

ALPHA SUBSTITUTED CARBOXYLIC ACIDS AS PPAR MODULATORS

Background of The Invention

This invention relates to alpha substituted carboxylic acids that modulate
5 the activities of peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor (PPAR), preferably two or more of PPAR- α , PPAR- δ , or PPAR- γ , enabling them to be useful in modulation of blood glucose and the increase of insulin sensitivity in mammals. This invention also relates to treatment of PPAR related disorders, such as diabetes, dyslipidemia, obesity and inflammatory disorders.

10 Peroxisome proliferators are a structurally diverse group of compounds which, when administered to rodents, elicit dramatic increases in the size and number of hepatic and renal peroxisomes, as well as concomitant increases in the capacity of peroxisomes to metabolize fatty acids via increased expression of the enzymes required for the β -oxidation cycle. Chemicals included in this group are
15 the fibrate class of hypolipidemic drugs, herbicides, and phthalate plasticizers (Reddy and Lalwani, *Crit. Rev. Toxicol.*, 12:1-58 (1983)). Peroxisome proliferation can also be elicited by dietary or physiological factors such as a high-fat diet and cold acclimatization.

Insight into the mechanism whereby peroxisome proliferators exert their
20 pleiotropic effects was provided by the identification of a member of the nuclear hormone receptor superfamily activated by these chemicals (Isseman and Green, *Nature*, 347:645-650 (1990)). This receptor, termed PPAR- α , was subsequently shown to be activated by a variety of medium and long-chain fatty acids and to stimulate expression of the genes encoding rat acyl-CoA oxidase and hydratase-dehydrogenase (enzymes required for peroxisomal β -oxidation), as well as rabbit
25 cytochrome P450 4A6, a fatty acid Ω -hydroxylase.

PPAR- α activates transcription by binding to DNA sequence elements, termed peroxisome proliferator response elements (PPRE), as a heterodimer with the retinoid X receptor. The retinoid X receptor is activated by 9-cis retinoic acid
30 (see Kliewer, et al., *Nature*, 358:771-774 (1992), Gearing, et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA*, 90:1440-1444 (1993), Keller, et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA*, 90:2160-2164 (1993), Heyman, et al., *Cell*, 68:397-406 (1992), and Levin, et al., *Nature*, 355:359-361 (1992)). Since the PPAR- α -RXR complex can be activated by peroxisome proliferators and/or 9-cis retinoic acid, the retinoid and fatty acid
35 signaling pathways are seen to converge in modulating lipid metabolism.

Since the discovery of PPAR- α , additional isoforms of PPAR have been identified, e.g., PPAR- δ , or PPAR- γ , which are spatially differentially expressed. Each PPAR receptor shows a different pattern of tissue expression, and

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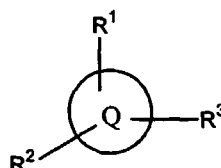
differences in activation by structurally diverse compounds. PPAR- γ , for instance, is expressed most abundantly in adipose tissue and at lower levels in skeletal muscle, heart, liver, intestine, kidney, vascular endothelial and smooth muscle cells as well as macrophages. Two isoforms of PPAR- γ exist, identified as γ_1 and γ_2 , respectively. PPAR- γ mediates adipocyte signalling, lipid storage, and fat metabolism. Evidence gathered to date support the conclusion that PPAR- γ is the primary, and perhaps the only, molecular target mediating the insulin sensitizing action of one class of antidiabetic agents, the thiazolidine 2,4 diones.

In a monotherapeutic or combination therapy context, new and established oral antidiabetic agents are still considered to have non-uniform and even limited effectiveness. The effectiveness of oral antidiabetic therapies may be limited, in part, because of poor or limited glycemic control, or poor patient compliance due to unacceptable side effects. These side effects include edema, weight gain, or even more serious complications. For instance, hypoglycemia is observed in some patients taking sulfonylureas. Metformin, a substituted biguanide, can cause diarrhea and gastrointestinal discomfort. Finally, edema, weight gain, and in some cases, hepatotoxicity, have been linked to the administration of some thiazolidine 2,4 dione antidiabetic agents. Combination therapy using two or more of the above agents is common, but generally only leads to incremental improvements in glycemic control.

As a result, there is a need for antidiabetic agents that display combined PPAR- α and PPAR- γ activation which should lead to the discovery of efficacious glucose and triglyceride lowering drugs that have great potential in the treatment of type 2 diabetes and the metabolic syndrome (i.e., impaired glucose tolerance, insulin resistance, hypertriglyceridemia and/or obesity).

Summary of The Invention

The present invention provides novel compounds of Formula (I):



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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof, wherein:

30 Ring Q is (C₆-C₁₀)aryl or (4-10)-membered heterocyclyl;

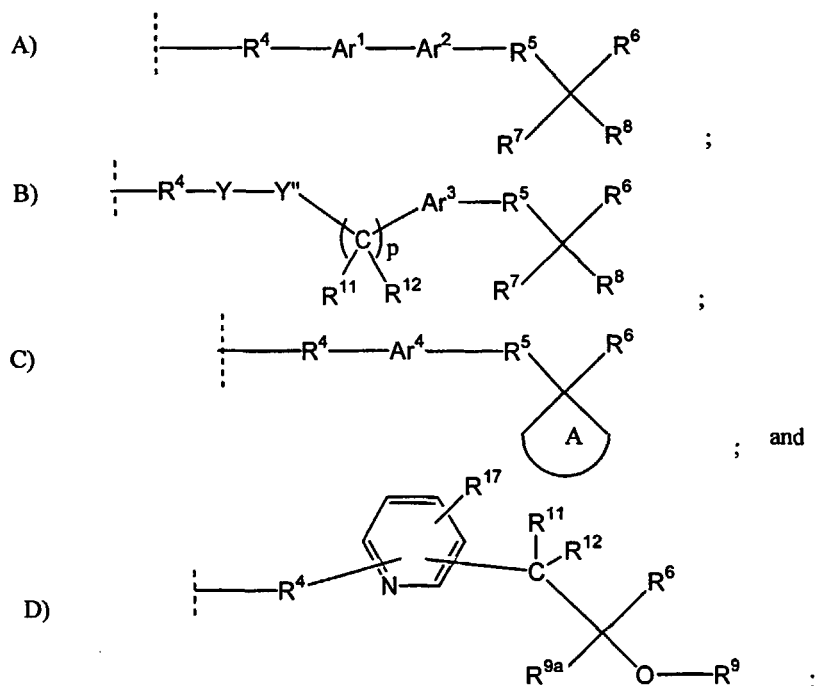
R¹ is H, halo, (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₁-C₈)alkoxy, CN, CF₃, -O-CF₃,
 -O-SO₂-(C₁-C₈)alkyl, -O-SO₂-(CR¹¹R¹²)_l-(C₆-C₁₀)aryl,
 -(CR¹¹R¹²)_l-(C₃-C₁₀)cycloalkyl-(CR¹¹R¹²)_l, -(CR¹¹R¹²)_l-(C₃-C₁₀)cycloalkyl-(CR¹¹R¹²)_l-O-
 , -(CR¹¹R¹²)_l-(C₆-C₁₀)aryl-(CR¹¹R¹²)_l, -(CR¹¹R¹²)_l-(C₆-C₁₀)aryl-(CR¹¹R¹²)_l-O-

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$-(CR^{11}R^{12})_t-(4-10)$ -membered heterocyclyl- $(CR^{11}R^{12})_t$, or $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_t-(4-10)$ -membered heterocyclyl- $(CR^{11}R^{12})_t-O$ -; wherein the ring carbon atoms of R^1 are optionally substituted by 1 to 3 R^{13} groups; and the ring nitrogen atoms of R^1 are optionally substituted by 1 to 3 (C_1-C_8) alkyl;

- 5 R^2 is H, (C_1-C_8) alkyl, $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_t-(C_3-C_{10})$ cycloalkyl, $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_t-(C_6-C_{10})$ aryl, or $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_t-(4-10)$ -membered heterocyclyl; and wherein the carbon atoms of R^2 are optionally substituted by 1 to 3 R^{13} groups; and the ring nitrogen atoms of R^2 are optionally substituted by 1 to 3 (C_1-C_8) alkyl;

R^3 is selected from the group consisting of:



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Y is $-(C=O)-$ or $-SO_2-$;

Y'' is NR^{10} or $-O-$;

p is 0, 1, or 2;

each q, r, and t are independently 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5;

- 15 each n is independently 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4;

each k is independently 1, 2, or 3;

each m and s are independently 0, 1, 2, or 3;

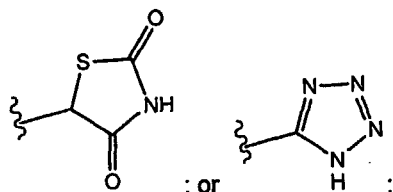
each j is 0, 1, or 2;

- 20 Each R^4 is $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_n-$, $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_n-S-(CR^{11}R^{12})_n-$, $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_n-NR^{10}-$,
 $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_n-NR^{10}-(CR^{11}R^{12})_n-O-$, $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_n-O-(CR^{11}R^{12})_k-NR^{10}-$,
 $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_n-O-(CR^{11}R^{12})_n-$, $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_n-O-(CR^{11}R^{12})_k-O-(CR^{11}R^{12})_n-$,
 $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_n-CR^{11}=CR^{12}-(CR^{11}R^{12})_n-$, or $-CH=CH-(CR^{11}R^{12})_n-O-(CH_2)_n-$;

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Each R^5 is a bond or $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_m-Z-(CR^{11}R^{12})_n$; wherein Z is $-CR^{11}R^{12}-$, $-O-$, $-NR^{10a}-$, or $-S(O)_j$;

Each R^6 is $-(C=O)-OH$, $-(C=O)-OM^+$, $-(C=O)-(C_1-C_8)alkyl$, $-(C=O)-O-(C_1-C_8)alkyl$, $-(C=O)-NR^{10}R^{11}$, $-(C=O)-NR^{10}-SO_2-R^{11}$, $-SO_2-NH-R^{10}$, $-NH-SO_2-R^{10}$, $-(C=O)-NH-C\equiv N$, or R^6 has a formula:



M^+ is an alkali metal cation or an alkaline earth metal cation;

Each R^7 and R^8 is independently H, $(C_1-C_8)alkyl$, $(C_1-C_8)alkoxy$, $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_l(C_3-C_{10})cycloalkyl$, $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_l(C_6-C_{10})aryl$, $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_l(C_6-C_{10})aryl-O-$, $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_l(4-10)\text{-membered heterocyclyl}$ or $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_l(4-10)\text{-membered heterocyclyl-O-}$;

Or R^7 and R^8 may optionally be taken together with the carbon to which they are attached to form a $(C_3-C_{10})cycloalkyl$ or a $(3-10)\text{-membered heterocyclyl}$;

Each of Ar^1 , Ar^2 , Ar^3 , and Ar^4 represents $(C_6-C_{10})aryl$ or $(5-10)\text{-membered heterocyclyl}$; wherein the ring carbon atoms of each of Ar^1 , Ar^2 , Ar^3 , and Ar^4 are optionally substituted by 1 to 3 R^{13} groups;

Ring A represents a 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7-membered ring optionally containing 1 to 4 heteroatoms which may be the same or different and which are selected from $-N(R^{10a})-$, O, and $S(O)_j$, wherein j is 0, 1, or 2, with the proviso that the ring does not contain two adjacent O or $S(O)_j$ atoms, and wherein the carbon atoms of the ring A moiety are optionally substituted by 1 to 3 R^{13} groups;

R^9 is $(C_1-C_8)alkyl$, $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_l(C_6-C_{10})aryl$ or $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_l(4-10)\text{-membered heterocyclyl}$, wherein t is independently 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, wherein said R^9 groups are substituted with 1 to 3 groups independently selected from $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_qNR^{10}R^{11}$, $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_qNR^{10}(C_1-C_6)alkanoyl$, $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_qO(CR^{11}R^{12})_rR^{10}$, and $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_qR^{10}$; and wherein the heterocyclyl, aryl and alkyl moieties of the foregoing groups are optionally substituted with 1 to 3 R^{13} groups;

R^{9a} and R^{10} are independently H or $(C_1-C_8)alkyl$;

R^{11} and R^{12} are independently H, $(C_1-C_8)alkyl$, hydroxy, or $(C_1-C_6)alkoxy$;

R^{10a} is selected from H, $(C_1-C_8)alkyl$, $-(C=O)-R^{14}$, $-SO_2NR^{15}R^{16}$, or $-S(O)_j(C_1-C_6)alkyl$;

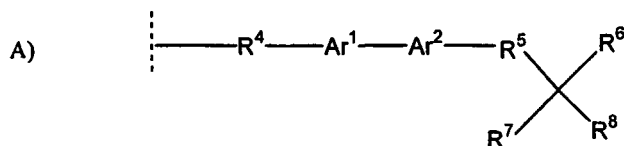
Each R^{13} and R^{13a} are independently selected from the group consisting of halo, cyano, nitro, trifluoromethoxy, trifluoromethyl, azido, hydroxy, $(C_1-C_6)alkoxy$, $(C_1-C_{10})alkyl$, $(C_2-C_6)alkenyl$, $(C_2-C_6)alkynyl$, $-O-(CR^{11}R^{12})_k-O-(CR^{11}R^{12})_n-$, $-(C=O)-$

- R^{14} , $-(C=O)-O-R^{15}$, $-O-(C=O)-R^{15}$, $-NR^{15}(C=O)-R^{16}$, $-NR^{15}(C=O)-O-R^{16}$,
 $-(C=O)-NR^{15}R^{16}$, $-NR^{15}R^{16}$, $-NR^{15}OR^{16}$, $-SO_2NR^{15}R^{16}$, $-S(O)(C_1-C_6)alkyl$, $-O-SO_2-$
 R^{14} , $-NR^{15}-SO_2-R^{16}$, $R^{15}-(CR^{11}R^{12})_l(C_6-C_{10} aryl)$, $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_l(4-10)-membered$
heterocyclyl, $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_q(C=O)(CR^{11}R^{12})_l(C_6-C_{10})aryl$,
5 $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_q(C=O)(CR^{11}R^{12})_l(4-10)-membered$ heterocyclyl,
 $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_lO(CR^{11}R^{12})_q(C_6-C_{10})aryl$, $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_lO(CR^{11}R^{12})_q(4-10)-membered$
heterocyclyl, $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_qSO_2(CR^{11}R^{12})_l(C_6-C_{10})aryl$, and
 $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_qSO_2(CR^{11}R^{12})_l(4-10)-membered$ heterocyclyl; 1 or 2 ring carbon atoms
of the heterocyclic moieties of the foregoing R^{13} and R^{13a} groups are optionally
10 substituted with an oxo ($=O$) moiety, and the alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl and
heterocyclic moieties of the foregoing R^{13} and R^{13a} groups are optionally substituted
with 1 to 3 substituents independently selected from halo, cyano, nitro,
trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, azido, $-OR^{15}$, $-(C=O)-R^{15}$, $-(C=O)-O-R^{15}$,
 $-O-(C=O)-R^{15}$, $-NR^{15}(C=O)-R^{16}$, $-(C=O)-NR^{15}R^{16}$, $-NR^{15}R^{16}$, $-NR^{15}OR^{16}$, $(C_1-$
15 $C_6)alkyl$, $(C_2-C_6)alkenyl$, $(C_2-C_6)alkynyl$, $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_l(C_6-C_{10})aryl$, and
 $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_l(4-10)-membered$ heterocyclyl;

- each R^{14} , R^{15} , and R^{16} is independently selected from H, $(C_1-C_6)alkyl$,
 $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_l(C_6-C_{10})aryl$, and $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_l(4-10)-membered$ heterocyclyl; 1 or 2 ring
carbon atoms of the heterocyclic group are optionally substituted with an oxo ($=O$)
20 moiety, and the alkyl, aryl and heterocyclic moieties of the foregoing R^{14} , R^{15} and
 R^{16} groups are optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents independently
selected from halo, cyano, nitro, $-NR^{11}R^{12}$, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, $(C_1-$
 $C_6)alkyl$, $(C_2-C_6)alkenyl$, $(C_2-C_6)alkynyl$, hydroxy, and $(C_1-C_6)alkoxy$;

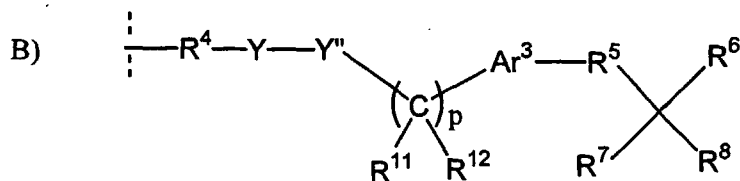
- R^{17} is H, $(C_1-C_8)alkyl$, $-O-(C_1-C_8)alkyl$, halo, CN, OH, CF_3 , or $-O-CF_3$;
25 and wherein any of the above-mentioned substituents comprising a CH_3
(methyl), CH_2 (methylene), or CH (methine) group which is not attached to a halo,
SO or SO_2 group or to a N, O or S atom optionally bears on said group a
substituent selected from hydroxy, halo, $(C_1-C_4)alkyl$, $(C_1-C_4)alkoxy$, $-NH_2$, $-NH(C_1-$
 $C_8)alkyl$, and $-N((C_1-C_8)alkyl)_2$.

- 30 In one embodiment, the invention relates to compounds of the Formula I
wherein R^3 is



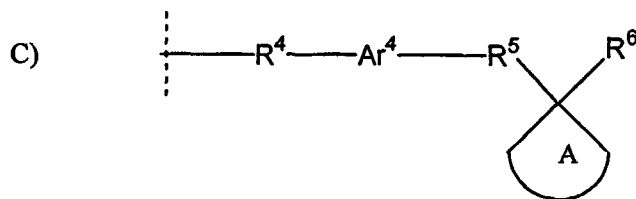
In another embodiment, the invention relates to compounds of the Formula I wherein R^3 is

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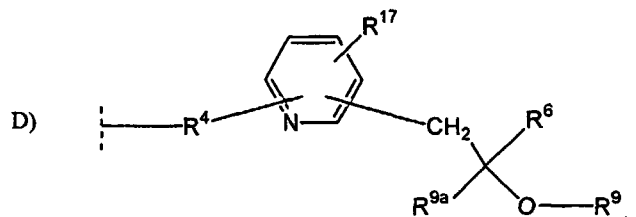


Within this embodiment, preferred $-R^4-Y-Y''-$ are $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_n-O-(CR^{11}R^{12})_n-(C=O)-NR^{10}-$ or $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_n-NR^{10}-(C=O)-O-$.

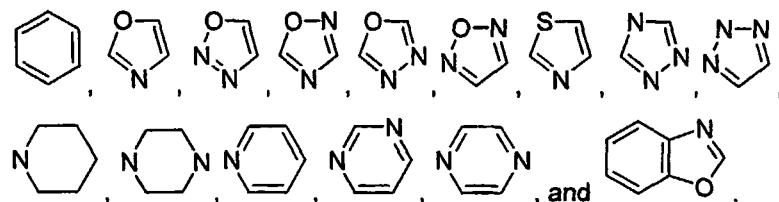
In another embodiment, the invention relates to compounds of the Formula 5 I wherein R^3 is



In another embodiment, the invention relates to compounds of the Formula I wherein R^3 is

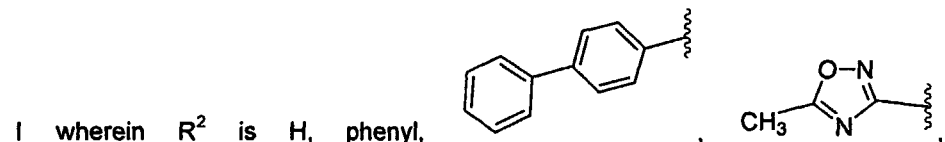


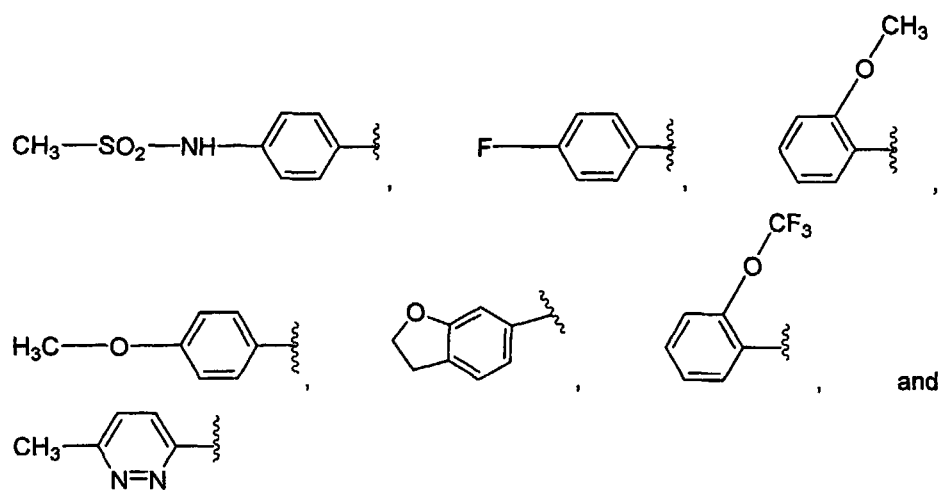
In another embodiment, the invention relates to compounds of the Formula I wherein ring Q is selected from the group consisting of



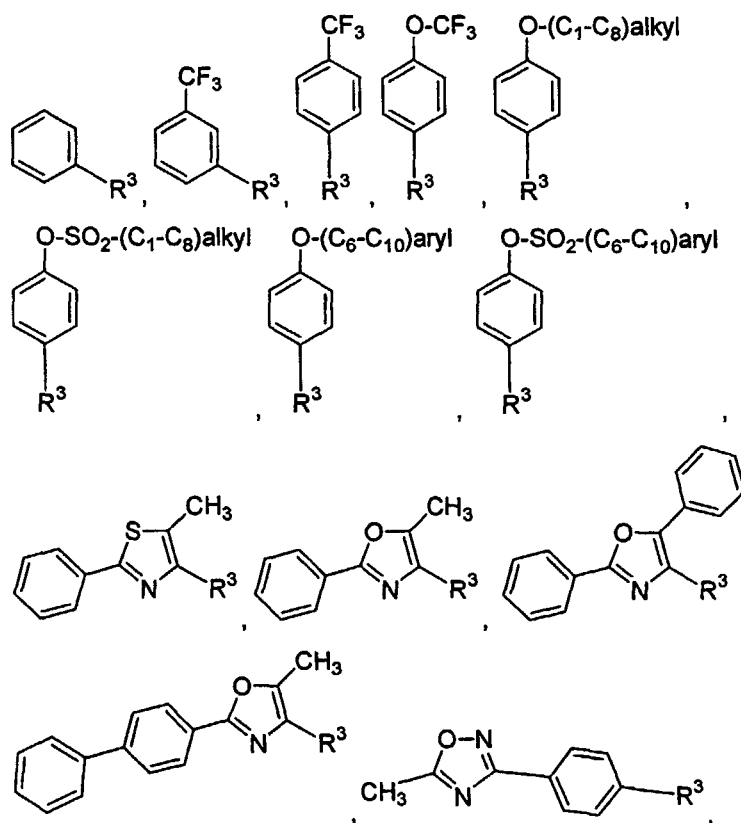
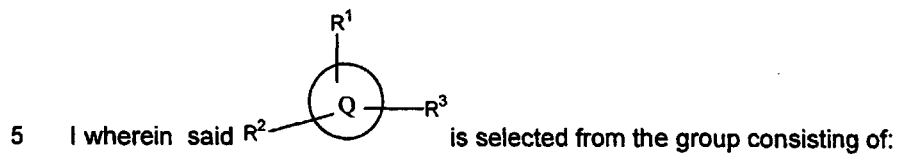
In another embodiment, the invention relates to compounds of the Formula I wherein R^1 is H, halo, (C_1-C_8) alkyl, (C_1-C_8) alkoxy, CF_3 , $-O-CF_3$, $-O-SO_2-(C_1-C_8)$ alkyl, $-O-SO_2-(CR^{11}R^{12})_l(C_6-C_{10})$ aryl, or $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_l(C_6-C_{10})$ aryl-O-, wherein the ring carbon atoms of R^1 are optionally substituted by 1 to 3 R^{13} groups.

In another embodiment, the invention relates to compounds of the Formula

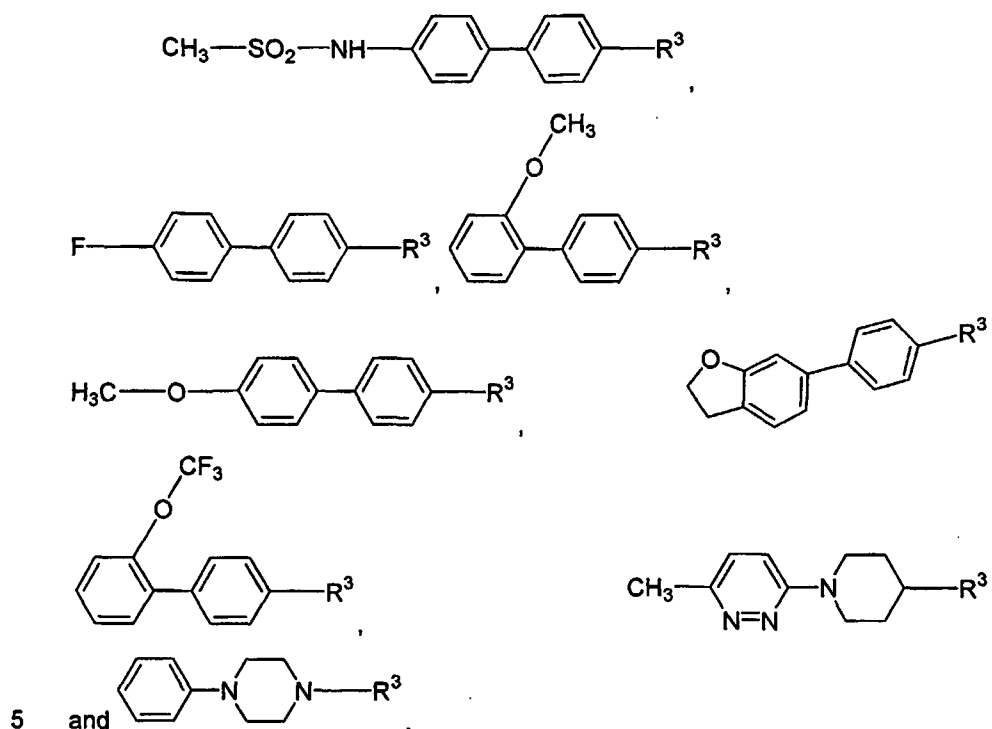




In another embodiment, the invention relates to compounds of the Formula



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In another embodiment, the invention relates to compounds of the Formula I wherein R^4 is $-\text{CH}_2\text{—O—}$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{—O—CH}_2\text{—}$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{—CH}_2\text{—O—}$, $-\text{CH=CH—CH}_2\text{—O—}$, or $-\text{CH}_2\text{—CH}_2\text{—CH}_2\text{—O—}$.

10 In another embodiment, the invention relates to compounds of the Formula I wherein R^4 is $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{—}$; wherein n is independently 0, 1, 2, or 3.

In another embodiment, the invention relates to compounds of the Formula I wherein R^5 is a bond or $-(\text{CR}^{11}\text{R}^{12})_m\text{—Z—}(\text{CR}^{11}\text{R}^{12})_s$; wherein Z is $-\text{O—}$, $-\text{NR}^{10a}\text{—}$, or $-\text{S(O)}_j\text{—}$; wherein each m and s are independently 0, 1, 2, or 3; and wherein j is 0, 1, or 2.

15 In another embodiment, the invention relates to compounds of the Formula I wherein R^5 is a bond, $-\text{O—}$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{—}$, $-\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)\text{H—}$, $-\text{C}(\text{OH})\text{H—}$, or $-\text{C}(\text{O—}(\text{C}_1\text{—C}_8)\text{alkyl})\text{H—}$.

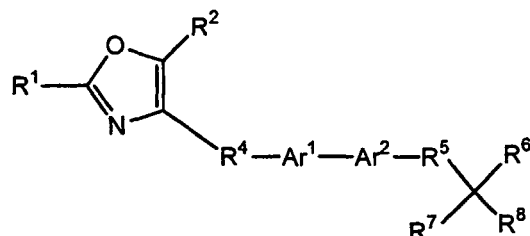
In another embodiment, the invention relates to compounds of the Formula I wherein R^6 is $-(\text{C=O})\text{—OH}$.

20 In another embodiment, the invention relates to compounds of the Formula I wherein R^6 is $-(\text{C=O})\text{—OM}^+$, wherein M^+ is selected from the group consisting of Ca^{++} , Li^+ , Na^+ and K^+ .

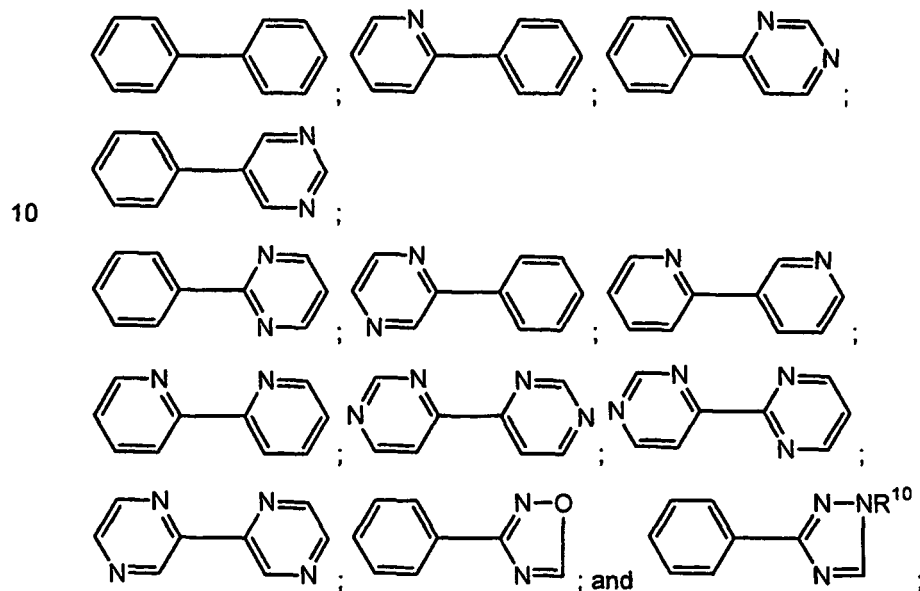
In another embodiment, the invention relates to compounds of the Formula I wherein each R^7 and R^8 is independently H, $(\text{C}_1\text{—C}_8)\text{alkyl}$, or $(\text{C}_1\text{—C}_8)\text{alkoxy}$.

In another embodiment, the invention relates to compounds of the Formula I wherein each R^7 and R^8 are taken together with the carbon to which they are attached to form a (3-7)-membered heterocyclyl.

In another embodiment, the invention relates to compounds having a
5 formula:

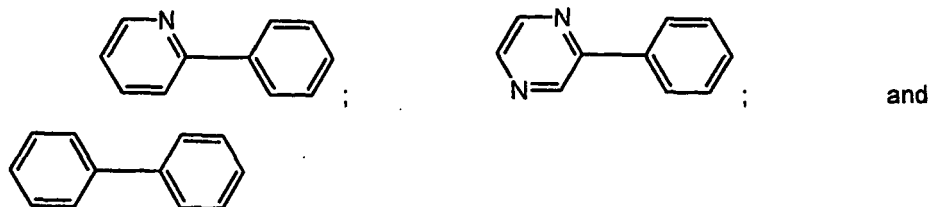


Within this embodiment, the invention relates to compounds wherein said
-Ar¹-Ar²- is selected from the group consisting of:



wherein the ring carbon atoms of each of Ar¹ and Ar² are optionally
15 substituted by 1 to 3 R¹³ groups selected from the group consisting of halo, (C₁-C₈)alkyl, and (C₁-C₈)alkoxy.

Preferably, said -Ar¹-Ar²- is selected from the group consisting of:



Within this embodiment, specific compounds of the present invention are
selected from the group consisting of

- 2-Methyl-2-({3'-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl}oxy)propanoic acid;
- 2-Methyl-2-({3'-[4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl]oxy}-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl)oxy]propanoic acid;
- 5 2-Methyl-2-({3'-[2-[1-(6-methylpyridazin-3-yl)piperidin-4-yl]ethoxy]-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl}oxy)propanoic acid;
- 1-({3'-[2-(5-Methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl}oxy)cyclobutanecarboxylic acid;
- 2-({3'-[2-(5-Methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl}oxy)butanoic acid;
- 10 2-(3-{6-[2-(5-Methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]pyridin-2-yl}phenoxy)butanoic acid;
- 1-(3-{6-[2-(5-Methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]pyridin-2-yl}phenoxy)cyclobutanecarboxylic acid;
- 15 2-Methyl-2-(3-{6-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]pyridin-2-yl}phenoxy)propanoic acid;
- 2-Methyl-2-(3-{6-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]pyrazin-2-yl}phenoxy)propanoic acid; and
- and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.
- 20 Within this embodiment, a specific compound of the present invention is 1-({3'-[2-(5-Methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl}oxy)cyclobutanecarboxylic acid or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.
- Within this embodiment, a specific compound of the present invention is 2-({3'-[2-(5-Methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl}oxy)butanoic acid or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.
- 25 Within this embodiment, a specific compound of the present invention is 2-(3-{6-[2-(5-Methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]pyridin-2-yl}phenoxy)butanoic acid or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.
- Within this embodiment, a specific compound of the present invention is 1-(3-{6-[2-(5-Methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]pyridin-2-yl}phenoxy)cyclobutanecarboxylic acid or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.
- 30 Within this embodiment, a specific compound of the present invention is 1-[(3'-[2-(3-fluorophenyl)-5-methyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl]methoxy)biphenyl-3-yl]oxy]cyclobutanecarboxylic acid or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.
- 35 Within this embodiment, a specific compound of the present invention is 1-({3'-[3-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)propoxy]biphenyl-3-yl}oxy)cyclobutanecarboxylic acid or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

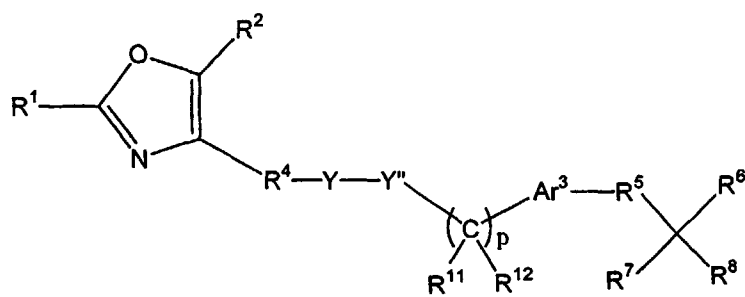
Within this embodiment, a specific compound of the present invention is 1-[(3'-[[5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl]methoxy]biphenyl-3-yl)oxy]cyclobutanecarboxylic acid or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

Within this embodiment, a specific compound of the present invention is 2-[(3'-{2-[2-(3-Fluorophenyl)-5-methyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl]ethoxy]biphenyl-3-yl)oxy]-2-methylpropanoic acid or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

Within this embodiment, a specific compound of the present invention is 2-methyl-2-({3'-[(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)methoxy]biphenyl-3-yl)oxy}propanoic acid or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

Within this embodiment, a specific compound of the present invention is 2-ethoxy-3-{3'-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]biphenyl-3-yl}propanoic acid or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

In another embodiment, the invention relates to compounds having a formula:



wherein Y is $-(C=O)-$ or $-SO_2-$, Y'' is NR^{10} , and p is 1.

Preferably, each of R^{11} and R^{12} are independently H.

Preferably, Ar^3 is phenyl.

Within this embodiment, specific compounds of the present invention are selected from the group consisting of

1-(3-[[[2-(3-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethoxy)carbonyl]amino]methyl]phenoxy)cyclobutanecarboxylic acid;

2-(3-[[[2-(3-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethoxy)carbonyl]amino]methyl]phenoxy)butanoic acid;

2-Methyl-2-(3-[[[2-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethoxy)carbonyl]amino]methyl]phenoxy)propanoic acid;

2-Methyl-2-{3-[[[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]carbonyl]amino]methyl]phenoxy}propanoic acid;

2-Methyl-2-(3-(((4-(5-methyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)benzyl)oxy)carbonyl)amino)methyl)phenoxy)propanoic acid;

5 2-{3-[[[2-(5-Methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]carbonyl]amino)methyl]phenoxy}butanoic acid;

1-{3-[[[2-(5-Methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]carbonyl]amino)methyl]phenoxy} cyclobutanecarboxylic acid;

10 1-{3-[[[3-(5-Methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)propoxy]carbonyl]amino)methyl]phenoxy} cyclobutanecarboxylic acid;

2-{3-[[[3-(5-Methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)propoxy]carbonyl]amino)methyl]phenoxy}butanoic acid;

15 2-Methyl-2-{3-[[[3-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)propoxy]carbonyl]amino)methyl]phenoxy}propanoic acid;

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

20 Within this embodiment, a specific compound of the present invention is 2-Methyl-2-{3-[[[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]carbonyl]amino)methyl]phenoxy}propanoic acid or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

25 Within this embodiment, a specific compound of the present invention is 2-methyl-2-{3-[[[5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)methoxy]carbonyl]amino)methyl]phenoxy}propanoic acid or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

30 Within this embodiment, a specific compound of the present invention is 2-methyl-2-{4-[[[3-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)propoxy]carbonyl]amino)methyl]phenoxy}propanoic acid or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

Within this embodiment, a specific compound of the present invention is 2-{3-fluoro-4-[[[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]carbonyl]amino)methyl]phenoxy}-2-methylpropanoic acid or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

35 Within this embodiment, a specific compound of the present invention is 2-{3-[[[2-(5-Methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]carbonyl]amino)methyl]phenoxy}butanoic acid or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

Within this embodiment, a specific compound of the present invention is 2-{3-[[[(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)methoxy]carbonyl]amino)methyl]phenoxy}butanoic acid or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

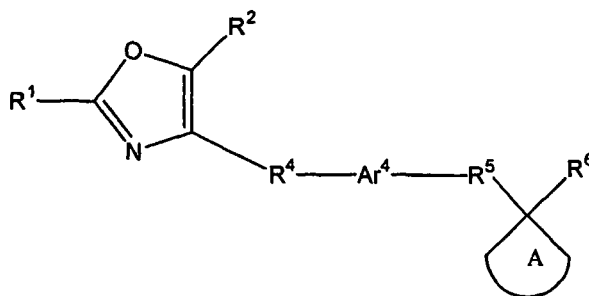
5 Within this embodiment, a specific compound of the present invention is 1-{3-[[[2-(5-Methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]carbonyl]amino)methyl]phenoxy}cyclobutanecarboxylic acid or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

10 Within this embodiment, a specific compound of the present invention is 2-methyl-2-{3-[[[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethyl]amino]carbonyl]oxy[methyl]phenoxy}propanoic acid or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

15 Within this embodiment, a specific compound of the present invention is 2-ethoxy-3-{3-[[[3-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)propoxy]carbonyl]amino)methyl]phenyl}propanoic acid or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

20 Within this embodiment, a specific compound of the present invention is 2-ethoxy-3-{3-[[[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]carbonyl]amino)methyl]phenyl}propanoic acid or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

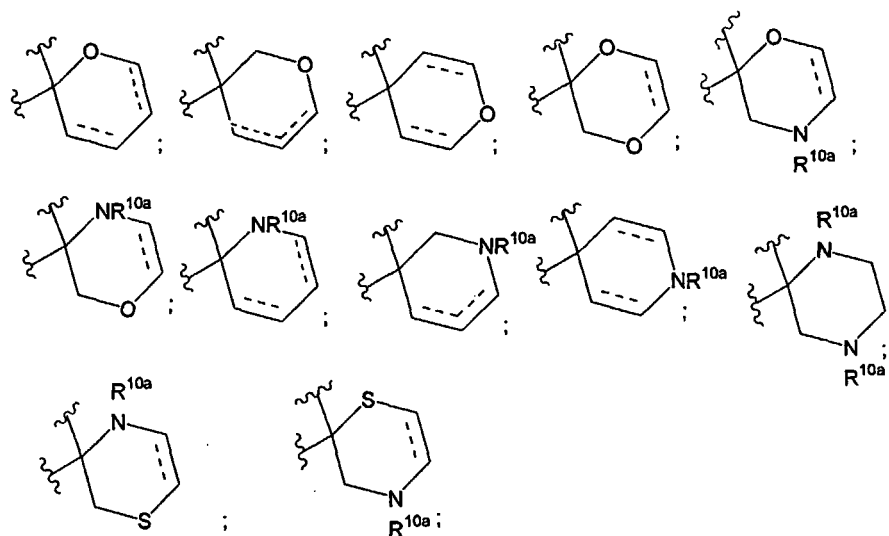
In another embodiment, the invention relates to compounds having a formula:



25 In another embodiment, ring A is selected from the group consisting of cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl and cyclohexyl.

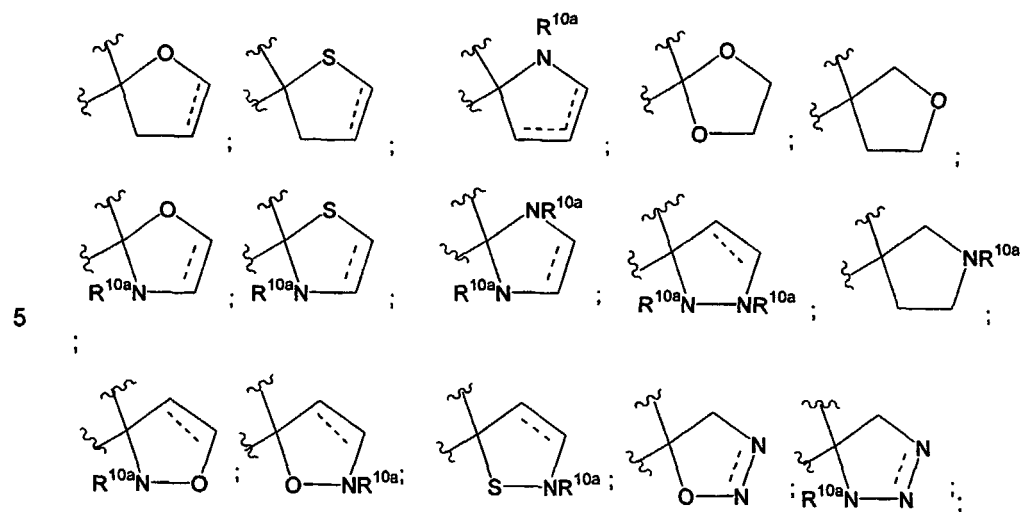
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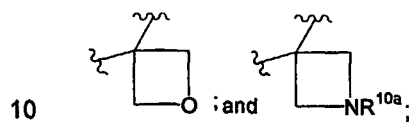
wherein — is an optional double bond.

In another embodiment, ring A is selected from the group consisting of



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wherein — is an optional double bond.

Within this embodiment, Ar⁴ is phenyl, naphthyl, pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, or pyrazinyl.

Within this embodiment, specific compounds of the present invention are selected from the group consisting of

- 1-{4-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]benzyl}cyclohexanecarboxylic acid;
- 1-{4-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]benzyl}cyclopentanecarboxylic acid;
- 5 1-{4-[3-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)propoxy]benzyl}cyclopentanecarboxylic acid;
- 4-{4-[(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)methoxy]benzyl}tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-carboxylic acid;
- 4-{4-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]benzyl}tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-carboxylic acid;
- 10 1-{4-[2-(4'-methoxy-1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl)ethoxy]benzyl}cyclobutanecarboxylic acid;
- 1-{4-[2-(4'-fluoro-1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl)ethoxy]benzyl}cyclobutanecarboxylic acid;
- 15 1-{4-[2-(2'-methoxy-1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl)ethoxy]benzyl}cyclobutanecarboxylic acid;
- 1-(4-{2-[3'-(trifluoromethoxy)-1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl]ethoxy}benzyl)cyclobutanecarboxylic acid;
- 1-(4-{2-[4-(6-methoxypyridin-3-yl)phenyl]ethoxy}benzyl)cyclobutanecarboxylic acid;
- 20 1-(4-{2-[4'-(methylsulfonyl)-1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl]ethoxy}benzyl)cyclobutanecarboxylic acid;
- 1-(4-{2-[4-(2,3-dihydro-1-benzofuran-6-yl)phenyl]ethoxy}benzyl)cyclobutanecarboxylic acid;
- 25 1-(4-{2-[4'-[(methylsulfonyl)amino]-1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl]ethoxy}benzyl)cyclobutanecarboxylic acid;
- 1-{4-[3-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)propoxy]benzyl}cyclobutanecarboxylic acid;
- 1-{4-[(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)methoxy]benzyl}cyclobutanecarboxylic acid;
- 30 1-{3-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]benzyl}cyclobutanecarboxylic acid;
- 1-{4-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]benzyl}cyclobutanecarboxylic acid;
- 35 1-{4-[(2,5-diphenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)methoxy]benzyl}cyclobutanecarboxylic acid;
- 1-{4-[3-(2,5-diphenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)propoxy]benzyl}cyclobutanecarboxylic acid;

1-{4-[(2,5-diphenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)methoxy]phenoxy}cyclobutanecarboxylic acid;

1-{4-[3-(2,5-diphenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)propoxy]phenoxy}cyclobutanecarboxylic acid;

5 1-(4-{2-[2-(1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl)-5-methyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl]ethoxy}phenoxy)cyclobutanecarboxylic acid;

1-{4-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]phenoxy}cyclobutanecarboxylic acid;

10 1-{4-[3-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)propoxy]phenoxy}cyclobutanecarboxylic acid;

1-{4-[(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)methoxy]phenoxy}cyclobutanecarboxylic acid;

1-({6-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]pyridin-3-yl)methyl)cyclobutanecarboxylic acid;

15 1-(hydroxy{6-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]pyridin-3-yl)methyl)cyclobutanecarboxylic acid;

1-({6-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]pyridin-3-yl)methyl)cyclopentanecarboxylic acid;

20 1-({6-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]pyridin-3-yl)methyl)cyclohexanecarboxylic acid;

2-({6-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]pyridin-3-yl)methyl)tetrahydrofuran-2-carboxylic acid;

2-({5-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]pyridin-2-yl)methyl)tetrahydrofuran-2-carboxylic acid;

25 and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

Within this embodiment, a specific compound of the present invention is 1-{4-[3-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)propoxy]benzyl}cyclobutanecarboxylic acid or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

30 Within this embodiment, a specific compound of the present invention is 1-{4-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]benzyl}cyclobutanecarboxylic acid or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

35 Within this embodiment, a specific compound of the present invention is 2-({6-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]pyridin-3-yl)methyl)tetrahydrofuran-2-carboxylic acid or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

Within this embodiment, a specific compound of the present invention is 2-({5-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]pyridin-2-

yl)methyl}tetrahydrofuran-2-carboxylic acid or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

Within this embodiment, a specific compound of the present invention is 2-
 5 ((6-{2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy}pyridin-3-yl)methyl)tetrahydro-2H-
 pyran-2-carboxylic acid or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

Within this embodiment, a specific compound of the present invention is 2-
 [(6-{2-[2-(3-chlorophenyl)-5-methyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl]ethoxy}pyridin-3-
 yl)methyl}tetrahydrofuran-2-carboxylic acid or the pharmaceutically acceptable
 salts thereof.

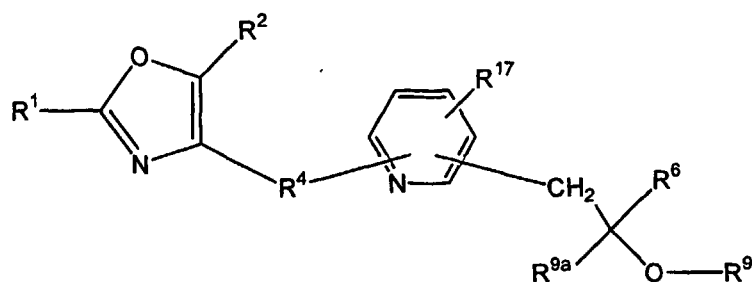
10 Within this embodiment, a specific compound of the present invention is 2-
 [(6-{2-[2-(3-methoxyphenyl)-5-methyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl]ethoxy}pyridin-3-
 yl)methyl}tetrahydrofuran-2-carboxylic acid or the pharmaceutically acceptable
 salts thereof.

Within this embodiment, a specific compound of the present invention is 2-
 15 {5-[2-(5-Methyl-2-phenyl-oxazol-4-yl)-ethoxy]-pyrazin-2-ylmethyl}-tetrahydro-furan-
 2-carboxylic acid or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

Within this embodiment, a specific compound of the present invention is -
 {4-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]benzyl}tetrahydrofuran-2-carboxylic
 acid or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

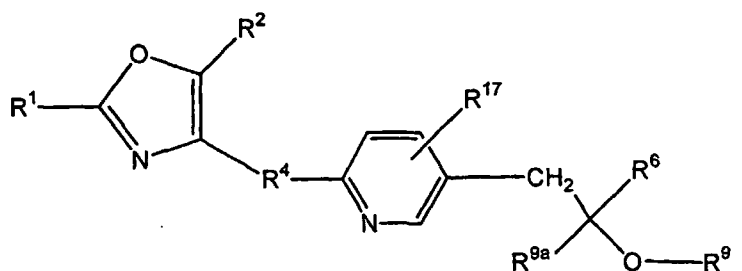
20 Within this embodiment, a specific compound of the present invention is 2-
 {6-[2-(5-Methyl-2-phenyl-oxazol-4-yl)-ethoxy]-naphthalen-2-ylmethyl}-tetrahydro-
 furan-2-carboxylic acid or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

In another embodiment, the invention relates to compounds having a
 formula:

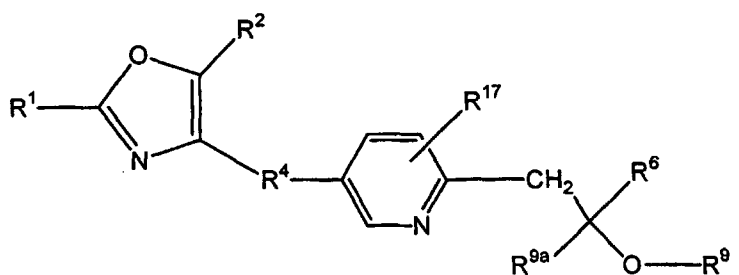


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Within this embodiment, preferably the invention relates to compounds
 having a formula:



Within this embodiment, preferably the invention relates to compounds having a formula:



Within this embodiment, preferably R^9 is methyl, ethyl, or benzyl. Preferably R^{17} is H.

Within this embodiment, a specific compound of the present invention is 2-ethoxy-3-{6-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]pyridin-3-yl}propanoic acid or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

Within this embodiment, a specific compound of the present invention is 2-methoxy-3-{6-[2-[5-methyl-2-(3-methylphenyl)-1,3-oxazol-4-yl]ethoxy]pyridin-3-yl}propanoic acid or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

Within this embodiment, a specific compound of the present invention is 2-methoxy-3-{6-[2-(4-phenoxyphenyl)ethoxy]pyridin-3-yl}propanoic acid or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

Within this embodiment, a specific compound of the present invention is 2-ethoxy-3-{6-[2-{4-[(phenylsulfonyl)oxy]phenyl}ethoxy]pyridin-3-yl}propanoic acid or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

Within this embodiment, a specific compound of the present invention is 2-Ethoxy-3-{5-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-oxazol-4-yl)-ethoxy]-pyridin-2-yl}-propionic acid or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

Within this embodiment, a specific compound of the present invention is 2-Methoxy-2-methyl-3-{6-[3-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-oxazol-4-yl)-propoxy]-pyridin-3-yl}-propionic acid or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

Within this embodiment, a specific compound of the present invention is 2-Methoxy-2-methyl-3-{5-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-oxazol-4-yl)-ethoxy]-pyridin-2-yl}-propionic acid or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

5 Within this embodiment, a specific compound of the present invention is 3-(6-{2-[2-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-5-methyl-oxazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-pyridin-3-yl)-2-methoxy-2-methyl-propionic acid or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

Within this embodiment, a specific compound of the present invention is 2-Methoxy-2-methyl-3-{6-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl oxazol-4-yl)-ethoxy]-pyridin-3-yl}-propionic acid or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

10 Within this embodiment, a specific compound of the present invention is 2-Methoxy-3-(6-{2-[2-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-5-methyl-oxazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-pyridin-3-yl)-2-methyl-propionic acid or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

The present invention also provides a method of treating non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus in a mammal comprising administering to the mammal
15 in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Formula (I). In one embodiment, said mammal has an impaired glucose tolerance.

The present invention also provides a method of treating polycystic ovarian syndrome in a mammal comprising administering to the mammal in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Formula (I).

20 The present invention also provides a method of treating obesity in a mammal comprising administering to the mammal in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Formula (I).

The present invention also provides a method of reducing body weight in an obese mammal comprising administering to the mammal in need thereof a
25 therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Formula (I).

The present invention also provides a method of treating hyperglycemia in a mammal comprising administering to the mammal in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Formula (I).

30 The present invention also provides a method of treating hyperlipidemia in a mammal comprising administering to the mammal in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Formula (I).

The present invention also provides a method of treating hypercholesteremia in a mammal comprising administering to the mammal in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Formula (I).

35 The present invention also provides a method of treating atherosclerosis in a mammal comprising administering to the mammal in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Formula (I).

The present invention also provides a method of treating hypertriglyceridemia in a mammal comprising administering to the mammal in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Formula (I).

5 The present invention also provides a method of treating hyperinsulinemia in a mammal comprising administering to the mammal in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Formula (I).

10 The present invention also provides a method of treating a patient suffering from abnormal insulin and/or evidence of glucose disorders associated with circulating glucocorticoids, growth hormone, catecholamines, glucagon, or parathyroid hormone, comprising administering to said patient a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Formula (I).

The present invention also provides a method of treating insulin resistance syndrome in humans comprising administering to a patient in need of treatment a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Formula (I).

15 The present invention also provides a method of treating PPAR-related disorders in humans comprising administering to a patient in need of treatment a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Formula (I).

20 The present invention also provides a method of modulating PPAR activity in a mammal, comprising administering to a mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Formula (I).

The present invention also provides a method of lowering blood glucose in a mammal, comprising administering to a mammal an amount of a compound of Formula (I) effective to lower blood glucose levels.

25 The present invention also provides a method of modulating fat cell differentiation in a mammal, comprising administering to a mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Formula (I).

The present invention also provides a method of modulating processes mediated by PPAR in a mammal, comprising administering to a mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Formula (I).

30 The present invention also provides a method of increasing insulin sensitivity in mammals, comprising administering to a mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Formula (I).

35 The present invention also provides a method of treating metabolic syndromes selected from the group consisting of galactosemia, maple syrup urine disease, phenylketonuria, hypersarcosinemia, thymine uraciluria, sulfuria, isovaleric acidemia, saccharopinuria, 4-hydroxybutyric aciduria, glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase deficiency, and pyruvate dehydrogenase deficiency.

The present invention also provides a composition comprising at least one modulator of PPAR of Formula (I) and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier thereof. Exemplary pharmaceutically acceptable carriers include carriers suitable for oral, intravenous, subcutaneous, intramuscular, intracutaneous, and the like administration. Administration in the form of creams, lotions, tablets, dispersible powders, granules, syrups, elixirs, sterile aqueous or non-aqueous solutions, suspensions or emulsions, and the like, is contemplated.

The PPAR agonists of the present invention may be administered in combination with other agents such as α -glucosidase inhibitors, aldose reductase inhibitors, biguanide preparations, statin base compounds, squalene synthesis inhibitors, fibrate base compounds, LDL catabolism promoters and angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors.

In the above description, an α -glucosidase inhibitor is a medicament having action in inhibiting a digestive enzyme such as amylase, maltase, α -dextrinase or sucrase, thereby retarding the digestion of starch or sucrose. Examples of α -glucosidase inhibitors include acarbose, N-(1,3-dihydroxy-2-propyl)variolamine (common name: voglibose) and miglitol.

In the above description, an aldose reductase inhibitor is a medicament which inhibits a rate-limiting enzyme of the first step of the polyol pathway, thereby inhibiting diabetic complications. Examples include tolrestat, epalrestat, 2,7-difluoro-spiro(9H-fluoren-9,4'-imidazolidine)-2',5'-dione (common name: imirestat), 3-[(4-bromo-2-fluorophenyl)methyl]-7-chloro-3,4-dihydro-2,4-dioxo-1(2H)-quinazolin-2-one (common name: zenarestat), 6-fluoro-2,3-dihydro-2,5'-dioxo-spiro[4H-1-benzopyran-4,4'-imidazolidine]-2-carboxamide (SNK-860), zopolrestat, sorbinil and 1-[(3-bromo-2-benzofuranyl)sulfonyl]-2,4-imidazolidinedione (M-16209).

In the above description, a biguanide preparation is a medicament having effects in anaerobic glycolysis promotion, insulin action reinforcement at the periphery, intestinal glucose absorption inhibition, hepatic gluconeogenesis inhibition and fatty-acid oxidation inhibition and examples include phenformin, metformin and buformin.

In the above description, a statin base compound is a medicament which inhibits hydroxymethylglutaryl CoA (HMG-CoA) reductase, thereby lowering the blood cholesterol level and examples include pravastatin and the sodium salt thereof, simvastatin, lovastatin, atorvastatin and fluvastatin.

In the above description, a squalene synthesis inhibitor is a medicament for inhibiting squalene synthesis, thereby lowering the blood cholesterol level and examples include monopotassium (S)- α -[bis(2,2-dimethyl-1-

oxopropoxy)methoxy]phosphinyl-3-phenoxybenzene-butanesulfonate (BMS-188494).

5 In the above description, a fibrate base compound is a medicament for inhibiting synthesis and secretion of triglycerides in the liver and activating lipoprotein lipase, thereby lowering the triglyceride level in the blood. Examples include bezafibrate, beclobrate, binifibrate, ciprofibrate, clinofibrate, clofibrate, clofibric acid, ethofibrate, fenofibrate, gemfibrozil, nicofibrate, pirifibrate, ronifibrate, simfibrate and theofibrate.

10 In the above description, a LDL catabolism promoter is a medicament for increasing LDL (low-density lipoprotein) receptors, thereby lowering the blood cholesterol level and examples include compounds described in Japanese Patent Application Kokai Hei 7-316144 or salts thereof, more specifically, N-[2-[4-bis(4-fluorophenyl)methyl-1-piperazinyl]ethyl]-7,7-diphenyl-2,4,6- heptatrienoic amide.

15 The above-described statin base compounds, squalene synthesis inhibitors, fibrate base compounds and LDL catabolism promoters can be replaced with another chemical effective for lowering the blood cholesterol or triglyceride level. Examples of such a medicament include nicotinic acid derivative preparations such as nicomol and niceritrol; antioxidants such as probucol; and ion exchange resin preparations such as cholestyramine.

20 In the above description, an angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor is a medicament for inhibiting angiotensin-converting enzyme, thereby lowering the blood pressure and at the same time, partially lowering the blood sugar level of a patient suffering from diabetes. Examples include captopril, enalapril, alacepril, delapril, ramipril, lisinopril, imidapril, benazepril, ceronapril, cilazapril, enalaprilat, 25 fosinopril, moveltipril, perindopril, quinapril, spirapril, temocapril and trandolapril.

For the preparation of oral liquids, suitable carriers include emulsions, solutions, suspensions, syrups, and the like, optionally containing additives such as wetting agents, emulsifying and suspending agents, sweetening, flavoring and perfuming agents, and the like.

30 For the preparation of fluids for parenteral administration, suitable carriers include sterile aqueous or non-aqueous solutions, suspensions, or emulsions. Examples of non-aqueous solvents or vehicles are propylene glycol, polyethylene glycol, vegetable oils, such as olive oil and corn oil, gelatin, and injectable organic esters such as ethyl oleate. Such dosage forms may also contain adjuvants such as preserving, wetting, emulsifying, and dispersing agents. They may be sterilized, 35 for example, by filtration through a bacteria-retaining filter, by incorporating sterilizing agents into the compositions, by irradiating the compositions, or by

heating the compositions. They can also be manufactured in the form of sterile water, or some other sterile injectable medium immediately before use.

Definitions

For purposes of the present invention, as described and claimed herein,
5 the following terms are defined as follows:

The term "halo", as used herein, unless otherwise indicated, means fluoro, chloro, bromo or iodo. Preferred halo groups are fluoro, chloro and bromo.

The term "alkyl", as used herein, unless otherwise indicated, includes saturated monovalent hydrocarbon radicals having straight or branched moieties.

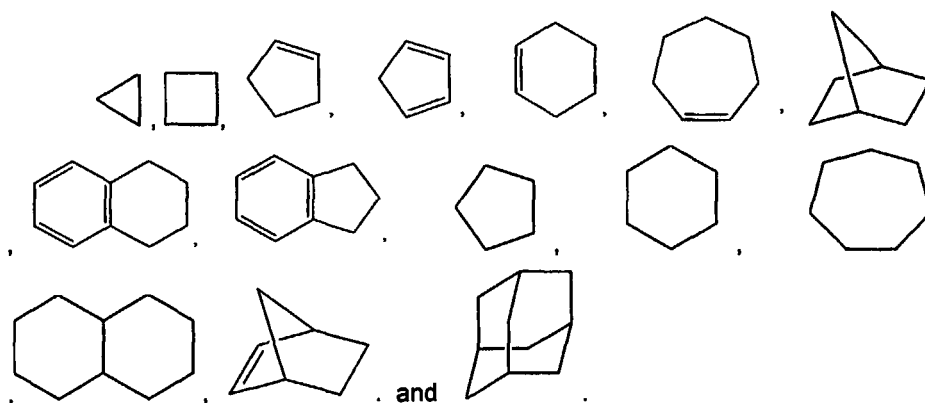
10 The term "alkenyl", as used herein, unless otherwise indicated, includes alkyl moieties having at least one carbon-carbon double bond wherein alkyl is as defined above and including E and Z isomers of said alkenyl moiety.

The term "alkynyl", as used herein, unless otherwise indicated, includes alkyl moieties having at least one carbon-carbon triple bond wherein alkyl is as defined
15 above.

The term "alkoxy", as used herein, unless otherwise indicated, includes O-alkyl groups wherein alkyl is as defined above.

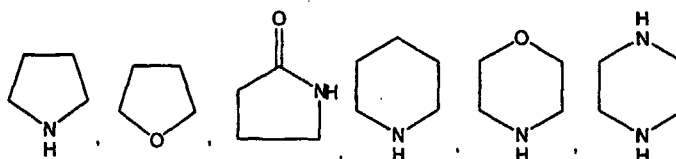
The term "Me" means methyl, "Et" means ethyl, and "Ac" means acetyl.

The term "cycloalkyl", as used herein, unless otherwise indicated refers to a
20 non-aromatic, saturated or partially saturated, monocyclic or fused, spiro or unfused bicyclic or tricyclic hydrocarbon referred to herein containing a total of from 3 to 10 carbon atoms, preferably 5-8 ring carbon atoms. Exemplary cycloalkyls include monocyclic rings having from 3-7, preferably 3-6, carbon atoms, such as cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cycloheptyl and the like. Illustrative
25 examples of cycloalkyl are derived from, but not limited to, the following:

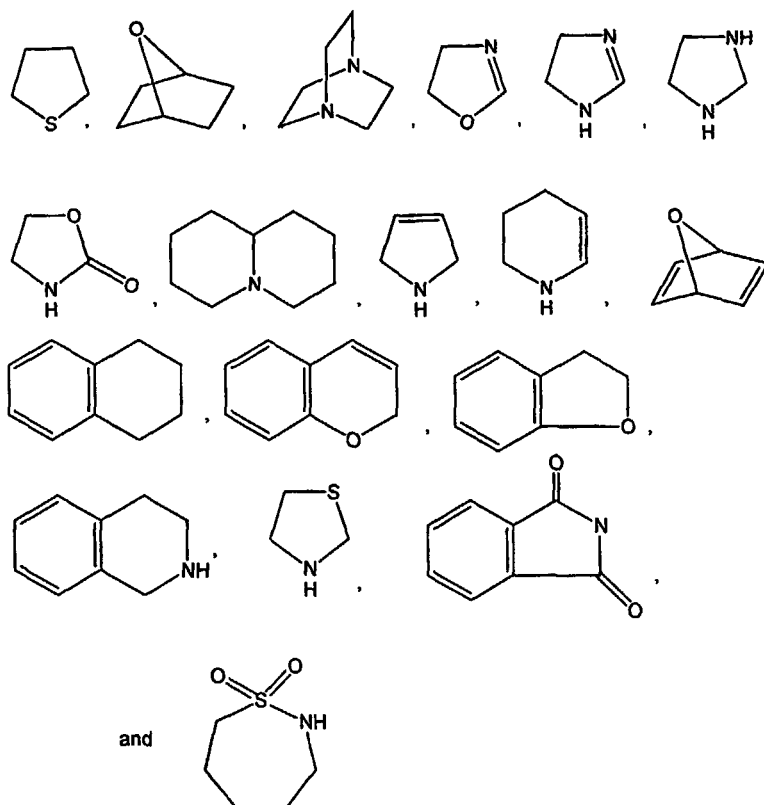


30 The term "aryl", as used herein, unless otherwise indicated, includes an organic radical derived from an aromatic hydrocarbon by removal of one hydrogen, such as phenyl or naphthyl.

The term "4-10 membered heterocyclic", as used herein, unless otherwise indicated, includes aromatic and non-aromatic heterocyclic groups containing one to four heteroatoms each selected from O, S and N, wherein each heterocyclic group has from 4-10 atoms in its ring system, and with the proviso that the ring of said group does not contain two adjacent O or S atoms. Non-aromatic heterocyclic groups include groups having only 4 atoms in their ring system, but aromatic heterocyclic groups must have at least 5 atoms in their ring system. The heterocyclic groups include benzo-fused ring systems. An example of a 4 membered heterocyclic group is azetidyl (derived from azetidine). An example of a 5 membered heterocyclic group is thiazolyl and an example of a 10 membered heterocyclic group is quinoliny. Examples of non-aromatic heterocyclic groups are pyrrolidinyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, dihydrofuranyl, tetrahydrothienyl, tetrahydropyranyl, dihydropyranyl, tetrahydrothiopyranyl, piperidino, morpholino, thiomorpholino, thioxanyl, piperaziny, azetidiny, oxetanyl, thietanyl, homopiperidinyl, oxepanyl, thiepanyl, oxazepiny, diazepiny, thiazepiny, 1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridiny, 2-pyrroliny, 3-pyrroliny, indoliny, 2H-pyranyl, 4H-pyranyl, dioxanyl, 1,3-dioxolanyl, pyrazoliny, dithianyl, dithiolanyl, dihydropyranyl, dihydrothienyl, dihydrofuranyl, pyrazolidiny, imidazoliny, imidazolidiny, 3-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexanyl, 3-azabicyclo[4.1.0]heptanyl, 3H-indoly and quinoliziny. Examples of aromatic heterocyclic groups are pyridiny, imidazolyl, pyrimidiny, pyrazolyl, triazolyl, pyraziny, tetrazolyl, furyl, thienyl, isoxazolyl, thiazolyl, oxazolyl, isothiazolyl, pyrroly, quinoliny, isoquinoliny, indoly, benzimidazolyl, benzofuranyl, cinnoliny, indazolyl, indoliziny, phthalaziny, pyridaziny, triaziny, isoindoly, pteridiny, puriny, oxadiazolyl, thiadiazolyl, furazanyl, benzofurazanyl, benzothiophenyl, benzothiazolyl, benzoxazolyl, quinazoliny, quinoxaliny, naphthyridiny, and furopyridiny. The foregoing groups, as derived from the groups listed above, may be C-attached or N-attached where such is possible. For instance, a group derived from pyrrole may be pyrrol-1-yl (N-attached) or pyrrol-3-yl (C-attached). Further, a group derived from imidazole may be imidazol-1-yl (N-attached) or imidazol-3-yl (C-attached). The 4-10 membered heterocyclic may be optionally substituted on any ring carbon, sulfur, or nitrogen atom(s) by one to two oxo, per ring. An example of a heterocyclic group wherein 2 ring carbon atoms are substituted with oxo moieties is 1,1-dioxo-thiomorpholiny. Other illustrative examples of 4-10 membered heterocyclic are derived from, but not limited to, the following:

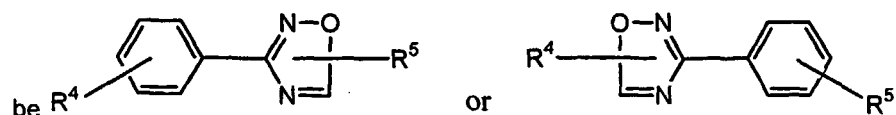
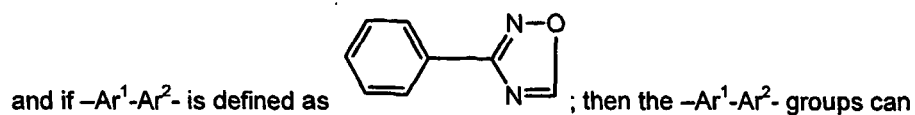
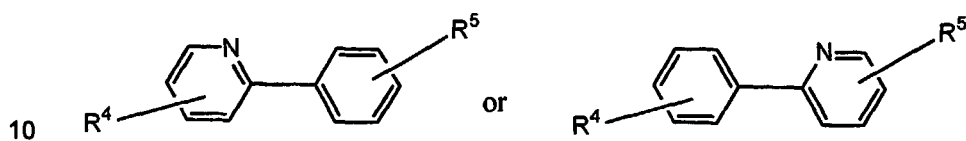
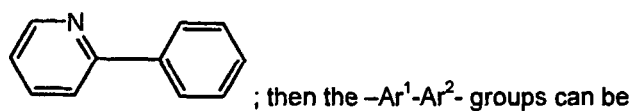


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5 Unless otherwise indicated, the term "oxo" refers to =O.

The term "-Ar¹-Ar²-", as used herein, unless otherwise indicated include two rings without any limitation of the order of attachments to R⁴ and R⁵. For example, if -Ar¹-Ar²- is defined as



15 The phrase "pharmaceutically acceptable salt(s)", as used herein, unless otherwise indicated, includes salts of acidic or basic groups which may be present in

the compounds of formula (I). The compounds of formula (I) that are basic in nature are capable of forming a wide variety of salts with various inorganic and organic acids. The acids that may be used to prepare pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts of such basic compounds of formula (I) are those that form non-toxic acid addition salts, *i.e.*, salts containing pharmacologically acceptable anions, such as the acetate, benzenesulfonate, benzoate, bicarbonate, bisulfate, bitartrate, borate, bromide, calcium edetate, camsylate, carbonate, chloride, clavulanate, citrate, dihydrochloride, edetate, edisylate, estolate, esylate, ethylsuccinate, fumarate, gluceptate, gluconate, glutamate, glycolylarsanilate, hexylresorcinate, hydrabamine, hydrobromide, hydrochloride, iodide, isothionate, lactate, lactobionate, laurate, malate, maleate, mandelate, mesylate, methylsulfate, mucate, napsylate, nitrate, oleate, oxalate, pamoate (embonate), palmitate, pantothenate, phosphate/diphosphate, polygalacturonate, salicylate, stearate, subacetate, succinate, tannate, tartrate, teoclate, tosylate, triethiodide, and valerate salts.

In the compounds of formula (I), where terms such as $(CR^{11}R^{12})_q$ or $(CR^{11}R^{12})_t$ are used, R^{11} and R^{12} may vary with each iteration of q or t above 1. For instance, where q or t is 2 the terms $(CR^{11}R^{12})_q$ or $(CR^{11}R^{12})_t$ may equal $-CH_2CH_2-$, or $-CH(CH_3)C(CH_2CH_3)(CH_2CH_2CH_3)-$, or any number of similar moieties falling within the scope of the definitions of R^{11} and R^{12} . Further, as noted above, any substituents comprising a CH_3 (methyl), CH_2 (methylene), or CH (methine) group which is not attached to a halogeno, SO or SO_2 group or to a N, O or S atom optionally bears on said group a substituent selected from hydroxy, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy and amines.

The term "treating", as used herein, unless otherwise indicated, means reversing, alleviating, inhibiting the progress of, or preventing the disorder or condition to which such term applies, or one or more symptoms of such disorder or condition. The term "treatment", as used herein, unless otherwise indicated, refers to the act of treating as "treating" is defined immediately above.

The term "modulate" or "modulating", as used herein, refers to the ability of a modulator for a member of the steroid/thyroid superfamily to either directly (by binding to the receptor as a ligand) or indirectly (as a precursor for a ligand or an inducer which promotes production of ligand from a precursor) induce expression of gene(s) maintained under hormone expression control, or to repress expression of gene(s) maintained under such control.

The term "obesity" or "obese", as used herein, refers generally to individuals who are at least about 20-30% over the average weight for his/her age, sex and height. Technically, "obese" is defined, for males, as individuals whose body mass index is greater than 27.8 kg/m, and for females, as individuals whose

body mass index is greater than 27.3 kg/m². Those of skill in the art readily recognize that the invention method is not limited to those who fall within the above criteria. Indeed, the method of the invention can also be advantageously practiced by individuals who fall outside of these traditional criteria, for example, by those
5 who may be prone to obesity.

The term "Inflammatory disorders", as used herein, refers to disorders such as rheumatoid arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, psoriatic arthritis, psoriasis, chondrocalcinosis, gout, inflammatory bowel disease, ulcerative colitis, Crohn's disease, fibromyalgia, and cachexia.

10 The phrase "therapeutically effective amount", as used herein, refers to that amount of drug or pharmaceutical agent that will elicit the biological or medical response of a tissue, system, animal, or human that is being sought by a researcher, veterinarian, medical doctor or other.

The phrase "amount . . . effective to lower blood glucose levels," as used
15 herein, refers to levels of compound sufficient to provide circulating concentrations high enough to accomplish the desired effect. Such a concentration typically falls in the range of about 10 nM up to 2 µM; with concentrations in the range of about 100 nM up to 500 nM being preferred. As noted previously, since the activity of different compounds which fall within the definition of Formula (I) as set forth above may
20 vary considerably, and since individual subjects may present a wide variation in severity of symptoms, it is up to the practitioner to determine a subject's response to treatment and vary the dosages accordingly.

The phrase "insulin resistance", as used herein, refers to the reduced sensitivity to the actions of insulin in the whole body or individual tissues, such as
25 skeletal muscle tissue, myocardial tissue, fat tissue or liver tissue. Insulin resistance occurs in many individuals with or without diabetes mellitus.

The phrase "insulin resistance syndrome", as used herein, refers to the cluster of manifestations that include insulin resistance, hyperinsulinemia, non insulin dependent diabetes mellitus (NIDDM), arterial hypertension, central
30 (visceral) obesity, and dyslipidemia.

The phrase "in combination with", as used herein, means that the alpha substituted carboxylic acids compound of Formula (I) may be administered shortly before, shortly after, concurrently, or any combination of before, after, or concurrently, with such other agents as described in the previous paragraphs.
35 Thus, the alpha substituted carboxylic acids compound of Formula (I) and the other agents may be administered simultaneously as either as a single composition or as two separate compositions or sequentially as two separate compositions.

Certain compounds of formula (I) may have asymmetric centers and therefore exist in different enantiomeric forms. All optical isomers and stereoisomers of the compounds of formula (I), and mixtures thereof, are considered to be within the scope of the invention. With respect to the compounds of formula (I), the
5 invention includes the use of a racemate, one or more enantiomeric forms, one or more diastereomeric forms, or mixtures thereof. The compounds of formula (I) may also exist as tautomers. This invention relates to the use of all such tautomers and mixtures thereof.

Certain functional groups contained within the compounds of the present
10 invention can be substituted for bioisosteric groups, that is, groups which have similar spatial or electronic requirements to the parent group, but exhibit differing or improved physicochemical or other properties. Suitable examples are well known to those of skill in the art, and include, but are not limited to moieties described in Patini, et al., *Chem. Rev.*, 1996, 96, 3147-3176 and references cited therein.

15 The subject invention also includes isotopically-labelled compounds, which are identical to those recited in Formula (I), but for the fact that one or more atoms are replaced by an atom having an atomic mass or mass number different from the atomic mass or mass number usually found in nature. Examples of isotopes that can be incorporated into compounds of the invention include isotopes of hydrogen,
20 carbon, nitrogen, oxygen, phosphorous, fluorine and chlorine, such as ^2H , ^3H , ^{13}C , ^{14}C , ^{15}N , ^{18}O , ^{17}O , ^{31}P , ^{32}P , ^{35}S , ^{18}F , and ^{36}Cl , respectively. Compounds of the present invention, prodrugs thereof, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts of said compounds or of said prodrugs which contain the aforementioned isotopes and/or other isotopes of other atoms are within the scope of this invention. Certain
25 isotopically-labelled compounds of the present invention, for example those into which radioactive isotopes such as ^3H and ^{14}C are incorporated, are useful in drug and/or substrate tissue distribution assays. Tritiated, i.e., ^3H , and carbon-14, i.e., ^{14}C , isotopes are particularly preferred for their ease of preparation and detectability. Further, substitution with heavier isotopes such as deuterium, i.e., ^2H ,
30 can afford certain therapeutic advantages resulting from greater metabolic stability, for example increased *in vivo* half-life or reduced dosage requirements and, hence, may be preferred in some circumstances. Isotopically labelled compounds of Formula (I) of this invention and prodrugs thereof can generally be prepared by carrying out the procedures disclosed in the Schemes and/or in the Examples and
35 Preparations below, by substituting a readily available isotopically labelled reagent for a non-isotopically labelled reagent.

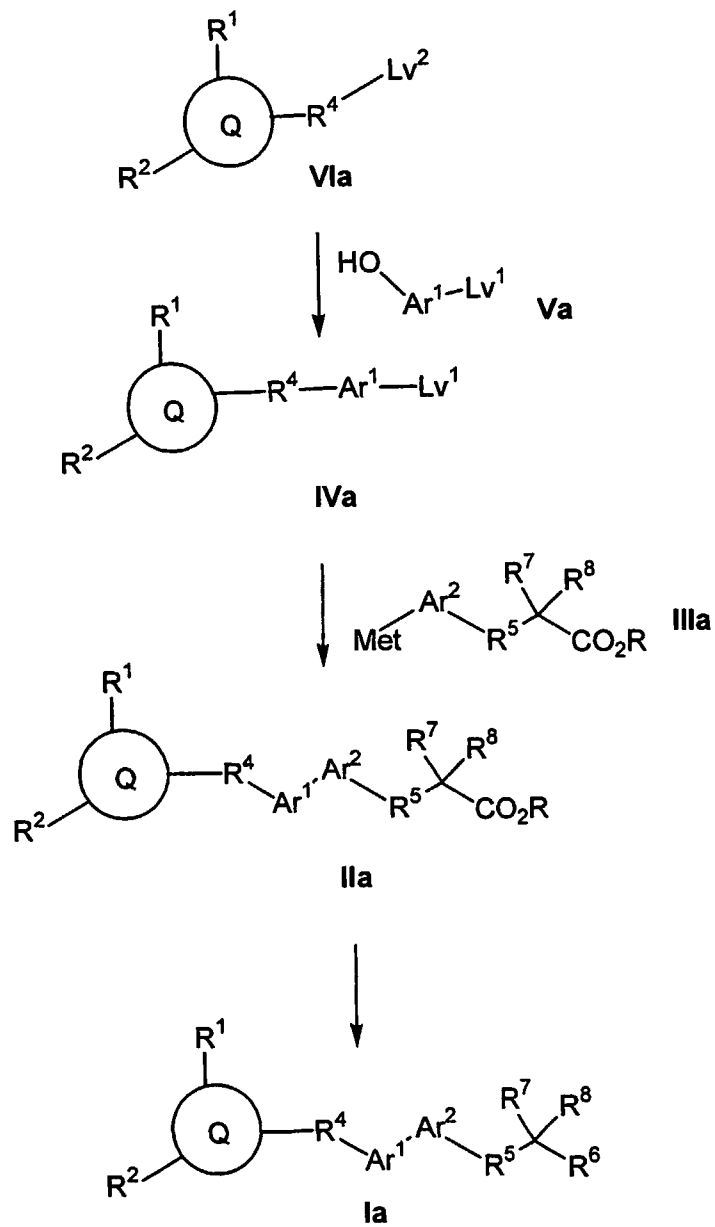
This invention also encompasses pharmaceutical compositions containing and methods of treating bacterial infections through administering prodrugs of

compounds of the formula 1. Compounds of formula 1 having free amino, amido, hydroxy or carboxylic groups can be converted into prodrugs. Prodrugs include compounds wherein an amino acid residue, or a polypeptide chain of two or more (e.g., two, three or four) amino acid residues is covalently joined through an amide or ester bond to a free amino, hydroxy or carboxylic acid group of compounds of formula 1. The amino acid residues include but are not limited to the 20 naturally occurring amino acids commonly designated by three letter symbols and also includes 4-hydroxyproline, hydroxylysine, demosine, isodemosine, 3-methylhistidine, norvalin, beta-alanine, gamma-aminobutyric acid, citrulline homocysteine, homoserine, ornithine and methionine sulfone. Additional types of prodrugs are also encompassed. For instance, free carboxyl groups can be derivatized as amides or alkyl esters. Free hydroxy groups may be derivatized using groups including but not limited to hemisuccinates, phosphate esters, dimethylaminoacetates, and phosphoryloxymethyloxycarbonyls, as outlined in *Advanced Drug Delivery Reviews*, 1996, 19, 115. Carbamate prodrugs of hydroxy and amino groups are also included, as are carbonate prodrugs, sulfonate esters and sulfate esters of hydroxy groups. Derivatization of hydroxy groups as (acyloxy)methyl and (acyloxy)ethyl ethers wherein the acyl group may be an alkyl ester, optionally substituted with groups including but not limited to ether, amine and carboxylic acid functionalities, or where the acyl group is an amino acid ester as described above, are also encompassed. Prodrugs of this type are described in *J. Med. Chem.*, 1996, 39, 10. Free amines can also be derivatized as amides, sulfonamides or phosphoramides. All of these prodrug moieties may incorporate groups including but not limited to ether, amine and carboxylic acid functionalities.

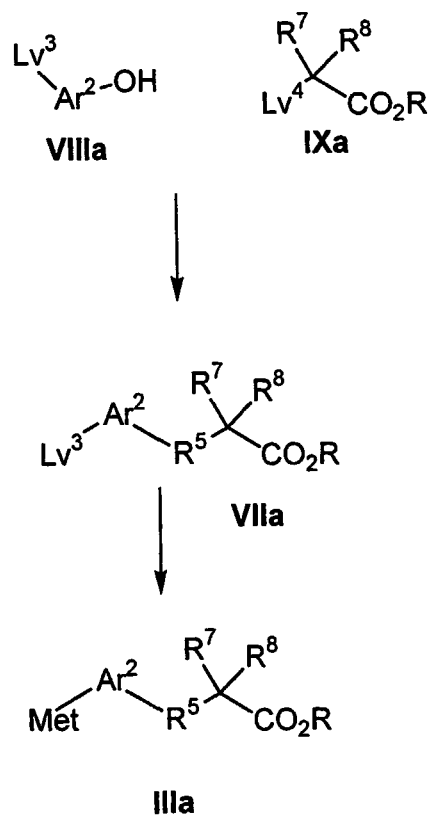
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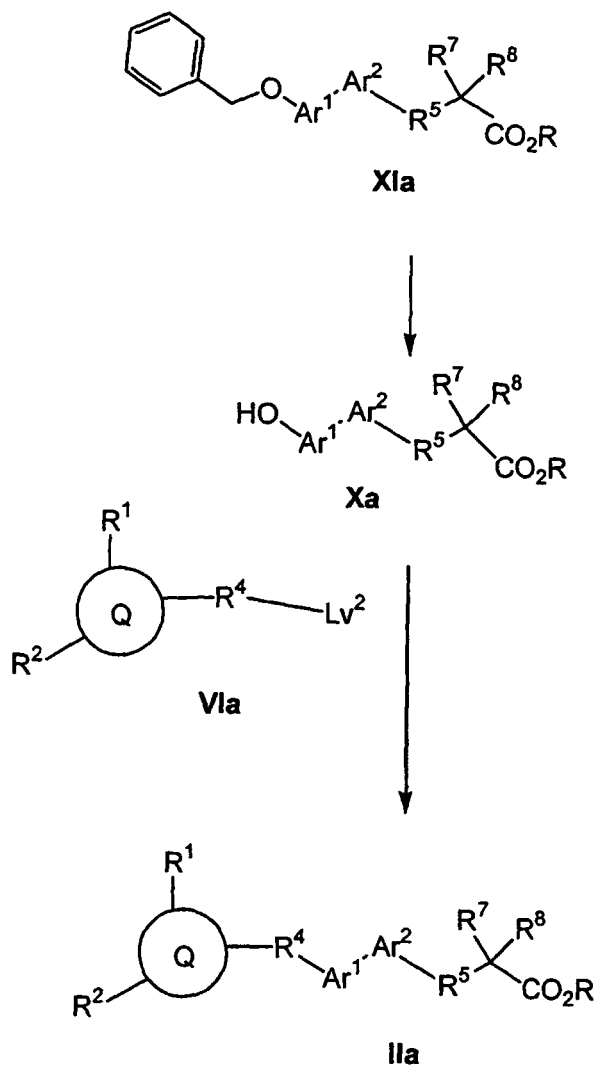
Detailed Description And Preferred Embodiments of The Invention

The following reaction Scheme illustrates the preparation of the compounds of the present invention. Unless otherwise indicated, R – R¹⁷, Q, Y, Ar¹-Ar⁴, and Ring A, in the reaction scheme and discussion that follow are as defined above.

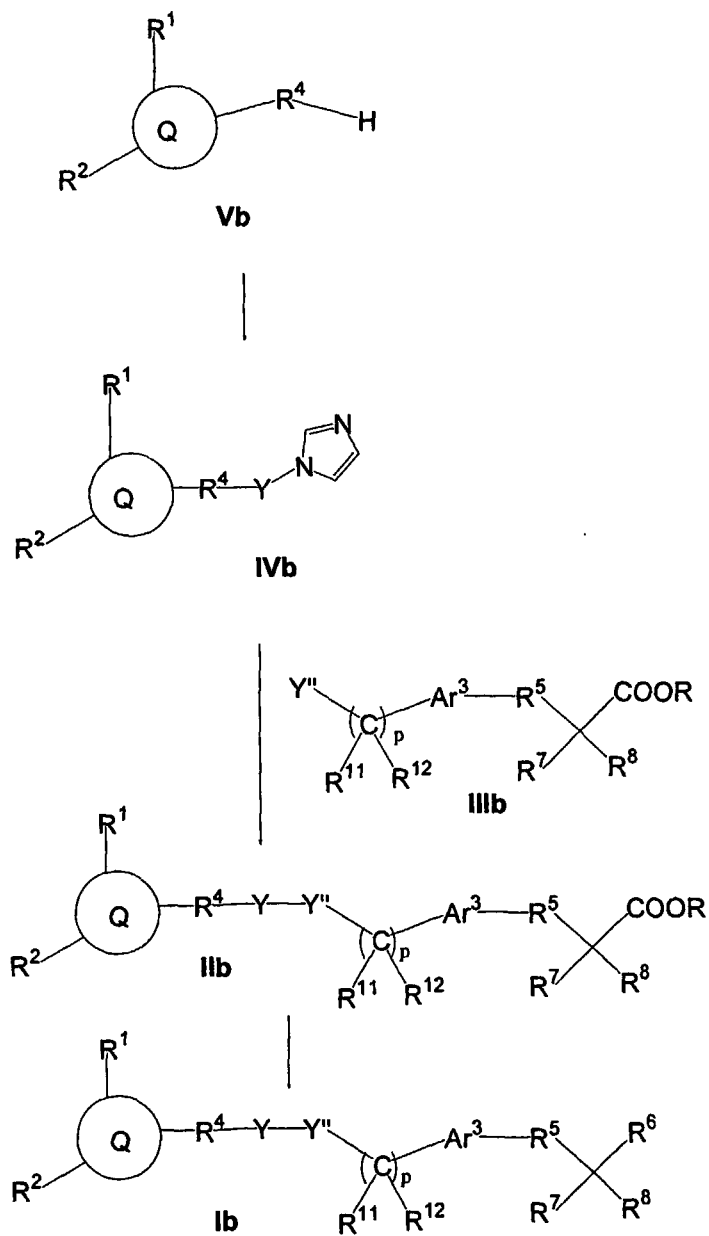
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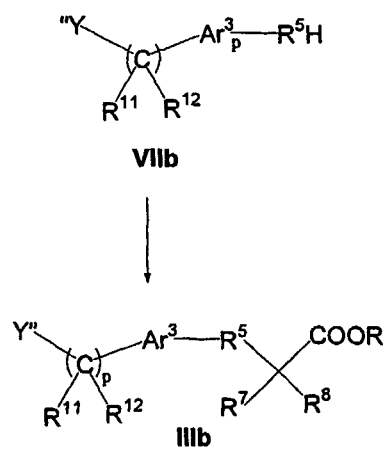
Scheme 4

R^5 is $-(\text{CR}^{11}\text{R}^{12})_m\text{-Z-(CR}^{11}\text{R}^{12})_s$; wherein Z is $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{NR}^{10a}-$, or $-\text{S(O)}_j-$; wherein m and s are independently 0, 1, 2, or 3; and wherein j is 0, 1, or 2

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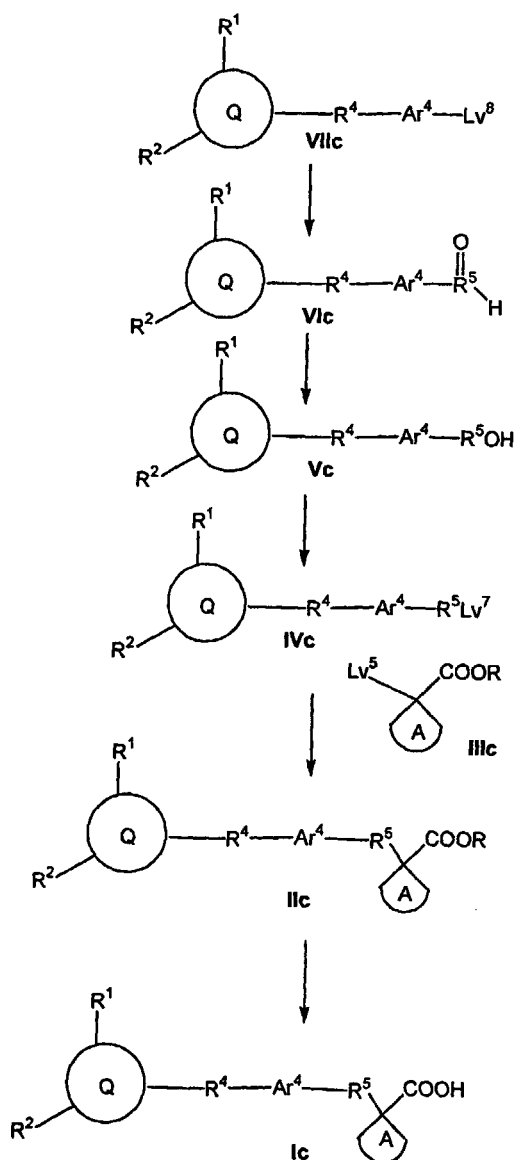
Scheme 5

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R^5 is $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_m-Z-(CR^{11}R^{12})_s$; wherein Z is $-O-$, $-NR^{10a}-$, or $-S(O)_j-$; wherein each m and s are independently 0, 1, 2, or 3; and wherein j is 0, 1, or 2

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Scheme 6

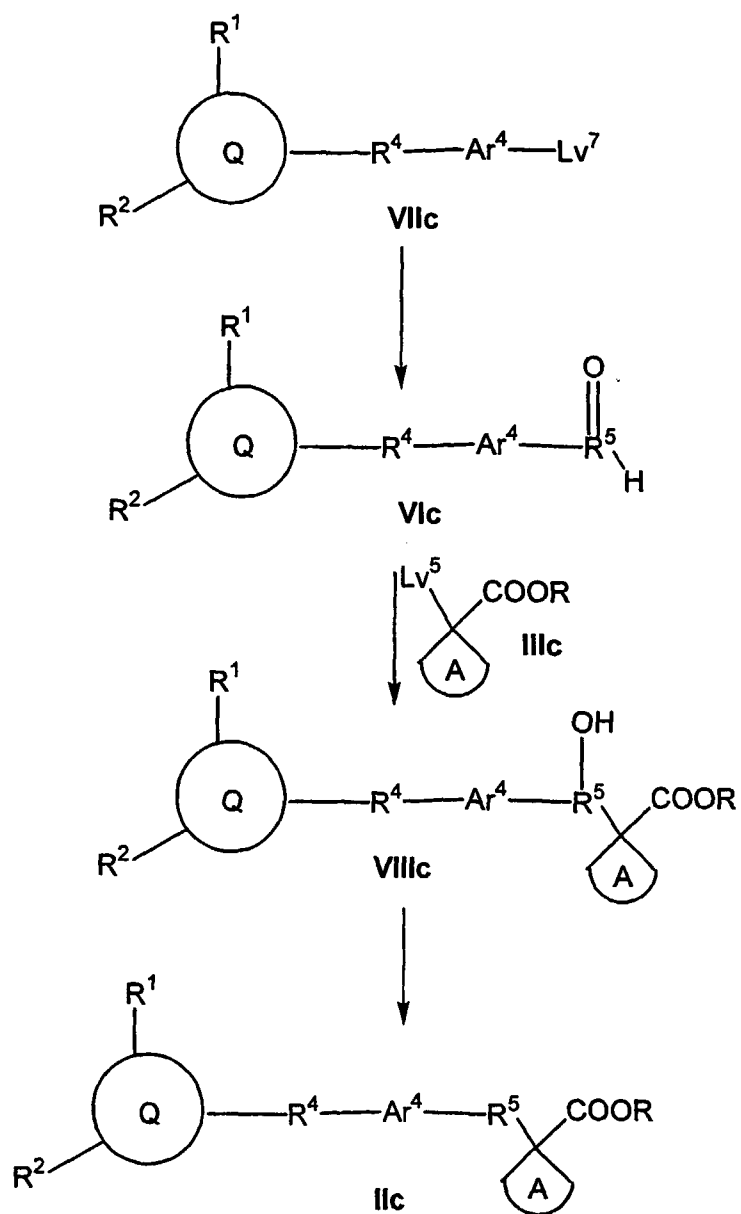
R^5 is $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_m-Z-(CR^{11}R^{12})_s$; wherein Z is $-CH_2-$;
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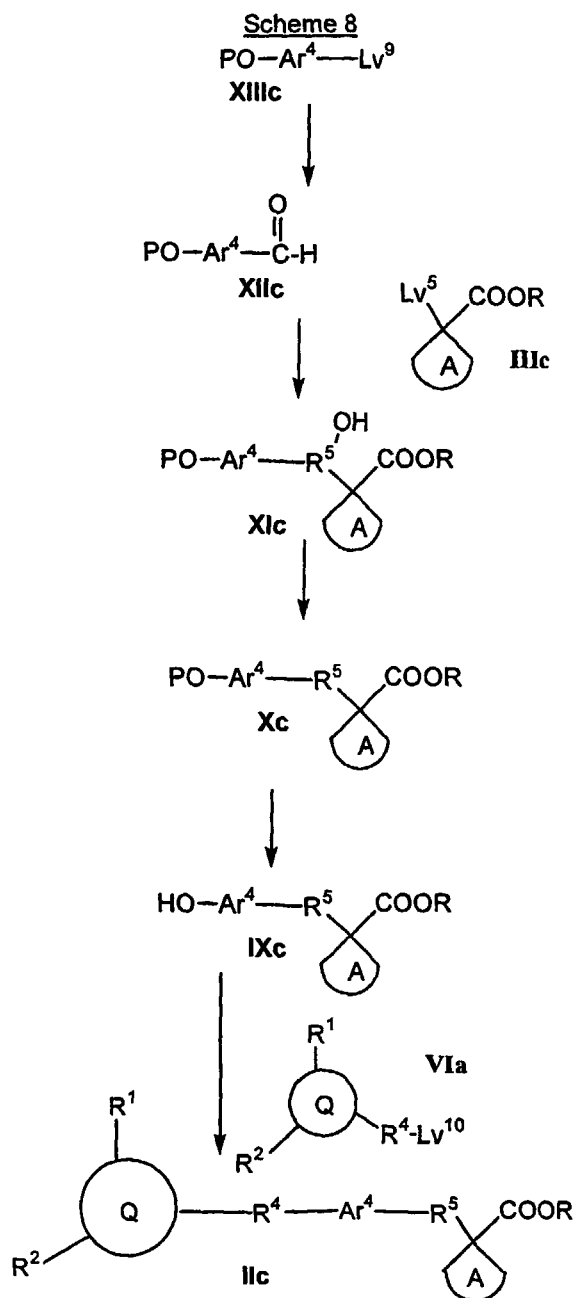
Scheme 7

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R^5 is $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_m-Z-(CR^{11}R^{12})_s$; wherein Z is $-CH_2-$;
wherein each m and s are independently 0, 1, 2, or 3.

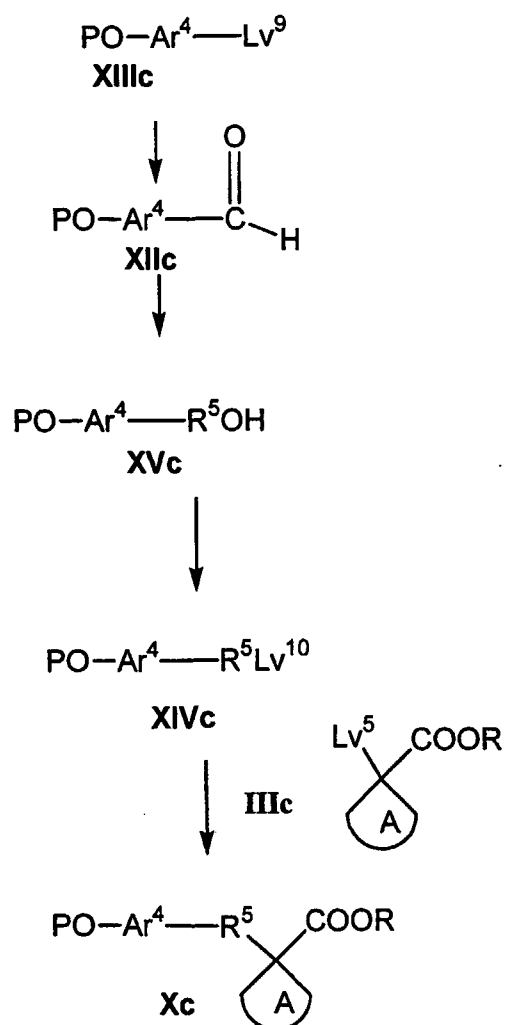
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R^5 is $-(\text{CR}^{11}\text{R}^{12})_m-\text{Z}-(\text{CR}^{11}\text{R}^{12})_s$; wherein Z is $-\text{CH}_2-$; wherein each m and s are independently 0, 1, 2, or 3.

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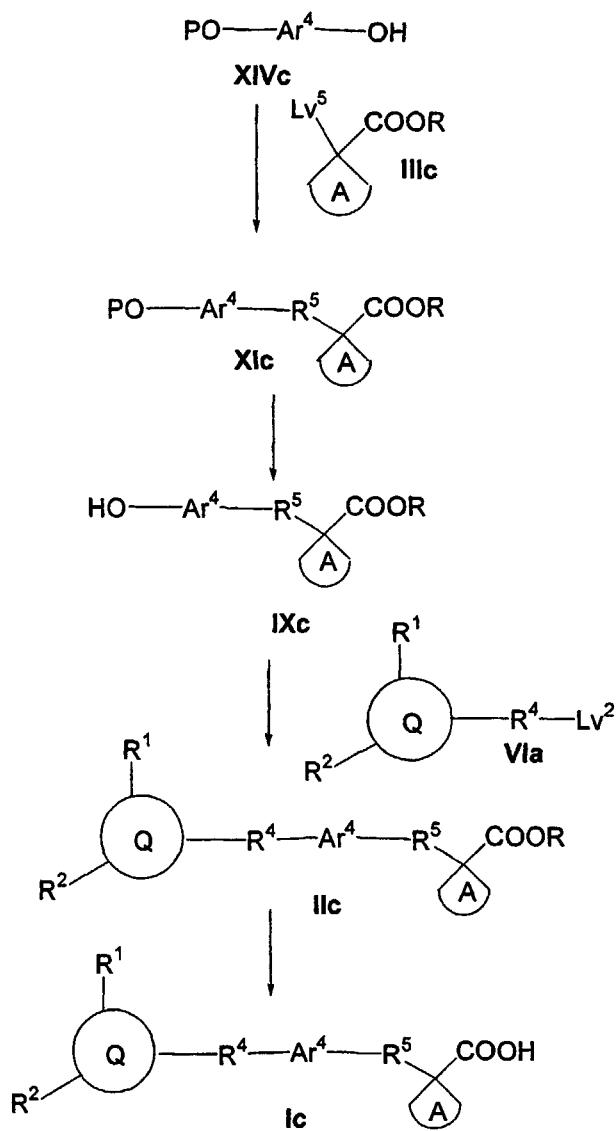
Scheme 9



R^5 is $-(\text{CR}^{11}\text{R}^{12})_m\text{-Z-(CR}^{11}\text{R}^{12})_s$; wherein Z is $-\text{CH}_2-$; wherein each m and s are independently 0, 1, 2, or 3.

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Scheme 10

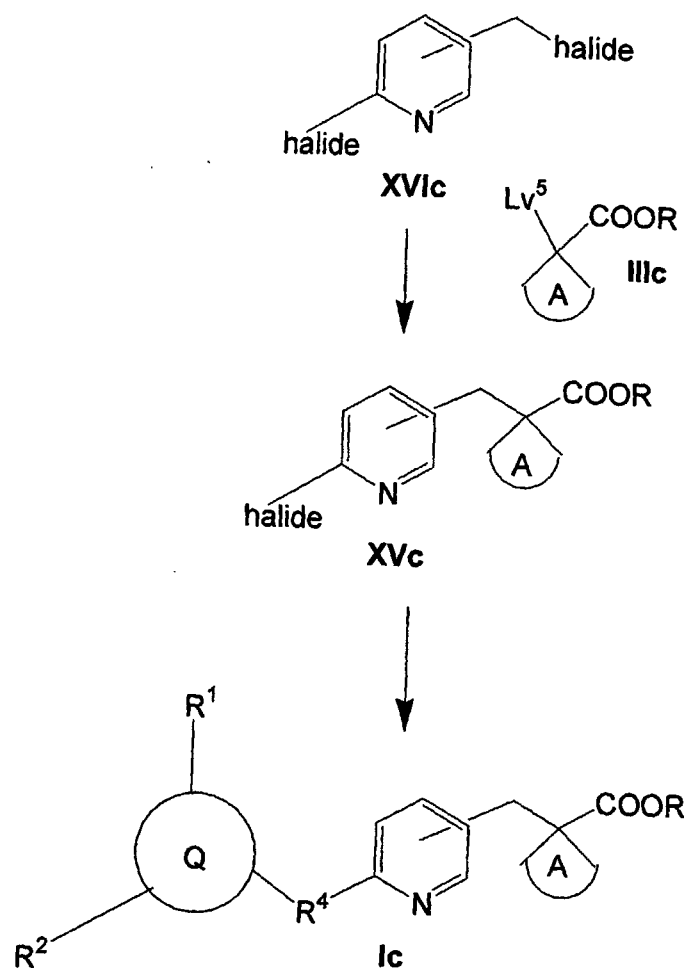


R^5 is $-(\text{CR}^{11}\text{R}^{12})_m-\text{Z}-(\text{CR}^{11}\text{R}^{12})_s$; wherein Z is $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{NR}^{10a}-$, or $-\text{S}(\text{O})_j-$;

5 wherein each m and s are independently 0, 1, 2, or 3; and wherein j is 0, 1, or 2.

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Scheme 11

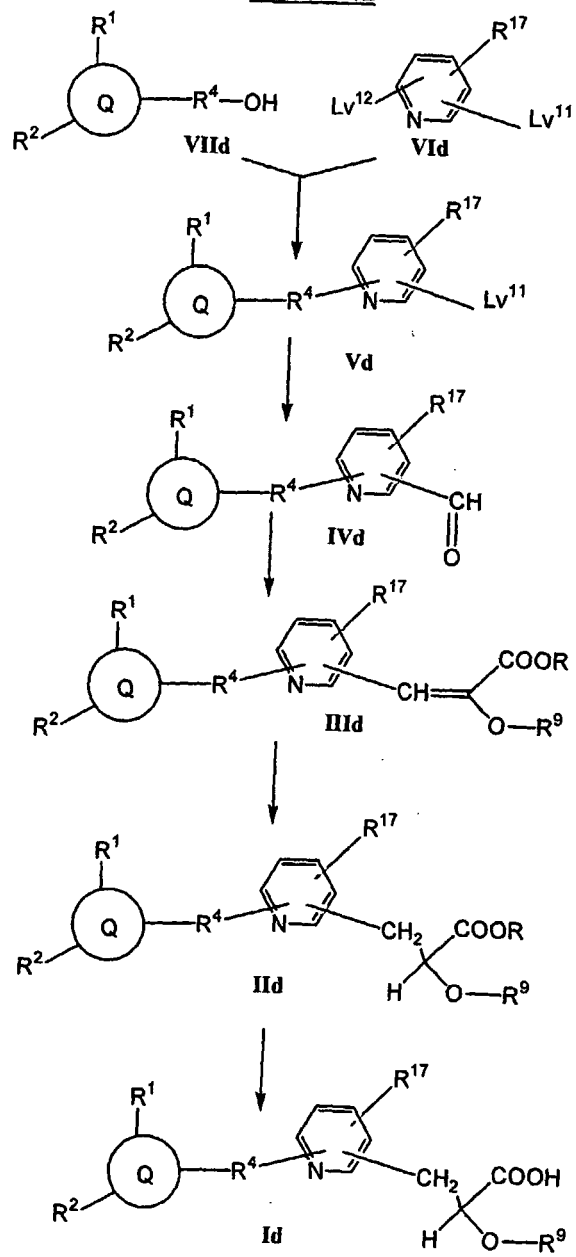


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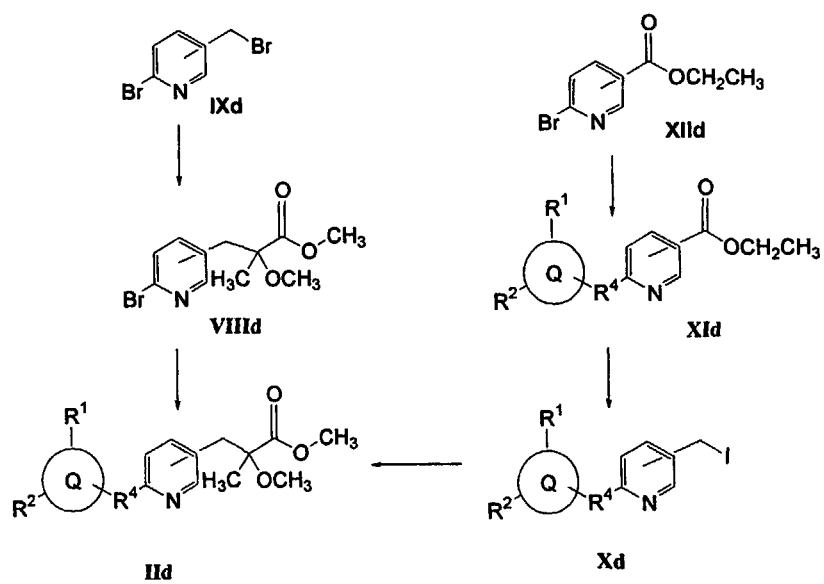
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Scheme 12



Scheme 13

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Referring to Scheme 1 above, the compound of formula Ia may be prepared by hydrolysis of compounds IIa, wherein the group CO₂R is a hydrolyzable ester group such as methyl ester (CO₂-CH₃) or ethyl ester (CO₂-CH₂CH₃), by alkali metal hydroxides (e.g. NaOH, LiOH, KOH) in a suitable solvent (e.g. aqueous THF, aqueous methanol or combinations thereof) at a temperature between 0 and 100 degrees or by heating in a microwave synthesizer. Compounds of formula IIa may be prepared by a coupling reaction of compound IVa, wherein Lv¹ is Cl, Br, I, or triflate, and an organometallic compound IIIa, wherein Met = boronic acid or ester, stannane etc, and the group CO₂R is as described above, mediated by a palladium(0) or other transition metal catalyst. Compound IVa can be obtained by alkylation of compound Va, wherein Lv¹ is as described above, with compound VIa, wherein Lv² is Cl, Br, I, or triflate.

Referring to Scheme 2 above, the compound of formula IIIa, which is used in Scheme 1, may be obtained from compounds VIIa, wherein Lv³ is Cl, Br, I, or triflate, by palladium(0) mediated coupling reactions with a reagent such as pinacolatodiborane. Compounds VIIa, wherein Lv³ is as described above, can be obtained by alkylation of compounds VIIIa, wherein Lv³ is as described above, with compound IXa, wherein Lv⁴ is Cl, Br, I, or triflate.

Referring to Scheme 3 above, esters IIa, which is used in Scheme 1, wherein the group CO₂R is as described above, may also be prepared by alkylation of compound Xa, wherein the group CO₂R is as described above, with compound VIa, wherein Lv² is as described above in the description of Scheme 1. Compounds Xa may be obtained from compound XIa, wherein the group CO₂R is as described above, by reacting compound XIa with a deprotecting agent, such as with hydrogen gas over a metal catalyst (e.g. palladium on carbon) in a suitable solvent (e.g. THF, methanol, ethanol) at a temperature between 0 degrees Celcius and 100 degrees Celcius.

Compounds XIa are commercially available or can be made by those skilled in the art.

Referring to Scheme 4 above, compounds of formula Ib; wherein R⁵ is - (CR¹¹R¹²)_m-Z-(CR¹¹R¹²)_s; wherein Z is -O-, -NH^{10a}-, or -S(O)_j-; wherein each m and s are independently 0, 1, 2, or 3; and wherein j is 0, 1, or 2; may be prepared by hydrolysis of compounds IIb, wherein R⁵ is as described in the compounds of formula Ib and the group CO₂R is as described above, by an alkali metal hydroxide (e.g. Na OH, LiOH, KOH) in a suitable solvent (e.g. aqueous THF, aqueous methanol or combinations thereof) at a temperature 0 degrees Celcius and 100 degrees Celcius. Compounds of formula IIb, wherein R⁵ is as described in the compounds of formula Ib, may be prepared by reaction of compounds IIIb, wherein

R^5 is as described in the compounds of formula **IIb** and the group CO_2R is as described above, with an activated acylating agent such as **Vlb** in a suitable solvent (e.g. THF, acetonitrile, dioxane, toluene) at a temperature between 0 degrees Celcius and 100 degrees Celcius. Compounds **IVb** may be obtained from compound **Vb** by reacting compound **Vb** with compound **Vlb**, wherein Lv^6 is a leaving group. Suitable compound **Vlb** includes N,N'-carbonyl diimidazole.

Compounds **Vb** and **Vlb** are commercially available or can be made by those skilled in the art.

Referring to Scheme 5 above, compounds of formula **IIIb**, which is used in Scheme 4, wherein R^5 is as described in the description of Scheme 4 and the group CO_2R is as described above, may be prepared by reacting compound **VIIb** wherein R^5 is as described in the previous paragraph, with an appropriate electrophile of formula $Lv^6-C(R^7R^8)-COOR$, wherein Lv^6 is a leaving group such as halo, in the presence of a base (e.g. cesium carbonate, potassium carbonate) in a suitable solvent (e.g. THF, DMF, acetonitrile, or DMSO) at a temperature between 0 degrees Celcius and 100 degrees Celcius. Suitable electrophiles of formula $Lv^6-C(R^7R^8)-COOR$ include methyl 2-bromo-2-methyl propanoate. Compounds **VIIb** are commercially available or can be made by those skilled in the art.

Compounds of formula **Ib**, **IIb**, **IIIb**, and **VIIb**; wherein R^5 is $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_m-Z-(CR^{11}R^{12})_s$; wherein Z is $-CH_2-$, and wherein each m and s are as described above; can be prepared by methods known to those skilled in the art.

Referring to Scheme 6 above, compounds of formula **Ic**, wherein R^5 is $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_m-Z-(CR^{11}R^{12})_s$; wherein Z is $-CH_2-$, may be prepared by hydrolysis of compounds **IIc**, wherein the group CO_2R is as described above, by alkali metal hydroxides (e.g. NaOH, LiOH, KOH) in a suitable solvent (e.g. aqueous THF, aqueous methanol or combinations thereof) at a temperature between 0 degrees Celcius and 100 degrees Celcius or by heating in a microwave synthesizer. Compounds **IIc** may be prepared by alkylation of compound **IIIc**, wherein Lv^5 is a leaving group, with compound **IVc** (when Lv^7 is iodide, bromide, chloride or other leaving group). Various methods can be used to effect this reaction, such as deprotonation of compound **IIIc** ($Lv^5 = H$) with a base e.g. sodium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide. Compounds **IVc** may be prepared from compounds **Vc** by reaction with a halogenation agent or halogenation system e.g. oxalyl chloride and dimethyl formamide or from another halide (e.g. reaction of compound **IVc**, $Lv^7 = Cl$ with sodium iodide). Compounds **Vc** may be prepared from compounds **VIc** by reacting compounds **VIIIc** with a reducing agent, such as sodium borohydride. Compounds **VIc** may be obtained from compound **VIIc** ($Lv^8 = Br$ or other halogen)

by metal-halogen exchange (e.g. with butyllithium) followed by reaction with dimethyl formamide.

Alternatively, referring to Scheme 7 above, compounds of formula IIc, wherein R^5 is $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_m-Z-(CR^{11}R^{12})_s$; wherein Z is $-CH_2-$, may be prepared by the reductive deoxygenation of compound VIIIc using a silane and an acid source, typically triethylsilane and trifluoroacetic acid. Compounds VIIIc may be obtained by addition of compound IIIc to compound VIc. Various methods can be used to effect this reaction, such as deprotonation of IIIc ($Lv^5 = H$) with a base e.g. lithium diisopropylamide, or Reformatsky type activation of IIIc ($Lv^5 = Br$) with a metal or metal salt (e.g. chromium(II) chloride). Compounds VIc may be obtained from compound VIIc ($Lv^8 = Br$ or other halo) by metal-halogen exchange (e.g. with butyllithium) followed by reaction with dimethyl formamide.

Alternatively, referring to Scheme 8 above, compound IIc, wherein R^5 is $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_m-Z-(CR^{11}R^{12})_s$; wherein Z is $-CH_2-$, may be obtained by reaction of compounds IXc with suitable coupling partners of formula VIa. These reactions may be effected using electrophiles VIa (e.g. $Lv^2 =$ halides, sulphonate esters) in the presence of a base (e.g. cesium carbonate) or with alcohols ($Lv^2 = OH$) under Mitsunobu-type conditions (e.g. triphenyl phosphine and diethylazodicarboxylate). Compounds IXc can be prepared by deprotection of protected compounds Xc. Suitable protecting groups can include allyl, benzyl etc. Deprotection of Xc ($P =$ allyl) can be achieved by exposure to a soluble transition metal (e.g. tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(0)) in the presence of a base e.g. morpholine.

Intermediates Xc-XIIIc may be prepared by the methods described in Scheme 6.

Alternatively, referring to Scheme 9 above, compound Xc can be prepared by reacting compound XIVc (e.g. $Lv^{10} =$ halides, sulphonate esters) with compound IIIc, wherein Lv^5 is as described above. Compound XIVc can be prepared by reacting compound XVc with $(C=O)Cl_2$ in a polar aprotic solvents such as dimethylformamide. Compound XVc can be prepared by reacting compound XIIc with a reducing agent, such as sodium borohydride. Compounds XIIIc may be prepared by the method described in Scheme 6.

Alternatively, referring to Scheme 10 above, the compound of formula Ic, wherein R^5 is $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_m-Z-(CR^{11}R^{12})_s$; wherein Z is $-O-$, $-NR^{10a}-$, or $-S(O)_j-$; wherein each m and s are independently 0, 1, 2, or 3; and wherein j is 0, 1, or 2; may be prepared by hydrolysis of compounds IIc by alkali metal hydroxides (e.g. NaOH, LiOH, KOH) in a suitable solvent (e.g. aqueous THF, aqueous methanol or combinations thereof) at a temperature between 0 degrees Celcius and 100

degrees Celcius or by heating in a microwave synthesizer. Compounds of formula **IIc** may be obtained by reaction of compounds **IXc** with suitable coupling partners. These reactions may be effected using electrophiles (e.g. **VIa**; Lv^2 = halides, sulphonate esters) in the presence of a base (e.g. cesium carbonate, potassium carbonate or potassium *t*-butoxide) or with alcohols (**VIa**; Lv^2 = OH) under Mitsunobu-type conditions (e.g. triphenyl phosphine and diethylazodicarboxylate). Compounds **IXc** may be prepared by deprotection of compounds **XIc** wherein P is a protecting group. Suitable P protecting groups can include allyl, benzyl etc. Deprotection of **XIc** (P = allyl) can be achieved by exposure to a soluble transition metal (e.g. tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(0)) in the presence of a base e.g. morpholine or by reduction (**XIc**; P = benzyl) with hydrogen gas over a metal catalyst (e.g. palladium on carbon) in a suitable solvent (e.g. THF, methanol, ethanol) at a temperature between 0 degrees Celcius and 100 degrees Celcius. Compounds **XIc** can be obtained by alkylation of compounds **XIVc** with compound **IIIc** (Lv^5 = Cl, Br, I, triflate, as described above).

Referring to Scheme 11 above, in certain cases alkylation of an enolate anion of compound **IIIc** with a benzylhalide having a formula **XVIc** affords compounds **XVc**. Compounds **XVc** can be converted into compounds **Ic** by e.g. palladium mediated coupling reaction in a solvent known by those skilled in the art (e.g., March, Advanced organic Chemistry, Fourth Edition).

Referring to Scheme 12 above, compounds of formula **Id** may be prepared by hydrolysis of compounds **IId** by alkali metal hydroxides (e.g. NaOH, LiOH, KOH) in a suitable solvent (e.g. aqueous THF, aqueous methanol or combinations thereof) at a temperature between 0 degrees Celcius and 100 degrees Celcius. Compounds of formula **IId** may be prepared by reaction of compounds **IIId** with an appropriate hydrogenation agent such as hydrogen gas over a metal catalyst (e.g., palladium on carbon) in a suitable solvent (e.g. THF, methanol, ethanol) at a temperature between 0 degrees Celcius and 100 degrees Celcius. Compounds of formula **IIId** may be prepared by reaction of compounds **IVd** with an appropriate triphenyl phosphine reagent having a formula: $(C_6H_5)_3P^+-CH(OR^9)(COOR)$ Cl⁻ in a Wittig reaction. Suitable triphenyl phosphine reagents include 1,2-diethoxy-2-oxoethyl(triphenyl) phosphonium chloride. Compounds of formula **IVd** may be prepared by reaction of compounds **Vd** as described in Scheme 9. Compounds of formula **Vd** may be prepared by reaction of compounds **VId** and **VIId** as described in Scheme 9.

Alternatively, compounds of formula **IId** may be prepared by the methods of Scheme 13. Referring to Scheme 13, alkylation of enolate anion of methyl 2-methoxy propanoate with a benzyl halide **IXd** affords compounds **VIId**.

Compounds VIIIId can be elaborated to compounds IIId by e.g. palladium mediated coupling reaction. Compounds IIId may also be prepared from compounds Xd. Compounds Xd can be prepared from compounds XIId by a sequence of reactions such as (i) palladium mediated coupling reaction to form compounds XIId, and (ii)
5 reduction of the ester to alcohol, and (iii) halide formation to form compounds IIId.

Any of the above compounds of formula I and any of the compounds in the schemes 1-13 above can be converted into another analogous compound by standard chemical manipulations. These chemical manipulations are known to those skilled in the art and include a) removal of a protecting group by methods outlined in
10 T. W. Greene and P.G.M. Wuts, "Protective Groups in Organic Synthesis", Second Edition, John Wiley and Sons, New York, 1991; b) displacement of a leaving group (halide, mesylate, tosylate, etc) with a primary or secondary amine, thiol or alcohol to form a secondary or tertiary amine, thioether or ether, respectively; c) treatment of phenyl (or substituted phenyl) carbamates with primary or secondary amines to form
15 the corresponding ureas as in Thavonekham, B et. al. Synthesis (1997), 10, p1189; d) reduction of propargyl or homopropargyl alcohols or N-BOC protected primary amines to the corresponding E-allylic or E-homoallylic derivatives by treatment with sodium bis(2-methoxyethoxy)aluminum hydride (Red-Al) as in Denmark, S. E.; Jones, T. K. J. Org. Chem. (1982) 47, 4595-4597 or van Benthem, R. A. T. M.;
20 Michels, J. J.; Speckamp, W. N. Synlett (1994), 368-370; e) reduction of alkynes to the corresponding Z-alkene derivatives by treatment hydrogen gas and a Pd catalyst as in Tomassy, B. et. al. Synth. Commun. (1998), 28, p1201 f) treatment of primary and secondary amines with an isocyanate, acid chloride (or other activated carboxylic acid derivative), alkyl/aryl chloroformate or sulfonyl chloride to provide the
25 corresponding urea, amide, carbamate or sulfonamide; g) reductive amination of a primary or secondary amine using $R^1CH(O)$; and h) treatment of alcohols with an isocyanate, acid chloride (or other activated carboxylic acid derivative), alkyl/aryl chloroformate or sulfonyl chloride to provide the corresponding carbamate, ester, carbonate or sulfonic acid ester.

30 The compounds of the present invention may have asymmetric carbon atoms. Diastereomeric mixtures can be separated into their individual diastereomers on the basis of their physical chemical differences by methods known to those skilled in the art, for example, by chromatography or fractional crystallization. Enantiomers can be separated by converting the enantiomeric mixtures into a diastereomeric mixture by reaction with an appropriate optically active compound (e.g., alcohol),
35 separating the diastereomers and converting (e.g., hydrolyzing) the individual diastereomers to the corresponding pure enantiomers; or by chromatographic separation using chiral stationary or mobile phase. All such isomers, including

diastereomeric mixtures and pure enantiomers are considered as part of the invention.

The compounds of formulas (I) that are basic in nature are capable of forming a wide variety of different salts with various inorganic and organic acids.

5 Although such salts must be pharmaceutically acceptable for administration to animals, it is often desirable in practice to initially isolate the compound of formula (I) from the reaction mixture as a pharmaceutically unacceptable salt and then simply convert the latter back to the free base compound by treatment with an alkaline reagent and subsequently convert the latter free base to a pharmaceutically

10 acceptable acid addition salt. The acid addition salts of the base compounds of this invention are readily prepared by treating the base compound with a substantially equivalent amount of the chosen mineral or organic acid in an aqueous solvent medium or in a suitable organic solvent, such as methanol or ethanol. Upon careful evaporation of the solvent, the desired solid salt is readily obtained. The desired acid

15 salt can also be precipitated from a solution of the free base in an organic solvent by adding to the solution an appropriate mineral or organic acid.

Those compounds of formula (I) that are acidic in nature are capable of forming base salts with various pharmacologically acceptable cations. Examples of such salts include the alkali metal or alkaline-earth metal salts and particularly, the

20 sodium and potassium salts. These salts are all prepared by conventional techniques. The chemical bases which are used as reagents to prepare the pharmaceutically acceptable base salts of this invention are those which form non-toxic base salts with the acidic compounds of formula (I). Such non-toxic base salts include those derived from such pharmacologically acceptable cations as sodium,

25 potassium calcium and magnesium, etc. These salts can easily be prepared by treating the corresponding acidic compounds with an aqueous solution containing the desired pharmacologically acceptable cations, and then evaporating the resulting solution to dryness, preferably under reduced pressure. Alternatively, they may also be prepared by mixing lower alkanolic solutions of the acidic compounds and the

30 desired alkali metal alkoxide together, and then evaporating the resulting solution to dryness in the same manner as before. In either case, stoichiometric quantities of reagents are preferably employed in order to ensure completeness of reaction and maximum yields of the desired final product.

The compounds of the present invention are modulators of PPAR, preferably

35 PPAR γ and α . The compounds of the present invention can modulate processes mediated by PPAR- γ , which refers to biological, physiological, endocrinological, and other bodily processes which are mediated by receptor or receptor combinations which are responsive to the PPAR agonists described herein (e.g.,

diabetes, hyperlipidemia, obesity, impaired glucose tolerance, hypertension, fatty liver, diabetic complications (e.g. retinopathy, nephropathy, neurosis, cataracts and coronary artery diseases and the like), arteriosclerosis, pregnancy diabetes, polycystic ovary syndrome, cardiovascular diseases (e.g. ischemic heart disease and the like), cell injury (e.g. brain injury induced by strokes and the like) induced by atherosclerosis or ischemic heart disease, gout, inflammatory diseases (e.g. arthroseitis, pain, pyrexia, rheumatoid arthritis, inflammatory enteritis, acne, sunburn, psoriasis, eczema, allergosis, asthma, GI ulcer, cachexia, autoimmune diseases, pancreatitis and the like), cancer, osteoporosis and cataracts. Modulation of such processes can be accomplished *in vitro* or *in vivo*. *In vivo* modulation can be carried out in a wide range of subjects, such as, for example, humans, rodents, sheep, pigs, cows, and the like.

The compounds of the present invention may also be useful in the treatment of other metabolic syndromes associated with impaired glucose utilization and insulin resistance include major late-stage complications of NIDDM, such as diabetic angiopathy, atherosclerosis, diabetic nephropathy, diabetic neuropathy, and diabetic ocular complications such as retinopathy, cataract formation and glaucoma, and many other conditions linked to NIDDM, including dyslipidemia glucocorticoid induced insulin resistance, dyslipidemia, polycystic ovarian syndrome, obesity, hyperglycemia, hyperlipidemia, hypercholesteremia, hypertriglyceridemia, hyperinsulinemia, and hypertension. Brief definitions of these conditions are available in any medical dictionary, for instance, Stedman's Medical Dictionary (Xth Ed.).

The *in vitro* activity of the compounds of formula (I) may be determined by the following procedure.

Scintillation Proximity Assay (SPA) assays

In the SPA assay, 3H labeled darglitazone (for PPAR- γ) or GW2331 (for PPAR- α) is bound to the PPAR protein captured on SPA polylysine beads and generates radioactive count signal that can be detected by TopCounts (Packard). The PPAR-bound 3H labeled ligand can be displaced by an unlabeled compound. The K_i of the compound can be then determined by the extent of displacement at various compound concentrations.

Reagents:

SPA polylysine beads, which can be purchased from Amersham Bioscience.

3H labeled Darglitazone for PPAR- γ .

3H labeled GW2331 for PPAR- α .

PPAR proteins.

Buffer – PBS, 10% glycerol, 14 mM beta-mercaptoethanol.

The compounds of the present invention that were tested all have Kis in at least one of the above SPA assays of between 0.3 nM to 30 μ M. Certain preferred groups of compounds possess differential selectivity toward the various PPARs.

- 5 One group of preferred compounds possesses selective activity towards PPAR- α over PPAR- γ . Another preferred group of compounds possesses selective activity towards PPAR- γ over PPAR- α . Another preferred group of compounds possesses selective activity towards both PPAR- α and PPAR- γ over PPAR- δ . Another preferred group of compounds possesses selective activity towards PPAR- δ over both PPAR- α and PPAR- γ .

- 10 The alpha substituted carboxylic acids compounds of Formula (I) may be provided in suitable topical, oral and parenteral pharmaceutical formulations for use in the treatment of PPAR mediated diseases. The compounds of the present invention may be administered orally as tablets or capsules, as oily or aqueous suspensions, lozenges, troches, powders, granules, emulsions, syrups or elixirs. The compositions for oral use may include one or more agents for flavoring, sweetening, coloring and preserving in order to produce pharmaceutically elegant and palatable preparations. Tablets may contain pharmaceutically acceptable excipients as an aid in the manufacture of such tablets. As is conventional in the art
- 15 these tablets may be coated with a pharmaceutically acceptable enteric coating, such as glyceryl monostearate or glyceryl distearate, to delay disintegration and absorption in the gastrointestinal tract to provide a sustained action over a longer period.

- 20 Formulations for oral use may be in the form of hard gelatin capsules wherein the active ingredient is mixed with an inert solid diluent, for example, calcium carbonate, calcium phosphate or kaolin. They may also be in the form of soft gelatin capsules wherein the active ingredient is mixed with water or an oil medium, such as peanut oil, liquid paraffin or olive oil.

- 25 Aqueous suspensions normally contain active ingredients in admixture with excipients suitable for the manufacture of an aqueous suspension. Such excipients may be a suspending agent, such as sodium carboxymethyl cellulose, methyl cellulose, hydroxypropylmethyl cellulose, sodium alginate, polyvinylpyrrolidone, gum tragacanth and gum acacia; a dispersing or wetting agent that may be a naturally occurring phosphatide such as lecithin, a condensation product of ethylene oxide and a long chain fatty acid, for example polyoxyethylene stearate, a condensation product of ethylene oxide and a long chain aliphatic alcohol such as heptadecaethylenoxycetanol, a condensation product of ethylene oxide and a partial ester derived from a fatty acid and hexitol such as polyoxyethylene sorbitol
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monooleate or a fatty acid hexitol anhydrides such as polyoxyethylene sorbitan monooleate.

The pharmaceutical compositions may be in the form of a sterile injectable aqueous or oleagenous suspension. This suspension may be formulated according to know methods using those suitable dispersing or wetting agents and suspending agents that have been mentioned above. The sterile injectable preparation may also be formulated as a suspension in a non toxic perenterally-acceptable diluent or solvent, for example as a solution in 1,3-butanediol. Among the acceptable vehicles and solvents that may be employed are water, Ringers solution and isotonic sodium chloride solution. For this purpose any bland fixed oil may be employed including synthetic mono- or diglycerides. In addition fatty acids such as oleic acid find use in the preparation of injectables.

The alpha substituted carboxylic acids compounds of Formula (I) may also be administered in the form of suppositories for rectal administration of the drug. These compositions can be prepared by mixing the drug with a suitable non-irritating excipient that is solid at about room temperature but liquid at rectal temperature and will therefore melt in the rectum to release the drug. Such materials include cocoa butter and other glycerides.

For topical use preparations, for example, creams, ointments, jellies solutions, or suspensions, containing the compounds of the present invention are employed.

The alpha substituted carboxylic acids compounds of Formula (I) may also be administered in the form of liposome delivery systems such as small unilamellar vesicles, large unilamellar vesicles and multimellar vesicles. Liposomes can be formed from a variety of phospholipides, such as cholesterol, stearylamine or phosphatidylcholines.

Dosage levels of the compounds of the present invention are of the order of about 0.5 mg/kg body weight to about 100 mg/kg body weight. A preferred dosage rate is between about 30 mg/kg body weight to about 100 mg/kg body weight. It will be understood, however, that the specific dose level for any particular patient will depend upon a number of factors including the activity of the particular compound being administered, the age, body weight, general health, sex, diet, time of administration, route of administration, rate of excretion, drug combination and the severity of the particular disease undergoing therapy. To enhance the therapeutic activity of the present compounds they may be administered concomitantly with other orally active antidiabetic compounds such as the sulfonylureas, for example, tolbutamide and the like.

Methods of preparing various pharmaceutical compositions with a specific amount of active compound are known, or will be apparent, to those skilled in this art. For examples, see Remington's Pharmaceutical Sciences, Mack Publishing Company, Easter, Pa., 15th Edition (1975).

5 The examples and preparations provided below further illustrate and exemplify the compounds of the present invention and methods of preparing such compounds. It is to be understood that the scope of the present invention is not limited in any way by the scope of the following examples and preparations. In the following examples molecules with a single chiral center, unless otherwise noted, exist as a racemic mixture. Those molecules with two or more chiral centers, unless otherwise noted, exist as a racemic mixture of diastereomers. Single enantiomers/diastereomers may be obtained by methods known to those skilled in the art.

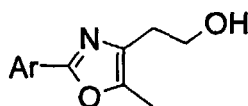
15 Where HPLC chromatography is referred to in the preparations and examples below, the general conditions used, unless otherwise indicated, are as follows. The column used is a ZORBAX™ RXC18 column (manufactured by Hewlett Packard) of 150 mm distance and 4.6 mm interior diameter. The samples are run on a Hewlett Packard- 1100 systemA gradient solvent method is used running 100 percent ammonium acetate / acetic acid buffer (0.2 M) to 100 percent acetonitrile over 10 minutes. The system then proceeds on a wash cycle with 100 percent acetonitrile for 1.5 minutes and then 100 percent buffer solution for 3 minutes. The flow rate over this period is a constant 3 ml / minute.

25 In the following examples and preparations, "Et" means ethyl, "AC" means acetyl, "Me" means methyl, "ETOAC" or "ETOAc" means ethyl acetate, "THF" means tetrahydrofuran, and "Bu" means butyl.

Chiral supercritical fluid chromatography (SFC) conditions.

Single enantiomers of certain racemic compounds were obtained by SFC using a chiralpak AD-H column at 140 bar and 2.5 mL/min, chiralpak AS-H column at 140 bar and 2.5 mL/min, chiralpak OJ-H column at 140 bar and 2.5 mL/min.

30 Throughout the following sections, compounds of the general formula below were prepared by procedures analogous to those described in Heterocycles, 2001, 55(4), 689-703.



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Example A-12-Methyl-2-[(3'-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl)oxy]propanoic acid

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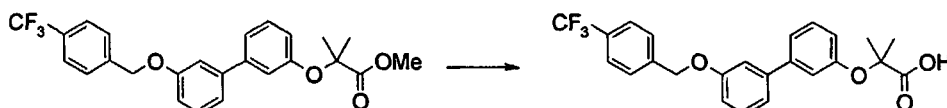
To a solution of methyl 2-methyl-2-[(3'-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl)oxy]propanoate (0.89 g, 1.76 mmol) in methanol (20 mL) was added water (2.6 mL) and potassium carbonate (0.73 g, 2.0 equiv). The mixture was then heated at reflux for 5 hours and allowed to cool to ambient temperature. The solution was poured into water, acidified to pH 2 with 1N hydrochloric acid and extracted with ethyl acetate (3x30 mL). The combined organics were washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride, dried (anhydrous sodium sulfate), filtered and concentrated to dryness to give the title compound as a white crystalline solid (0.6 g, 70%).

15 Elemental Analysis: Calcd for $C_{28}H_{27}NO_5$ C 73.51, H 5.95, N 3.06. Found: C 73.26, H 6.08, N 3.06.

LRMS: 458 (M+H)⁺.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): 7.97 (2H, dd, *J* = 3.0, 6.6 Hz), 7.43 (2H, d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 7.41 (1H, s), 7.31 (2H, t, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.23 (2H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 7.17 (1H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.12 (1H, bs), 6.93 (1H, dd, *J* = 1.4, 8.2 Hz), 6.87 (1H, dd, *J* = 2.0, 8.1 Hz), 4.29 (2H, t, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 3.07 (2H, t, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 2.40 (3H, s), 1.63 (6H, s).

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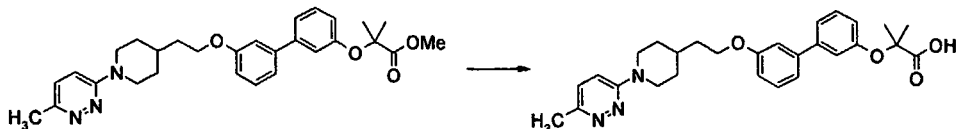
Example A-22-Methyl-2-[(3'-[4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl]oxy]-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl)oxy]propanoic acid

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Following the procedure described in Example A-1, starting from methyl 2-methyl-2-[(3'-[4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl]oxy]-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl)oxy]propanoate, the title compound was produced.

LRMS: 431 (M+H)⁺.

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Example A-3**2-Methyl-2-[(3'-[2-[1-(6-methylpyridazin-3-yl)piperidin-4-yl]ethoxy]-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl]oxy]propanoic acid**

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Following the procedure described in Example A-1, starting from methyl 2-methyl-2-[(3'-[2-[1-(6-methylpyridazin-3-yl)piperidin-4-yl]ethoxy]-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl]oxy]propanoate, the title compound was produced as a pale yellow crystalline solid.

10 LRMS: 477 (M+H)⁺.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): 7.27 (2H, q, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.20-7.18 (2H, m), 7.12 (1H, bd, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.08-7.06 (2H, m), 6.94-6.93 (1H, m), 6.91-6.90 (1H, m), 6.84 (1H, dd, J = 2.0, 7.8 Hz), 4.25 (2H, bd, J = 13.1 Hz), 4.04 (2H, t, J = 6.1 Hz), 2.88 (2H, t, J = 13.4 Hz), 2.48 (3H, s), 1.80-1.70 (5H, m), 1.65 (6H, s), 1.33-1.27 (2H, m).

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Example A-4**1-[(3'-[2-(5-Methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl]oxy)cyclobutanecarboxylic acid**

To a solution of ethyl 1-[(3'-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl]oxy)cyclobutanecarboxylate (0.138 g, 0.278 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (3 mL) and methanol (1 mL) was added 2M aqueous lithium hydroxide (0.28 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 16 hours. Water (5 mL) and diethyl ether (10 mL) were added and the resulting solution stirred for 10 min. The ethereal layer was removed and the aqueous layer acidified to pH 2 with 1N hydrochloric acid at 0 °C and stirred for 20 min. The white precipitate was collected by filtration and washed with ice-cold water. After drying at 40 °C under high vacuum the title compound was afforded as a white crystalline solid (0.091 g, 70%).

25 Elemental Analysis: Calcd for C₂₉H₂₇NO₅·0.15LiCl C 73.18, H 5.72, N 2.94. Found: C 73.08, H 5.67, N 2.93.

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LRMS: 471 (M+H)⁺.

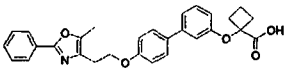
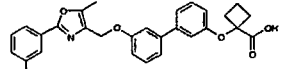
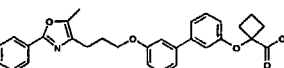
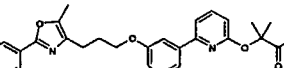
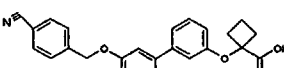
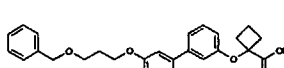
¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): 8.03-8.00 (2H, m), 7.43 (3H, t, J = 3.3 Hz), 7.30 (2H, t, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.16 (2H, d, J = 6.8 Hz), 7.09 (1H, t, J = 2.3 Hz), 6.91-6.85 (3H, m),

4.27 (2H, t, $J = 7.8$ Hz), 3.06 (3H, t, $J = 8.1$ Hz), 2.83-2.76 (2H, m), 2.53-2.46 (2H, m), 2.40 (3H, s), 2.06-1.97 (2H, m).

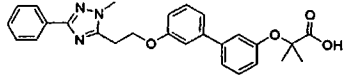
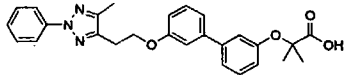
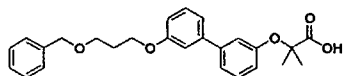
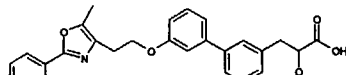
Examples A-5 to A-28

5 Examples A-5 to A-28 were prepared using procedures analogous to those described for Example A-4.

Ex. #	Structure	¹ H NMR	MS (m/z) (LR or HR)	Analysis
A-5		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz) 7.95 (2H, dd, $J = 2.9, 6.7$ Hz), 7.38-7.35 (3H, m), 7.29-7.22 (2H, m), 7.13-7.10 (3H, m), 7.07 (1H, t, $J = 2.3$ Hz), 6.91-6.88 (1H, m), 6.81 (1H, dd, $J = 1.8, 8.3$ Hz), 4.57 (1H, t, $J = 6.2$ Hz), 4.23 (2H, t, $J = 7.7$ Hz), 3.05-2.92 (2H, m), 2.34 (3H, s), 2.03-1.96 (2H, m), 1.06 (3H, t, $J = 7.5$ Hz).	for LR 458 (M+H) ⁺	Calcd for C ₂₈ H ₂₇ NO ₅ 0.41H ₂ O C 72.34, H 6.03, N 3.01. Found: C 72.33, H 6.01, N 2.95.
A-6		(DMSO-d ₆ , 400 MHz) 7.91 (2H, dd, $J = 1.8, 7.6$ Hz), 7.73 (1H, t, $J = 7.8$ Hz), 7.52-7.44 (6H, m), 7.25 (1H, t, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 6.83 (1H, dd, $J = 2.0, 8.1$ Hz), 6.72 (1H, d, $J = 8.1$ Hz), 4.61 (2H, t, $J = 6.7$ Hz), 4.11 (1H, t, $J = 6.3$ Hz), 2.98 (2H, t, $J = 6.7$ Hz), 2.32 (3H, s), 1.84-1.69 (2H, m), 0.95 (3H, t, $J = 7.3$ Hz).	for LR 459 (M+H) ⁺	Calcd for C ₂₇ H ₂₅ LiN ₂ O ₅ 2.32 H ₂ O C 64.82, H 6.17, N 5.60. Found: C 64.83, H 5.89, N 5.52.
A-7		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz) 8.02-8.00 (2H, m), 7.65-7.64 (1H, m), 7.61 (1H, m), 7.45-7.42 (3H, m), 7.40-7.30 (3H, m), 7.05 (1H, ddd, $J = 1.0, 2.5, 7.8$ Hz), 6.65 (1H, d, $J = 8.1$ Hz), 4.74-4.69 (2H, m), 3.10-3.07 (2H, m), 2.83-2.76 (2H, m), 2.47-2.38 (2H, m), 2.40 (3H, s), 2.09-1.95 (2H, m).	for LR 471 (M+H) ⁺	Calcd for C ₂₈ H ₂₆ N ₂ O ₅ 0.09Li Cl C 70.89, H 5.52, N 5.90. Found: C 70.94, H 5.65, N 5.93.
A-8		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz) 8.11 (1H, dd, $J = 1.5, 2.5$ Hz), 8.00-7.97 (2H, m), 7.62 (1H, t, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 7.46-7.41 (4H, m), 7.35 (1H, d, $J = 7.3$ Hz), 7.31 (1H, t, $J = 7.8$ Hz), 7.00 (1H, ddd, $J = 1.0, 2.8, 8.1$ Hz), 6.65 (1H, d, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 4.74-4.69 (2H, m), 3.16-3.12 (2H, m), 2.41 (3H, s), 1.63 (6H, s).	for LR 459 (M+H) ⁺	
A-9		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz) 8.63 (1H, bs), 8.13 (1H, bs), 8.06 (1H, dd, $J = 1.3, 2.5$ Hz), 7.99-7.96 (2H, m), 7.52 (1H, d, $J = 7.8$ Hz), 7.46-7.42 (3H, m), 7.35 (1H, t, $J = 7.8$ Hz), 7.04 (1H, dd, $J = 2.3, 8.1$ Hz), 4.72-4.68 (2H, m),	for LR 460 (M+H) ⁺	Calcd for C ₂₆ H ₂₅ N ₃ O ₅ 0.47H ₂ O C 66.73, H 5.59, N 8.98. Found: C 66.69, H 5.48, N 8.96.

		3.16-3.12 (2H, m), 2.43 (3H, s), 1.63 (6H, s).		
A-10		¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) : 1.91 - 2.02 (m, 2 H), 2.24 - 2.31 (m, 3 H), 2.38 - 2.49 (m, 2 H), 2.75 (td, 2 H), 2.86 (t, 2 H), 4.04 (t, 2 H), 6.58 (dd, 1 H), 6.75 - 6.86 (m, 3 H), 7.04 (d, 1 H), 7.16 - 7.22 (m, 2 H), 7.30 - 7.38 (m, 3 H), 7.90 (dd, 2 H).	LRMS (m/z): 470 (M+H) ⁺ .	
A-11		¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) : 1.83-2.05(m, 2H), 2.51(s, 3H), 2.50-2.2.58(m, 2H), 2.75-2.83(m, 2H), 5.02(s, 2H), 6.52 (m, 1H), 6.96-7. 56(m, 9H), 7.73-7.86(m, 2H).		
A-12		¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) : 1.97 - 2.07 (m, 2 H), 2.13 - 2.23 (m, 2 H), 2.29 (s, 3 H), 2.45 - 2.54 (m, 2 H), 2.70 - 2.81 (m, 4 H), 4.21 (q, 2 H), 6.63-6.65 (m, 1H), 7.07 - 7.18 (m, 2 H) 7.24 - 7.34 (m, 4 H) 7.37 - 7.45 (m, 4 H) 7.98 (dd, 2 H).	LRMS (m/z): 484.5 (M+H) ⁺ .	
A-13		¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) : 1.61 (s, 6 H), 2.35 (s, 3 H), 2.78 - 2.89 (m, 4 H), 4.23 - 4.31 (m, 2 H), 6.77 (d, 2 H), 7.15 (d, 4 H), 7.36 - 7.45 (m, 4 H), 7.97 (dd, 2 H).	LRMS (m/z): 473.5 (M+H) ⁺ .	
A-14		¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) : 1.99 - 2.11 (m, 2 H), 2.51 (dq, 2 H), 2.77 - 2.85 (m, 2 H), 5.25 (s, 2 H), 6.65 - 6.72 (m, 2 H), 6.94 - 6.99 (m, 2 H), 7.15 - 7.22 (m, 2 H), 7.35 (t, 2 H), 7.42 - 7.51 (m, 2 H), 7.80 (dd, 4 H).	LRMS (m/z): 443.0 (M+H) ⁺ .	
A-15		¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) : 1.98 - 2.08 (m, 2 H), 2.45 - 2.55 (m, 2 H), 2.74 - 2.83 (m, 2 H), 5.18 (s, 2 H), 6.91 - 6.98 (m, 1 H) 7.13 - 7.21 (m, 2 H) 7.26 - 7.37 (m, 5 H), 7.56 - 7.63 (m, 2 H), 7.69 (d, 2 H).	LRMS (m/z): 423 (M+H) ⁺ .	
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A-17		¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) : 1.96 - 2.07 (m, 2 H), 2.44 - 2.55 (m, 2 H), 2.74 - 2.82 (m, 2 H), 3.89 (s, 1 H), 5.25 - 5.31 (s, 2 H), 6.63-6.65 (m, 1H), 7.00 - 7.10 (m, 4 H), 7.17 (t, 2 H), 7.23 - 7.31 (m, 4 H), 8.12 (d, 2 H).	LRMS (m/z): 473.5 (M+H) ⁺ .	
A-18		¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) : 2.02 - 2.14 (m, 2 H) 2.44 - 2.54 (m, 5H) 2.75 - 2.86 (m, 2 H) 5.26 (s, 2 H) 6.95 - 7.05 (m, 1 H) 7.16 - 7.23 (m, 2 H) 7.25 - 7.36 (m, 6 H) 7.46 (t, 2H) 8.02 (d, 2 H).	LRMS (m/z): 456.5 (M+H) ⁺ .	
A-19		¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) : 1.96 - 2.07 (m, 2 H), 2.44 - 2.54 (m, 5 H), 2.74 - 2.82 (m, 2 H), 5.25 (s, 2 H), 6.96 - 7.04 (m, 1 H), 7.16 (d, 2 H), 7.22 - 7.28 (m, 2 H), 7.32 (td, 4 H), 7.42 - 7.49 (m, 2 H), 7.99 - 8.05 (m, 2 H)	LRMS (m/z): 456.1 (M+H) ⁺ .	
A-20		¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) : 1.97 - 2.07 (m, 2 H), 2.52 (s, 3 H), 2.64 - 2.65 (m, 2 H), 2.74 - 2.82 (m, 2 H), 4.89 (s, 2H), 6.68-6.70 (m, 1H), 6.83-6.85 (m, 2H), 7.24 - 7.30 (m, 3 H) 7.41 - 7.47 (m, 3 H), 7.58-7.62(m, 2H), 7.66-7.68(m, 2H).	LRMS (m/z): 456.2 (M+H) ⁺ .	
A-21		¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) : 1.56 - 1.65 (m, 6 H), 2.43 (s, 3 H), 3.09 (t, 2 H), 4.33 (t, 2 H), 6.86 - 6.96 (m, 2 H), 7.11 - 7.19 (m, 2 H), 7.20 - 7.26 (m, 4 H), 7.32 (t, 2 H), 7.41 (td, 1 H), 7.70 (ddd, 1 H) 7.81 (d, 1 H).	LRMS (m/z): 476 (M+H) ⁺ .	
A-22		¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) : 1.64 (s, 6 H), 2.41 (s, 3 H), 3.06 (t, 2 H), 4.31 (t, 2 H), 6.88 (dd, 3 H), 7.04 - 7.13 (m, 1 H), 7.14 - 7.23 (m, 2 H), 7.23 - 7.34 (m, 3 H), 7.52 (dd, 2 H).	LRMS (m/z): 494 (M+H) ⁺ .	
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A-24		¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) : 1.76 (s, 6 H), 2.49 (s, 3 H), 5.16(s, 2H), 7.07 - 7.19 (m, 2 H), 7.23 (t, 1 H), 7.32 (td, 4 H), 7.36 - 7.47 (m, 4 H), 7.98 (dd, 2 H)	LRMS (m/z): 444.5 (M+H) ⁺ .	

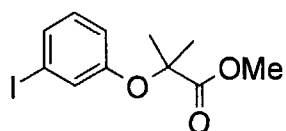
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A-26		¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) 1.56 (s, 6 H), 2.31 (s, 3 H), 3.11 (t, 2 H), 4.25 (t, 2 H), 6.81 (m, 2 H), 6.96 (s, 1 H), 7.06 (m, 2 H), 7.20 (m, 4 H), 7.30 (t, 2 H), 7.82 (d, 2 H).	LRMS (m/z): 458 (M+H) ⁺ .	
A-27		¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) 1.62 (s, 6 H), 2.07 - 2.15 (m, 2 H), 3.60 - 3.71 (m, 2 H), 4.13 (q, 2 H), 4.53 (s, 2 H), 6.83 - 6.93 (m, 2 H), 7.01 - 7.09 (m, 1 H), 7.12 (d, 1 H), 7.14 - 7.20 (m, 1 H), 7.30 (ddd, 8 H).	LRMS (m/z): 421 (M+H) ⁺ .	
A-28		¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) : 1.18 (t, 3 H), 2.43 (s, 3 H), 2.96 - 3.08 (m, 4 H), 3.32-3.35(m, 2H), 3.62-3.65(m, 1H), 4.24 - 4.33 (m, 2 H), 7.07 - 7.19 (m, 2 H), 7.23 (t, 1 H), 7.32 (td, 4 H), 7.36 - 7.47 (m, 4 H), 7.98 (dd, 2 H).	LRMS (m/z): 472.5 (M+H) ⁺ .	

Preparations of Starting Materials for Examples A-1 to A-28 (Preparations a-1 to a-11)

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Preparation a-1

Methyl 2-(3-iodophenoxy)-2-methylpropanoate



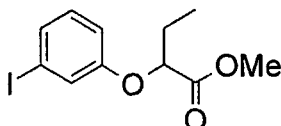
To a solution of 3-iodophenol (1.08 g, 4.9 mmol) in *N,N*-dimethylformamide (10 mL) was added methyl 2-bromo-2-methyl-propionate (0.76 mL, 1.2 equiv) and cesium carbonate (3.45 g, 2 equiv). The resulting mixture was heated at 90 °C for 24 hours and then allowed to cool to ambient temperature. Water was introduced and the mixture extracted with diethyl ether (3x20 mL). The combined organics were washed with water and saturated aqueous sodium chloride, dried (anhydrous sodium sulfate), filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography using 0-30% ethyl acetate in hexanes to provide the title compound (0.83 g, 53%).

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LRMS: 321 (M+H)⁺.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): 7.22 (1H, dt, *J* = 1.3, 7.8 Hz), 7.12 (1H, dd, *J* = 1.6, 2.4 Hz), 6.84 (1H, t, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 6.66 (1H, ddd, *J* = 0.8, 2.5, 8.3 Hz), 3.66 (3H, s), 1.47 (6H, s).

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Preparation a-2Methyl 2-(3-iodophenoxy)butanoate

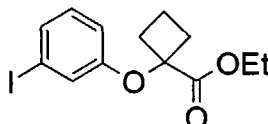
Following the procedure described in Preparation a-1, using ethyl 2-bromopropionate in place of methyl 2-bromo-2-methyl-propionate at ambient temperature, the title compound was obtained in 93% yield.

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LRMS: 321 (M+H)⁺.

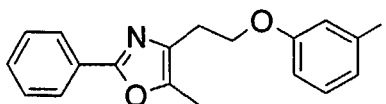
¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): 7.30 (1H, ddd, *J* = 1.0, 1.5, 7.8 Hz), 7.24 (1H, dd, *J* = 1.6, 2.4 Hz), 6.97 (1H, dd, *J* = 7.8, 8.3 Hz), 6.82 (1H, ddd, *J* = 1.0, 2.5, 8.6 Hz), 4.53 (1H, dd, *J* = 5.8, 6.6 Hz), 3.75 (3H, s), 2.00-1.93 (2H, m), 1.05 (3H, t, *J* = 7.5

15 Hz).

Preparation a-3Ethyl 1-(3-bromophenoxy)cyclobutanecarboxylate

Following the procedure described in Preparation a-1, using 3-bromophenol and ethyl 1-bromocyclobutanecarboxylate as starting materials and heating in a solution of acetonitrile, the title compound was obtained in 56% yield.

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LRMS: 300 (M+H)⁺.Preparation a-44-[2-(3-iodophenoxy)ethyl]-5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazole

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Following the procedure described in Preparation a-1, starting from 3-iodophenol and 2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)-ethyl-4-methylbenzenesulfonate at ambient temperature, the title compound was produced in 77% yield as a colorless oil.

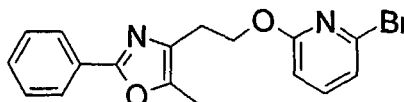
30 LRMS: 406 (M+H)⁺.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): 7.87 (2H, dd, *J* = 1.9, 7.7 Hz), 7.34-7.29 (3H, m), 7.15-7.13 (2H, m), 6.86 (1H, t, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 6.76-6.73 (1H, m), 4.10 (2H, t, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 2.85 (2H, t, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 2.26 (3H, s).

Preparation a-5

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2-Bromo-6-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]pyridine



To a solution of 2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)-ethanol (1.04 g, 5.1 mmol) and 2,6-dibromopyridine (1.21 g, 5.1 mmol) in anhydrous dioxane (20 mL) at 0 °C was added sodium hydride (60% in oil, 0.368 g, 3 equiv). The resulting mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 16 hours. The mixture was poured into ice-cold water and extracted with ethyl acetate (3x50 mL). The combined organics were washed with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate and saturated aqueous sodium chloride, dried (anhydrous sodium sulfate), filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography using 0-50% ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford the title compound as a white crystalline solid (1.19 g, 65%).

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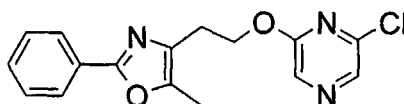
LRMS: 359 (M+H)⁺.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): 7.97 (2H, dd, *J* = 1.8, 7.8 Hz), 7.44-7.35 (4H, m), 7.03 (1H, d, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 6.65 (1H, d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 4.55 (2H, t, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 2.97 (2H, t, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 2.34 (3H, s).

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Preparation a-6

2-Chloro-6-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]pyrazine



Following the procedure described in Preparation a-5, starting from 2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)-ethanol and 2,6 dichloropyrazine, the title compound was obtained in 64% yield.

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LRMS: 316 (M+H)⁺.

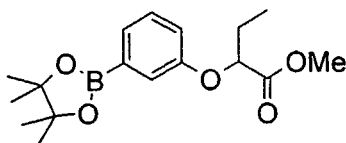
¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): 8.11 (2H, d, *J* = 10.4 Hz), 7.97 (2H, dd, *J* = 1.9, 7.7 Hz), 7.44-7.39 (3H, m), 4.60 (2H, t, *J* = 6.7 Hz), 2.99 (2H, t, *J* = 6.7 Hz), 2.35 (3H, s).

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Preparation a-7

Methyl 2-[3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)phenoxy]butanoate

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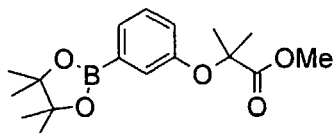
To a solution of methyl 2-(3-iodophenoxy)-2-methylpropanoate (Preparation a-2) (1.49 g, 4.65 mmol) in dimethylsulfoxide (40 mL) was added potassium acetate (1.37 g, 3 equiv), bis(pinacolato)diboron (1.3 g, 1.1 equiv) and a solution of [1,1'-bis(diphenylphosphino)-ferrocene]dichloropalladium (II) complex (0.152 g, 0.04 equiv) in dichloromethane. The resulting mixture was heated at 80 °C for 16 hours and allowed to cool to ambient temperature. Water was introduced and the mixture extracted with diethyl ether (3x30 mL). The combined organics were washed with 5% aqueous sodium bicarbonate (2x50 mL) and saturated aqueous sodium chloride, dried (anhydrous sodium sulfate), filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography using 0-25% ethyl acetate in hexanes to provide the title compound (0.92 g, 62%)

LRMS: 321 (M+H)⁺.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): 7.40 (1H, d, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 7.32 (1H, d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 7.28 (1H, d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 6.97 (1H, ddd, *J* = 1.0, 2.8, 8.1 Hz), 4.64 (1H, t, *J* = 6.3 Hz), 3.73 (3H, s), 2.01-1.94 (2H, m), 1.32 (12H, s), 1.06 (3H, t, *J* = 7.5 Hz).

Preparation a-8

Methyl 2-methyl-2-[3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)phenoxy]propanoate



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Following the procedure described in Preparation a-7, using methyl 2-(3-iodophenoxy)-2-methylpropanoate (Preparation 1) as starting material, the title compound was produced in 75% yield.

LRMS: 321 (M+H)⁺.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): 7.42 (1H, d, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 7.29 (1H, d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 7.22 (1H, t, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 6.90 (1H, ddd, *J* = 0.8, 2.8, 8.1 Hz), 3.75 (3H, s), 1.56 (6H, s), 1.30 (12H, s).

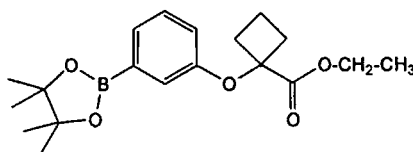
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Preparation a-9

Ethyl 1-[3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)phenoxy]cyclobutanecarboxylate

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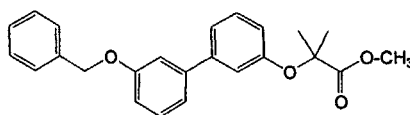


Following the procedure described in Preparation a-7, using ethyl 1-(3-bromophenoxy)cyclobutanecarboxylate (Preparation 3) as starting material, the title compound was produced in 80% yield.

5 LRMS: 347 (M+H)⁺.

Preparation a-10

Methyl 2-([3'-(benzyloxy)-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl]oxy)-2-methylpropanoate



- 10 To a solution of methyl 2-(3-iodophenoxy)-2-methylpropanoate (Preparation a-1) (1.14 g, 3.56 mmol) in benzene (20 mL) was added 3-benzyloxyphenylboronic acid (0.89 g, 1.1 equiv), 2M aqueous sodium carbonate (3.56 mL) and tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)
- 15 palladium (0) (0.2 g, 0.05 equiv). The resulting mixture heated at reflux for 2 hours and allowed to cool to ambient temperature. Water was added and the mixture extracted with diethyl ether (3x20 mL). The combined organics were washed with 5% aqueous sodium bicarbonate and saturated aqueous sodium chloride, dried (anhydrous sodium sulfate) and concentrated. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography using 0-15% ethyl acetate in hexanes to give the title
- 20 compound as a colorless oil (1.08 g, 81%).

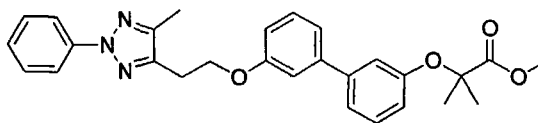
LRMS: 377 (M+H)⁺.

- ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): 7.47-7.45 (2H, m), 7.39 (2H, t, J = 7.3 Hz), 7.33 (2H, t, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.28 (1H, t, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.21 (1H, ddd, J = 1.0, 1.5, 8.1 Hz), 7.17 (1H, dd, J = 1.8, 2.3 Hz), 7.14 (1H, dm, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.08 (1H, dd, J = 1.8, 2.3 Hz), 6.96
- 25 (1H, ddd, J = 0.8, 2.5, 8.3 Hz), 6.79 (1H, ddd, J = 1.0, 2.5, 8.1 Hz), 5.11 (2H, s), 3.78 (3H, s), 1.62 (6H, s).

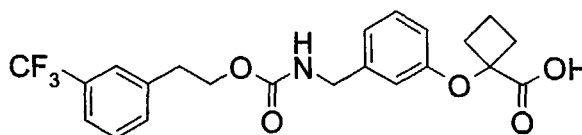
Preparation a-11

Methyl 2-methyl-2-([3'-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-2H-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)ethoxy]biphenyl-3-yl]oxy)propanoate

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- 2-(5-Methyl-2-phenyl-2H-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)ethanol (51 mg, 0.25 mmol), methyl 2-
5 [(3'-hydroxybiphenyl-3-yl)oxy]-2-methylpropanoate (86 mg, 0.30 mmol), and Ph₃P
(98 mg, 0.375 mmol) were dissolved in anhydrous THF (1 mL) and followed by the
dropwise addition of diethyl azodicarboxylate (65 mg, 0.375 mmol) in anhydrous
THF (1 mL) at room temperature via a syringe. The resulting reaction solution was
stirred at room temperature for 18 hours and concentrated. Purification by silica
gel column with 20 - 40% EtOAc in hexane afforded 69 mg (59%) of light yellow oil.
10 ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 1.55 (s, 6 H), 2.31 (s, 3 H), 3.10 (t, 2 H), 3.68 (s, 3 H),
4.25 (t, 2 H), 6.70 (m, 1 H), 6.82 (m, 1 H), 7.00 (s, 1 H), 7.05 (d, 1 H), 7.20 (m, 4
H), 7.32 (t, 2 H), 7.90 (d, 2 H)
LRMS (*m/z*): 472 (M+H)⁺.

Example B-11-(3-(((2-[3-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethoxy)carbonyl)amino]methyl)phenoxy)cyclobutane
carboxylic acid

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To a solution of ethyl 1-(3-(((2-[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethoxy)carbonyl)amino]methyl)phenoxy)cyclobutanecarboxylate (0.150 g, 0.32 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (3 mL) and methanol (0.6 mL) at 0 °C was added 2M aqueous lithium hydroxide (0.32 mL, 2 equiv). The resulting mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 24 hours. Water (10 mL) was added and the mixture was extracted with diethyl ether (1x15 mL, discarded). The aqueous phase was adjusted to pH 2 with 1N hydrochloric acid and extracted with ethyl acetate (3x20 mL). The combined organics were washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride, dried (anhydrous sodium sulfate), filtered and concentrated to dryness to produce the title compound (85%).

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LRMS: 438 (M+H)⁺.

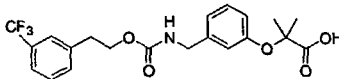
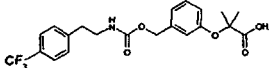
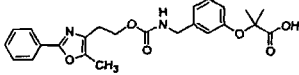
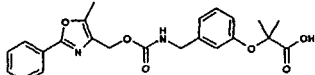
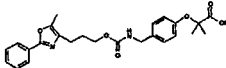
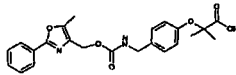
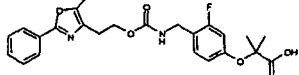
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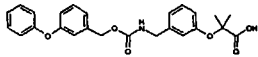
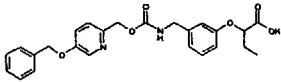
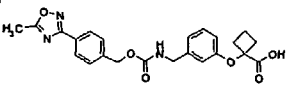
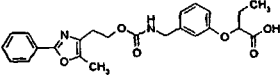
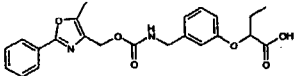
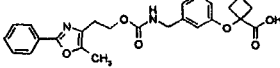
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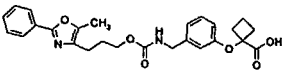
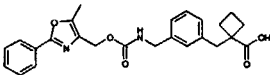
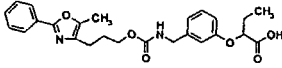
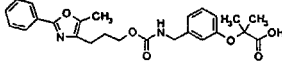
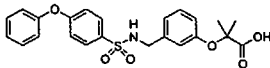
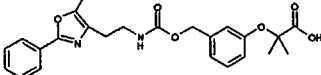
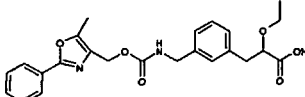
Examples B-2 to B-29

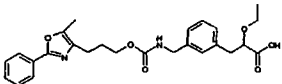
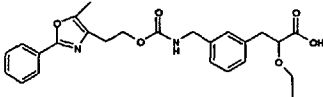
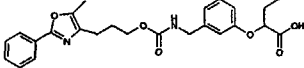
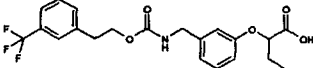
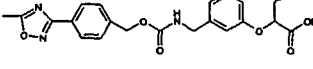
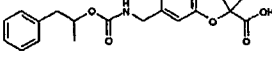
Examples B-2 to B-29 were prepared by procedures analogous to that used for Example B-1.

Example #	Structure	¹ H NMR	MS (m/z) (LR or HR)
B-2		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz) 7.62 (1H, d, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.46 (1H, t, J = 7.3 Hz), 7.36 (1H, d, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.31 (1H, t, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.22 (1H, t, J = 7.8 Hz), 6.88 (1H, d, J = 7.3 Hz), 6.83 (1H, s), 6.78 (1H, dd, J = 1.9, 8.2 Hz), 4.60 (1H, t, J = 5.8 Hz), 4.36-4.29 (4H, m), 3.11 (2H, t, J = 6.8 Hz), 2.03-1.97 (2H, m), 1.08 (3H, t, J = 7.5 Hz).	For LR 426 (M+H) ⁺

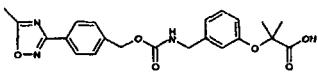
B-3		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz) 7.62 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 7.8 Hz), 7.46 (1H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.5 Hz), 7.36 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 7.6 Hz), 7.31 (1H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.6 Hz), 7.21 (1H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.6 Hz), 6.94 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 7.3 Hz), 6.86 (1H, s), 6.81 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 7.8 Hz), 4.36-4.29 (4H, m), 3.11 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.0 Hz), 1.58 (6H, s).	for LR 426 (M+H) ⁺
B-4		¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) : 1.69 (s, 6 H), 4.34 (d, 2 H), 5.05 - 5.17 (m, 1 H), 5.23 (s, 2 H), 6.71 (dd, 1 H), 6.78 (s, 1 H), 6.90 (d, 1 H), 7.18 - 7.23 (m, 1 H), 7.26 - 7.33 (m, 1 H), 7.69 (d, 1 H), 7.89 (d, 1 H), 8.73 (s, 1 H).	LRMS (<i>m/z</i>): 426.4 (M+H) ⁺
B-5		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz) 7.98-7.92 (2H, m), 7.44-7.38 (3H, m), 7.15 (1H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.7 Hz), 6.87 (1H, s), 6.84-6.79 (2H, m), 4.33-4.28 (4H, m), 2.89 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.8 Hz), 2.32 (3H, s), 1.60 (6H, s).	for LR 439 (M+H) ⁺
B-6		¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) : 1.58 (d, 6 H), 2.46 (s, 3 H), 4.32 (d, 2 H), 5.06 (s, 2 H), 6.70-6.72(m, 1H), 6.89-6.91(m, 1H), 7.23 - 7.28 (m, 2 H), 7.39 - 7.48 (m, 2 H), 7.96 - 8.05 (m, 2 H).	LRMS (<i>m/z</i>): 423.5 (M+H) ⁺
B-7		¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) : 1.63 (m, 6 H), 1.95-2.01(m, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3 H), 2.56-2.58 (m, 2 H), 4.11-4.13(m, 2H), 4.32-4.35(d, 2H), 4.89-4.92(b, 1H), 6.82-6.83(m, 2H), 7.21 - 7.27 (m, 3 H) 7.36 - 7.44 (m, 2 H), 7.93-7.96(m, 2H).	LRMS (<i>m/z</i>): 453.5 (M+H) ⁺
B-8		¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) : 1.59 (s, 6 H), 2.47 (s, 3 H), 4.24 - 4.32 (m, 2 H), 4.99 - 5.09 (m, 3 H), 6.73 - 6.80 (m, 2 H), 7.15 (d, 2 H), 7.21 - 7.27 (m, 1 H), 7.37 - 7.46 (m, 2 H), 7.96 - 8.04 (m, 2 H).	LRMS (<i>m/z</i>): 425.5 (M+H) ⁺
B-9		¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) : 1.64 (m, 6 H), 2.35 (s, 3 H), 2.82 (t, 2 H), 4.28 - 4.38 (m, 4 H), 6.55 (d, 2 H), 7.17 - 7.28 (m, 2 H), 7.36 - 7.45 (m, 2 H), 7.92 - 8.00 (m, 2 H).	LRMS (<i>m/z</i>): 457.5 (M+H) ⁺

B-10		¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) : 1.67 (s, 6 H), 4.33 (d, 2 H), 5.03 – 5.14 (m, 3 H), 6.69 (dd, 1 H), 6.78 (s, 1 H), 6.92 (dd, 2 H), 7.01 (d, 3 H), 7.06 – 7.14 (m, 2 H), 7.18 (t, 1 H), 7.25 – 7.36 (m, 3 H).	LRMS (<i>m/z</i>): 435.5 (<i>M</i> +H) ⁺ .
B-11		¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) : 1.05 – 1.16 (m, 3 H), 2.02- 2.04(m, 2H), 4.11 – 4.13 (m, 1 H), 4.48 – 4.58 (m, 2 H), 4.95- 5.96(m, 1H), 5.11 (s, 2 H), 5.21(s, 2H), 6.75 (d, 1 H), 6.83 – 6.93 (m, 2 H), 7.10 – 7.21 (m, 1 H), 7.30 – 7.41 (m, 6 H), 8.44 (s, 2 H).	LRMS (<i>m/z</i>): 451 (<i>M</i> +H) ⁺ .
B-12		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz) 8.06-8.00 (1H, m), 8.01 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 7.6 Hz), 7.47-7.42 (1H, m), 7.43 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 7.8 Hz), 7.19 (1H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.8 Hz), 6.87 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 7.1 Hz), 6.68 (1H, s), 6.57 (1H, dd, <i>J</i> = 2.3, 8.1 Hz), 5.17 (2H, s), 4.32 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 6.1 Hz), 2.80-2.75 (2H, m), 2.65 (3H, s), 2.49-2.41 (2H, m), 2.03-1.97 (2H, m).	for LR 426 (<i>M</i> +H) ⁺
B-13		¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) 0.85 – 0.95 (m, 3 H), 1.82 (s, 2 H), 2.13 (s, 3 H), 2.62 – 2.73 (m, 2 H), 3.85 (d, 1 H), 3.91 (s, 1 H), 4.30 – 4.41 (m, 2 H), 4.99 (s, 1 H), 6.58 (d, 1 H), 6.66 (s, 2 H), 6.94 – 7.06 (m, 2 H), 7.22 (s, 3 H), 7.70 – 7.81 (m, 2 H).	LRMS (<i>m/z</i>): 439 (<i>M</i> +H) ⁺ .
B-14		¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) : 1.93 – 2.01 (m, 2 H), 2.46 (s, 3 H), 4.34 (d, 2 H), 4.56- 4.57(m, 1H), 5.06 (s, 3 H), 6.74-6.76(m, 1H), 6.82- 6.84(m, 1H), 6.89-6.91(m, 1H), 7.19 – 7.28 (m, 2 H), 7.41 – 7.46 (m, 2 H), 7.98 – 8.04 (m, 2 H)	LRMS (<i>m/z</i>): 425.5 (<i>M</i> +H) ⁺ .
B-15			for LR 451 (<i>M</i> +H) ⁺

B-16		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz) 7.96-7.94 (2H, m), 7.42-7.40 (3H, m), 7.19 (1H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.7 Hz), 6.79 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 7.6 Hz), 6.60 (1H, s), 4.32 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 6.1 Hz), 4.20 (2H, s), 2.81-2.75 (2H, m), 2.62-2.59 (1H, m), 2.49-2.41 (3H, m), 2.32-2.28 (2H, m), 2.08 (3H, s), 2.00-1.92 (3H, m).	for LR 465 (M+H) ⁺
B-17		¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) : 1.94 – 2.05 (m, 2 H), 2.38 – 2.48 (m, 5 H), 2.68 – 2.76 (m, 2 H), 4.31 (d, 2 H), 5.06 (s, 3 H), 6.52-6.53(m, 1H), 6.65-6.67(m, 1H), 6.83-6.85(m, 1H), 7.16-7.17(m, 1H), 7.41 – 7.46 (m, 3 H), 7.99 – 8.03 (m, 2 H).	LRMS (<i>m/z</i>): 411.4 (M+H) ⁺
B-18			for LR 453 (M+H) ⁺
B-19			for LR 453 (M+H) ⁺
B-20		¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) : 1.51 (s, 6 H), 4.02 (d, 2 H), 5.12 (s, 1 H), 6.72 – 6.80 (m, 2 H), 6.89 – 6.96 (m, 2 H), 6.96 – 7.02 (m, 2 H), 7.09 (t, 1 H), 7.29 (s, 2 H), 7.31 – 7.39 (m, 2 H), 7.64 – 7.73 (m, 2 H).	LRMS (<i>m/z</i>): 442 (M+H) ⁺
B-21		¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) : 1.62 (s, 6 H), 2.30 (s, 3 H), 2.69-2.71(m, 2H), 3.49 – 3.58 (m, 2 H), 5.05 (s, 2 H), 5.36-5.38(m, 1H), 6.73-6.75(m, 1H), 6.97-6.99(m, 1H), 7.19 – 7.28 (m, 3 H), 7.38 – 7.48 (m, 1 H), 7.96-7.98 (m, 2H)	LRMS (<i>m/z</i>): 439.5(M+H) ⁺
B-22		¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) : 1.19 – 1.26 (m, 3 H), 2.46 (s, 3 H), 2.93 – 3.02 (m, 2 H), 3.26-3.29 (m, 2H), 3.99-4.01(m, 1H), 4.36 (d, 2 H), 5.06 (s, 3 H), 7.15 (m, 3 H), 7.40 – 7.47 (m, 3 H), 7.98 –	LRMS (<i>m/z</i>): 439.5 (M+H) ⁺

		8.04 (m, 2 H).	
B-23		¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) : 1.21 – 1.27 (m, 3 H), 1.97 – 2.06 (m, 2 H), 2.34 (s, 3 H), 2.57 (t, 2 H), 2.95 – 3.03 (m, 2 H), 3.34-3.59(m, 2H), 4.11 – 4.20 (m, 4 H), 4.35 (d, 2 H), 4.96-4.98(m, 1H), 7.11 – 7.18 (m, 3 H), 7.21 – 7.27 (m, 3 H), 7.37 – 7.45 (m, 2 H), 7.93 – 7.99 (m, 2 H).	LRMS (m/z): 467.5 (M+H) ⁺
B-24		¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) : 1.26 – 1.28 (m, 3 H), 2.35 (s, 3 H), 2.86-2.88(m, 2H), 2.95 – 3.06 (m, 1 H), 3.47-3.52(m, 2H), 4.18 – 4.20 (m, 2 H), 4.29 – 4.40 (m, 4 H), 4.96-4.99(m, 1H), 7.10 – 7.18 (m, 2 H), 7.19 – 7.28 (m, 3 H), 7.35 – 7.46 (m, 2 H), 7.92 – 7.99 (m, 2 H).	LRMS (m/z): 453.5 (M+H) ⁺
B-25		¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) : 1.07 (t, 3 H), 1.94 – 2.05 (m, 3 H), 2.17 (s, 3 H), 2.57 (t, 2 H), 4.15 (t, 1 H), 4.17(d, 2H), 4.33 (d, 2 H), 4.58(m, 1H), 6.83(m, 1H), 6.89(m, 1H), 6.95(m, 1H), 7.21 – 7.27 (m, 3 H), 7.37 – 7.44 (m, 2 H), 7.94 – 7.99 (m, 1 H).	LRMS (m/z): 453.5 (M+H) ⁺
B-26		¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) : 1.65 (s, 6 H), 2.88 (d, 2 H), 3.46 (s, 2 H), 5.03 (d, 3 H), 6.73 (s, 1 H), 6.83 (d, 1 H), 6.89 – 7.00 (m, 1 H), 7.19 – 7.31 (m, 3 H), 7.55 (t, 2 H)	LRMS (m/z): 426.4 (M+H) ⁺
B-27		¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) : 1.07 (t, 3H), 1.98 (dq, 2 H), 3.46 (s, 2 H), 4.57-4.59(m, 1H), 4.59-4.61(m, 1H), 6.83(m, 1H), 6.89(m, 1H), 7.19 – 7.31 (m, 3 H), 7.55 (t, 2 H)	LRMS (m/z): 426.5 (M+H) ⁺
B-28		¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) : 1.21 (m, 3 H), 1.57 (s, 6 H), 2.63-2.84 (m, 2H), 4.22 (d, 2 H), 4.83-4.85(b, 1H), 5.23-5.25(m, 1H), 6.84-6.87(m, 3H), 7.13 (dt, 2 H) 7.18 7.23 (m, 4 H).	LRMS (m/z): 372.4 (M+H) ⁺

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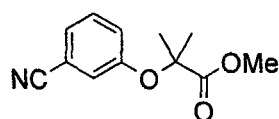
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Preparations of starting materials for Examples B-1 to B-29 (Preparations b-1 to b-20)

Preparation b-1

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Methyl 2-(3-cyanophenoxy)-2-methylpropanoate



To a solution of 3-cyanophenol (5 mmol) in acetonitrile (20 mL) or any polar, aprotic solvent such as dimethyl sulfoxide, *N,N*-dimethylformamide, etc) was added methyl 2-bromo-2-methyl-propanoate (1.2 equiv) and cesium carbonate (2 equiv).

10 The resulting mixture was heated at 60 °C for 6 hours and then cooled to ambient temperature. Water (20 mL) was introduced and the mixture extracted with ethyl acetate (3x20 mL). The combined organics were washed with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate and saturated aqueous sodium chloride, dried (anhydrous sodium sulfate), filtered, and evaporated to dryness to provide the title compound

15 in 75% yield.

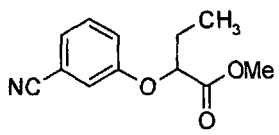
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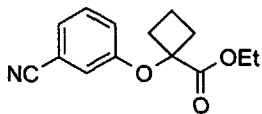
¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): 7.30 (1H, t, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.23 (1H, dt, *J* = 1.3, 7.6 Hz), 7.05 (1H, dd, *J* = 1.3, 2.3 Hz), 7.01 (1H, ddd, *J* = 2.3, 2.8, 8.3 Hz), 3.73 (3H, s), 1.57 (6H, s).

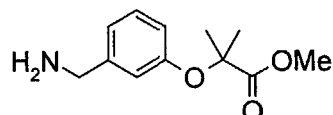
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Preparations b-2 to b-3

Preparations b-2 to b-3 were prepared using procedures analogous to those described for preparation b-1

Preparation #	Structure	¹ H NMR	MS (m/z) (LR or HR)
2		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz) 7.33 (1H, dd, <i>J</i> = 7.6, 8.8 Hz), 7.22 (1H, dt, <i>J</i> = 1.3, 7.6 Hz), 7.09-7.06 (2H, m), 4.56 (1H, dd, <i>J</i> = 5.6, 6.6 Hz), 3.73 (3H, s), 2.01-1.93 (2H, m), 1.03 (3H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.5 Hz).	For LR 220 (M+H) ⁺

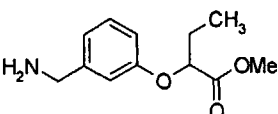
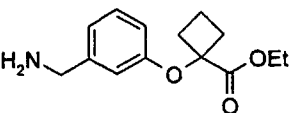
3		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz) 7.31 (1H, dd, <i>J</i> = 7.6, 9.1 Hz), 7.22 (1H, dt, <i>J</i> = 1.0, 7.8 Hz), 6.91-6.88 (2H, m), 4.20 (2H, q, <i>J</i> = 7.2 Hz), 2.78-2.71 (2H, m), 2.48-2.40 (2H, m), 2.08-1.96 (2H, m), 1.18 (3H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.2 Hz).	For LR 246 (M+H) ⁺
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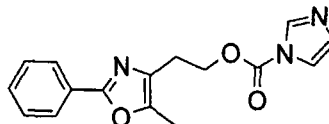
Preparation b-4Methyl 2-[3-(aminomethyl)phenoxy]-2-methylpropanoate

- 5 To a solution of methyl 2-(3-cyanophenoxy)-2-methylpropanoate (Preparation b-1) (4 mmol) in methanol (20 mL) was added 10% palladium on carbon (20% by weight). The resulting mixture was stirred under an atmosphere of hydrogen for 24 hours and filtered through Celite. The filtrate was concentrated and the residue taken up in ethyl acetate and washed with 1N hydrochloric acid (2x20 mL). The
- 10 combined aqueous washes were adjusted to pH >10 with 4N aqueous sodium hydroxide and extracted with dichloromethane (3x20 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride, dried (potassium carbonate), filtered and concentrated to dryness to provide the title compound in 65% yield.
- 15 LRMS: 224 (M+H)⁺.

Preparations b-5 to b-6

Preparations b-5 to b-6 were prepared using procedures analogous to those described for preparation b-4

Preparation #	Structure	¹ H NMR	MS (<i>m/z</i>) (LR or HR)
b-5		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz) 7.22 (1H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.8 Hz), 6.91 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 7.6 Hz), 6.86 (1H, s), 6.72 (1H, dd, <i>J</i> = 2.5, 8.1 Hz), 4.58 (1H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.2 Hz), 3.82 (2H, s), 3.74 (3H, s), 2.01-1.94 (2H, m), 1.06 (3H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.6 Hz).	For LR 224 (M+H) ⁺
b-6			for LR 250 (M+H) ⁺

Preparation b-72-(5-Methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethyl 1*H*-imidazole-1-carboxylate

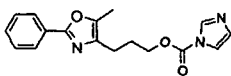
- 5 To a solution of 2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)-ethanol (1.015 g, 5 mmol) in toluene (25 mL) was added potassium carbonate (1.38 g, 2 equiv) and *N,N'*-carbonyldiimidazole (0.97 g, 1.2 equiv). The resulting mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 24 hours before water (20 mL) was introduced. Extraction with ethyl acetate and washing the combined organic extracts with saturated aqueous sodium chloride, drying (anhydrous sodium sulfate), filtration, and concentration to dryness afforded the title compound (100%).
- 10 LRMS: 298 (M+H)⁺.
¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): 8.10 (1H, s), 7.97-7.93 (2H, m), 7.44-7.39 (5H, m), 4.68 (2H, t, *J* = 6.7 Hz), 2.98 (2H, t, *J* = 6.7 Hz), 2.34 (3H, s).

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Preparations b-8 to b-10

- 20 Preparations b-8 to b-10 were prepared using procedures analogous to those described for preparation b-7

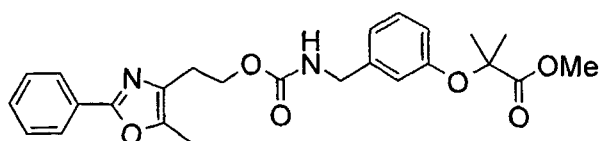
Prep #	Structure	¹ H NMR	MS (<i>m/z</i>) (LR or HR)
b-8		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz) 8.10 (1H, s), 7.68 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 7.6 Hz), 7.52 (1H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.6 Hz), 7.40 (1H, s), 7.38 (1H, s), 7.24 (1H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.3 Hz), 7.17-7.13 (1H, m), 4.63 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.8 Hz), 3.29 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.8 Hz).	For LR 285 (M+H) ⁺
b-9		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz) 8.49 (1H, bs), 8.13 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.3 Hz), 7.57 (1H, s), 7.54 (2H, s), 7.26-7.24 (1H, m), 5.52 (2H, s), 2.66 (3H, s).	for LR 285 (M+H) ⁺
b-10			for LR 312 (M+H) ⁺

			
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Preparation b-11

Methyl 2-methyl-2-[3-[(2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy)carbonyl]amino)methyl]phenoxy}propanoate

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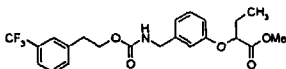
To a solution of 2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethyl 1H-imidazole-1-carboxylate (Preparation 7) (0.48 g, 1.6 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (3 mL) was added methyl 2-[3-(aminomethyl)phenoxy]-2-methylpropanoate (Preparation b-4) (0.39 g, 1.1 equiv). The resulting mixture was heated at reflux for 16 hours and then cooled to ambient temperature. Concentration and purification by silica gel chromatography using 0-50% ethyl acetate in hexanes gave the title compound (0.39 g, 53%).

LRMS: 453 (M+H)⁺.
¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): 7.96 (2H, dd, *J* = 1.9, 7.7 Hz), 7.44-7.38 (3H, m), 7.16 (1H, t, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 6.89 (1H, d, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 6.77 (1H, s), 6.67 (1H, dd, *J* = 2.3, 8.3 Hz), 4.36 (2H, t, *J* = 6.7 Hz), 4.30 (2H, d, *J* = 5.8 Hz), 3.75 (3H, s), 2.83 (2H, t, *J* = 6.7 Hz), 2.32 (3H, s), 1.57 (6H, s).

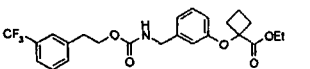
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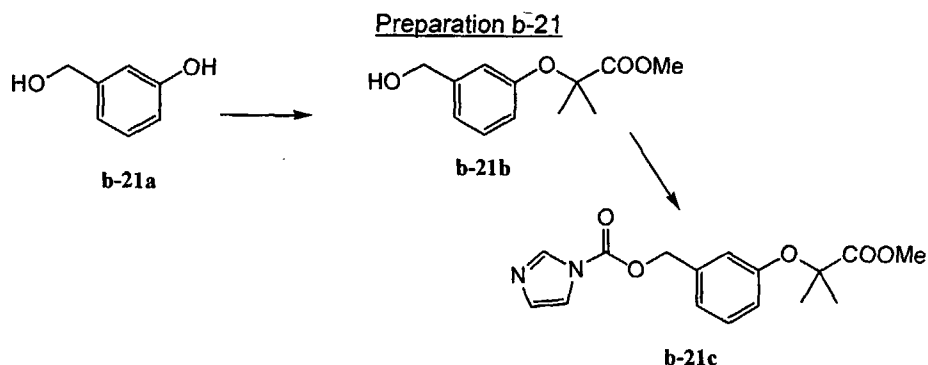
Preparations b-12 to b-20

Preparations b-12 to b-20 were prepared using procedures analogous to those used for Preparation b-11

Preparation #	Structure	¹ H NMR	MS (<i>m/z</i>) (LR or HR)
b-12			for LR 440 (M+H) ⁺

b-13		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz) 7.63 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 7.8 Hz), 7.47 (1H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.5 Hz), 7.38 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 6.3 Hz), 7.34-7.28 (1H, m), 7.18 (1H, dd, <i>J</i> = 7.6, 8.1 Hz), 6.89 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 7.3 Hz), 6.77 (1H, s), 6.69 (1H, dd, <i>J</i> = 2.3, 8.3 Hz), 4.33-4.30 (4H, m), 3.75 (3H, s), 3.13 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.0 Hz), 1.58 (6H, s).	for LR 440 (M+H) ⁺
b-14		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz) 7.99 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.1 Hz), 7.41 (2H, m), 7.11 (1H, t, <i>J</i> = 8.1 Hz), 6.79 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 7.6 Hz), 6.60 (1H, s), 6.46 (1H, dd, <i>J</i> = 2.3, 8.1 Hz), 5.12 (2H, s), 4.27 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 6.1 Hz), 4.12 (2H, q, <i>J</i> = 7.1 Hz), 2.71-2.60 (2H, m), 2.59 (3H, s), 2.42-2.32 (2H, m), 1.98-1.88 (2H, m), 1.09 (3H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.1 Hz).	For LR 440 (M+H) ⁺
b-15			for LR 453 (M+H) ⁺
b-16		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz) 7.96 (2H, dd, <i>J</i> = 1.9, 7.7 Hz), 7.44-7.36 (3H, m), 7.18-7.13 (1H, m), 6.85 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 7.6 Hz), 6.66 (1H, s), 6.50 (1H, dt, <i>J</i> = 1.3, 8.1 Hz), 4.35 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.1 Hz), 4.29 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 6.1 Hz), 4.11 (2H, q, <i>J</i> = 7.1 Hz), 2.83 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.8 Hz), 2.77-2.69 (2H, m), 2.48-2.38 (2H, m), 2.32 (3H, s), 2.01-1.94 (2H, m), 1.16 (3H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.2 Hz).	For LR 479 (M+H) ⁺
b-17		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz) 7.96 (2H, dd, <i>J</i> = 1.8, 7.8 Hz), 7.43-7.38 (3H, m), 7.17 (1H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.8 Hz), 6.85 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 7.6 Hz), 6.66 (1H, s), 6.50 (1H, dd, <i>J</i> = 2.3, 8.1 Hz), 4.30 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 5.8 Hz), 4.19 (2H, q, <i>J</i> = 7.3 Hz), 4.18-4.08 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.5 Hz), 2.77-2.69 (2H, m), 2.56 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.5 Hz), 2.48-2.39 (2H, m), 2.30 (3H, s), 2.02-1.94 (4H, m), 1.16 (3H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.1 Hz).	For LR 493 (M+H) ⁺
b-18		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz) 7.96 (2H, dd, <i>J</i> = 1.8, 7.8 Hz), 7.43-7.38 (3H, m), 7.22 (1H, t, <i>J</i> = 8.1 Hz), 6.89 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 7.8 Hz), 6.82 (1H, s), 6.74 (1H, dd, <i>J</i> = 2.2, 8.2 Hz), 4.56 (1H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.2 Hz), 4.32 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 5.8 Hz), 4.14 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.3 Hz), 3.74 (3H, s), 2.56 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.3 Hz), 2.30 (3H, s), 2.03-1.93 (4H, m), 1.06 (3H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.3 Hz).	For LR 467 (M+H) ⁺
b-19		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz) 7.96 (2H, dd, <i>J</i> = 1.8, 7.8 Hz), 7.43-7.38 (3H, m), 7.18 (1H, t, <i>J</i> = 8.0 Hz), 6.90 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 7.6 Hz), 6.78 (1H, s), 6.68 (1H, dd, <i>J</i> = 2.2, 8.0 Hz), 4.31 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 6.1 Hz), 4.13 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.1 Hz), 3.75 (3H, s), 2.56 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.3 Hz), 2.30 (3H, s), 2.00 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.1 Hz), 1.58 (6H, s).	for LR 467 (M+H) ⁺

b-20		(CDCl₃, 400 MHz) 7.63 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 7.8 Hz), 7.47 (1H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.6 Hz), 7.38 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 7.6 Hz), 7.32 (1H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.7 Hz), 7.16 (1H, t, <i>J</i> = 8.0 Hz), 6.83 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 7.3 Hz), 6.65 (1H, s), 6.51 (1H, dd, <i>J</i> = 2.3, 8.1 Hz), 4.33-4.29 (4H, m), 4.18 (2H, q, <i>J</i> = 7.1 Hz), 3.13 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.0 Hz), 2.76-2.69 (2H, m), 2.47-2.39 (2H, m), 2.01-1.94 (2H, m), 1.16 (3H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.1 Hz).	For LR 412 (M+H) ⁺
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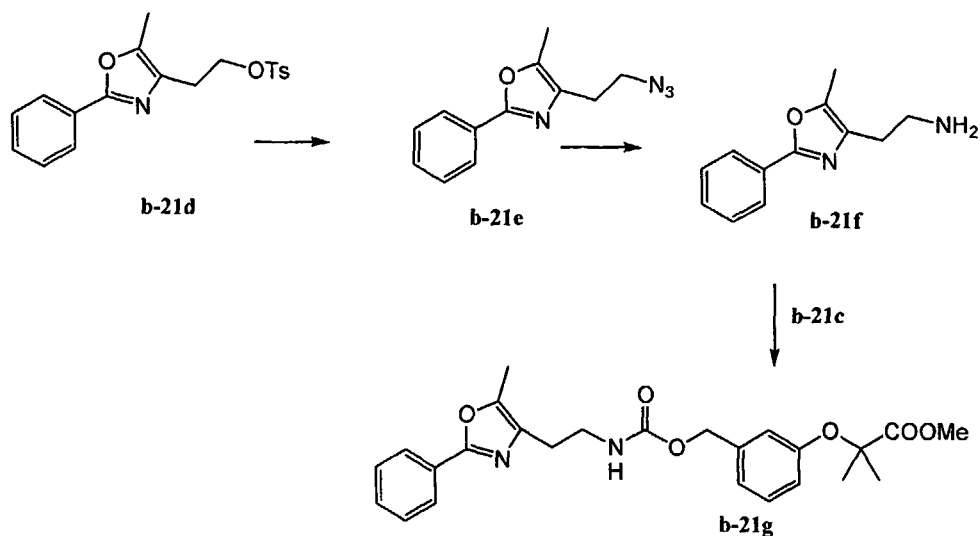
Preparation of imidazole b-21c

- 5 To a solution of the alcohol **b-21b** (1 mmol) in toluene (5 ml) were added *N,N'*-carbonyldiimidazole (1.05 mmol) and potassium carbonate (1 mmol). The resulting solution heated at reflux for 3 hr. After cooling to room temperature, water (20 ml) was added and the mixture extracted with ethyl acetate (3x20 ml). The combined extracts were washed with brine, dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated in
- 10 vacuo to provide the acyl imidazole **b-21c** in quantitative yield.

Preparation of alcohol b-21b

- To a solution of 3-hydroxybenzyl alcohol **b-21a** (1 mmol) and cesium carbonate (1 mmol) in acetonitrile (10 ml) was added methyl 2-bromo-2-methyl propionate (2 mmol). The mixture was heated under reflux for 6 hours. After cooling to room
- 15 temperature, water (50 ml) was introduced and the mixture extracted with ethyl acetate (3x20 ml). Combined organics were washed with brine, dried over sodium sulfate and evaporated in vacuo. Silica gel chromatography (SGC) using 10-30% ethyl acetate-hexane gave alcohol **b-21b**. Yields ranged between 40-85%.

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Preparation of methyl ester b-21g

- 5 Following the procedures described in b-11, methyl ester **b-21g** was prepared by reacting compound **b-21f** with compound **b-21c** in yields ranging from 60 to 90%.

Preparation of amine b-21f

- A solution of the azide **b-21e** (2 mmol) in ethyl acetate (20 ml) and palladium on carbon (10% by weight, 50 mg) was treated with hydrogen gas at room temperature for 4 hours. Removal of palladium by filtration through a pad of Celite and concentration produced the amine **b-21f** in quantitative yield.
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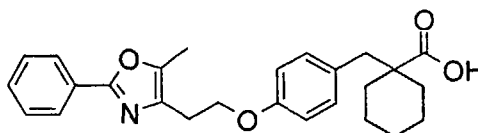
Preparation of azide b-21e

- To a solution of the tosylate **b-21d** (1 mmol) in DMF (5 ml) was added sodium azide (3 mmol). The resulting mixture stirred at room temperature for 14 hours before water (50 ml) was added. Extraction with ethyl acetate (3x20 ml), washing of the combined organics with water, saturated sodium bicarbonate and brine, drying over sodium sulfate and concentration gave rise to the azide **b-21e** in 85% yield.
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Example C-1

1-{4-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]benzyl}cyclohexanecarboxylic acid

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- Triethylsilane (1.03 g, 8.86 mmol) was added to a solution of methyl 1-(hydroxyl{4-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]phenyl}methyl)cyclohexanecarboxylate (0.797 g, 1.77 mmol) in dichloromethane (5 mL) and trifluoroacetic acid (1 mL) at room temperature. The resulting mixture was stirred for 1 hour then evaporated *in vacuo* and azeotroped with heptane. The residue was dissolved in tetrahydrofuran (3 mL) and water (3 mL) and lithium hydroxide monohydrate (0.223 g, 5.31 mmol) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 18 hours, acidified to pH 2 with 4N hydrochloric acid and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic phase was dried (anhydrous magnesium sulfate), filtered and evaporated to afford the title compound (0.332 g, 45%).

Elemental Analysis: Calcd for $C_{26}H_{29}NO_4$ C 74.44, H 6.97, N 3.34. Found: C 74.22, H 6.89, N 3.34.

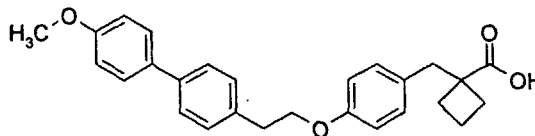
LRMS: 420 (M+H)⁺.

- ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 400 MHz): 7.90 (2H, dd, *J* = 1.8, 7.8 Hz), 7.51-7.46 (3H, m), 6.98 (2H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 6.80 (2H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 4.16 (2H, t, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 2.90 (2H, t, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 2.64 (2H, s), 2.34 (3H, s), 1.85 (2H, d, *J* = 12.6 Hz), 1.53-1.46 (3H, m), 1.29-1.11 (5H, m).

Examples C-2 to C-5

- Examples C-2 to C-5 were prepared by procedures analogous to those used for Example C-1 with the exception that the final hydrolysis step was carried out by dissolving the crude residue in dimethyl sulfoxide (75 mg/mL) and 6N sodium hydroxide (1 mL) and heating at 150 °C for 10 minutes in a microwave synthesizer.

Ex #	Structure	¹ H NMR	MS (m/z) (LR or HR)	Analysis
C-2		(DMSO-d ₆ , 400 MHz) 7.90 (2H, dd, J = 1.9, 7.7 Hz), 7.51-7.44 (3H, m), 7.04 (2H, d, J = 8.6 Hz), 6.80 (2H, d, J = 8.6 Hz), 4.15 (2H, t, J = 6.7 Hz), 2.90 (2H, t, J = 6.6 Hz), 2.79 (2H, s), 2.34 (3H, s), 2.05-2.00 (2H, m), 1.75-1.60 (6H, m).	for LR 406 (M+H) ⁺	Calcd for C ₂₅ H ₂₇ NO ₄ C 74.05, H 6.71, N 3.45. Found: C 73.83, H 6.69, N 3.36.
C-3		(DMSO-d ₆ , 400 MHz) 7.89 (2H, dd, J = 1.8, 7.8 Hz), 7.51-7.46 (3H, m), 7.04 (2H, d, J = 8.6 Hz), 6.81 (2H, d, J = 8.6 Hz), 3.93 (2H, t, J = 6.2 Hz), 2.79 (2H, s), 2.60 (2H, t, J = 7.3 Hz), 2.27 (3H, s), 2.04-1.97 (2H, m), 1.92-1.85 (2H, m), 1.61-1.46 (6H, m).	for LR 420 (M+H) ⁺	Calcd for C ₂₆ H ₂₉ NO ₄ C 74.44, H 6.97, N 3.34. Found: C 74.30, H 6.95, N 3.26.
C-4		(DMSO-d ₆ , 400 MHz) 7.94-7.92 (2H, m), 7.54-7.48 (3H, m), 7.04 (2H, d, J = 8.6 Hz), 6.92 (2H, d, J = 8.6 Hz), 4.95 (2H, s), 3.75-3.70 (2H, m), 3.28 (2H, dd, J = 10.0, 11.2 Hz), 2.73 (2H, s), 2.43 (3H, s), 1.81 (2H, d, J = 13.1 Hz), 1.49-1.42 (2H, m).	for LR 408 (M+H) ⁺	Calcd for C ₂₄ H ₂₅ NO ₅ C 70.75, H 6.18, N 3.44. Found: C 70.60, H 6.33, N 3.31.
C-5		(DMSO-d ₆ , 400 MHz) 7.90 (2H, dd, J = 1.9, 7.7 Hz), 7.51-7.44 (3H, m), 6.99 (2H, d, J = 8.6 Hz), 6.81 (2H, d, J = 8.6 Hz), 4.16 (2H, t, J = 6.6 Hz), 3.74-3.69 (2H, m), 3.27 (2H, t, J = 10.6 Hz), 2.90 (2H, t, J = 6.4 Hz), 2.71 (2H, s), 2.34 (3H, s), 1.79 (2H, d, J = 13.1 Hz), 1.47-1.39 (2H, m).	for LR 422 (M+H) ⁺	Calcd for C ₂₅ H ₂₇ NO ₅ C 71.24, H 6.46, N 3.32. Found: C 71.01, H 6.47, N 3.32.

Example C-6**1-{4-[2-(4'-methoxy-1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl)ethoxy]benzyl}cyclobutanecarboxylic acid**

- 5 To a solution of ethyl 1-{4-[2-(4'-methoxy-1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl)ethoxy]benzyl}cyclobutanecarboxylate (Preparation 14) (0.3921 mmol, 1 equiv.) in acetonitrile (2 mL) was added 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide (7.2 mL, 8 equiv.). The resulting mixture was subjected to microwave heating (100 °C) in a Personal Chemistry Smith Synthesizer for 40 minutes. Following cooling of the reaction mixture, 1M

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aqueous hydrochloric acid was added until pH 1 was achieved. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (3x50 mL). The combined organic extracts were then washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride (100 mL), dried (anhydrous magnesium sulfate), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the crude product.

- 5 The residue was purified by trituration from diethyl ether to afford the title compound as a white crystalline solid (0.1321 g, 81%).

Elemental Analysis: Calcd for $C_{27}H_{28}O_4$ C 77.86, H 6.78. Found: C 77.65, H 6.85.

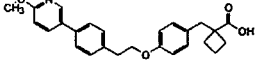
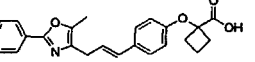
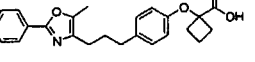
LRMS (m/z): 416 (M)⁺.

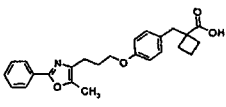
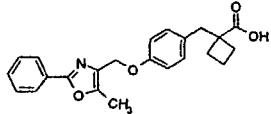
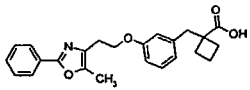
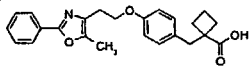
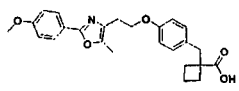
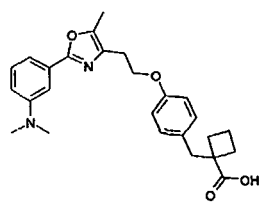
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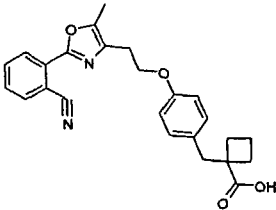
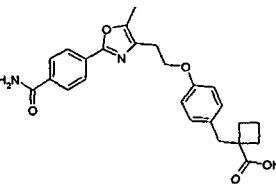
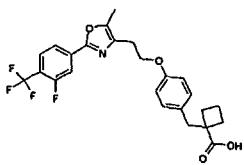
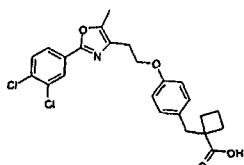
Examples C-7 to C-93

- Examples C-7 to C-93 were prepared by procedures analogous to those used for
 15 Example C-6 or by stirring a solution of the ester with sodium or lithium hydroxide in aqueous methanol, aqueous ethanol, aqueous tetrahydrofuran or mixtures thereof at temperatures between 20 °C and 75°C.

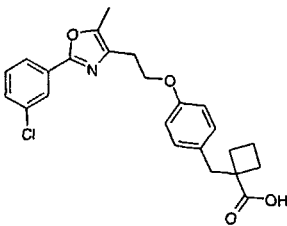
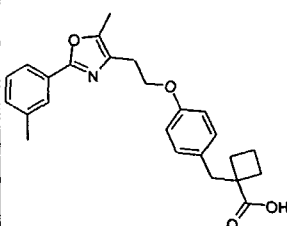
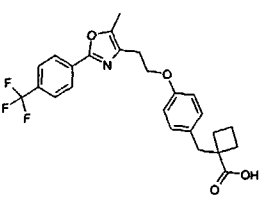
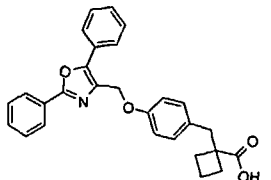
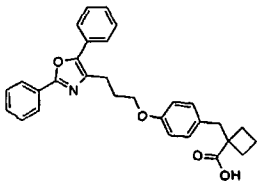
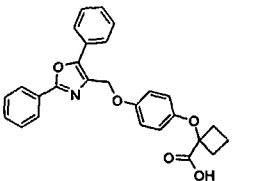
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C-8		(Acetone- d_6 , 300 MHz) 7.58 (2H, d, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.41 (2H, d, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.34 (1H, t, J = 7.9 Hz), 7.21-7.15 (2H, m), 7.12 (2H, d, J = 8.7 Hz), 6.90 (1H, ddd, J = 0.94, 2.64, 8.3 Hz), 6.83 (2H, d, J = 8.7 Hz), 4.19 (2H, t, J = 6.9 Hz), 3.85 (3H, s), 3.09 (2H, t, J = 6.8 Hz), 3.02 (2H, s), 2.39-2.30 (2H, m), 2.07-1.98 (2H, m), 1.89-1.81 (2H, m).	for LR 416 (M) ⁺	Calcd for $C_{27}H_{28}O_4$ C 77.86, H 6.78. Found: C 77.67, H 6.67.
C-9		(Acetone- d_6 , 300 MHz) 7.69 (1H, dt, J = 0.9, 8.3 Hz), 7.65 (2H, d, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.58 (2H, t, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.47 (2H, d, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.31 (1H, dt, J = 1.1, 8.1 Hz), 7.13 (2H, d, J = 8.7 Hz), 6.83 (2H, d, J = 8.7 Hz), 4.21 (2H, t, J = 6.8 Hz), 3.12 (2H, t, J = 6.8 Hz), 3.03 (2H, s), 2.40-2.30 (2H, m), 2.08-1.98 (2H, m), 1.92-1.79 (2H, m).	for LR 470 (M) ⁺	Calcd for $C_{27}H_{25}F_3 O_4$ C 68.93, H 5.36. Found: C 69.04, H 5.47.

C-10		(Acetone-d ₆ , 300 MHz) 8.42 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 2.6 Hz), 7.93 (1H, dd, <i>J</i> = 2.6, 8.7 Hz), 7.57 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.3 Hz), 7.44 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.3 Hz), 7.13 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.9 Hz), 6.84 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.7 Hz), 6.85-6.81 (1H, m), 4.20 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.8 Hz), 3.91 (3H, s), 3.10 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.0 Hz), 3.03 (2H, s), 2.40-2.30 (2H, m), 2.07-1.99 (2H, m), 1.90-1.82 (2H, m).	for LR 417 (M) ⁻	Calcd for C ₂₆ H ₂₇ N O ₄ C 74.80, H 6.52, N 3.35. Found: C 74.67, H 6.46, N 3.31.
C-11		(Acetone-d ₆ , 300 MHz) 8.01 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.5 Hz), 7.92 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.5 Hz), 7.70 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.5 Hz), 7.50 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.1 Hz), 7.13 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.7 Hz), 6.84 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.7 Hz), 4.22 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.8 Hz), 3.15 (3H, s), 3.13 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.8 Hz), 3.03 (2H, s), 2.40-2.30 (2H, m), 2.07-1.98 (2H, m), 1.92-1.79 (2H, m).	for LR 482 (M) ⁻	Calcd for C ₂₇ H ₂₈ O ₅ S C 69.80, H 6.07. Found: C 69.41, H 6.12.
C-12		(Acetone-d ₆ , 300 MHz) 7.53-7.48 (1H, m), 7.52 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.3 Hz), 7.38-7.34 (1H, m), 7.37 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.3 Hz), 7.13 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.7 Hz), 6.83 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.7 Hz), 6.78 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.3 Hz), 4.57 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 8.7 Hz), 4.18 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.8 Hz), 3.25 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 8.7 Hz), 3.08 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.0 Hz), 3.03 (2H, s), 2.40-2.30 (2H, m), 2.07-1.99 (2H, m), 1.92-1.79 (2H, m).	for LR 428 (M) ⁻	Calcd for C ₂₈ H ₂₈ O ₄ C 78.48, H 6.59. Found: C 78.30, H 6.62.
C-13		(Acetone-d ₆ , 300 MHz) 7.65 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.7 Hz), 7.59 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.1 Hz), 7.42 (4H, dd, <i>J</i> = 1.5, 8.1 Hz), 7.13 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.5 Hz), 6.84 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.9 Hz), 4.20 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.8 Hz), 3.10 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.8 Hz), 3.03 (2H, s), 3.01 (3H, s), 2.40-2.30 (2H, m), 2.07-1.99 (2H, m), 1.92-1.81 (2H, m).	for LR 479 (M) ⁻	Calcd for C ₂₇ H ₂₉ N O ₅ S C 67.62, H 6.09, N 2.92. Found: C 67.36, H 6.11, N 2.85.
C-14		¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) 2.29 (s, 3 H), 2.39 (m, 2 H), 2.75 (m, 2 H), 3.00 (q, 2 H), 3.30 (d, 2 H), 6.00 (td, 1 H), 6.25 (d, 1 H), 6.56 (d, 2 H), 7.08 (d, 2 H), 7.35 (m, 3 H), 7.90 (m, 2 H).	LRMS (<i>m/z</i>): 390 (M+H) ⁺ .	
C-15		¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) 1.77 1.89 (m, 2 H), 1.93 2.05 (m, 2 H), 2.27 (s, 3 H), 2.40 2.51 (m, 6 H), 2.71 2.80 (m, 2 H), 6.63 (d, 2 H), 6.97 (d, 2 H), 7.40 (dd, 3 H), 7.92 (m, 2 H).	LRMS (<i>m/z</i>): 392 (M+H) ⁺ .	

C-16		(DMSO- <i>d</i> ₆ , 400 MHz) 12.13 (1H, s), 7.86 (2H, m), 7.49-7.40 (3H, m), 7.01 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.8Hz) 6.78 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 8.6Hz), 3.90 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.3Hz), 2.89 (2H, s), 2.56 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.3Hz), 2.24 (3H, s), 2.24-2.15 (2H, m) 2.00-1.67 (6H, m).	Calcd for C ₂₅ H ₂₈ N ₂ O ₄ 406.2013. Found: 406.2002.	Calcd for C ₂₅ H ₂₇ N ₂ O ₄ C 74.05, H 6.71, N 3.45. Found: C 73.75, H 6.64, N 3.44.
C-17		(DMSO- <i>d</i> ₆ , 400 MHz) 12.04 (1H,s), 7.79 (2H, m), 7.40-7.34 (3H, m), 6.95 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.6Hz), 6.78 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 8.6Hz), 4.80 (2H, s), 2.80 (2H, s), 2.28 (3H, s), 2.12-2.06 (2H, m) 1.83-1.57 (4H, m).	Calcd for C ₂₃ H ₂₄ N ₂ O ₄ 378.1700. Found: 378.1692.	Calcd for C ₂₃ H ₂₃ N ₂ O ₄ C 73.19, H 6.14, N 3.71. Found: C 73.15, H 6.26, N 3.75.
C-18		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz) 8.00-7.97 (2H, m), 7.49-7.40 (3H, m), 7.17 (1H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.8Hz), 7.03 (1H, s), 6.78 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.1Hz), 4.24 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 8.1Hz), 3.14 (2H, s), 2.90 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.8Hz), 2.51-2.40 (2H, m), 2.36 (3H, s), 2.07-1.83 (4H, m).	Calcd for C ₂₄ H ₂₆ N ₂ O ₄ 392.1857. Found: 392.1859.	Calcd for C ₂₄ H ₂₅ N ₂ O ₄ C 72.96, H 6.48, N 3.55. Found: C 72.66, H 6.65, N 3.47.
C-19		(DMSO- <i>d</i> ₆ , 400 MHz) 7.90 (2H, dd, <i>J</i> = 1.9, 7.7 Hz), 7.51-7.44 (3H, m), 7.05 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.6 Hz), 6.81 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.6 Hz), 4.15 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.7 Hz), 2.92 (2H, s), 2.90 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.8 Hz), 2.34 (3H, s), 2.25-2.18 (2H, m), 1.95-1.88 (2H, m), 1.86-1.71 (2H, m).	for LR 392 (M+H) ⁺	Calcd for C ₂₄ H ₂₅ N ₂ O ₄ C 73.64, H 6.44, N 3.58. Found: C 73.49, H 6.46, N 3.54.
C-20		¹ H NMR (DMSO- <i>d</i> ₆ , 400 MHz) : 7.83 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 9.1 Hz), 7.06-7.02 (4H, m), 6.82 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.6 Hz), 4.17 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.3 Hz), 3.80 (3H, s), 3.10 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.3 Hz), 2.92 (2H, s), 2.25-2.17 (2H, m), 2.08 (3H, s), 1.95-1.69 (4H, m).	Calcd for C ₂₅ H ₂₈ N ₂ O ₅ 422.1962. Found: 422.1961	
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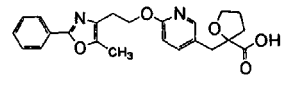
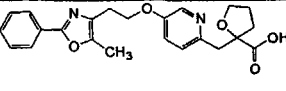
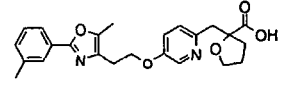
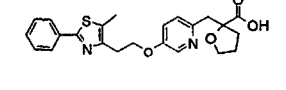
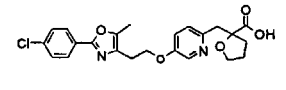
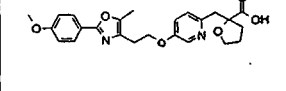
			435.2270. For LR 435 (M+H) ⁺	
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C-23		(DMSO-d ₆ , 400 MHz) 12.04 (1H, s), 7.89-7.84 (4H, m), 6.96-6.94 (2H, m), 6.72-6.70 (2H, m), 4.06 (2H, t, J = 6.5 Hz), 3.06-3.05 (1H, m), 2.82-2.80 (4H, m), 2.26 (3H, s), 2.15-2.08 (2H, m), 1.83-1.79 (2H, m), 1.69-1.65 (2H, m).	HR Calcd for C ₂₅ H ₂₆ N- O ₅ (M+H) ⁺ 435.1915. Found 435.1922. For LR 435 (M+H) ⁺	
C-24		(CDCl ₃ , 300 MHz) 7.84-7.76 (2H, m), 7.66-7.61 (1H, m), 7.09-7.06 (2H, m), 6.80-6.77 (2H, m), 4.19 (2H, t, J = 6.5 Hz), 3.03 (2H, s), 2.96 (2H, t, J = 6.4 Hz), 2.47-2.40 (2H, m), 2.37 (3H, s), 2.10-2.01 (2H, m), 1.95-1.81 (2H, m).	HR Calcd for C ₂₅ H ₂₃ N- O ₄ F ₄ (M+H) ⁺ 478.1636. Found 478.1624. For LR 478 (M+H) ⁺	
C-25		(CDCl ₃ , 300 MHz) 8.06-8.05 (1H, d), 7.80-7.77 (1H, m), 7.50-7.47 (1H, d), 7.09-7.06 (2H, m), 6.80-6.77 (2H, m), 4.19 (2H, t, J = 6.5 Hz), 3.03 (2H, s), 2.94 (2H, t, J = 6.5 Hz), 2.44-2.38 (2H, m), 2.35 (3H, s), 2.08-2.01 (2H, m), 1.92-1.84 (2H, m).	HR Calcd for C ₂₄ H ₂₃ N- O ₄ Cl ₂ (M+H) ⁺ 460.1077. Found 460.1089. For LR 461 (M+H) ⁺	

C-26		(CDCl ₃ , 300 MHz) 7.87-7.85 (2H,m), 7.24-7.21 (2H, m), 7.09-7.07 (2H, m), 6.81-6.78 (2H, m), 4.20-4.17 (2H, m), 3.04 (2H, s), 2.98-2.94 (2H, m), 2.48-2.41 (2H, m), 2.38 (3H, s), 2.35 (3H, s), 2.10-2.02 (2H, m), 1.90-1.83 (2H, m).	HR Calcd for C ₂₅ H ₂₇ N-O ₄ (M+H) ⁺ 406.2013. Found 406.2014 For LR 406 (M+H) ⁺
C-27		(CDCl ₃ , 300 MHz) 7.91-7.88 (2H, m), 7.40-7.37 (2H, m), 7.09-7.06 (2H, m), 6.80-6.77 (2H, m), 4.18 (2H, t, J = 6.5 Hz), 3.03 (2H, s), 2.95 (2H, t, J = 6.5 Hz), 2.44-2.41 (2H, m), 2.35 (3H, s), 2.08-2.01 (2H, m), 1.90-1.87 (2H, m).	HR Calcd for C ₂₄ H ₂₄ N-O ₄ Cl (M+H) ⁺ 426.1467. Found 426.1471. For LR 426 (M+H) ⁺
C-28		(CDCl ₃ , 300 MHz) 7.92-7.89 (2H, m), 7.10-7.07 (2H, m), 6.95-6.92 (2H, m), 6.80-6.77 (2H, m), 4.17 (2H, t, J = 6.5 Hz), 3.85 (3H, s), 3.04 (2H, s), 2.95 (2H, t, J = 6.5 Hz), 2.48-2.38 (2H, m), 2.34 (3H, s), 2.10-2.02 (2H, m), 1.94-1.83 (2H, m).	HR Calcd for C ₂₅ H ₂₇ N-O ₅ (M+H) ⁺ 422.1962. Found 422.1948. For LR 423 (M+H) ⁺
C-29		(CDCl ₃ , 300 MHz) 7.57-7.55 (1H, m), 7.51-7.49 (1H, m), 7.35-7.30 (1H, m), 7.10-7.07 (2H, m), 6.97-6.93 (1H, m), 6.81-6.78 (2H, m), 4.19 (2H, t, J = 6.5 Hz), 3.87 (3H,s), 3.04 (2H, s), 2.96 (2H, t, J = 6.5 Hz), 2.48-2.38 (2H, m), 2.36 (3H, s), 2.11-2.02 (2H, m), 1.94-1.85 (2H, m).	HR Calcd for C ₂₅ H ₂₇ N-O ₅ (M+H) ⁺ 422.1962. Found 422.1947. For LR 422 (M+H) ⁺
C-30		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz) 8.23 (1H, s), 8.15-8.13 (1H, m), 7.64-7.63 (1H, m), 7.54-7.50 (1H, m), 7.07-7.05 (2H, m), 6.99-6.96 (1H, m), 6.77-6.75 (2H, m), 6.70-6.68 (1H, m), 4.19 (2H, t, J = 6.5 Hz),	HR Calcd for C ₂₅ H ₂₄ N-O ₄ F ₃ (M+H) ⁺ 460.1730. Found 460.1728. For LR 460 (M+H) ⁺

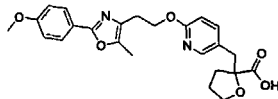
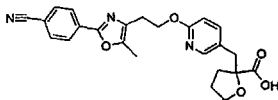
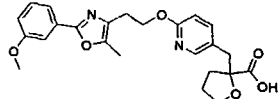
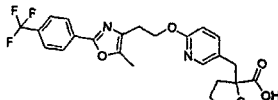
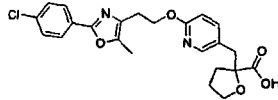
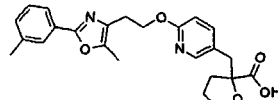
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C-32		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz) 7.81 (1H, s), 7.77-7.75 (1H, m), 7.33-7.29 (1H, m), 7.22-7.20 (1H, m), 7.09-7.07 (2H, m), 6.81-6.78 (2H, m), 4.19 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.5 Hz), 3.04 (2H, s), 2.96 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.5 Hz), 2.44-2.42 (2H, m), 2.39 (3H, s), 2.35 (3H, s), 2.08-2.03 (2H, m), 1.89-1.87 (2H, m).	HR Calcd for C ₂₅ H ₂₇ N ₂ O ₄ (M+H) ⁺ 406.2013. Found 406.2026. For LR 407 (M+H) ⁺
C-33		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz) 8.08-8.06 (2H, d), 7.68-7.66 (2H, d), 7.09-7.07 (2H, m), 6.80-6.78 (2H, m), 4.91 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.5 Hz), 3.03 (2H, s), 2.97 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.5 Hz), 2.46-2.38 (2H, m), 2.37 (3H, s), 2.09-2.02 (2H, m), 1.92-1.82 (2H, m).	HR Calcd for C ₂₅ H ₂₄ N ₂ O ₄ F ₃ (M+H) ⁺ 460.1730. Found 460.1723. For LR 461 (M+H) ⁺
C-34		(DMSO- <i>d</i> ₆ , 300 MHz) 12.19 (1H, s), 8.12-8.11 (2H, m), 7.82-7.79 (2H, m), 7.59-7.44 (6H, m), 7.13-6.98 (4H, m), 5.17 (2H, s), 2.97 (2H, s), 2.30-2.21 (2H, m), 2.01-1.73 (4H, m).	Calcd for C ₂₈ H ₂₆ N ₂ O 440.1857. Found: 440.1846.
C-35		(CDCl ₃ , 300 MHz) 8.09-8.07 (2H, m), 7.68-7.66 (2H, m), 7.46-7.26 (6H, m), 7.10-6.78 (4H, m), 4.01 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 5.8 Hz), 3.04-3.00 (4H, m), 2.49-2.39 (2H, m), 2.30-2.21 (2H, m), 2.11-2.02 (2H, m), 1.94-1.81 (2H, m).	Calcd for C ₃₀ H ₃₀ N ₂ O 468.2107. Found: 468.2165.
C-36		(DMSO- <i>d</i> ₆ , 300 MHz) 12.92 (1H, s), 8.12-8.09 (2H, m), 7.82-7.79 (2H, m), 7.60-7.44 (6H, m), 7.02-6.99 (2H, m), 6.64-6.60 (2H, m), 5.13 (2H, s), 2.68-2.59 (2H, m), 2.37-2.26 (2H, m), 1.95-1.84 (2H, m).	Calcd for C ₂₇ H ₂₄ N ₂ O 442.1649. Found: 442.1639.

C-37		(CDCl ₃ , 300 MHz) 8.10-8.06 (2H, m), 7.69-7.66 (2H, m), 7.46-7.32 (6H, m), 6.79-6.66 (4H, m), 3.91 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.0 Hz), 2.98 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.3 Hz), 2.80-2.71 (2H, m), 2.50-2.40 (2H, m), 2.24-2.15 (2H, m), 2.06-1.93 (2H, m).	Calcd for C ₂₉ H ₂₈ NO ₄ 470.1962. Found: 470.1952.	Calcd for C ₂₉ H ₂₇ N O ₅ C 74.18, H 5.80, N 2.98. Found: C 73.07, H 6.81, N 2.43.
C-38		(CDCl ₃ , 300 MHz) 8.09-8.07 (2H, m), 7.68-7.66 (2H, m), 7.46-7.26 (6H, m), 7.10-6.78 (4H, m), 4.01 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 5.8 Hz), 3.04-3.00 (4H, m), 2.49-2.39 (2H, m), 2.30-2.21 (2H, m), 2.11-2.02 (2H, m), 1.94-1.81 (2H, m).	HR Calcd for C ₃₀ H ₂₉ NO ₄ (M+H) ⁺ 468.2107. Found 468.2165. For LR 468 (M+H) ⁺	
C-39		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz) 8.03 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.3 Hz), 7.66 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.3 Hz), 7.65-7.60 (2H, m), 7.49-7.32 (3H, m), 6.74-6.63 (4H, m), 4.03 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.6 Hz), 2.96 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.6 Hz), 2.81-2.70 (2H, m), 2.49-2.35 (2H, m), 2.38 (3H, s), 2.10-1.90 (2H, m).	Calcd for C ₂₉ H ₂₈ NO ₅ 470.1962. Found: 470.1948.	Calcd for C ₂₉ H ₂₇ N O ₅ C 74.18, H 5.80, N 2.98. Found: C 74.07, H 5.83, N 2.89.
C-40		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz) 8.00-7.93 (2H, m), 7.46-7.40 (3H, m), 6.73-6.62 (4H, m), 4.02 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.6 Hz), 2.94 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.6 Hz), 2.80-2.69 (2H, m), 2.47-2.33 (2H, m), 2.36 (3H, s), 2.10-1.88 (2H, m).	Calcd for C ₂₉ H ₂₄ NO ₅ 394.1649. Found: 394.1639.	Calcd for C ₂₃ H ₂₃ N O ₅ C 70.21, H 5.89, N 3.56. Found: C 69.87, H 6.05, N 3.47.
C-41		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz) 8.01-7.94 (2H, m), 7.47-7.39 (3H, m), 6.82-6.65 (4H, m), 3.87 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 6.0 Hz), 2.82-2.71 (2H, m), 2.67-2.60 (2H, m), 2.50-2.38 (2H, m), 2.29 (3H, s), 2.10-1.90 (4H, m).	for LR 408 (M+H) ⁺	Calcd for C ₂₄ H ₂₅ N O ₅ C 70.74, H 6.18, N 3.44. Found: C 70.52, H 6.19, N 3.41.

C-42		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz) 8.04-7.97 (2H, m), 7.47-7.40 (3H, m), 6.86-6.63 (4H, m), 4.90 (2H, s), 2.78-2.70 (2H, m), 2.47-2.35 (2H, m), 2.41 (3H, s), 2.10-1.90 (2H, m).	for LR 380 (M+H) ⁺	Calcd for C ₂₂ H ₂₁ N O ₅ C 69.64, H 5.58, N 6.69. Found: C 69.49, H 5.68, N 3.62.
C-43		(MeOH-d ₄ , 400 MHz) 7.87-7.84 (3H, m), 7.46 (1H, dd, J = 2.3, 8.6 Hz), 7.39-7.35 (3H, m), 6.57 (1H, d, J = 8.6 Hz), 4.38 (2H, t, J = 6.7 Hz), 2.88 (4H, m), 2.25 (3H, s), 2.29-2.20 (2H, m), 1.88-1.81 (2H, m), 1.75-1.68 (2H, m).	Calcd for C ₂₃ H ₂₄ N ₂ O ₄ 393.1809. Found: 393.1815.	
C-44		(DMSO-d ₆ , 300 MHz) 8.02 (1H, d, J = 2.1 Hz), 7.91-7.88 (2H, m), 7.60 (1H, dd, J = 2.3, 8.5 Hz), 7.52-7.47 (3H, m), 6.72 (1H, d, J = 8.7 Hz), 5.66 (1H, bs), 4.73 (1H, s), 4.45 (2H, t, J = 6.8 Hz), 2.90 (2H, t, J = 6.7 Hz), 2.40-2.16 (2H, m), 2.30 (3H, s), 2.14-2.02 (2H, m), 1.75-1.63 (1H, m), 1.56-1.42 (1H, m).	for LR 408 (M) ⁻	Calcd for C ₂₃ H ₂₄ N ₂ O ₅ C 67.63, H 5.92, N 6.86. Found: C 67.51, H 6.08, N 6.75.
C-45		(Methyl sulfoxide-d ₆ , 400 MHz): 8.02 (1H, d, J = 2.1 Hz), 7.91-7.88 (2H, m), 7.60 (1H, dd, J = 2.3, 8.5 Hz), 7.52-7.47 (3H, m), 6.72 (1H, d, J = 8.7 Hz), 4.68 (1H, s), 4.45 (2H, t, J = 6.8 Hz), 4.01 (2H, q, J = 7.1 Hz), 2.90 (2H, t, J = 6.7 Hz), 2.40-2.16 (2H, m), 2.30 (3H, s), 2.14-2.02 (2H, m), 1.75-1.63 (1H, m), 1.56-1.42 (1H, m), 1.29 (3H, t, J = 7.2 Hz).	for LR 437 (M+H) ⁺	
C-46		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz) 8.00-7.93 (3H, m), 7.42-7.37 (4H, m), 6.63 (1H, d, J = 8.5 Hz), 4.48 (2H, t, J = 6.6 Hz), 2.96 (2H, t, J = 6.7 Hz), 2.86 (2H, s), 2.31 (3H, s), 2.10-2.02 (2H, m), 1.66-1.50 (6H, m).	for LR 406 (M) ⁻	
C-47		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz) 7.97-7.93 (3H, m), 7.43-7.33 (4H, m), 6.63 (1H, d, J = 8.5 Hz), 4.48 (2H, t, J = 6.8 Hz), 2.95 (2H, t, J = 6.8 Hz), 2.73 (2H, s), 2.30 (3H, s), 2.01 (2H, d, J = 12.6 Hz), 1.59-1.50 (3H, m), 1.40-1.15 (5H, m).	for LR 420 (M) ⁻	

C-48		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz) 7.99-7.94 (3H, m), 7.49 (1H, dd, <i>J</i> = 2.4, 8.6 Hz), 7.44-7.36 (3H, m), 6.63 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.5 Hz), 4.50 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.7 Hz), 4.00-3.93 (1H, m), 3.89-3.81 (1H, m), 3.14 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 14.1 Hz), 2.95 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.7 Hz), 2.85 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 14.1 Hz), 2.31 (3H, s), 1.99-1.73 (4H, m).	for LR 409 (M) ⁺	
C-49		(MeOH-d ₄ , 300 MHz) 8.37 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 2.6 Hz), 8.07 (1H, dd, <i>J</i> = 2.6, 8.9 Hz), 7.93-7.90 (2H, m), 7.79 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.9 Hz), 7.47-7.40 (3H, m), 4.41 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.2 Hz), 3.92-3.86 (2H, m), 3.05 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.2 Hz), 2.36 (3H, s), 3.50 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 14.3 Hz), 3.15 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 14.3 Hz), 2.31-2.23 (1H, m), 2.00-1.92 (1H, m), 1.89-1.73 (2H, m).	for LR 408 (M) ⁺	Calcd for C ₂₃ H ₂₅ N ₂ O ₅ Cl C 62.09, H 5.66, N 6.30. Found: C 61.96, H 5.75, N 6.18.
C-50		(MeOD, 400 MHz): 8.37 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 2.6 Hz), 8.07 (1H, dd, <i>J</i> = 2.6, 8.9 Hz), 7.93-7.90 (2H, m), 7.79 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.9 Hz), 7.47-7.40 (2H, m), 4.41 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.2 Hz), 3.92-3.86 (2H, m), 3.50 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 14.3 Hz), 3.15 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 14.3 Hz), 3.05 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.2 Hz), 2.36 (3H, s), 2.34 (3H, s), 2.31-2.23 (1H, m), 2.00-1.92 (1H, m), 1.89-1.73 (2H, m).	for LR 423 (M+H) ⁺	
C-51		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz): 8.03 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 2.5 Hz), 7.77-7.74 (2H, m), 7.36-7.31 (4H, m), 7.26 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.6 Hz), 4.31 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.6 Hz), 3.81-3.69 (2H, m), 3.11 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.4 Hz), 3.02 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 13.9 Hz), 2.37 (3H, s), 2.36-2.34 (1H, m), 2.18-2.11 (1H, m), 1.94-1.87 (1H, m), 1.78-1.68 (1H, m), 1.60-1.53 (1H, m).	for LR 425 (M+H) ⁺	
C-52		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz): 8.04 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 2.8 Hz), 7.85-7.83 (2H, m), 7.41-7.39 (2H, m), 7.33 (1H, dd, <i>J</i> = 8.6, 3.0 Hz), 7.27 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.8 Hz), 4.23 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.3 Hz), 3.82-3.70 (2H, m), 3.17-3.15 (1H, m), 3.03 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 14.2 Hz), 2.91 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.3 Hz), 2.29 (3H, s), 2.19-2.12 (1H, m), 1.96-1.88 (1H, m), 1.78-1.71 (1H, m), 1.61-1.54 (1H, m).	for LR 443 (M+H) ⁺	
C-53		(MeOD, 400 MHz): 8.01 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 1.5 Hz), 7.80-7.77 (2H, m), 7.25-7.24 (2H, m), 6.93-6.91 (2H, m), 4.20 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.3 Hz), 3.80-3.69 (2H, m), 3.75 (3H, s), 3.17-3.15 (1H, m), 3.01 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 13.9 Hz), 2.88 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.3 Hz), 2.26 (3H, s), 2.17-2.11 (1H, m), 1.94-1.87 (1H, m), 1.75-1.66 (1H, m), 1.58-1.49 (1H, m).	for LR 439 (M+H) ⁺	

C-54		(MeOD, 400 MHz): 8.01 (1H, d, $J = 2.3$ Hz), 7.44-7.40 (2H, m), 7.30-7.22 (3H, m), 6.94-6.91 (1H, m), 4.21 (2H, t, $J = 6.4$ Hz), 3.80-3.67 (2H, m), 3.75 (3H, s), 3.21-3.17 (1H, m), 3.01 (1H, d, $J = 13.9$ Hz), 2.90 (2H, t, $J = 6.4$ Hz), 2.28 (3H, s), 2.17-2.11 (1H, m), 1.94-1.87 (1H, m), 1.77-1.67 (1H, m), 1.60-1.50 (1H, m)	for LR 439 (M+H) ⁺	
C-55		(CDCl ₃ , 300 MHz): 8.43 (1H, d, $J = 2.6$ Hz), 7.97-7.93 (1H, m), 7.83-7.79 (1H, m), 7.60-7.52 (2H, m), 7.48-7.42 (3H, m), 4.14 (2H, t, $J = 6.0$ Hz), 4.06-3.99 (2H, m), 3.62 (1H, d, $J = 13.9$ Hz), 3.37 (1H, d, $J = 13.9$ Hz), 2.69 (2H, t, $J = 6.0$ Hz), 2.32 (3H, s), 2.23-1.96 (6H, m)	for LR 423 (M+H) ⁺	
C-56		(CDCl ₃ , 300 MHz): 7.93-8.03 (3H, m), 7.83-7.79 (1H, m), 7.37-7.54 (4H, m), 6.65 (1H, m), 4.50 (2H, t, $J = 6.0$ Hz), 3.75 (2H, m), 2.95 (4H, m), 2.33 (3H, s), 2.12 (2H, m), 1.39-1.77 (5H, m)	for LR 423 (M+H) ⁺	
C-57		(MeOD, 400 MHz): 7.98 (1H, d, $J = 2.8$ Hz), 7.86-7.84 (2H, m), 7.39-7.36 (3H, m), 7.24 (1H, d, $J = 8.8, 2.8$ Hz), 7.19 (1H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 4.21 (2H, t, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 3.70-3.66 (1H, m), 3.60-3.53 (1H, m), 2.95 (2H, s), 2.90 (2H, t, $J = 6.4$ Hz), 2.28 (3H, s), 2.07-2.01 (1H, m), 1.61-1.58 (1H, m), 1.40-1.32 (4H, m)	for LR 423 (M+H) ⁺	
C-58		(DMSO-d ₆ , 400 MHz) 8.17 (2H, d, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 7.99 (2H, d, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 7.92 (2H, d, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 7.68 (2H, t, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 7.58 (1H, t, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 7.24-7.02 (4H, m), 4.36 (2H, t, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 3.11 (2H, s), 3.11-3.07 (2H, m), 2.55 (3H, s), 2.44-2.37 (2H, m), 2.15-1.89 (4H, m).	Calcd for C ₃₀ H ₃₀ N O ₄ .0.2H ₂ O C 76.47, H 6.29, N 2.97. Found: 468.2170. 468.2163.	Calcd for C ₃₀ H ₃₀ N O ₄ .0.2H ₂ O C 76.47, H 6.29, N 2.97. Found: C 76.48, H 6.30, N 2.90.
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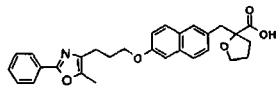
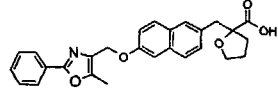
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C-62		¹ H NMR (DMSO-d ₆ , 400 MHz) : 7.95 (1H, d, J = 2.0 Hz), 7.53 (1H, dd, J = 8.3 and 2.3 Hz), 7.48 (1H, d, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.42-7.38 (2H, m), 7.04 (1H, dd, J = 8.3 and 2.5 Hz), 6.69 (1H, d, J = 8.3 Hz), 4.43 (2H, t, J = 6.6 Hz), 3.81 (3H, s), 3.75 (2H, t, J = 6.8 Hz), 3.01 (1H, d, J = 13.9 Hz), 2.90 (2H, t, J = 6.6 Hz), 2.82 (1H, d, J = 13.9 Hz), 2.31 (3H, s), 2.13-2.07 (1H, m), 1.83-1.58 (3H, m)		Calcd for C ₂₄ H ₂₇ N ₂ O ₆ 439.1864 Found: 439.1874
C-63		¹ H NMR (DMSO-d ₆ , 400 MHz) : 12.51 (1H, s), 8.10 (2H, d, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.95 (1H, d, J = 2.0 Hz), 7.85 (2H, d, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.53 (1H, dd, J = 8.3 and 2.3 Hz), 6.69 (1H, d, J = 8.6 Hz), 4.45 (2H, t, J = 6.8 Hz), 3.75 (2H, t, J = 6.6 Hz), 3.01 (1H, d, J = 13.9 Hz), 2.93 (2H, t, J = 6.6 Hz), 2.82 (1H, d, J = 13.9 Hz), 2.34 (3H, s), 2.13-2.06 (1H, m), 1.84-1.60 (3H, m)	Calcd for C ₂₄ H ₂₄ F ₃ N ₂ O ₅ 477.1632 Found: 477.1635	
C-64		¹ H NMR (CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz) : 8.16 (1H, s), 7.88 (2H, d, J = 8.6 Hz), 7.81 (1H, d, J = 8.6 Hz), 7.41 (2H, d, J = 8.6 Hz), 6.87 (1H, d, J = 8.8 Hz), 4.51 (2H, t, J = 6.1 Hz), 4.03-3.90 (2H, m), 3.23 (1H, d, J = 14.2 Hz), 3.04 (2H, t, J = 6.1 Hz), 2.86 (1H, d, J = 14.2 Hz), 2.42-2.35 (1H, m), 2.37 (3H, s), 2.01-1.87 (3H, m)	for LR 443 (M+H) ⁺	
C-65		¹ H NMR (DMSO-d ₆ , 400 MHz) : 7.95 (1H, d, J = 2.0 Hz), 7.73 (1H, s), 7.69 (1H, d, J = 7.3 Hz), 7.51 (1H, dd, J = 8.6 and 2.3 Hz), 7.37 (1H, t, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.28 (1H, d, J = 7.1 Hz), 6.69 (1H, d, J = 8.3 Hz), 4.43 (2H, t, J = 6.8 Hz), 3.75 (2H, t, J = 6.6 Hz), 3.01 (1H, d, J = 14.2 Hz), 2.89 (2H, t, J = 6.8 Hz), 2.82 (1H, d, J = 14.2 Hz), 2.36 (3H, s), 2.30 (3H, s), 2.14-2.08 (1H, m), 1.84-1.60 (3H, m)	Calcd for C ₂₄ H ₂₆ N ₂ O ₅ 423.1915 Found: 423.1927	Calcd for C ₂₄ H ₂₆ N ₂ O ₅ 0.4H ₂ O C 64.23 H 6.01 N 6.19 Found: C 64.16 H 6.16 N 6.01

C-66		¹ H NMR (DMSO-d ₆ , 400 MHz) : 7.95 (1H, d, J = 2.3 Hz), 7.79 (2H, d, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.53 (1H, dd, J = 8.3 and 2.5 Hz), 7.29 (2H, d, J = 8.1 Hz), 6.68 (1H, d, 8.3 Hz), 4.43 (2H, t, J = 7.1 Hz), 3.75 (2H, t, J = 6.8 Hz), 3.01 (1H, d, J = 13.9 Hz), 2.88 (2H, t, J = 6.8 Hz), 2.82 (1H, d, J = 13.9 Hz), 2.34 (3H, s), 2.29 (3H, s), 2.14-2.07 (1H, m), 1.84-1.60 (3H, m)	Calcd for C ₂₄ H ₂₇ N ₂ O ₅ Found: 423.1915, 423.1929	Calcd for C ₂₄ H ₂₆ N ₂ O ₅ 0.9H ₂ O C 65.71 H 6.39 N 6.39 Found: C 65.61 H 6.34 N 6.20
C-67		¹ H NMR (MeOH-d ₄ , 400 MHz): 8.28 (1 H, s), 7.76 (2 H, dt, J=7.7, 0.2 Hz), 7.56 (1 H, d, J=9.1 Hz), 7.34 - 7.39 (1 H, m), 7.14 - 7.20 (2 H, m), 6.28 (1 H, d, J=9.2 Hz), 4.12 (2 H, t, J=8.0 Hz), 3.70 - 3.84 (2 H, m), 3.14 - 3.20 (1 H, m), 3.00 - 3.06 (1 H, m), 2.75 (2 H, t, J=8.0 Hz), 2.34 - 2.44 (1 H, m), 2.26 - 2.31 (3 H, m), 1.82 - 2.05 (3 H, m)	LRMS: 426 (M+H) ⁺	
C-68		¹ H NMR (MeOH-d ₄ , 400 MHz): 8.28 (1 H, s), 7.56 (1 H, d, J=9.1 Hz), 6.28 (1 H, d, J=9.2 Hz), 4.12 (2 H, t, J=8.0 Hz), 3.70 - 3.84 (2 H, m), 3.14 - 3.20 (1 H, m), 2.99 - 3.06 (1 H, m), 2.58 (2 H, t, J=8.0 Hz), 2.48 (3 H, s), 2.31 - 2.44 (1 H, m), 2.18 (3 H, s), 1.81 - 2.05 (3 H, m)	for LR 364 (M+H) ⁺	
C-69		¹ H NMR (MeOH-d ₄ , 400 MHz): 8.19 (1 H, s), 7.45 (2 H, dd, J=9.0, 8.4 Hz), 7.33 (1 H, d, J=7.7 Hz), 7.15 - 7.21 (1 H, m), 6.99 - 7.05 (1 H, m), 6.24 (1 H, d, J=9.2 Hz), 4.02 (2 H, t, J=5.2 Hz), 3.70 - 3.84 (2 H, m), 3.42 (2 H, t, J=5.2 Hz), 3.14 - 3.20 (1 H, m), 2.99 - 3.06 (1 H, m), 2.93 (3 H, s), 2.34 - 2.43 (1 H, m), 1.82 - 2.05 (3 H, m)	for LR 398 (M+H) ⁺	
C-70		¹ H NMR (MeOH-d ₄ , 400 MHz): 8.28 (1 H, s), 7.56 (1 H, d, J=9.1 Hz), 7.08 - 7.20 (4 H, m), 6.28 (1 H, d, J=9.2 Hz), 4.50 (2 H, t, J=6.9 Hz), 3.70 - 3.84 (2 H, m), 3.14 - 3.20 (1 H, m), 3.00 - 3.05 (1 H, m), 2.90 (2 H, t, J=6.9 Hz), 2.32 - 2.43 (1 H, m), 2.28 (3 H, s), 1.81 - 2.05 (3 H, m)	for LR 342 (M+H) ⁺	
C-71		¹ H NMR (MeOH-d ₄ , 400 MHz): 8.28 (1 H, s), 7.56 (1 H, d, J=9.1 Hz), 7.09 - 7.15 (4 H, m), 6.28 (1 H, d, J=9.2 Hz), 4.57 (2 H, t, J=6.5 Hz), 3.70 - 3.84 (2 H, m), 3.28 (2 H, t, J=6.5 Hz), 3.14 - 3.20 (1 H, m), 3.00 - 3.06 (1 H, m), 2.34 - 2.44 (1 H, m), 2.27 - 2.31 (3 H, m), 1.82 - 2.05 (3 H, m)	for LR 342 (M+H) ⁺	

C-72		¹ H NMR (CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz): 8.2-8.6 (1H, br s), 8.10 (1H, s) 7.58 (1H, d, J=9.1 Hz) 6.85-7.25 (4H, m) 6.70 (1H, d, J=9.2 Hz) 3.80-4.05 (2H, m), 3.63 (2H, t, J=6.5 Hz) 3.35 (3H, s), 2.85 (2H, t, J=6.5 Hz) 2.30 (1H, m) 1.65-2.05 (3H, m)		
C-73		¹ H NMR (CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz): 7.98 (1H, s) 7.48 (1H, d, J=9.1 Hz) 7.15-7.30 (4H, m) 6.65 (2H, m) 4.37 (2H, t, J=6.5 Hz) 3.80-4.03 (2H, m), 2.80-3.20 (4H, m) 2.35 (3H, m) 1.70-2.05 (3H, m) 1.50 (9H, s)		
C-74		(Acetone-d ₆ , 300 MHz): 8.37 (1H, d, J = 1.9 Hz), 7.96 (2H, m), 7.56 (1H, dd, J = 7.9, 2.3 Hz), 7.45 (3H, m), 7.14 (1H, d, J = 7.9 Hz), 3.89 (2H, m), 3.05 (2H, m), 2.77 (2H, m), 2.50 (2H, t, J = 7.4 Hz), 2.30 (3H, s) 2.16 (2H, m), 1.88 (4H, m)	for LR 405 (M) ⁻	
C-75		(MeOD, 400 MHz): 8.19 (1H, s), 7.82-7.80 (2H, m), 7.61 (1H, dd, J = 7.8, 1.8 Hz), 7.35-7.33 (3H, m), 7.15 (1H, d, J = 8.1 Hz), 3.83-3.73 (2H, m), 3.09 (1H, d, J = 13.9 Hz), 2.82 (1H, d, J = 13.9 Hz), 2.69 (2H, t, J = 7.2 Hz), 2.41 (2H, t, J = 6.7 Hz), 2.23-2.13 (1H, m), 2.20 (3H, s), 1.88-1.79 (1H, m), 1.78-1.53 (6H, m)	for LR 421 (M+H) ⁺	
C-76		(MeOD, 300 MHz): 8.34-8.32 (2H, bm), 7.87-7.85 (2H, bm), 7.8-7.36 (3H, bm), 4.54 (2H, bs), 3.83 (2H, bs), 3.06 (1H, d, J = 10.7 Hz), 2.93-2.89 (1H, bm), 2.80 (1H, d, J = 10.7 Hz), 2.24 (3H, s), 1.92-1.77 (5H, m)	for LR 410 (M+H) ⁺	
C-77		(Acetone-d ₆ , 400 MHz): 8.08 (1H, s), 7.95 (2H, m), 7.46 (3H, m), 4.57 (2H, t, J = 6.5 Hz), 3.83 (2H, m), 3.10 (4H, m), 2.36 (3H, s), 2.20 (2H, d, J = 7.0 Hz), 1.75 (2H, m)	for LR 408 (M) ⁻	
C-78		¹ H NMR (DMSO-d ₆ , 400 MHz) : 12.40 (1H, s), 7.90 (2H, dd, J = 7.8 and 1.8 Hz), 7.51-7.44 (3H, m), 7.10 (2H, d, J = 8.3 Hz), 6.81 (2H, d, J = 8.6), 4.16 (2H, t, J = 6.8 Hz), 3.73 (2H, t, J = 6.8 Hz), 2.99 (1H, d, J = 13.9 Hz), 2.90 (2H, t, J = 6.6 Hz), 2.81 (1H, d, J = 13.9 Hz), 2.34 (3H, s), 2.11-2.04 (1H, m), 1.82-1.57 (3H, m).	Calcd for C ₂₄ H ₂₆ NO 5 408.1806. Found: 408.1797.	Calcd for C ₂₄ H ₂₅ N O ₅ C 70.75 H 6.18 N 3.44. Found: C 70.53 H 6.18 N 3.31

C-79		(DMSO-d ₆ , 400 MHz) 7.25-7.24 (1H, m), 7.19-7.17 (2H, m), 7.06-7.04 (2H, m), 6.76-6.75 (1H, m), 6.72-6.70 (2H, m), 4.11 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.5 Hz), 3.77-3.71 (2H, m), 3.00-2.96 (1H, m), 2.89 (6H, s), 2.87-2.85 (2H, m), 2.84-2.76 (1H, m), 2.98 (3H, s), 2.12-2.10 (1H, m), 1.85-1.82 (1H, m), 1.71-1.56 (2H, m)	HR Calcd for C ₂₆ H ₃₀ N ₂ O ₅ (M+H) ⁺ 451.2228. Found 451.2213. For LR 451 (M+H) ⁺
C-80		(DMSO-d ₆ , 300 MHz) 12.40 (1H, s), 8.14-8.11 (2H, m), 8.03-8.04 (2H, m), 7.19-7.16 (2H, m), 6.89-6.86 (2H, m), 4.24 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.5 Hz), 3.80 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.6 Hz), 3.09-3.04 (1H, m), 3.00 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.4 Hz), 2.91-2.86 (1H, m), 2.45 (3H, s), 2.19-2.13 (1H, m), 1.88-1.67 (3H, m)	HR Calcd for C ₂₅ H ₂₄ N ₂ O ₅ (M+H) ⁺ 433.1758. Found 433.1741. For LR 433 (M+H) ⁺
C-81		(DMSO-d ₆ , 300 MHz) 8.10 (1H, s), 8.03-7.96 (4H, m), 7.48 (1H, s), 7.15-7.12 (2H, m), 6.85-6.83 (2H, m), 4.20 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.5 Hz), 3.76 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.5 Hz), 3.04-3.00 (1H, m), 2.95 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.5 Hz), 2.86-2.82 (1H, m), 2.39 (3H, s), 2.12 (1H, m), 1.83-1.60 (3H, m)	For LR 451 (M+H) ⁺
C-82		(CDCl ₃ , 300 MHz) 7.85-7.77 (2H, m), 7.68-7.63 (1H, m), 7.15-7.12 (2H, m), 6.82-6.80 (2H, m), 4.22 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.5 Hz), 4.01-3.96 (1H, m), 3.90-3.85 (1H, m), 3.19-3.14 (1H, m), 2.97 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.5 Hz), 2.90-2.85 (1H, m), 2.39 (3H, s), 2.36-2.32 (1H, m), 2.06-1.96 (1H, m), 1.87-1.77 (2H, m).	HR Calcd for C ₂₅ H ₂₃ NO ₅ F ₄ (M+H) ⁺ 494.1585. Found 494.1579. For LR 494 (M+H) ⁺
C-83		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz) 7.87-7.84 (2H, d), 7.23-7.21 (2H, d), 7.14-7.12 (2H, d), 6.82-6.80 (2H, d), 4.19 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.5 Hz), 4.01-3.94 (1H, m), 3.87-3.81 (1H, m), 3.17-3.14 (1H, m), 2.95 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.5 Hz), 2.90-2.87 (1H, m), 2.38 (3H, s), 2.35 (3H, s), 2.33-2.30 (1H, m), 2.03-1.95 (1H, m), 1.87-1.72 (2H, m).	For LR 422 (M+H) ⁺
C-84		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz) 7.92-7.90 (2H, m), 7.12-7.10 (2H, m), 6.94-6.92 (2H, m), 6.80-6.78 (2H, m), 4.18 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.5 Hz), 4.02-3.97 (2H, m), 3.84 (3H, s), 3.17-3.13 (1H, m), 2.95 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.5 Hz), 2.90-2.86 (1H, m), 2.35 (3H, s), 2.03-2.00 (2H, m), 1.87-1.81 (2H, m).	HR Calcd for C ₂₅ H ₂₇ NO ₆ (M+H) ⁺ 438.1911. Found 438.1913. For LR 438 (M+H) ⁺
C-85		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz) 7.57-7.55 (1H, m), 7.51-7.49 (1H, m), 7.35-7.30 (1H, m), 7.10-7.07 (2H, m), 6.97-6.93 (1H, m), 6.81-6.78 (2H, m), 4.19 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.5 Hz), 3.87 (3H, s), 3.04 (2H, s), 2.96 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.5 Hz), 2.48-2.38 (2H, m), 2.36 (2H, s), 2.11-2.02 (2H, m), 1.94-1.85 (2H, m).	

C-86		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz) 7.97 (1H, s), 7.86-7.84 (1H, m), 7.37-7.35 (2H, m), 7.15-7.12 (2H, m), 6.82-6.80 (2H, m), 4.20 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.5 Hz), 3.99-3.95 (1H, m), 3.88-3.84 (1H, m), 3.18-3.14 (1H, m), 2.96 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.5 Hz), 2.90-2.87 (1H, m), 2.37 (3H, s), 2.36-2.31 (1H, m), 2.01-1.98 (1H, m), 1.88-1.73 (2H, m).		
C-87		CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz) 8.24 (1H, s), 8.15-8.14 (1H, m), 7.66-7.64 (1H, m), 7.57-7.54 (1H, m), 7.15-7.13 (2H, m), 6.82-6.80 (2H, m), 4.21 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.5 Hz), 3.88-3.84 (2H, m), 3.18-3.15 (1H, m), 2.97 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.5 Hz), 2.90-2.86 (1H, m), 2.39 (3H, s), 2.01-1.98 (2H, m), 1.85-1.81 (2H, m).	HR Calcd for C ₂₅ H ₂₄ NO ₅ F ₃ (M+H) ⁺ 476.1680. Found 476.1687. For LR 477 (M+H) ⁺	
C-88		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz) 7.91-7.89 (2H, m), 7.40-7.38 (2H, m), 7.14-7.13 (2H, m), 6.81-6.79 (2H, m), 4.19 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.5 Hz), 4.02-3.93 (2H, m), 3.19-3.14 (1H, m), 2.95 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.5 Hz), 2.90-2.87 (1H, m), 2.36 (3H, s), 2.01-1.94 (2H, m), 1.87-1.81 (2H, m).	HR Calcd for C ₂₄ H ₂₄ NO ₅ Cl (M+H) ⁺ 442.01416. Found 442.1413. For LR 443 (M+H) ⁺	
C-89		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz) 7.81-7.75 (2H, m), 7.32-7.28 (1H, m), 7.22-7.20 (1H, m), 7.14-7.12 (2H, m), 6.81-6.78 (2H, m), 4.19 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.5 Hz), 3.98-3.81 (2H, m), 3.17-3.10 (1H, m), 2.96 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.5 Hz), 2.91-2.86 (1H, m), 2.38 (3H, s), 2.36 (3H, s), 2.00-1.69 (4H, m).	HR Calcd for C ₂₅ H ₂₇ NO ₅ (M+H) ⁺ 422.1962. Found 422.1948. For LR 422 (M+H) ⁺	
C-90		(CDCl ₃ , 300 MHz) 8.09-8.06 (2H, d), 7.69-7.66 (2H, d), 7.15-7.12 (2H, m), 6.82-6.79 (2H, m), 4.21 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.5 Hz), 4.00-3.81 (2H, m), 3.18-3.14 (1H, m), 2.97 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.5 Hz), 2.91-2.86 (1H, m), 2.39 (3H, s), 2.36-2.30 (1H, m), 2.04-1.72 (3H, m).	HR Calcd for C ₂₅ H ₂₄ NO ₅ F ₃ (M+H) ⁺ 476.1680. Found 476.1661. For LR 475 (M+H) ⁺	
C-91		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz): 7.99-7.97 (2H, m), 7.66 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 9.3 Hz), 7.62-7.59 (2H, m), 7.45-7.32 (4H, m), 7.11-7.08 (2H, m), 4.31 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.6 Hz), 3.97-3.82 (2H, m), 3.34 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 13.9 Hz), 3.08-3.01 (3H, m), 2.39-2.33 (4H, m), 2.08-2.00 (1H, m), 1.87-1.67 (2H, m).	for LR 458 (M+H) ⁺	

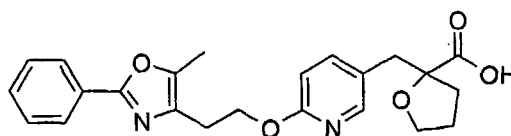
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C-93		(MeOD, 400 MHz): 7.93-7.90 (2H, m), 7.63-7.56 (3H, m), 7.41-7.38 (3H, m), 7.31 (1H, dd, <i>J</i> = 2.5, 8.9 Hz), 5.01 (2H, s), 3.84-3.73 (2H, m), 3.23-3.00 (2H, m), 2.39 (3H, s), 2.23-2.16 (1H, m), 1.96-1.88 (1H, m), 1.76-1.57 (2H, m)	for LR 444 (M+H) ⁺	

Alternative Preparations of the enantiomers of 2-((6-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]pyridin-3-yl)methyl)tetrahydrofuran-2-carboxylic acid (Examples C-48a and C-48b)

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Example C-48a

Enantiomer 1 of 2-((6-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]pyridin-3-yl)methyl)tetrahydrofuran-2-carboxylic acid



10 Lithium hydroxide monohydrate (993 mg, 21.1 mmol) was added to a solution of (4S)-4-benzyl-3-((2-((6-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]pyridin-3-yl)methyl)tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)carbonyl)-1,3-oxazolidin-2-one (600 mg, 1.06 mmol) in a mixture of tetrahydrofuran:methanol:water (1:1:1, 12 mL). The mixture was stirred at 50°C for 4.5 hours, then cooled to ambient temperature and stirred for 2 days. The volatile components were removed by evaporation and the residue was diluted with water (5 mL) and extracted with 1:1 hexanes:ether. The aqueous phase was acidified to pH 5 and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic phase was washed with brine, dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and evaporated. The residue was purified twice by flash column chromatography (95:4:1 dichloromethane:methanol:ammonium hydroxide) to yield the title compound as a colorless oil (72 mg)

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LRMS (*m/z*): 409 (M+H)⁺.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) 7.99-7.94 (3H, m), 7.49 (1H, dd, *J* = 2.4, 8.6 Hz), 7.44-7.36 (3H, m), 6.63 (1H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 4.50 (2H, t, *J* = 6.7 Hz), 4.00-3.93 (1H, m),

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3.89-3.81 (1H, m), 3.14 (1H, d, $J = 14.1$ Hz), 2.95 (2H, t, $J = 6.7$ Hz), 2.85 (1H, d, $J = 14.1$ Hz), 2.31 (3H, s), 1.99-1.73 (4H, m).

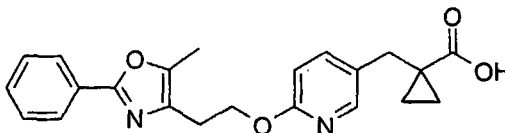
Example C-48b

Enantiomer 2 of 2-({6-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]pyridin-3-yl)methyl}tetrahydrofuran-2-carboxylic acid

Enantiomer 2 was prepared using a similar sequence of reactions to those described for enantiomer 1, except starting from (4*R*)-4-benzyl-1,3-oxazolidin-2-one.

Example C-94

1-{6-[2-(5-Methyl-2-phenyl-oxazol-4-yl)-ethoxy]-pyridin-3-ylmethyl}-cyclopropanecarboxylic acid



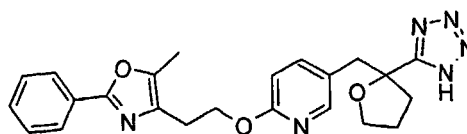
To a solution of 1-{6-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-oxazol-4-yl)-ethoxy]-pyridin-3-ylmethyl}-cyclopropanecarboxylic acid *tert*-butyl ester (0.2017 g, 0.4642 mmol) in anisole (1.2 mL) was added trifluoroacetic acid (1.2 mL). The resulting solution was stirred at ambient temperature for 3 hours and then concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was diluted with ethyl acetate (25 mL) and water (10 mL) and then basified to pH 5-6 by the addition of saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate. The phases were separated and the aqueous layer extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 25 mL). The combined organic extracts were then dried (anhydrous magnesium sulfate), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the crude product. The pure acid (0.071 g, 40%) was obtained, by recrystallization from diethyl ether/ hexanes, as a white solid.

LRMS (m/z): 379 ($M+H$)⁺.

¹H NMR (MeOD, 300 MHz): 7.89-7.83 (3H, m), 7.53 (1H, dd, $J = 8.5, 1.9$ Hz), 7.37-7.35 (3H, m), 6.60 (1H, d, $J = 8.5$ Hz), 4.39 (2H, t, $J = 6.5$ Hz), 2.87 (2H, t, $J = 6.4$ Hz), 2.73 (2H, s), 2.23 (3H, s), 1.14-1.11 (2H, m), 0.77-0.74 (2H, m).

Example C-95

2-[2-(5-Methyl-2-phenyl-oxazol-4-yl)-ethoxy]-5-[2-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-tetrahydrofuran-2-ylmethyl]-pyridine



A solution of 2-{6-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-oxazol-4-yl)-ethoxy]-pyridin-3-ylmethyl}-tetrahydro-furan-2-carbonitrile (0.11 g, 0.27 mmol), sodium azide (0.04 g, 0.54 mmol) and zinc bromide (0.03 g, 0.14 mmol) in water and isopropanol (1:2, 1.24 mL) was refluxed for 23 hours. After cooling to ambient temperature, the reaction was quenched with 3N hydrochloric acid (0.14 mL) and ethyl acetate (2.8 mL), and the mixture stirred until completely homogeneous. The aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 50 mL) and the combined organic extracts washed with water (30 mL), dried (anhydrous magnesium sulfate), filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to give the crude product. The residue was recrystallized with diethyl ether/hexanes to afford the title compound (0.052 g, 44%) as a white solid.

Elemental Analysis: Calcd C₂₂H₂₃N₇O₃ C 60.96, H 5.35, N 22.62. Found: C 63.50, H 5.62, N 18.80.

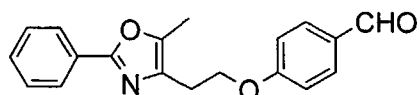
¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 7.93 (2H, m), 7.86 (1H, s), 7.40 (3H, m), 7.11 (1H, d, *J* = 1.7 Hz), 6.49 (1H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 4.42 (2H, t, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 3.88 (2H, m), 3.12 (2H, m), 2.92 (2H, t, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 2.62 (1H, m), 2.31 (3H, s), 2.23 (1H, m), 1.89 (2H, m).

LRMS (*m/z*): 433 (M+H)⁺.

Preparations of starting materials for Examples C-1 to C-95 (Preparations c-1 to c-130)

Preparation c-1

4-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]benzaldehyde

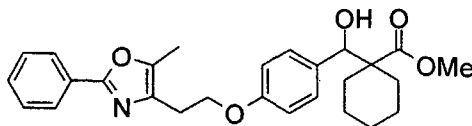


To a solution of the 4-hydroxybenzaldehyde (5.05 g, 41.4 mmol), 2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-oxazol-4-yl)-ethan-1-ol (8.39 g, 41.4 mmol), and triphenylphosphine (10.9 g, 41.4 mmol) in anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (165 mL), under an atmosphere of nitrogen, was added diethyl azodicarboxylate (7.21 g, 41.4 mmol) dropwise. The resulting solution was stirred at ambient temperature for 8 hours, then diluted with water and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic phase was dried (anhydrous magnesium sulfate), filtered and evaporated *in vacuo*. This residue was then purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes to ethyl acetate) to yield the title compound as a white crystalline solid (10.2 g, 80%).

LRMS (*m/z*): 308 (M+H)⁺.

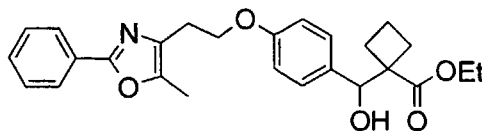
Preparation c-2

Methyl 1-(hydroxy(4-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]phenyl)methyl)

cyclohexane carboxylate

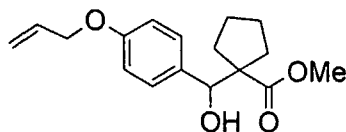
To a suspension of chromium(II) chloride (1.00 g, 8.10 mmol) and lithium iodide (0.087 g, 0.648 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (20 mL) was added 4-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]benzaldehyde (Preparation 1) (1.00 g, 3.24 mmol) and methyl 1-bromocyclohexanoate (1.07 g, 4.85 mmol). The resulting mixture was heated at 50 °C until TLC analysis indicated the reaction was complete. The mixture was cooled to ambient temperature and saturated aqueous sodium chloride (15 mL) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred for 15 minutes, then partitioned between water and ethyl acetate. The organic phase was washed with water and dried (anhydrous magnesium sulfate), filtered and evaporated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes to 50% ethyl acetate/hexanes) to yield the title compound as a colorless oil (0.797 g, 55%).
LRMS (m/z): 450 ($M+H$)⁺.

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Preparation c-3Ethyl 1-(hydroxy(4-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]phenyl)methyl)cyclobutane carboxylate

Using analogous procedures to those described for Preparation c-2, the title compound was obtained as a colorless oil.
LRMS (m/z): 436 ($M+H$)⁺.

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Preparation c-4Methyl 1-[[4-(allyloxy)phenyl](hydroxy)methyl]cyclopentanecarboxylate

To a solution of methyl cyclopentanoate (3.84 g, 30.0 mmol), in tetrahydrofuran (30 mL) at -78 °C was added a solution of lithium diisopropylamide (15.0 mL of a 2M in tetrahydrofuran, 30.0 mmol) dropwise. The mixture was stirred for 2 hours and then 4-allyloxy benzaldehyde (2.12 g, 13.1 mmol) was added. The mixture was allowed to warm to ambient temperature and stirred for 18 hours. The mixture was diluted with water and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic phase was

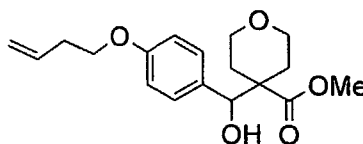
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washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride and dried (anhydrous magnesium sulfate), filtered and evaporated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes to 50% ethyl acetate/hexanes) to yield the title compound as a colorless oil (3.67 g, 97%).

5 LRMS (m/z): 273 (M-OH)⁺.

Preparation c-5

Methyl 4-[[4-(but-3-enyloxy)phenyl](hydroxy)methyl]tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-carboxylate

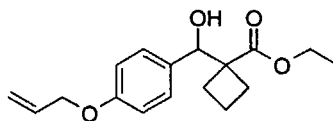


10 Using analogous procedures to those described for Preparation c-4, the title compound was obtained as a colorless oil.

LRMS (m/z): 273 (M-OH)⁺.

Preparation c-6

Ethyl 1-[[4-(allyloxy)phenyl](hydroxy)methyl]cyclobutanecarboxylate



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Using analogous procedures to those described for Preparation c-4, the title compound was obtained as a colorless oil.

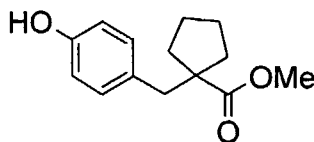
LRMS (m/z): 289 (M)⁺.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) 7.22 (2H, d, J = 8.5 Hz), 6.85 (2H, d, J = 8.7 Hz), 6.10-5.98 (1H, m), 5.39 (1H, ddd, J = 1.5, 3.2, 17.3 Hz), 5.27 (1H, ddd, J = 1.5, 2.8, 10.4 Hz), 4.85 (1H, d, J = 6.4 Hz), 4.51 (2H, dt, J = 1.5, 5.3 Hz), 4.13 (2H, dq, J = 0.9, 7.2 Hz), 3.12 (1H, d, J = 6.6 Hz), 2.84-2.78 (1H, m), 2.64-2.58 (1H, m), 2.35-2.29 (2H, m), 1.89-1.83 (1H, m), 1.72-1.66 (1H, m), 1.19 (3H, t, J = 7.0 Hz).

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Preparation c-7

Methyl 1-(4-hydroxybenzyl)cyclopentanecarboxylate



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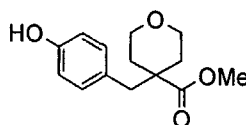
Triethylsilane (10.0 mL, 63 mmol) was added to a solution of methyl 1-[[4-(allyloxy)phenyl](hydroxy)methyl]cyclopentanecarboxylate (Preparation c-4) (3.66 g, 12.6 mmol) in dichloromethane (30 mL) and trifluoroacetic acid (30 mL) at room temperature. The resulting mixture was stirred for 1 hour then evaporated *in vacuo*

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- and azeotroped with toluene. The residue was dissolved in tetrahydrofuran (32 mL) and morpholine (3.62 mL, 41.6 mmol) and tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium (0) (1.46 g, 1.26 mmol) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 18 hours, filtered through
 5 Celite and evaporated to dryness. The residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate and washed with 1N hydrochloric acid then saturated sodium bicarbonate solution. The organic phase was dried (anhydrous magnesium sulfate), filtered and evaporated and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes to ethyl acetate) to yield the title compound as a white crystalline solid (1.75 g, 59%).
 10 LRMS (m/z): 233 (M)⁺.

Preparation c-8

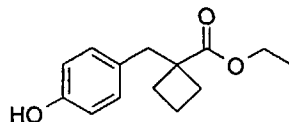
Methyl 4-(4-hydroxybenzyl)tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-carboxylate



- Using analogous procedures to those described for Preparation c-7, the title
 15 compound was obtained as a white crystalline solid.
 LRMS (m/z): 249 (M)⁺.

Preparation c-9

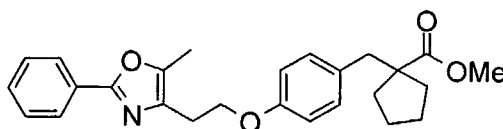
Ethyl 1-(4-hydroxybenzyl)cyclobutanecarboxylate



- Using analogous procedures to those described for Preparation c-7, the title
 20 compound was obtained as a white crystalline solid.
 LRMS (m/z): 234 (M)⁺.
¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) 6.97 (2H, d, J = 8.5 Hz), 6.68 (2H, d, J = 8.5 Hz), 5.10 (1H, bs), 4.10 (2H, q, J = 7.2 Hz), 3.00 (2H, s), 2.44-2.35 (2H, m), 2.07-1.99 (2H,
 25 m), 1.91-1.80 (2H, m), 1.20 (3H, t, J = 7.2 Hz).

Preparation c-10

Methyl 1-[4-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]benzyl]cyclopentanecarboxylate

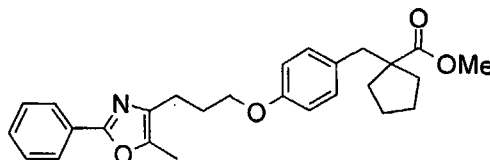


- Using analogous procedures to those described for Preparation c-1-c-7, the title
 30 compound was obtained as a colorless oil.

LRMS (m/z): 249 (M)⁺.

Preparation c-11

Methyl 1-{4-[3-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)propoxy]benzyl}cyclopentanecarboxylate



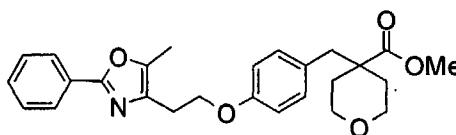
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Using analogous procedures to those described for Preparation c-1-c-7, the title compound was obtained as a colorless oil.

LRMS (m/z): 434 (M+H)⁺.

Preparation c-12

10 Methyl 4-{4-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]benzyl}tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-carboxylate

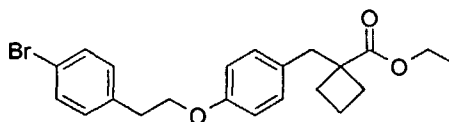


Using analogous procedures to those described for Preparation c-1-c-7, the title compound was obtained as a colorless oil.

15 LRMS (m/z): 436 (M+H)⁺.

Preparation c-13

Ethyl 1-{4-[2-(4-bromophenyl)ethoxy]benzyl}cyclobutanecarboxylate



20 Using analogous procedures to those described for Preparation c-1-c-7, the title compound was obtained as a colorless oil.

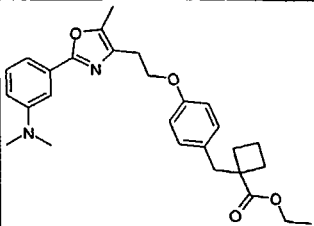
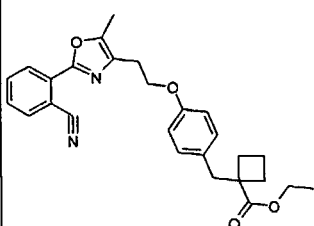
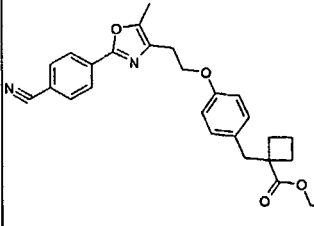
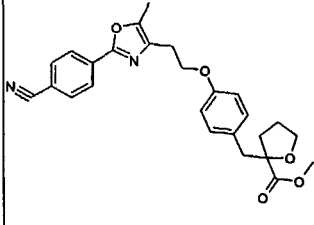
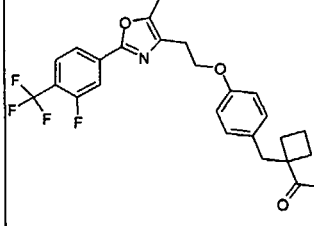
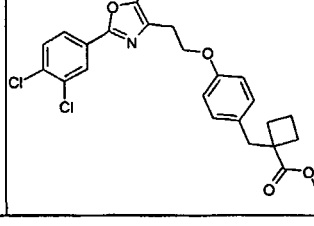
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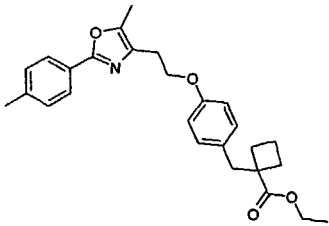
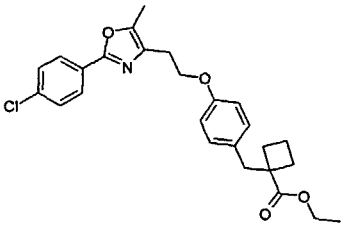
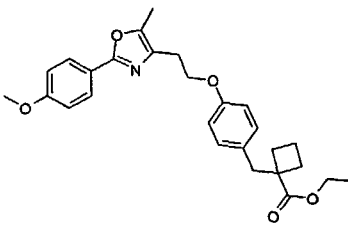
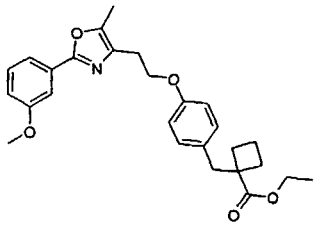
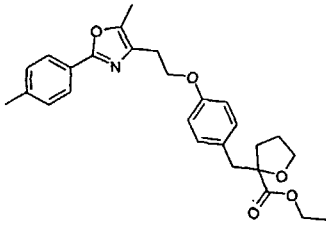
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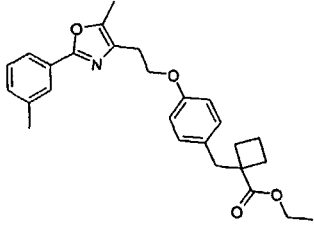
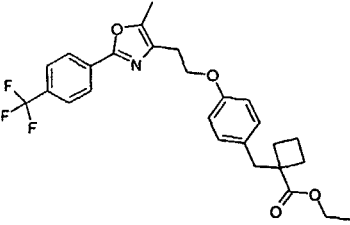
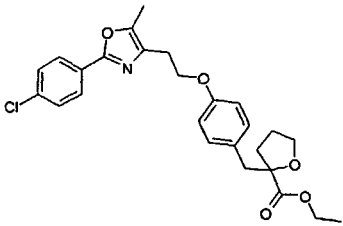
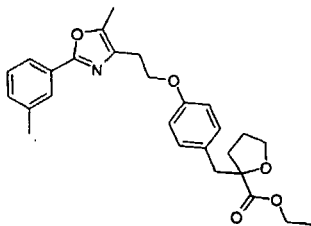
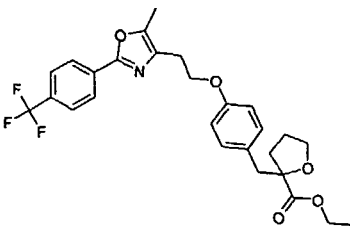
Preparations c-14 to c-35

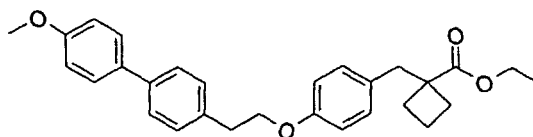
Preparations c-14 to c-35 were prepared using analogous procedures to those used for Preparation c-1.

Prep #	Structure	¹ H NMR	MS (m/z) (LR or HR)
c-14			For LR 463 (M+H) ⁺
c-15		(CDCl ₃ , 300 MHz) 8.14-8.11 (1H, m), 7.78-7.75 (1H, m), 7.67-7.62 (1H, m), 7.51-7.45 (1H, m), 7.04-7.01 (2H, m), 6.80-6.78 (2H, m), 4.23 (2H, t, J = 6.5), 4.13-4.06 (2H, q, J = 7.1 Hz), 3.00 (2H, t, J = 3.3 Hz), 2.42 (3H, s), 2.40-2.36 (2H, m), 2.05-2.00 (2H, m), 1.87-1.84 (2H, m), 1.21 (3H, t, J = 7.1 Hz).	For LR 446 (M+H) ⁺
c-16		(CDCl ₃ , 300 MHz) 8.07-8.04 (2H, m), 7.71-7.68 (2H, m), 7.03-7.01 (2H, m), 6.78-6.75 (2H, m), 4.19 (2H, t, J = 6.5 Hz), 4.13-4.06 (3H, m), 2.99 (2H, s), 2.96 (2H, t, J = 6.5 Hz), 2.39 (3H, s), 2.38-2.34 (2H, m), 2.02-1.99 (2H, m), 1.87-1.82 (2H, m), 1.20 (3H, t, J = 6.9 Hz).	For LR 445 (M+H) ⁺
c-17		(CDCl ₃ , 300 MHz) 8.08-8.05 (2H, m), 7.71-7.68 (2H, m), 7.16-7.13 (2H, m), 6.80-6.77 (2H, m), 5.01-4.92 (2H, m), 4.21 (2H, t, J = 6.5 Hz), 3.92-3.85 (2H, m), 3.15-3.08 (1H, m), 2.97 (2H, t, J = 6.4 Hz), 2.95-2.88 (1H, m), 2.40 (3H, s), 2.28-2.21 (1H, m), 2.04 (3H, s), 1.91-1.86 (2H, m).	For LR 461 (M+H) ⁺
c-18			For LR 506 (M+H) ⁺
c-19		(CDCl ₃ , 300 MHz) 8.05-8.04 (1H, d), 7.79-7.75 (1H, m), 7.47-7.44 (1H, d), 7.03-7.00 (2H, m), 6.76-6.75 (2H, m), 4.18 (2H, t, J = 6.5 Hz), 4.13-4.06 (2H, q, J = 7.1 Hz), 3.00 (2H, s), 2.94 (2H, t, J = 6.5 Hz), 2.49-2.36 (2H, m), 2.35 (3H, s), 2.04-1.97 (2H, m), 1.87-1.81	For LR 489 (M+H) ⁺

		(2H, m), 1.20 (3H, t, $J = 7.1$ Hz).	
c-20			For LR 435 (M+H) ⁺
c-21			For LR 455 (M+H) ⁺
c-22			For LR 450 (M+H) ⁺
c-23		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz) 7.57-7.56 (1H, m), 7.51-7.50 (1H, m), 7.34-7.30 (1H, m), 7.03-7.01 (2H, m), 6.96-6.93 (1H, m), 6.80-6.77 (2H, m), 4.20 (2H, t, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 4.12-4.07 (2H, q, $J = 7.0$ Hz), 3.86 (3H, s), 3.00 (2H, s), 2.95 (2H, t, $J = 6.5$ Hz), 2.42-2.37 (2H, m), 2.35 (3H, m), 2.05-1.98 (2H, m), 1.88-1.81 (2H, m).	For LR 450 (M+H) ⁺
c-24			For LR 450 (M+H) ⁺

c-25			For LR 488 (M+H) ⁺
c-26			For LR 466 (M+H) ⁺
c-27		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz) 7.57-7.56 (1H, m), 7.51-7.50 (1H, m), 7.34-7.30 (1H, m), 7.03-7.01 (2H, m), 6.96-6.93 (1H, m), 6.80-6.77 (2H, m), 4.20 (2H, t, J = 6.5 Hz), 4.12-4.07 (2H, q, J = 7.0 Hz), 3.86 (3H, s), 3.00 (2H, s), 2.95 (2H, t, J = 6.5 Hz), 2.42-2.37 (2H, m), 2.35 (3H, s), 2.05-1.98 (2H, m), 1.86-1.81 (2H, m) 1.20 (3H, t, J = 7.0 Hz).	For LR 450 (M+H) ⁺
c-28		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz) 7.97 (1H, s), 7.86-7.83 (1H, s), 7.35-7.33 (2H, m), 7.03-7.01 (2H, m), 6.79-6.77 (2H, m), 4.19 (2H, t, J = 6.5 Hz), 4.12-4.07 (2H, q, J = 7.0 Hz), 3.00 (2H, s), 2.95 (2H, t, J = 6.5 Hz), 2.42-2.38 (2H, m), 2.35 (3H, s), 2.05-1.99 (2H, m), 1.91-1.82 (2H, m), 1.20 (3H, t, J = 7.0 Hz).	For LR 454 (M+H) ⁺
c-29		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz) 7.97 (1H, s), 7.87-7.84 (1H, m), 7.36-7.35 (2H, m), 7.16-7.14 (2H, m), 6.81-6.78 (2H, m), 4.21 (2H, t, J = 6.5 Hz), 4.15-4.10 (q, J = 7.0 Hz), 3.91-3.87 (2H, m), 3.14-3.10 (1H, m), 2.96 (2H, t, J = 6.5 Hz), 2.93-2.90 (1H, m), 2.37 (3H, s), 2.26-2.12 (2H, m), 1.89-1.76 (2H, m), 1.21 (3H, t, J = 7.0 Hz).	For LR 470 (M+H) ⁺
c-30		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz) 8.24 (1H, s), 8.16-8.14 (1H, m), 7.66-7.64 (1H, m), 7.57-7.53 (1H, m), 7.16-7.14 (2H, m), 6.81-6.79 (2H, m), 4.22 (2H, t, J = 6.5 Hz), 4.15-4.10 (2H, q, J = 7.0 Hz), 3.93-3.86 (2H, m), 3.14-3.11 (1H, m), 2.97 (2H, t, J = 6.5 Hz), 2.93-2.90 (1H, m), 2.39 (3H, s), 2.26-2.20 (2H, m), 1.91-	For LR 504 (M+H) ⁺

		1.78 (2H, m), 1.21 (3H, t, $J = 7.0$ Hz).	
c-31		(CDCl ₃ , 300 MHz) 7.81-7.75 (2H, m), 7.32-7.27 (1H, m), 7.21-7.19 (1H, m), 7.03-7.00 (2H, m), 6.78-6.76 (2H, m), 4.19 (2H, t, $J = 6.5$ Hz), 4.13-4.06 (2H, q, $J = 7.1$ Hz), 3.00 (2H, s), 2.95 (2H, t, $J = 6.5$ Hz), 2.43-2.40 (2H, m), 2.37 (3H, s), 2.35 (3H, s), 2.07-1.97 (2H, m), 1.89-1.79 (2H, m), 1.19 (3H, t, $J = 7.1$ Hz)	For LR 434 (M+H) ⁺
c-32		(CDCl ₃ , 300 MHz) 8.09-8.06 (2H, m), 7.69-7.66 (2H, m), 7.04-7.01 (2H, m), 6.80-6.77 (2H, m), 4.21 (2H, t, $J = 6.5$ Hz), 4.15-4.06 (2H, m), 3.00 (2H, s), 2.96 (2H, t, $J = 6.5$ Hz), 2.43-2.34 (5H, m), 2.01-1.97 (2H, m), 1.92-1.79 (2H, m), 1.20 (3H, t, $J = 7.1$ Hz)	For LR 488 (M+H) ⁺
c-33			For LR 470 (M+H) ⁺
c-34		(CDCl ₃ , 300 MHz) 7.81-7.75 (1H, m), 7.33-7.27 (2H, m), 7.22-7.19 (1H, m), 7.16-7.13 (2H, m), 6.81-6.78 (2H, m), 4.20 (2H, t, $J = 6.7$ Hz), 4.16-4.09 (2H, q, $J = 7.1$ Hz), 3.94-3.82 (2H, m), 3.14-3.08 (1H, m), 2.98-2.94 (2H, t, $J = 6.5$ Hz), 2.94-2.88 (1H, m), 2.38 (3H, s), 2.36 (3H, s), 2.27-2.19 (1H, m), 1.92-1.74 (2H, m), 1.68-1.62 (1H, m), 1.21 (3H, t, $J = 7.1$ Hz).	For LR 450 (M+H) ⁺
c-35		(CDCl ₃ , 300 MHz) 8.09-8.07 (2H, m), 7.69-7.66 (2H, m), 7.16-7.14 (2H, m), 6.81-6.78 (2H, m), 4.21 (2H, t, $J = 6.5$ Hz), 4.16-4.09 (2H, q, $J = 7.1$ Hz), 3.95-3.83 (2H, m), 3.15-3.10 (1H, m), 2.97 (2H, t, $J = 6.5$ Hz), 2.94-2.89 (1H, m), 2.39 (3H, s), 2.27-2.18 (1H, m), 1.92-1.61 (3H, m), 1.21 (3H, t, $J = 7.1$ Hz).	For LR 504 (M+H) ⁺

Preparation c-36Ethyl 1-{4-[2-(4'-methoxy-1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl)ethoxy]benzyl}cyclobutanecarboxylate

- 5 To a solution of ethyl 1-{4-[2-(4-bromophenyl)ethoxy]benzyl}cyclobutanecarboxylate (Preparation c-13) (0.25 g, 0.5990 mmol), tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(0) (0.1252 g, 0.6589 mmol), benzene (1.6 mL), and 2M aqueous sodium carbonate (0.8 mL), under an atmosphere of nitrogen, was added a solution of the boronic acid (0.8640 mmol, 10 1.1 equiv.) in ethanol (0.4 mL). The resulting mixture was degassed and then refluxed for 16 hours followed by cooling to ambient temperature. To this was then added 30% aqueous hydrogen peroxide (0.04 mL) dropwise and the resulting solution stirred at ambient temperature for 1 hour. The solution was then extracted with ethyl acetate (3x100 mL) and the combined organic extracts washed with 15 saturated aqueous sodium chloride (100 mL), dried (anhydrous magnesium sulfate), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the crude product. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes to 40% ethyl acetate/hexanes) to yield the pure product as a colorless oil.

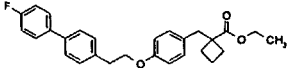
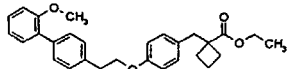
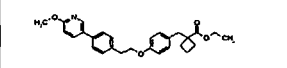
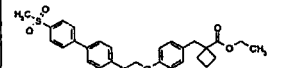
LRMS (*m/z*): 462 (*M*+H₂O)⁺.

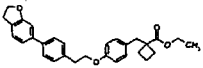
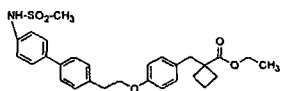
- 20 ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) 7.51 (2H, d, *J* = 5.7 Hz), 7.49 (2H, d, *J* = 4.7 Hz), 7.32 (2H, d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 7.03 (2H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 6.97 (2H, d, *J* = 8.9 Hz), 6.80 (2H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 4.15 (1H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 4.10 (2H, q, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 3.84 (3H, s), 3.10 (2H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 3.01 (2H, s), 2.43-2.34 (2H, m), 2.07-1.98 (2H, m), 1.90-1.80 (2H, m), 1.20 (3H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz).

25 Preparations c-37 to c-43

Preparations c-37 to c-43 were prepared using analogous procedures to those used for Preparation c-36

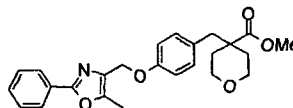
Preparation #	Structure	¹ H NMR	MS (<i>m/z</i>) (LR or HR)
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c-37		(CDCl ₃ , 300 MHz) 7.46 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.9 Hz), 7.41 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.3 Hz), 7.27 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.1 Hz), 7.03 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 8.9 Hz), 6.97 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.5 Hz), 6.73 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.7 Hz), 4.09 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.0 Hz), 4.03 (2H, q, <i>J</i> = 7.0 Hz), 3.03 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.0 Hz), 2.94 (2H, s), 2.37-2.27 (2H, m), 2.00-1.91 (2H, m), 1.83-1.72 (2H, m), 1.13 (3H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.1 Hz).	for LR 433 (M+H) ⁺
c-38		(CDCl ₃ , 300 MHz) 7.48 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.1 Hz), 7.34-7.29 (4H, m), 7.05 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.7 Hz), 6.99 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.5 Hz), 6.81 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.7 Hz), 4.18 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.3 Hz), 4.11 (2H, q, <i>J</i> = 7.0 Hz), 3.81 (3H, s), 3.12 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.3 Hz), 3.02 (2H, s), 2.44-2.35 (2H, m), 2.08-1.99 (2H, m), 1.91-1.80 (2H, m), 1.21 (3H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.0 Hz).	for LR 467 (M+Na) ⁺
c-39		(CDCl ₃ , 300 MHz) 7.53-7.49 (3H, m), 7.44 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.9 Hz), 7.38 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.9 Hz), 7.09 (1H, dm, <i>J</i> = 8.0 Hz), 7.04 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.5 Hz), 6.80 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.5 Hz), 4.17 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.0 Hz), 4.10 (2H, q, <i>J</i> = 7.0 Hz), 3.12 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.0 Hz), 3.01 (2H, s), 2.44-2.35 (2H, m), 2.07-1.98 (2H, m), 1.90-1.83 (2H, m), 1.21 (3H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.2 Hz).	for LR 499 (M+H) ⁺
c-40		(CDCl ₃ , 300 MHz) 8.36 (1H, s), 7.77 (1H, dd, <i>J</i> = 2.5 and 8.7 Hz), 7.46 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.1 Hz), 7.35 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.1 Hz), 7.03 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.3 Hz), 6.81 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.3 Hz), 6.79 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.3 Hz), 4.16 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.8 Hz), 4.09 (2H, q, <i>J</i> = 7.2 Hz), 3.97 (3H, s), 3.10 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.0 Hz), 3.00 (2H, s), 2.43-2.33 (2H, m), 2.06-1.97 (2H, m), 1.89-1.79 (2H, m), 1.20 (3H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.1 Hz).	for LR 446 (M+H) ⁺
c-41		(CDCl ₃ , 300 MHz) 7.99 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.1 Hz), 7.75 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.1 Hz), 7.56 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.1 Hz), 7.40 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 7.9 Hz), 7.03 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.5 Hz), 6.79 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.5 Hz), 4.17 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.8 Hz), 4.09 (2H, q, <i>J</i> = 7.2 Hz), 3.13 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.9 Hz), 3.08 (3H, s), 3.00 (2H, s), 2.43-2.33 (2H, m), 2.06-1.97 (2H, m), 1.90-1.79 (2H, m), 1.20 (3H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.2 Hz).	for LR 511 (M+Na) ⁺

c-42		(CDCl ₃ , 300 MHz) 7.48 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.3 Hz), 7.41 (1H, s), 7.34-7.31 (1H, m), 7.31 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.3 Hz), 7.04 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.7 Hz), 6.85 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.5 Hz), 6.80 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.5 Hz), 4.61 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 8.7 Hz), 4.16 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.2 Hz), 4.10 (2H, q, <i>J</i> = 7.2 Hz), 3.27 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 8.7 Hz), 3.10 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.0 Hz), 3.01 (2H, s), 2.44-2.35 (2H, m), 2.07-1.99 (2H, m), 1.91-1.83 (2H, m), 1.21 (3H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.2 Hz).	for LR 479 (M+Na) ⁺
c-43		(CDCl ₃ , 300 MHz) 7.57 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.5 Hz), 7.50 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.5 Hz), 7.35 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.5 Hz), 7.27 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.5 Hz), 7.03 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.7 Hz), 6.79 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.7 Hz), 6.37 (1H, bs), 4.16 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.0 Hz), 4.09 (2H, q, <i>J</i> = 7.0 Hz), 3.11 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 7.0 Hz), 3.04 (3H, s), 3.00 (2H, s), 2.43-2.33 (2H, m), 2.06-1.97 (2H, m), 1.89-1.79 (2H, m), 1.20 (3H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.2 Hz).	for LR 508 (M) ⁺

Preparation c-44Methyl 4-{4-[(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)methoxy]benzyl}tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-carboxylate

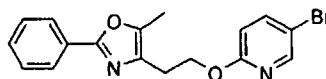
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A solution of methyl 4-(4-hydroxybenzyl)tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-carboxylate (Preparation c-8) (0.500 g, 2.0 mmol), cesium carbonate (1.96 g, 6.0 mmol) and chloride (0.458 g, 2.2 mmol) in acetonitrile was heated at 140 °C in a microwave synthesizer for 10 minutes. The mixture was cooled, filtered and the filtrate evaporated. The residue purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes to ethyl acetate) to yield the title compound as a white crystalline solid (0.827 g, 98%). LRMS (*m/z*): 422 (M+H)⁺.

Preparation c-45

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5-Bromo-2-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]pyridine

To a solution of 2,5-dibromo-pyridine (5 g, 21.1060 mmol) and 2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-oxazol-4-yl)-ethanol (5.1472 g, 25.3271 mmol) in anhydrous tetrahydrofuran

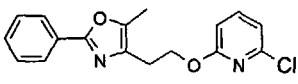
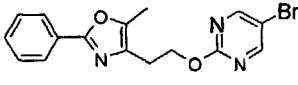
(85 mL), under an atmosphere of nitrogen, was added potassium *tert*-butoxide (2.8422 g, 25.3271 mmol). The resulting mixture was heated at reflux for 16 hours and then allowed to cool to ambient temperature. The mixture was evaporate to about 20 mL and partitioned between saturated aqueous ammonium chloride (50 mL) and ethyl acetate (50 mL). The layers were separated and the aqueous layer extracted with ethyl acetate (2x50 mL). The combined organic extracts were then washed with water (2x50 mL), saturated aqueous sodium chloride (50 mL), dried (anhydrous magnesium sulfate), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the crude product. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes to 20% ethyl acetate/hexanes) to yield a white crystalline solid (6.3 g, 83%).

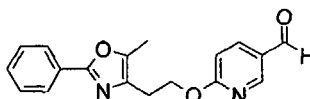
LRMS (m/z): 359 (M)⁺.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) 8.17 (1H, d, J = 2.0 Hz), 7.96 (2H, dd, J = 2.0, 8.1 Hz), 7.61 (1H, dd, J = 2.7, 8.7 Hz), 7.43-7.38 (3H, m), 6.62 (1H, d, J = 8.6 Hz), 4.52 (2H, t, J = 6.8 Hz), 2.96 (2H, t, J = 6.8 Hz), 2.32 (3H, s).

Preparations c-46 to c-47

Preparations c-46 to c-47 were prepared by general procedure for Preparation c-45.

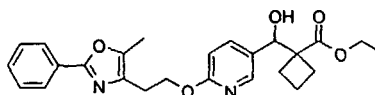
Prep #	Structure	¹ H NMR	MS (m/z) (LR or HR)
c-46		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz): 7.97 (2H, dd, J = 8.0, 7.6 Hz), 7.49 (1H, dd, J = 8.1, 7.6 Hz), 7.43-7.38 (3H, m), 6.87 (1H, d, J = 7.6 Hz), 6.62 (1H, d, J = 8.1 Hz), 4.55 (2H, t, J = 7.0 Hz), 2.97 (2H, t, J = 7.0 Hz), 2.34 (3H, s)	for LR 315 (M+H) ⁺
c-47		(CDCl ₃ , 300 MHz): 8.51 (2H, s), 7.97-7.94 (2H, m), 7.45-7.38 (3H, m), 4.61 (2H, t, J = 6.9 Hz), 3.01 (2H, t, J = 6.9 Hz), 2.35 (3H, s)	for LR 361 (M+H) ⁺

Preparation c-486-[2-(5-Methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]nicotinaldehyde

- 5 To a solution of butyllithium (27.4 mL of a 1.6M solution in hexanes, 43.8199 mmol) in anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (200 mL), under an atmosphere of nitrogen, was added a solution of 5-bromo-2-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]pyridine (Preparation c-45) (14.31 g, 39.8363 mmol) in anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (170 mL) and anhydrous diethyl ether (170 mL) over a period of 45
- 10 minutes. To this solution was then added anhydrous *N,N*-dimethylformamide (5.7 mL) dropwise and the mixture stirred at 0 °C for 1 hour. The reaction was quenched by addition of saturated aqueous ammonium chloride (250 mL) and then ethyl acetate (250 mL). The resulting layers were separated and the aqueous layer extracted with ethyl acetate (2x250 mL). The combined organic extracts were
- 15 washed with water (2x250 mL), saturated aqueous sodium chloride (250 mL), dried (anhydrous magnesium sulfate), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the crude product. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes to 50% ethyl acetate/hexanes) to yield a pale yellow crystalline solid (7.17 g, 58%).
- 20 LRMS (*m/z*): 309 (*M*+*H*)⁺.
¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) 9.93 (1H, s), 8.61 (1H, d, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 8.04 (1H, dd, *J* = 2.5, 8.7 Hz), 7.98-7.95 (2H, m), 7.43-7.39 (3H, m), 6.81 (1H, d, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 4.68 (2H, t, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 3.00 (2H, t, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 2.34 (3H, s).

Preparation c-49

- 25 Ethyl 1-(hydroxy{6-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]pyridin-3-yl}methyl)cyclobutanecarboxylate



- To a solution of 6-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]nicotinaldehyde (Preparation c-48) (0.65 g, 2.1081 mmol), chromium (II) chloride (1 g, 8.1367 mmol), and lithium iodide (0.0784 g, 0.5859 mmol) in anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (15 mL), under an atmosphere of nitrogen, was added a solution of 1-bromo-
- 30 cyclobutanecarboxylic acid ethyl ester (0.79 mL, 4.8821 mmol) in anhydrous

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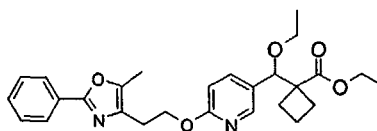
tetrahydrofuran (5 mL) dropwise. The resulting mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 3 hours and allowed to cool to ambient temperature. The solution was then quenched by addition of water (50 mL) and the organic layer separated, which was further washed with water (2x50 mL), saturated aqueous sodium chloride (50 mL),
 5 dried (anhydrous magnesium sulfate), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the crude product. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (50% ethyl acetate/hexanes to ethyl acetate) to yield a yellow oil (0.3422 g, 37%).

LRMS (m/z): 437 ($M+H$)⁺.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) 8.05 (1H, d, J = 2.3 Hz), 7.98-7.95 (2H, m), 7.56 (1H, dd, J = 2.5, 8.7 Hz), 7.44-7.37 (3H, m), 6.67 (1H, d, J = 8.7 Hz), 4.85 (1H, d, J = 6.6 Hz), 4.54 (2H, t, J = 6.6 Hz), 4.18-4.07 (2H, m), 3.31 (1H, bs), 2.96 (2H, t, J = 6.7 Hz), 2.46-2.30 (2H, m), 2.32 (3H, s), 2.21-2.12 (1H, m), 1.97-1.85 (1H, m), 1.79-1.65 (2H, m), 1.21 (3H, t, J = 7.2 Hz).

Preparation c-50

15 1-(Ethoxy-{6-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-oxazol-4-yl)-ethoxy]-pyridin-3-yl}-methyl)-cyclobutanecarboxylic acid ethyl ester

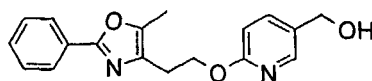


To a solution of 1-(hydroxy-{6-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-oxazol-4-yl)-ethoxy]-pyridin-3-yl}-methyl)-cyclobutanecarboxylic acid ethyl ester (0.1711 g, 0.3920 mmol) in dry acetonitrile (2 mL) was added silver(I) oxide (1.8168 g, 7.8396 mmol) and iodoethane (0.64 mL, 7.8396 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred for 5 days and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford the crude product and recovered remaining starting material. The residue was purified by flash column
 20 chromatography (hexanes to ethyl acetate) to yield the pure ester (0.0474 g, 26%) as a colorless oil.

LRMS (m/z): 465 ($M+H$)⁺.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): 8.05 (1H, d, J = 2.3 Hz), 7.98-7.95 (2H, m), 7.56 (1H, dd, J = 2.5, 8.7 Hz), 7.44-7.37 (3H, m), 6.67 (1H, d, J = 8.7 Hz), 4.65 (1H, m), 4.54 (2H, t, J = 6.6 Hz), 4.18-4.07 (2H, m), 4.06 (2H, q, J = 7.1 Hz), 2.96 (2H, t, J = 6.7 Hz), 2.46-2.30 (2H, m), 2.32 (3H, s), 2.21-2.12 (1H, m), 1.97-1.85 (1H, m), 1.79-1.65 (2H, m), 1.42 (3H, t, J = 7.1 Hz), 1.21 (3H, t, J = 7.2 Hz).

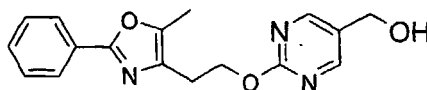
Preparation c-51

{6-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]pyridin-3-yl}methanol

Sodium borohydride (0.480 g, 12.7 mmol) was added portionwise to a solution of 6-
 5 [2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]nicotinaldehyde (Preparation c-48)
 (1.30 g, 4.22 mmol) in methanol (40 mL) at ambient temperature. The mixture was
 stirred for 30 minutes then evaporated. The residue was partitioned between
 saturated aqueous ammonium chloride and ethyl acetate. The organic phase was
 washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride and dried (anhydrous magnesium
 10 sulfate), filtered and evaporated to give the title compound as a white
 crystalline solid (1.24 g, 100%).

LRMS (m/z): 311 ($M+H$)⁺.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) 8.11 (1H, d, J = 2.6 Hz), 8.00-7.95 (2H, m), 7.60 (1H,
 dd, J = 2.5, 8.5 Hz), 7.45-7.38 (3H, m), 6.72 (1H, d, J = 8.5 Hz), 4.61 (2H, bs), 4.56
 15 (2H, t, J = 6.8 Hz), 2.98 (2H, t, J = 6.8 Hz), 2.33 (3H, s).

Preparation c-52{2-[2-(5-Methyl-2-phenyl-oxazol-4-yl)-ethoxy]-pyrimidin-5-yl}-methanol

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A solution of 5-bromo-2-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-oxazol-4-yl)-ethoxy]-pyrimidine (1.0
 g, 2.7765 mmol), *tert*-butyl-dimethyl-tributylstannanylmethoxy-silane (1.8 g, 4.1648
 mmol), and tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(0) (0.3209 g, 0.2777 mmol) in
 25 1,4-dioxane (2.8 mL) was heated (by microwave irradiation) at 150 °C for 2 hours.
 The resulting solution was allowed to cool to ambient temperature and saturated
 aqueous potassium fluoride (10 mL) was added followed by stirring for 30 minutes.
 This mixture was then extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 25 mL) and the combined
 organic extracts dried (anhydrous magnesium sulfate), filtered and concentrated *in*
 30 *vacuo* to afford the crude product as a yellow oil.

To a solution of the crude residue in dry tetrahydrofuran (24 mL) was added
 tetrabutylammonium fluoride (3.1 mL of a 1.0M solution in tetrahydrofuran). The
 resulting mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 16 hours and concentrated
 under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column

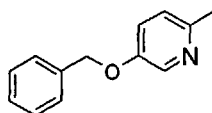
chromatography (50% ethyl acetate/hexanes to 10% methanol/ethyl acetate) to yield the pure alcohol (0.6137 g, 71% for 2 steps) as a white solid.

LRMS (m/z): 312 ($M+H$)⁺

Preparation c-53

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5-Benzyloxy-2-methyl-pyridine



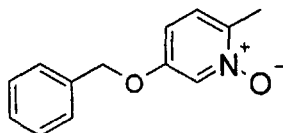
To a solution of 5-hydroxy-2-methylpyridine (20 g, 183.2677 mmol) and sodium hydroxide (8.0638 g, 201.5944 mmol) in acetone (400 mL) and water (120 mL) was added benzyl bromide (24 mL, 201.5944 mmol). The resulting mixture was refluxed for 16 hours and allowed to cool to ambient temperature. The acetone was removed *in vacuo* and the mixture extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 150 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride (200 mL), dried (anhydrous magnesium sulfate), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the pure product (31.35 g, 86%) as an orange oil

15 LRMS (m/z): 200 ($M+H$)⁺.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): 8.25 (1H, d, J = 2.8 Hz), 7.43-7.31 (5H, m), 7.15 (1H, dd, J = 8.5, 2.8 Hz), 7.04 (1H, d, J = 8.5 Hz), 5.06 (2H, s), 2.47 (3H, s).

Preparation c-54

5-Benzyloxy-2-methyl-pyridine 1-oxide



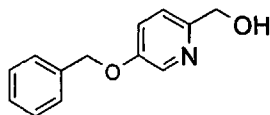
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To a solution of 5-benzyloxy-2-methyl-pyridine (31.35 g, 157.34 mmol) in dry chloroform (800 mL), at ambient temperature, was added 3-chloroperoxybenzoic acid (77% max.) (38.7888 g, 173.074 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred for 25 2 hours and then quenched with a solution of sodium thiosulfate (36.0805 g, 286.5 mmol) in water (500 mL) and stirred for 15 minutes. The phases were separated and the organic layer washed with water (500 mL), saturated sodium chloride (500 mL), dried (anhydrous magnesium sulfate), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the crude product. The residue was recrystallized from acetone/hexanes to yield the pure product (33.1597 g, 97%) as a white solid.

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LRMS (m/z): 216 ($M+H$)⁺.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): 8.10-8.09 (1H, bm), 7.38-7.34 (5H, m), 7.10 (1H, d, J = 8.7 Hz), 6.87 (1H, dd, J = 8.7, 2.3 Hz), 5.04 (2H, s), 2.43 (3H, s).

Preparation c-55(5-Benzyloxy-pyridin-2-yl)-methanol

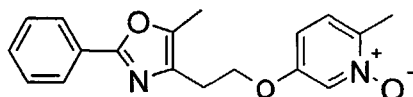
5 A solution of 5-benzyloxy-2-methyl-pyridine 1-oxide (0.92 g, 4.2741 mmol) in acetic anhydride (6.5 mL) was heated at 100 °C for 30 minutes. After cooling to ambient temperature, the reaction mixture was poured into ethyl acetate (50 mL), washed with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate (50 mL), saturated aqueous sodium chloride (50 mL), dried (anhydrous magnesium sulfate), filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the crude acetate.

10 To the crude residue in methanol (45 mL) was added potassium carbonate (2.1784 g, 15.7719 mmol) and the solution allowed to stir at ambient temperature for 16 hours. The reaction mixture was poured into water (50 mL) and the organic removed under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 50 mL) and the combined organic extracts dried (anhydrous magnesium sulfate), filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the crude product.

15 The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes to 20% methanol/ethyl acetate) to yield the pure alcohol (0.5719 g, 62% for two steps) as a white solid.

LRMS (*m/z*): 216 (*M*+H)⁺.

20 ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): 8.31 (1H, d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 7.44-7.31 (5H, m), 7.27 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.8 Hz), 7.17 (1H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 5.11 (2H, s), 4.69 (2H, s).

Preparation c-562-Methyl-5-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-oxazol-4-yl)-ethoxy]-pyridine 1-oxide

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To a solution of 2-methyl-5-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-oxazol-4-yl)-ethoxy]-pyridine (6.7973 g, 23.0917 mmol) in dry chloroform (140 mL), at ambient temperature, was added 3-chloroperoxybenzoic acid (77% max.) (7.7629 g, 34.6376 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred for 2 hours and then quenched with a solution of sodium thiosulfate (4.3621 g, 34.6376 mmol) in water (25 mL) and stirred for 15

30 minutes. The phases were separated and the organic layer washed with water (50 mL), saturated sodium chloride (50 mL), dried (anhydrous magnesium sulfate), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the crude product. This pale yellow oil (7.0689 g, 98%) was used without further purification.

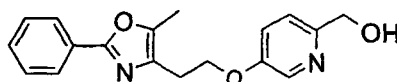
LRMS (m/z): 311 ($M+H$)⁺.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): 8.06 (1H, d, J = 2.3 Hz), 7.96-7.93 (2H, m), 7.41-7.39 (3H, m), 7.10 (1H, d, J = 8.9 Hz), 6.85 (1H, dd, J = 8.8, 2.4 Hz), 4.23 (2H, t, J = 6.6 Hz), 2.95 (2H, t, J = 6.6 Hz), 2.43 (3H, s), 2.35 (3H, s).

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Preparation c-57

{5-[2-(5-Methyl-2-phenyl-oxazol-4-yl)-ethoxy]-pyridin-2-yl}-methanol



A solution of 2-methyl-5-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-oxazol-4-yl)-ethoxy]-pyridine 1-oxide (3.5979 g, 11.5181 mmol) in acetic anhydride (17.5 mL) was heated at 100 °C for 30 minutes. After cooling to ambient temperature, the reaction mixture was poured into ethyl acetate (150 mL), washed with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate (150 mL), saturated aqueous sodium chloride (150 mL), dried (anhydrous magnesium sulfate), filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the crude acetate. To the crude residue in methanol (120 mL) was added potassium carbonate (5.8705 g, 42.617 mmol) and the solution allowed to stir at ambient temperature for 16 hours. The reaction mixture was poured into water (150 mL) and the organic removed under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 150 mL) and the combined organic extracts dried (anhydrous magnesium sulfate), filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the crude product. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (ethyl acetate to 10% methanol/ethyl acetate) to yield the pure alcohol (1.52 g, 43% for two steps) as a pale yellow low melting solid.

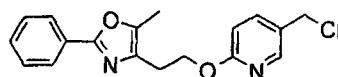
LRMS (m/z): 311 ($M+H$)⁺.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): 8.22 (1H, d, J = 2.5 Hz), 7.97-7.94 (2H, m), 7.42-7.38 (3H, m), 7.20 (1H, dd, J = 8.5, 2.6 Hz), 7.15 (1H, d, J = 8.7 Hz), 4.67 (2H, s), 4.28 (2H, t, J = 6.7 Hz), 2.98 (2H, t, J = 6.7 Hz), 2.37 (3H, s).

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Preparation c-58

5-(chloromethyl)-2-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]pyridine



Oxalyl chloride (0.30 mL, 3.44 mmol) was added to a solution of {6-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]pyridin-3-yl}methanol (Preparation 26) (0.97 g, 3.13 mmol) in dichloromethane (30 mL) and *N,N*-dimethyl formamide (3 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was warmed to ambient temperature and stirred for 1 hour then evaporated. The residue was partitioned between saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate and ethyl acetate. The organic phase was washed with saturated

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aqueous sodium chloride and dried (anhydrous magnesium sulfate), filtered and evaporated to give the title compound as a white crystalline solid (1.01 g, 100%).

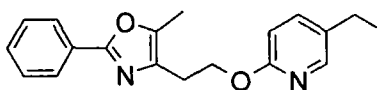
LRMS (m/z): 329 ($M+H$)⁺.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) 8.12 (1H, d, J = 2.5 Hz), 7.98-7.95 (2H, m), 7.60 (1H, dd, J = 2.5, 8.5 Hz), 7.45-7.37 (3H, m), 6.72 (1H, d, J = 8.5 Hz), 4.57 (2H, t, J = 6.8 Hz), 4.53 (2H, s), 2.97 (2H, t, J = 6.8 Hz), 2.33 (3H, s).

Preparations c-59 to c-63

Preparations c-59 to c-63 were prepared by general procedure for Preparation c-58

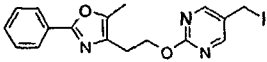
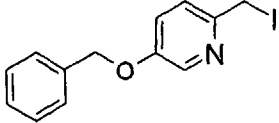
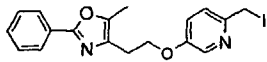
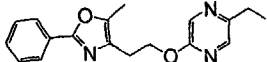
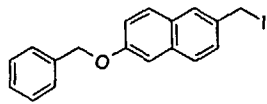
Prep #	Structure	¹ H NMR	MS (<i>m/z</i>) (LR or HR)
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c-60			for LR 234 (M+H) ⁺
c-61			for LR 329 (M+H) ⁺
c-62		(CDCl ₃ , 300 MHz): 8.16 (2H, s), 7.97 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 7.7 Hz), 7.40 (3H, s), 4.61 (4H, m), 2.99 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.7 Hz), 2.35 (3H, s)	for LR 330 (M+H) ⁺
c-63		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz): 7.75-7.72 (3H, m), 7.50-7.33 (6H, m), 7.24-7.22 (2H, m), 5.18 (2H, s), 4.74 (2H, s)	for LR 282 (M+H) ⁺

Preparation c-645-(iodomethyl)-2-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]pyridine

- 5 Sodium iodide (0.750 g) was added to a solution of 5-(chloromethyl)-2-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]pyridine (Preparation 27) (0.690 g, 2.10 mmol) in acetone (5 mL) and the mixture was heated at reflux for 30 minutes, cooled and evaporated. The residue was suspended in ethyl acetate and filtered through a pad of silica gel. The filtrate was evaporated to give the title compound
- 10 as a yellow crystalline solid that was used directly in subsequent reactions.
- LRMS (*m/z*): 421 (M+H)⁺.

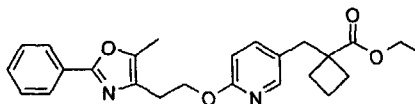
Preparations c-65 to c-69

Preparations c-65 to c-69 were prepared by general procedure for Preparation c-64

Prep #	Structure	¹ H NMR	MS (m/z) (LR or HR)
c-65			for LR 422 (M+H) ⁺
c-66			for LR 326 (M+H) ⁺
c-67			for LR 421 (M+H) ⁺
c-68			for LR 422 (M+H) ⁺
c-69		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz): 7.76-7.66 (3H, m), 7.49-7.32 (6H, m), 7.24-7.18 (2H, m), 5.18 (2H, s), 4.63 (2H, s)	for LR 375 (M+H) ⁺

Preparation c-70

5 Ethyl 1-((6-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]pyridin-3-yl)methyl)cyclobutane carboxylate



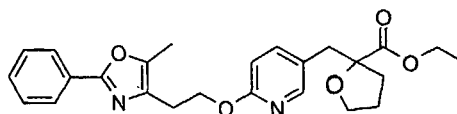
Sodium (bis)trimethylsilyl amide (3.0 mL of a 1M solution in tetrahydrofuran, 3.0 mmol) was added dropwise to a solution of ethyl cyclobutanoate (0.41 mL, 3.0 mmol) in anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (5 mL) at -60 °C. The mixture was stirred for 10 1 hour and then a solution of 5-(iodomethyl)-2-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-

yl)ethoxy]pyridine (Preparation 28) (0.271 g, 0.64 mmol) in anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (4 mL) was added dropwise. The resulting mixture was stirred at –60 °C for 1 hour then quenched with saturated aqueous ammonium chloride and warmed to ambient temperature. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate and the organic phase dried (anhydrous magnesium sulfate), filtered and evaporated to afford a 1:1 mixture of the title compound and dimer (0.160 g) which was used directly in the subsequent step.

LRMS (m/z): 421 ($M+H$)⁺.

Preparation c-71

ethyl 2-({6-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]pyridin-3-yl)methyl}tetrahydrofuran-2-carboxylate



Sodium (bis)trimethylsilyl amide (3.18 mL of 1M solution in tetrahydrofuran, 3.18 mmol) was added dropwise to a solution of ethyl 2-tetrahydrofuranoate (0.458 g, 3.18 mmol) in anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (4 mL) at –50 °C. The mixture was stirred for 45 minutes and then a solution of 5-(iodomethyl)-2-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]pyridine (Preparation 28) (0.267 g, 0.64 mmol) in anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (2 mL) was added dropwise. The resulting mixture was stirred at –50 °C for 1.5 hours then quenched with saturated aqueous ammonium chloride and warmed to ambient temperature. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate and the organic phase dried (anhydrous magnesium sulfate), filtered and evaporated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (25% to 35% ethyl acetate/hexanes) to yield the title compound as a colorless oil (0.250 g, 90%).

LRMS (m/z): 437 ($M+H$)⁺.

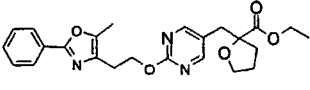
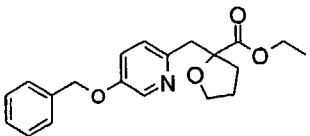
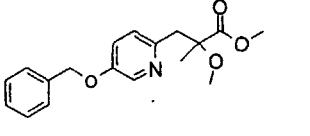
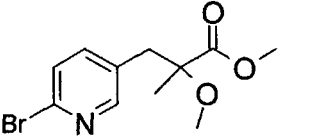
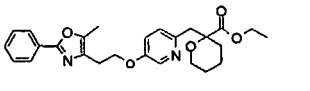
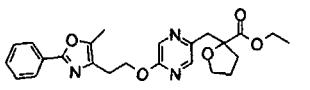
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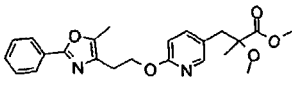
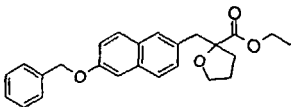
Preparations c-72 to c-79

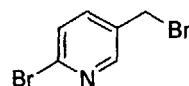
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Prep #	Structure	¹ H NMR	MS (m/z) (LR or)
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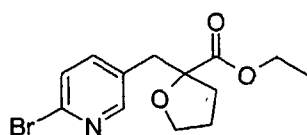
			HR)
c-72		(CDCl ₃ , 300 MHz): 8.38 (2H, s), 7.97-7.94 (2H, m), 7.44-7.38 (3H, m), 4.59 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.0 Hz), 4.15 (2H, q, <i>J</i> = 7.0 Hz), 3.99-3.86 (2H, m), 3.13 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 14.3 Hz), 3.00 (1H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.9 Hz), 2.84 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 14.3 Hz), 2.35 (3H, s), 2.26-2.20 (1H, m), 1.91-1.63 (4H, m), 1.23 (3H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.0 Hz)	for LR 438 (M+H) ⁺
c-73		(CDCl ₃ , 300 MHz): 8.27 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 2.3 Hz), 7.42-7.32 (5H, m), 7.20-7.13 (2H, m), 5.06 (2H, s), 4.13 (2H, q, <i>J</i> = 13.9 Hz), 3.33 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 13.9 Hz), 3.14 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 13.9 Hz), 2.64-2.55 (1H, m), 2.27-2.20 (1H, m), 1.89-1.63 (4H, m), 1.24 (3H, t, <i>J</i> = 13.9 Hz)	for LR 342 (M+H) ⁺
c-74		(CDCl ₃ , 300 MHz): 8.27 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 2.6 Hz), 7.42-7.29 (5H, m), 7.16 (1H, dd, <i>J</i> = 8.7, 2.8 Hz), 7.14-7.08 (1H, m), 5.06 (2H, s), 3.71 (3H, s), 3.30 (3H, s), 3.16 (2H, s), 1.40 (3H, s)	for LR 316 (M+H) ⁺
c-75		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz): 8.14 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 2.3 Hz), 7.41 (1H, dd, <i>J</i> = 8.3, 2.5 Hz), 7.36 (1H, dd, <i>J</i> = 8.3, 0.8 Hz), 3.69 (3H, s), 3.27 (3H, s), 2.99 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 13.9 Hz), 2.87 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 13.9 Hz), 1.33 (3H, s)	for LR 289 (M+H) ⁺
c-76		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz): 8.17 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 2.3 Hz), 7.96 (2H, dd, <i>J</i> = 7.7, 1.9 Hz), 7.43-7.38 (3H, m), 7.12 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.1 Hz), 7.09 (1H, dd, <i>J</i> = 8.6, 2.8 Hz), 4.24 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.7 Hz), 4.15 (2H, q, <i>J</i> = 7.2 Hz), 3.88-3.84 (1H, m), 3.64 (1H, dt, <i>J</i> = 11.6, 3.3 Hz), 3.07 (2H, s), 2.96 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.6 Hz), 2.36 (3H, s), 2.22-2.18 (1H, m), 1.52-1.36 (5H, m), 1.20 (3H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.1 Hz)	for LR 451 (M+H) ⁺
c-77		(CDCl ₃ , 300 MHz): 8.09 (1H, s), 7.91-8.01 (3H, m), 7.34-7.45 (3H, m), 4.48-4.64 (2H, m), 3.84-4.24 (2H, m), 3.22 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 15.0 Hz), 3.11 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 15.0 Hz), 2.91-3.03 (1H, m), 2.31-2.35 (1H, m), 1.65-2.30 (2H, m), 1.24 (3H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.6 Hz)	for LR 438 (M+H) ⁺

c-78		(CDCl ₃ , 300 MHz): 7.96 (1H, m), 7.92 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 2.1 Hz), 7.41 (4H, m), 6.63 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.5 Hz), 4.52 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.8 Hz), 3.70 (3H, s), 3.30 (3H, m), 2.93 (4H, m), 2.33 (3H, s), 1.33 (3H, s)	for LR 411 (M+H) ⁺
c-79		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz): 7.69 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 9.3 Hz), 7.64-7.62 (2H, m), 7.49-7.48 (2H, m), 7.42-7.32 (4H, m), 7.21-7.18 (2H, m), 5.17 (2H, s), 4.24-4.18 (2H, m), 3.96-3.86 (2H, m), 3.33 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 13.6 Hz), 3.13 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 13.8 Hz), 2.32-2.20 (1H, m), 2.03-1.89 (3H, m), 1.19 (3H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.1 Hz)	for LR 391 (M+H) ⁺

Preparation c-802-Bromo-5-(bromomethyl)pyridine

- 5 Phosphorous tribromide (100 mmol, 27.1 g, 2.0 eq.) was added carefully to 2-chloro-5-hydroxymethyl pyridine (50.0 mmol, 7.18 g, 1.0 eq.). The pyridine clumped together and the mixture was heated to 160 degrees C. Within 5 minutes of stirring at > 150 degrees C the mixture was seen to go very dark in color with gas evolution. The mixture was stirred at this same temperature for approximately
- 10 2.5 hours at which point it was cooled to room temperature. The mixture was cooled further to 0 degrees C whereupon saturated sodium bicarbonate was added very cautiously (highly exothermic!). As foaming became less vigorous, ice was added to the mixture until foaming subsided. Solid sodium bicarbonate was then carefully added to achieve a pH of ~ 8-9. The mixture was extracted with ethyl
- 15 acetate and the organic layer was washed with brine and dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate. Concentrated in vacuo to afford a dark solid. This material was dissolved in a minimal amount of DCM and purified using a Biotage Sp4 65i over a gradient of 0 – 100 % ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford the title compound as a pale yellow solid (5.57 g, 44%).
- 20 LRMS: 252 (M+H)⁺.
¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 400 MHz): 8.39 (1H, s) 7.59 (1H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz) 7.48 (1H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz) 4.46 (2H, s)

Preparation c-81ethyl 2-[(6-bromopyridin-3-yl)methyl]tetrahydrofuran-2-carboxylate

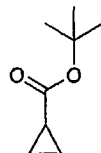


To a solution of ethyl tetrahydrofuran-2-carboxylate (52.9 mmol, 9.10 g, 1.5 eq.) cooled to -78 degrees C in THF (90 mL) was added dropwise a solution of 2 M lithium diisopropylamide (52.9 mmol, 1.5 eq.) in a mixture of
5 heptane/THF/ethylbenzene. The enolate was allowed to form for one hour at the same low temperature whereupon a solution of 2-bromo-5-(bromomethyl)pyridine (35.3 mmol, 8.85 g, 1.0 eq.) in THF was added dropwise. The reaction was allowed to warm slowly to room temperature overnight. The reaction was quenched with saturated ammonium chloride. The mixture was extracted with
10 ethyl acetate and the organic extract was washed with brine. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and concentrated *in vacuo* to yield a yellow oil. This crude product was purified on a Biotage Sp4 65i over a gradient of 5% to 95 % ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford a golden oil (8.70 g, 78%).
LRMS: 315 (M+H)⁺.

15 ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400 MHz): 8.21 (1 H, s) 7.40 - 7.49 (2 H, m) 3.94 (2 H, q, *J*=7.0 Hz) 3.71 - 3.85 (2 H, m) 3.05 - 3.11 (1 H, m) 2.91 - 2.97 (1 H, m) 2.38 - 2.47 (1 H, m) 1.83 - 2.09 (3 H, m) 1.09 (3 H, t, *J*=7.0 Hz)

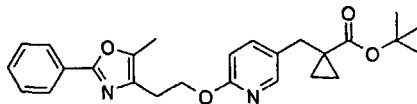
Preparation c-82

20 Cyclopropanecarboxylic acid *tert*-butyl ester

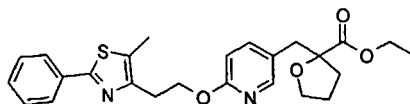


Concentrated sulfuric acid (3.45 mL, 62.7832 mmol) was added to a vigorously stirred suspension of anhydrous magnesium sulfate (30.1987 g, 251.1326 mmol) in dichloromethane (250 mL). The mixture was stirred for 15 minutes, after which
25 cyclopropanecarboxylic acid (5 mL, 62.7832 mmol) and 2-methyl-propan-2-ol (30 mL, 313.9158 mmol) were added. The mixture was stoppered tightly and stirred at ambient temperature for 16 hours. The reaction mixture was then quenched with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate (450 mL) and stirred until all the magnesium sulfate had dissolved. The phases were separated and the organic
30 phase washed with water (100 mL), saturated aqueous sodium chloride (100 mL), dried (anhydrous magnesium sulfate), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the pure ester (8.3921 g, 59.0162 mmol) as a colorless liquid.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): 1.45 (9H, s), 0.93-0.86 (3H, m), 0.79-0.73 (2H, m).

Preparation c-831-{6-[2-(5-Methyl-2-phenyl-oxazol-4-yl)-ethoxy]-pyridin-3-ylmethyl}-
cyclopropanecarboxylic acid *tert*-butyl ester

- 5 To a solution of diisopropylamine (0.14 mL, 0.9518 mmol) in dry tetrahydrofuran (2.4 mL), at 0 °C under an atmosphere of nitrogen, was added butyllithium (0.38 mL of a 2.5M solution in hexanes, 0.9518 mmol). The resulting solution was stirred for 30 minutes and then cooled to -50 °C. To this was added a solution of cyclopropanecarboxylic acid *tert*-butyl ester (0.1269 g, 0.8924 mmol) in dry tetrahydrofuran (1 mL) and stirring was continued for 2 hours. A solution of 5-iodomethyl-2-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-oxazol-4-yl)-ethoxy]-pyridine (0.25 g, 0.5949 mmol) in dry tetrahydrofuran (1 mL) was then added dropwise and the solution stirred for a further 3 hours. The reaction was quenched by the addition of saturated aqueous ammonium chloride (25 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 25 mL). The combined organic extracts were then dried (anhydrous magnesium sulfate), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the crude product and remaining starting iodide. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes to 60% ethyl acetate/hexanes) to yield the ester (0.0827 g, 32%), partially contaminated with started iodide, as a pale yellow solid.
- 20 LRMS (*m/z*): 435 (*M*+H)⁺.

Preparation c-84ethyl 2-({6-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-4-yl)ethoxy]pyridin-3-yl)methyl}tetrahydrofuran-2-carboxylate

- 25 To an argon-purged solution of the bromopyridine (0.636 mmol) in toluene (12 mL) was added palladium (II) acetate (11.4 mg, 0.0508 mmol) and racemic-2-(di-*t*-butylphosphino)-1,1'-binaphthyl (25.4 mg, 0.0636 mmol). The activated complex was allowed to form over approximately ten minutes, at which point cesium carbonate (414 mg, 1.27 mmol) and the appropriate alcohol (0.956 mmol) were added. The mixture was heated to 115 °C and stirred at this temperature for 12-18 hours. The mixture was cooled to room temperature and filtered through a pad of silica. The filter pad was washed with 2-3 aliquots of ethyl acetate and the combined organic filtrates were combined and concentrated *in vacuo*. The
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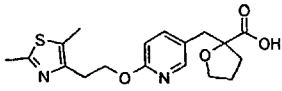
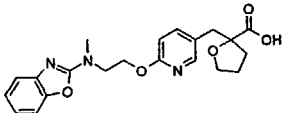
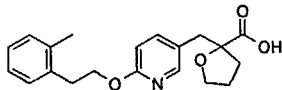
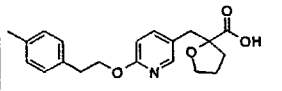
resulting residue was either purified by flash chromatography, or used without further purification

Preparations c-85 to c-88

Preparations c-85 to c-88 were prepared by procedures analogous to those used

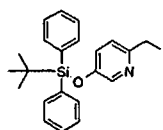
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for Preparation c-84

Preparation #	Structure	¹ H NMR	MS (m/z) (LR or HR)
c-85		(DMSO-d ₆ , 400 MHz)	for LR 420 (M+H) ⁺
c-86			
c-87			
c-88			

Preparation c-89

5-[[*tert*-butyl(diphenyl)silyl]oxy]-2-(iodomethyl)pyridine



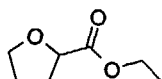
- 10 To a solution of 2-bromomethyl-5-(*tert*-butyl-diphenyl-silanyloxy)-pyridine (Schow, S. R.; Quinn DeJoy, S.; Wick, M. M.; Kerwar, S. S. *J. Org. Chem.* **1994**, *59*, 6850-6852) (1.2692 g, 2.9763 mmol) in acetone (15 mL) was added sodium iodide (0.8922 g, 5.9526 mmol) and the resulting heterogeneous mixture stirred for 3 hours at ambient temperature. The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*
- 15 and the resulting residue diluted with ethyl acetate (50 mL) and washed with water (50 mL). The organic layer was further washed with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate (50 mL) and saturated aqueous sodium thiosulfate (50 mL). The

combined aqueous layers were extracted with ethyl acetate (3x50 mL) and the combined organic extracts dried (anhydrous magnesium sulfate), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the crude product. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes to 20% ethyl acetate/hexanes) to yield a
 5 pale yellow oil (0.72 g, 51%). This compound was unstable to concentration and thus was used immediately.

LRMS (m/z): 474 ($M+H$)⁺.

Preparation c-90

ethyl tetrahydrofuran-2-carboxylate



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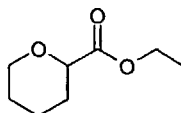
To a solution of tetrahydrofuran-2-carboxylic acid (20 g, 172.2356 mmol) in anhydrous ethanol (100 mL) was added concentrated sulfuric acid (0.46 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred at reflux for 16 hours and then allowed to cool to ambient temperature. To this was added water (100 mL) and extracted with diethyl
 15 ether (3x100 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate (2x50 mL), saturated aqueous sodium chloride (100 mL), dried (anhydrous magnesium sulfate), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the pure product as a colorless liquid (22.5964 g, 91%).

LRMS (m/z): 145 ($M+H$)⁺.

20 ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) 4.38 (1H, dd, J = 4.9, 8.1 Hz), 4.14 (2H, q, J = 7.2 Hz), 3.99-3.92 (1H, m), 3.88-3.81 (1H, m), 2.24-2.12 (1H, m), 2.00-1.79 (3H, m), 1.22 (3H, t, J = 7.2 Hz).

Preparation c-91

Tetrahydro-pyran-2-carboxylic acid ethyl ester

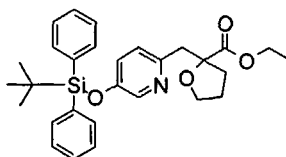


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The above compound was prepared according to the procedure described in Rychnovsky, S. D.; Hata, T.; Kim, A. I.; Buckmelter, A. J. *Org. Lett.* **2001**, 3, 807-810.

Preparation c-92

30 ethyl 2-[(5-[(*tert*-butyl(diphenyl)silyl]oxy)pyridin-2-yl)methyl]tetrahydrofuran-2-carboxylate



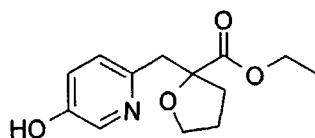
To a solution of ethyl tetrahydrofuran-2- carboxylate (Preparation 32) (1.0965 g, 7.604 mmol) in anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (7 mL) at -50°C , under an atmosphere of nitrogen, was added sodium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide (7.6 mL of a 1.0M solution in tetrahydrofuran, 7.604 mmol) dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1
5 hour and then a solution of 5-(*tert*-butyl-diphenyl-silanyloxy)-2-iodomethyl-pyridine (Preparation 31) (0.72 g, 1.5208 mmol) in anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (7 mL) was added dropwise. The resulting solution was stirred at -50°C for 2 hours and then quenched with saturated aqueous ammonium chloride (25 mL). This was then extracted with ethyl acetate (3x25 mL), dried (anhydrous magnesium sulfate),
10 filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the crude product. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes to 40% ethyl acetate/hexanes) to yield a colorless oil (0.2438 g, 33%).

LRMS (m/z): 490 ($M+H$)⁺.

¹H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz) 8.07 (1H, d, $J = 2.5$ Hz), 7.67-7.63 (4H, m), 7.41-7.31
15 (6H, m), 6.97 (1H, d, $J = 8.5$ Hz), 6.86 (1H, dd, $J = 2.8, 8.5$ Hz), 4.21 (2H, q, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 4.09 (2H, q, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 3.22 (1H, d, $J = 13.9$ Hz), 3.07 (1H, d, $J = 13.9$ Hz), 2.53-2.44 (1H, m), 2.31-2.15 (1H, m), 1.82-1.72 (1H, m), 1.60-1.46 (1H, m), 1.25 (3H, t, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 1.09 (9H, s).

Preparation c-93

20 ethyl 2-[(5-hydroxypyridin-2-yl)methyl]tetrahydrofuran-2-carboxylate



To a solution of ethyl 2-[(5-[[*tert*-butyl(diphenyl)silyl]oxy]pyridin-2-yl)methyl]tetrahydrofuran-2-carboxylate (Preparation c-92) (0.5118 g, 1.1677 mmol) in anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (10 mL) was added tetrabutylammonium
25 fluoride (1.3 mL of a 1.0M solution in tetrahydrofuran) dropwise. The resulting mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 1 hour and the volatiles removed *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (50% ethyl acetate/hexanes to 10% methanol/ethyl acetate) to yield a colorless oil (0.2321 g, 79%).

30 LRMS (m/z): 252 ($M+H$)⁺.

¹H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz) 8.10 (1H, d, $J = 2.3$ Hz), 7.20 (1H, d, $J = 8.5$ Hz), 7.14 (1H, dd, $J = 2.6, 8.5$ Hz), 4.14 (2H, q, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 3.88 (2H, q, $J = 7.8$ Hz), 3.35 (1H, d, $J = 13.9$ Hz), 3.12 (1H, d, $J = 13.9$ Hz), 2.30-2.21 (1H, m), 2.04-1.94 (1H, m), 1.89-1.76 (1H, m), 1.75-1.63 (1H, m), 1.20 (3H, t, $J = 7.2$ Hz).

Preparation c-93aAlternative preparation of ethyl 2-[(5-hydroxypyridin-2-yl)methyl]tetrahydrofuran-2-carboxylate

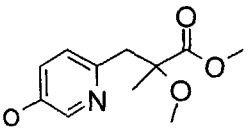
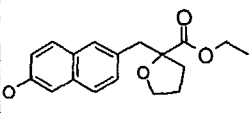
To a solution of 2-(5-benzyloxy-pyridin-2-ylmethyl)-tetrahydro-furan-2-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (0.6065 g, 1.7765 mmol) in dry ethanol (10 mL) was added palladium (0.0607 g, 10 wt. % on activated carbon). The resulting solution was heated at 45 °C under an atmosphere of hydrogen for 16 hours. After cooling to ambient temperature the solution was filtered through a 3" bed of Celite and washed with ethanol (100 mL). The filtrate was then concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the crude product which was used without further purification.

LRMS (*m/z*): 252 (M+H)⁺.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): 8.10 (1H, d, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 7.20 (1H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 7.14 (1H, dd, *J* = 2.6, 8.5 Hz), 4.14 (2H, q, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 3.88 (2H, q, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 3.35 (1H, d, *J* = 13.9 Hz), 3.12 (1H, d, *J* = 13.9 Hz), 2.30-2.21 (1H, m), 2.04-1.94 (1H, m), 1.89-1.76 (1H, m), 1.75-1.63 (1H, m), 1.20 (3H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz).

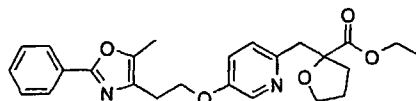
Preparations c-94 to c-95

Preparations c-94 to c-95 were prepared by general procedure for Preparation c-93

Prep #	Structure	¹ H NMR	MS (<i>m/z</i>) (LR or HR)
c-94		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz): 8.24 (1H, bs), 7.37-7.30 (1H, bm), 7.24-7.22 (1H, bm), 3.71 (3H, s), 3.28 (3H, s), 3.23-3.18 (2H, m), 1.40 (3H, s)	for LR 226 (M+H) ⁺
c-95		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz): 7.64 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.6 Hz), 7.61 (1H, s), 7.53 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.6 Hz), 7.36 (1H, dd, <i>J</i> = 1.7, 8.6 Hz), 7.05-7.01 (2H, m), 5.32 (1H, s), 3.99-3.88 (2H, m), 3.34 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 13.6 Hz), 3.11 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 13.9 Hz), 2.33-2.27 (1H, m), 2.00-1.93 (1H, m), 1.89-1.77 (1H, m), 1.73-1.65 (1H, m), 1.19 (3H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.3 Hz)	for LR 301 (M+H) ⁺

Preparation c-96

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ethyl 2-[(5-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]pyridin-2-yl)methyl]tetrahydrofuran-2-carboxylate

To a solution of ethyl 2-[(5-hydroxypyridin-2-yl)methyl]tetrahydrofuran-2-carboxylate (Preparation c-93) (0.2321 g, 0.9237 mmol), 2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-

oxazol-4-yl)-ethanol (0.2065 g, 1.0161 mmol), and triphenylphosphine (0.3634 g, 1.3856 mmol) in anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (10 mL), under an atmosphere of nitrogen, was added a solution of diethyl azodicarboxylate (0.22 mL, 1.3856 mmol) in anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (1 mL) dropwise. The resulting solution was stirred at ambient temperature for 16 hours and the volatiles removed *in vacuo*. This residue was then purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes to 50% ethyl acetate/hexanes) to yield a pale yellow oil (0.2618 g, 65%).

LRMS (m/z): 437 ($M+H$)⁺.

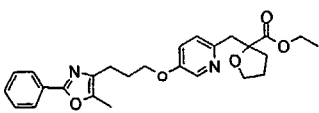
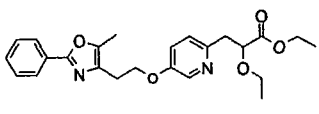
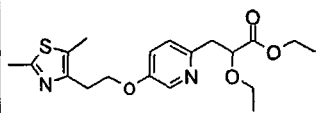
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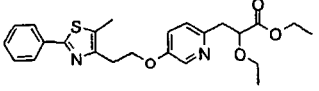
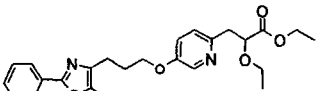
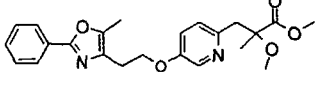
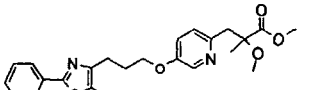
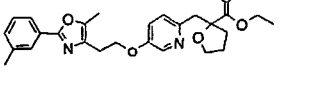
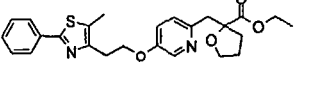
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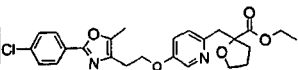
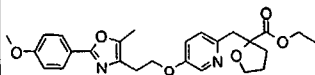
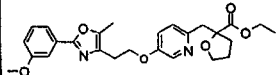
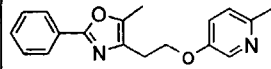
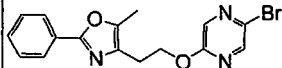
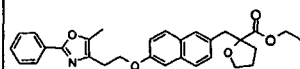
Preparations c-97 to c-112

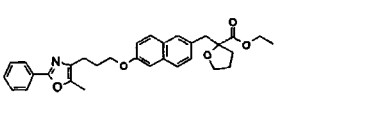
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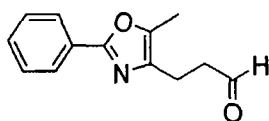
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Preparation #	Structure	¹ H NMR	MS (m/z) (LR or HR)
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c-98		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz): 8.20 (1H, dd, J = 2.0, 1.5 Hz), 7.95 (2H, dd, J = 7.7, 1.9 Hz), 7.43-7.36 (3H, m), 7.10 (2H, d, J = 1.5 Hz), 4.25 (2H, t, J = 6.6 Hz), 4.23-4.13 (3H, m), 3.63-3.55 (1H, m), 3.37-3.27 (1H, m), 3.15-3.02 (2H, m), 2.97 (2H, t, J = 6.7 Hz), 2.35 (3H, s), 1.21 (3H, t, J = 7.2 Hz), 1.08 (3H, t, J = 7.1 Hz)	for LR 425 ($M+H$) ⁺
c-99		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz): 8.19 (1H, dd, J = 2.0, 1.5 Hz), 7.08-7.07 (2H, m), 4.26-4.23 (3H, m), 4.16 (2H, q, J = 7.0 Hz), 3.63-3.56 (1H, m), 3.36-3.28 (1H, m), 3.15-3.02 (4H, m), 2.58 (3H, s), 2.34 (3H, s), 1.21 (3H, t, J = 7.1 Hz), 1.08 (3H, t, J = 7.0 Hz)	for LR 379 ($M+H$) ⁺

c-100		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz): 8.22 (1H, dd, <i>J</i> = 2.4, 1.1 Hz), 7.86-7.83 (2H, m), 7.42-7.36 (3H, m), 7.11-7.10 (2H, m), 4.35 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.8 Hz), 4.24 (1H, dd, <i>J</i> = 8.3, 5.1 Hz), 4.18 (2H, q, <i>J</i> = 7.1 Hz), 3.63-3.56 (1H, m), 3.36-3.28 (1H, m), 3.18 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.8 Hz), 3.14 (1H, dd, <i>J</i> = 13.9, 5.1 Hz), 3.05 (1H, dd, <i>J</i> = 13.9, 8.3 Hz), 2.45 (3H, s), 1.22 (3H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.1 Hz), 1.09 (3H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.1 Hz)	for LR 441 (M+H) ⁺
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c-102		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz): 8.18 (1H, dd, <i>J</i> = 2.3, 1.3 Hz), 7.96 (2H, dd, <i>J</i> = 7.6, 2.0 Hz), 7.54-7.51 (3H, m), 7.10-7.08 (2H, m), 4.25 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.7 Hz), 3.29 (3H, s), 3.15 (2H, s), 2.96 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.7 Hz), 2.36 (3H, s), 2.32 (3H, s), 1.38 (3H, s)	for LR 411 (M+H) ⁺
c-103		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz): 8.20 (1H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.8 Hz), 7.97-7.93 (2H, m), 7.44-7.38 (3H, m), 7.09 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 7.8 Hz), 3.99 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.1 Hz), 3.72 (3H, s), 3.30 (3H, s), 2.68 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.1 Hz), 2.62 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.7 Hz), 2.27 (3H, s), 2.18-2.12 (2H, m), 1.40 (3H, s)	for LR 425 (M+H) ⁺
c-104			for LR 451 (M+H) ⁺
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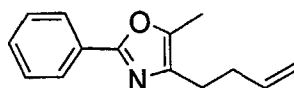
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c-111		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz): 7.99-7.97 (2H, m), 7.66 (1H, d, J = 8.8 Hz), 7.62-7.59 (2H, m), 7.45-7.35 (4H, m), 7.12-7.08 (2H, m), 4.35 (2H, t, J = 6.8 Hz), 4.16-4.09 (2H, m), 3.96-3.85 (2H, m), 3.32 (1H, d, J = 13.6 Hz), 3.11 (1H, d, J = 13.9 Hz), 3.04 (2H, t, J = 6.8 Hz), 2.40 (3H, s), 2.31-2.24 (1H, m), 1.99-1.76 (1H, m), 1.69-1.60 (1H, m), 1.18 (3H, t, J = 7.1 Hz)	for LR 486 (M+H) ⁺

c-112		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz): 7.99-7.97 (2H, m), 7.67 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.8 Hz), 7.61-7.59 (2H, m), 7.45-7.35 (4H, m), 7.12 (1H, dd, <i>J</i> = 2.3, 8.8 Hz), 7.08-7.07 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 2.3 Hz), 4.16-4.06 (4H, m), 3.96-3.86 (2H, m), 3.33 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 13.6 Hz), 3.11 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 13.6 Hz), 2.74 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.1 Hz), 2.32-2.18 (6H, m), 1.99-1.91 (1H, m), 1.86-1.77 (1H, m), 1.69-1.61 (1H, m), 1.19 (3H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.1 Hz)	for LR 500 (M+H) ⁺
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Preparation c-1133-(5-Methyl-2-phenyl-oxazol-4-yl)-propionaldehyde

- 5 To a solution of 3-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-oxazol-4-yl)-propan-1-ol (1.0 g, 4.6026 mmol) in dichloromethane (20 mL) was added pyridinium chlorochromate (9.9213 g of ~20 wt. % on SiO₂, 9.2051 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred under an atmosphere of nitrogen at ambient temperature for 16 hours and the volatiles removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column
- 10 chromatography (hexanes to ethyl acetate) to yield the pure aldehyde (0.4752 g, 48%) as a colorless oil.
- LRMS (*m/z*): 216 (M+H)⁺.
- ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): 9.84 (1H, s), 7.96-7.93 (2H, m), 7.42-7.37 (3H, m), 2.85 (2H, dd, *J* = 6.0, 0.9 Hz), 2.80 (2H, d, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 2.33 (3H, s).

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Preparation c-1144-But-3-enyl-5-methyl-2-phenyl-oxazole

- To a solution of methyl triphenylphosphonium iodide (1.7848 g, 4.4154 mmol) in dry tetrahydrofuran (95 mL), under an atmosphere of nitrogen at 0 °C, was added
- 20 butyllithium (1.8 mL of a 2.5M solution in hexanes, 4.4154 mmol) dropwise. The suspension dissolved and the solution turned orange. After 10 minutes a solution of 3-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-oxazol-4-yl)-propionaldehyde (0.4752 g, 2.2077 mmol) in dry tetrahydrofuran (15 mL) was added dropwise and the solution allowed to warm to ambient temperature. After 16 hours, hexanes (200 mL) was added and the
- 25 precipitate filtered off. The filtrate was then extracted with water (200 mL) and the organic phase dried (anhydrous magnesium sulfate), filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the crude product. The residue was purified by flash column

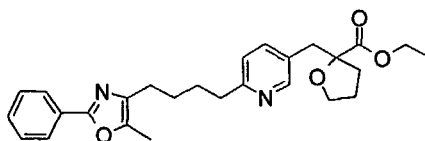
chromatography (hexanes to ethyl acetate) to yield the pure title compound (0.291 g, 62%) as a colorless oil.

LRMS (m/z): 214 ($M+H$)⁺.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): 7.99-7.96 (2H, m), 7.43-7.38 (3H, m), 5.93-5.79 (1H, m), 5.09-5.02 (1H, m), 5.00-4.95 (1H, m), 2.57 (2H, t, J = 7.4 Hz), 2.42 (2H, t, J = 7.4 Hz), 2.31 (3H, s).

Preparation c-115

2-{6-[4-(5-Methyl-2-phenyl-oxazol-4-yl)-butyl]-pyridin-3-ylmethyl}-tetrahydro-furan-2-carboxylic acid ethyl ester



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9-Borabicyclononane (5.5 mL of a 0.5M solution in tetrahydrofuran, 2.729 mmol) was added to a yellow solution of 4-but-3-enyl-5-methyl-2-phenyl-oxazole (0.291 g, 1.3645 mmol) in dry tetrahydrofuran (1.3 mL). The mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 4 hours and then transferred to another flask containing 2-(6-bromo-pyridin-3-ylmethyl)-tetrahydro-furan-2-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (0.3297 g, 1.0496 mmol), palladium dichloride *bis*(diphenylphosphino)ferrocene (0.0857 g, 0.1050 mmol), cesium carbonate (0.9551 g, 2.9389 mmol), triphenylarsine (0.0322 g, 0.1050 mmol) in *N,N*-dimethylformamide (2.8 mL) and water (0.23 mL). The dark red mixture was stirred for 16 hours at ambient temperature under a nitrogen atmosphere. After cooling to 0 °C, the reaction was quenched with 2M aqueous sodium acetate (5 mL) and 30% aqueous hydrogen peroxide (2 mL). The resulting solution was stirred for 2 hours, diluted with water (25 mL), and extracted with ethyl acetate (4 x 50 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with water (25 mL), dried (anhydrous magnesium sulfate), filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to give the crude product. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes to ethyl acetate) to afford the title compound (0.2805 g, 60%) as pale yellow oil.

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LRMS (m/z): 449 ($M+H$)⁺.

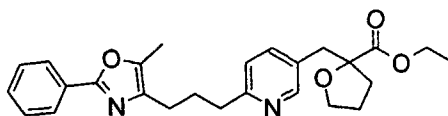
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Preparation c-116

2-{6-[3-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-oxazol-4-yl)-propyl]-pyridin-3-ylmethyl}-tetrahydro-furan-2-carboxylic acid ethyl ester

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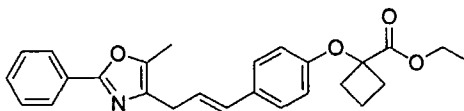
9-Borabicyclononane (4.2 mL of a 0.5M solution in tetrahydrofuran, 2.07 mmol) was added to a yellow solution of 4-allyl-5-methyl-2-phenyl-oxazole (0.21 g, 1.04 mmol) in dry tetrahydrofuran (1 mL). The mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 4 hours and then transferred to another flask containing 2-(6-bromo-pyridin-3-ylmethyl)-tetrahydro-furan-2-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (0.25 g, 0.80 mmol), palladium dichloride *bis*(diphenylphosphino)ferrocene (0.07 g, 0.1 mmol), cesium carbonate (0.72 g, 2.90 mmol), triphenylarsine (0.02 g, 0.1 mmol) in *N,N*-dimethylformamide:water (4:1, 2.63 mL). The dark red mixture was stirred for 16 hours at ambient temperature under a nitrogen atmosphere. After cooling to 0 °C, the reaction was quenched with 2M aqueous sodium acetate (4.7 mL) and 30% aqueous hydrogen peroxide (1.7 mL). The resulting solution was stirred for 2 hours, diluted with water (20 mL), and extracted with ethyl acetate (4 x 50 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with water (20 mL), dried (anhydrous magnesium sulfate), filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to give the crude product. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (40% to 90% ethyl acetate/hexanes) to afford the title compound (0.20 g, 57%) as a colorless oil.

LRMS (*m/z*): 435 (M+H)⁺.

¹H NMR (Dimethyl sulfoxide-*d*₆, 400 MHz): 8.35 (1H, s), 7.96 (2H, d, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 7.55 (1H, d, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 7.39 (3H, t, *J* = 5.9 Hz), 7.09 (1H, d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 3.91 (2H, m), 3.80 (2H, t, *J* = 10.9 Hz), 3.17 (1H, d, *J* = 14.0 Hz), 2.91 (1H, d, *J* = 13.94 Hz), 2.81 (2H, t), 2.53 (2H, t, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 2.28 (3H, s), 2.09 (2H, d, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 1.87 (4H, d, *J* = 10.9 Hz), 1.23 (3H, m).

Preparation c-117

Ethyl 1-{4-[(1*E*)-3-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)prop-1-en-1-yl]phenoxy}cyclobutanecarboxylate



A mixture of Pd(OAc)₂ (12 mg, 0.05 mmol) and Ph₃P (26 mg, 0.05 mmol) in toluene (2 mL) was stirred under nitrogen at room temperature for 1 hour and followed by the addition of Et₃N (2 mL) and a solution of 4-allyl-5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazole (100 mg, 0.50 mmol) and ethyl 1-(4-iodophenoxy)cyclobutanecarboxylate (173 mg, 0.50 mmol) in toluene (2 mL). The resulting reaction solution was heated at 80 °C

under nitrogen for 17 hours and cooled to room temperature. After solvent removal, the residue was partitioned between EtOAc and brine. The separated organic layer was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated to give the crude product as brown oil. Purification by silica gel column with 20% EtOAc in

5 hexane gave 85 mg (41%) of yellow oil.

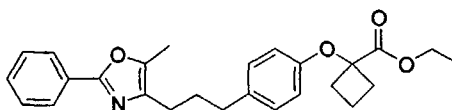
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 1.19 (t, 3 H), 1.98 (m, 2 H), 2.38 (s, 3 H), 2.43 (m, 2 H), 2.72 (m, 2 H), 3.41 (d, 2 H), 4.18 (q, 2 H), 6.20 (td, 1 H), 6.40 (d, 1 H), 6.60 (d, 2 H), 7.25 (d, 2 H), 7.40 (d, 3 H), 8.00 (d, 2 H).

LRMS (*m/z*): 418 (M+H)⁺.

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Preparation c-118

Ethyl 1-{4-[3-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)propyl]phenoxy}cyclobutane-carboxylate



Ethyl 1-{4-[(1*E*)-3-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)prop-1-en-1-

15 yl]phenoxy}cyclobutanecarboxylate (85 mg, 0.20 mmol) was dissolved in MeOH (5 mL) and followed by the addition of 10% Pd/C (15 mg). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 16 hours with a balloon, full of hydrogen gas, attached to the flask. The mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite and the cake was rinsed with MeOH. The filtrate was concentrated to give 85 mg (100%) of yellow oil.

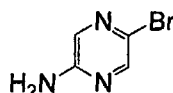
20 ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 1.19 (t, 3 H), 1.92 - 2.02 (m, 4 H), 2.27 (s, 3 H), 2.39 - 2.51 (m, 4 H), 2.60 (t, 2 H), 2.66 - 2.77 (m, 2 H), 4.19 (q, 2 H), 6.60 (d, 2 H), 7.05 (d, 2 H), 7.36 - 7.47 (m, 3 H), 7.98 (dd, 2 H).

LRMS (*m/z*): 420 (M+H)⁺.

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Preparation c-119

5-Bromo-pyrazin-2-ylamine



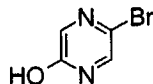
To a solution of pyrazin-2-ylamine (2.0 g, 21.03 mmol) in dry dichloromethane (120 mL) at 0 °C, was added *N*-bromosuccinimide (3.74 g, 21.03 mmol) slowly to maintain the internal temperature below 0 °C. The mixture was stirred at the same
30 temperature for 24 hours, and then washed with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate (30 mL) and water (30 mL). The combined aqueous extracts were extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 100 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried (anhydrous magnesium sulfate), filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the crude product. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (10%
35 to 50% ethyl acetate/hexanes) to yield the title compound (2.57 g, 70%) as a yellow solid.

LRMS (m/z): 174 (M)⁺.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): 8.08 (1H, d, J = 1.3 Hz), 7.76 (1H, d, J = 1.3 Hz).

Preparation c-120

5-Bromo-pyrazin-2-ol



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Sodium nitrite (1.35 g, 19.53 mmol) was added portionwise to concentrated sulfuric acid (9.8 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was heated at 50 °C until all of the sodium nitrite had dissolved and the mixture was again cooled to 0 °C. A solution of 5-bromo-pyrazin-2-ylamine (2.57 g, 14.68 mmol) in concentrated sulfuric acid (14.7 mL) was added dropwise to the nitronium solution at 0 °C. The ice bath was removed, the mixture warmed to ambient temperature and stirred for 15 minutes before heating to 45 °C for seven minutes. After cooling to ambient temperature, the mixture was poured slowly with precaution into crushed ice water (100 mL). The aqueous phase was neutralized to pH 4 with 20% aqueous sodium hydroxide then extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 100 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with water (50 mL), dried (anhydrous magnesium sulfate), filtered, and evaporated to afford the title compound (1.88 g, 73%) as a yellow solid.

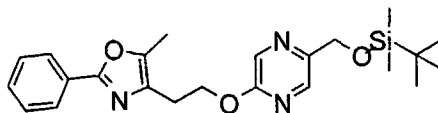
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¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): 8.07 (1H, s), 7.62 (1H, d, J = 3.0 Hz).

Preparation c-121

20 2-(tert-Butyl-dimethyl-silyloxyethyl)-5-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-oxazol-4-yl)-ethoxy]-pyrazine



To a solution of 2-bromo-5-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-oxazol-4-yl)-ethoxy]-pyrazine (0.50 g, 1.39 mmol) and *tert*-butyl-dimethyl-tributylstannanylmethoxy-silane (0.91 g, 2.09 mmol) in dry 1,4-dioxane (8 mL) was added tetrakis(triphenylphosphine) palladium (0.16 g, 0.14 mmol). The mixture was degassed three times and then heated at 120 °C for 22 hours. After cooling to ambient temperature the mixture was diluted with diethyl ether (10 mL) and then quenched with saturated aqueous potassium fluoride (5 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred for 30 minutes and then extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 50 mL). The organic phase was washed with water (30 mL), dried (anhydrous magnesium sulfate), filtered, and evaporated to afford the title compound without any further purification.

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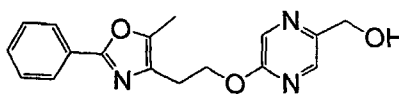
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LRMS (m/z): 426 ($M+H$)⁺.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): 8.20 (1H, s), 8.09 (1H, s), 7.97 (2H, d, *J* = 7.4 Hz), 7.41 (3H, d, *J* = 5.3 Hz), 4.78 (2H, s), 4.58 (2H, d, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 2.98 (2H, s), 2.34 (3H, s), 0.97 (2H, m), 0.14 (6H, m).

Preparation c-122

5 5-[2-(5-Methyl-2-phenyl-oxazol-4-yl)-ethoxy]-pyrazin-2-yl}-methanol



Tetrabutylammonium fluoride (2.8 mL of a 1M solution in tetrahydrofuran, 2.78 mmol) was added dropwise to a solution of 2-(*tert*-butyl-dimethyl-silanyloxymethyl)-
 10 5-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-oxazol-4-yl)-ethoxy]-pyrazine (~1.39 mmol) in dry tetrahydrofuran (20 mL). The mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 16 hours and then quenched with water (1 mL), and acidified to pH 5 with 1M aqueous acetic acid solution. The organics were removed *in vacuo* and the aqueous phase extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic extracts were
 15 dried (anhydrous magnesium sulfate), filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the title compound (0.0928 g, 21%).

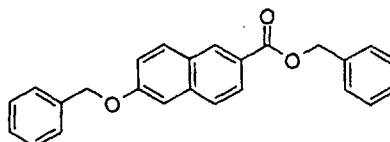
LRMS (*m/z*): 312 (M+H)⁺.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): 8.12 (2H, s), 8.05 (2H, d, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 7.40 (3H, d, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 4.72 (2H, s), 4.59 (2H, t, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 2.99 (2H, t, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 2.33 (3H, s).

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Preparation c-123

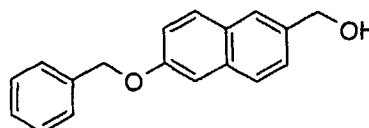
6-Benzyloxy-naphthalene-2-carboxylic acid benzyl ester



The above compound was prepared according to the procedure described in Inui, S.; Suzuki, T.; Iimura, N.; Iwane, H.; Nohira, H. *Mol. Cryst. Liq. Cryst. Sci. Technol. Sect. A*. 1994, 239, 1-10.
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Preparation c-124

(6-Benzyloxy-naphthalen-2-yl)-methanol



To a solution of 6-benzyloxy-naphthalene-2-carboxylic acid benzyl ester (7.09 g, 19.24 mmol) in dry tetrahydrofuran (60 mL), under an atmosphere of nitrogen at 0 °C, was added diisobutylaluminum hydride (58 mL of a 1.0M solution in tetrahydrofuran, 57.73 mmol). The resulting mixture was allowed to warm to
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ambient temperature and stirred for 16 hours. An solution of citric acid (19 g) in water (40 mL) was added dropwise (CAUTION!: strong exotherm). The aqueous layer was then extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 50 mL) and the combined organic extracts washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride (50 mL), dried

5 (anhydrous magnesium sulfate), and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the crude product. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes to ethyl acetate) to yield the title compound (4.37 g, 86%) as a white solid.

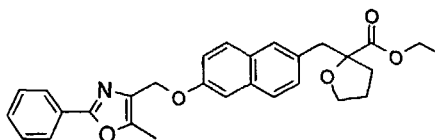
LRMS (*m/z*): 287 (M+Na)⁺.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): 7.76-7.72 (3H, m), 7.50-7.33 (6H, m), 7.25-7.23 (2H, m), 5.18 (2H, s), 4.82 (2H, d, *J* = 6.1 Hz).

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Preparation c-125

2-[6-(5-Methyl-2-phenyl-oxazol-4-ylmethoxy)-naphthalen-2-ylmethyl]-tetrahydro-furan-2-carboxylic acid ethyl ester



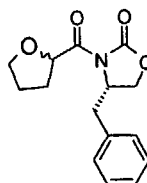
15 A heterogeneous mixture of 2-phenyl-4-(chloromethyl)-5-methyloxazole (0.133 g, 0.639 mmol), 2-(6-hydroxy-naphthalen-2-ylmethyl)-tetrahydro-furan-2-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (0.192 g, 0.639 mmol), and cesium carbonate (0.521 g, 1.59 mmol) in dry acetonitrile (2 mL) was heated (in a microwave) at 140 °C for 10 minutes. A second portion of 2-phenyl-4-(chloromethyl)-5-methyloxazole (0.5 eq.) was added

20 and the mixture heated at 200 °C for a further 20 minutes. The reaction mixture was filtered through Celite and washed with acetonitrile (200 mL). The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* and the residue purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes to ethyl acetate) to yield the title compound (0.180 g, 60%) as a colorless oil.

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Preparation c-126

(4S)-4-benzyl-3-(tetrahydrofuran-2-ylcarbonyl)-1,3-oxazolidin-2-one



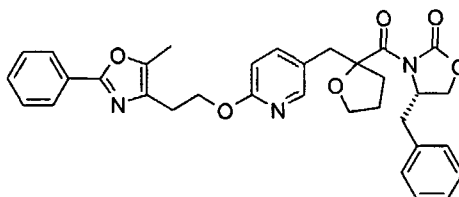
n-Butyllithium (22.6 mL of a 2.5M solution in hexanes, 56.4 mmol) was added dropwise to a solution of (4S)-4-benzyl-1,3-oxazolidin-2-one (10.0 g, 56.4 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (200 mL) at -78°C. The mixture was stirred for 30 minutes then a

30 solution of tetrahydrofuran-2-carbonyl chloride (9.12 g, 67.7 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (25 mL) was added. The mixture was stirred at -78°C for 30

minutes, warmed to 0°C over 1 hour and quenched with saturated ammonium chloride solution. The Mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate and the organic phase was washed with brine, dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and evaporated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (1:3 then
 5 1:2 ethyl acetate:hexanes) to yield the title compound as a ca. 1:1 mixture of diastereoisomers as a colorless oil (15.0 g, 97%).

Preparation c-127

(4S)-4-benzyl-3-([2-([6-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]pyridin-3-yl)methyl]tetrahydrofuran-2-yl]carbonyl)-1,3-oxazolidin-2-one



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Sodium (bis)trimethylsilyl amide (3.57 mL of 1M solution in tetrahydrofuran, 3.57 mmol) was added dropwise to a solution of (4S)-4-benzyl-3-(tetrahydrofuran-2-ylcarbonyl)-1,3-oxazolidin-2-one (0.983 g, 3.57 mmol) in anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (6 mL) at -50 °C. The mixture was stirred for 45 minutes and then a solution of 5-
 15 (iodomethyl)-2-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]pyridine (Preparation 28) (0.500 g, 1.19 mmol) in anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (6 mL) was added dropwise. The resulting mixture was stirred at -50 °C for 1.5 hours then quenched with saturated aqueous ammonium chloride and warmed to ambient temperature. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate and the organic phase dried (anhydrous
 20 magnesium sulfate), filtered and evaporated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (1:1 ethyl acetate:hexanes) to yield the title compound as a single diastereoisomer as a colorless oil (0.617 g, 90%).

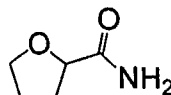
LRMS (m/z): 568 ($M+H$)⁺.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) 8.01 (1H, s), 7.96 (2H, m), 7.61 (1H, dd, J = 2.5, 8.5 Hz), 7.40 (3H, m), 7.28 (3H, m), 7.17 (1H, m), 6.64 (1H, d, J = 8.6 Hz), 4.55 (3H, m), 4.18 (2H, m), 3.90 (1H, m), 3.79 (1H, m), 3.27 (1H, d, J = 14 Hz), 3.20 (1H, m),
 25 3.13 (1H, d, J = 14 Hz), 2.96 (2H, t, J = 6.8 Hz), 2.79 (1H, m), 2.32 (3H, s), 2.34 (3H, m), 2.11 (1H, m), 1.73 (1H, m), 1.54 (1H, m)

Preparation c-128

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Tetrahydro-furan-2-carboxylic acid amide



To a solution of tetrahydro-furan-2-carboxylic acid (2.42 g, 20.82 mmol) in anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (120 mL), under an atmosphere of nitrogen at 0 °C, was

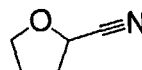
added triethylamine (8.5 mL, 61.23 mmol) and ethyl chloroformate (2.4 mL, 25.10 mmol). White precipitation formed after the addition of ethyl chloroformate and the resulting mixture stirred for 45 minutes at 0 °C. Ammonia gas was bubbled into the solution for 2 hours and the gas source removed. The reaction mixture was then allowed to warm to ambient temperature and stirred for 16 hours. The solution was adjusted to pH 1 by addition of 1N hydrochloric acid, and then extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried (anhydrous magnesium sulfate), filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to give the crude product. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes to 10% ethyl acetate/hexanes) to afford the title compound (0.97 g, 41%) as a white solid.

LRMS (m/z): 116 ($M+H$)⁺.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): 4.35 (1H, dd, J = 8.5, 5.8 Hz), 3.92 (2H, m), 2.18 (2H, m), 1.90 (2H, m).

Preparation c-129

Tetrahydro-furan-2-carbonitrile

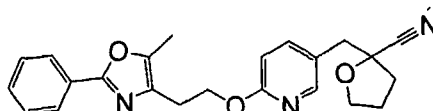


Trifluoroacetic anhydride (1.55 g, 7.38 mmol) was added slowly, with a rate of one drop every 10 seconds, to an ice-cold solution (0 °C) of tetrahydro-furan-2-carboxylic acid amide (0.77 g, 6.71 mmol) and pyridine (1.06 g, 13.42 mmol) in anhydrous 1,4-dioxane (10 mL). The addition of trifluoroacetic anhydride was monitored to keep the internal temperature below 5 °C and was completed after 20 minutes. The resulting mixture was allowed to warm to ambient temperature, and stirred for 3 hours. Chloroform (100 mL) was added to the mixture, and then extracted with water (30 mL) and saturated aqueous sodium chloride (20 mL). The organic extracts were dried (anhydrous magnesium sulfate), filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to give the crude product. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes to 25% ethyl acetate/hexanes) to afford the title compound (0.51 g, 62%) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): 4.70 (1H, m), 3.96 (2H, m), 2.24 (2H, m), 2.08 (2H, m).

Preparation c-130

2-[6-[2-(5-Methyl-2-phenyl-oxazol-4-yl)-ethoxy]-pyridin-3-ylmethyl]-tetrahydro-furan-2-carbonitrile



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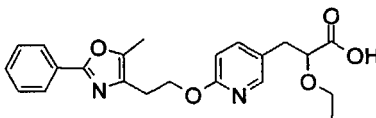
Sodium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide (1.8 mL, 1.79 mmol) was added to a solution of tetrahydro-furan-2-carbonitrile (0.17 g, 1.79 mmol) in anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (6 mL) under an atmosphere of nitrogen at -78°C . The resulting yellow solution was stirred for 50 minutes, and then a solution of 5-iodomethyl-2-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-oxazol-4-yl)-ethoxy]-pyridine (0.25 g, 0.596 mmol) in anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (3 mL) was added to the enolate solution. The mixture was stirred at -78°C for 1.5 hours, and quenched with saturated aqueous ammonium chloride (5 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 50 mL), and the combined organic extracts washed with water (30 mL), dried (anhydrous magnesium sulfate), filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to give the crude product. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (7% to 45% ethyl acetate/hexanes) to afford the title compound (0.11 g, 46%) as a white solid.

LRMS (m/z): 390 ($M+H$)⁺.

¹H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz): 8.03 (1H, d, $J = 2.5$ Hz), 7.96 (2H, m), 7.56 (1H, dd, $J = 8.5, 2.5$ Hz), 7.40 (3H, m), 6.68 (1H, d, $J = 8.5$ Hz), 4.54 (2H, m), 3.96 (2H, m), 3.00 (4H, m), 2.33 (5H, d, $J = 3.2$ Hz), 1.92 (2H, m).

Example D-1

2-ethoxy-3-{6-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]pyridin-3-yl}propanoic acid



Lithium hydroxide monohydrate (180 mg, 4.31 mmol) was added to a solution of ethyl 2-ethoxy-3-{6-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]pyridin-3-yl}propanoate (183 mg, 0.431 mmol) in a mixture of tetrahydrofuran:methanol:water (1:1:1, 6 mL). The mixture was stirred 18 hours then the volatile components were removed by evaporation. The aqueous phase was acidified with 3M hydrochloric acid and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic phase was washed with brine, dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and evaporated. The residue was purified twice by flash column chromatography (98:2 dichloromethane:methanol) to yield the title compound as a colorless glass (31 mg).

LRMS (m/z): 396 (M)⁺.

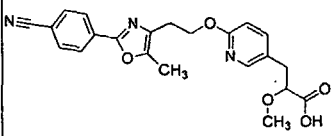
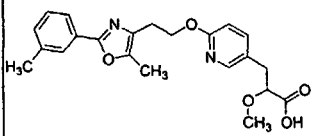
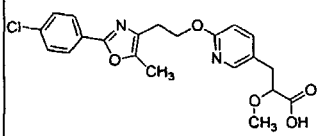
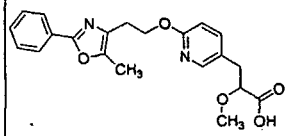
¹H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz) 7.99 (3H, m), 7.50 (1H, m), 7.40 (3H, m), 6.65 (1H, m), 4.50 (2H, t, $J = 7$ Hz), 4.01 (1H, m), 3.64 (1H, m), 3.42 (1H, m), 2.98 (4H, m), 2.34 (3H, s), 1.16 (3H, t, $J = 7$ Hz).

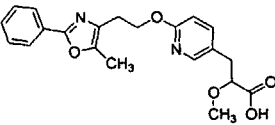
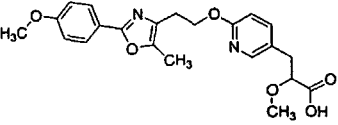
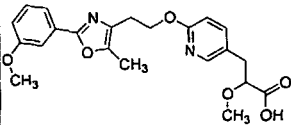
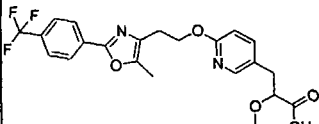
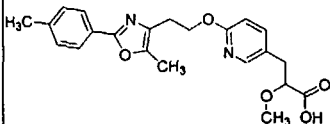
Examples D-2 to D-45

Examples D-2 to D-45 were prepared by procedures analogous to those used for Example D-1 by stirring a solution of the ester with sodium or lithium hydroxide in

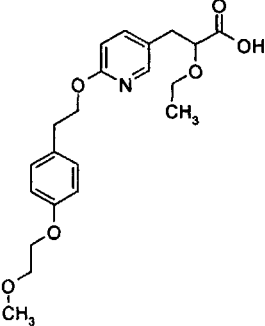
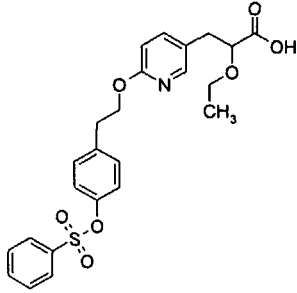
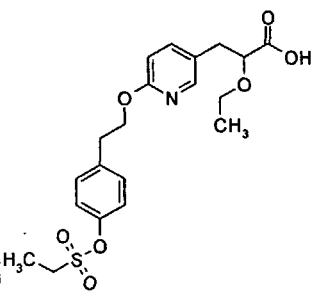
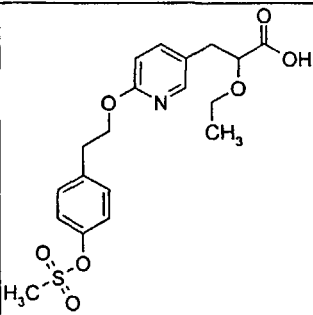
aqueous methanol, aqueous ethanol, aqueous tetrahydrofuran or mixtures thereof at temperatures between 20 °C and 75°C.

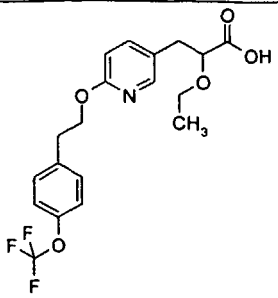
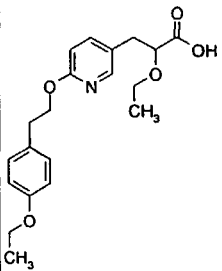
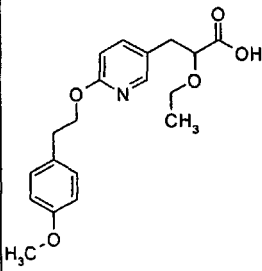
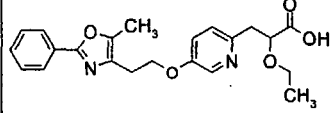
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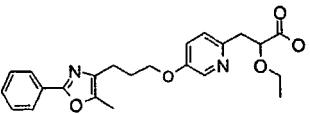
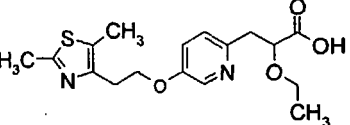
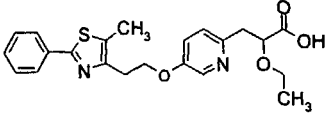
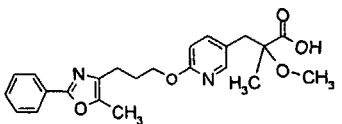
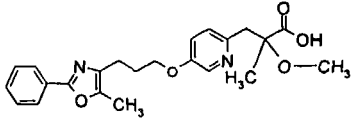
Ex #	Structure	¹ H NMR	MS (m/z) LR/HR	Analysis
D-2		¹ H NMR (DMSO-d ₆ , 400 MHz): 8.05 (2H, d, J = 8.6 Hz), 7.96-7.94 (3H, m), 7.55 (1H, dd, J = 8.3 and 2.3 Hz), 6.70 (1H, d, J = 8.3 Hz), 4.45 (2H, t, J = 6.6 Hz), 3.89 (1H, dd, J = 7.6 and 5.1 Hz), 3.22 (3H, s), 2.95-2.87 (3H, m), 2.80 (1H, dd, J = 14.2 and 7.8 Hz), 2.35 (3H, s)	for LR 408 (M+H) ⁺	
D-3		¹ H NMR (DMSO-d ₆ , 400 MHz): 7.96 (1H, d, J = 2.3 Hz), 7.73 (1H, s), 7.69 (1H, d, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.55 (1H, dd, J = 8.6 and 2.3 Hz), 7.37 (1H, t, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.28 (1H, d, J = 7.1 Hz), 6.70 (1H, d, 8.3 Hz), 4.44 (2H, t, J = 6.8 Hz), 3.89 (1H, dd, J = 8.1 and 4.8 Hz), 3.22 (3H, s), 2.92-2.88 (3H, m), 2.80 (1H, d, J = 14.7 and 8.1 Hz), 2.36 (3H, s), 2.31 (3H, s)	Calcd for C ₂₂ H ₂₅ N ₂ O ₅ 397.1758. Found: 397.1775	Calcd for C ₂₂ H ₂₄ N ₂ O ₅ · 5H ₂ O C 65.17 H 6.22 N 6.91. Found: C 65.03 H 6.10 N 7.07
D-4		¹ H NMR (DMSO-d ₆ , 400 MHz): 7.98 (1H, d, J = 1.8 Hz), 7.92 (2H, d, J = 8.6 Hz), 7.58-7.55 (3H, m), 6.72 (1H, d, J = 8.6 Hz), 4.46 (2H, t, J = 6.6 Hz), 3.91 (1H, dd, J = 7.8 and 4.6 Hz), 3.24 (3H, s), 2.94-2.89 (3H, m), 2.82 (1H, dd, J = 14.4 and 7.6 Hz), 2.33 (3H, s).	Calcd for C ₂₁ H ₂₂ ClN ₂ O ₅ 417.1212. Found: 417.1232	
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D-6		¹ H NMR (DMSO-d ₆ , 400 MHz): 12.81 (1H, s), 7.96 (1H, d, J = 2.0 Hz), 7.90 (2H, dd, J = 7.7 and 1.9), 7.55 (1H, dd, J = 8.6 and 2.3 Hz), 7.51-7.46 (3H, m), 6.70 (1H, d, J = 8.6 Hz), 4.44 (2H, t, J = 6.8 Hz), 3.88 (1H, dd, J = 7.6 and 4.8 Hz), 3.22 (3H, s), 2.92-2.87 (3H, m), 2.80 (1H, dd, J = 14.2 and 7.8 Hz), 2.32 (3H, s).		Calcd for C ₂₁ H ₂₂ N ₂ O ₅ . 25H ₂ O C 65.19 H 5.86 N 7.24. Found: C 65.19 H 5.80 N 7.03
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D-8		¹ H NMR (DMSO-d ₆ , 400 MHz): 12.77 (1H, s), 7.96 (1H, d, J = 2.3 Hz), 7.55 (1H, dd, J = 8.3 and 2.3), 7.48 (1H, d, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.41 (1H, d, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.39-7.37 (1H, m), 7.04 (1H, dd, J = 8.1 and 2.5 Hz), 6.71 (1H, d, J = 8.6 Hz), 4.44 (2H, t, J = 6.8 Hz), 3.89 (1H, dd, J = 7.8 and 4.8 Hz), 3.81 (3H, s), 3.22 (3H, s), 2.92-2.88 (3H, m), 2.80 (1H, dd, J = 14.4 and 8.0 Hz), 2.31 (3H, s).	Calcd for C ₂₂ H ₂₅ N ₂ O ₆ 413.1707. Found: 413.1715	
D-9		¹ H NMR (DMSO-d ₆ , 400 MHz): 12.70 (1H, s), 8.04 (2H, d, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.91 (1H, d, J = 2.0), 7.80 (2H, d, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.49 (1H, dd, J = 8.3 and 2.4 Hz), 6.65 (1H, d, J = 8.3 Hz), 4.40 (2H, t, J = 6.6 Hz), 3.84 (1H, dd, J = 7.6 and 4.7 Hz), 3.16 (3H, s), 2.90-2.82 (3H, m), 2.74 (1H, dd, J = 14.4 and 7.8 Hz), 2.29 (3H, s).	Calcd for C ₂₂ H ₂₂ F ₃ N ₂ O ₅ 451.1476. Found: 451.1474	
D-10		¹ H NMR (DMSO-d ₆ , 400 MHz): 12.76 (1H, s), 7.96 (1H, d, J = 2.3 Hz), 7.79 (2H, d, J = 8.1), 7.55 (1H, dd, J = 8.6 and 2.5 Hz), 7.29 (2H, d, J = 8.1 Hz), 6.68 (1H, d, J = 8.3 Hz), 4.43 (2H, t, J = 6.8 Hz), 3.89 (1H, dd, J = 7.8 and 4.8 Hz), 3.22 (3H, s), 2.92-2.87 (3H, m), 2.80 (1H, dd, J = 14.2 and 7.8 Hz), 2.34 (3H, s), 2.30 (3H, s).	Calcd for C ₂₂ H ₂₅ N ₂ O ₅ 397.1758. Found: 397.1770	Calcd for C ₂₂ H ₂₄ N ₂ O ₅ . 3H ₂ O C 65.75 H 6.17 N 6.97. Found: C 65.74 H 6.14 N 6.81

D-11		¹ H NMR (MeOH-d ₄ , 400 MHz): 8.30 (1 H, s) 7.58 (1 H, d, <i>J</i> =9.2 Hz) 7.11 (2 H, d, <i>J</i> =8.2 Hz) 6.71 (2 H, d, <i>J</i> =8.2 Hz) 6.31 (1 H, d, <i>J</i> =9.2 Hz) 4.57 (2 H, t, <i>J</i> =6.5 Hz) 4.18 (1 H, dd, <i>J</i> =13.5, 0.2 Hz) 3.98 (2 H, q, <i>J</i> =7.7 Hz) 3.52 (3 H, s) 3.28 (2 H, t, <i>J</i> =6.5 Hz) 3.05 - 3.11 (1 H, m) 2.89 - 2.98 (1 H, m) 1.44 (3 H, t, <i>J</i> =7.7 Hz)	LRMS: 410 (M+H) ⁺	
D-12		¹ H NMR (MeOH-d ₄ , 400 MHz): 8.30 (1 H, s) 7.58 (1 H, d, <i>J</i> =9.2 Hz) 7.10 (2 H, d, <i>J</i> =8.2 Hz) 6.74 (2 H, d, <i>J</i> =8.2 Hz) 6.31 (1 H, d, <i>J</i> =9.2 Hz) 4.57 (2 H, t, <i>J</i> =6.5 Hz) 4.18 (1 H, dd, <i>J</i> =13.5, 0.2 Hz) 3.52 (3 H, s) 3.34 (3 H, s) 3.28 (2 H, t, <i>J</i> =6.5 Hz) 3.06 - 3.11 (1 H, m) 2.89 - 2.98 (1 H, m)	for LR 396 (M+H) ⁺	
D-13		¹ H NMR (MeOH-d ₄ , 400 MHz): 8.30 (1 H, s) 7.58 (1 H, d, <i>J</i> =9.2 Hz) 7.31 - 7.37 (2 H, m, <i>J</i> =8.0, 7.5, 0.2, 0.2 Hz) 7.06 - 7.14 (3 H, m) 6.96 - 7.04 (4 H, m) 6.31 (1 H, d, <i>J</i> =9.2 Hz) 4.57 (2 H, t, <i>J</i> =6.5 Hz) 4.18 (1 H, dd, <i>J</i> =13.5, 0.2 Hz) 3.52 (3 H, s) 3.28 (2 H, t, <i>J</i> =6.5 Hz) 3.06 - 3.11 (1 H, m) 2.89 - 2.97 (1 H, m)	for LR 394 (M+H) ⁺	
D-14		¹ H NMR (MeOH-d ₄ , 400 MHz): 8.28 - 8.34 (1 H, m) 7.59 (1 H, m) 7.31 - 7.37 (2 H, m) 6.96 - 7.14 (7 H, m) 6.27 - 6.34 (1 H, m) 4.53 - 4.60 (2 H, m) 4.22 - 4.30 (1 H, m) 3.49 - 3.66 (2 H, m) 3.25 - 3.31 (2 H, m) 3.05 - 3.11 (1 H, m) 2.89 - 2.97 (1 H, m) 1.19 (3 H, t, <i>J</i> =7.0 Hz)	LRMS: 409 (M+H) ⁺	
D-15		¹ H NMR (MeOH-d ₄ , 400 MHz): 8.31 (1 H, s) 8.02 (2 H, d, <i>J</i> =8.3 Hz) 7.59 (1 H, d, <i>J</i> =9.1 Hz) 7.43 (2 H, d, <i>J</i> =8.3 Hz) 6.31 (1 H, d, <i>J</i> =9.1 Hz) 4.20 - 4.29 (3 H, m) 3.49 - 3.66 (2 H, m) 3.05 - 3.11 (1 H, m) 2.89 - 2.97 (1 H, m) 2.70 (2 H, t, <i>J</i> =8.0 Hz) 2.19 (3 H, s) 1.19 (3 H, t, <i>J</i> =7.0 Hz)	for LR 432 (M+H) ⁺	

D-16		¹ H NMR (MeOH-d ₄ , 400 MHz): 8.31 (1 H, s) 7.59 (1 H, d, J=9.1 Hz) 6.87 (2 H, d, J=8.2 Hz) 6.73 (2 H, d, J=8.2 Hz) 6.31 (1 H, d, J=9.2 Hz) 4.57 (2 H, t, J=6.5 Hz) 4.43 (2 H, s) 4.26 (1 H, dd, J=13.5, 0.2 Hz) 3.76 (2 H, s) 3.49 - 3.66 (2 H, m) 3.38 (3 H, s) 3.28 (2 H, t, J=6.5 Hz) 3.05 - 3.11 (1 H, m) 2.89 - 2.97 (1 H, m) 1.19 (3 H, t, J=7.0 Hz)	for LR 391 (M+H) ⁺	
D-17		¹ H NMR (MeOH-d ₄ , 400 MHz): 8.31 (1 H, s) 7.66 - 7.74 (5 H, m) 7.59 (1 H, d, J=9.1 Hz) 7.19 (2 H, d, J=8.2 Hz) 6.86 (2 H, d, J=8.3 Hz) 6.31 (1 H, d, J=9.2 Hz) 4.57 (2 H, t, J=6.5 Hz) 4.26 (1 H, dd, J=13.5, 0.2 Hz) 3.49 - 3.66 (2 H, m) 3.28 (2 H, t, J=6.5 Hz) 3.05 - 3.11 (1 H, m) 2.89 - 2.97 (1 H, m) 1.19 (3 H, t, J=7.0 Hz)	for LR 473 (M+H) ⁺	
D-18		¹ H NMR (MeOH-d ₄ , 400 MHz): 8.31 (1 H, s) 7.59 (1 H, d, J=9.1 Hz) 7.11 (2 H, d, J=8.2 Hz) 6.71 (2 H, d, J=8.2 Hz) 6.31 (1 H, d, J=9.2 Hz) 4.57 (2 H, t, J=6.5 Hz) 4.26 (1 H, dd, J=13.5, 0.2 Hz) 3.98 (2 H, q, J=7.7 Hz) 3.49 - 3.66 (2 H, m) 3.28 (2 H, t, J=6.5 Hz) 3.05 - 3.11 (1 H, m) 2.89 - 2.97 (1 H, m) 1.44 (3 H, t, J=7.7 Hz) 1.19 (3 H, t, J=7.0 Hz)	for LR 425 (M+H) ⁺	
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D-20		¹ H NMR (MeOH-d ₄ , 400 MHz): 8.31 (1 H, s) 7.59 (1 H, d, J=9.1 Hz) 7.34 (2 H, d, J=8.2 Hz) 7.24 (2 H, d, J=8.2 Hz) 6.31 (1 H, d, J=9.2 Hz) 4.57 (2 H, t, J=6.5 Hz) 4.26 (1 H, dd, J=13.5, 0.2 Hz) 3.49 - 3.66 (2 H, m) 3.28 (2 H, t, J=6.5 Hz) 3.05 - 3.11 (1 H, m) 2.89 - 2.97 (1 H, m) 1.19 (3 H, t, J=7.0 Hz)	for LR 400 (M+H) ⁺	

				
D-21		¹ H NMR (MeOH-d ₄ , 400 MHz): 8.31 (1 H, s) 7.59 (1 H, d, J=9.1 Hz) 6.94 (2 H, d, J=8.2 Hz) 6.66 (2 H, d, J=8.3 Hz) 6.31 (1 H, d, J=9.2 Hz) 4.57 (2 H, t, J=6.5 Hz) 4.26 (1 H, dd, J=13.5, 0.2 Hz) 4.01 (2 H, q, J=6.9 Hz) 3.49 (3 H, s) 3.66 (2 H, m) 3.28 (2 H, t, J=6.5 Hz) 3.05 - 3.11 (1 H, m) 2.89 - 2.97 (1 H, m) 1.40 (3 H, t, J=7.0 Hz) 1.19 (3 H, t, J=7.0 Hz)	for LR 360 (M+H) ⁺	
D-22		¹ H NMR (MeOH-d ₄ , 400 MHz): 8.31 (1 H, s) 7.59 (1 H, d, J=9.1 Hz) 6.97 (2 H, d, J=8.2 Hz) 6.77 (2 H, d, J=8.2 Hz) 6.31 (1 H, d, J=9.2 Hz) 4.57 (2 H, t, J=6.5 Hz) 4.26 (1 H, dd, J=13.5, 0.2 Hz) 3.78 (3 H, s) 3.49 - 3.66 (2 H, m) 3.28 (2 H, t, J=6.5 Hz) 3.05 - 3.11 (1 H, m) 2.89 - 2.97 (1 H, m) 1.19 (3 H, t, J=7.0 Hz)	for LR 346 (M+H) ⁺	
D-23		(MeOD, 400 MHz): 8.03 (1H, d, J = 2.8 Hz), 7.84-7.82 (2H, m), 7.35-7.34 (3H, m), 7.26 (1H, dd, J = 8.6, 2.5 Hz), 7.16 (1H, d, J = 8.6 Hz), 4.20 (2H, t, J = 6.4 Hz), 4.06 (1H, dd, J = 8.6, 4.6 Hz), 3.52-3.44 (1H, m), 3.22-3.14 (1H, m), 3.03 (1H, dd, J = 13.9, 4.6 Hz), 2.88 (2H, t, J = 6.3 Hz), 2.92 (1H, d, J = 9.1 Hz), 2.26 (3H, s), 0.94 (3H, t, J = 7.0 Hz)	for LR 397 (M+H) ⁺	

D-24		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz): 8.25 (1H, d, $J = 1.5$ Hz), 7.95 (2H, dd, $J = 7.6, 1.8$ Hz), 7.44-7.36 (3H, m), 7.28-7.22 (2H, m), 4.19 (1H, dd, $J = 7.1, 4.6$ Hz), 4.02 (2H, t, $J = 6.1$ Hz), 3.80-3.72 (1H, m), 3.47-3.39 (1H, m), 3.34 (1H, dd, $J = 15.2, 7.1$ Hz), 3.20 (1H, dd, $J = 15.2, 4.3$ Hz), 2.67 (2H, t, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 2.27 (3H, s), 2.19-2.12 (2H, m), 1.17 (3H, t, $J = 7.0$ Hz)	for LR 411 (M+H) ⁺	
D-25		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz): 8.16 (1H, d, $J = 2.3$ Hz), 7.24-7.19 (2H, m), 4.27 (2H, t, $J = 6.8$ Hz), 4.17 (1H, dd, $J = 7.6, 3.8$ Hz), 3.79-3.72 (1H, m), 3.47-3.40 (1H, m), 3.32 (1H, dd, $J = 15.4, 7.6$ Hz), 3.18 (1H, dd, $J = 15.4, 3.5$ Hz), 3.09 (2H, t, $J = 6.7$ Hz), 2.59 (3H, s), 2.34 (3H, s), 1.17 (3H, t, $J = 7.0$ Hz)	for LR 351 (M+H) ⁺	
D-26		(MeOD, 400 MHz): 8.01 (1H, d, $J = 3.0$ Hz), 7.74-7.71 (2H, m), 7.34-7.27 (3H, m), 7.24 (1H, dd, $J = 8.6, 2.8$ Hz), 7.14 (1H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 4.27 (2H, t, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 4.06 (1H, dd, $J = 8.7, 4.7$ Hz), 3.51-3.44 (1H, m), 3.22-3.14 (1H, m), 3.08 (2H, t, $J = 6.4$ Hz), 3.02 (1H, dd, $J = 14.2, 4.6$ Hz), 2.89 (1H, dd, $J = 13.9, 8.6$ Hz), 2.34 (3H, s), 0.93 (3H, t, $J = 7.1$ Hz)	for LR 413 (M+H) ⁺	
D-27		(MeOD, 400 MHz): 7.86-7.82 (3H, m), 7.47 (1H, dd, $J = 8.6, 2.0$ Hz), 7.39-7.36 (3H, m), 6.62 (1H, d, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 4.14 (2H, t, $J = 6.2$ Hz), 3.22-3.20 (3H, m), 2.85 (2H, dd, $J = 22.5, 13.9$ Hz), 2.60 (2H, t, $J = 7.1$ Hz), 2.19 (3H, s), 2.03 (2H, dd, $J = 12.9, 6.1$ Hz), 1.26 (3H, s)	for LR 411 (M+H) ⁺	
D-28		(MeOD, 400 MHz): 8.02 (1H, d, $J = 2.5$ Hz), 7.85-7.83 (2H, m), 7.39-7.33 (3H, m), 7.26 (1H, dd, $J = 8.6, 2.8$ Hz), 7.20 (1H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 3.96 (2H, t, $J = 6.1$ Hz), 3.20 (3H, s), 3.05 (2H, dd, $J = 21.0, 13.9$ Hz), 2.61 (2H, t, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 2.20 (3H, s), 2.07-2.01 (2H, m), 1.24 (3H, s)	for LR 411 (M+H) ⁺	

D-29		(MeOD, 400 MHz): 8.02 (1H, d, $J = 2.8$ Hz), 7.87-7.83 (2H, m), 7.39-7.36 (3H, m), 7.27 (1H, dd, $J = 8.6, 2.8$ Hz), 7.19 (1H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 4.22 (2H, t, $J = 6.4$ Hz), 3.19 (3H, s), 3.05 (2H, dd, $J = 21.2, 13.9$ Hz), 2.91 (2H, t, $J = 6.4$ Hz), 2.29 (3H, s), 1.23 (3H, s)	for LR 397 (M+H) ⁺	
D-30		(MeOD, 400 MHz): 7.87-7.84 (3H, m), 7.48 (1H, dd, $J = 8.6, 2.3$ Hz), 7.41 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 6.61 (1H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 4.42 (2H, t, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 3.22 (3H, s), 2.91-2.88 (3H, m), 2.83 (1H, d, $J = 13.9$ Hz), 2.27 (3H, s), 1.25 (3H, s)	for LR 431 (M+H) ⁺	
D-31		(MeOD, 400 MHz): 8.04 (2H, d, $J = 8.1$ Hz), 7.84 (1H, d, $J = 2.0$ Hz), 7.70 (2H, d, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 7.46 (1H, dd, $J = 8.5, 2.4$ Hz), 6.60 (1H, d, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 4.43 (2H, t, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 3.22 (3H, s), 2.91 (2H, t, $J = 6.4$ Hz), 2.88 (1H, d, $J = 14.2$ Hz), 2.82 (1H, d, $J = 14.2$ Hz), 2.28 (3H, s), 1.25 (3H, s)	for LR 465 (M+H) ⁺	
D-32		(MeOD, 400 MHz): 7.84 (1H, d, $J = 2.0$ Hz), 7.47 (1H, dd, $J = 8.5, 2.4$ Hz), 6.59 (1H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 4.32 (2H, t, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 3.23 (3H, s), 2.89 (1H, d, $J = 14.2$ Hz), 2.83 (1H, d, $J = 13.9$ Hz), 2.78 (2H, t, $J = 6.7$ Hz), 2.64 (1H, tt, $J = 11.6, 3.5$ Hz), 2.13 (3H, s), 1.93-1.89 (2H, m), 1.75-1.71 (2H, m), 1.65-1.62 (1H, m), 1.50-1.40 (2H, m), 1.37-1.27 (2H, m), 1.26 (3H, s), 1.23-1.19 (1H, m)	for LR 403 (M+H) ⁺	
D-33		(MeOD, 400 MHz): 7.85 (1H, d, $J = 2.3$ Hz), 7.77 (2H, dd, $J = 7.6, 1.8$ Hz), 7.47 (1H, dd, $J = 8.6, 2.3$ Hz), 7.39-7.31 (3H, m), 6.61 (1H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 4.49 (2H, t, $J = 6.7$ Hz), 3.23 (3H, s), 3.11 (2H, t, $J = 6.7$ Hz), 2.89 (1H, d, $J = 13.9$ Hz), 2.83 (1H, d, $J = 14.2$ Hz), 2.36 (3H, s), 1.26 (3H, s)	for LR 413 (M+H) ⁺	
D-34		(MeOD, 400 MHz): 7.84 (1H, d, $J = 2.3$ Hz), 7.43 (1H, dd, $J = 8.5, 2.4$ Hz), 7.17 (2H, dd, $J = 8.1, 0.8$ Hz), 7.09-7.05 (1H, m), 6.94 (1H, dt, $J = 7.8, 1.0$ Hz), 6.53 (1H, d, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 4.49 (2H, t, $J = 5.3$ Hz), 3.87 (2H, t, $J = 5.3$ Hz), 3.23 (3H, s), 3.18	for LR 386 (M+H) ⁺	

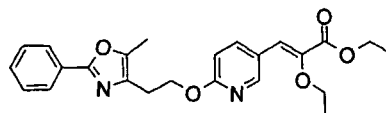
		(3H, s), 2.88 (1H, d, $J = 13.9$ Hz), 2.82 (1H, d, $J = 13.9$ Hz), 1.26 (3H, s)		
D-35		(Dimethyl sulfoxide- d_6 , 300 MHz): 7.91 (3H, m), 7.49 (4H, m), 7.40 (3H, m), 6.69 (1H, d, $J = 8.5$ Hz), 4.44 (2H, t, $J = 6.7$ Hz), 3.44 (2H, m), 3.18 (3H, s), 2.89 (2H, m), 2.31 (3H, s), 1.19 (3H, s)	for LR 395 (M) ⁻	Calcd $C_{22}H_{24}N_2O_5$ C 66.65, H 6.10, N 7.07 Found: $C_{22}H_{24}N_2O_5$ C 0.06H ₂ O C 66.16, H 6.15, N 6.96.
D-36		(MeOD, 400 MHz): 7.83 (1H, d, $J = 1.8$ Hz), 7.69 (1H, s), 7.65 (1H, d, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 7.46 (1H, dd, $J = 8.6, 2.3$ Hz), 7.25 (1H, t, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 7.19 (1H, d, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 6.59 (1H, d, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 4.39 (2H, t, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 3.19 (3H, s), 2.87 (2H, t, $J = 6.4$ Hz), 2.87 (1H, d, $J = 13.9$ Hz), 2.80 (1H, d, $J = 13.9$ Hz), 2.30 (3H, s), 2.24 (3H, s), 1.21 (3H, s)	for LR 411 (M+H) ⁺	
D-37		(MeOD, 400 MHz): 7.83 (1H, d, $J = 2.3$ Hz), 7.79-7.76 (2H, m), 7.46 (1H, dd, $J = 8.5, 2.4$ Hz), 6.90 (2H, d, $J = 8.8$ Hz), 6.59 (1H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 4.38 (2H, t, $J = 6.7$ Hz), 4.00 (2H, q, $J = 7.1$ Hz), 3.21 (3H, s), 2.88 (1H, d, $J = 13.9$ Hz), 2.86 (2H, t, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 2.81 (1H, d, $J = 13.9$ Hz), 2.22 (3H, s), 1.31 (3H, t, $J = 7.0$ Hz), 1.24 (3H, s)	for LR 441 (M+H) ⁺	
D-38		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz): 7.93 (1H, d, $J = 2.3$ Hz), 7.45 (1H, dd, $J = 8.5, 2.4$ Hz), 6.63 (1H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 4.40 (2H, t, $J = 6.8$ Hz), 3.37 (3H, s), 3.05-2.96 (1H, m), 2.97 (1H, d, $J = 14.4$ Hz), 2.92 (1H, d, $J = 14.4$ Hz), 2.86 (2H, t, $J = 6.7$ Hz), 2.20 (3H, s), 1.43 (3H, s), 1.30 (3H, s), 1.28 (3H, s)	for LR 363 (M+H) ⁺	
D-39		(MeOD, 400 MHz): 7.82 (1H, d, $J = 2.0$ Hz), 7.44 (1H, dd, $J = 8.6, 2.3$ Hz), 6.57 (1H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 6.45 (1H, s), 4.39 (2H, t, $J = 6.4$ Hz), 4.00 (3H, s), 3.20 (3H, s), 2.86 (2H, t, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 2.86 (1H, d, $J = 14.2$ Hz), 2.80 (1H, d, $J = 14.2$ Hz), 2.22 (3H, s), 2.14 (3H, s), 1.23 (3H, s)	for LR 415 (M+H) ⁺	

D-40		(MeOD, 400 MHz): 7.82 (1H, d, $J = 2.3$ Hz), 7.44 (1H, dd, $J = 8.0, 1.9$ Hz), 7.34-7.29 (2H, m), 7.22 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 7.09-7.03 (1H, m), 6.98-6.91 (4H, m), 6.60 (1H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 4.33 (2H, t, $J = 7.1$ Hz), 3.20 (3H, s), 3.00 (2H, t, $J = 7.0$ Hz), 2.82 (1H, d, $J = 14.2$ Hz), 2.80 (1H, d, $J = 14.2$ Hz), 1.23 (3H, s)	for LR 408 (M+H) ⁺	
D-41		(MeOD, 400 MHz): 7.81 (1H, d, $J = 2.3$ Hz), 7.44 (1H, dd, $J = 8.6, 2.3$ Hz), 7.27 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 7.07 (2H, d, $J = 7.8$ Hz), 6.57 (1H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 4.33 (2H, t, $J = 6.7$ Hz), 3.20 (3H, s), 2.97 (2H, t, $J = 6.7$ Hz), 2.84 (1H, d, $J = 14.2$ Hz), 2.82 (1H, d, $J = 14.2$ Hz), 1.24 (3H, s)	for LR 400 (M+H) ⁺	
D-42		(MeOD, 400 MHz): 7.83 (1H, d, $J = 1.8$ Hz), 7.65 (1H, d, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 7.46 (1H, dd, $J = 8.6, 2.3$ Hz), 7.29 (1H, s), 7.25 (1H, t, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 7.19 (1H, d, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 6.59 (1H, d, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 4.39 (2H, t, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 3.19 (3H, s), 2.87 (2H, t, $J = 6.4$ Hz), 2.87 (1H, d, $J = 13.9$ Hz), 2.80 (1H, d, $J = 13.9$ Hz), 2.24 (3H, s), 1.21 (3H, s)	for LR 415 (M+H) ⁺	
D-43		(MeOD, 400 MHz): 7.81 (1H, d, $J = 2.3$ Hz), 7.45-7.38 (2H, m), 7.32-7.24 (2H, m), 6.91 (1H, dd, $J = 8.0, 2.4$ Hz), 6.58 (1H, d, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 4.38 (2H, t, $J = 6.7$ Hz), 3.74 (3H, s), 3.18 (3H, s), 2.86 (2H, t, $J = 6.7$ Hz), 2.85 (1H, d, $J = 13.9$ Hz), 2.79 (1H, d, $J = 13.9$ Hz), 2.22 (3H, s), 1.22 (3H, s)	for LR 427 (M+H) ⁺	

Preparations of starting materials for Examples D-1 to D-43 (Preparations d-1 to d-42):

Preparation d-1

5 Ethyl 2-ethoxy-3-{6-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]pyridin-3-yl}acrylate



N,N,N,N-tetramethylguanidine (0.305 mL, 2.43 mmol) was added dropwise to a solution of 6-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]nicotinaldehyde (250 mg,

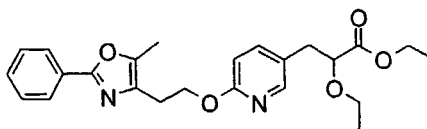
0.811 mmol) and (1,2-diethoxy-2-oxoethyl)(triphenyl)phosphonium chloride (696 mg, 1.62 mmol) in chloroform (4 mL). The mixture was stirred for 16 hours then partitioned between saturated ammonium chloride solution and ethyl acetate. The organic phase was washed with brine, dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and evaporated* and evaporated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (1:2 ethyl acetate:hexanes) to yield the title compound as a white solid (330 g, 96%).

LRMS (m/z): 423 ($M+H$)⁺.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) 8.42 (1H, m), 8.10 (1H, m), 7.97 (1H, m), 7.40 (2H, m), 7.28 (3H, m), 6.90 (1H, s), 6.73 (1H, m), 4.60 (2H, t, $J = 7$ Hz), 4.30 (2H, q, $J = 7$ Hz), 4.01 (2H, q, $J = 7$ Hz), 2.99 (2H, t, $J = 7$ Hz), 2.34 (3H, s), 1.36 (6H, m)

Preparation d-2

Ethyl 2-ethoxy-3-{6-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]pyridin-3-yl}propanoate



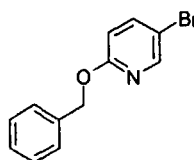
A solution of ethyl 2-ethoxy-3-{6-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]pyridin-3-yl}acrylate (328 mg, 0.776 mmol) in ethanol (10 mL) was hydrogenated at 50psi over 10% palladium on carbon (33 mg) for 3 hours. The mixture was filtered through celite and the solid was washed with ethyl acetate. The filtrate and washings were evaporated and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (1:2 ethyl acetate:hexanes) to yield the title compound as a colorless oil (183 mg, 56%).

LRMS (m/z): 425 ($M+H$)⁺.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) 7.99 (3H, m), 7.42 (4H, m), 6.65 (1H, m), 4.54 (2H, t, $J = 7$ Hz), 4.18 (2H, q, $J = 7$ Hz), 3.93 (1H, m), 3.63 (1H, m), 3.36 (1H, m), 2.90 (4H, m), 2.33 (3H, s), 1.25 (3H, t, $J = 7$ Hz), 1.16 (3H, t, $J = 7$ Hz).

Preparation d-3

Preparation of 2-(benzyloxy)-5-bromopyridine



To a solution of 5-bromopyridin-2(1H)-one (100 mmol, 17.4 g, 1.0 eq.) in benzene (170 mL) was added silver (I) carbonate (67.0 mmol, 18.5 g, 0.67 eq.). The flask was wrapped with aluminum foil and then benzyl bromide (120 mmol, 20.5 g, 1.2 eq.) was added via syringe in a steady stream. The mixture was heated to 50 °C

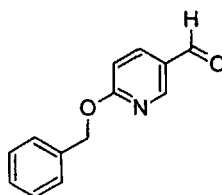
and stirred in the dark for approximately 24 hours. LC/MS of the reaction mixture indicates two peaks both with $M+H = 265$ corresponding to the desired molecular weight. On the basis of relative polarities, the more polar peak was thought to be the N-alkylated product and consisted of approximately 20 % of the total. The reaction mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature and the silver salt was removed by filtration of the mixture through a pad of celite. The filter cake was washed with benzene and the organic layer was washed twice with 2% sodium bicarbonate and twice with water. The organic layer was dried over magnesium sulfate and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude residue was purified on a Biotage Sp4 65i over a gradient of 5-95% hexanes in ethyl acetate to afford the title compound as a golden oil (25.1 g, 95%).

LRMS: 265 ($M+H$)⁺.

¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400 MHz): 8.29 (1 H, s) 7.72 (1 H, d, $J=8.5$ Hz) 7.31 - 7.43 (5 H, m) 6.54 (1 H, d, $J=8.5$ Hz) 5.34 (2 H, s)

Preparation d-4

Preparation of 6-(benzyloxy)nicotinaldehyde



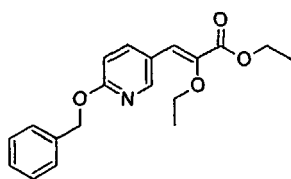
n-Butyl lithium (2.5M, 95.9 mmol, 38.4 mL, 1.05 eq.) was added dropwise via syringe to a stirred solution of 2-(benzyloxy)-5-bromopyridine (91.3 mmol, 24.1 g, 1.0 eq.) in THF (260 mL, $c = 0.35$) cooled to -78 °C. Upon completion of addition, the solution was allowed to continue stirring at the same low temperature for 1 hour. At this point, *N,N*-dimethylformamide (183 mmol, 13.4 g, 2.0 eq.) was added dropwise as a solution in 5 mL THF. Stirring was continued at the same low temperature for a further 30 minutes at which point the reaction was quenched by addition of 5% sodium bicarbonate. The mixture was transferred to a separatory funnel and extracted with ether (3 x 250 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resultant yellow oil was purified on a Biotage Sp4 65i over a gradient of 0 – 50% hexanes in ethyl acetate to afford the title compound (14.1 g, 73%).

LRMS: 214 ($M+H$)⁺.

¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400 MHz): 10.02 (1 H, s) 8.86 (1 H, s) 8.03 (1 H, d, $J=9.3$ Hz) 7.31 - 7.43 (5 H, m) 6.50 (1 H, d, $J=9.3$ Hz) 5.33 (2 H, s)

Preparation d-5

Preparation of ethyl (2Z)-3-[6-(benzyloxy)pyridin-3-yl]-2-ethoxyacrylate



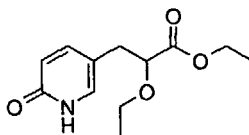
To a solution of 6-(benzyloxy)nicotinaldehyde (1.0 eq., 33.1 mmol, 7.05 g) and (1,2-diethoxy-2-oxoethyl)(triphenyl)phosphonium chloride (2.0 eq., 66.2 mmol, 28.4 g) in chloroform (165 mL, 0.2 M) was added tetramethylguanidine (3.0 eq., 99.3 mmol, 11.4 g). The flask was capped with a hollow glass stopper and stirred at room temperature overnight. TLC analysis after approximately 18 hours indicated the presence of a small amount of unreacted starting material. The reaction mixture was heated to reflux and TLC reanalyzed after 2 hours. The reaction was quenched with saturated ammonium chloride. The layers were separated and the organic layer was washed with brine, dried over magnesium sulfate and concentrated *in vacuo*. A large amount of triphenylphosphine oxide precipitated. The residue was triturated with ether and filtered. Washed filter cake with ether and concentrated combined filtrates *in vacuo* to afford a pale yellow solid which was dissolved in a minimal amount of DCM and loaded onto Biotage Sp4 65i and eluted over a gradient of 10 – 100 % hexanes to ethyl acetate. Obtained 12.3 g of a clear, colorless oil (37.6 mmol, quant.).

LRMS: 328 (M+H)⁺.

¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 400 MHz): 8.33 (1 H, s) 7.92 (1 H, d, J=8.0 Hz) 7.31 - 7.43 (5 H, m) 6.76 (1 H, d, J=8.1 Hz) 6.60 (1 H, s) 5.37 (2 H, s) 4.23 (2 H, q, J=7.1 Hz) 3.90 - 3.99 (2 H, m) 1.34 (6 H, dt, J=15.8, 7.0 Hz)

Preparation d-6

Preparation of ethyl 2-ethoxy-3-(6-oxo-1,6-dihydropyridin-3-yl)propanoate



To a Parr shaker bottle containing a solution of ethyl (2Z)-3-[6-(benzyloxy)pyridin-3-yl]-2-ethoxyacrylate in ethanol was added 10% Pd on carbon (~ 1.23 g). The bottle was purged with hydrogen and degassed under reduced pressure three times. The mixture was placed under 50 psi hydrogen and shaken at room temperature overnight. After ~ 20 hours shaking was stopped and the bottle was degassed *in vacuo*. TLC analysis indicated consumption of starting material. The mixture was filtered through a pad of celite to remove palladium. The filter cake was washed with an additional portion of ethanol. This solution was concentrated *in vacuo* to yield the reduced and debenzylated pyridone as a golden oil. This oil

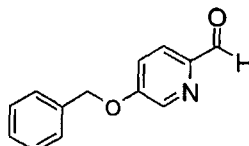
was purified on a Biotage Sp4, 65i, 80 mL/min over a gradient of 0 – 10% MeOH in DCM to yield 2.77 g of a clear, colorless oil (11.6 mmol, 31%).

LRMS: 240 (M+H)⁺.

¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 400 MHz): 7.29 (1 H, d, J=9.5 Hz) 7.19 (1 H, d, J=5.2 Hz)
5 6.55 (1 H, d, J=9.5 Hz) 4.20 (2 H, q, J=7.0 Hz) 4.10 (1 H, dd, J=9.6, 0.3 Hz) 3.59 -
3.73 (2 H, m) 2.65 - 2.70 (1 H, m) 2.53 - 2.61 (1 H, m) 1.23 (6 H, td, J=7.0, 3.6 Hz)

Preparation d-7

5-Benzyloxy-pyridine-2-carbaldehyde



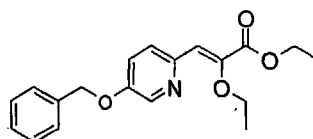
10 To a solution of (5-benzyloxy-pyridin-2-yl)-methanol (2.3619 g, 10.9728 mmol) in dichloromethane (120 mL) and pyridine (2.68 mL, 32.9184 mmol) was added 1,1,1-triacetoxy-1,1-dihydro-1,2-benziodoxol-3(1*H*)-one (6.9812 g, 16.4592 mmol). The resulting solution was stirred, under an atmosphere of nitrogen at ambient temperature, for 16 hours and then diluted with diethyl ether (100 mL) followed by
15 partial concentration under reduced pressure. The residue was taken up in diethyl ether (150 mL), and precipitates were removed by extraction with 1:1 10% aqueous sodium thiosulfate:saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate (2 x 100 mL). The organic layer was washed with water (100 mL) and saturated aqueous sodium chloride (100 mL), dried (anhydrous magnesium sulfate), filtered, and concentrated
20 *in vacuo* to afford the pure title compound (1.1694 g, 50%) as a pale yellow oil.

LRMS (*m/z*): 214 (M+H)⁺.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): 9.98 (1H, d, J = 0.8 Hz), 8.49 (1H, d, J = 2.5 Hz), 7.94 (1H, d, J = 8.7 Hz), 7.44-7.40 (4H, m), 7.38-7.33 (2H, m), 5.19 (2H, s).

Preparation d-8

25 3-(5-Benzyloxy-pyridin-2-yl)-2-ethoxy-acrylic acid ethyl ester



To a solution of 5-benzyloxy-pyridine-2-carbaldehyde (1.1694 g, 5.4842 mmol), (ethoxycarbonyl-methoxy-methyl)-triphenyl-phosphonium chloride (4.7043 g, 10.9684 mmol) in chloroform (30 mL), under an atmosphere of nitrogen at ambient
30 temperature, was added tetramethylguanidine (2.1 mL, 16.4526 mmol) dropwise. The resulting solution was stirred for 16 hours and then quenched with saturated aqueous ammonium chloride (50 mL). The phases were separated and the organic phase washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride (50 mL), dried

(anhydrous magnesium sulfate), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the crude product. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes to ethyl acetate) to yield the pure title compound (1.8051 g, 100%) as a yellow oil.

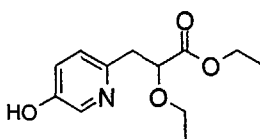
5 LRMS (m/z): 328 ($M+H$)⁺.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): 8.37 (1H, d, J = 2.6 Hz), 8.18 (1H, d, J = 8.9 Hz), 7.44-7.33 (5H, m), 7.25 (1H, dd, J = 8.9, 3.0 Hz), 7.13 (1H, s), 5.13 (2H, s), 4.27 (2H, q, J = 7.2 Hz), 4.05 (2H, q, J = 7.2 Hz), 1.35 (3H, t, J = 7.0 Hz), 1.34 (3H, t, J = 7.0 Hz).

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Preparation d-9

2-Ethoxy-3-(5-hydroxy-pyridin-2-yl)-propionic acid ethyl ester



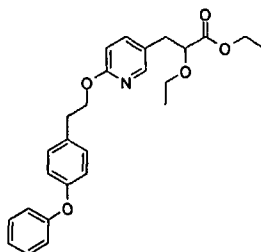
To a solution of 3-(5-benzyloxy-pyridin-2-yl)-2-ethoxy-acrylic acid ethyl ester (1.8051 g, 5.5144 mmol) in dry ethanol (40 mL) was added palladium (0.1805 g, 10 wt. % on activated carbon). The resulting solution was stirred at ambient temperature under an atmosphere of hydrogen (50psi) for 16 hours. The resulting solution was filtered through a 3" bed of Celite and washed with ethanol (200 mL). The filtrate was then concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the pure title compound (1.2231 g, 93%) as a pale yellow oil.

20 LRMS (m/z): 240 ($M+H$)⁺.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): 8.14 (1H, s), 7.20-7.11 (2H, m), 4.19-4.10 (3H, m), 3.71 (1H, q, J = 7.0 Hz), 3.63-3.53 (1H, m), 3.36-3.26 (1H, m), 3.18-3.03 (1H, m), 1.18 (3H, t, J = 7.2 Hz), 1.07 (3H, t, J = 7.1 Hz).

Preparation d-10

25 ethyl 2-ethoxy-3-{6-[2-(4-phenoxyphenyl)ethoxy]pyridin-3-yl}propanoate



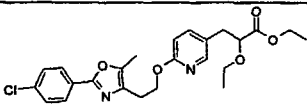
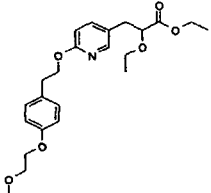
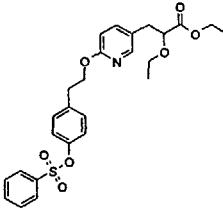
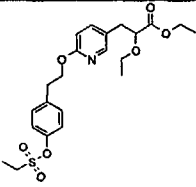
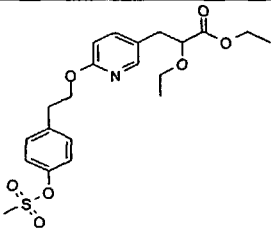
To an argon-purged solution of the appropriate bromopyridine (0.636 mmol) in toluene (12 mL) was added palladium (II) acetate (11.4 mg, 0.0508 mmol) and racemic-2-(Di-*t*-butylphosphino)-1,1'-binaphthyl (25.4 mg, 0.0636 mmol). The activated complex was allowed to form over approximately ten minutes, at which point cesium carbonate (414 mg, 1.27 mmol) and the appropriate alcohol (0.956

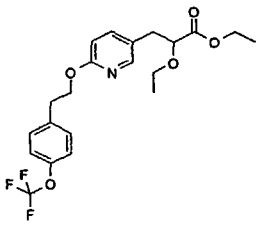
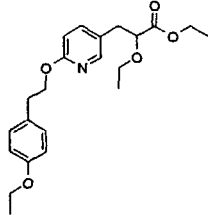
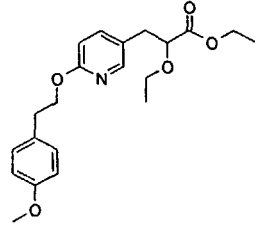
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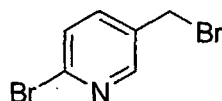
mmol) were added. The mixture was heated to 115 °C and stirred at this temperature for approximately 12-18 hours. The mixture was cooled to room temperature and filtered through a pad of silica. The filter pad was washed with 2-3 aliquots of ethyl acetate and the combined organic filtrates were combined and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was either purified by flash chromatography, or subjected to the general hydrolysis procedure.

Preparations d-11 to d-18

Preparations d-11 to d-18 were prepared by procedures analogous to those used for Preparation d-10

Prep #	Structure	¹ H NMR	MS (m/z) (LR or HR)
d-11			
d-12			
d-13			
d-14			
d-15			

d-16			
d-17			
d-18			

Preparation d-192-Bromo-5-(bromomethyl)pyridine

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Phosphorous tribromide (100 mmol, 27.1 g, 2.0 eq.) was added carefully to 2-chloro-5-hydroxymethyl pyridine (50.0 mmol, 7.18 g, 1.0 eq.). The pyridine clumped together and the mixture was heated to 160 °C. Within 5 minutes of stirring at >150 °C the mixture went very dark in color with gas evolution. The mixture was stirred at this same temperature for approximately 2.5 hours at which point it was cooled to room temperature. The mixture was cooled further to 0 °C whereupon saturated sodium bicarbonate was added very cautiously (highly exothermic!). As foaming became less vigorous, ice was added to the mixture until foaming subsided. Solid sodium bicarbonate was then carefully added to achieve a pH of ~ 8-9. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate and the organic layer was washed with brine and dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate. Concentrated in vacuo to afford a dark solid. This material was dissolved in a

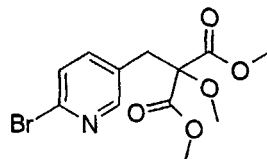
minimal amount of DCM and purified using a Biotage Sp4 65i over a gradient of 0 – 100 % ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford the title compound as a pale yellow solid (5.57 g, 44%).

LRMS: 252 (M+H)⁺.

- 5 ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 400 MHz); 8.39 (1H, s) 7.59 (1H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz) 7.48 (1H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz) 4.46 (2H, s)

Preparation d-20

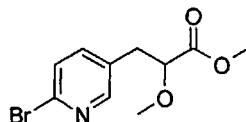
Preparation of dimethyl [(6-bromopyridin-3-yl)methyl](methoxy)malonate



- 10 To a slurry of potassium *t*-butoxide (46.6 mmol, 5.22 g, 1.3 eq.) in anhydrous DMF (250 mL) cooled to 0 °C was added methoxy dimethylmalonate (46.6 mmol, 7.55 g, 1.3 eq.) via syringe in small portions. The enolate was allowed to form over approximately 30 minutes at which point 2-bromo-5-(bromomethyl)pyridine was
- 15 added portionwise. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm slowly to room temperature over 3 hours. The reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl ether and transferred to a separatory funnel containing saturated ammonium chloride. The layers were shaken and separated and the organic layer was washed with water. The organic layer was then dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and
- 20 concentrated *in vacuo*. The yellow oil obtained was purified on a Biotage Sp4 65i over a gradient of 0 – 100 % ethyl acetate in hexanes to afford a colorless oil that solidified on standing (12.1 g, quant.)
- LRMS: 333 (M+H)⁺.
- ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 400 MHz); 8.27 (1 H, s) 7.45 - 7.55 (2 H, m) 3.82 (6 H, s) 3.57
- 25 (3 H, s) 3.42 (2 H, s)

Preparation d-21

Preparation of methyl 3-(6-bromopyridin-3-yl)-2-methoxypropanoate



- 30 To a solution of dimethyl [(6-bromopyridin-3-yl)methyl](methoxy)malonate (3.55 mmol, 1.18 g, 1.0 eq.) in anhydrous DMF (2 mL) was added lithium bromide (3.20 mmol, 0.278 g, 0.9 eq.) followed by water (3.55 mmol, 0.064 g, 1.0 eq.). The solution was placed in a oil bath preheated to 165 °C. Rapid gas evolution commenced. Bubble formation ceased within 30 minutes and LC/MS of the
- 35 reaction mixture at this time indicated reaction was complete. Cooled to room

temperature and diluted with water. Extracted aqueous layer with ethyl ether (4x 25 mL). Combined organic layers and washed with brine. Dried organic layer over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford 536 mg of a brown oil that was a single spot by TLC. Used in next step without further

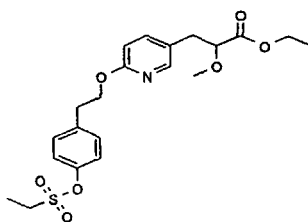
5 purification.

LRMS: 275 (M+H)⁺.

¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 400 MHz): 8.23 (1 H, s) 7.42 - 7.51 (2 H, m) 4.26 (1 H, d, J=8.1 Hz) 3.79 (3 H, s) 3.51 (3 H, s) 2.97 - 3.03 (1 H, m) 2.82 - 2.88 (1 H, m).

Preparation d-22

10 ethyl 3-[6-(2-{4-[(ethylsulfonyl)oxy]phenyl}ethoxy)pyridin-3-yl]-2-methoxypropanoate

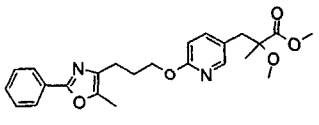
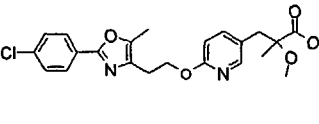
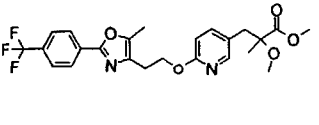
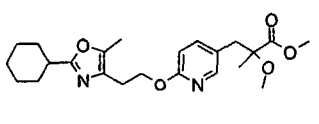
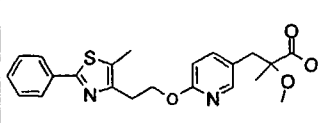
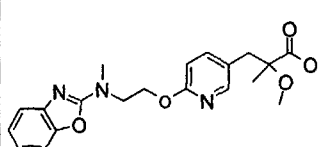


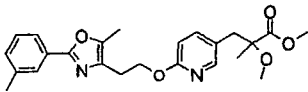
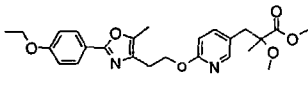
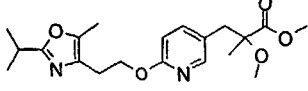
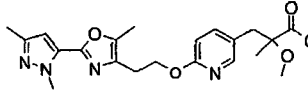
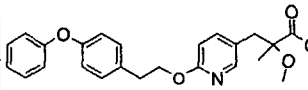
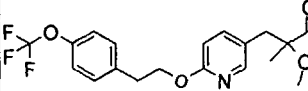
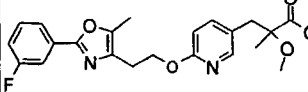
Preparations d-23 to d-38

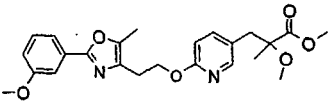
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15 for Preparation d-22.

Preparation #	Structure	¹ H NMR	MS (m/z) (LR or HR)
d-23			
d-24			

d-25		(CDCl ₃ , 300 MHz): 7.90-7.99 (3H, m), 7.35-7.47 (4H, m), 6.65 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.5 Hz), 4.27 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.3 Hz), 4.17 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.0 Hz), 3.29 (3H, s), 2.91 (2H, q, <i>J</i> = 14.1 Hz), 2.66 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.4 Hz), 2.27 (3H, s), 2.16 (3H, s), 2.13 (2H, m), 1.25 (3H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.2 Hz)	for LR 439 (M+H) ⁺
d-26		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz): 7.91-7.88 (3H, m), 7.41 (1H, dd, <i>J</i> = 8.6, 2.5 Hz), 7.39-7.36 (2H, m), 6.62 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.3 Hz), 4.51 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.8 Hz), 3.70 (3H, s), 3.28 (3H, s), 2.97-2.93 (3H, m), 2.86 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 14.2 Hz), 2.32 (3H, s), 1.32 (3H, s)	for LR 445 (M+H) ⁺
d-27		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz): 8.07 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.07), 7.91 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 2.3 Hz), 7.66 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.3 Hz), 7.41 (1H, dd, <i>J</i> = 8.5, 2.4 Hz), 6.62 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.3 Hz), 4.52 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.7 Hz), 3.70 (3H, s), 3.28 (3H, s), 2.97 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.7 Hz), 2.95 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 14.2 Hz), 2.86 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 14.2 Hz), 2.34 (3H, s), 1.33 (3H, s)	for LR 479 (M+H) ⁺
d-28		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz): 7.90 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 2.3 Hz), 7.41 (1H, dd, <i>J</i> = 8.5, 2.4 Hz), 6.61 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.3 Hz), 4.42 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.8 Hz), 3.71 (3H, s), 3.29 (3H, s), 2.95 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 13.9 Hz), 2.86 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 14.2 Hz), 2.86 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.1 Hz), 2.67 (1H, tt, <i>J</i> = 11.6, 3.5 Hz), 2.19 (3H, s), 2.02-1.98 (2H, m), 1.81-1.77 (2H, m), 1.69-1.65 (1H, m), 1.54-1.46 (2H, m), 1.38-1.31 (2H, m), 1.33 (3H, s), 1.28-1.24 (1H, m)	for LR 417 (M+H) ⁺
d-29		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz): 7.92 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 2.3 Hz), 7.85 (2H, dd, <i>J</i> = 8.0, 1.6 Hz), 7.41 (1H, dd, <i>J</i> = 8.5, 2.4 Hz), 7.39-7.35 (3H, m), 6.63 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.6 Hz), 4.59 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.0 Hz), 3.70 (3H, s), 3.28 (3H, s), 3.18 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.0 Hz), 2.95 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 14.2 Hz), 2.87 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 14.2 Hz), 2.42 (3H, s), 1.33 (3H, s)	for LR 427 (M+H) ⁺
d-30		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz): 7.90 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 2.3 Hz), 7.41 (1H, dd, <i>J</i> = 8.5, 2.4 Hz), 7.33 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 7.6 Hz), 7.21 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 7.6 Hz), 7.13 (1H, dt, <i>J</i> = 7.6, 1.0 Hz), 6.97 (1H, dt, <i>J</i> = 7.8, 1.3 Hz), 6.60 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.6 Hz), 4.56 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 5.4 Hz), 3.92 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 5.4 Hz), 3.70 (3H, s), 3.28 (6H, s), 2.95 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 13.9 Hz), 2.86 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 14.2 Hz), 1.32 (3H, s)	for LR 400 (M+H) ⁺

d-31		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz): 7.91 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 2.3 Hz), 7.81 (1H, s), 7.75 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 7.8 Hz), 7.41 (1H, dd, <i>J</i> = 8.5, 2.4 Hz), 7.29 (1H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.7 Hz), 7.19 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 7.6 Hz), 6.62 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.3 Hz), 4.52 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.8 Hz), 3.70 (3H, s), 3.28 (3H, s), 2.96 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.8 Hz), 2.95 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 13.9 Hz), 2.86 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 13.9 Hz), 2.38 (3H, s), 2.32 (3H, s), 1.33 (3H, s)	for LR 425 (M+H) ⁺
d-32		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz): 7.91 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 2.0 Hz), 7.89-7.86 (2H, m), 7.59 (1H, dd, <i>J</i> = 8.5, 2.2 Hz), 6.92-6.90 (2H, m), 6.62 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.3 Hz), 4.51 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.8 Hz), 4.06 (2H, q, <i>J</i> = 7.1 Hz), 3.70 (3H, s), 3.28 (3H, s), 2.95 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.8 Hz), 2.96 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 13.9 Hz), 2.87 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 13.9 Hz), 2.30 (3H, s), 1.42 (3H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.1 Hz), 1.33 (3H, s)	for LR 455 (M+H) ⁺
d-33		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz): 7.90 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 2.3 Hz), 7.41 (1H, dd, <i>J</i> = 8.5, 2.4 Hz), 6.61 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.3 Hz), 4.42 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.8 Hz), 3.70 (3H, s), 3.28 (3H, s), 3.00-2.93 (1H, m), 2.95 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 14.2 Hz), 2.86 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.8 Hz), 2.86 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 14.2 Hz), 2.20 (3H, s), 1.33 (3H, s), 1.30 (3H, s), 1.28 (3H, s)	for LR 377 (M+H) ⁺
d-34		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz): 7.91 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 2.3 Hz), 7.42 (1H, dd, <i>J</i> = 8.5, 2.4 Hz), 6.61 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.3 Hz), 6.48 (1H, s), 4.51 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.7 Hz), 4.15 (3H, s), 3.71 (3H, s), 3.28 (3H, s), 2.96 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 13.9 Hz), 2.94 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.6 Hz), 2.87 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 13.9 Hz), 2.30 (3H, s), 2.27 (3H, s), 1.33 (3H, s)	for LR 429 (M+H) ⁺
d-35		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz): 7.91 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 2.3 Hz), 7.42 (1H, dd, <i>J</i> = 8.0, 1.9 Hz), 7.33-7.28 (2H, m), 7.23 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.6 Hz), 7.08-7.04 (1H, m), 6.99-6.92 (4H, m), 6.64 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.6 Hz), 4.45 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.1 Hz), 3.70 (3H, s), 3.20 (3H, s), 3.04 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.0 Hz), 2.92 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 14.2 Hz), 2.87 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 14.2 Hz), 1.33 (3H, s)	for LR 422 (M+H) ⁺
d-36		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz): 7.90 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 2.3 Hz), 7.42 (1H, dd, <i>J</i> = 8.5, 2.4 Hz), 7.28 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.6 Hz), 7.13 (2H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.1 Hz), 6.63 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.3 Hz), 4.46 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.8 Hz), 3.71 (3H, s), 3.28 (3H, s), 3.06 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.8 Hz), 2.95 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 14.2 Hz), 2.86 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 13.9 Hz), 1.33 (3H, s)	for LR 414 (M+H) ⁺
d-37		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz): 7.91 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 2.0 Hz), 7.74 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 7.8 Hz), 7.41 (1H, dd, <i>J</i> = 8.2, 2.5 Hz), 7.34 (1H, t, <i>J</i> = 7.7 Hz), 7.38 (1H, s), 7.18 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.1 Hz), 6.62 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 8.3 Hz), 4.51 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.7 Hz), 3.70 (3H, s), 3.28 (3H, s), 2.96 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 6.8 Hz), 2.95 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 13.9 Hz), 2.86 (1H, d, <i>J</i> = 13.9 Hz), 2.38 (3H, s), 2.32 (3H, s), 1.33 (3H, s)	for LR 429 (M+H) ⁺

		13.9 Hz), 2.86 (1H, d, $J = 13.9$ Hz), 2.32 (3H, s), 1.32 (3H, s)	
d-38		(CDCl ₃ , 400 MHz): 7.91 (1H, d, $J = 2.0$ Hz), 7.41 (1H, dd, $J = 8.5, 2.4$ Hz), 7.34-7.29 (2H, m), 6.96-6.93 (2H, m), 6.62 (1H, d, $J = 8.5$ Hz), 4.52 (2H, t, $J = 6.8$ Hz), 3.70 (3H, s), 3.28 (3H, s), 2.96 (2H, t, $J = 6.8$ Hz), 2.95 (1H, d, $J = 13.9$ Hz), 2.86 (1H, d, $J = 13.9$ Hz), 2.32 (3H, s), 2.16 (3H, s), 1.32 (3H, s)	for LR 441 (M+H) ⁺

The compounds of the invention have been tested for activities against PPAR-gamma and PPAR-alpha. The activities are tabulated below in Ki (μm).

Example #	PPAR-gamma Ki (μm)	PPAR-alpha Ki (μm)	Example #	PPAR-gamma Ki (μm)	PPAR-alpha Ki (μm)	Example #	PPAR-gamma Ki (μm)	PPAR-alpha Ki (μm)
A-02		0.55	B-02		2.2	C-03		2.9
A-03	10	19	B-03	31	9	C-05		15
A-05 E/M	0.33	2.6	B-04	1.5	48	C-06	9.5	41
A-05 S/E	3.4	7.5	B-05	1.33	2.04	C-07	11	22
A-05 S/E	0.19	1.1	B-05	2.9	3.2	C-09	1.4	4.6
A-07		0.12	B-05	2	3.6	C-10	2.1	19
A-10	1.5	4.4	B-06	0.37	0.13	C-11	2	25
A-11	0.58	0.12	B-07	0.65	12	C-12	1.6	9.4
A-12	0.051	0.35	B-08	0.48	3.1	C-14	8	3.2
A-13	3.5	10	B-09	1.9	2.2	C-15	14	3.2
A-14	1.3	0.15	B-10	0.17	0.19	C-17	26	3.2
A-15	1.2	0.16	B-11	7.9	0.96	C-18	3.5	0.065
A-16	2.8	1.5	B-12	33	0.3	C-20	1.5	3.1
A-17	1.9	1.6	B-13		9	C-21	0.053	0.066
A-18	1.7	14	B-14	2.3	0.021	C-22	0.8	2.1
A-19	0.059	0.7	B-16	1.8	0.084	C-23	0.19	2.5
A-20	0.18	0.14	B-17	1.2	0.047	C-24	0.083	0.022
A-21	0.088	0.31	B-18		0.082	C-25	0.066	0.018
A-22	0.17	0.85	B-19	0.74	0.34	C-26	0.068	0.016
A-23	0.39	0.18	B-20		1.6	C-27	0.026	0.015
A-24	0.78	0.018	B-21	0.99	4	C-28	0.03	0.088
A-25	3.2	4.2	B-22	0.15	0.46	C-29	0.006	0.12
A-26	0.15	0.33	B-23	3.4	2.7	C-30	0.033	0.11
A-27	2.4	1.3	B-24	1.6	1	C-31	0.026	0.093
A-28 E/M	0.044	0.93	B-27		0.22	C-32	0.035	0.15
A-28 S/E	0.081	1.1	B-28		7.8	C-33	0.05	0.01
A-28 S/E	0.94	2.9	C-02		0.39	C-36	1.7	21

- 5 E/M is defined as enantiomeric mixture, including racemic mixture.
S/E is defined as single enantiomer.

Example #	PPAR-gamma Ki (μm)	PPAR-alpha Ki (μm)	Example #	PPAR-gamma Ki (μm)	PPAR-alpha Ki (μm)	Example #	PPAR-gamma Ki (μm)	PPAR-alpha Ki (μm)
C-38	7.2		C-64	0.052	0.014	C-90	0.017	0.11
C-40	3.7	0.7	C-66	0.023	0.031	C-91	0.39	1.8
C-42	33	13	C-67	0.044	0.25	C-92	1.1	2.8
C-44		36	C-68	4.2		C-93	0.011	0.3
C-45	0.22	7.7	C-69	1.1	2.5	C-94	7	
C-46	2	3.5	C-70		6.4	C-95	0.97	8.6
C-47	3.5	8.3	C-71		9.7	D-02	0.46	0.29
C-48	0.018	0.24	C-72		7.1	D-03	0.011	0.3
C-48 E/M	0.15	0.31	C-73	0.042		D-04	0.44	0.29
C-48 S/E	0.014	0.047	C-74	0.64	0.9	D-05	2.8	
C-48 S/E		2.4	C-74 S/E			D-06	0.027	0.13
C-49	0.21	1.6	C-74 S/E	0.47	4.2	D-07	0.017	0.32
C-49	21	41	C-75	0.82		D-08	0.002	0.015
C-49	0.043	0.34	C-76	2.3	7.3	D-09	0.061	0.05
C-50	0.043	1.1	C-77	0.15	2.9	D-10	0.019	0.033
C-51	0.18	2.9	C-78	0.006	0.015	D-11	6.2	5.1
C-52	0.3	0.15	C-78 S/E	3.9		D-12	8.1	
C-53	0.093	0.64	C-78 S/E	0.003	0.014	D-13	0.36	0.19
C-53 S/E	3.6		C-79	0.007	0.015	D-14	1.5	2.6
C-53 S/E	0.027	0.4	C-80	0.062	0.053	D-15	0.35	0.22
C-54	0.02	1.2	C-81	0.015	0.75	D-16	6.4	
C-55	6		C-82	0.016		D-17	0.031	0.91
C-56	0.081	0.078	C-83	0.008	0.004	D-18	0.45	0.62
C-57	1.1	1.8	C-84	0.021	0.064	D-19	1.7	6.4
C-59	0.009	0.054	C-85	0.004	0.013	D-20	0.48	0.84
C-60	0.015	0.065	C-86	0.005	0.013	D-21	2.1	10
C-61	0.31	0.24	C-87	0.012	0.025	D-23 E/M	0.073	6.5
C-63	0.094	0.021	C-89	0.04	0.03	D-23 S/E	5	

E/M is defined as enantiomeric mixture, including racemic mixture.

S/E is defined as single enantiomer

Example #	PPAR-gamma K _i (μm)	PPAR-alpha K _i (μm)	Example #	PPAR-gamma K _i (μm)	PPAR-alpha K _i (μm)
D-23 S/E	0.039	1.1	D-33	0.69	0.55
D-24	no SPA	no SPA	D-34	9.1	3.2
D-24	0.58	0.93	D-35	0.56	0.33
D-25	2.9		D-35 S/E	0.27	0.57
D-26	no SPA	no SPA	D-35 S/E	4.8	9
D-26 S/E	1.9		D-36	0.23	0.73
D-26 S/E	0.042	0.67	D-37	0.53	4.7
D-27	7.8		D-38	9.6	
D-28	1.6	4.8	D-39	5	
D-29	0.4	0.8	D-40	9.6	1.8
D-29 S/E	1.2		D-41		5.9
D-29 S/E	0.69	3	D-42	0.7	1
D-31	1	0.088	D-44	0.15	2.6
D-32	1.5	0.059	D-45	0.058	0.09

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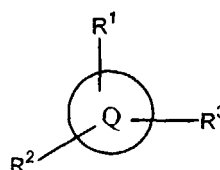
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While the invention has been illustrated by reference to specific and preferred embodiments, those skilled in the art will recognize that variations and modifications may be made through routine experimentation and practice of the invention. Thus, the invention is intended not to be limited by the foregoing description, but to be defined by the appended claims and their equivalents.

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We Claim:

1. A compound of formula (I):



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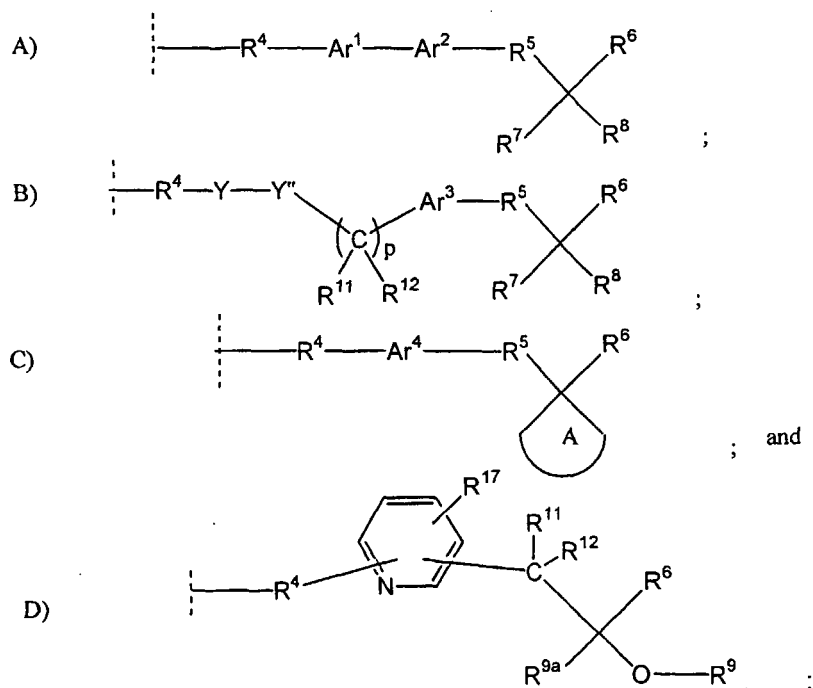
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof, wherein:

- 5 Ring Q is (C₆-C₁₀)aryl or (4-10)-membered heterocyclyl;

R¹ is H, halo, (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₁-C₈)alkoxy, CN, CF₃, -O-CF₃, -O-SO₂-(C₁-C₈)alkyl, -O-SO₂-(CR¹¹R¹²)_t(C₆-C₁₀)aryl, -(CR¹¹R¹²)_t(C₃-C₁₀)cycloalkyl-(CR¹¹R¹²)_t,
 10 -(CR¹¹R¹²)_t(C₃-C₁₀)cycloalkyl-(CR¹¹R¹²)_t-O-, -(CR¹¹R¹²)_t(C₆-C₁₀)aryl-(CR¹¹R¹²)_t,
 -(CR¹¹R¹²)_t(C₆-C₁₀)aryl-(CR¹¹R¹²)_t-O-, -(CR¹¹R¹²)_t-(4-10)-membered
 heterocyclyl-(CR¹¹R¹²)_t, or -(CR¹¹R¹²)_t-(4-10)-membered heterocyclyl-(CR¹¹R¹²)_t-O-;
 wherein the ring carbon atoms of R¹ are optionally substituted by 1 to 3 R¹³ groups;
 and the ring nitrogen atoms of R¹ are optionally substituted by 1 to 3 (C₁-C₈)alkyl;

R² is H, (C₁-C₈)alkyl, -(CR¹¹R¹²)_t(C₃-C₁₀)cycloalkyl, -(CR¹¹R¹²)_t-(C₆-C₁₀)aryl, or -(CR¹¹R¹²)_t-(4-10)-membered heterocyclyl; and wherein the carbon
 15 atoms of R² are optionally substituted by 1 to 3 R¹³ groups; and the ring nitrogen
 atoms of R² are optionally substituted by 1 to 3 (C₁-C₈)alkyl;

R³ is selected from the group consisting of:



Y is -(C=O)- or -SO₂-;

Y'' is NR¹⁰ or -O-;

p is 0, 1, or 2;

each q, r, and t are independently 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5;

each n is independently 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4;

each k is independently 1, 2, or 3;

5 each m and s are independently 0, 1, 2, or 3;

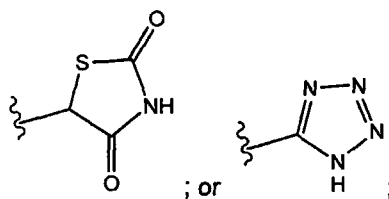
each j is 0, 1, or 2;

Each R^4 is $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_n-$, $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_n-S-(CR^{11}R^{12})_n-$, $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_n-NR^{10}-$,
 $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_n-NR^{10}-(CR^{11}R^{12})_n-O-$, $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_n-O-(CR^{11}R^{12})_k-NR^{10}-$, $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_n-O-$
 $(CR^{11}R^{12})_n-$, $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_n-O-(CR^{11}R^{12})_k-O-(CR^{11}R^{12})_n-$,

10 $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_n-CR^{11}=CR^{12}-(CR^{11}R^{12})_n-$, or $-CH=CH-(CR^{11}R^{12})_n-O-(CH_2)_2-$;

Each R^5 is a bond or $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_m-Z-(CR^{11}R^{12})_s$; wherein Z is $-CR^{11}R^{12}-$, $-O-$,
 $-NR^{10a}-$, or $-S(O)_j-$;

Each R^6 is $-(C=O)-OH$, $-(C=O)-OM^+$, $-(C=O)-(C_1-C_8)alkyl$, $-(C=O)-O-(C_1-$
 $C_8)alkyl$, $-(C=O)-NR^{10}R^{11}$, $-(C=O)-NR^{10}-SO_2-R^{11}$, $-SO_2-NH-R^{10}$, $-NH-SO_2-R^{10}$,
 15 $-(C=O)-NH-C\equiv N$, or R^6 has a formula:



M^+ is an alkali metal cation or an alkaline earth metal cation;

Each R^7 and R^8 is independently H, $(C_1-C_8)alkyl$, $(C_1-C_8)alkoxy$,
 $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_l(C_3-C_{10})cycloalkyl$, $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_l(C_6-C_{10})aryl$, $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_l(C_6-C_{10})aryl-O-$,
 20 $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_l(4-10)\text{-membered heterocyclyl}$ or $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_l(4-10)\text{-membered heterocyclyl-O-}$;

Or R^7 and R^8 may optionally be taken together with the carbon to which they are attached to form a $(C_3-C_{10})cycloalkyl$ or a $(3-10)\text{-membered heterocyclyl}$;

Each of Ar^1 , Ar^2 , Ar^3 , and Ar^4 represents $(C_6-C_{10})aryl$ or $(5-10)\text{-membered heterocyclyl}$; wherein the ring carbon atoms of each of Ar^1 , Ar^2 , Ar^3 , and Ar^4 are
 25 optionally substituted by 1 to 3 R^{13} groups;

Ring A represents a 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7-membered ring optionally containing 1 to 4 heteroatoms which may be the same or different and which are selected from $-N(R^{10a})-$, O, and $S(O)_j$, wherein j is 0, 1, or 2, with the proviso that the ring does not
 30 contain two adjacent O or $S(O)_j$ atoms, and wherein the carbon atoms of the ring A moiety are optionally substituted by 1 to 3 R^{13} groups;

R^9 is $(C_1-C_8)alkyl$, $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_l(C_6-C_{10})aryl$ or $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_l(4-10)\text{-membered heterocyclyl}$, wherein t is independently 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, wherein said R^9 groups are substituted with 1 to 3 groups independently selected from $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_qNR^{10}R^{11}$,

$-(CR^{11}R^{12})_qNR^{10}(C_1-C_6)alkanoyl$, $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_qO(CR^{11}R^{12})_lR^{10}$, and $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_qR^{10}$; and wherein the heterocyclyl, aryl and alkyl moieties of the foregoing groups are optionally substituted with 1 to 3 R^{13} groups;

R^{9a} and R^{10} are independently H or $(C_1-C_8)alkyl$;

5 R^{11} and R^{12} are independently H, $(C_1-C_8)alkyl$, hydroxy, or $(C_1-C_6)alkoxy$;

R^{10a} is selected from H, $(C_1-C_8)alkyl$, $-(C=O)-R^{14}$, $-SO_2NR^{15}R^{16}$, or $-S(O)_l(C_1-C_6)alkyl$;

Each R^{13} and R^{13a} are independently selected from the group consisting of halo, cyano, nitro, trifluoromethoxy, trifluoromethyl, azido, hydroxy, $(C_1-C_6)alkoxy$,
 10 $(C_1-C_{10})alkyl$, $(C_2-C_6)alkenyl$, $(C_2-C_6)alkynyl$, $-O-(CR^{11}R^{12})_k-O-(CR^{11}R^{12})_n-$, $-(C=O)-R^{14}$, $-(C=O)-O-R^{15}$, $-O-(C=O)-R^{15}$, $-NR^{15}(C=O)-R^{16}$, $-NR^{15}(C=O)-O-R^{16}$, $-(C=O)-NR^{15}R^{16}$, $-NR^{15}R^{16}$, $-NR^{15}OR^{16}$, $-SO_2NR^{15}R^{16}$, $-S(O)_l(C_1-C_6)alkyl$, $-O-SO_2-R^{14}$, $-NR^{15}-SO_2-R^{16}$, $R^{15}-(CR^{11}R^{12})_l(C_6-C_{10})aryl$, $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_l(4-10)$ -membered heterocyclyl,
 15 $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_q(C=O)(CR^{11}R^{12})_l(C_6-C_{10})aryl$, $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_q(C=O)(CR^{11}R^{12})_l(4-10)$ -membered heterocyclyl,
 $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_lO(CR^{11}R^{12})_q(C_6-C_{10})aryl$, $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_lO(CR^{11}R^{12})_q(4-10)$ -membered heterocyclyl,
 $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_qSO_2(CR^{11}R^{12})_l(C_6-C_{10})aryl$, and $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_qSO_2(CR^{11}R^{12})_l(4-10)$ -membered heterocyclyl; 1 or 2 ring carbon atoms of the heterocyclic moieties of the foregoing R^{13} and R^{13a} groups are optionally
 20 substituted with an oxo ($=O$) moiety, and the alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl and heterocyclic moieties of the foregoing R^{13} and R^{13a} groups are optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents independently selected from halo, cyano, nitro, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, azido, $-OR^{15}$, $-(C=O)-R^{15}$, $-(C=O)-O-R^{15}$, $-O-(C=O)-R^{15}$, $-NR^{15}(C=O)-R^{16}$, $-(C=O)-NR^{15}R^{16}$, $-NR^{15}R^{16}$, $-NR^{15}OR^{16}$, $(C_1-C_6)alkyl$,
 25 $(C_2-C_6)alkenyl$, $(C_2-C_6)alkynyl$, $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_l(C_6-C_{10})aryl$, and $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_l(4-10)$ -membered heterocyclyl;

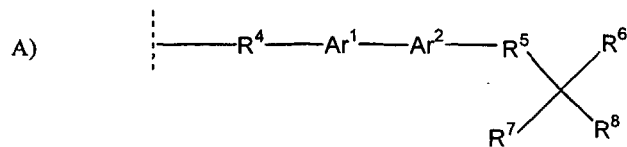
each R^{14} , R^{15} , and R^{16} is independently selected from H, $(C_1-C_6)alkyl$, $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_l(C_6-C_{10})aryl$, and $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_l(4-10)$ -membered heterocyclyl; 1 or 2 ring carbon atoms of the heterocyclic group are optionally substituted with an oxo ($=O$) moiety, and the alkyl, aryl and heterocyclic moieties of the foregoing R^{14} , R^{15} and R^{16} groups are optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents independently selected from halo, cyano, nitro, $-NR^{11}R^{12}$, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, $(C_1-C_6)alkyl$, $(C_2-C_6)alkenyl$, $(C_2-C_6)alkynyl$, hydroxy, and $(C_1-C_6)alkoxy$;

R^{17} is H, $(C_1-C_8)alkyl$, $-O-(C_1-C_8)alkyl$, halo, CN, OH, CF_3 , or $-O-CF_3$;

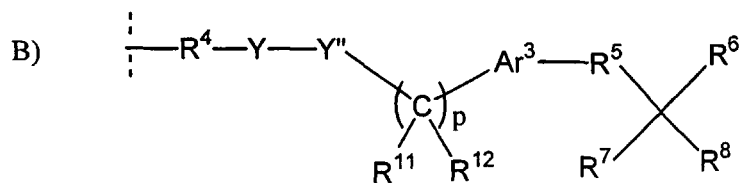
35 and wherein any of the above-mentioned substituents comprising a CH_3 (methyl), CH_2 (methylene), or CH (methine) group which is not attached to a halo, SO or SO_2 group or to a N, O or S atom optionally bears on said group a

substituent selected from hydroxy, halo, (C₁-C₄)alkyl, (C₁-C₄)alkoxy, -NH₂, -NH(C₁-C₈)alkyl, and -N((C₁-C₈)alkyl)₂.

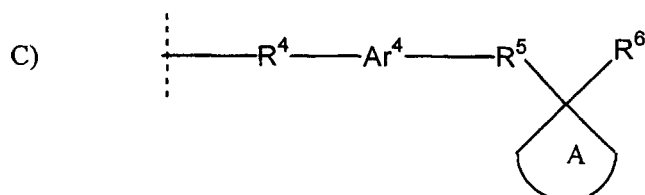
2. The compound according to claim 1 wherein R³ is



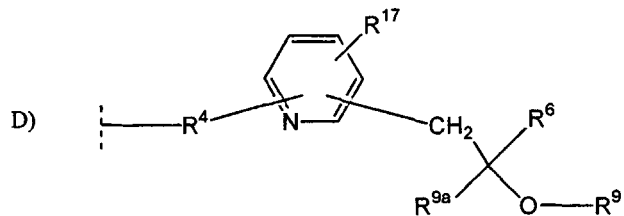
5 3. The compound according to claim 1 wherein R³ is



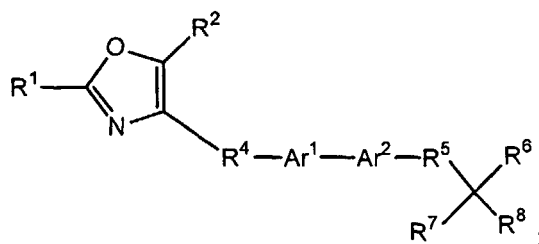
4. The compound according to claim 1 wherein R³ is



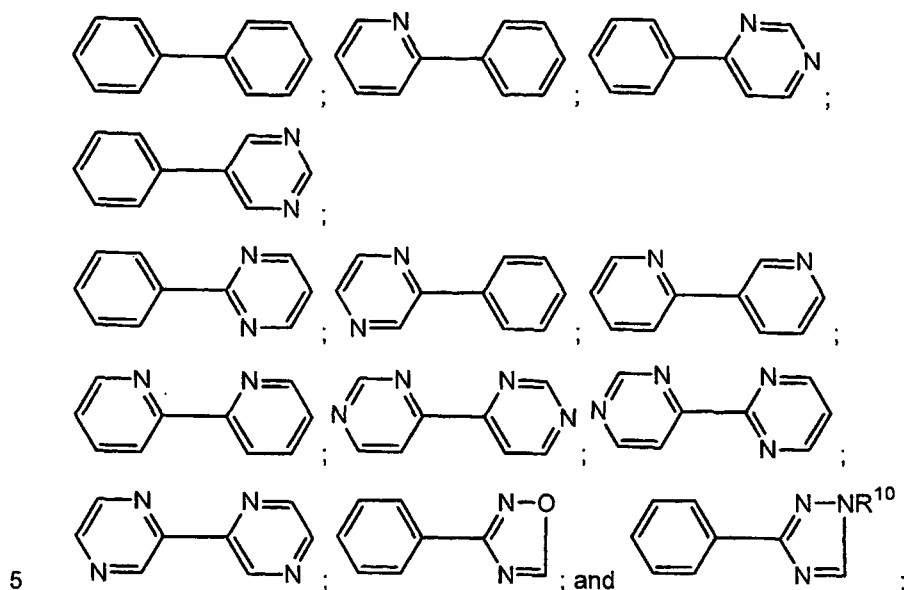
10 5. The compound according to claim 1 wherein R³ is



6. The compound according to claim 2 having a formula:



wherein said -Ar¹-Ar²- is selected from the group consisting of:



wherein the ring carbon atoms of each of Ar¹ and Ar² are optionally substituted by 1 to 3 R¹³ groups selected from the group consisting of halo, (C₁-C₈)alkyl, and (C₁-C₈)alkoxy.

7. The compound according to claim 2 selected from the group
10 consisting of

1-({3'-[2-(5-Methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl}oxy)cyclobutanecarboxylic acid (Example A-4);

2-({3'-[2-(5-Methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl}oxy)butanoic acid (Example A-5);

15 2-(3-{6-[2-(5-Methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]pyridin-2-yl}phenoxy)butanoic acid (Example A-6);

1-(3-{6-[2-(5-Methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]pyridin-2-yl}phenoxy)cyclobutanecarboxylic acid (Example A-7);

1-[(3'-[2-(3-fluorophenyl)-5-methyl-1, 3-oxazol-4-yl]methoxy)biphenyl-3-yl]oxy)cyclobutanecarboxylic acid (Example A-11);

1-({3'-[3-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1, 3-oxazol-4-yl)propoxy]biphenyl-3-yl}oxy)cyclobutanecarboxylic acid (Example A-12);

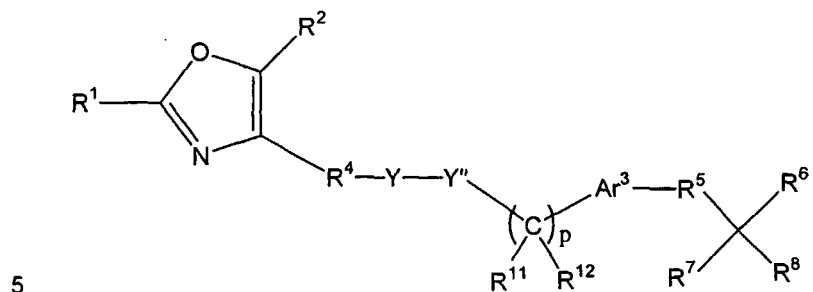
1-[3'-[[5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl]methoxy]biphenyl-3-yl]oxy]cyclobutanecarboxylic acid (Example A-17);

25 2-[(3'-(2-[2-(3-Fluorophenyl)-5-methyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl]ethoxy)biphenyl-3-yl)oxy]-2-methylpropanoic acid (Example A-21);

2-methyl-2-({3'-[(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)methoxy]biphenyl-3-yl}oxy)propanoic acid (Example A-24);

2-ethoxy-3-{3'-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]biphenyl-3-yl}propanoic acid (Example A-28);
and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

8. The compound according to claim 3 having a formula:

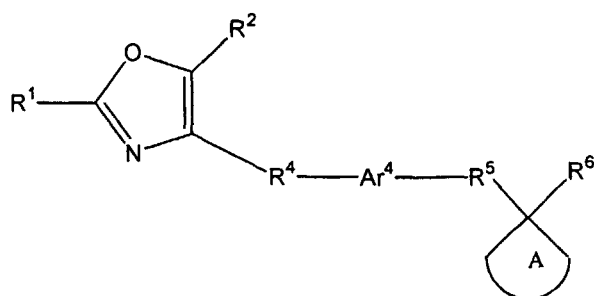


wherein Y is $-(C=O)-$ or $-SO_2-$, Y'' is NR^{10} , and p is 1.

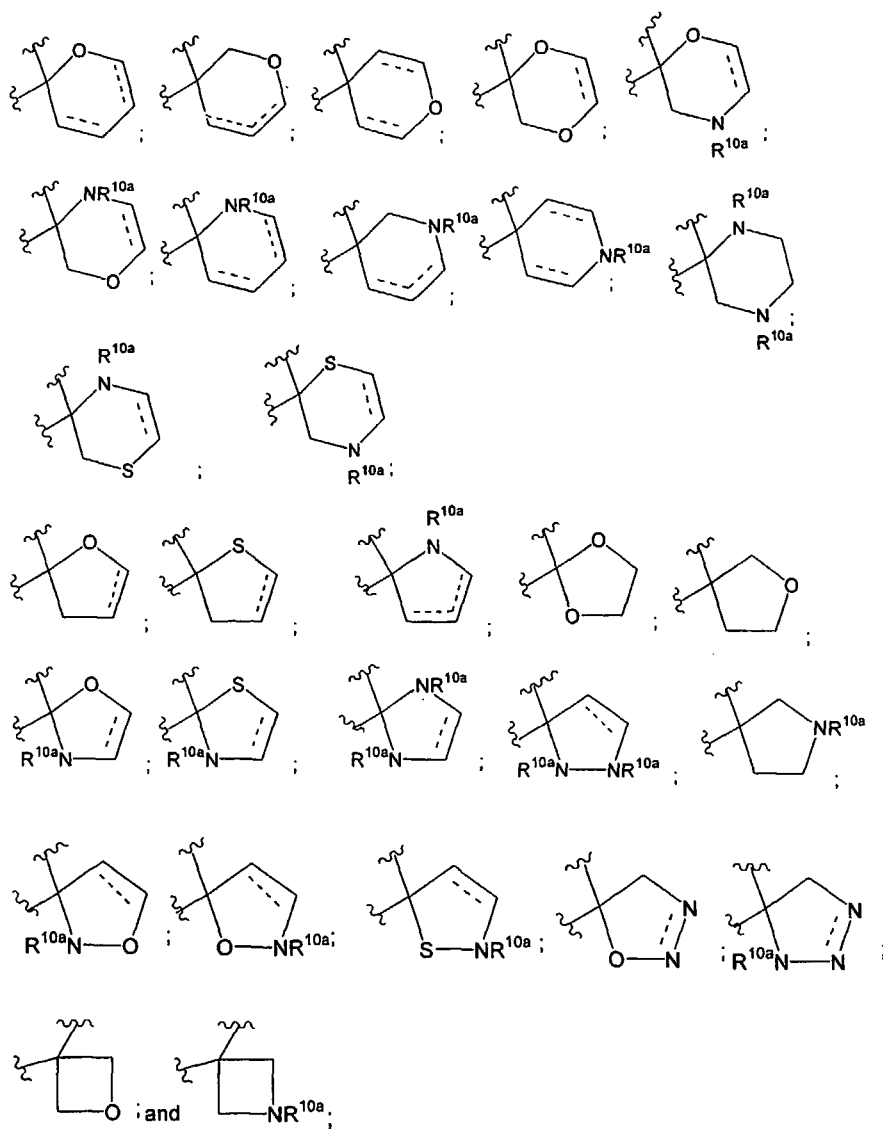
9. The compound according to claim 3 selected from the group consisting of

- 10 2-Methyl-2-{3-[[[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]carbonyl]amino)methyl]phenoxy}propanoic acid (Example B-5);
2-methyl-2-{3-[[[5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)methoxy]carbonyl]amino)methyl]phenoxy}propanoic acid (Example B-6);
2-methyl-2-{4-[[[3-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)propoxy]carbonyl]amino)methyl]phenoxy}propanoic acid (Example B-7);
15 2-{3-fluoro-4-[[[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]carbonyl]amino)methyl]phenoxy}-2-methylpropanoic acid (Example B-9);
2-{3-[[[2-(5-Methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]carbonyl]amino)methyl]phenoxy}butanoic acid (Example B-13);
20 2-{3-[[[5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)methoxy]carbonyl]amino)methyl]phenoxy}butanoic acid (Example B-14);
1-{3-[[[2-(5-Methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]carbonyl]amino)methyl]phenoxy}cyclobutanecarboxylic acid (Example B-15);
25 2-methyl-2-{3-[[[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethyl]amino]carbonyl]oxy)methyl]phenoxy}propanoic acid (Example B-21);
2-ethoxy-3-{3-[[[3-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)propoxy]carbonyl]amino)methyl]phenyl}propanoic acid (Example B-23);
30 2-ethoxy-3-{3-[[[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]carbonyl]amino)methyl]phenyl}propanoic acid (Example B-24);
and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

10. The compound according to claim 4 having a formula:



wherein said ring A is selected from the group consisting of cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl,



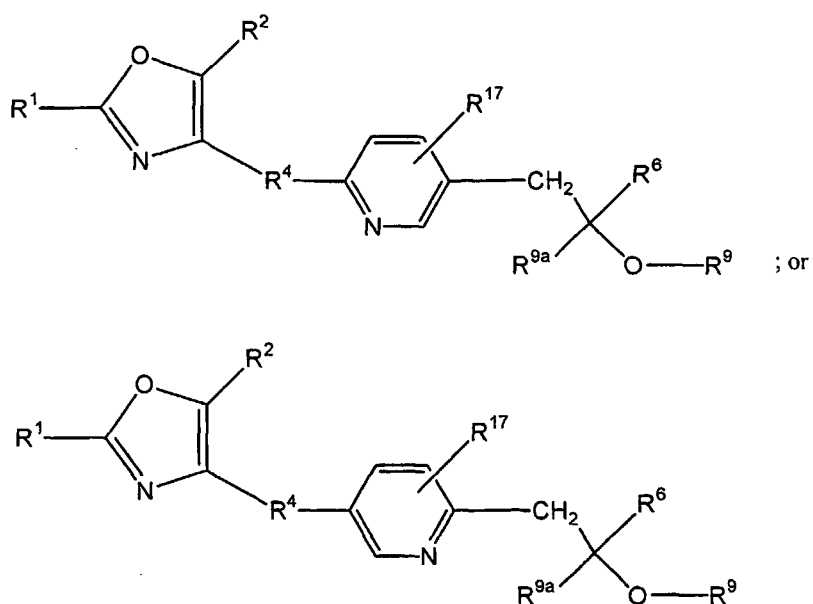
wherein --- is an optional double bond.

11. The compound according to claim 4 selected from the group consisting of

- 1-{4-[3-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)propoxy]benzyl}cyclobutanecarboxylic acid (Example C-16);
- 5 1-{4-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]benzyl}cyclobutanecarboxylic acid (Example C-19);
- 2-({6-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]pyridin-3-yl)methyl}tetrahydrofuran-2-carboxylic acid (Example C-48);
- 10 2-({5-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]pyridin-2-yl)methyl}tetrahydrofuran-2-carboxylic acid (Example C-49);
- 2-({6-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]pyridin-3-yl)methyl}tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-carboxylic acid (Example C-56);
- 15 2-[(6-{2-[2-(3-chlorophenyl)-5-methyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl]ethoxy}pyridin-3-yl)methyl]tetrahydrofuran-2-carboxylic acid (Example C-59);
- 2-[(6-{2-[2-(3-methoxyphenyl)-5-methyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl]ethoxy}pyridin-3-yl)methyl]tetrahydrofuran-2-carboxylic acid (Example C-62);
- 20 2-{5-[2-(5-Methyl-2-phenyl-oxazol-4-yl)-ethoxy]-pyrazin-2-ylmethyl}-tetrahydro-furan-2-carboxylic acid (Example C-77);
- {4-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]benzyl}tetrahydrofuran-2-carboxylic acid (Example C-78);
- 2-6-[2-(5-Methyl-2-phenyl-oxazol-4-yl)-ethoxy]-naphthalen-2-ylmethyl}-tetrahydro-furan-2-carboxylic acid (Example C-91);
- 25 and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

12. The compound according to claim 5 having a formula:

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13. The compound according to claim 12 selected from the group consisting of

- 2-ethoxy-3-{6-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]pyridin-3-yl}propanoic acid (Example D-1);
- 2-methoxy-3-{6-[2-[5-methyl-2-(3-methylphenyl)-1,3-oxazol-4-yl]ethoxy]pyridin-3-yl}propanoic acid (Example D-3);
- 2-methoxy-3-{6-[2-(4-phenoxyphenyl)ethoxy]pyridin-3-yl}propanoic acid (Example D-13);
- 2-ethoxy-3-{6-[2-{4-[(phenylsulfonyl)oxy]phenyl}ethoxy]pyridin-3-yl}propanoic acid (Example D-17);
- 2-Ethoxy-3-{5-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-oxazol-4-yl)-ethoxy]-pyridin-2-yl}-propionic acid (Example D-23);
- 2-Methoxy-2-methyl-3-{6-[3-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-oxazol-4-yl)-propoxy]-pyridin-3-yl}-propionic acid (Example D-27);
- 2-Methoxy-2-methyl-3-{5-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-oxazol-4-yl)-ethoxy]-pyridin-2-yl}-propionic acid (Example D-29);
- 3-(6-[2-[2-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-5-methyl-oxazol-4-yl]-ethoxy]-pyridin-3-yl)-2-methoxy-2-methyl-propionic acid (Example D-30);
- 2-Methoxy-2-methyl-3-{6-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl oxazol-4-yl)-ethoxy]-pyridin-3-yl}-propionic acid (Example D-35);
- 2-Methoxy-3-(6-[2-[2-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-5-methyl-oxazol-4-yl]-ethoxy]-pyridin-3-yl)-2-methyl-propionic acid (Example D-43);
- and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

14. A method of treating non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus, polycystic ovarian syndrome, obesity, hyperglycemia, hyperlipidemia, hypercholesteremia, atherosclerosis, hypertriglyceridemia, hyperinsulinemia, abnormal insulin and/or evidence of glucose disorders, insulin resistance
5 syndrome, and PPAR-related disorders in a mammal comprising administering to the mammal in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of an alpha substituted carboxylic acid compound according to claim 1.

15. A composition comprising at least one compound according to claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier thereof; said compound is
10 optionally in combination with other agents such as α -glucosidase inhibitors, aldose reductase inhibitors, biguanide preparations, statin base compounds, squalene synthesis inhibitors, fibrate base compounds, LDL catabolism promoters and angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors.