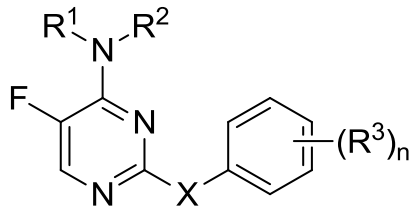
CLAIMS

We claim:

1. A compound of formula **I**,



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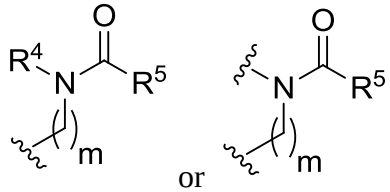
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

R^1 is a 3-8 membered saturated or partially unsaturated carbocyclic ring, or a 3-7 membered heterocylic ring having 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur; each of which is optionally substituted;

R^2 is hydrogen, $C_{1–6}$ aliphatic, $C_{5–10}$ aryl, a 3-8 membered saturated or partially unsaturated carbocyclic ring, a 3-7 membered heterocylic ring having 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, or a 5-6 membered monocyclic heteroaryl ring having 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur; each of which is optionally substituted;

wherein R^1 is substituted with



or

R^4 is hydrogen, $C_{1–6}$ aliphatic, $C_{5–10}$ aryl, a 3-8 membered saturated or partially unsaturated carbocyclic ring, a 3-7 membered heterocylic ring having 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, or a 5-6 membered monocyclic heteroaryl ring having 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur; each of which is optionally substituted;

each R^5 is independently $C_{1–6}$ alkyl, $C_{5–10}$ aryl, a 3-8 membered saturated or partially unsaturated carbocyclic ring, a 3-7 membered heterocylic ring having 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, or a 5-6

membered monocyclic heteroaryl ring having 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur; each of which is optionally substituted;

m is 0 or 1;

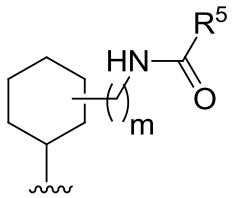
X is N(R);

each R^3 is independently -R, or -OR;

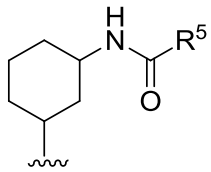
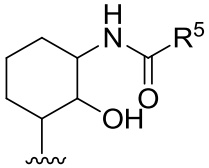
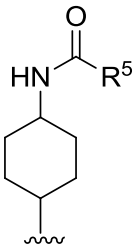
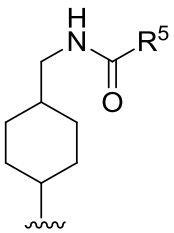
each R is independently hydrogen, $C_{1–6}$ aliphatic, $C_{5–10}$ aryl, a 3-8 membered saturated or partially unsaturated carbocyclic ring, a 3-7 membered heterocylic ring having 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, or a 5-6 membered monocyclic heteroaryl ring having 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur; each of which is optionally substituted; or

two R groups on the same atom are taken together with the atom to which they are attached to form a $C_{5–10}$ aryl, a 3-8 membered saturated or partially unsaturated carbocyclic ring, a 3-7 membered heterocylic ring having 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, or a 5-6 membered monocyclic heteroaryl ring having 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur; each of which is optionally substituted; and

n is 1, 2, or 3.

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

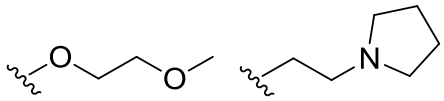
3. The compound of claim 1, wherein R^1 is

   or .

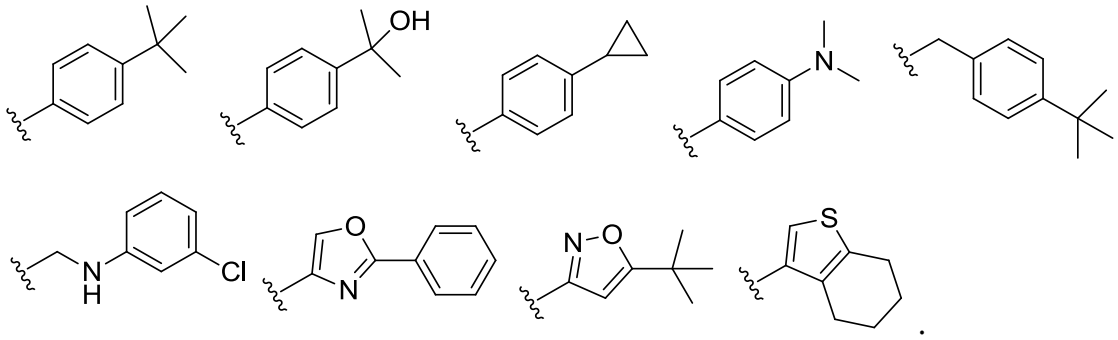
4. The compound of claim 1, wherein R^2 is hydrogen.

5. The compound of claim 1, wherein each R^3 is independently –OR or C_{1-6} aliphatic.

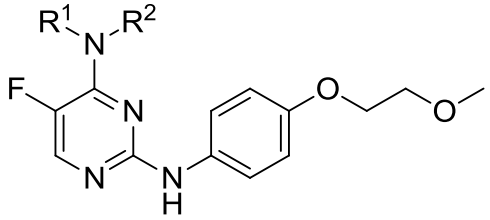
6. The compound of claim 1, wherein each R^3 is independently



7. The compound of claim 1, wherein each R^5 is independently



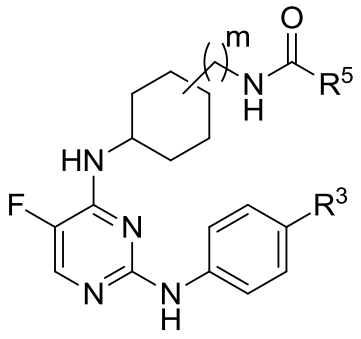
8. The compound of claim 1, of formula **I-b**,



I-b;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

9. The compound of claim 1, of formula **I-c**,

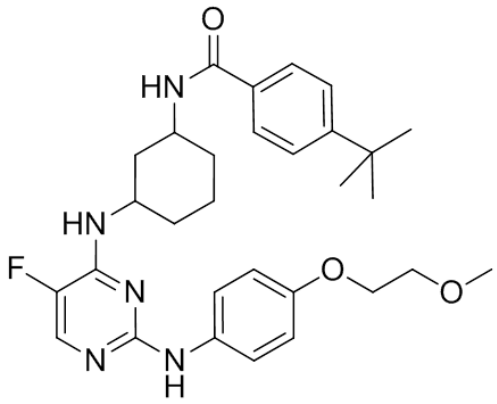


I-c;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

10. The compound of claim 1, selected from Table 1:

Table 1



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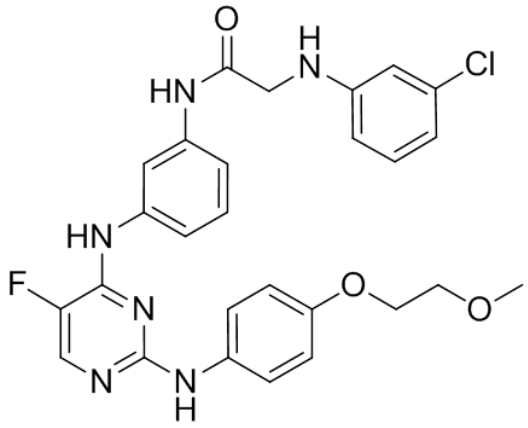

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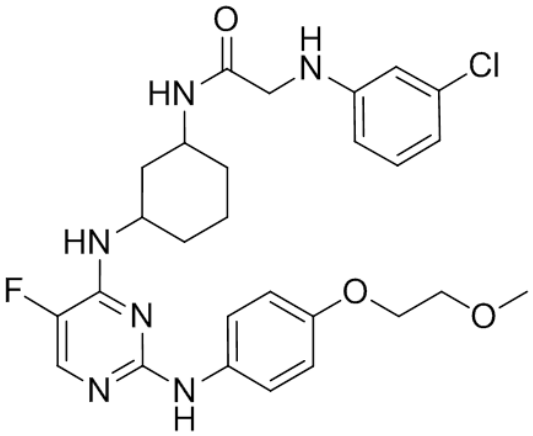

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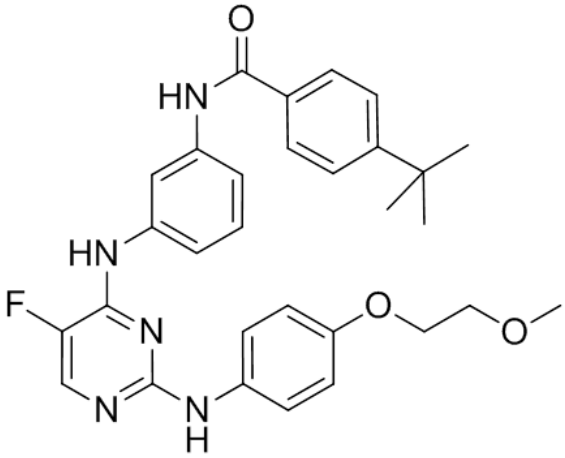

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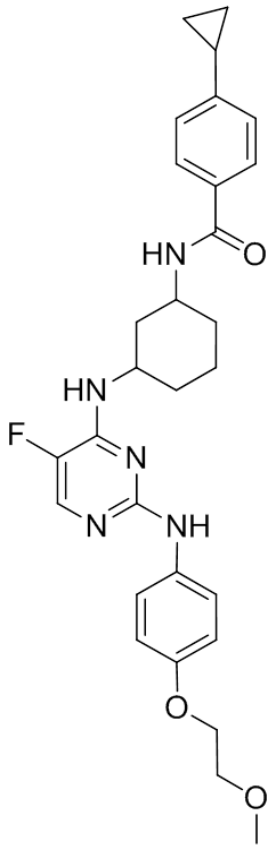

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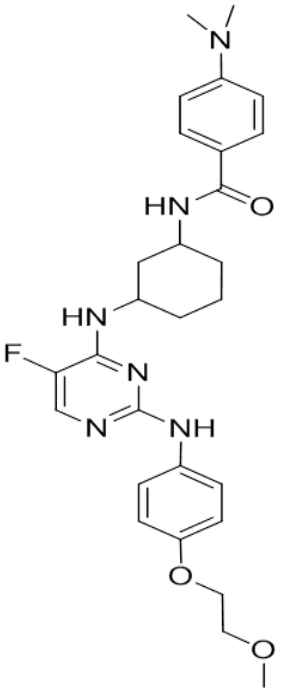

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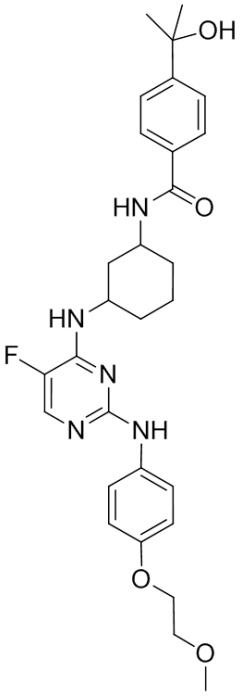

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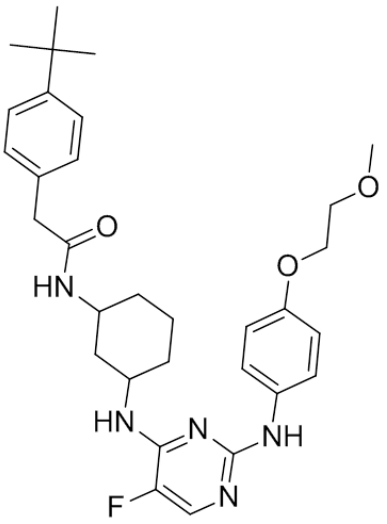

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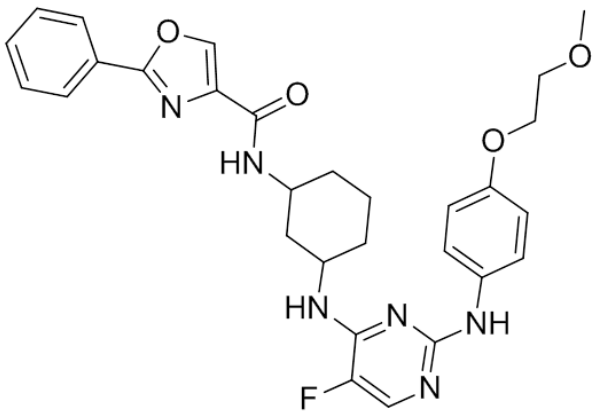

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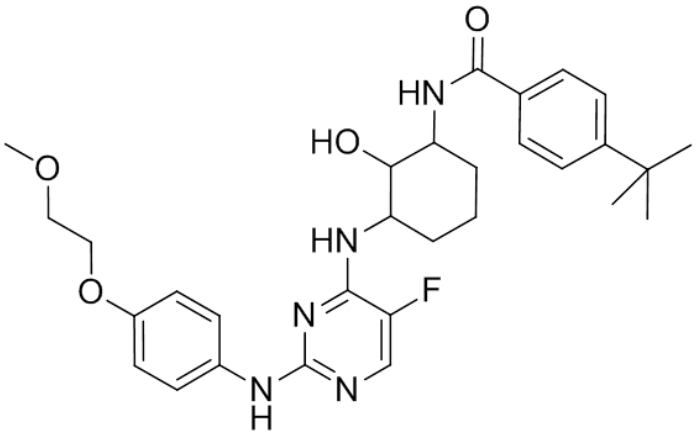

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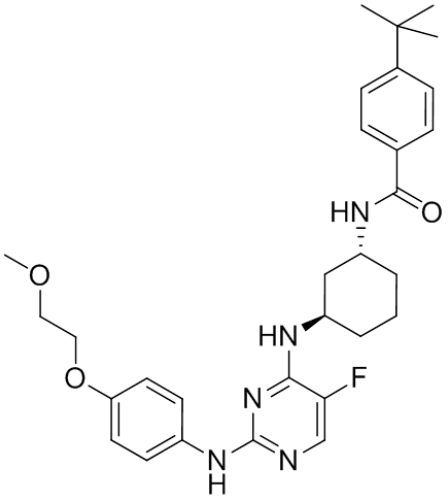

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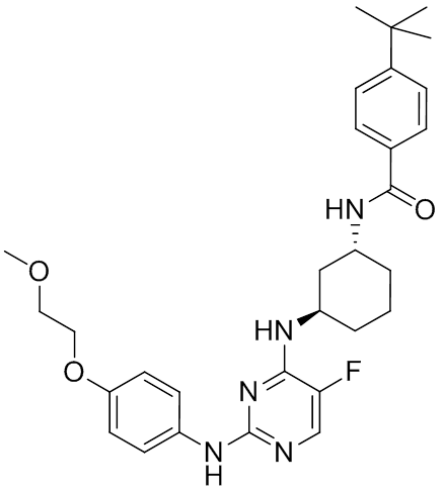

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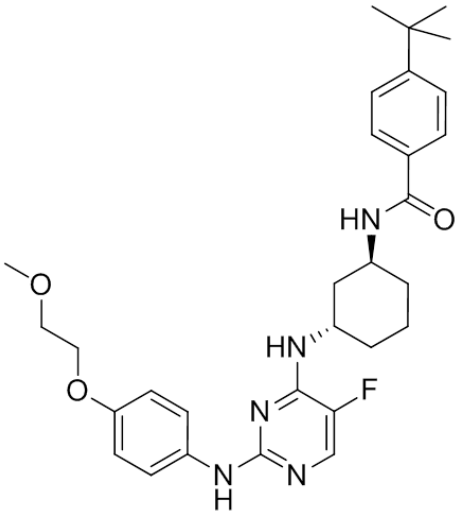

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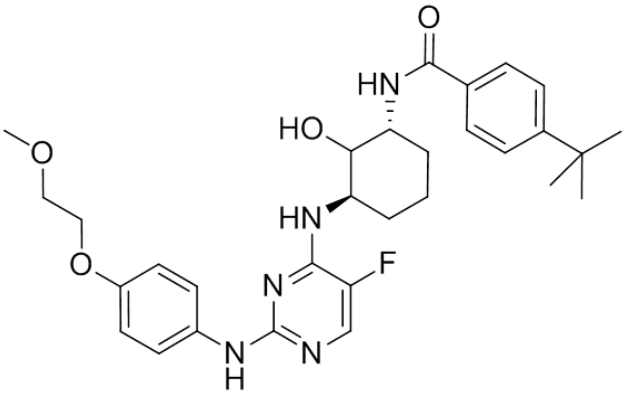

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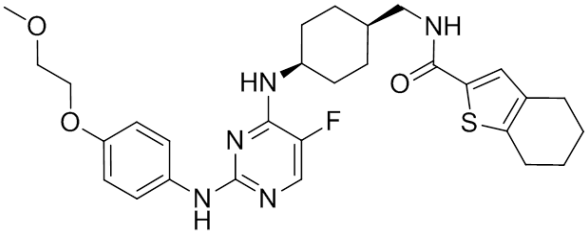

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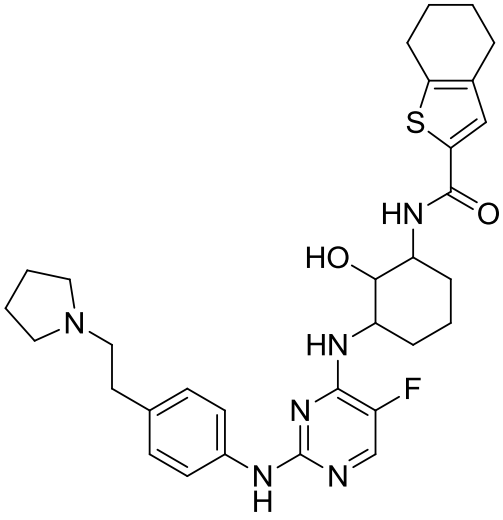

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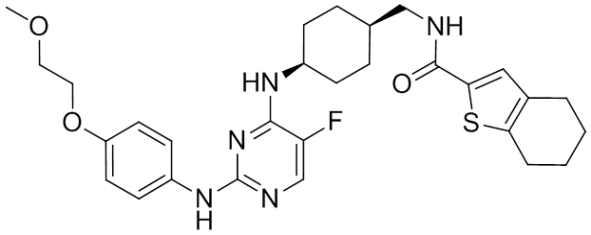

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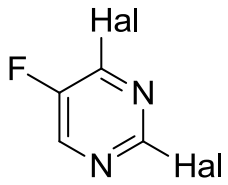
11. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 1, and a pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvant, carrier, or vehicle.

12. Use of a compound according to claim 1, or a physiologically acceptable salt thereof for the treatment of lupus in a subject.

13. A process for manufacturing a compound of formula I according to claim 1, comprising the steps of:

reacting a compound of formula (A):

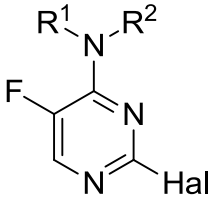


A;

with $NH(R^1)(R^2)$;

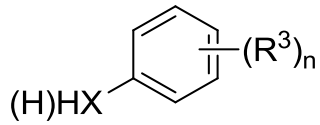
wherein R^1 and R^2 are as defined in claim 1;

to provide a compound of formula (B)**:**



B;

and reacting the compound of formula (B) with



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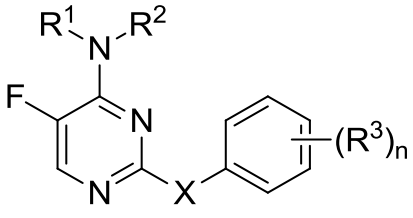
wherein X, R^3, and n, are as defined in claim 1;

to provide a compound of formula I:



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wherein R^1, R^2, X, R^3, and n, are as defined in claim 1.