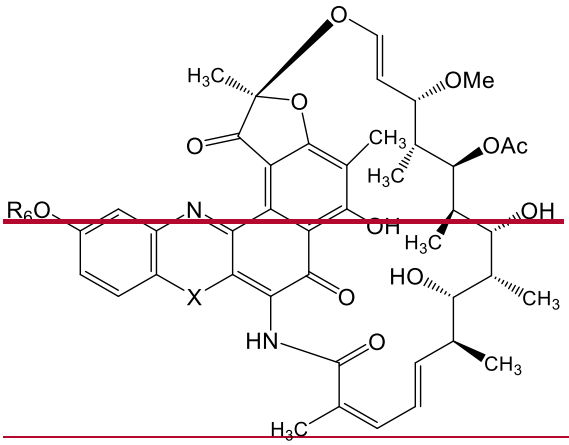


(VI),

wherein X' is selected from -OH and -NHR*, and

(b) treating the product of step (a) with an oxidizing agent.

24. A method of manufacturing a compound having the structure (V'):

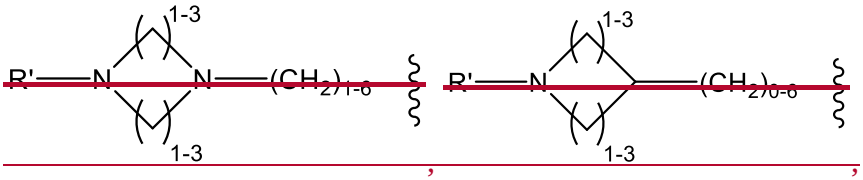


(V'),

wherein X is selected from -O- and NR* ;

R_6 is selected from a R_N, hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_5-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_3-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof,

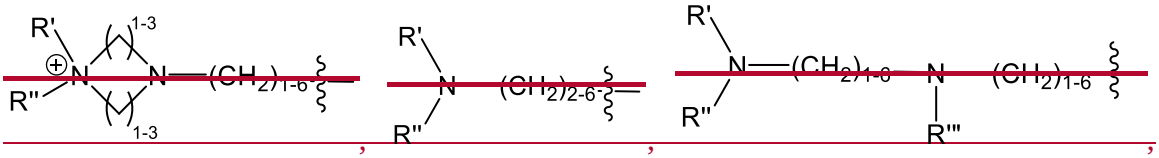
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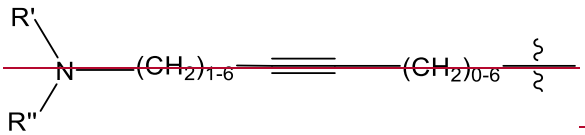
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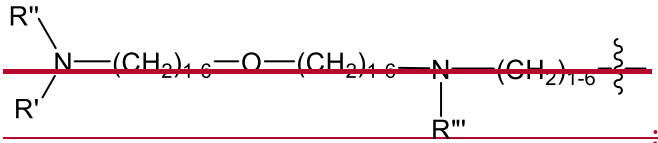
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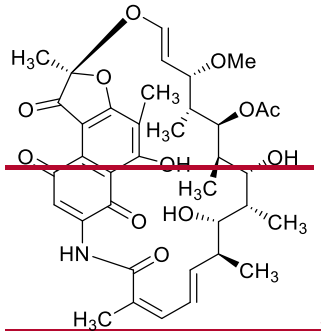
; wherein the ---- symbol represents the point of attachment; and R', R" and R"' are selected from a hydrogen, a C_1-C_6 aliphatic

hydrocarbon, and a protecting group selected from F_{MOC} and $B_{OC,}$ or wherein R' and R'' together form an aliphatic monocyclic, an aliphatic bicyclic, or an aliphatic polycyclic structure; and

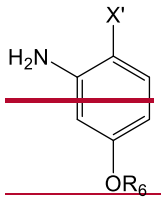
R* is independently at each occurrence selected from hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_5-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_3-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S and combinations thereof,

comprising the steps of:

(a) contacting Rifamycin S having the structure:



with a compound having the structure of formula (VI'):

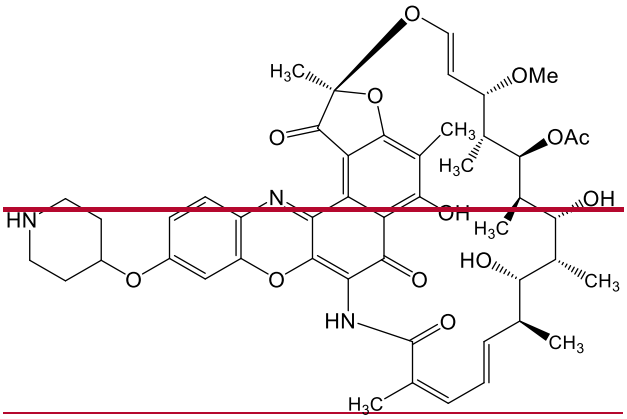


(VI'),

wherein X' is selected from -OH and -NHR*, and

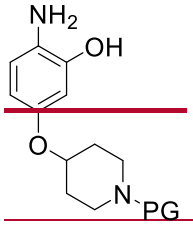
(b) treating the product of step (a) with an oxidizing agent.

25. A method of manufacturing a compound having the structure:



comprising the steps of:

(a) contacting Rifamycin S with a compound having the structure of formula (VII):



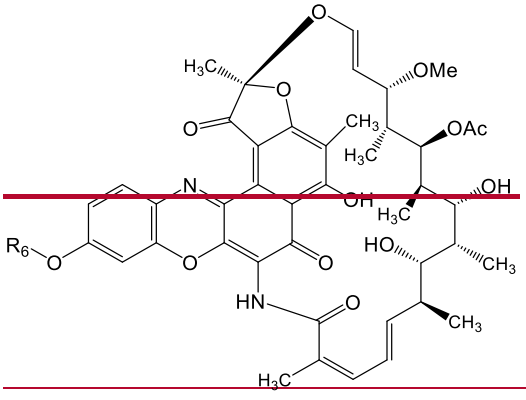
(VII),

wherein PG is a protecting group;

(b) treating the product of step (a) with an oxidizing agent, and

(c) removing the protecting group PG.

26. A method of manufacturing a compound having the structure of formula (XI):

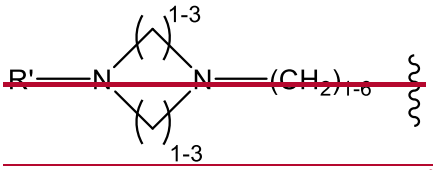


(XI)

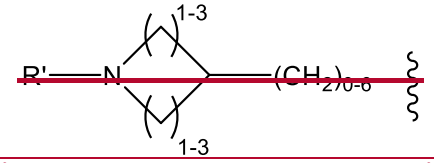
wherein R_6 is selected from R_N, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_5-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_3-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S and combinations thereof and wherein

~~R_6 is optionally substituted with one or more of -F; -Cl; -Br; -I; -OH, -OR*; -NO; -NO_2; -NO_3; -O-NO; -N_3; -NH_2; -NHR*; -$N(R^*)_2$; -$N(R^*)_3^+$; -N(R*)-OH; -O-$N(R^*)_2$; -N(R*)-O-R*; -CN; -NC; -(C=O)-R*; -CHO; -CO_2H; -CO_2R^*; -(C=O)-S-R*; -O-(C=O)-H; -O-(C=O)-R*; -S-(C=O)-R*; -(C=O)-NH_2; -(C=O)-$N(R^*)_2$; -(C=O)-$NHNH_2$; -O-(C=O)-$NHNH_2$; -(C=S)-NH_2; -(C=S)-$N(R^*)_2$; -N(R*)-CHO; -N(R*)-(C=O)-R*; -SCN; -NCS; -NSO; -SSR*; -SO_2R^*; -SO_2-$N(R^*)_2$; -S(=O)-OR*; -S(=O)-R*; -$Si(R^*)_3$; -CF_3; -O-CF_3 and combinations thereof,~~

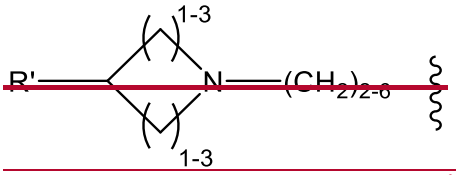
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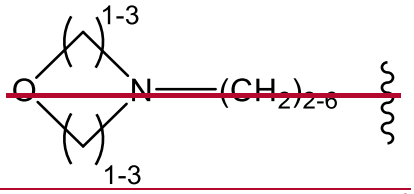
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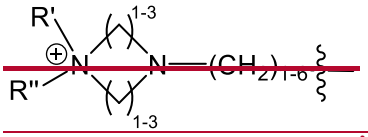
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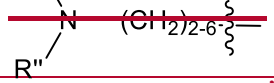
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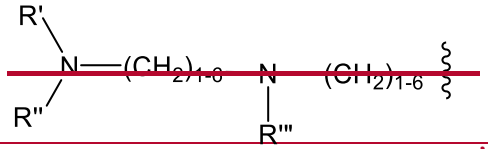
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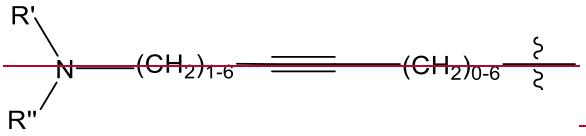
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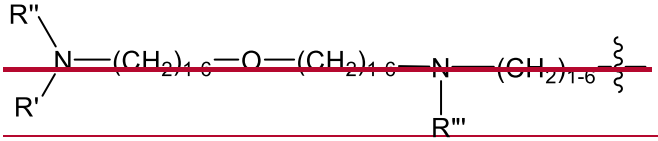
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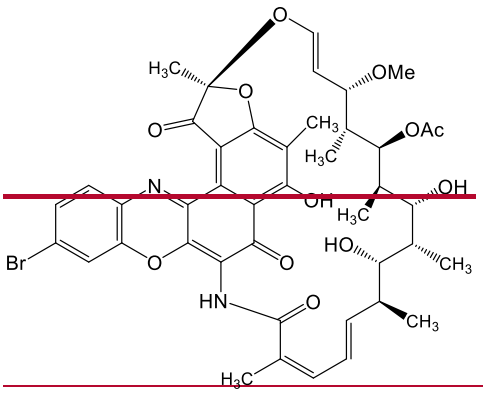
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~~wherein the ---- symbol represents the point of attachment; and R', R" and R''' are selected from a hydrogen, a C_1-C_6 aliphatic hydrocarbon, and a protecting group selected from F_{MOC} and $B_{OC,}$ or wherein R' and R'' together form an aliphatic monocyclic, an aliphatic bicyclic, or an aliphatic polycyclic structure; and~~

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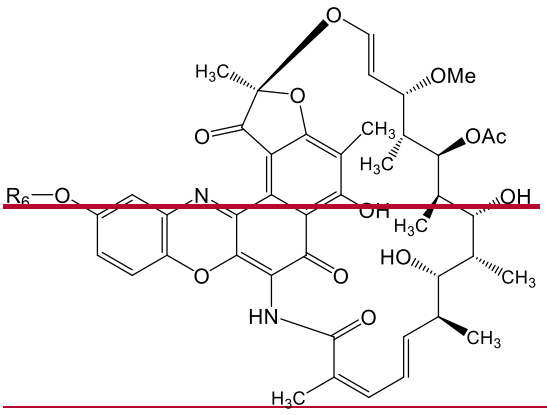
cyclic aliphatic C_3-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S and combinations thereof, comprising contacting a compound having the structure of formula (XII):



(XII)

with an alcohol having the structure R_6-OH.

27. A method of manufacturing a compound having the structure of formula (XI'):

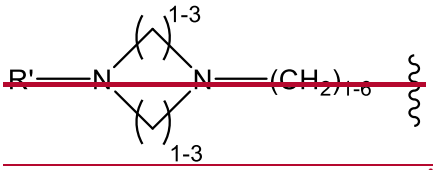


(XI')

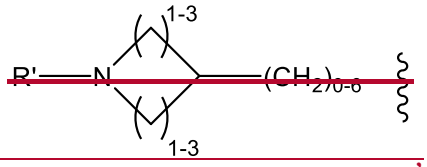
wherein R_6 is selected from R_N, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_5-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_3-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S and combinations thereof and wherein R_6 is optionally substituted with one or more of -F; -Cl; -Br; -I; -OH, -OR*; -NO; -NO_2; -NO_3; -O-NO; -N_3; -NH_2; -NHR*; -$N(R^*)_2$; -$N(R^*)_3^+$; -N(R*)-OH; -O-$N(R^*)_2$; -N(R*)-O-R*; -CN; -NC; -(C=O)-R*; -CHO; -CO_2H; -CO_2R^*; -(C=O)-S-R*; -O-(C=O)-H; -O-(C=O)-R*; -S-(C=O)-R*; -(C=O)-NH_2; -(C=O)-$N(R^*)_2$; -(C=O)-$NHNH_2$; -O-(C=O)-$NHNH_2$; -(C=S)-NH_2; -(C=S)-$N(R^*)_2$; -N(R*)-CHO; -N(R*)-(C=O)-R*; -SCN; -NCS;

-NSO; -SSR*; -SO_2R*; -SO_2-N(R*)$_2$; -S(=O)-OR*; -S(=O)-R*; -Si(R*)$_3$; -CF_3; -O-CF_3 and combinations thereof,

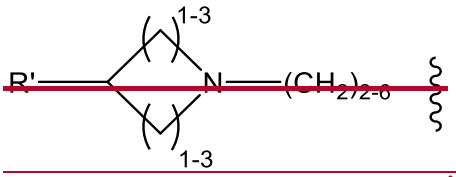
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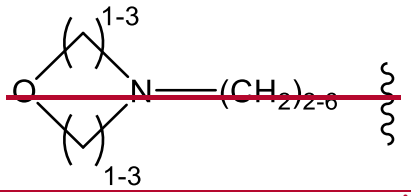
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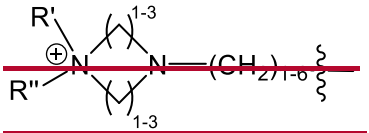
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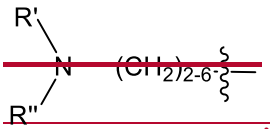
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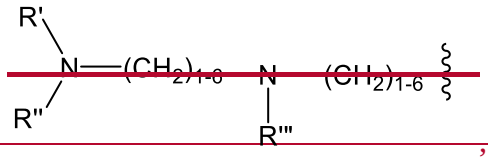
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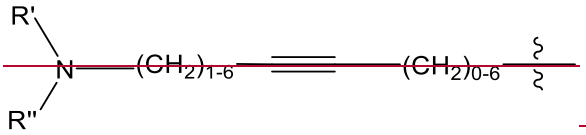
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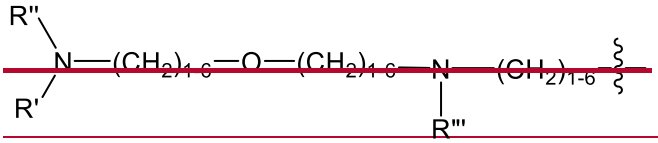
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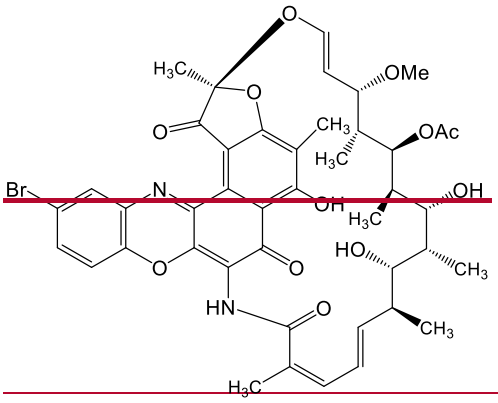
-and



wherein the —— symbol represents the point of attachment; and R', R" and R''' are selected from a hydrogen, a C_1-C_6 aliphatic hydrocarbon, and a protecting group selected from F_{MOC} and B_{OC}, or wherein R' and R'' together form an aliphatic monocyclic, an aliphatic bicyclic, or an aliphatic polycyclic structure; and

R* is independently at each occurrence selected from hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_5-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_3-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S and

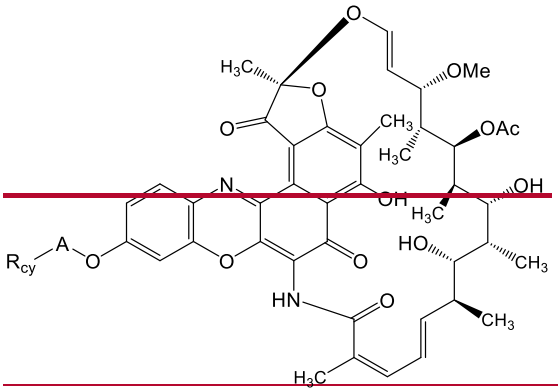
combinations thereof, comprising contacting a compound having the structure of formula (XII'):



(XII')

with an alcohol having the structure R_6-OH.

28. A method of manufacturing a compound having the structure of formula (XIII):



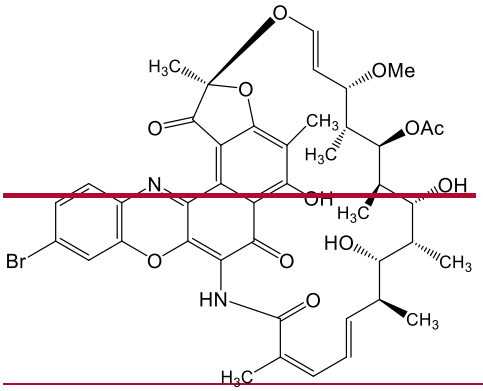
(XIII)

wherein A is selected from a bond (A is absent) or an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon; R_{cy} is a C_3-C_{14} cycloaliphatic hydrocarbon which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S and combinations thereof and wherein R_{cy} is optionally substituted with one or more of F; Cl; Br; I; OH, OR*; NO; NO_2; NO_3; O-NO; N_3; NH_2; NHR*; $N(R^*)_2$; $N(R^*)_3^+$; N(R*)-OH; O-$N(R^*)_2$; N(R*)-O-R*; CN; NC; (C=O)-R*; CHO; CO_2H; CO_2R^*; (C=O)-S-R*; O-(C=O)-H; O-(C=O)-R*; S-(C=O)-R*; (C=O)-NH_2; (C=O)-$N(R^*)_2$; (C=O)-$NHNH_2$; O-(C=O)-$NHNH_2$; (C=S)-NH_2; (C=S)-$N(R^*)_2$; N(R*)-CHO; N(R*)-(C=O)-R*; SCN; NCS; NSO; SSR*; SO_2R^*; SO_2-$N(R^*)_2$; S(=O)-OR*; S(=O)-R*; $Si(R^*)_3$; CF_3; O-CF_3 and combinations thereof, and

R* is independently at each occurrence selected from hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20}

hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_5-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_3-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S and combinations thereof,

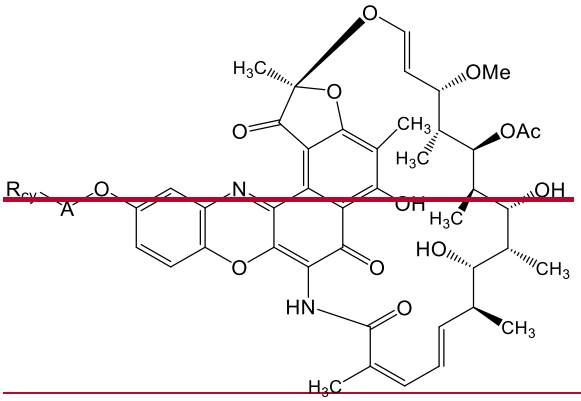
comprising contacting a compound having the structure of formula (XII):



(XII)

with an alcohol having the structure R_{cy}-A-OH.

29. A method of manufacturing a compound having the structure of formula (XIII'):



(XIII')

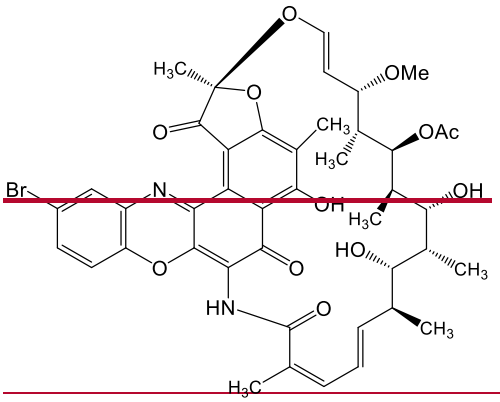
wherein A is selected from a bond (A is absent) or an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon;

R_{cy} is a C_3-C_{14} cycloaliphatic hydrocarbon which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S and combinations thereof and wherein R_{cy} is optionally substituted with one or more of -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -OR*, -NO, -NO_2, -NO_3, -O-NO, -N_3, -NH_2, -NHR*, -$N(R^*)_2$, -$N(R^*)_3^+$, -N(R*)-OH, -O-$N(R^*)_2$, -N(R*)-O-R*, -CN, -NC, -(C=O)-R*, -CHO, -CO_2H, -CO_2R^*, -(C=O)-S-R*, -O-(C=O)-H, -O-(C=O)-R*, -S-(C=O)-R*, -(C=O)-NH_2, -(C=O)-$N(R^*)_2$, -(C=O)-$NHNH_2$, -O-(C=O)-$NHNH_2$, -(C=S)-NH_2, -(C=S)-$N(R^*)_2$, -N(R*)-CHO, -N(R*)-(C=O)-R*, -SCN, -NCS, -NSO, -SSR*,

~~$-SO_2R^*$, $-SO_2-N(R^*)_2$, $-S(=O)-OR^*$, $-S(=O)-R^*$, $-Si(R^*)_3$, $-CF_3$, $-O-CF_3$ and combinations thereof; and~~

~~R^* is independently at each occurrence selected from hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_5-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_3-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S and combinations thereof;~~

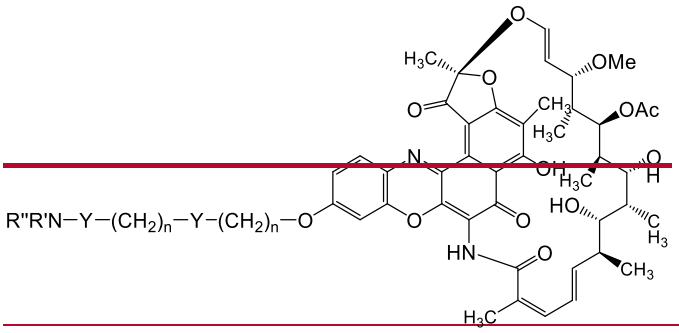
~~comprising contacting a compound having the structure of formula (XII'):~~



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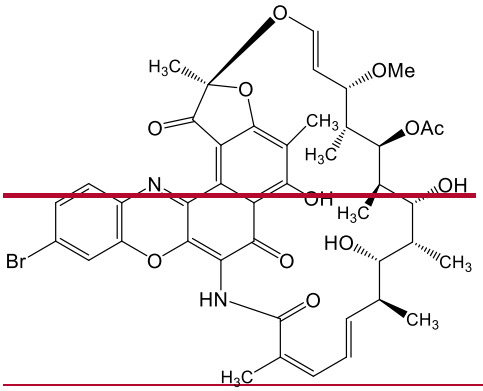
~~with an alcohol having the structure R_{cy}-A-OH.~~

~~30. A method of manufacturing a compound having the structure of formula (XIV):~~



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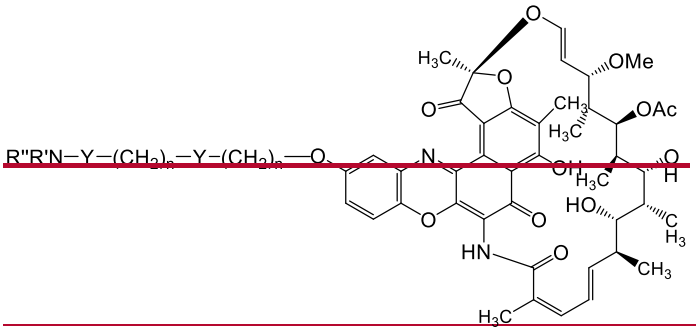
~~wherein Y is at each occurrence selected from -O- and -NR'R"-; n is independently at each occurrence an integer from 1-6, and R', R'', and R''' are each independently selected from a hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon; said method comprising contacting a compound having the structure of formula (XII):~~



(XII)

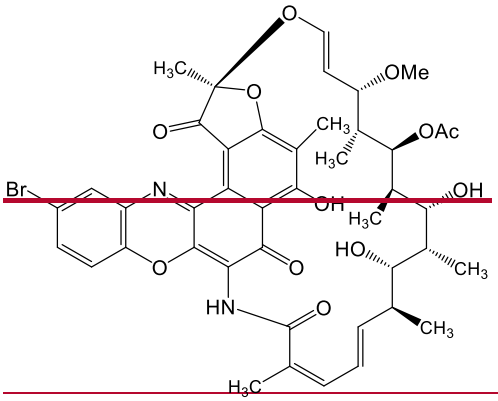
with an alcohol having the structure R"R'N–Y–$(CH_2)_n$–Y–$(CH_2)_n$–OH.

31. A method of manufacturing a compound having the structure of formula (XIV'):



(XIV'),

wherein Y is at each occurrence selected from –O– and –NR'R"–; n is independently at each occurrence an integer from 1 to 6, and R', R'', and R''' are each independently selected from a hydrogen and an aliphatic C_1–C_{20} hydrocarbon; said method comprising contacting a compound having the structure of formula (XII'):



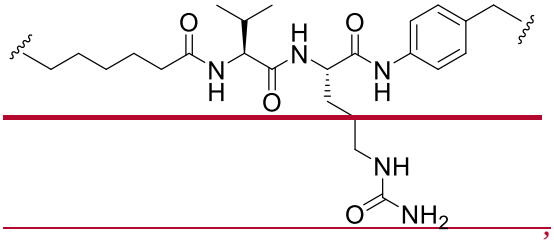
(XII')

with an alcohol having the structure R"R'N–Y–$(CH_2)_n$–Y–$(CH_2)_n$–OH.

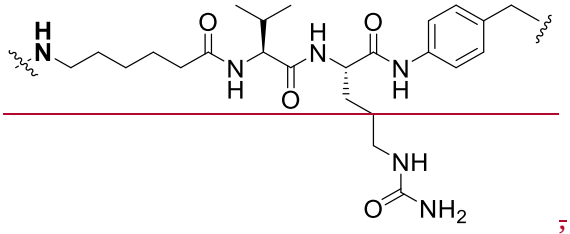
32. An antibody-drug conjugate comprising an antibody, or an antigen-binding fragment thereof, conjugated to the compound of any of claims 1-13 via a linker or through a linker-spacer.

33. The antibody-drug conjugate of claim32, wherein the antibody, or the antigen-binding fragment thereof, binds an infectious disease-related target.

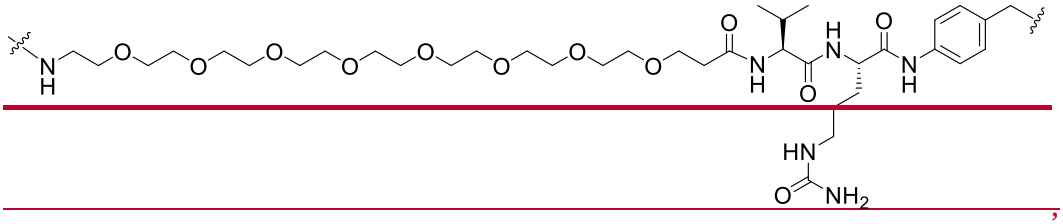
34. The antibody-drug conjugate of any one of claims 32-33, wherein the linker or linker spacer is selected from



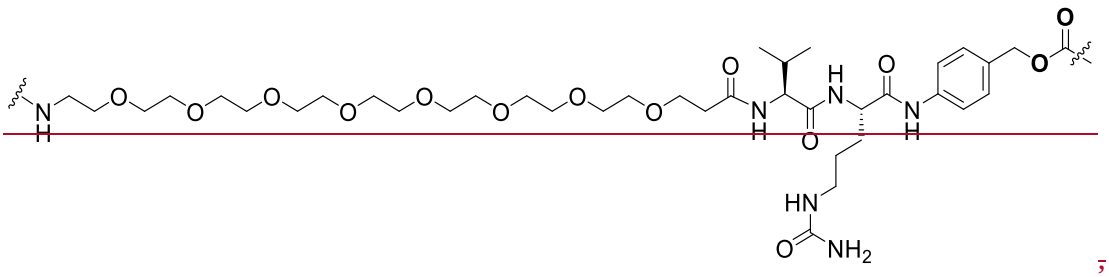
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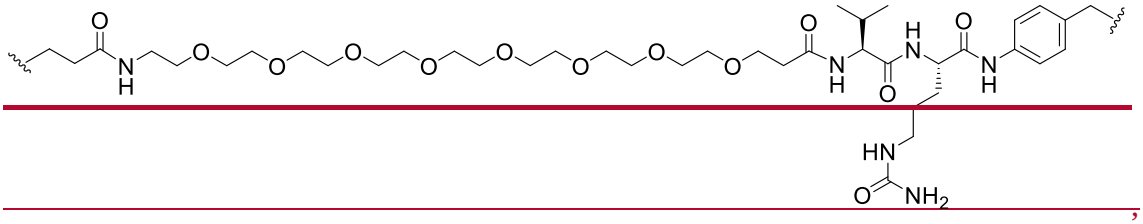
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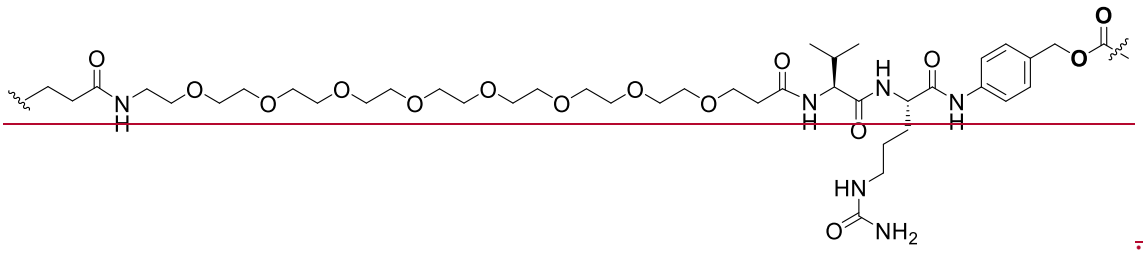
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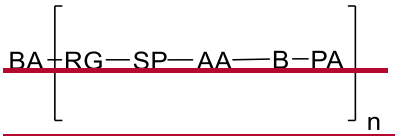
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35. An antibody-drug conjugate having the structure according to Formula (XVIII):



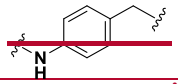
(**XVIII**), wherein

BA is an antibody, or an antigen-binding fragment thereof;

RG is selected from a maleimide, a N-hydroxysuccinimide, primary amine, or a succinimide;

SP is absent or a spacer group residue selected from the group consisting of C_{1-6} alkyl, -NH-, -C(O)-, $-CH_2-CH_2-C(O)-NH-$, $-(CH)_u-C(O)-NH-$, $(-CH_2-CH_2-O)_e$, $-NH-CH_2-CH_2-(-O-CH_2-CH_2)_e-C(O)-$, $-C(O)-(CH_2)_u-C(O)-$, $-C(O)-NH-(CH_2)_v-$, $-(CH)_u-C(O)-NH-(CH_2-CH_2-O)_e-(CH)_u-C(O)-NH-$, $-(CH)_2-C(O)-NH-(CH_2-CH_2-O)_8-(CH)_2-C(O)-NH-$, and combinations thereof, wherein independently at each occurrence subscript **e** is an integer from 0 to 20, subscript **u** is an integer from 1 to 8, and subscript **v** is an integer from 1 to 8;

AA is a linker selected from valine-citrulline; citrulline-valine; valine-alanine; alanine-valine; valine-glycine, or glycine-valine;

B is absent or , wherein the  indicates the atom through which the **B** is bonded to the adjacent groups in the formula;

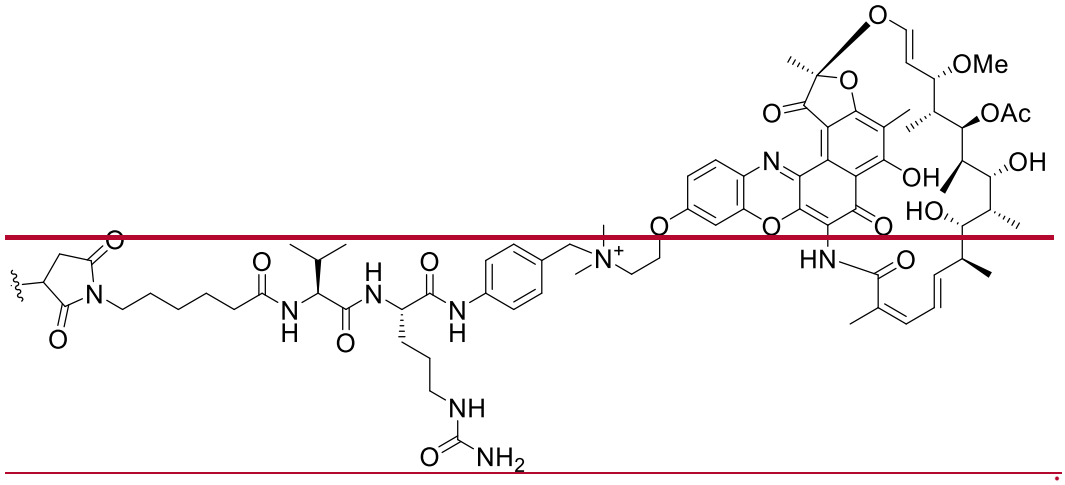
n is an integer from 1 to 30, and

PA is the compound of any of claims 1-13.

36. The antibody-drug conjugate of claim35, wherein

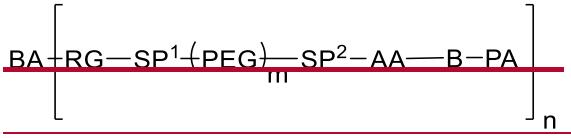


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37. An antibody-drug conjugate having the structure according to Formula (XIX):



(**XIX**), wherein

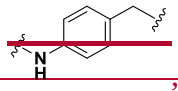
BA is an antibody, or an antigen-binding fragment thereof;

RG is selected from a maleimide, a N-hydroxysuccinimide, or a succinimide;

SP^1 and **SP^2** are independently absent or a spacer group selected from the group consisting of C_{1-6} alkyl, -NH-, -C(O)-, $-CH_2-CH_2-C(O)-NH-$, $-(CH)_u-C(O)-NH-$, $(-CH_2-CH_2-O)_e-$, $-NH-CH_2-CH_2-(-O-CH_2-CH_2)_e-C(O)-$, $-C(O)-(CH_2)_u-C(O)-$, $-C(O)-NH-(CH_2)_v-$, and combinations thereof, wherein subscript **e** is an integer from 0 to 4, subscript **u** is an integer from 1 to 8, and subscript **v** is an integer from 1 to 8;

AA is a linker selected from valine-citrulline; citrulline-valine; valine-alanine; alanine-valine; valine-glycine, or glycine-valine;

PEG is a polyethylene glycol chain comprising between 1 and 30 polyethylene glycol residues;

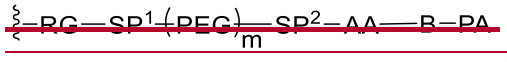
B is absent or , wherein the  indicates the atom through which the **B** is bonded to the adjacent groups in the formula;

n is an integer from 1 to 30;

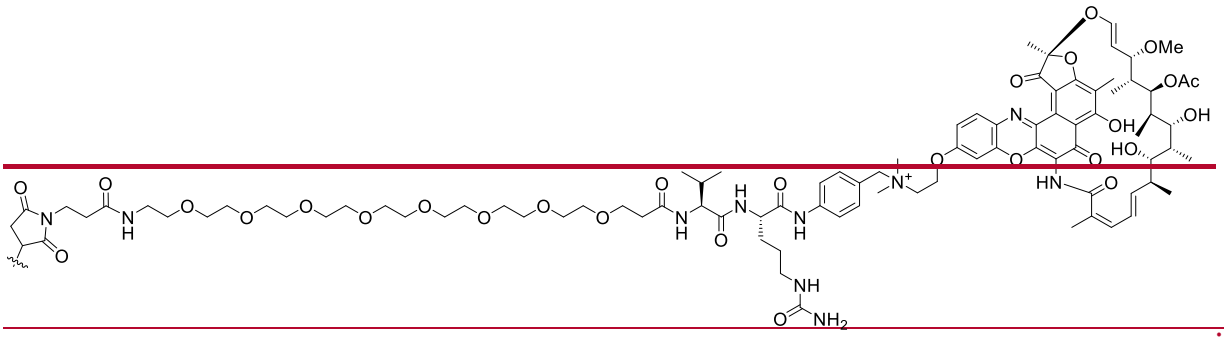
m is an integer from 0 to 20,

and **PA** is the compound of any of claims 1-13.

38. The antibody-drug conjugate of claim37, wherein

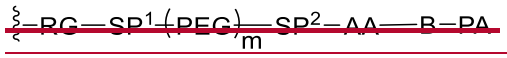


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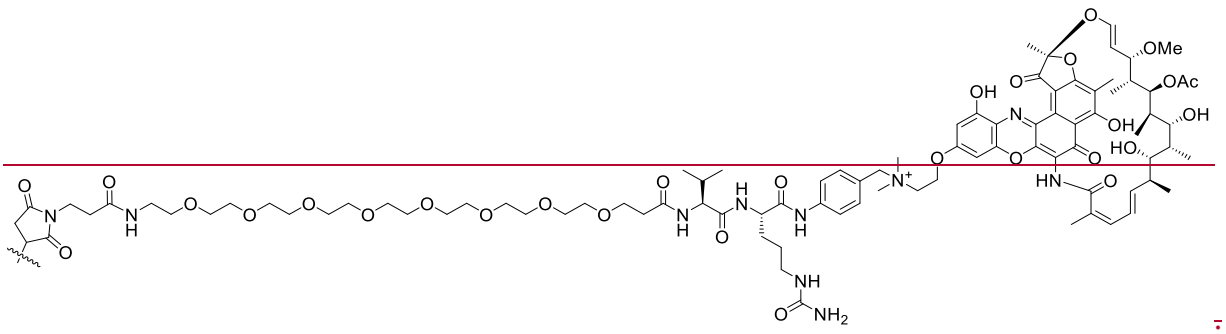


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39. The antibody-drug conjugate of claim37, wherein

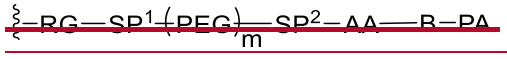


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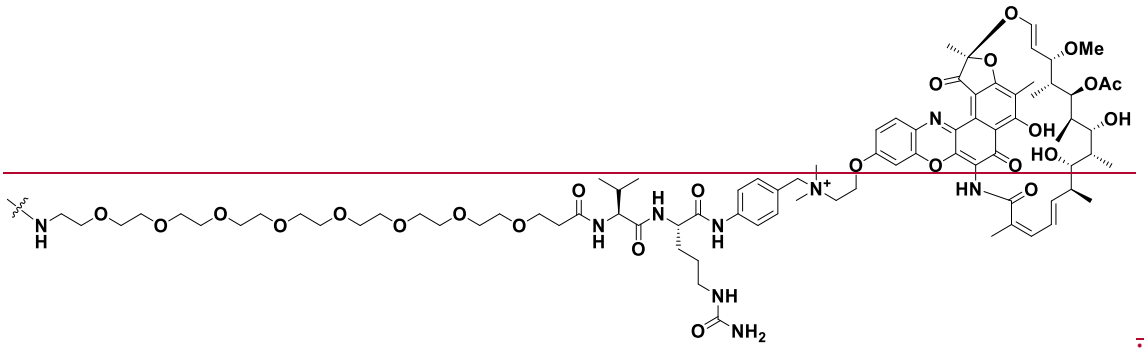


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40. The antibody-drug conjugate of claim37, wherein

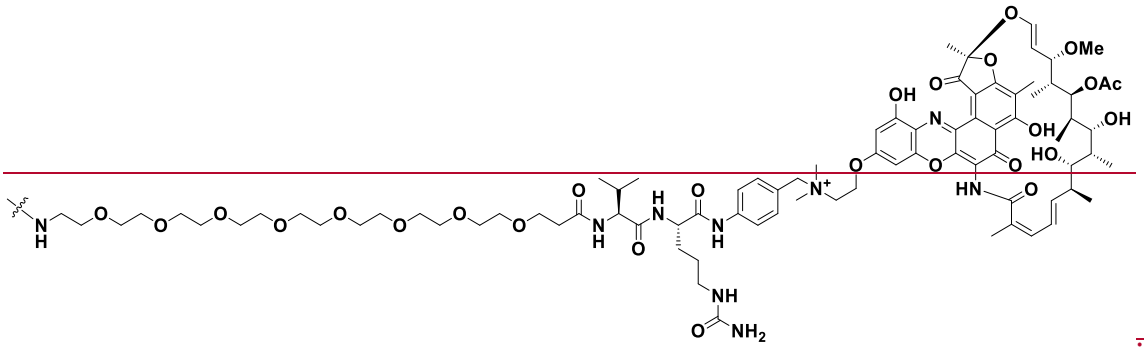


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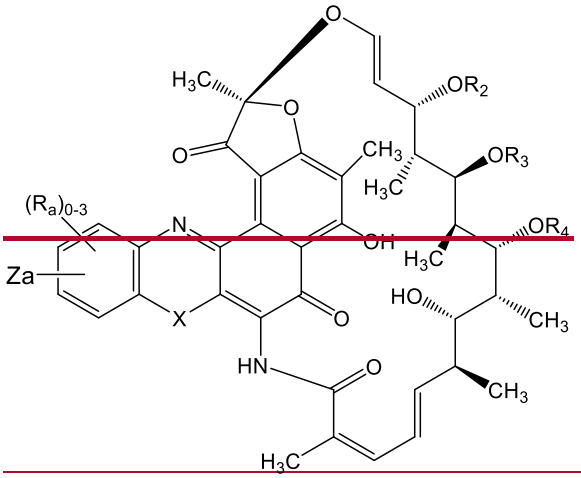


41. The antibody-drug conjugate of claim37, wherein

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42. An antibody-drug conjugate comprising an antibody, or an antigen-binding fragment thereof, conjugated via a linker or through a linker-spacer to a rifamycin analog having the structure of Formula (XX):



(XX),

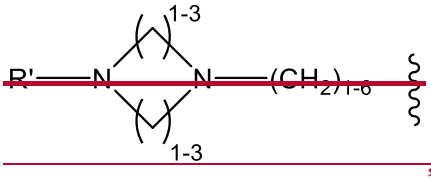
wherein:

X is selected from -O-, -S-, and -NR*-;

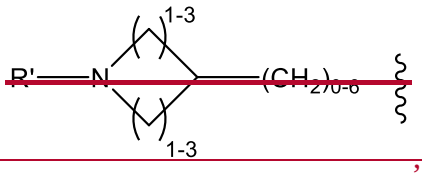
Za is selected from -OR_1 and -R_N;

R_1 is selected from a bond; an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_5-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_3-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, each of which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S, and wherein R_1 is optionally substituted with one or more of -F; -Cl; -Br; -I; -OH, -OR*; -NO; -NO_2; -NO_3; -O-NO; -N_3; -NH_2; -NHR*; -$N(R^*)_2$; -$N(R^*)_3^+$; -N(R*)-OH; -O-$N(R^*)_2$; -N(R*)-O-R*; -CN; -NC; -(C=O)-R*; -CHO; -CO_2H; -CO_2R^*; -(C=O)-S-R*; -O-(C=O)-H; -O-(C=O)-R*; -S-(C=O)-R*; -(C=O)-NH_2; -(C=O)-$N(R^*)_2$; -(C=O)-$NHNH_2$; -O-(C=O)-$NHNH_2$; -(C=S)-NH_2; -(C=S)-$N(R^*)_2$; -N(R*)-CHO; -N(R*)-(C=O)-R*; -SCN; -NCS; -NSO; -SSR*; -SO_2R^*; -SO_2-$N(R^*)_2$; -S(=O)-OR*; -S(=O)-R*; -$Si(R^*)_3$; -CF_3; -O-CF_3 and combinations thereof;

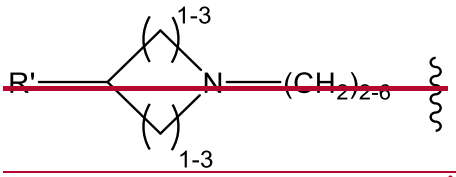
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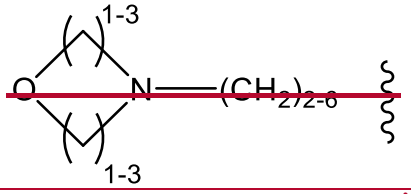
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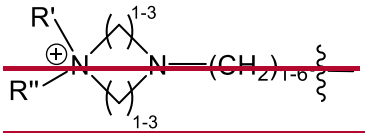
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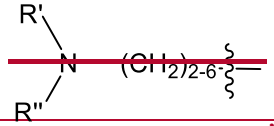
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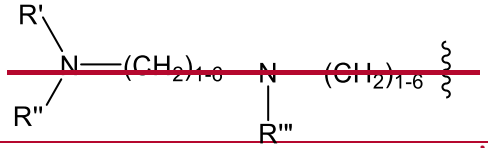
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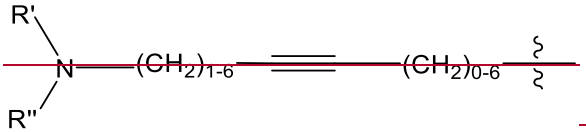
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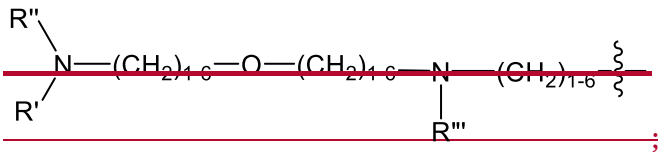
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and



; wherein the ---- symbol represents the

~~point of attachment; and R', R" and R''' are selected from a hydrogen, a C_1-C_6 aliphatic hydrocarbon, and a protecting group selected from F_{MOC} and $B_{OC,}$ or wherein R' and R'' together form an aliphatic monocyclic, an aliphatic bicyclic, or an aliphatic polycyclic structure;~~

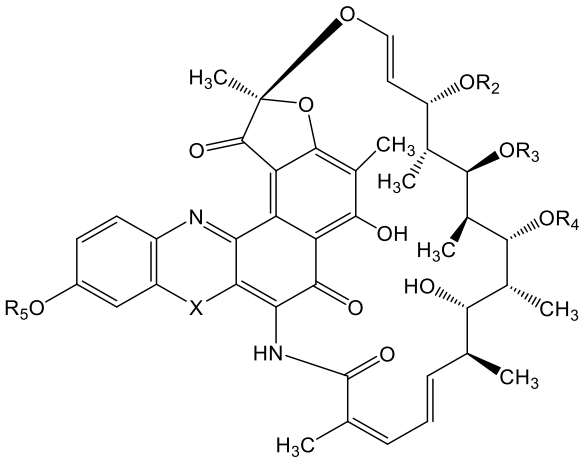
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~~R_a is independently at each occurrence selected from hydrogen, -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, OR*, $-NH_2$, -NHR*, $-N(R^*)_2$, $-N(R^*)_3^+$, -(C=O)-R*, -CHO, $-CO_2H$, $-CO_2R^*$, -SR*, SO_2R^*, and an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S, and wherein R_a is optionally substituted with one or more of -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -OH, -OR*;~~

~~R* is independently at each occurrence selected from hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_5-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_3-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S and combinations thereof, and~~

~~wherein the group Za- is bonded to the linker.~~

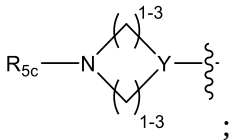
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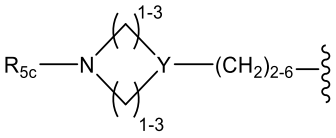


(XXI),

wherein:

X is selected from -O-, -S-, and -NR*-;

R_5 is selected from a bond; an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S; 

; or 

; wherein **Y** is C or N;

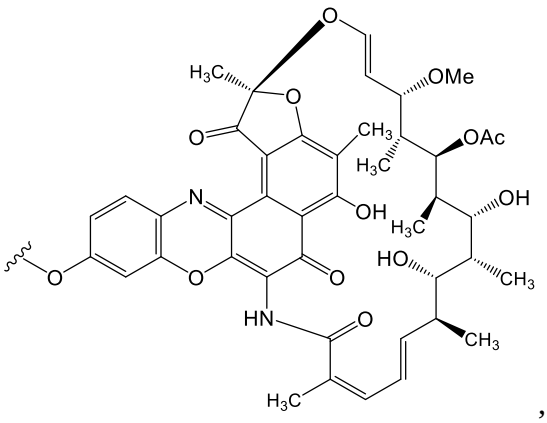
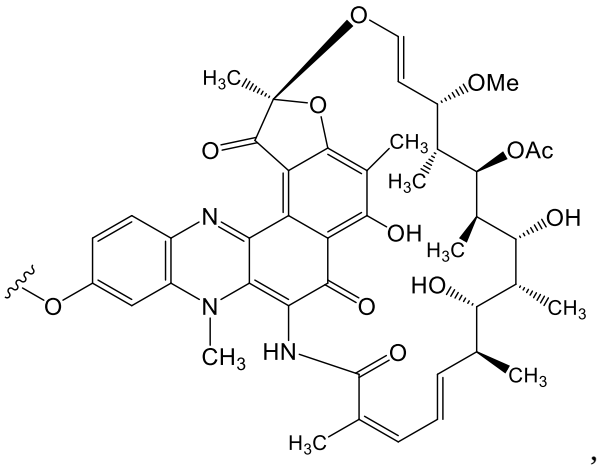
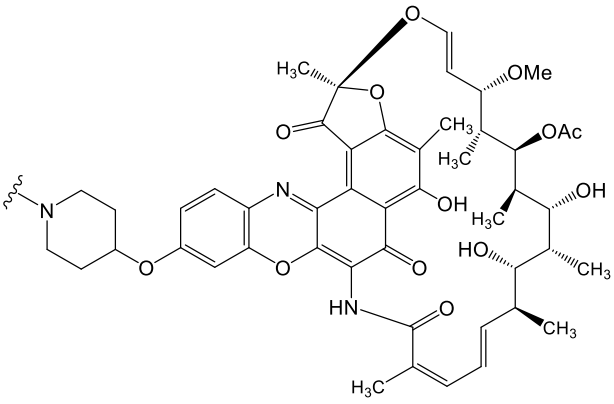
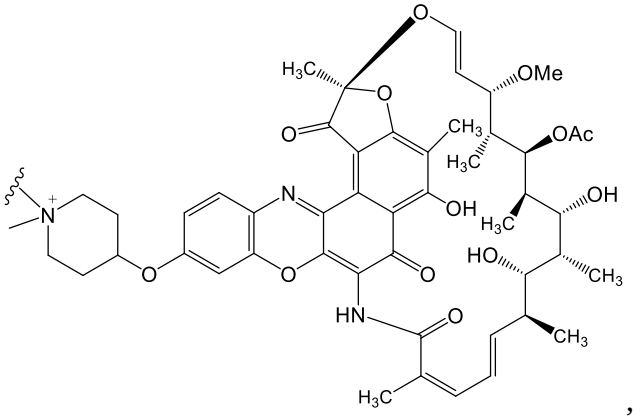
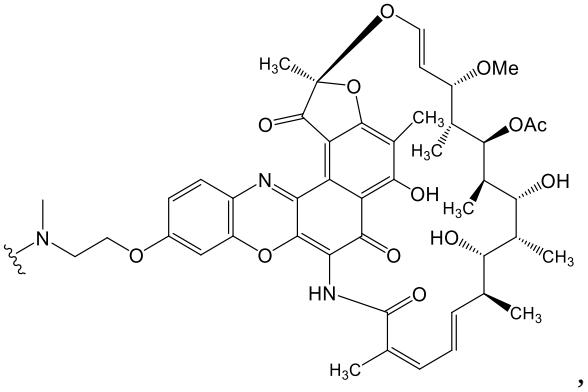
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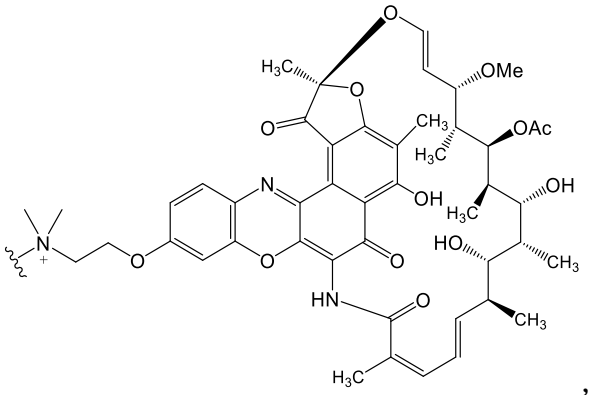
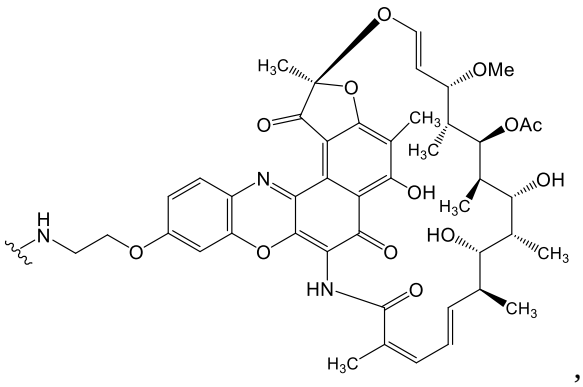
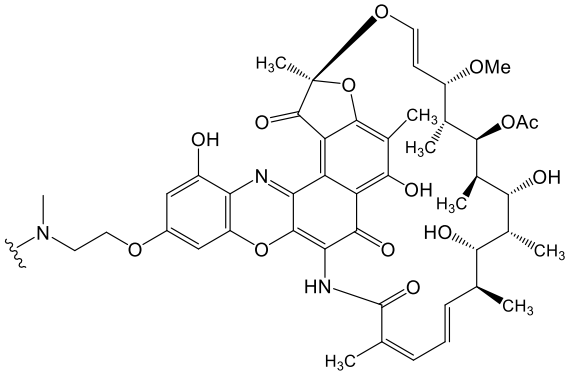
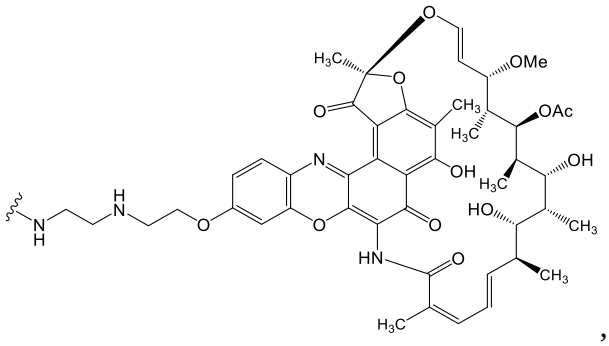
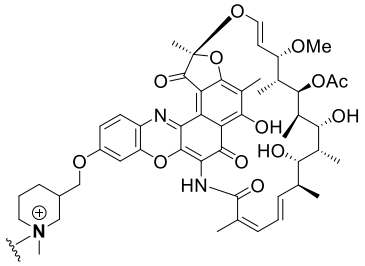
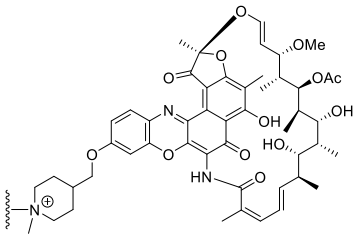
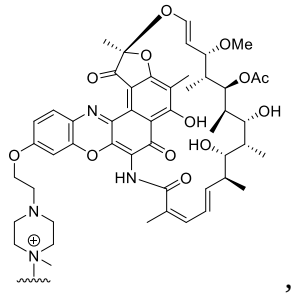
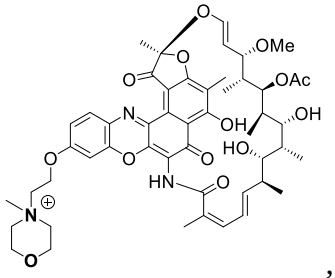
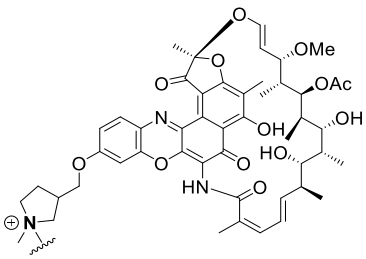
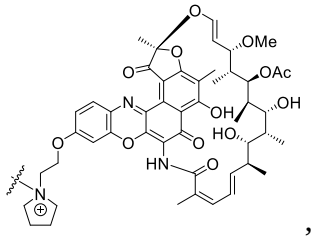
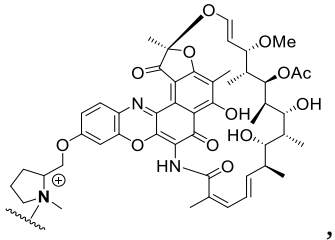
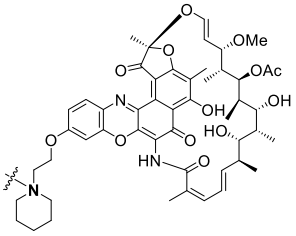
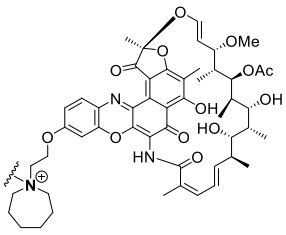
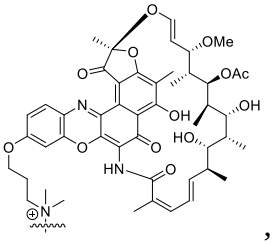
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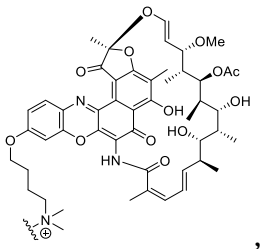
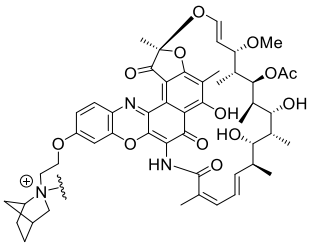
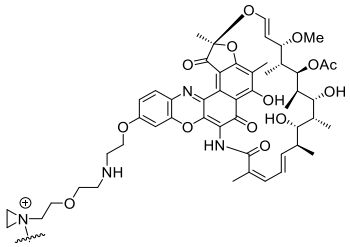
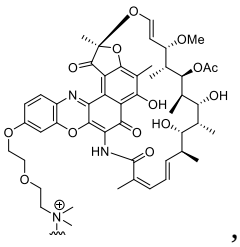
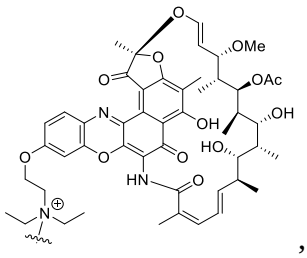
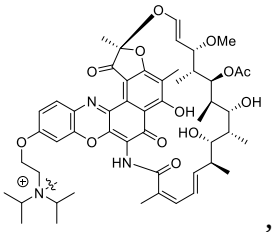
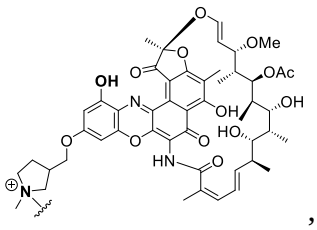
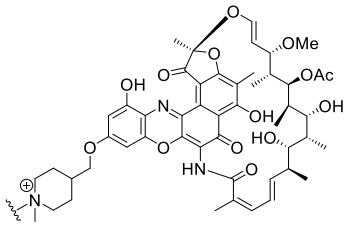
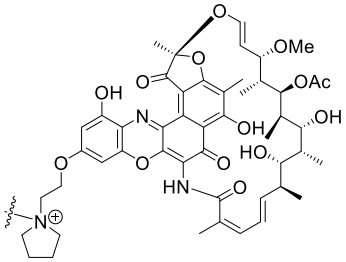
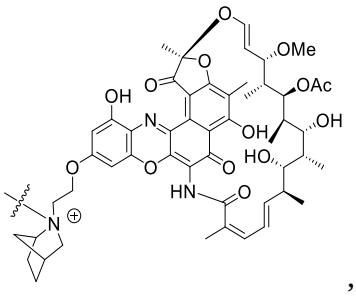
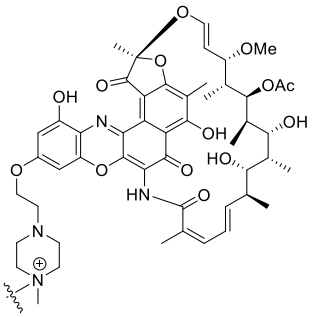
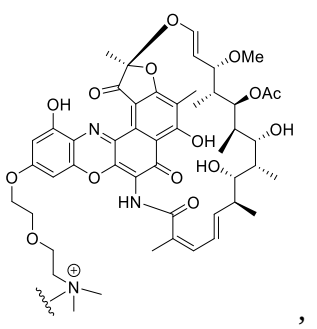
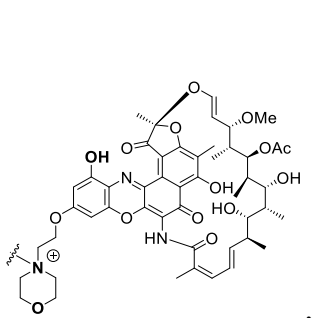
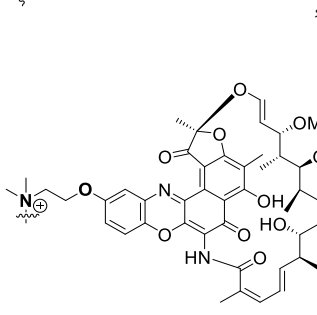
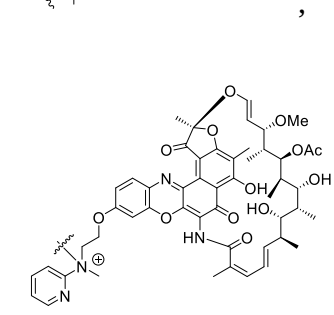
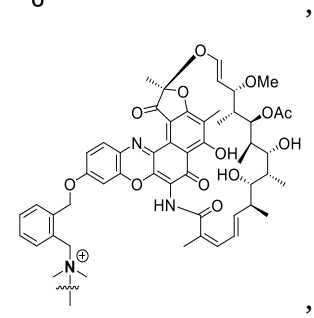
R_{5c} is a bond or an aliphatic C_1-C_8 hydrocarbon,

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~~44.~~2. An antibody-drug conjugate comprising an antibody, or an antigen-binding fragment thereof, conjugated via a linker or through a linker-spacer to a compound ~~The antibody-drug conjugate of claims 42-43, wherein the compound is~~ selected from the group consisting of:


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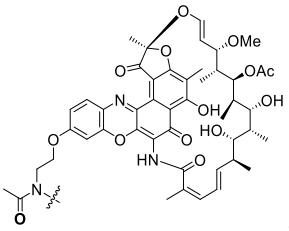
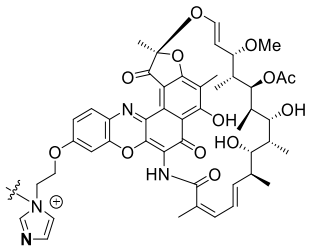
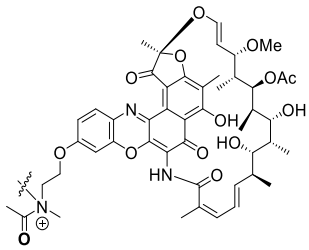
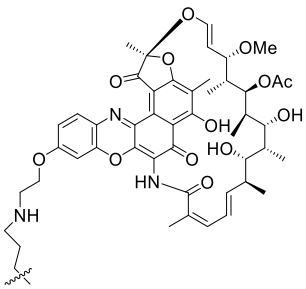
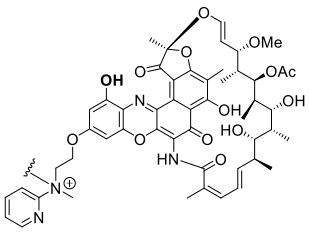
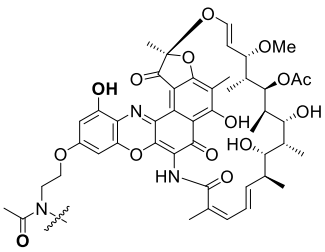
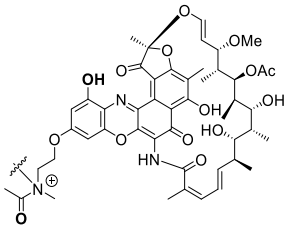
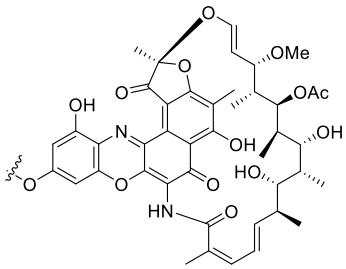
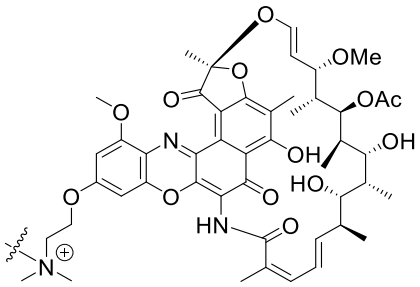
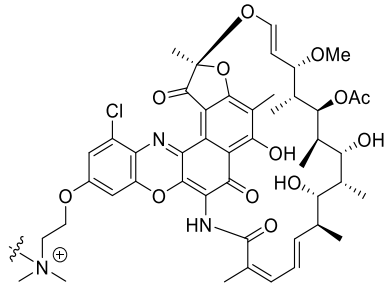
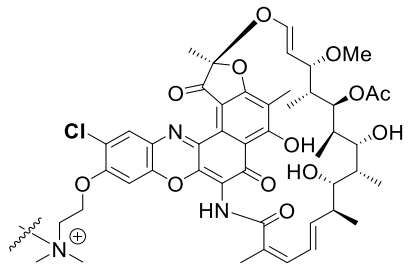
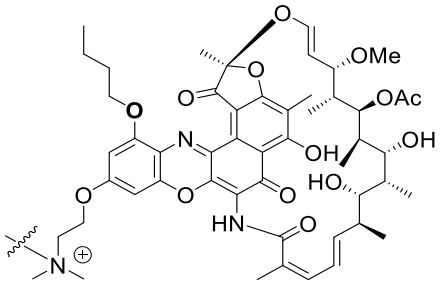
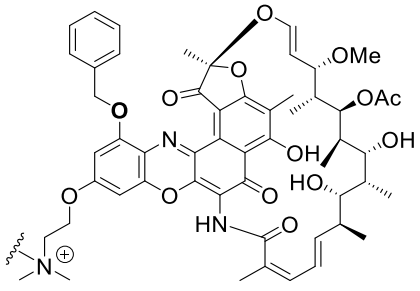

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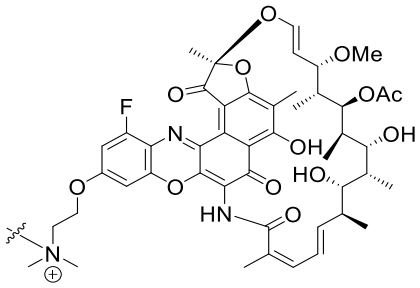
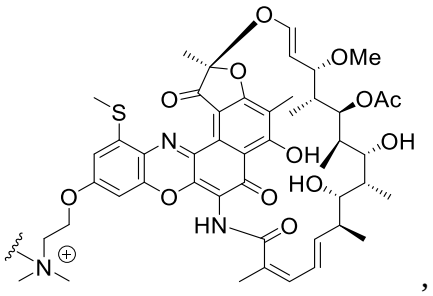
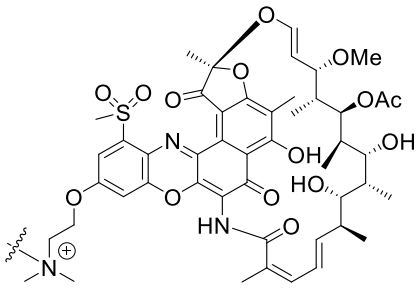
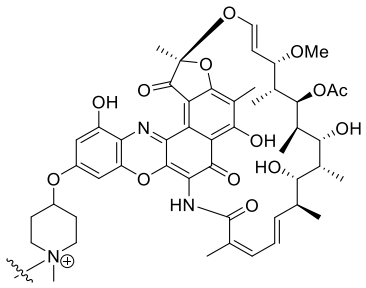
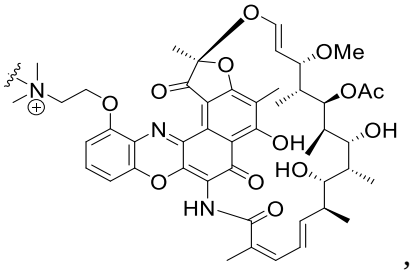
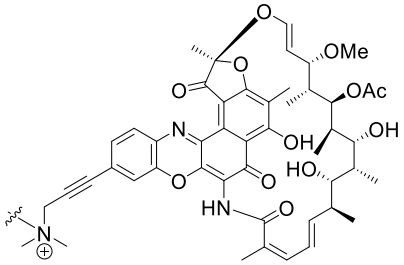
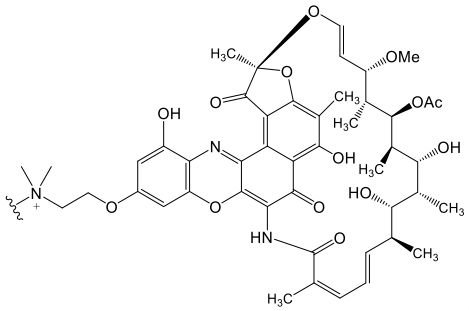
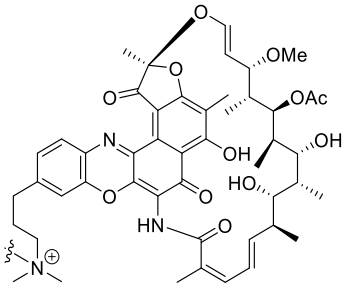

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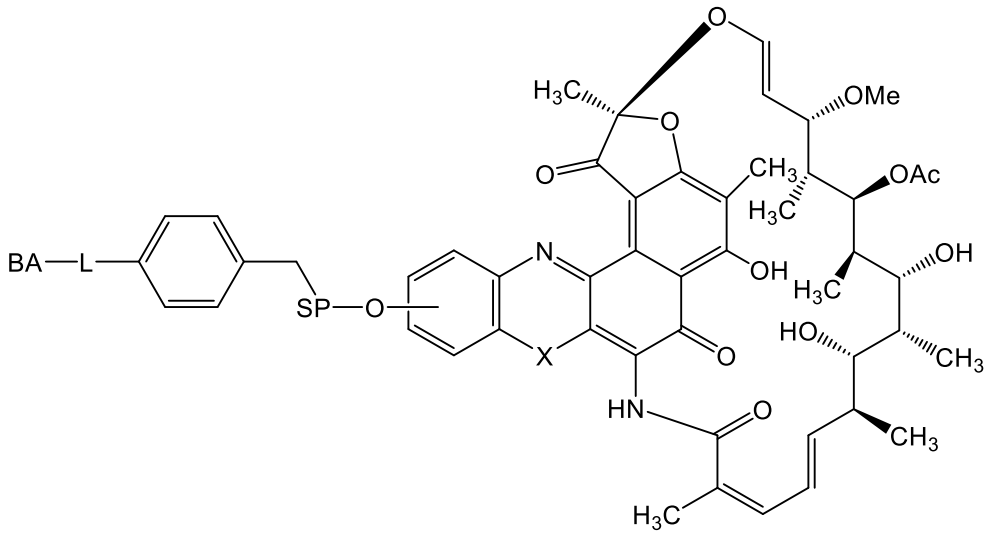

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wherein the ⁓ is the bond to the linker, and when the compound comprises an ammonium salt, the counterion is an anion selected from F^-, Cl^-, Br^-, I^-, OH^-, $^-BF_4$, $CF_3SO_3^-$, monobasic sulfate, dibasic sulfate, monobasic phosphate, dibasic phosphate, or tribasic phosphate, NO_3^-, PF_6^-, NO_2^-, carboxylate, $C_eF_fSO_3^-$, where in e=2-10 and f=2e+1, acetate, aspartate, benzenesulfonate, benzoate, besylate, bicarbonate, bitartrate, camsylate, carbonate, citrate, decanoate, edetate, esylate, fumarate, gluceptate, gluconate, glutamate, glycolate, glycollyalarsanilate, hexanoate, hydrabamine, hydroxynaphthoate, isthionate, lactate, lactobionate, malate, maleate, mandelate, mesylate, methylbromide, methylnitrate,

mucate, napsylate, octanoate, oleate, pamoate, pantothenate, polygalacturonate, propionate, salicylate, stearate, subacetate, succinate, tartrate, teoclate, tosylate, or triethiiodide.

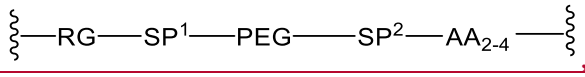
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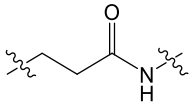
wherein:

BA is an antibody, or an antigen-binding fragment thereof;

L is a linker having the formula 

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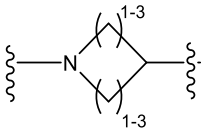
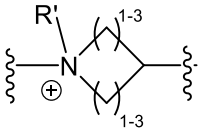
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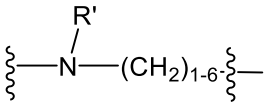
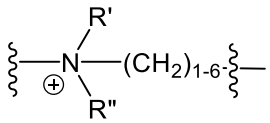
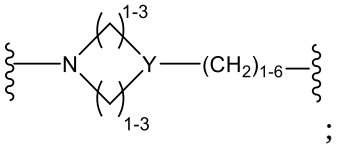
SP^1 and SP^2 are independently absent or a spacer group selected from the group consisting of 

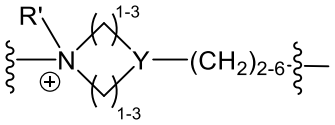
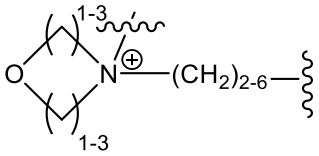
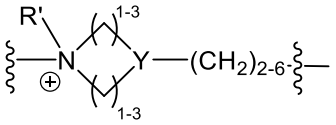
; C_{1-6} alkyl, -NH-, -C(O)-, $-CH_2-CH_2-C(O)-NH-$, $-(CH)_u-C(O)-NH-$, $(-CH_2-CH_2-O)_e$, $-NH-CH_2-CH_2-(-O-CH_2-CH_2)_e-C(O)-$, $-C(O)-(CH_2)_u-C(O)-$, $-C(O)-NH-(CH_2)_v-$, and combinations thereof, wherein subscript **e** is an integer from 0 to 4, subscript **u** is an integer from 1 to 8, and subscript **v** is an integer from 1 to 8;

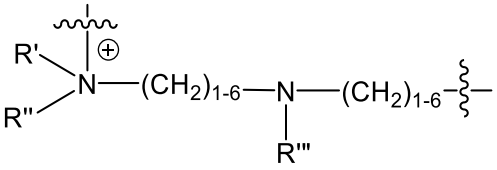
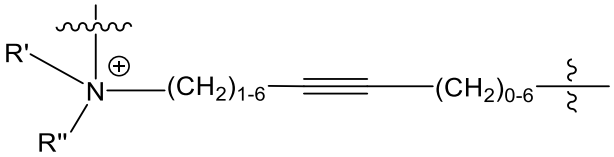
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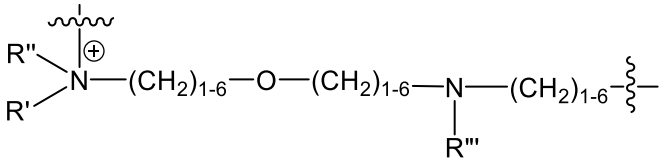
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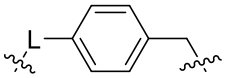
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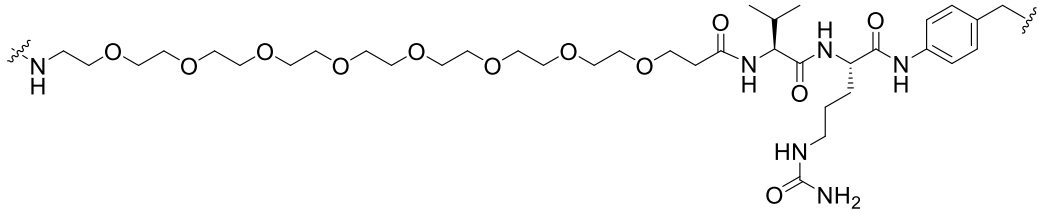
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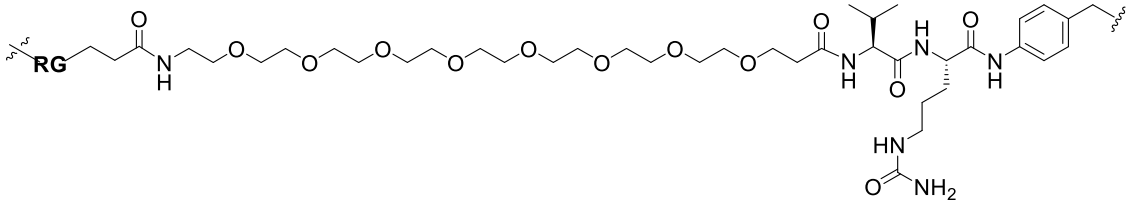
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and  ;

Y is C or N; wherein the 〰 symbol represents the point of attachment; and R', R" and R''' are selected from a hydrogen, a C_1-C_6 aliphatic hydrocarbon, and a protecting group selected from Fluorenylmethyloxycarbonyl (F_{MOC}) and *tert*-Butyloxycarbonyl (B_{OC}), or wherein R' and R'' together form an aliphatic monocyclic, an aliphatic bicyclic, or an aliphatic polycyclic structure; or wherein the  has a structure:



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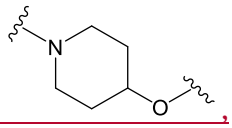
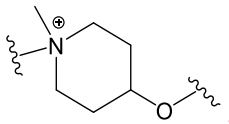
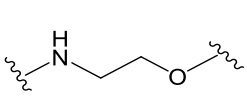
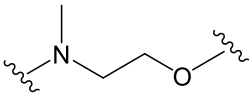
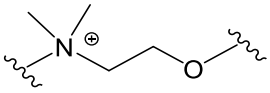
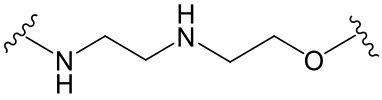
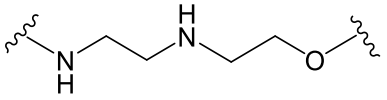
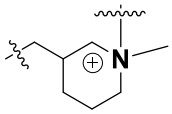
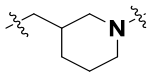
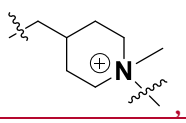
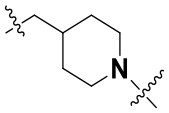
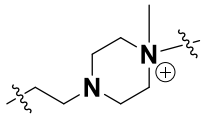
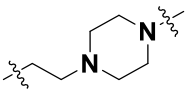
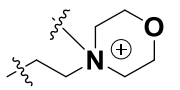
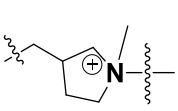
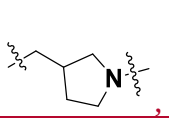
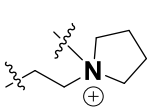
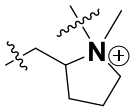
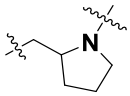
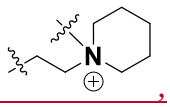
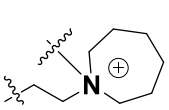
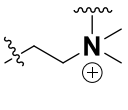
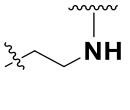
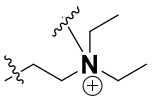
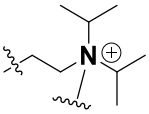
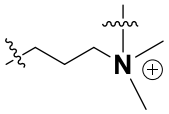
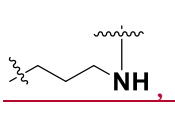
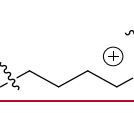
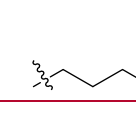
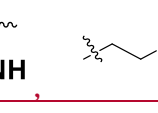
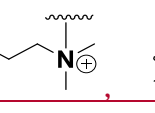
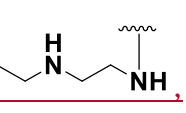
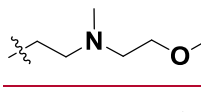
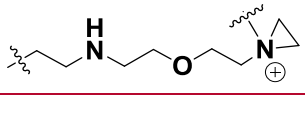
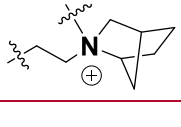
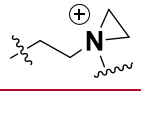
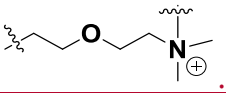
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R* is independently at each occurrence selected from hydrogen, an aliphatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, an aromatic C_5-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heteroaromatic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a cyclic aliphatic C_3-C_{20} hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof, which further comprises 0-8 heteroatoms selected from halogen, O, N, and S and combinations thereof,

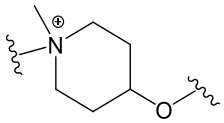
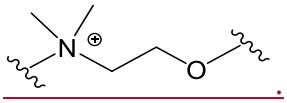
~~R' and R" are independently at each occurrence selected from a hydrogen and a C_{1-6} alkyl,~~

and

X is selected from -O-, -S-, and -NR*.

4. The antibody-drug conjugate of claim 1, wherein $-OR_5$ is –O–, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , or .

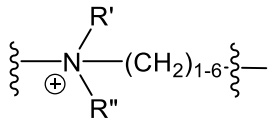
5. The antibody-drug conjugate of claim 1, wherein X is O, and -OR_5 comprises a tertiary amine.

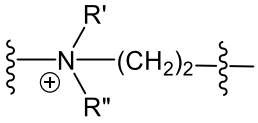
6. The antibody-drug conjugate of claim 1, wherein -OR_5 is  or .

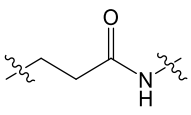
7. The antibody-drug conjugate of claim 1, wherein R_2 is methyl, ethyl, propyl or isopropyl; R_3 is CH_3-(C=O)- (acetyl), CH_3CH_2-(C=O)-, $CH_3CH_2CH_2$-(C=O)-, or $(CH_3)_2CH$-(C=O)-, and R_4 is hydrogen.

8. The antibody-drug conjugate of claim 1, wherein R_2 is methyl, R_3 is acetyl, and R_4 is hydrogen.

9. The antibody-drug conjugate of claim 3, wherein AA_{2-4} is valine-citrulline.

10. The antibody-drug conjugate of claim 3, wherein SP is  and R' and R" are each a C_{1-6} alkyl.

11. The antibody-drug conjugate of claim 3, wherein SP is  and R' and R" are each methyl.

12. The antibody-drug conjugate of claim 3, wherein SP^1 and SP^2 are each .

13. The antibody-drug conjugate of claim 3, wherein PEG comprises 8 polyethylene glycol units.

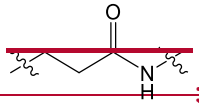
~~46. The antibody-drug conjugate of claim45, wherein L is a linker having the formula~~



~~, wherein~~

~~RG is selected from a maleimide, a N-hydroxysuccinimide, or a succinimide;~~

~~SP^1 and SP^2 are independently absent or a spacer group selected from the group consisting~~

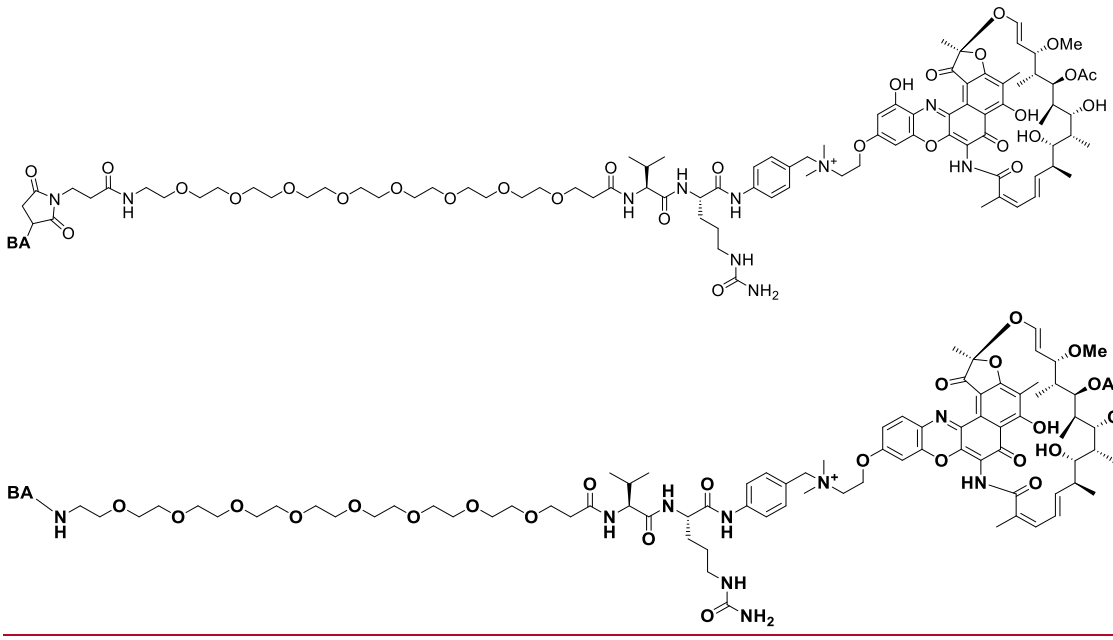


~~of ; C_{1-6} alkyl, -NH-, -C(O)-, $-CH_2-CH_2-C(O)-NH-$, $-(CH)_u-C(O)-NH-$, $(-CH_2-CH_2-O)_e$, $-NH-CH_2-CH_2-(-O-CH_2-CH_2)_e-C(O)-$, $-C(O)-(CH_2)_u-C(O)-$, $-C(O)-NH-(CH_2)_v-$, and combinations thereof, wherein subscript **e** is an integer from 0 to 4, subscript **u** is an integer from 1 to 8, and subscript **v** is an integer from 1 to 8;~~

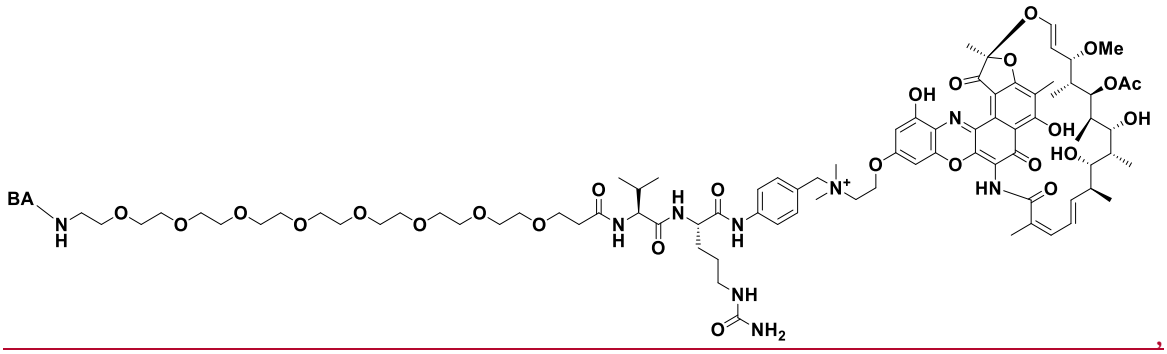
~~AA_{2-4} is a peptide unit comprising from 2 to 4 amino acids, and~~

~~PEG is a polyethylene glycol chain comprising between 1 and 30 polyethylene glycol residues.~~

~~47.~~14. The antibody-drug conjugate of ~~any of~~ claim~~s~~ ~~45~~3~~-46~~, wherein the antibody-drug conjugate has a structure selected from the group consisting of:

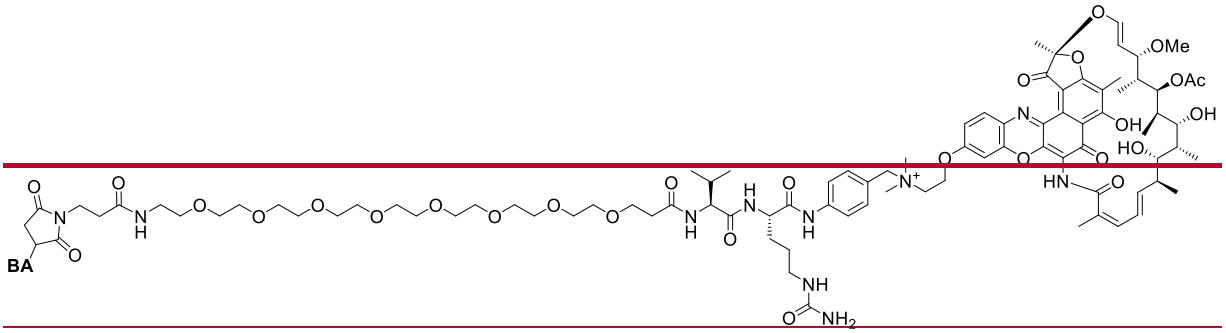


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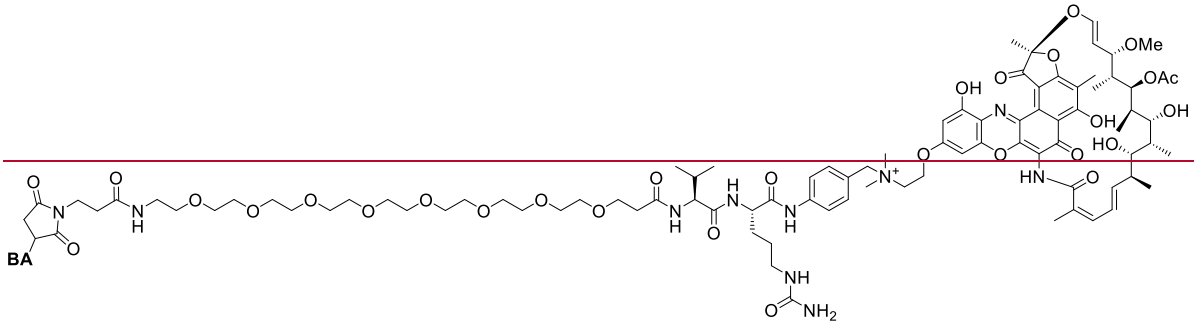
wherein BA is an antibody, or an antigen-binding fragment thereof.

~~48. The antibody-drug conjugate of any of claims 45-46, wherein the antibody-drug conjugate has a structure:~~



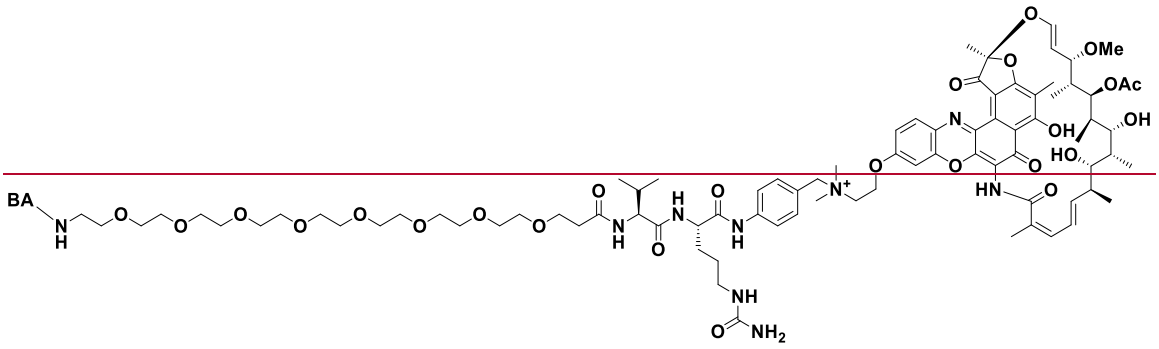
~~wherein BA is an antibody, or an antigen-binding fragment thereof.~~

~~49. The antibody-drug conjugate of any of claims 45-46, wherein the antibody-drug conjugate has a structure:~~



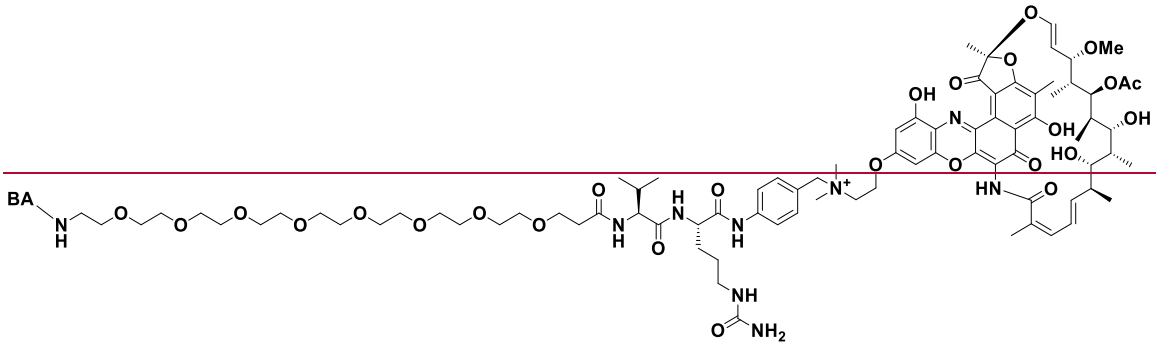
~~wherein BA is an antibody, or an antigen-binding fragment thereof.~~

~~50. The antibody-drug conjugate of any of claims 45-46, wherein the antibody-drug conjugate has a structure:~~



~~wherein BA is an antibody, or an antigen-binding fragment thereof.~~

~~51. The antibody-drug conjugate of any of claims 45-46, wherein the antibody-drug conjugate has a structure:~~



~~wherein BA is an antibody, or an antigen-binding fragment thereof.~~

~~52.~~15. The antibody-drug conjugate of any one of claims ~~35~~1 and 4-8~~-51~~, wherein the antibody, or an antigen-binding fragment thereof, binds an infectious disease-related target.

16. A pharmaceutical composition comprising the antibody-drug conjugate of any one of claims 1 and 4-8 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

17. A pharmaceutical dosage form comprising the antibody-drug conjugate of any one of claims 1 and 4-8 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

~~53.~~18. Use of ~~an~~ the antibody-drug conjugate of any one of claims ~~32~~1 and 4-8~~-52~~, or the pharmaceutical composition of claim 16, or the pharmaceutical dosage form of claim 17 in

the manufacture of a medicament for ~~preventing or~~ inhibiting growth of a bacterium.

~~54.~~19. Use of ~~an~~ the antibody-drug conjugate of any one of claims ~~32-52~~1 and 4-8, or the pharmaceutical composition of claim 16, or the pharmaceutical dosage form of claim 17 in the manufacture of a medicament for treating a bacterial infection in a subject in need of such treatment.

~~55. The use of claim54, wherein the subject is human.~~

~~56. The use of any of claims 54-55, further comprising administering a second therapeutic agent.~~

~~57. The use of claim56, wherein the second therapeutic agent is a second antibiotic.~~

~~58. The use of any of claims 53-57, wherein the antibody-drug conjugate is to be administered to the subject orally, topically, intranasally, intravenously, intramuscularly, or subcutaneously.~~

~~59.~~20. Use of the antibody-drug conjugate ~~compounds~~ of any one of claims ~~1-13~~1 and 4-8, or the pharmaceutical composition of claim ~~14~~16, or the pharmaceutical dosage form of claim 17 ~~antibody-drug conjugate of any of claims 32-52~~ in the manufacture of a medicament for preventing or treating cellulitis, bacteremia, dermonecrosis, eyelid infection, eye infection, neonatal conjunctivitis, osteomyelitis, impetigo, boils, scalded skin syndrome, food poisoning, pneumonia, surgical infection, urinary tract infection, burn infection, meningitis, endocarditis, septicemia, toxic shock syndrome, septic arthritis, mastitis, infection associated with a prosthetic joint, infection associated with a catheter, or infection associated with an implant~~, in a subject~~.

21. The antibody-drug conjugate of any one of claims 2-14, wherein the antibody, or an antigen-binding fragment thereof, binds an infectious disease-related target.

22. A pharmaceutical composition comprising the antibody-drug conjugate of any one of

claims 2-14 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

23. A pharmaceutical dosage form comprising the antibody-drug conjugate of any one of claims 2-14 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

24. Use of the antibody-drug conjugate of any one of claims 2-14, or the pharmaceutical composition of claim 22, or the pharmaceutical dosage form of claim 23 in the manufacture of a medicament for inhibiting growth of a bacterium.

25. Use of the antibody-drug conjugate of any one of claims 2-14, or the pharmaceutical composition of claim 22, or the pharmaceutical dosage form of claim 23 in the manufacture of a medicament for treating a bacterial infection in a subject.

26. Use of the antibody-drug conjugate of any one of claims 2-14, or the pharmaceutical composition of claim 22, or the pharmaceutical dosage form of claim 23 in the manufacture of a medicament for preventing or treating cellulitis, bacteremia, dermonecrosis, eyelid infection, eye infection, neonatal conjunctivitis, osteomyelitis, impetigo, boils, scalded skin syndrome, food poisoning, pneumonia, surgical infection, urinary tract infection, burn infection, meningitis, endocarditis, septicemia, toxic shock syndrome, septic arthritis, mastitis, infection associated with a prosthetic joint, infection associated with a catheter, or infection associated with an implant.