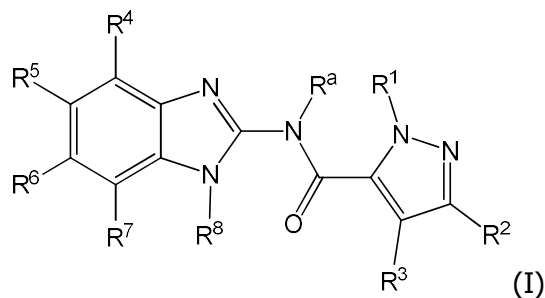


What is claimed is:

1. A compound according to Formula (I):



wherein:

R^a is H, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 alkenyl, or C_1 - C_4 alkynyl;

R^1 is optionally substituted C_1 - C_6 alkyl, wherein said optionally substituted C_1 - C_6 alkyl is optionally substituted by a substituent selected from $-OR^c$, $-NR^cR^d$, $-CO_2R^c$, $-CONR^cR^d$, $-SO_2NR^cR^d$, and $-OCONR^cR^d$;

R^2 is H, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_1 - C_6 alkenyl, C_1 - C_6 alkynyl, or cyclopropyl;

R^3 is H, halogen, or C_1 - C_4 alkyl;

R^4 and R^7 are each independently selected from H, halogen, halo(C_1 - C_6 alkyl), halo(C_1 - C_6 alkoxy)-, hydroxyl, $-NH_2$, $-NR^cR^c$, $-NR^cR^d$, $-COR^c$, $-CO_2R^c$, $-N(R^d)COR^c$, $-N(R^d)SO_2R^c$, $-N(R^g)SO_2(C_1-C_2alkyl)-N(R^h)(R^f)$, $-N(R^g)CO(C_1-C_2alkyl)-N(R^h)(R^f)$, optionally substituted (C_1 - C_6 alkyl), optionally substituted (C_1 - C_6 alkyl)oxy-, optionally substituted (C_1 - C_6 alkyl)amino-, optionally substituted (C_1 - C_6 alkyl)(C_1 - C_4 alkyl)amino-, and optionally substituted 5-6 membered heterocycloalkyl,

wherein the (C_1 - C_6 alkyl) of said optionally substituted (C_1 - C_6 alkyl), optionally substituted (C_1 - C_6 alkyl)oxy-, optionally substituted (C_1 - C_6 alkyl)amino- and optionally substituted (C_1 - C_6 alkyl)(C_1 - C_4 alkyl)amino- is optionally substituted by 1-4 substituents each independently selected from $-OH$, $-OR^c$, $-NH_2$, $-NR^cR^c$, $-NR^cR^d$, $-CO_2H$, $-CO_2R^c$, $-OCOR^c$,

$-CO_2H$, $-CO_2R^c$, $-CN$, $-SOR^c$, $-SO_2R^c$, $-CONH_2$, $-CONR^cR^d$, $-SO_2NH_2$, $-SO_2NR^cR^d$, $-OCONH_2$, $-OCONR^cR^d$, $-NR^dCOR^c$, $-NR^dSOR^c$, $-NR^dCO_2R^c$, $-NR^dSO_2R^c$, optionally substituted phenyl,

optionally substituted 5-6 membered heterocycloalkyl and optionally substituted 5-6 membered heteroaryl group, wherein said optionally substituted phenyl, 5-6 membered heterocycloalkyl or 5-6 membered heteroaryl is optionally substituted by 1-4 substituents each independently selected from halogen, hydroxy, amino, (C_1 - C_4 alkyl)amino-, (C_1 - C_4 alkyl)(C_1 - C_4 alkyl)amino-, C_1 - C_4 alkyl,

halo(C₁-C₄alkyl), hydroxy-(C₁-C₄alkyl)-, halo(C₁-C₄alkoxy)-, C₁-C₄alkoxy-, hydroxy-(C₂-C₄alkoxy)-, C₁-C₄alkoxy-(C₁-C₄alkoxy)-, -COR^d, -CON(R^d)(R^f), and -CO₂R^d, and

wherein said optionally substituted 5-6 membered heterocycloalkyl is optionally substituted by 1-4 substituents each independently selected from halogen, hydroxy, amino, (C₁-C₄alkyl)amino-, (C₁-C₄alkyl)(C₁-C₄alkyl)amino-, C₁-C₄alkyl, halo(C₁-C₄alkyl), hydroxy-(C₁-C₄alkyl)-, halo(C₁-C₄alkoxy)-, C₁-C₄alkoxy-, hydroxy-(C₂-C₄alkoxy)-, C₁-C₄alkoxy-(C₁-C₄alkoxy)-, -COR^d, -CON(R^d)(R^f), and -CO₂R^d;

one of R⁵ and R⁶ is -CON(Rⁱ)(R^j), and the other of R⁵ and R⁶ is selected from H, -CN, -OH, C₁-C₄alkyl, C₁-C₄alkoxy-, and C₁-C₄alkenyl-, or

R⁵ is -CON(Rⁱ)(R^j), and (Rⁱ) taken together with R⁴ forms a 5-6 membered heterocyclic ring;

or

R⁵ is -CON(Rⁱ)(R^j), and (Rⁱ) taken together with R⁶ forms a 5-6 membered heterocyclic ring;

or

R⁶ is -CON(Rⁱ)(R^j), and (Rⁱ) taken together with R⁵ forms a 5-6 membered heterocyclic ring,

or

R⁶ is -CON(Rⁱ)(R^j), and (Rⁱ) taken together with R⁷ forms a 5-6 membered heterocyclic ring,

R⁸ is H, optionally substituted C₁-C₆alkyl, halo(C₁-C₆alkyl), optionally substituted C₂-C₆alkenyl, optionally substituted C₂-C₆alkynyl, optionally substituted C₃-C₆cycloalkyl, optionally substituted phenyl, optionally substituted 4-6 membered heterocycloalkyl, optionally substituted 5-6 membered heteroaryl, optionally substituted 9-10 membered heteroaryl, optionally substituted -C₁-C₄alkyl-C₃-C₆cycloalkyl, optionally substituted -C₁-C₄alkyl-phenyl, optionally substituted -C₁-C₄alkyl-4-6 membered heterocycloalkyl, optionally substituted -C₁-C₄alkyl-5-6 membered heteroaryl, or optionally substituted -C₁-C₄alkyl-9-10 membered heteroaryl,

wherein said optionally substituted C₁-C₆alkyl, optionally substituted C₂-C₆alkenyl, optionally substituted C₂-C₆alkynyl, optionally substituted C₃-C₆cycloalkyl, optionally substituted phenyl, optionally substituted 4-6 membered heterocycloalkyl, optionally substituted 5-6 membered heteroaryl, optionally substituted 9-10 membered heteroaryl, optionally substituted -C₁-C₄alkyl-C₃-C₆cycloalkyl, optionally substituted -C₁-C₄alkyl-phenyl, optionally substituted -C₁-C₄alkyl-4-6 membered heterocycloalkyl, optionally substituted -C₁-C₄alkyl-5-6 membered heteroaryl, or optionally substituted -C₁-C₄alkyl-9-10 membered heteroaryl is optionally substituted by 1-4 substituents each independently selected from halogen,

nitro, -R^c, -OH, -OR^c, -NH₂, -NR^cR^c, -NR^cR^d, -OCOR^c, -CO₂H, -CO₂R^c, -SOR^c,

-SO₂R^c, -CONH₂, -CONR^cR^d, -SO₂NH₂, -SO₂NR^cR^d, -OCONH₂, -OCONR^cR^d, -NR^dCOR^c,

-NR^dSOR^c, -NR^dCO₂R^c, and -NR^dSO₂R^c,

each R^c is independently C₁-C₄alkyl, halo(C₁-C₄alkyl), -(C₁-C₄alkyl)-OH, -(C₁-C₄alkyl)-O-(C₁-C₄alkyl), -(C₁-C₄alkyl)-N(R^e)(R^f), -(C₁-C₄alkyl)-O-CO(C₁-C₄alkyl), -(C₁-C₄alkyl)-CO-O-(C₁-C₄alkyl), optionally substituted C₃-C₆cycloalkyl, optionally substituted phenyl, optionally substituted 4-6 membered heterocycloalkyl, optionally substituted 5-6 membered heteroaryl, optionally substituted 9-10 membered heteroaryl, optionally substituted -C₁-C₄alkyl-C₃-C₆cycloalkyl, optionally substituted -C₁-C₄alkyl-phenyl, optionally substituted -C₁-C₄alkyl-4-6 membered heterocycloalkyl, optionally substituted -C₁-C₄alkyl-5-6 membered heteroaryl, or optionally substituted -C₁-C₄alkyl-9-10 membered heteroaryl,

wherein the optionally substituted C₃-C₆cycloalkyl, optionally substituted phenyl, optionally substituted 4-6 membered heterocycloalkyl, optionally substituted 5-6 membered heteroaryl or optionally substituted 9-10 membered heteroaryl moiety of said substituted C₃-C₆cycloalkyl, optionally substituted phenyl, optionally substituted 4-6 membered heterocycloalkyl, optionally substituted 5-6 membered heteroaryl, optionally substituted 9-10 membered heteroaryl optionally substituted -C₁-C₄alkyl-C₃-C₆cycloalkyl, optionally substituted -C₁-C₄alkyl-phenyl, optionally substituted -C₁-C₄alkyl-4-6 membered heterocycloalkyl, optionally substituted -C₁-C₄alkyl-5-6 membered heteroaryl, or optionally substituted -C₁-C₄alkyl-9-10 membered heteroaryl is optionally substituted by 1-4 substituents each independently selected from halogen, hydroxy, amino, nitro, (C₁-C₄alkyl)amino-, (C₁-C₄alkyl)(C₁-C₄alkyl)amino-, C₁-C₄alkyl, halo(C₁-C₄alkyl), halo(C₁-C₄alkoxy)-, C₁-C₄alkoxy-, hydroxy-(C₂-C₄alkoxy)-,

C₁-C₄alkoxy-(C₁-C₄alkoxy)-, -COR^d, -CON(R^d)(R^f), and -CO₂R^d;

each R^d is independently H or C₁-C₄alkyl;

each R^e is independently H,

C₁-C₄alkyl, -CO(C₁-C₄alkyl), -OCO(C₁-C₄alkyl), -CO₂(C₁-C₄alkyl), -CO-(optionally substituted 5-6 membered heterocycloalkyl), -CO(C₁-C₄alkyl)-(optionally substituted 5-6 membered heterocycloalkyl), -CO(optionally substituted 5-6 membered heteroaryl), -CO(C₁-C₄alkyl)-(optionally substituted 5-6 membered heteroaryl),

wherein the optionally substituted 5-6 membered heterocycloalkyl or optionally substituted 5-6 membered heteroaryl is optionally substituted 1-4 substituents each independently selected from halogen, hydroxy, amino, (C₁-C₄alkyl)amino-, (C₁-C₄alkyl)(C₁-C₄alkyl)amino-, C₁-C₄alkyl, halo(C₁-C₄alkyl), halo(C₁-C₄alkoxy)-, C₁-C₄alkoxy-, hydroxy-(C₂-C₄alkoxy)-, C₁-C₄alkoxy-(C₁-C₄alkoxy)-, -COR^d, -CON(R^d)(R^f), and -CO₂R^d;

each R^f is independently H or C₁-C₄alkyl;

R^g and R^h are each independently H or C₁-C₄alkyl or R^g and R^h, taken together with the atom or atoms through which they are connected, form a 5-6 membered ring;

Rⁱ is H, C₁-C₄alkyl or hydroxy(C₁-C₄alkyl)-; and

R^j is H or C₁-C₄alkyl;

or a tautomer thereof,

or a salt thereof.

2. The compound or salt according to claim 1 wherein:

R⁴ and R⁷ are each independently selected from H, halogen, halo(C₁-C₆alkyl), halo(C₁-C₆alkoxy)-, hydroxyl, -NH₂, -NR^cR^c, -NR^cR^d, -COR^c, -CO₂R^c, -N(R^d)COR^c, -N(R^d)SO₂R^c, -N(R^g)SO₂(C₁-C₂alkyl)-N(R^h)(R^f), -N(R^g)CO(C₁-C₂alkyl)-N(R^h)(R^f), optionally substituted (C₁-C₆alkyl),

wherein the (C₁-C₆alkyl) is optionally substituted by 1-4 substituents each independently selected from OH, OR^c, NH₂, NR^cR^c, NR^cR^d, CO₂H, CO₂R^c, OCOR^c, CO₂H, CO₂R^c, SOR^c, SO₂R^c, CONH₂, CONR^cR^d, SO₂NH₂, SO₂NR^cR^d, OCONH₂, OCONR^cR^d, NR^dCOR^c, NR^dSOR^c, -NR^dCO₂R^c, -NR^dSO₂R^c, optionally substituted phenyl, optionally substituted 5-6 membered heterocycloalkyl and optionally substituted 5-6 membered heteroaryl group, wherein said optionally substituted phenyl, 5-6 membered heterocycloalkyl or 5-6 membered heteroaryl is optionally substituted by 1-4 substituents each independently selected from halogen, hydroxy, amino, (C₁-C₄alkyl)amino-, (C₁-C₄alkyl)(C₁-C₄alkyl)amino-, C₁-C₄alkyl, halo(C₁-C₄alkyl), hydroxy-(C₁-C₄alkyl)-, halo(C₁-C₄alkoxy)-, C₁-C₄alkoxy-, hydroxy-(C₂-C₄alkoxy)-, C₁-C₄alkoxy-(C₁-C₄alkoxy)-, -COR^d, -CON(R^d)(R^f), and -CO₂R^d; and

one of R⁵ and R⁶ is -CON(Rⁱ)(R^j), and the other of R⁵ and R⁶ is selected from H, -CN, -OH, C₁-C₄alkyl, or C₁-C₄alkoxy-;

R⁸ is H or optionally substituted C₁-C₆alkyl,

wherein said optionally substituted C₁-C₆alkyl is optionally substituted by 1-4 substituents each independently selected from halogen, nitro R^c, OH, OR^c, NH₂, NR^cR^c, NR^cR^d, OCOR^c, CO₂H, CO₂R^c, SOR^c, SO₂R^c, CONH₂, CONR^cR^d, SO₂NH₂, SO₂NR^cR^d, OCONH₂, OCONR^cR^d, NR^dCOR^c, NR^dSOR^c, NR^dCO₂R^c, and NR^dSO₂R^c.

3. The compound or salt according to claim 1 wherein R^a is H or C₁-C₄alkyl.

4. The compound or salt according to claim 1 wherein R^a is H or methyl.

5. The compound or salt according to claim 1 wherein R⁸ is optionally substituted C₁-C₆alkyl.

6. The compound or salt according to any one of claims 1-5, wherein R¹ is unsubstituted C₁-C₄alkyl.
7. The compound or salt according to any one of claims 1-6, wherein R² is unsubstituted C₁-C₄alkyl.
8. The compound or salt according to any one of claims 1-7, wherein R² is methyl, ethyl, or cyclopropyl.
9. The compound or salt according to any one of claims 1-8, wherein R³ is H or C₁-C₄alkyl.
10. The compound or salt according to any one of claims 1-9, wherein one of R⁴ and R⁷ is selected from halogen, cyano(C₁-C₆alkyl), halo(C₁-C₆alkyl), halo(C₁-C₆alkoxy)-, hydroxyl, -NH₂, -NR^cR^c, -NR^cR^d, -COR^c, -CO₂R^c, -N(R^d)COR^c, -N(R^d)SO₂R^c, -N(R^g)SO₂(C₁-C₂alkyl)-N(R^h)(R^f), -N(R^g)CO(C₁-C₂alkyl)-N(R^h)(R^f), optionally substituted (C₁-C₆alkyl), optionally substituted (C₁-C₆alkyl)oxy-, optionally substituted (C₁-C₆alkyl)amino-, optionally substituted (C₁-C₆alkyl)(C₁-C₄alkyl)amino-, and optionally substituted 5-6 membered heterocycloalkyl, wherein the (C₁-C₆alkyl) of said optionally substituted (C₁-C₆alkyl), optionally substituted (C₁-C₆alkyl)oxy-, optionally substituted (C₁-C₆alkyl)amino- and optionally substituted (C₁-C₆alkyl)(C₁-C₄alkyl)amino- is optionally substituted by 1-4 substituents each independently selected from -OH, -OR^c, -NH₂, -NR^cR^c, -NR^cR^d, -CO₂H, -CO₂R^c, -OCOR^c, -CO₂H, -CO₂R^c, -SOR^c, -SO₂R^c, -CONH₂, -CONR^cR^d, -SO₂NH₂, -SO₂NR^cR^d, -OCONH₂, -OCONR^cR^d, -NR^dCOR^c, -NR^dSOR^c, -NR^dCO₂R^c, -NR^dSO₂R^c, optionally substituted phenyl, optionally substituted 5-6 membered heterocycloalkyl and optionally substituted 5-6 membered heteroaryl group, wherein said optionally substituted phenyl, 5-6 membered heterocycloalkyl or 5-6 membered heteroaryl is optionally substituted by 1-4 substituents each independently selected from halogen, hydroxy, amino, (C₁-C₄alkyl)amino-, (C₁-C₄alkyl)(C₁-C₄alkyl)amino-, C₁-C₄alkyl, halo(C₁-C₄alkyl), hydroxy-(C₁-C₄alkyl)-, halo(C₁-C₄alkoxy)-, C₁-C₄alkoxy-, hydroxy-C₂-C₄alkoxy-, C₁-C₄alkoxy-C₁-C₄alkoxy-, -COR^d, -CON(R^d)(R^f), and -CO₂R^d; and the other of R⁴ and R⁷ is H.
11. The compound or salt according to any one of claims 1-9, wherein one of R⁴ and R⁷ is H, and the other R⁴ and R⁷ is selected from H, hydroxyl, amino, (C₁-C₄alkyl)amino-, (C₁-C₄alkyl)(C₁-C₄alkyl)amino-, (C₁-C₄alkyl), hydroxy(C₁-C₄alkyl)-, amino(C₁-C₄alkyl)-,

(C₁-C₄alkyl)amino(C₁-C₄alkyl)-, (C₁-C₄alkyl)(C₁-C₄alkyl)amino(C₁-C₄alkyl)-, C₁-C₄alkoxy-, hydroxy(C₂-C₄alkoxy)-, amino(C₂-C₄alkoxy)-, (C₁-C₄alkyl)amino(C₂-C₄alkoxy)-, (C₁-C₄alkyl)(C₁-C₄alkyl)amino(C₂-C₄alkoxy)-, 6-membered heterocycloalkyl-(C₁-C₄alkyl)-, phenyl(C₁-C₄alkoxy)-, (C₁-C₄alkyl)OCONH(C₁-C₄alkyl)-, hydroxy(C₁-C₄alkyl)amino-, (C₁-C₄alkyl)CONH-, (C₁-C₄alkyl)CON(C₁-C₄alkyl)-, amino(C₁-C₄alkyl)CONH-, (C₁-C₄alkyl)amino(C₁-C₄alkyl)CONH-, (C₁-C₄alkyl)(C₁-C₄alkyl)amino(C₁-C₄alkyl)CONH-, amino(C₁-C₄alkyl)CON(C₁-C₄alkyl)-, (C₁-C₄alkyl)amino(C₁-C₄alkyl)CON(C₁-C₄alkyl)-, (C₁-C₄alkyl)(C₁-C₄alkyl)amino(C₁-C₄alkyl)CON(C₁-C₄alkyl)-, hydroxy(C₁-C₄alkyl)CONH-, hydroxy(C₁-C₄alkyl)CON(C₁-C₄alkyl)-, HO₂C(C₁-C₄alkoxy)-, (C₁-C₄alkyl)OCO(C₁-C₄alkoxy)-, H₂NCO(C₁-C₄alkoxy)-, (C₁-C₄alkyl)HNCO(C₁-C₄alkoxy)-, (C₁-C₄alkyl)(C₁-C₄alkyl)NCO(C₁-C₄alkoxy)-, -CO₂H, -CO₂(C₁-C₄alkyl), and-NHSO₂(C₁-C₄alkyl).

12. The compound or salt according to any one of claims 1-8, wherein R⁴ and R⁷ are each independently H or 5-6 membered heterocycloalkyl

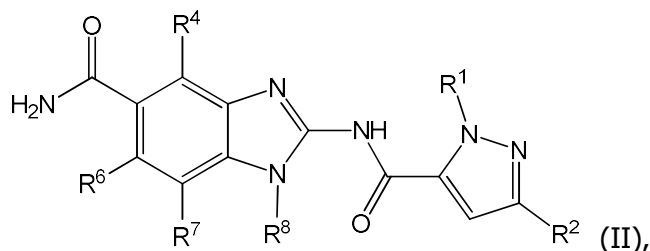
13. The compound or salt according to any one of claims 1-11, wherein R⁵ is -CON(Rⁱ)(R^j), and R⁶ is H, wherein Rⁱ is H or C₁-C₄alkyl and R^j is H or C₁-C₄alkyl.

14. The compound or salt according to any one of claims 1-11, wherein R⁶ is H.

15. The compound or salt according to any one of claims 1-4 and 6-12, wherein, R⁸ is H, optionally substituted C₁-C₆alkyl, halo(C₁-C₆alkyl), optionally substituted C₂-C₆alkenyl, optionally substituted C₂-C₆alkynyl, optionally substituted C₃-C₆cycloalkyl, optionally substituted 4-6 membered heterocycloalkyl, optionally substituted 5-6 membered heteroaryl or optionally substituted 9 membered heteroaryl.

16. The compound or salt according to any one of claims 1-4 and 6-12, wherein R⁸ is H, optionally substituted C₁-C₆alkyl, or optionally substituted C₂-C₆alkenyl.

17. The compound or salt according to any one of claims 1-16, having Formula (II):



wherein:

R¹ is optionally substituted C₁-C₆alkyl, wherein said optionally substituted C₁-C₆alkyl is optionally substituted by a substituent selected from -OR^c, -NR^cR^d, -CO₂R^c, -CONR^cR^d, -SO₂NR^cR^d, and -OCONR^cR^d;

R² is H, C₁-C₆alkyl, C₁-C₆alkenyl, C₁-C₆alkynyl, or cyclopropyl;

R⁴ and R⁷ are each independently selected from H, halogen, halo(C₁-C₆alkyl), halo(C₁-C₆alkoxy)-, hydroxyl, -NH₂, -NR^cR^c, -NR^cR^d, -COR^c, -CO₂R^c, -N(R^d)COR^c, -N(R^d)SO₂R^c, -N(R^g)SO₂(C₁-C₂alkyl)-N(R^h)(R^f), -N(R^g)CO(C₁-C₂alkyl)-N(R^h)(R^f), optionally substituted (C₁-C₆alkyl), optionally substituted (C₁-C₆alkyl)oxy-, optionally substituted (C₁-C₆alkyl)amino-, optionally substituted (C₁-C₆alkyl)(C₁-C₄alkyl)amino-, and optionally substituted 5-6 membered heterocycloalkyl,

wherein the (C₁-C₆alkyl) of said optionally substituted (C₁-C₆alkyl), optionally substituted (C₁-C₆alkyl)oxy-, optionally substituted (C₁-C₆alkyl)amino- and optionally substituted (C₁-C₆alkyl)(C₁-C₄alkyl)amino- is optionally substituted by 1-4 substituents each independently selected from -OH, -OR^c, -NH₂, -NR^cR^c, -NR^cR^d, -CO₂H, -CO₂R^c, -OCOR^c,

-CO₂H, -CO₂R^c, -CN, -SOR^c, -SO₂R^c, -CONH₂, -CONR^cR^d, -SO₂NH₂, -SO₂NR^cR^d, -OCONH₂, -OCONR^cR^d, -NR^dCOR^c, -NR^dSOR^c, -NR^dCO₂R^c, -NR^dSO₂R^c, optionally substituted phenyl, optionally substituted 5-6 membered heterocycloalkyl and optionally substituted 5-6 membered heteroaryl group, wherein said optionally substituted phenyl, 5-6 membered heterocycloalkyl or 5-6 membered heteroaryl is optionally substituted by 1-4 substituents each independently selected from halogen, hydroxy, amino, (C₁-C₄alkyl)amino-, (C₁-C₄alkyl)(C₁-C₄alkyl)amino-, C₁-C₄alkyl, halo(C₁-C₄alkyl), hydroxy-(C₁-C₄alkyl)-, halo(C₁-C₄alkoxy)-, C₁-C₄alkoxy-, hydroxy-(C₂-C₄alkoxy)-, C₁-C₄alkoxy-(C₁-C₄alkoxy)-, -COR^d, -CON(R^d)(R^f), and -CO₂R^d, and

wherein said optionally substituted 5-6 membered heterocycloalkyl is optionally substituted by 1-4 substituents each independently selected from halogen, hydroxy, amino, (C₁-C₄alkyl)amino-, (C₁-C₄alkyl)(C₁-C₄alkyl)amino-, C₁-C₄alkyl, halo(C₁-C₄alkyl), hydroxy-(C₁-C₄alkyl)-, halo(C₁-C₄alkoxy)-, C₁-C₄alkoxy-, hydroxy-(C₂-C₄alkoxy)-, C₁-C₄alkoxy-(C₁-C₄alkoxy)-, -COR^d, -CON(R^d)(R^f), and -CO₂R^d;

R⁶ is selected from H, -CN, -OH, C₁-C₄alkyl, C₁-C₄alkoxy-, and C₁-C₄alkenyl-,

R⁸ is H, optionally substituted C₁-C₆alkyl, halo(C₁-C₆alkyl), optionally substituted C₂-C₆alkenyl, optionally substituted C₂-C₆alkynyl, optionally substituted C₃-C₆cycloalkyl, optionally substituted phenyl, optionally substituted 4-6 membered heterocycloalkyl, optionally substituted 5-6 membered heteroaryl, optionally substituted 9-10 membered heteroaryl, optionally substituted -C₁-C₄alkyl-C₃-C₆cycloalkyl, optionally substituted -C₁-C₄alkyl-phenyl, optionally substituted -C₁-C₄alkyl-4-6 membered heterocycloalkyl, optionally substituted -C₁-C₄alkyl-5-6 membered heteroaryl, or optionally substituted -C₁-C₄alkyl-9-10 membered heteroaryl,

wherein said optionally substituted C₁-C₆alkyl, optionally substituted C₂-C₆alkenyl, optionally substituted C₂-C₆alkynyl, optionally substituted C₃-C₆cycloalkyl, optionally substituted phenyl, optionally substituted 4-6 membered heterocycloalkyl, optionally substituted 5-6 membered heteroaryl, optionally substituted 9-10 membered heteroaryl, optionally substituted -C₁-C₄alkyl-C₃-C₆cycloalkyl, optionally substituted -C₁-C₄alkyl-phenyl, optionally substituted -C₁-C₄alkyl-4-6 membered heterocycloalkyl, optionally substituted -C₁-C₄alkyl-5-6 membered heteroaryl, or optionally substituted -C₁-C₄alkyl-9-10 membered heteroaryl is optionally substituted by 1-4 substituents each independently selected from halogen,

nitro, -R^c, -OH, -OR^c, -NH₂, -NR^cR^c, -NR^cR^d, -OCOR^c, -CO₂H, -CO₂R^c, -SOR^c,

-SO₂R^c, -CONH₂, -CONR^cR^d, -SO₂NH₂, -SO₂NR^cR^d, -OCONH₂, -OCONR^cR^d, -NR^dCOR^c, -NR^dSOR^c, -NR^dCO₂R^c, and -NR^dSO₂R^c,

each R^c is independently C₁-C₄alkyl,

halo(C₁-C₄alkyl), -(C₁-C₄alkyl)-OH, -(C₁-C₄alkyl)-O-(C₁-C₄alkyl), -(C₁-C₄alkyl)-N(R^e)(R^f), -(C₁-C₄alkyl)-O-CO(C₁-C₄alkyl), -(C₁-C₄alkyl)-CO-O-(C₁-C₄alkyl), optionally substituted C₃-C₆cycloalkyl, optionally substituted phenyl, optionally substituted 4-6 membered heterocycloalkyl, optionally substituted 5-6 membered heteroaryl, optionally substituted 9-10 membered heteroaryl, optionally substituted -C₁-C₄alkyl-C₃-C₆cycloalkyl, optionally substituted -C₁-C₄alkyl-phenyl, optionally substituted -C₁-C₄alkyl-4-6 membered heterocycloalkyl, optionally substituted -C₁-C₄alkyl-5-6 membered heteroaryl, or optionally substituted -C₁-C₄alkyl-9-10 membered heteroaryl,

wherein the optionally substituted C₃-C₆cycloalkyl, optionally substituted phenyl, optionally substituted 4-6 membered heterocycloalkyl, optionally substituted 5-6 membered heteroaryl or optionally substituted 9-10 membered heteroaryl moiety of said substituted C₃-C₆cycloalkyl, optionally substituted phenyl, optionally substituted 4-6 membered heterocycloalkyl, optionally substituted 5-6 membered heteroaryl, optionally substituted 9-10 membered heteroaryl optionally substituted -C₁-C₄alkyl-C₃-C₆cycloalkyl, optionally substituted -C₁-C₄alkyl-phenyl, optionally substituted -C₁-C₄alkyl-4-6 membered heterocycloalkyl, optionally substituted -C₁-C₄alkyl-5-6 membered heteroaryl, or optionally substituted -C₁-C₄alkyl-9-10 membered heteroaryl is optionally

substituted by 1-4 substituents each independently selected from halogen, hydroxy, amino, nitro, (C₁-C₄alkyl)amino-, (C₁-C₄alkyl)(C₁-C₄alkyl)amino-, C₁-C₄alkyl, halo(C₁-C₄alkyl), halo(C₁-C₄alkoxy)-, C₁-C₄alkoxy-, hydroxy-(C₂-C₄alkoxy)-,

C₁-C₄alkoxy-(C₁-C₄alkoxy)-, -COR^d, -CON(R^d)(R^f), and -CO₂R^d;

each R^d is independently H or C₁-C₄alkyl;

each R^e is independently H,

C₁-C₄alkyl, -CO(C₁-C₄alkyl), -OCO(C₁-C₄alkyl), -CO₂(C₁-C₄alkyl), -CO-(optionally substituted 5-6 membered heterocycloalkyl), -CO(C₁-C₄alkyl)-(optionally substituted 5-6 membered heterocycloalkyl), -CO(optionally substituted 5-6 membered heteroaryl), -CO(C₁-C₄alkyl)-(optionally substituted 5-6 membered heteroaryl),

wherein the optionally substituted 5-6 membered heterocycloalkyl or optionally substituted 5-6 membered heteroaryl is optionally substituted 1-4 substituents each independently selected from halogen, hydroxy, amino, (C₁-C₄alkyl)amino-, (C₁-C₄alkyl)(C₁-C₄alkyl)amino-, C₁-C₄alkyl, halo(C₁-C₄alkyl), halo(C₁-C₄alkoxy)-, C₁-C₄alkoxy-, hydroxy-(C₂-C₄alkoxy)-, C₁-C₄alkoxy-(C₁-C₄alkoxy)-, -COR^d, -CON(R^d)(R^f), and -CO₂R^d;

each R^f is independently H or C₁-C₄alkyl;

R^g and R^h are each independently H or C₁-C₄alkyl or R^g and R^h, taken together with the atom or atoms through which they are connected, form a 5-6 membered ring;

Rⁱ is H, C₁-C₄alkyl or hydroxy(C₁-C₄alkyl)-; and

R^j is H or C₁-C₄alkyl;

or a tautomer thereof.

18. A compound which is

1-allyl-2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxamide;

2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-7-methoxy-1-propyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxamide;

1-allyl-2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-7-(3-hydroxypropoxy)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxamide;

2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-1-methyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxamide;

tert-butyl (4-(5-carbamoyl-2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-1-yl)butyl)carbamate;

1-(4-aminobutyl)-2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxamide;

methyl 4-((4-(5-carbamoyl-2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-1-yl)butyl)amino)-3-methoxy-5-nitrobenzoate;

methyl 2-amino-1-(4-(5-carbamoyl-2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-1-yl)butyl)-7-methoxy-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxylate;

2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-7-methoxy-1-(3-morpholinopropyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxamide;

2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-7-methyl-1-propyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxamide;

tert-butyl (E)-(4-(5-carbamoyl-2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-7-methoxy-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-1-yl)but-2-en-1-yl)carbamate;

(E)-1-(4-aminobut-2-en-1-yl)-2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-7-methoxy-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxamide;

2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-7-(3-hydroxypropoxy)-1-propyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxamide;

1-allyl-2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-7-methoxy-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxamide;

2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-1-propyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxamide;

2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-7-methoxy-1-(2-methoxyethyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxamide;

tert-butyl (4-(5-carbamoyl-2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-7-methoxy-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-1-yl)butyl)carbamate;

(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-7-methoxy-1-(2-(pyridin-3-yl)ethyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxamide;

2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-7-methoxy-1-(2-morpholinoethyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxamide;

7-ethyl-2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-1-propyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxamide;

tert-butyl(4-(5-carbamoyl-2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-7-methyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-1-yl)butyl)carbamate;

(R)-2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-1-(2-hydroxy-2-phenylethyl)-7-methoxy-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxamide;

2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-7-(2-hydroxyethoxy)-1-propyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxamide;

1-butyl-2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-7-methoxy-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxamide;

2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-7-methoxy-1-pentyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxamide;

2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-1-isobutyl-7-methoxy-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxamide;

(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-1-isopentyl-7-methoxy-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxamide;

2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-7-methoxy-N-methyl-1-propyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxamide;

2-(1-ethyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-7-methoxy-1-propyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxamide;

2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-4-methoxy-1-propyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxamide;

1-butyl-2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-7-methyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxamide;

1-ethyl-2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-7-methoxy-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxamide;

2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-7-isopropyl-1-propyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxamide;

1-ethyl-2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-7-methyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxamide;

2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-7-methyl-1-(3-(pyridin-3-yl)propyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxamide;

4-(cyanomethyl)-2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-3-propyl-3H-benzo[d]imidazole-6-carboxamide;

2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-7-isopropoxy-1-(3-morpholinopropyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxamide;

2-(3-cyclopropyl-1-ethyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-7-methoxy-1-propyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxamide;

2-(1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-7-methoxy-1-propyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxamide;

2-(1,3-dimethyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-7-methoxy-1-propyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxamide;

2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-7-(morpholinomethyl)-1-propyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxamide;

7-(*tert*-butoxy)-2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-1-propyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxamide;

7-((dimethylamino)methyl)-2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-1-propyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxamide;

7-(2-(dimethylamino)ethoxy)-2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-1-propyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxamide;

(*Z*)-2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-6-(prop-1-en-1-yl)-1-propyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxamide;

2-(3-cyclopropyl-1-ethyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-7-methyl-1-propyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxamide;

7-ethoxy-2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-1-propyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxamide;

2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-7-isopropoxy-1-propyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxamide;

2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-7-methoxy-1-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)ethyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxamide;

2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-7-methoxy-1-(3-(pyridin-3-yl)propyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxamide;

2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-7-methoxy-1-methyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxamide;

2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-7-morpholino-1-propyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxamide;

benzyl (3-(5-carbamoyl-2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-7-methoxy-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-1-yl)propyl)carbamate;

7-(2-aminoethoxy)-2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-1-propyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxamide;

2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-1-(3-hydroxyphenethyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxamide;

2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-1-phenethyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxamide;

2-(1,3-diethyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-7-methoxy-1-propyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxamide;

2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-1-(4-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)butyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxamide;

1-allyl-2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-7-hydroxy-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxamide;

2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-1-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)ethyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxamide;

2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-1-(4-((3-nitropyridin-4-yl)amino)butyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxamide;

1-ethyl-2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxamide;

2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-1-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxamide;

2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-1-isopropyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxamide;

2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-4-hydroxy-1-propyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-6-carboxamide; or

2-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamido)-1-propyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-6-carboxamide;

or a tautomer thereof,

or a salt, thereof.

19. The compound or salt according to any one of claims 1-18, wherein the salt is a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound.

20. A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 19 and at least one pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

21. The compound, or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, according to claim 19 for use in therapy.

22. Use of the compound, tautomer or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, according to claim 19 in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of an infectious disease wherein

the infectious disease is selected from human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), Hepatitis B virus (HBV), Hepatitis C virus (HCV), human papilloma virus (HPV) and influenza.

23. Use of the compound, tautomer or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 22 wherein the infectious disease is HBV.

24. The compound, tautomer or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, according to claim 19 for use in treatment of an infectious disease, wherein the infectious disease is selected from human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), Hepatitis B virus (HBV), Hepatitis C virus (HCV), human papilloma virus (HPV) and influenza.

25. The compound, tautomer or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof for use, according to claim 24 wherein the infectious disease is HBV.

26. The compound, tautomer or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, according to claim 19 for use as a vaccine adjuvant.

27. Use of the compound, tautomer or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 19 in the manufacture of a vaccine composition for the treatment or prevention of stimulator of interferon genes (STING) mediated disease or disorder, wherein the vaccine composition further comprises an antigen or antigenic composition, further wherein the STING mediated disease or disorder is selected from the group consisting of inflammation, allergic and autoimmune diseases, infectious diseases, cancer and pre-cancerous syndromes.