

DNA ALKYLATING AGENTS

FIELD OF INVENTION

[0001] The present invention provides compounds suitable as therapeutic agents and intermediates thereto, pharmaceutical compositions of such compounds and methods of treating cancer in cancer patients, and so relates to the fields of biology, chemistry, and medicine.

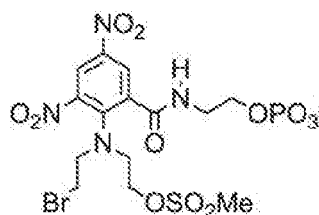
BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0002] Cancer is one of the major causes of human morbidity and mortality. Cancer treatment is challenging because it is difficult to kill cancer cells without damaging or killing normal cells. Damaging or killing normal cells during cancer treatment is a cause of adverse side effects in patients and can limit the amount of anti-cancer drug administered to a cancer patient.

[0003] Aldo-keto reductase family 1 member C3 is an enzyme that in humans is encoded by the *AKR1C3* gene. This gene encodes a member of the aldo/keto reductase superfamily, which consists of more than 40 known enzymes and proteins. These enzymes catalyze the conversion of aldehydes and ketones to their corresponding alcohols by utilizing NADH and/or NADPH as cofactors.

[0004] Many cancer cells overexpress AKR1C3 reductase relative to normal cells (See, Cancer Res 2010; 70:1573-1584, Cancer Res 2010; 66: 2815–2825).

[0005] PR 104:



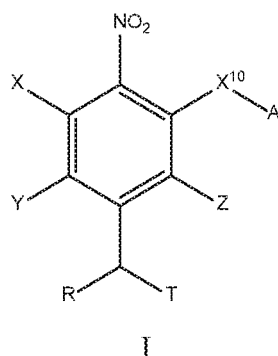
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has been shown to be a weak substrate for AKR1C3 and was tested in the clinical trials. This compound is not a selective AKR1C3 activated prodrug as it can also be activated under hypoxic conditions. PR 104 was ineffective in clinical trials.

[0006] There remains a need for compounds suitable for treating cancer patients, including for selective AKR1C3 reductase activated prodrugs for treating cancer patients. The present invention meets this need.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0007] In one aspect, provided herein are compounds of formula I:



and pharmaceutically acceptable salts, and solvates of each thereof, wherein

X^{10} is O, S, SO, or SO₂;

A is C₆-C₁₀ aryl, 5-15 membered heteroaryl, or -N=CR¹R²;

each R¹ and R² independently is hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl, C₆-C₁₀ aryl, 4-15 membered heterocycle, 5-15 membered heteroaryl, ether, -CONR¹³R¹⁴, or -NR¹³COR¹⁴;

each X, Y, and Z independently is hydrogen, CN, halo, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl, C₆-C₁₀ aryl, 4-15 membered heterocycle, 5-15 membered heteroaryl, ether, -CONR¹³R¹⁴, or -NR¹³COR¹⁴;

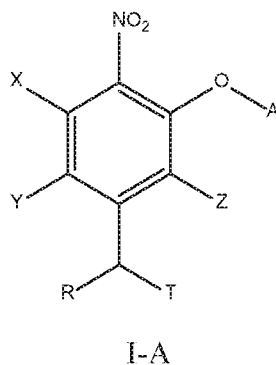
R is hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl, C₆-C₁₀ aryl, 4-15 membered heterocycle, 5-15 membered heteroaryl, ether, -CONR¹³R¹⁴, or -NR¹³COR¹⁴;

each R¹³ and R¹⁴ independently is hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl, C₆-C₁₀ aryl, 4-15 membered heterocycle, 5-15 membered heteroaryl, or ether;

T comprises a phosphoramidate alkylating agent; and

wherein the alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocycle, heteroaryl, ether groups are optionally substituted.

[0008] In another embodiment, provided herein is a compound of formula I-A



[0009] In another embodiment, X^{10} is S.

[0010] In one embodiment, T is is $OP(Z^1)(NR^{30}CH_2CH_2X^1)_2$, $OP(Z^1)(NR^{30})_2(N(CH_2CH_2X^1)_2)$ $OP(Z^1)(N(CH_2CH_2))_2$, $OP(Z^1)(N(CH_2CH_2X^1)_2)_2$, wherein each R^{30} independently is hydrogen or C_1 - C_6 alkyl or 2 R^{30} s together with the nitrogen atom they are bound to form 5-7 membered heterocyclyl group, Z^1 is O or S, and X^1 is Cl, Br, or OMs or another leaving group. In one embodiment, T is is $OP(Z^1)(NHCH_2CH_2Cl)_2$, $OP(Z^1)(NHCH_2CH_2Br)_2$, $OP(Z^1)(NH_2)(N(CH_2CH_2X^1)_2)$ $OP(Z^1)(N(CH_2)_2)_2$, $OP(Z^1)(N(CH_2CH_2Cl)_2)_2$, wherein Z^1 is O or S, and X^1 is Cl, Br, or OMs. In one embodiment, Z^1 is O. In another embodiment, Z^1 is S. In another embodiment, T is $OP(O)(N(CH_2CH_2))_2$.

[0011] The compounds provided herein include individual diastereomers and other geometric isomers, and enantiomers, and mixtures of enantiomers, diastereomers, and geometric isomers other than diastereomers.

[0012] In another aspect, provided herein is a pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound provided herein and at least one pharmaceutically acceptable excipient. In another aspect, provided herein is a unit dose of the pharmaceutical composition provided herein.

[0013] In another aspect, provided herein is a method for treating cancer in a patient, comprising administering to the patient a therapeutically effective amount of a compound or a pharmaceutically acceptable composition as provided herein. In one embodiment, the cancer is one wherein AKR1C3 reductase levels are high or are higher than usual in such a cancer. In one embodiment, the cancer is liver cancer. In one embodiment, the cancer is non-small cell lung cancer or melanoma. In a further aspect, the method comprises determining the AKR1C3 reductase level of the cancer by methods using an AKR1C3 antibody, and administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound or a pharmaceutically acceptable composition provided herein to said patient if said level is equal to or greater than a predetermined value. In one aspect, the method comprises prior to administration, determining an intratumoral AKR1C3 reductase level in a sample isolated from the patient and selecting the patient for the therapy if the level is equal to or greater than a predetermined level. In some embodiments, a therapeutically effective amount of a cancer treatment other than a treatment comprising administration of a compound or a pharmaceutically acceptable composition provided herein is administered if the level does not exceed or is less than said predetermined value. In some embodiments, provided herein is a kit comprising a means for isolating a sample from a patient and determining an intratumoral

AKR1C3 reductase level of the cancer in the sample using an AKR1C3 antibody; and a means for determining whether a compound or composition provided herein should be administered. Methods of determining the therapeutically effective amount, appropriate mode of administration of the compounds and compositions provided herein will be apparent to the skilled artisan upon reading this disclosure and based on other methods known to them. AKR1C3 levels are measured following routine methods well known to the skilled artisan.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0014] FIG. 1 illustrates AKR1C3 expression in prostate cancer cell lines.

[0015] FIG. 2 illustrates AKR1C3 expression in prostate cancer cell lines.

[0016] FIG. 3 illustrates Antitumor efficacy of TH-2768 alone and in combination with irinotecan (CPT-11) in comparison with gemcitabine in the ectopic H460, NSCLC xenograft model described in Example 4-A.

[0017] FIG. 4 illustrates body weight change induced by TH-2768 treatment alone and in combination with irinotecan (CPT-11) in comparison with gemcitabine in the ectopic H460, NSCLC xenograft model Example 4-A.

[0018] FIG. 5 illustrates antitumor efficacy of TH-2768, TH-2850, TH-2852, TH-2870, or TH-2889 in comparison with Thio-TEPA in the ectopic A549, NSCLC xenograft model described in Example 4-B.

[0019] FIG. 6 illustrates body weight change induced by TH-2768, TH-2850, TH-2852, TH-2870, or TH-2889 in comparison with Thio-TEPA in the ectopic A549, NSCLC xenograft model described in Example 4-B.

[0020] FIG. 7 illustrates antitumor efficacy of TH-2768, TH-2850, TH-2870, TH-2873, TH-2888, TH-2889 or TH-2890 in comparison with Thio-TEPA or nab-Paclitaxel in the ectopic A375, melanoma xenograft model described in Example 4-C.

[0021] FIG. 8 illustrates body weight change induced by TH-2768, TH-2850, TH-2870, TH-2873, TH-2888, TH-2889 or TH-2890 in comparison with Thio-TEPA or nab-Paclitaxel in the ectopic A375, melanoma xenograft model described in Example 4-C.

[0022] FIG. 9 illustrates antitumor efficacy of TH-2870, TH-2883, TH-2911, TH-2952, TH-2953, TH-2955, or TH-2958 in the ectopic A549, NSCLC xenograft model described in Example 4-D.

[0023] FIG. 10 illustrates body weight change induced by TH-2870, TH-2883, TH-2911, TH-2952, TH-2953, TH-2955, or TH-2958 in the ectopic A549, NSCLC xenograft model described in Example 4-D.

[0024] FIG. 11 illustrates antitumor efficacy of TH-2870 alone or in combination with sunitinib in the ectopic 786-O, RCC xenograft model described in Example 4-E.

[0025] FIG. 12 illustrates body weight change induced by TH-2870 alone or in combination with sunitinib in the ectopic 786-O, RCC xenograft model described in Example 4-E.

[0026] FIG. 13 illustrates antitumor efficacy of TH-2953 or TH-3040 in the ectopic H460 NSCLC xenograft model described in Example 4-F.

[0027] FIG. 14 illustrates body weight change induced by TH-2953 or TH-3040 in the ectopic H460 NSCLC xenograft model described in Example 4-F.

[0028] FIG. 15 illustrates antitumor efficacy of TH-3040 or TH-3045 in the ectopic H460 NSCLC xenograft model described in Example 4-G.

[0029] FIG. 16 illustrates body weight change induced by TH-3040 or TH-3045 in the ectopic H460 NSCLC xenograft model described in Example 4-G.

[0030] FIG. 17 illustrates antitumor efficacy of TH-3040 in comparison with nab-paclitaxel in the ectopic H460 NSCLC xenograft model described in Example 4-H.

[0031] FIG. 18 illustrates body weight change induced by TH-3040 in comparison with nab-paclitaxel in the ectopic H460 NSCLC xenograft model described in Example 4-H.

[0032] FIG. 19 illustrates antitumor efficacy of TH-2870 in comparison with docetaxel in the ectopic H460 NSCLC xenograft model described in Example 4-I.

[0033] FIG. 20 illustrates body weight change induced by TH-2870 in comparison with docetaxel in the ectopic H460 NSCLC xenograft model described in Example 4-I.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Definitions

[0034] The following definitions are provided to assist the reader. Unless otherwise defined, all terms of art, notations, and other scientific or medical terms or terminology used herein are intended to have the meanings commonly understood by those of skill in the chemical and medical arts. In some cases, terms with commonly understood meanings are defined herein for clarity and/or for ready reference, and the inclusion of such definitions

herein should not be construed as representing a substantial difference over the definition of the term as generally understood in the art.

[0035] All numerical designations, *e.g.*, pH, temperature, time, concentration, and weight, including ranges of each thereof, are approximations that typically may be varied (+) or (-) by increments of 0.1, 1.0, or 10.0, as appropriate. All numerical designations may be understood as preceded by the term “about”. Reagents described herein are exemplary and equivalents of such may be known in the art.

[0036] “A,” “an,” and, “the” include plural referents unless the context clearly dictates otherwise. Thus, for example, reference to a compound refers to one or more compounds or at least one compound. As such, the terms “a” (or “an”), “one or more”, and “at least one” are used interchangeably herein.

[0037] As used herein, the term “comprising” is intended to mean that the compositions and methods include the recited elements, but not excluding others. “Consisting essentially of” when used to define compositions and methods, shall mean excluding other elements of any essential significance to the composition or method. “Consisting of” shall mean excluding more than trace elements of other ingredients for claimed compositions and substantial method steps. Embodiments defined by each of these transition terms are within the scope of this invention. Accordingly, it is intended that the methods and compositions can include additional steps and components (comprising) or alternatively including steps and compositions of no significance (consisting essentially of) or alternatively, intending only the stated method steps or compositions (consisting of).

[0038] “C_x-C_y” or “C_{x-y}” before a group refers to a range of the number of carbon atoms that are present in that group. For example, C₁-C₆ alkyl refers to an alkyl group having at least 1 and up to 6 carbon atoms.

[0039] “Alkoxy” refers to -O-Alkyl.

[0040] “Amino” refers to NR^PR^Q wherein R^P and R^Q independently are hydrogen or C₁-C₆ alkyl, or R^P and R^Q together with the nitrogen atom they are bonded to form a 4-15 membered heterocycle.

[0041] “Alkyl” refers to monovalent saturated aliphatic hydrocarbyl groups having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms and, in some embodiments, from 1 to 6 carbon atoms. “C_{x-y} alkyl” refers to alkyl groups having from x to y carbon atoms. This term includes, by way of example, linear and branched hydrocarbyl groups such as methyl (CH₃-), ethyl (CH₃CH₂-), n-propyl

(CH₃CH₂CH₂-), isopropyl ((CH₃)₂CH-), n-butyl (CH₃CH₂CH₂CH₂-), isobutyl ((CH₃)₂CHCH₂-), sec-butyl ((CH₃)(CH₃CH₂)CH-), t-butyl ((CH₃)₃C-), n-pentyl (CH₃CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂-), and neopentyl ((CH₃)₃CCH₂-).

[0042] “Alkylene” refers to divalent saturated aliphatic hydrocarbyl groups having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms and, in some embodiments, from 1 to 6 carbon atoms. “C_{u-v}alkylene” refers to alkylene groups having from u to v carbon atoms. The alkylidene and alkylene groups include branched and straight chain hydrocarbyl groups. For example, “C₁₋₆ alkylene” includes methylene, ethylene, propylene, 2- methypropylene, pentylene, and the like. “Heteroalkylene” refers to an alkylene wherein a chain carbon atom is replaced with a heteroatom such as O, S, N, or P, or a heteroatom containing substituent.

[0043] “Alkenyl” refers to a linear or branched hydrocarbyl group having from 2 to 10 carbon atoms and in some embodiments from 2 to 6 carbon atoms or 2 to 4 carbon atoms and having at least 1 site of vinyl unsaturation (>C=C<). For example, C_{x-y} alkenyl refers to alkenyl groups having from x to y carbon atoms and is meant to include, for example, ethenyl, propenyl, 1,3-butadienyl, and the like. “Alkenylene” refers to a divalent alkenyl radical having the appropriate hydrogen content. “Heteroalkenylene” refers to an alkenylene wherein a chain carbon atom is replaced with a heteroatom such as O, S, N, or P, or a heteroatom containing substituent.

[0044] “Phosphoramidate alkylating agent” refers to an alkylating agent comprising one or more Z⁵-X⁵-Y⁵ moieties bonded to an -O-P(Z¹) moiety, where Z⁵ is a heteroatom such as nitrogen, sulfur or oxygen, X⁵ is optionally substituted ethylene, Y⁵ is halo or another leaving group, or Z⁵-X⁵-Y⁵ together form an aziridinyl (NCH₂CH₂) moiety, and Z¹ is defined as above. Such an alkylating agent can react with a DNA or another nucleic acid, or a protein. In some instances an alkylating agent can cross link a DNA.

[0045] “Alkynyl” refers to a linear monovalent hydrocarbon radical or a branched monovalent hydrocarbon radical 2 to 10 carbon atoms and in some embodiments from 2 to 6 carbon atoms or 2 to 4 carbon atoms and containing at least one triple bond. The term “alkynyl” is also meant to include those hydrocarbyl groups having one triple bond and one double bond. For example, C₂₋₆ alkynyl includes ethynyl, propynyl, and the like. “Alkynylene” refers to a divalent alkynyl radical having the appropriate hydrogen content. “Heteroalkynylene” refers to an alkynylene wherein a chain carbon atom is replaced with a heteroatom such as O, S, N, or P, or a heteroatom containing substituent.

[0046] “Aryl” refers to an aromatic group of from 6 to 14 carbon atoms and no ring heteroatoms and having a single ring (e.g., phenyl) or multiple condensed (fused) rings (e.g., naphthyl or anthryl). For multiple ring systems, including fused, bridged, and spiro ring systems having aromatic and non-aromatic rings that have no ring heteroatoms, the term “Aryl” or “Ar” applies when the point of attachment is at an aromatic carbon atom (e.g., 5, 6, 7, 8 tetrahydronaphthalene-2-yl is an aryl group as its point of attachment is at the 2-position of the aromatic phenyl ring). “Arylene” refers to a divalent aryl radical having the appropriate hydrogen content.

[0047] “Cycloalkyl” refers to a saturated or partially saturated cyclic group of from 3 to 14 carbon atoms and no ring heteroatoms and having a single ring or multiple rings including fused, bridged, and spiro ring systems. For multiple ring systems having aromatic and non-aromatic rings that have no ring heteroatoms, the term “cycloalkyl” applies when the point of attachment is at a non-aromatic carbon atom (e.g. 5,6,7,8,-tetrahydronaphthalene-5-yl). The term “cycloalkyl” includes cycloalkenyl groups. Examples of cycloalkyl groups include, for instance, adamantyl, cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclooctyl, and cyclohexenyl. “Cycloalkylene” refers to a divalent cycloalkyl radical having the appropriate hydrogen content.

[0048] “Ether” refers to a C₁-C₆ alkyl group substituted with 1-3 C₁-C₆ alkoxy groups, wherein alkoxy refers to -O-alkyl.

[0049] “Halo” refers to one or more of fluoro, chloro, bromo, and iodo.

[0050] “Heteroaryl” refers to an aromatic group of from 1 to 14 carbon atoms and 1 to 6 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, nitrogen, and sulfur and includes single ring (e.g. imidazolyl-2-yl and imidazol-5-yl) and multiple ring systems (e.g. imidazopyridyl, benzotriazolyl, benzimidazol-2-yl and benzimidazol-6-yl). For multiple ring systems, including fused, bridged, and spiro ring systems having aromatic and non-aromatic rings, the term “heteroaryl” applies if there is at least one ring heteroatom, and the point of attachment is at an atom of an aromatic ring (e.g. 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-6-yl and 5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinolin-3-yl). In some embodiments, the nitrogen and/or the sulfur ring atom(s) of the heteroaryl group are optionally oxidized to provide for the N-oxide (N→O), sulfinyl, or sulfonyl moieties. The term heteroaryl includes, but is not limited to, acridinyl, azocinyl, benzimidazolyl, benzofuranyl, benzothiofuranyl, benzothiophenyl, benzoxazolyl, benzothiazolyl, benzotriazolyl, benzotetrazolyl, benzisoxazolyl, benzisothiazolyl,

benzothienyl, benzimidazolyl, carbazolyl, NH-carbazolyl, carbolinyl, chromanyl, chromenyl, cinnolyl, dithiazinyl, furanyl, furazanyl, imidazolidinyl, imidazolyl, imidazopyridyl, imidazolyl, indazolyl, indolenyl, indolyl, indolizyl, indolyl, isobenzofuranyl, isochromanyl, isoindazolyl, isoindolyl, isoindolyl, isoquinolyl, isoquinolyl, isothiazolyl, isoxazolyl, naphthyridinyl, octahydroisoquinolyl, oxadiazolyl, oxazolidinyl, oxazolyl, pyrimidinyl, phenanthridinyl, phenanthrolinyl, phenazinyl, phenothiazinyl, phenoxathiinyl, phenoxazinyl, phthalazinyl, piperazinyl, pteridinyl, purinyl, pyranyl, pyrazinyl, pyrazolidinyl, pyrazolyl, pyrazolyl, pyridazinyl, pyridoxazolyl, pyridoimidazolyl, pyridothiazole, pyridinyl, pyridyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrrolyl, quinazolyl, quinolyl, quinoxalyl, quinuclidinyl, tetrahydroisoquinolyl, tetrahydroquinolyl, tetrazolyl, thiadiazinyl, thiadiazolyl, thianthrenyl, thiazolyl, thienyl, thienothiazolyl, thienooxazolyl, thienoimidazolyl, thiophenyl, triazinyl and xanthenyl. "Heteroarylene" refers to a divalent heteroaryl radical having the appropriate hydrogen content.

[0051] "Heterocyclic" or "heterocycle" or "heterocycloalkyl" or "heterocyclyl" refers to a saturated or partially saturated cyclic group having from 1 to 14 carbon atoms and from 1 to 6 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, sulfur, or oxygen and includes single ring and multiple ring systems including fused, bridged, and spiro ring systems. For multiple ring systems having aromatic and/or non-aromatic rings, the terms "heterocyclic", "heterocycle", "heterocycloalkyl", or "heterocyclyl" apply when there is at least one ring heteroatom, and the point of attachment is at an atom of a non- aromatic ring (e.g. 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline-3-yl, 5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinoline-6-yl, and decahydroquinolin-6-yl). In some embodiment, the heterocyclic groups herein are 3-15 membered, 4-14 membered, 5-13 membered, 7-12, or 5-7 membered heterocycles. In some other embodiment, the heterocycles contain 4 heteroatoms. In some other embodiment, the heterocycles contain 3 heteroatoms. In another embodiment, the heterocycles contain up to 2 heteroatoms. In some embodiments, the nitrogen and/or sulfur atom(s) of the heterocyclic group are optionally oxidized to provide for the N-oxide, sulfinyl, sulfonyl moieties. Heterocyclyl includes, but is not limited to, tetrahydropyranyl, piperidinyl, N-methylpiperidin-3-yl, piperazinyl, N-methylpyrrolidin-3-yl, 3-pyrrolidinyl, 2-pyrrolidin-1-yl, morpholinyl, and pyrrolidinyl. A prefix indicating the number of carbon atoms (e.g., C₃₋₁₀) refers to the total number of carbon atoms in the portion of the heterocyclyl group exclusive of the number of heteroatoms. A divalent heterocyclic radical will have the appropriately adjusted hydrogen content.

[0052] “Leaving group” refers to a moiety that can be displaced under nucleophilic displacement conditions well known to the skilled artisan. Leaving groups include, without limitation halo and $-\text{OSO}_2\text{-R}^{20}$, where R^{20} is optionally substituted alkyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, or heteroaryl.

[0053] The term “optionally substituted” refers to a substituted or unsubstituted group. The group may be substituted with one or more substituents, such as e.g., 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 substituents. Preferably, the substituents are selected from the group consisting of oxo, halo, $-\text{CN}$, NO_2 , $-\text{N}_2^+$, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^{100}$, $-\text{OR}^{100}$, $-\text{SR}^{100}$, $-\text{SOR}^{100}$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{R}^{100}$, $-\text{NR}^{100}\text{SO}_2\text{R}^{100}$, $-\text{NR}^{101}\text{R}^{102}$, $-\text{CONR}^{101}\text{R}^{102}$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{NR}^{101}\text{R}^{102}$, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkoxy, $-\text{CR}^{100}=\text{C}(\text{R}^{100})_2$, $-\text{CCR}^{100}$, $\text{C}_3\text{-C}_{10}$ cycloalkyl, $\text{C}_3\text{-C}_{10}$ heterocyclyl, $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{12}$ aryl and $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_{12}$ heteroaryl, or a divalent substituent such as $-\text{O}-(\text{CH}_2)-\text{O}-$, $-\text{O}-(\text{CH}_2)_2-\text{O}-$, and , 1-4 methyl substituted version thereof, wherein each R^{100} , R^{101} , and R^{102} independently is hydrogen or $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_8$ alkyl; $\text{C}_3\text{-C}_{12}$ cycloalkyl; $\text{C}_3\text{-C}_{10}$ heterocyclyl; $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{12}$ aryl; or $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_{12}$ heteroaryl; or R^{101} and R^{102} together with the nitrogen atom they are attached to form a 5-7 membered heterocycle; wherein each alkyl, cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, aryl, or heteroaryl is optionally substituted with 1-3 halo, 1-3 $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl, 1-3 $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ haloalkyl or 1-3 $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkoxy groups. Preferably, the substituents are selected from the group consisting of chloro, fluoro, $-\text{OCH}_3$, methyl, ethyl, *iso*-propyl, cyclopropyl, $-\text{CO}_2\text{H}$ and salts and $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl esters thereof, CONMe_2 , CONHMe , CONH_2 , $-\text{SO}_2\text{Me}$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{NH}_2$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{NMe}_2$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{NHMe}$, $-\text{NHSO}_2\text{Me}$, $-\text{NHSO}_2\text{CF}_3$, $-\text{NHSO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}$, $-\text{NH}_2$, $-\text{OCF}_3$, $-\text{CF}_3$ and $-\text{OCHF}_2$.

[0054] “Administering” or “administration of” a drug to a patient (and grammatical equivalents of this phrase) refers to direct administration, which may be administration to a patient by a medical professional or may be self-administration, and/or indirect administration, which may be the act of prescribing a drug. For example, a physician who instructs a patient to self-administer a drug and/or provides a patient with a prescription for a drug is administering the drug to the patient.

[0055] “Cancer” refers to leukemias, lymphomas, carcinomas, and other malignant tumors, including solid tumors, of potentially unlimited growth that can expand locally by invasion and systemically by metastasis. Examples of cancers include, but are not limited to, cancer of the adrenal gland, bone, brain, breast, bronchi, colon and/or rectum, gallbladder, head and neck, kidneys, larynx, liver, lung, neural tissue, pancreas, prostate, parathyroid, skin, stomach, and thyroid. Certain other examples of cancers include, acute and chronic lymphocytic and granulocytic tumors, adenocarcinoma, adenoma, basal cell carcinoma,

cervical dysplasia and in situ carcinoma, Ewing's sarcoma, epidermoid carcinomas, giant cell tumor, glioblastoma multiforma, hairy-cell tumor, intestinal ganglioneuroma, hyperplastic corneal nerve tumor, islet cell carcinoma, Kaposi's sarcoma, leiomyoma, leukemias, lymphomas, malignant carcinoid, malignant melanomas, malignant hypercalcemia, marfanoid habitus tumor, medullary carcinoma, metastatic skin carcinoma, mucosal neuroma, myeloma, mycosis fungoides, neuroblastoma, osteo sarcoma, osteogenic and other sarcoma, ovarian tumor, pheochromocytoma, polycythemia vera, primary brain tumor, small-cell lung tumor, squamous cell carcinoma of both ulcerating and papillary type, hyperplasia, seminoma, soft tissue sarcoma, retinoblastoma, rhabdomyosarcoma, renal cell tumor, topical skin lesion, vecitulum cell sarcoma, and Wilm's tumor.

[0056] "Patient" and "subject" are used interchangeably to refer to a mammal in need of treatment for cancer. Generally, the patient is a human. Generally, the patient is a human diagnosed with cancer. In certain embodiments a "patient" or "subject" may refer to a non-human mammal used in screening, characterizing, and evaluating drugs and therapies, such as, a non-human primate, a dog, cat, rabbit, pig, mouse or a rat.

[0057] "Prodrug" refers to a compound that, after administration, is metabolized or otherwise converted to a biologically active or more active compound (or drug) with respect to at least one property. A prodrug, relative to the drug, is modified chemically in a manner that renders it, relative to the drug, less active or inactive, but the chemical modification is such that the corresponding drug is generated by metabolic or other biological processes after the prodrug is administered. A prodrug may have, relative to the active drug, altered metabolic stability or transport characteristics, fewer side effects or lower toxicity, or improved flavor (for example, see the reference Nogrady, 1985, Medicinal Chemistry A Biochemical Approach, Oxford University Press, New York, pages 388-392, incorporated herein by reference). A prodrug may be synthesized using reactants other than the corresponding drug.

[0058] "Solid tumor" refers to solid tumors including, but not limited to, metastatic tumors in bone, brain, liver, lungs, lymph node, pancreas, prostate, skin and soft tissue (sarcoma).

[0059] "Therapeutically effective amount" of a drug refers to an amount of a drug that, when administered to a patient with cancer, will have the intended therapeutic effect, *e.g.*, alleviation, amelioration, palliation or elimination of one or more manifestations of cancer in the patient. A therapeutic effect does not necessarily occur by administration of one dose, and

may occur only after administration of a series of doses. Thus, a therapeutically effective amount may be administered in one or more administrations.

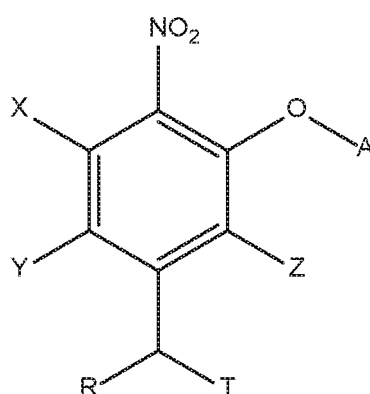
[0060] “Treating,” “treatment of,” or “therapy of” a condition or patient refers to taking steps to obtain beneficial or desired results, including clinical results. For purposes of this invention, beneficial or desired clinical results include, but are not limited to, alleviation or amelioration of one or more symptoms of cancer; diminishment of extent of disease; delay or slowing of disease progression; amelioration, palliation, or stabilization of the disease state; or other beneficial results. Treatment of cancer may, in some cases, result in partial response or stable disease.

[0061] “Tumor cells” refers to tumor cells of any appropriate species, e.g., mammalian such as murine, canine, feline, equine or human.

Descriptive Embodiments

[0062] Provided herein are compound of formulas I as disclosed herein above.

[0063] In one aspect, provided herein are compounds of formula I-A:



I-A

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts and solvates thereof, wherein

A is C₆-C₁₀ aryl, 5-15 membered heteroaryl, or -N=CR¹R²;

each R¹ and R² independently is hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl, C₆-C₁₀ aryl, 4-15 membered heterocycle, 5-15 membered heteroaryl, ether, -CONR¹³R¹⁴, or -NR¹³COR¹⁴;

each X, Y, and Z independently is hydrogen, CN, halo, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl, C₆-C₁₀ aryl, 4-15 membered heterocycle, 5-15 membered heteroaryl, ether, -CONR¹³R¹⁴, or -NR¹³COR¹⁴;

R is hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl, C₆-C₁₀ aryl, 4-15 membered heterocycle, 5-15 membered heteroaryl, ether, -CONR¹³R¹⁴, or -NR¹³COR¹⁴;

each R^{13} and R^{14} independently is hydrogen, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl, C_6 - C_{10} aryl, 4-15 membered heterocycle, 5-15 membered heteroaryl, or ether;

wherein the alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocycle, heteroaryl, ether groups are optionally substituted; and

T is a phosphoramidate alkylating agent.

[0064] In one embodiment, Z is hydrogen. In another embodiment, X is hydrogen. In another embodiment, Y is hydrogen. In another embodiment, Y is halo.

[0065] In another embodiment, A is optionally substituted C_6 - C_{10} aryl. In another embodiment, A is optionally substituted phenyl. In another embodiment, the phenyl is optionally substituted with 1-3, 1-2, or a substituent selected from halo, $-CN$, NO_2 , $-CO_2R^{100}$, $-OR^{100}$, $-SR^{100}$, $-SOR^{100}$, $-SO_2R^{100}$, $-NR^{100}SO_2R^{100}$, $-NR^{101}R^{102}$, $-CONR^{101}R^{102}$, $-SO_2NR^{101}R^{102}$, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_1 - C_6 alkoxy, C_3 - C_{10} cycloalkyl, C_3 - C_{10} heterocyclyl, C_6 - C_{12} aryl and C_2 - C_{12} heteroaryl, or a divalent substituent such as $-O-(CH_2)-O-$, $-O-(CH_2)_2-O-$, wherein each R^{100} , R^{101} , and R^{102} independently is hydrogen or C_1 - C_8 alkyl; C_3 - C_{12} cycloalkyl; C_3 - C_{10} heterocyclyl; C_6 - C_{12} aryl; or C_2 - C_{12} heteroaryl; or R^{101} and R^{102} together with the nitrogen atom they are attached to form a 5-7 membered heterocycle; wherein each alkyl, cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, aryl, or heteroaryl is optionally substituted with 1-3 halo, 1-3 C_1 - C_6 alkyl, 1-3 C_1 - C_6 haloalkyl or 1-3 C_1 - C_6 alkoxy groups.

[0066] In another embodiment, A is optionally substituted 5-15 membered heteroaryl. In another embodiment, A is optionally substituted pyridyl. In another embodiment, A is optionally substituted benzothiazolyl.

[0067] In another embodiment, A is $-N=CR^1R^2$ where R^1 and R^2 are defined as herein.

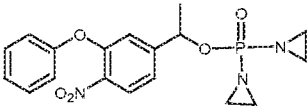
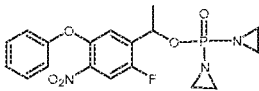
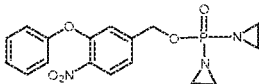
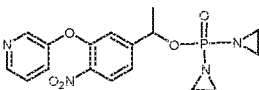
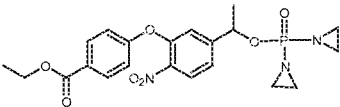
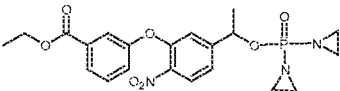
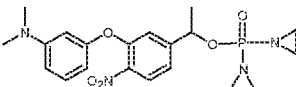
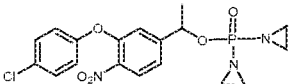
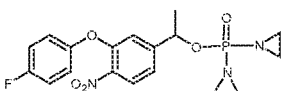
[0068] In some embodiments, R is hydrogen. In some embodiments, R is C_1 - C_6 alkyl. In some embodiments, R is methyl.

[0069] In certain embodiments, suitable substituents for A is disclosed as part of the specific compounds tabulated herein below.

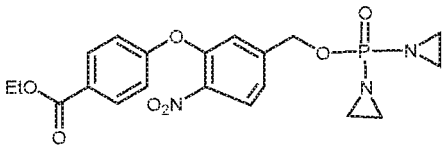
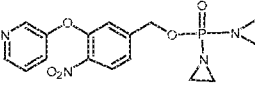
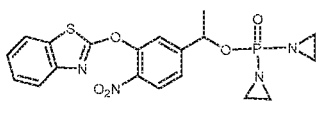
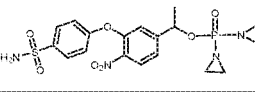
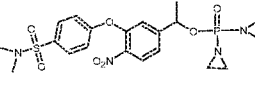
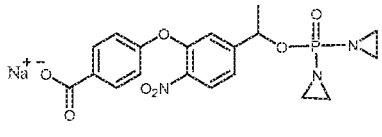
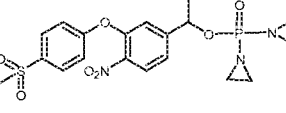
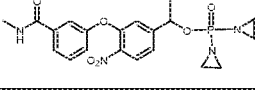
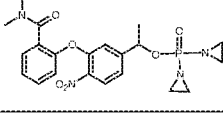
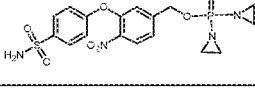
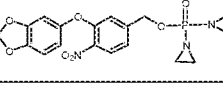
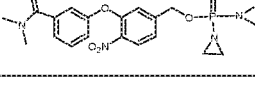
[0070] In one embodiment, T is $OP(Z)(NHCH_2CH_2Cl)_2$, $OP(Z)(NHCH_2CH_2Br)_2$, $OP(Z)(NH_2)(N(CH_2CH_2X)_2)$, $OP(Z)(N(CH_2)_2)_2$, $OP(Z)(N(CH_2CH_2Cl)_2)_2$; Z = O or S; and X = Cl, Br, and OMs ($-OSO_2Me$).

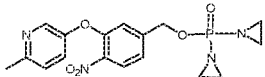
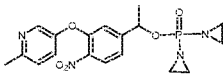
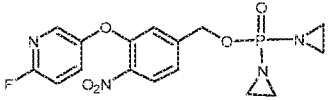
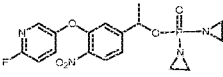
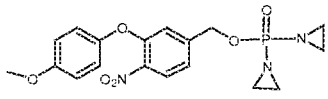
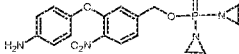
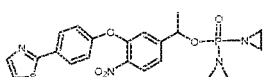
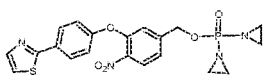
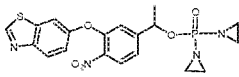
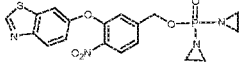
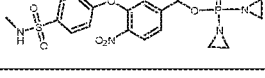
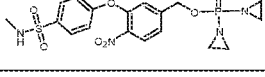
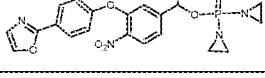
[0071] In another embodiment, T is $OP(O)(NHCH_2CH_2Cl)_2$. In another embodiment, T is $OP(O)(NHCH_2CH_2Br)_2$. In another embodiment, T is $OP(O)(NH_2)(N(CH_2CH_2Cl)_2)$,

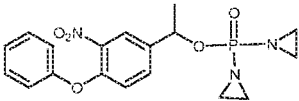
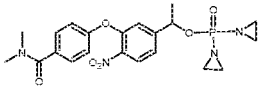
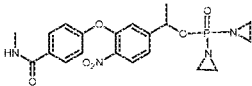
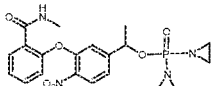
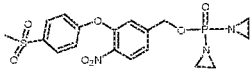
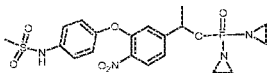
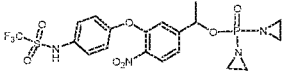
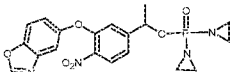
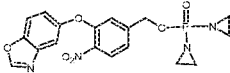
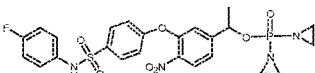
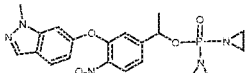
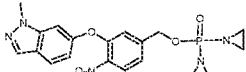
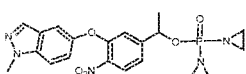
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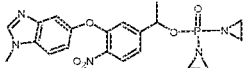
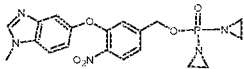
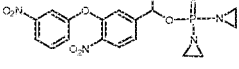
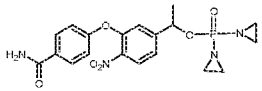
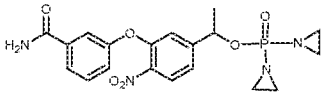
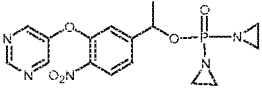
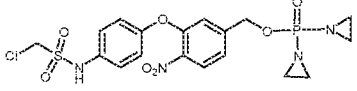
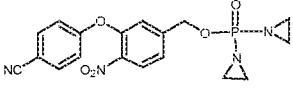
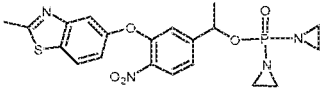
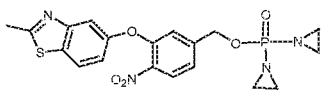
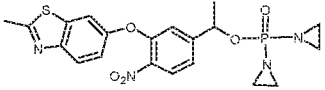
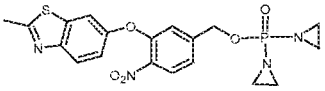
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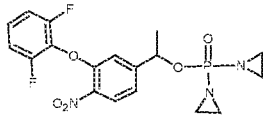
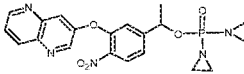
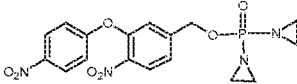
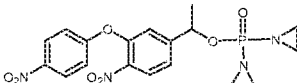
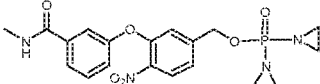
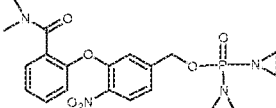
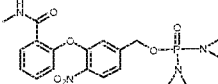
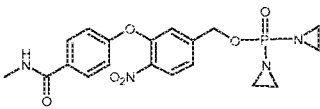
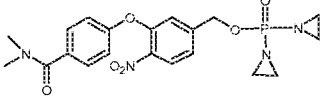
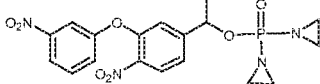
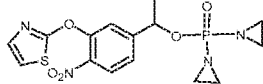
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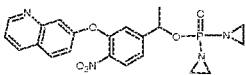
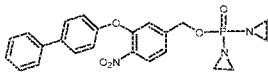
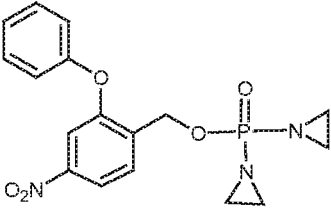
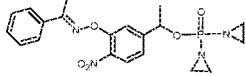
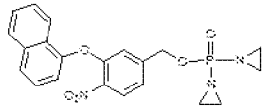
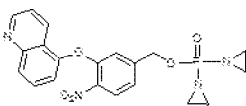
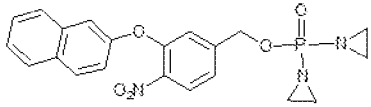
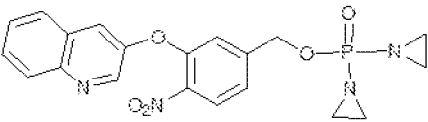
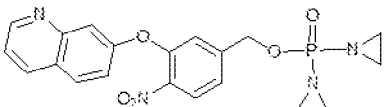
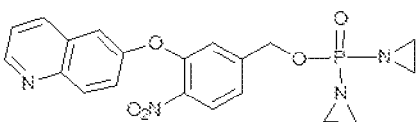
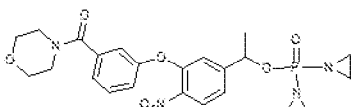
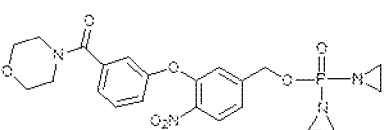
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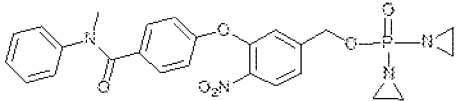
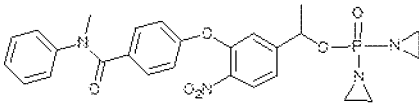
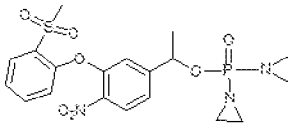
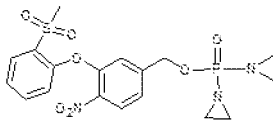
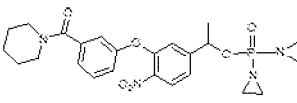
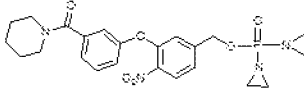
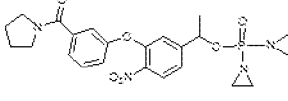
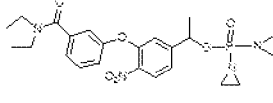
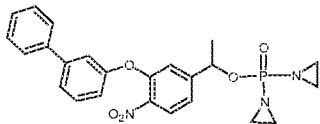
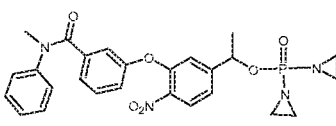
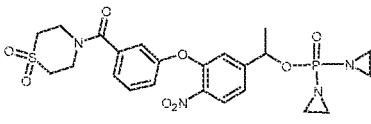
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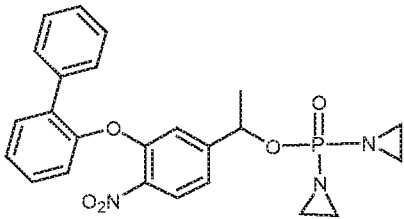
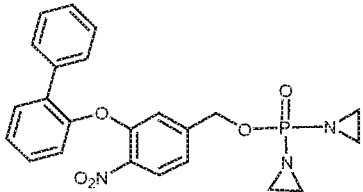
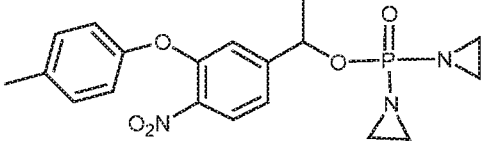
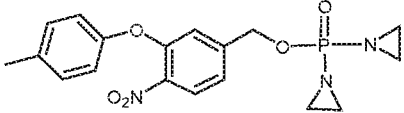
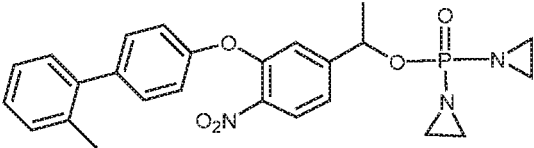
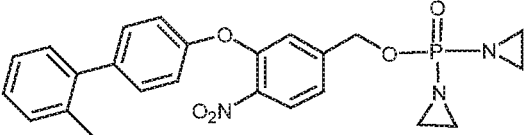
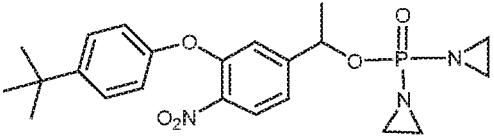
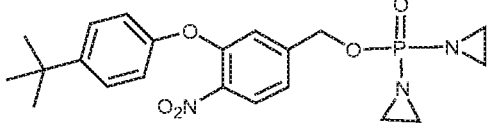
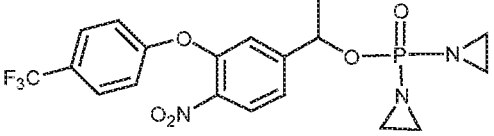
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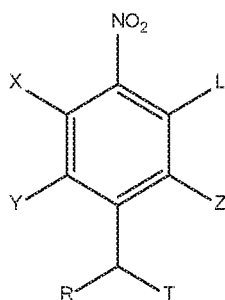
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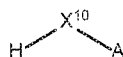
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[0073] In another aspect, provided herein is a process of preparing a compound of formula I comprising contacting a compound of formula II:



II

wherein L is a leaving group, with a compound of formula III:



III

and optionally a base to provide a compound of formula I, wherein the remaining variables are defined in any aspect or embodiment, as above.

[0074] In one embodiment, L is halo. In another embodiment, L is F. In another embodiment, X¹⁰ is O. In another embodiment, Z is hydrogen. In another embodiment, X is hydrogen. In another embodiment, Y is hydrogen. In another embodiment, Y is halo. In one embodiment, the base is a strong, non-nucleophilic base, as is well known to the skilled artisan. In one embodiment, the base is a hydride base.

[0075] Certain methods for synthesizing compounds provided herein are provided herein. Other methods for synthesizing these and other compounds provided herein will be apparent to the skilled artisan based on the adaptation of, and the replacement of reagents and reactants in, synthetic methods well known to them. See, e.g., Hay *et al.*, *J. Med. Chem.* **2003**, *46*, 2456-2466 and Hu *et al.*, *Bioorganic & Medicinal Chemistry Letters* 21 (2011) 3986–3991. Starting materials useful for preparing the compounds provided herein are commercially available or can be prepared following routine methods. The reactions are commonly carried out in an inert solvent and heated if necessary. The skilled artisan will readily appreciate that certain reactions may require the use of a protecting group. Protecting groups are well known to the skilled artisan and described, e.g., in Greene's Protective Groups in Organic Synthesis. Peter G. M. Wuts and Theodora W. Greene, 4th Edition or a later edition, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 2007. The reaction products may be separated following routine methods such as crystallization, precipitation, distillation, and/or chromatography. The purity of a compound or an intermediate can be ascertained using well known methods such as ¹H NMR, HPLC, TLC, and the likes.

EXAMPLES

Example 1-A. Preparation of Compound TH 2768.

a. Synthesis of Compound 3

[0076] Compound 1 (3 g, 16.2 mmol) was refluxed in SOCl_2 (10 mL) with DMF (3 drops) for 3 h and then SOCl_2 was removed under vacuum. The residue was diluted with toluene (5mL) and was used in the following step without further purification.

[0077] A mixture of MgCl_2 (930 mg, 9.8 mmol), TEA (4.7 mL, 33.4 mmol) and dimethyl malonate (1.9 mL, 16.6 mmol) was stirred at RT for 1.5 h before the above mentioned toluene solution of Compound 2 was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at RT for another 1.5 h before conc. HCl (4 mL) was added and stirred for 5 minutes. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc (30 mL x 3), dried (Na_2SO_4), filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure.

[0078] To the residue was added 6N HCl (30 mL) and the mixture was refluxed overnight.

[0079] The mixture was extracted with EtOAc (30 mL x 3), dried (Na_2SO_4), filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified via FCC (silica gel, EtOAc/Hexane) to afford Compound 3 as a light yellow solid (1.9 g, 63% yield).

[0080] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ : 8.16 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.86 (t, $d = 9.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.68 (s, 3H).

b. Synthesis of Compound 4

[0081] To a mixture of Compound 3 (1.9 g, 10.4 mmol) in MeOH (20 mL) at -10 C was added NaBH_4 (418 mg, 11 mmol) in portions. The mixture was stirred between -10 C to 0 C for 20 minutes, diluted with EtOAc (300 mL), washed with sat. NH_4Cl aqueous solution, brine, dried (Na_2SO_4). Filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified via FCC (silica gel, EtOAc/Hexane) to afford Compound 4 as a light yellow oil (1.44g, 75% yield).

[0082] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ : 8.06 (t, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, $J = 11.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, $J = 11.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.01-4.99 (m, 1H), 1.52 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H).

c. Synthesis of Compound 5

[0083] To a mixture of Compound 4 (1.44g, 7.78 mmol), Br-IPM (2.88g, 9.34 mmol), PPh₃ (3.06g, 11.67 mmol) in THF (60 mL) at 0 C was added DIAD (2.34 g, 11.67 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 0 C for 1.5 h, concentrated under reduced pressure and purified via FCC (silica gel, EtOAc/Hexane) to afford Compound 5 as a light yellow oil (1.0 g, 27% yield).

[0084] ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ: 8.09 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.31 (dd, J = 2.4, 13.6 Hz, 2H), 5.52-5.60 (m, 1H), 3.54-3.19 (m, 8H), 1.63 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H).

d. Synthesis of Compound 6

[0085] A mixture of Compound 5 (1g, 2.1 mmol) and Ag₂O (3 g) in THF (50 mL) was stirred at 65 C for 3h. Filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified via FCC (silica gel, Acetone/Hexane) to afford Compound 6 as a yellow solid (0.6g, 90% yield).

[0086] ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ: 8.08 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, J = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 7.31(d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.70-5.67 (m, 1H), 2.25-2.08 (m, 8H), 1.64 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H).

e. Synthesis of TH 2768

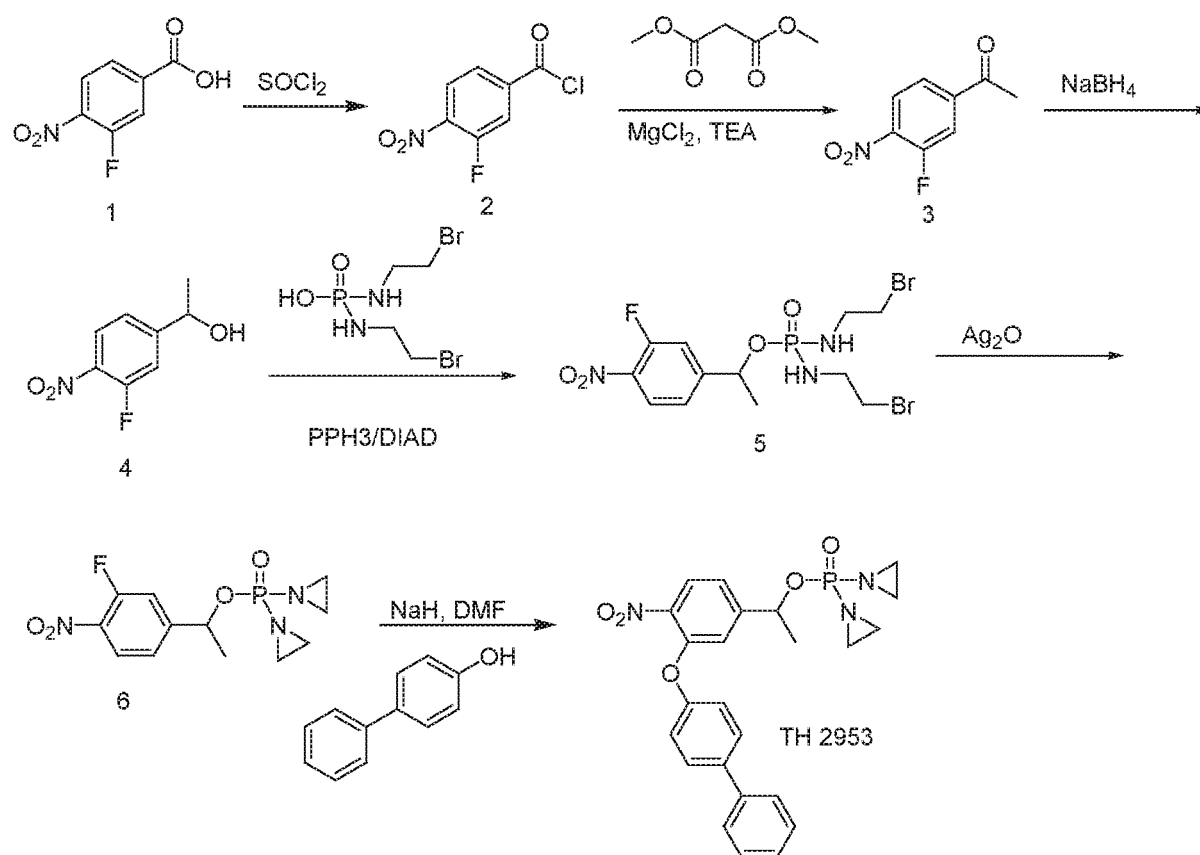
[0087] To a mixture of phenol (1.8 g, 19.05 mmol) in DMF (80 mL) at 0 C was added NaH (60%, 0.76 g, 19.05) in portions. The mixture was stirred at 0 C for 0.5 h before Compound 6 (3 g, 9.53 mmol) was added and then stirred at 0 C for 2 h. The mixture was diluted with EtOAc (1 L), washed with brine (100 mL x 4) , dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, concentrated under reduced pressure and purified via FCC (silica gel, Acetone/Hexane) to afford TH 2768 as a light brown oil (2.3 g, 62% yield).

Purification of TH 2768

[0088] TH 2768 as mentioned above was purified via semi-prep HPLC (c18 column, acetonitrile/ water). The combined collections were concentrated under reduced pressure to afford a light yellow oil (0.9 g, 81.8% yield) as the final product. Acetonitrile was added in the process as an azeotrope agent to remove water.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ: 7.96 (d, J = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, J = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (t, J = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 7.07-7.03 (m, 3H), 5.61-5.48 (m, 1H), 2.22-2.18 (m, 8H), 1.58 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 3H).

Example 1-B. Preparation of TH 2953.



Compounds 3-6 were synthesized as described above.

a. Synthesis of TH 2953

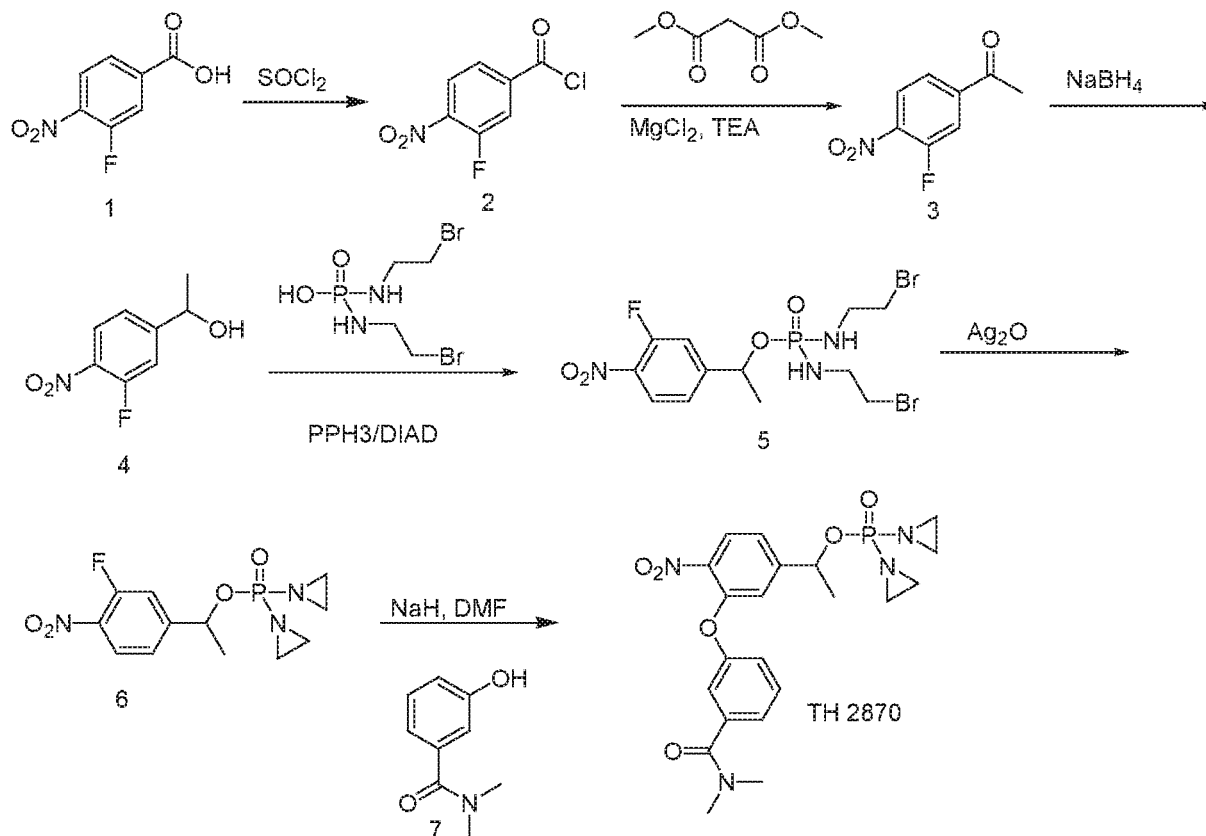
[0089] To a mixture of 4-phenylphenol (2.16 g, 12.7 mmol) in DMF (60 mL) at 0 °C was added NaH (60%, 0.508 g, 12.7 mmol) in portions. The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 0.5 h before Compound 6 (2 g, 6.35 mmol) was added and then stirred at 0 °C for 2.5 h. The mixture was diluted with EtOAc (500 mL), washed with brine (50 mL x 3), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, concentrated under reduced pressure and purified via FCC (silica gel, Acetone/Hexane) to afford TH 2953 as a yellow oil.

Purification of TH 2953

[0090] TH 2953 as mentioned above was purified via semi-prep HPLC (C18 column, acetonitrile/ water). The combined collections were concentrated under reduced pressure to afford a light yellow oil (1.83 g, 62% yield) as the final product. Acetonitrile was added to the evaporations as an azeotrope agent to remove water.

[0091] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ : 7.99 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.62-7.57 (m, 4H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.13-7.11 (m, 3H), 5.61-5.58 (m, 1H), 2.22-1.81 (m, 8H), 1.58 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H) ppm.

Example 1-C. Preparation of Compound TH 2870.



Compounds 2-6 were synthesized as described below.

a. Synthesis of Compound 3

[0092] Compound **1** (3 g, 16.2 mmol) was refluxed in SOCl_2 (10 mL) with DMF (3 drops) for 3 h and then SOCl_2 was removed under vacuum. The residue was diluted with toluene (5 mL) and was used in the following step without further purification.

[0093] A mixture of MgCl_2 (930 mg, 9.8 mmol), TEA (4.7 mL, 33.4 mmol) and dimethyl malonate (1.9 mL, 16.6 mmol) was stirred at RT for 1.5 h followed by addition of the above mentioned toluene solution of Compound **2**. The resulting mixture was stirred at RT for another 1.5 h then conc. HCl (4 mL) was added and stirred for 5 minutes. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc (30 mL x 3), dried (Na_2SO_4), filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. To the residue was added 6N HCl (30 mL) and the mixture was refluxed overnight. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc (30 mL x 3), dried (Na_2SO_4), filtered and

concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified via FCC (silica gel, EtOAc/Hexane) to afford Compound **3** as a light yellow solid (1.9 g, 63% yield).

[0094] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ : 8.16 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.86 (t, $d = 9.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.68 (s, 3H) ppm.

b. Synthesis of Compound 4

[0095] To a mixture of Compound **3** (1.9 g, 10.4 mmol) in MeOH (20 mL) at -10°C was added NaBH_4 (418 mg, 11 mmol) in portions. The mixture was stirred between -10°C to 0°C for 20 minutes, diluted with EtOAc (300 mL), washed with sat. NH_4Cl aqueous solution, brine, dried (Na_2SO_4). Filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified via FCC (silica gel, EtOAc/Hexane) to afford Compound **4** as a light yellow oil (1.44g, 75% yield).

[0096] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ : 8.06 (t, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, $J = 11.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, $J = 11.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.01-4.99 (m, 1H), 1.52 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H) ppm.

c. Synthesis of Compound 5

[0097] To a mixture of Compound **4** (1.44g, 7.78 mmol), Br-IPM (2.88g, 9.34 mmol), PPh_3 (3.06g, 11.67 mmol) in THF (60 mL) at 0°C was added DIAD (2.34 g, 11.67 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 0°C for 1.5 h, concentrated under reduced pressure and purified via FCC (silica gel, EtOAc/Hexane) to afford Compound **5** as a light yellow oil (1.0 g, 27% yield).

[0098] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ : 8.09 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.31 (dd, $J = 2.4, 13.6$ Hz, 2H), 5.52-5.60 (m, 1H), 3.54-3.19 (m, 8H), 1.63 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H) ppm.

d. Synthesis of Compound 6

[0099] A mixture of Compound **5** (1g, 2.1 mmol) and Ag_2O (3 g) in THF (50 mL) was stirred at 65°C for 3h. Filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified via FCC (silica gel, Acetone/Hexane) to afford Compound **6** as a yellow solid (0.6g, 90% yield).

[0100] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ : 8.08 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, $J = 11.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.70-5.67 (m, 1H), 2.25-2.08 (m, 8H), 1.64 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H) ppm.

e. Preparation of Compound 7

Preparation of Compound 7-2

[0101] Ac₂O (562 mL, 1.5 eq) was added drop wise to a solution of compound 7-1(150 g, 1.08 mol) in Pyridine (700 mL) at 0°C, stirred at r.t. for 6 hrs. Evaporated, poured into ice water, filtered, the filter cake was dried to give compound 7-2 as a white solid (150 g, 74% yield).

[0102] ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.00~7.98 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.03(s, 1H), 7.83(s, 1H), 7.51~7.47 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36~7.34 (dd, J = 8.0 Hz 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H).

Preparation of Compound 7-3

[0103] To a solution of compound 7-2(150 g, 833 mmol) in DCM (1500 mL), DMF(15 mL) was added, cooled to 0 °C followed by the addition of oxalyl chloride(225 mL, 2.50 mol), stirred at r.t. for 4hrs. Evaporated, the residue was dissolved in DCM (1000 mL)cooled to 0 °C followed by the addition of 2M solution of dimethylamine in THF (900 mL, 1.8 mol), stirred at r.t. for 20hrs. Quenched with H₂O (1500 mL), extracted with DCM (2000 mL x 3), evaporated to give crude compound 7-3 as a pale yellow liquid (137 g, 80% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 7.43~7.39 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29~7.28(d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.17~7.13 (m, 2H), 3.00(s, 6H), 2.32(s, 3H).

Preparation of Compound 7

[0104] To a solution of compound 7-3 (137 g, 661 mmol) in MeOH (1000 mL), K₂CO₃ (276 g, 2 mol) was added, stirred at r.t. for 5 hrs. Filtered, the filtrate was evaporated. The residue was dissolved in H₂O (1000 mL), acidified by 4N HCl to PH6.0, filtered, the filter cake was dried to give compound 7 as a white solid (60 g, 55% yield).

[0105] ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.25 (s, 1H), 7.19~7.15(d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.96~6.95 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.84~6.81 (s, 2H), 3.11(s, 3H), 2.96(s,3H).

f. Synthesis of TH 2870

[0106] To a mixture of compound 7 in DMF (60 mL) at 0 °C was added NaH (60%, 0.508 g, 12.7mmol) in portions. The mixture was stirred at 0 C for 0.5 h before Compound 6 (2 g, 6.35 mmol) was added and then stirred at 0 C for 2.5 h. The mixture was diluted with EtOAc (500 mL), washed with brine (50 mL x 3) , dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, concentrated under

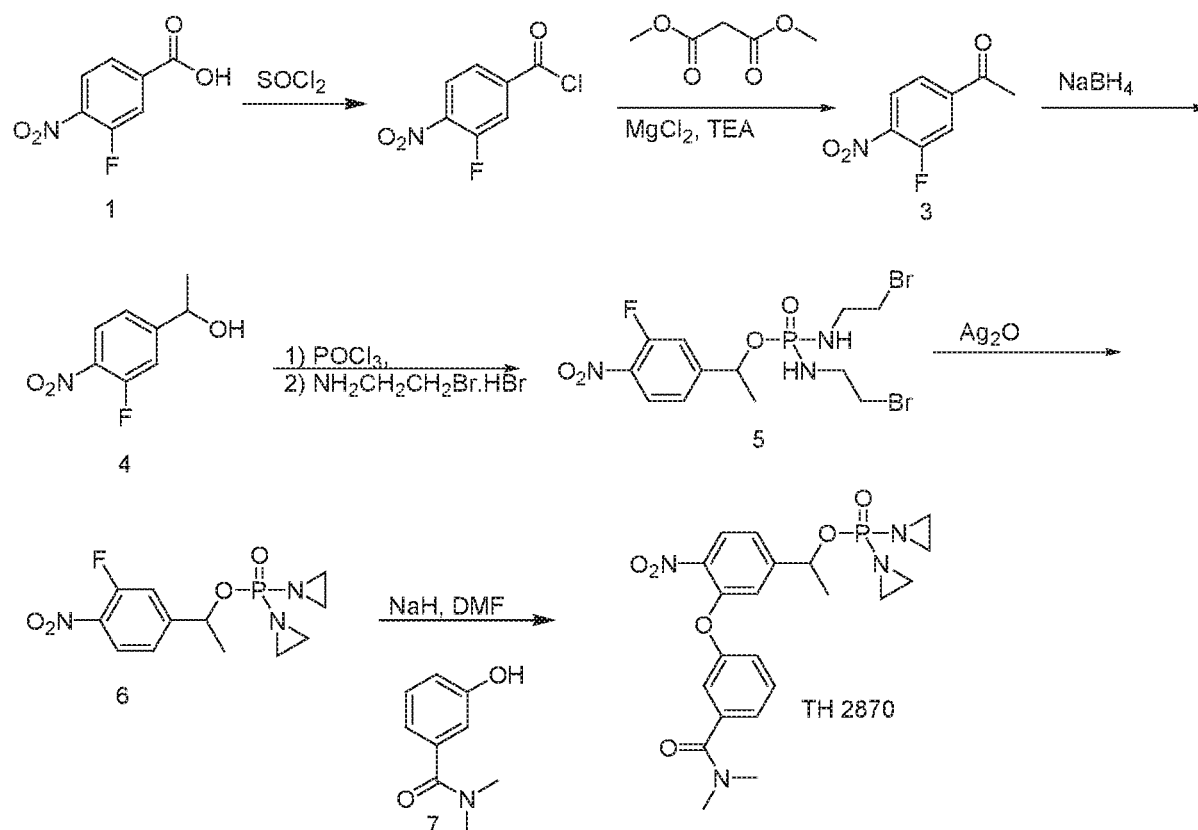
reduced pressure and purified via FCC (silica gel, Acetone/Hexane) to afford TH 2870 as a yellow oil.

Final purification of TH 2870

[0107] TH 2870 as mentioned above was purified via semi-prep HPLC (C18 column, acetonitrile/ water). The combined collections were concentrated under reduced pressure to afford a light yellow oil as the final product. Acetonitrile was added to the evaporations as an azeotrope agent to remove water.

[0108] ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ ppm 7.98~7.96(d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.43~7.39(m, 1H), 7.27~7.21(m, 2H), 7.10~7.06(m, 3H), 5.62~5.55(m, 1H), 3.09(s, 3H), 2.97(s, 3H), 2.19~2.00(m, 8H), 1.58~1.57(d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H). MS: m/z 460.8[M+1] $^+$. PLC: 254 nm: 94.8%.

Example 1-D. Alternative Preparation of Compound TH 2870.



a. Preparation of Compound 3

[0109] Compound 1 (200 g, 1.08mol) was refluxed in SOCl_2 (700 mL) with DMF (10ml) for 3 hrs and then SOCl_2 was removed under vacuum. The residue was diluted with toluene (400mL) and was used in the following step without further purification.

[0110] A mixture of MgCl_2 (103g, 1.08 mol), TEA (500 mL, 3.60mol) and dimethyl malonate (145g, 1.1mol) was stirred at RT for 1.5 hrs before the above mentioned toluene solution of compound 2 was added drop wise. The resulting mixture was stirred at RT for another 1.5 hrs. Washed with H_2O (2L), extracted with EtOAc (2L x 5), evaporated, 4N HCl was added until PH6.0 and stirred for 5 minutes. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc (2L x 5), evaporated.

[0111] To the residue was added 6N HCl (1500 mL) and the mixture was refluxed overnight.

[0112] The mixture was extracted with EtOAc (2L x 5), concentrated, purified by silica gel column (petroleum ether: EtOAc=20:1) to give compound 3 as a yellow solid (80g, 41% yield).

b. Preparation of Compound 4

[0113] To a mixture of compound 3 (150 g, 824mmol) in MeOH (2 L) at -10°C was added NaBH_4 (31.2 g, 824 mmol) in portions. The mixture was stirred between -10°C to 0°C for 20 minutes, diluted with EtOAc (5 L), washed with sat. NH_4Cl aqueous solution, brine, dried over Na_2SO_4 , concentrated. The residue was purified by silica gel column (petroleum ether: EtOAc=5:1) to give compound 4 as a yellow oil (90 g, 60% yield).

c. Preparation of Compound 5

[0114] To a solution of POCl_3 (2ml, 21.6mmol) in DCM (20ml) was added compound 4 (2 g, 10.8 mmol), then TEA (3.6ml, 27mmol) in DCM (10 ml) was added at -40°C under N_2 , stirred at -40°C for 5 hrs. Then 2-Bromoethylamine (17.6 g, 86.8 mmol) was added, TEA (12ml, 86.8mmol) in DCM (40 ml) was added slowly into above solution at -40°C , stirred for 0.5h. K_2CO_3 (10%, 10.4 g, 100 ml) was added, stirred at r.t. for 5 mins. Extracted with DCM (300ml x 3), evaporated, purified by silica gel column (EtOAc) to give compound 5 as a yellow oil (2.3 g, 43% yield).

d. Preparation of Compound 6

[0115] A mixture of compound 5 (4g, 8.42mmol) and Ag_2O (5.85g, 25.26 mmol) in THF (40ml) was stirred at 65°C for 3hrs, filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified by silica gel column (EtOAc) to give compound 6 as a yellow oil (2.3g, 87% yield).

e. Preparation of Compound TH 2870

[0116] To a solution of Compound 7 (1.81g, 10.95 mmol) in DMF(10ml), NaH (60%, 438mg, 1095 mmol) was added at 0 °C, stirred for 10 mins, then compound 6 (2.3, 7.3 mmol) in DMF(10ml) was added, stirred at 0°C for 30 mins.

[0117] Quenched with H₂O, extracted with EtOAc (100ml x 5), washed with H₂O (150ml), brine, evaporated, purified by silica gel column (DCM:MeOH=40:1) to give compound TH 2870 as a yellow oil (2.3g, 69% yield).

Example 1-E. Preparation of TH 2846, TH 2850, TH 2852, TH 2854, TH 2860- TH 2866, TH 2871- TH 2878, TH 2880 , TH 2881, TH 2883, TH 2887-TH 2893, TH 2895, TH 2896, TH 2898- TH 2900, TH 2902, TH 2903, TH 2904, TH 2906, TH 2908, TH 2909, TH 2911- TH 2923, TH 2925-TH 2935, TH 2937- TH 2942, TH 2944, TH 2949, TH 2952- TH 2958, TH 2960, TH 2961, TH 2966- TH 2971, TH 2974, TH 2978, TH 2980, TH 2981, TH 2984, TH 2985, TH 2991- TH 2993, TH 3028- TH 3037, TH 3041, TH 3042 and TH 3050.

[0118] Compounds TH 2846, TH 2850, TH 2852, TH 2854, TH 2860- TH 2866, TH 2871- TH 2878, TH 2880 , TH 2881, TH 2883, TH 2887-TH 2893, TH 2895, TH 2896, TH 2898- TH 2900, TH 2902, TH 2903, TH 2904, TH 2906, TH 2908, TH 2909, TH 2911- TH 2923, TH 2925-TH 2935, TH 2937- TH 2942, TH 2944, TH 2949, TH 2952- TH 2958, TH 2960, TH 2961, TH 2966- TH 2971, TH 2974, TH 2978, TH 2980, TH 2981, TH 2984, TH 2985, TH 2991- TH 2993, TH 3028- TH 3037, TH 3041, TH 3042 and TH 3050 were synthesized using similar synthetic procedures as described above.

TH 2846

[0119] Starting with phenol (140mg). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.57 (d, 3H), 1.92-2.20 (M, 8H), 5.85 (m, 1H), 7.0 (d, 2H), 7.15-7.26(dd, 2H), 7.38 (t, 2H), 7.70 (d, 1H). 31.2.

TH 2850

[0120] ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.95 (d, 1H), 7.39 (t, 2H), 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.05 (d, 2H), 7.99 (s, 1H), 5.10 (d, 2H), 2.18-2.12 (m, 8H).

TH 2852

[0121] ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 8.40 (bs, 1H), 8.0 (bs, 1H), 7.35 (bs, 4H), 7.20 (s, 1H), 5.12 (bs, 1H), 2.18-2.12 (bs, 8H), 1.6 (bd, 3H).

[0122] ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ: 8.00 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (s, 1H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.06 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.62-5.60 (m, 1H), 4.37 (q, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.18-2.00 (m, 8H), 1.39 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H).

TH 2855

[0123] ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ: 7.96 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.05 (m, 3H), 6.60-6.32 (m, 3H), 5.64-5.59 (m, 1H), 2.96 (s, 6H), 2.20-2.00 (m, 8H), 1.58 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H).

TH 2860

[0124] Starting with 4-Chloro-phenol (60mg). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.58 (d, 3H), 1.97-2.25 (m, 8H), 5.59 (m, 1H), 6.95 (d, 2H), 7.05 (d, 1H), 7.24 (dd, 1H), 7.35 (d, 2H), 7.96 (d, 1H). ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 31.3.

TH 2861

[0125] Starting with 4-Fluorophenol (50mg). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.55 (d, 3H), 1.92-2.15 (m, 8H), 5.54 (m, 1H), 6.95-7.16 (m, 5H), 7.20 (dd, 1H), 7.94 (d, 1H). ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 31.3.

TH 2862

[0126] Starting with 2-Chloro-phenol (60mg). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.55 (d, 3H), 1.95-2.20 (m, 8H), 5.56 (m, 1H), 6.81 (d, 1H), 7.10 (d, 1H), 7.13-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.50 (dd, 1H), 8.0 (d, 1H). ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 31.3.

TH 2863

[0127] Starting with 2,4-difluoro-phenol (60mg). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.54 (d, 3H), 1.91-2.20 (m, 8H), 5.56 (m, 1H), 6.85-7.05 (m, 3H), 7.10-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.98 (d, 1H). ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 31.4.

TH 2864

[0128] Starting with 2,4-dichloro-phenol (73mg). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.55 (d, 3H), 1.95-2.25 (m, 8H), 5.57 (m, 1H), 6.86 (d, 1H), 7.0 (d, 1H), 7.20-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.48 (dd, 1H), 7.99 (d, 1H). ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 31.4.

[0129] Starting with 2-Fluorophenol (50 mg). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.54 (d, 3H), 1.95-2.25 (m, 8H), 5.57 (m, 1H), 6.89 (d, 1H), 7.10-7.30 (m, 5H), 7.99 (d, 1H). ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 31.3.

TH 2866

[0130] Starting 1,3-benzodioxol-5-ol (62mg). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.55 (d, 3H), 1.95-2.25 (m, 8H), 5.56 (m, 1H), 6.0 (s, 2H), 6.50 (dd, 1H), 6.59 (d, 1H), 6.78 (d, 1H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 7.13 (d, 1H), 7.96 (d, 1H). ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 31.3.

TH 2871

[0131] Starting with 3-(trifluoromethyl)phenol (73mg). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.58 (d, 3H), 1.95-2.25 (m, 8H), 5.59 (m, 1H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 7.15-7.50 (m, 5H), 7.99 (d, 1H). ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 31.5.

TH 2872

[0132] Starting with 4-Cyanophenol (54mg) ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.58 (d, 3H), 1.97-2.25 (m, 8H), 5.65 (m, 1H), 7.0 (d, 2H), 7.21 (d, 1H), 7.38 (dd, 1H), 7.65 (d, 2H), 8.05 (d, 1H). ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 31.5.

TH 2873

[0133] Starting material with 4-Methoxyphenol(56mg). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.54 (d, 3H), 1.95-2.19 (m, 8H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 5.53 (m, 1H), 6.90-6.97(m, 3H), 7.0 (d, 2H), 7.13 (dd, 1H), 7.93 (d, 1H). ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 31.2.

TH 2874

[0134] ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 8.13-8.11 (dd, 1H), 7.61 (t, 1H), 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.30 (t, 1H), 6.62-6.59 (dd, 1H), 6.33 (t, 1H), 5.72 (m, 1H), 2.18-2.12 (m, 8H), 1.60 (m, 3H).

TH 2875

[0135] ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 8.08 (d, 1H), 7.65 (d, 1H), 7.49 (s, 1H), 7.3 (m, 2H), 6.63 (d, 1H), 6.30 (t, 1H), 5.12 (d, 2H), 2.18-2.12 (m, 8H).

TH 2876

[0136] ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 8.08 (d, 2H), 7.40-7.00 (m, 5H), 5.12 (d, 2H), 4.40 (q, 2H), 2.18-2.12 (m, 8H), 1.60 (t, 3H).

[0137] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.43-8.38 (m, 2H), 7.98 (d, 2H), 7.35 (d, 1H), 7.33-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 5.12 (d, 1H), 2.18-2.12 (m, 8H).

TH 2878

[0138] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 8.25 (d, 1H), 7.7 (d, 1H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.52 – 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.3 – 7.1 (m, 2H), 6.7 – 6.6 (m, 1H), 5.8 – 5.7 (m, 1H), 2.25 – 2 (m, 8H), 1.67 (d, 3H).

TH 2880

[0139] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 8.05 -7.8 (m, 3H), 7.4 – 7.3 (m, 2H), 7.1 – 6.9 (m, 2H), 5.75 (s, 2H), 5.7 – 5.5 (m, 1H), 2.2- 1.9 (m, 8H), 1.56 (d, 3H).

TH 2881

[0140] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 8.05 -7.7 (m, 3H), 7.4 – 7.3 (m, 1H), 7.2 (s, 1H), 7.2 – 7.0 (m, 2H), 5.7 – 5.5 (m, 1H), 2.72 (s, 6H), 2.2- 1.9 (m, 8H), 1.61 (d, 3H).

TH 2883

[0141] Starting with 4-(methylsulfonyl)phenol (78mg). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 1.62 (d, 3H), 2.01-2.22 (m, 8H), 3.07 (s, 3H), 5.67 (m, 1H), 7.09(d, 2H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 7.38 (d, 1H), 7.92 (d, 2H), 8.05 (d, 1H). ^{31}P NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 31.5.

TH 2884

[0142] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ : 8.00-7.93 (m, 1H), 7.62-7.60 (m, 1H), 7.48-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.11 (m, 2H), 5.52-5.48 (m, 1H), 2.94-2.83 (m, 3H), 2.14-1.95 (m, 8H), 1.55 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H).

TH 2885

[0143] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ : 7.94-7.91 (m, 1H), 7.41 -7.36 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.18 (m, 2H), 7.01-6.94 (m, 2H), 5.56-5.53 (m, 1H), 3.06-2.88 (m, 6H), 2.15-1.96(m, 8H), 1.54-1.52 (m, 3H).

TH 2887

[0144] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.08 (d, 1H), 7.92 (d, 2H), 7.35 (d, 1H), 7.20 (s, 1H), 7.07 (d, 2H), 5.12 (d, 1H), 2.18-2.12 (m, 8H).

[0145] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.94 (d, 1H), 7.15 (d, 1H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 6.74 (d, 1H), 6.61 (d, 1H), 6.54 (dd, 1H), 6.02 (s, 2H), 5.12 (d, 1H), 2.18-2.12 (m, 8H).

TH 2889

[0146] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.98 (d, 1H), 7.42 (t, 1H), 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.07 (m, 3H), 5.13 (d, 2H), 3.09 (s, 3H), 2.98 (s, 3H), 2.18-2.12 (m, 8H).

TH 2890

[0147] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.31 (d, 1H), 8.00 (d, 1H), 7.35-7.23 (m, 3H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 5.14 (d, 2H), 2.58(s, 3H), 2.20-2.10 (m, 8H).

TH 2891

[0148] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.27 (d, 1H), 7.97 (d, 1H), 7.35-7.23 (m, 3H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 5.80 (m, 1H), 2.56(s, 3H), 2.20-2.10 (m, 8H), 1.55 (d, 3H).

TH 2892

[0149] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.97 (d, 1H), 7.94 (bs, 1H), 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.26 (d, 1H), 7.03 (s, 1H), 6.97-6.94 (dd, 1H), 5.14 (d, 2H), 2.20-2.10 (m, 8H).

TH 2893

[0150] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.97 (d, 1H), 7.94 (bs, 1H), 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.29 (d, 1H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 6.97-6.94 9dd, 1H), 5.60 (m, 1H), 2.20-2.10 (m, 8H), 1.66-1.58 (d, 3H).

TH 2895

[0151] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 1.95-2.18 (m, 8H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 5.09 (d, 2H), 6.84 (d, 2H), 6.89-6.96(m, 3H), 7.13 (d, 1H), 7.94 (d, 1H). ^{31}P NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 32.2.

TH 2896

[0152] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 2.05-2.22 (m, 8H), 5.08 (d, 2H), 6.71 (d, 2H), 6.88-6.93(m, 3H), 7.10 (d, 1H), 7.93 (d, 1H). ^{31}P NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 32.2.

TH 2898

[0153] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 8.05 -7.98 (m, 3H), 7.87 (d, 1H), 7.34 (d, 1H), 7.28 (d, 1H), 7.15 (s, 1H), 7.1 (d, 2H), 5.7 - 5.5 (m, 1H), 2.2- 1.98 (m, 8H), 1.61 (d, 3H).

[0154] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 8.1 -7.9 (m, 3H), 7.85 (d, 1H), 7.33 (dd, 1H), 7.28 (dd, 1H), 7.15 -7.05 (m, 3H), 5.16 (d, 2H), 2.2- 2.08 (m, 8H).

TH 2900

[0155] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 8.98 (s, 1H), 8.15 (d, 1H), 8.01 (d, 1H), 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.3 – 7.2 (m, 2H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 5.65 - 5.55 (m, 1H), 2.2- 1.96 (m, 8H), 1.58 (d, 3H).

TH 2902

[0156] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 8.05 (d, 1H), 7.87 (d, 2H), 7.37 (d, 1H), 7.23 (s, 1H), 7.09 (d, 2H), 5.7 - 5.5 (m, 1H), 4.5 – 4.3 (m, 1H), 2.7 (d, 3H), 2.22- 2.02 (m, 8H), 1.63 (d, 3H).

TH 2903

[0157] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 8.05 (d, 1H), 7.87 (d, 2H), 7.36 (d, 1H), 7.21 (s, 1H), 7.09 (d, 2H), 5.21 (d, 2H), 4.5 – 4.4 (m, 1H), 2.7 (d, 3H), 2.25- 2.1 (m, 8H).

TH 2904

[0158] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 8.06 (d, 2H), 8.01 (d, 1H), 7.71 (s, 1H), 7.3 – 7.2 (m, 2H), 7.15 (s, 1H), 7.09 (d, 2H), 5.65 - 5.55 (m, 1H), 2.2- 1.96 (m, 8H), 1.59 (d, 3H).

TH 2906

[0159] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ : 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.53 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.21 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.18 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.25-2.17 (m, 8H).

TH 2908

[0160] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ : 8.00 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 7.05 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 5.60-5.58 (m, 1H), 3.12 (s, 3H), 3.04 (s, 3H), 2.19- 2.02 (m, 8H), 1.58 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H).

TH 2909

[0161] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ : 8.00 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.30-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 7.04 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.14 (br, 1H), 5.64-5.59 (m, 1H), 3.02 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 3H), 2.20-2.00 (m, 8H), 1.58 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H).

[0162] Starting with 4-(methylsulfonyl)phenol (120mg). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 2.10-2.28 (m, 8H), 3.08 (s, 3H), 5.23 (d, 2H), 7.11 (d, 2H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 7.39 (d, 2H), 7.93 (d, 2H), 8.07 (d, 1H). ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 32.3.

TH 2912

[0163] Starting with N-(4-Hydroxy-phenyl)-methanesulfonamide (115mg). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.58 (d, 3H), 2.0-2.22 (m, 8H), 3.0 (s, 3H), 5.58 (m, 1H), 6.97-7.11(m, 3H), 7.22-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.94 (d, 1H). ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 31.5.

TH 2913

[0164] Starting with N-(4-Hydroxy-phenyl)-trifluoromethanesulfonamide (145mg). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.57 (d, 3H), 2.01-2.22 (m, 8H), 2.97 (s, 3H), 5.58 (m, 1H), 6.98 (d, 2H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 7.23 (d, 1H), 7.29 (d, 2H), 7.97 (d, 1H). ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 31.5. ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃) δ: -76.0.

TH 2914

[0165] ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 8.15 (s, 1H), 8.0 (d, 1H), 7.62 (d, 1H), 7.43 (d, 1H), 7.23 (d, 1H), 7.18 (dd, 1H), 7.03(s, 1H), 5.62 - 5.52 (m, 1H), 2.2- 1.96 (m, 8H), 1.56 (d, 3H).

TH 2915

[0166] ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 8.16 (s, 1H), 8.01 (d, 1H), 7.63 (d, 1H), 7.46 (d, 1H), 7.23 (d, 1H), 7.26 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 5.14 (d, 1H), 2.2- 1.96 (m, 8H).

TH 2916

[0167] ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 8.04 (d, 1H), 7.68 (d, 2H), 7.36 (d, 1H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 7.08 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 7.02 – 6.94 (m, 4 H), 5.7 - 5.62 (m, 1H), 2.22- 2.02 (m, 8H), 1.61 (d, 3H).

TH 2917

[0168] ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 8.0 (d, 1H), 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.73 (d, 1H), 7.23 (d, 1H), 7.05 (d, 2H), 6.9 (d, 1H), 5.62 - 5.52 (m, 1H), 4.03 (3, 3H), 2.2- 1.94 (m, 8H), 1.56 (d, 3H).

TH 2918

[0169] ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 8.01 (d, 1H), 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.74 (d, 1H), 7.23 (d, 1H), 7.04 (s, 2H), 6.91 (dd, 1H), 5.62 - 5.13 (d, 2H), 4.03 (3, 3H), 2.2- 2.02 (m, 8H).

[0170] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 7.97 (d, 1H), 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.45 (d, 1H), 7.37 (d, 1H), 7.22 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 6.94 (s, 1H), 5.62 - 5.5 (m, 1H), 4.12 (3, 3H), 2.16- 1.92 (m, 8H), 1.53 (d, 3H).

TH 2920

[0171] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 7.98 (d, 1H), 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.47 (d, 1H), 7.42 (d, 1H), 7.22 – 7.1 (m, 2H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 5.6 - 5.4 (m, 1H), 3.9 (3, 3H), 2.16- 1.94 (m, 8H), 1.52 (d, 3H).

TH 2921

[0172] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 7.98 (d, 1H), 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.48 (s, 1H), 7.43 (d, 1H), 7.22 – 7.1 (m, 2H), 6.94 (s, 1H), 5.6 - 5.07 (d, 2H), 3.9 (3, 3H), 2.16- 2.05 (m, 8H), 1.52 (d, 3H).

TH 2922

[0173] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.08 (d, 1H), 8.04 (dd, 1H), 7.77 (t, 1H), 7.57 (t, 1H), 7.40 (dd, 2H), 7.21 (s, 1H), 5.22 (d, 2H), 2.23-2.12 (m, 8H).

TH 2923

[0174] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ : 8.01 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.31 (dd, $J = 1.2, 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 5.62-5.60 (m, 1H), 2.18-2.00 (m, 8H), 1.58 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H).

TH 2924

[0175] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ : 8.0 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.41 (s, 1H), 7.34-7.20 (m, 3H), 5.60- 5.50 (m, 1H), 2.20-2.10 (m, 4H), 2.04-1.96 (m, 4H), 1.59 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H).

TH 2925

[0176] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ : 9.05 (s, 1H), 8.50 (s, 2H), 8.07 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.23 (s, 1H), 5.64-5.60 (m, 1H), 2.22-2.05 (m, 8H), 1.60 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H).

TH 2926

[0177] Starting with N-(4-Hydroxy-phenyl)-chloromethanesulfonamide (133mg). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 2.08-2.21 (m, 8H), 4.48 (s, 2H), 5.16 (d, 2H), 7.03 (d, 2H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 7.24 (d, 1H), 7.34 (d, 2H), 7.98 (d, 1H). ^{31}P NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 32.1.

[0178] Starting with 4-Cyanophenol (144mg). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 2.12-2.28 (m, 8H), 5.23 (d, 2H), 7.05 (d, 2H), 7.23 (s, 1H), 7.39 (d, 1H), 7.67 (d, 2H), 8.07 (d, 1H). ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 32.3.

TH 2928

[0179] ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 8.01 (d, 1H), 7.82 (d, 1H), 7.55 (d, 1H), 7.25 (dd, 1H), 7.15 (dd, 1H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 5.6 - 5.4 (m, 1H), 2.85 (3, 3H), 2.18- 1.94 (m, 8H), 1.56 (d, 3H).

TH 2929

[0180] ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 8.01 (d, 1H), 7.83 (d, 1H), 7.57 (d, 1H), 7.24 (dd, 1H), 7.15 (dd, 1H), 7.06 (s, 1H), 5.6 - 5.12 (d, 2H), 2.85 (3, 3H), 2.2- 2.05 (m, 8H).

TH 2930

[0181] ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.99 (d, 1H), 7.95 (d, 1H), 7.5 (d, 1H), 7.23 (d, 1H), 7.18 (dd, 1H), 7.05 (s, 1H), 5.6 - 5.5 (m, 1H), 2.85 (3, 3H), 2.18- 1.94 (m, 8H), 1.57 (d, 3H).

TH 2931

[0182] ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.99 (d, 1H), 7.94 (d, 1H), 7.5 (d, 1H), 7.26 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 5.12 (d, 2H), 2.84 (3, 3H), 2.16 – 2.02 (m, 8H).

TH 2932

[0183] ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 8.02 (d, 1H), 7.28 -7.16 (m, 2H), 7.07 (t, 2H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 5.6 - 5.5 (m, 1H), 2.18- 1.96 (m, 8H), 1.55 (d, 3H).

TH 2933

[0184] ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 8.94 (d, 1H), 8.92 – 8.88 (m, 1H), 8.42 (d, 1H), 8.12 (d, 1H), 7.63 (d, 1H), 7.58 (dd, 1H), 7.43 (dd, 1H), 7.34 (d, 1H), 5.7 - 5.6 (m, 1H), 2.22 – 2.0 (m, 8H), 1.63 (d, 3H).

TH 2934

[0185] ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 8.25-8.23 (m, 2H), 8.08 (d, 2H), 7.43-7.40 (dm, 1H), 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.20-7.07 (dd, 2H), 5.24 (d, 2H), 2.21-2.15 (m, 8H).

TH 2935

[0186] ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.42-7.40 (dd, 2H), 7.42 (d, 2H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 7.20-7.07 (2, 2H), 5.66 (m, 1H), 2.18-2.12 (m, 8H), 1.6 (d, 3H).

[0187] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.98 (d, 1H), 7.61 (d, 1H), 7.43 (t, 1H), 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.21 (d, 2H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 6.95 (bs, 1H), 5.17 (d, 2H), 2.9 (2, 3H), 2.18-2.12 (m, 8H).

TH 2938

[0188] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.93 (d, 1H), 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.19 (d, 1H), 6.98 (d, 1H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 5.08 (d, 2H), 3.02 (s, 3H), 2.94 (s, 3H), 2.18-2.12 (m, 8H).

TH 2939

[0189] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.91 (m, 1H), 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.18 (m, 2H), 6.86 (d, 2H), 6.60 (bs, 1H), 5.18 (d, 2H), 3.47 (s, 3H), 2.18-2.12 (m, 8H).

TH 2940

[0190] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.02 (d, 1H), 7.79 (d, 2H), 7.29 (d, 1H), 7.12 (s, 1H), 7.04 (d, 2H), 6.25 (s, 1H), 5.20 (d, 2H), 3.02 (d, 3H), 2.18-2.12 (m, 8H).

TH 2941

[0191] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.02 (s, 1H), 8.00 (d, 1H), 7.47 (d, 2H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 7.47 (d, 2H), 5.15 (d, 2H), 3.11 (s, 3H), 3.03 (s, 3H), 2.18-2.12 (m, 8H).

TH 2942

[0192] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.08 (d, 1H), 8.03 (d, 1H), 7.75 (t, 1H), 7.38 (dt, 1H), 7.22 (dd, 2H), 7.21 (s, 1H), 5.68 (m, 1H), 2.23-2.12 (m, 8H), 1.54 (d, 3H).

TH 2944

[0193] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ : 8.11 (d, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.61 (dd, $J = 2.0, 11.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.38 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.76-5.71 (m, 1H), 2.27-2.07 (m, 8H), 1.66 (d, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 3H).

TH 2945

[0194] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ : 9.00 (s, 1H), 8.05 (d, $J = 11.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, $J = 11.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 (t, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 (dd, $J = 6.0, 11.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 7.06 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.0 (d, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.62-5.60 (m, 1H), 2.18-1.92 (m, 8H), 1.57 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 3H).

[0195] Starting with N-(4-Hydroxy-phenyl)-methanesulfonamide (150mg). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 2.11-2.20 (m, 8H), 3.02 (s, 3H), 5.16 (d, 2H), 7.02-7.07 (m, 3H), 7.23-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.99 (d, 1H). ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 32.1.

TH 2947

[0196] Starting with 3-Hydroxy-2-phenylacrylonitrile (88mg). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.66 (d, 3H), 2.03-2.26 (m, 8H), 5.65 (m, 1H), 7.29 (dd, 1H), 7.47-7.62 (m, 3H), 7.72 (d, 1H), 7.90 (d, 2H), 8.01 (d, 1H).

TH 2948

[0197] Starting with 2-Hydroxyimino-2-phenylacetonitrile (97mg). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 2.18-2.32 (m, 8H), 5.28 (m, 1H), 7.31 (dd, 1H), 7.51-7.64 (m, 3H), 7.76 (d, 1H), 7.94 (d, 2H), 8.06 (d, 1H).

TH 2949

[0198] Starting with 1-Phenyl-1-ethanone oxime (90mg). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 2.16-2.29 (m, 8H), 2.59 (s, 3H), 5.22 (d, 1H), 7.13 (dd, 1H), 7.44-7.49 (m, 3H), 7.75-7.79 (m, 2H), 7.91 (d, 1H), 8.02 (d, 1H).

TH 2950

[0199] Starting with 3-(methylsulfonyl)phenol (78mg). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.60 (d, 3H), 2.01-2.20 (m, 8H), 3.06 (s, 3H), 5.63 (m, 1H), 7.18 (s, 1H), 7.30-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.50 (s, 1H), 7.59 (t, 1H), 7.73 (d, 1H), 8.02 (d, 1H). ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 31.5.

TH 2951

[0200] Starting with 3-(methylsulfonyl)phenol (113mg). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 2.12-2.22 (m, 8H), 3.07 (s, 3H), 5.19 (d, 2H), 7.18 (s, 1H), 7.30-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.52 (s, 1H), 7.60 (t, 1H), 7.73 (d, 1H), 8.04 (d, 1H). ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 32.3.

TH 2952

[0201] ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ: 8.98 (s, 1H), 8.15 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (dd, J = 3.6, 12.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd, J = 6.0, 11.6 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (dd, J = 3.6, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.15 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.62-5.60 (m, 1H), 2.20-1.94 (m, 8H), 1.59 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 3H).

[0202] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ : 8.11(d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 9.02 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.45 (t, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (dd, J = 2.0, 11.6 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.60-5.50 (m, 1H), 2.12-2.00 (m, 4H), 1.96 – 1.84 (m, 4H), 1.52 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 3H).

TH 2955

[0203] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ : 8.02 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 7.92-7.85 (m, 2H), 7.74 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.49 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.08 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.62-5.46 (m, 1H), 2.18-1.92 (m, 8H), 1.57 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 3H).

TH 2956

[0204] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ : 8.82 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.75 -7.55 (m, 4H), 7.33 (dd, J = 2.0, 11.2 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.62-5.58 (m, 1H), 2.20-1.96 (m, 8H), 1.60 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 3H).

TH 2957

[0205] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ : 8.82 (s, 1H), 8.17 (dd, J = 2.0, 11.2 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 7.89-7.86 (m, 1H), 7.43-7.33 (m, 4H), 7.27-7.26 (m, 1H), 5.62-5.58 (m, 1H), 2.22-2.00 (m, 8H), 1.62 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 3H).

TH 2958

[0206] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ : 8.00 (d, J = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 7.63-7.56 (m, 4H), 7.46 (t, J = 9.6 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 5.16 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 2H), 2.24-2.08 (m, 8H).

TH 2960

[0207] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ : 7.98 (dd, 1H), 7.75 (d, 1H), 7.60 (d, 1H), 7.43 (t, 2H), 7.24 (t, 1H), 7.04 (d, 2H), 5.42 (d, 2H), 2.23-2.12 (m, 8H).

TH 2961

[0208] Starting with 1-Phenyl-1-ethanone oxime (81 mg). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ : 1.64 (d, 3H), 2.16-2.29 (m, 8H), 2.56 (s, 3H), 5.62 (m, 1H), 7.13 (dd, 1H), 7.44-7.49 (m, 3H), 7.75-7.79 (m, 2H), 7.92 (d, 1H), 8.04 (d, 1H).

[0209] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ : 8.09 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.16 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (s, 1H), 5.05 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 2.10-1.90 (m, 8H).

TH 2967

[0210] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ : 9.00 (dd, J = 2.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 8.52 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (t, J = 10.4 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (dd, J = 5.6, 11.2 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 7.05 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 2H), 2.20-2.02(m, 8H).

TH 2968

[0211] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ : 8.02 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 7.94-7.82 (m, 2H), 7.78-7.72 (m, 1H), 7.54-7.38 (m 3H), 7.32-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.05 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.13 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 2H), 2.12-2.05 (m, 8H).

TH 2969

[0212] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ : 8.83 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 7.76-7.52 (m, 4H), 7.32 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 5.18 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 2H), 2.16-2.09 (m, 8H).

TH 2970

[0213] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ : 8.84 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d, J = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.33 (m, 4H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 5.20 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 2H), 2.23-2.10 (m, 8H).

TH 2971

[0214] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ : 8.96 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 8.09-8.03 (m, 2H), 7.51 (dd, J = 3.6, 12.0 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (dd, J = 5.6, 11.2 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.13-7.12 (m, 1H), 5.17 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 2H), 2.16-2.08 (m, 8H).

TH 2972

[0215] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ : 7.96-7.93 (m, 1H), 7.41-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.23 (m, 1H), 7.18-7.15 (m, 1H), 7.10-7.09 (m, 1H), 7.05-7.02 (m, 2H), 5.58-5.54 (m, 1H), 3.80-3.40 (m, 8H), 2.10-1.98 (m, 8H), 1.56 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H).

[0216] ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ: 7.98 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.22-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.18-7.03 (m, 3H), 5.16-5.14 (m, 1H), 3.80-3.35 (m, 8H), 2.18-2.10 (m, 8H), 1.58 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H).

TH 2974

[0217] ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.93 (d, 1H), 7.32-7.20 (m, 8H), 7.02 (d, 2H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 5.10 (d, 2H), 3.48 (s, 3H), 2.17-2.00 (m, 8H).

TH 2978

[0218] ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.93 (d, 1H), 7.32-7.20 (m, 8H), 7.02 (d, 2H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 5.30 (m, 1H), 3.40 (s, 3H), 2.17-2.00 (m, 8H), 1.56 (d, 3H).

TH 2980

[0219] Starting with 2-(methylsulfonyl)phenol (78mg). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.64 (d, 3H), 2.03-2.25 (m, 8H), 3.06 (s, 3H), 5.65 (m, 1H), 6.83 (d, 1H), 7.10 (d, 1H), 7.13-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.50 (dd, 1H), 8.02 (d, 1H).

TH 2981

[0220] Starting with 2-(methylsulfonyl)phenol (113mg). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 2.10-2.28 (m, 8H), 3.08 (s, 3H), 5.23 (d, 2H), 6.87 (d, 1H), 7.10 (d, 1H), 7.13-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.50 (dd, 1H), 8.05 (d, 1H).

TH 2982

[0221] Starting with 3-[(Piperidin-1-yl)carbonyl]phenol (123mg). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.52 (br, 2H), 1.58 (d, 3H), 1.67 (br, 4H), 2.00-2.20 (m, 8H), 3.33 (br, 2H), 3.68 (br, 2H), 5.59 (m, 1H), 7.03-7.07 (m, 2H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 7.19 (d, 1H), 7.27 (d, 1H), 7.41 (t, 1H), 7.97 (d, 1H). ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 31.2.

TH 2983

[0222] Starting with 3-[(Piperidin-1-yl)carbonyl]phenol (135mg). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.51 (br, 2H), 1.66 (br, 4H), 2.10-2.20 (m, 8H), 3.32 (br, 2H), 3.68 (br, 2H), 5.14 (d, 2H), 7.03 (s, 1H), 7.07-7.09 (m, 2H), 7.20 (d, 1H), 7.25 (d, 1H), 7.42 (t, 1H), 7.98 (d, 1H). ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 32.0.

[0223] ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.99 (d, 1H), 7.42 (t, 1H), 7.32 (d, 1H), 7.3 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.17 (s, 1H), 7.12 – 7.06 (m, 2H), 5.65 – 5.55 (m, 1H), 3.62 (t, 2H), 3.42 (t, 2H), 2.22 – 1.85 (m, 12H), 1.58 (d, 3H).

TH 2985

[0224] ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.98 (d, 1H), 7.41 (t, 1H), 7.29 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.2 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 7.09 (d, 1H), 7.1 – 7.0 (m, 2H), 5.65 – 5.55 (m, 1H), 3.6 – 3.45 (m, 2H), 3.3 – 3.2 (m, 2H), 2.22 – 2 (m, 8H), 1.57 (d, 3H), 1.46 – 1.4 (m, 6 H).

TH 2991

[0225] ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.99 (d, 1H), 7.57 (d, 2H), 7.5 – 7.42 (m, 4H), 7.38 (d, 1H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 7.21 (dd, 1H), 7.11 (d, 1H), 7.38 (dt, 1H), 5.65 – 5.55 (m, 1H), 2.16 – 1.92 (m, 8H), 1.57 (d, 3H).

TH 2992

[0226] ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.96 (d, 1H), 7.3 – 7.22 (m, 3H), 7.2 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 7.07 – 7.0 (m, 3H), 7.08 – 6.9 (m, 3H), 5.65 – 5.55 (m, 1H), 2.22 – 2.0 (m, 8H), 1.58 (d, 3H).

TH 2993

[0227] ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 8.0 (d, 1H), 7.47 (t, 1H), 7.32 (dd, 1H), 7.21 (d, 1H), 7.2 (s, 1H), 7.14 (dd, 3H), 7.06 (d, 1H), 5.65 – 5.55 (m, 1H), 4.3 – 3.9 (m, 4H), 3.2 – 2.9 (m, 4H), 2.22 – 2.02 (m, 8H), 1.62 (d, 3H).

TH 3028

[0228] ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.84 (d, 1H), 7.54-7.49 (m, 3H), 7.40-7.22 (m, 6H), 7.11 (dd, 1H), 7.01 (dd, 1H), 6.71 (d, 1H), 5.42 (m, 1H), 2.12-1.90 (m, 8H), 1.44 (d, 3H).

TH 3029

[0229] ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.85 (d, 1H), 7.54-7.49 (m, 3H), 7.40-7.22 (m, 6H), 7.11 (dd, 1H), 7.01 (dd, 1H), 6.75 (s, 1H), 5.00 (d, 2H), 2.14-2.03 (m, 8H).

TH 3030

[0230] ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.92 (d, 1H), 7.15 (t, 3H), 6.94 (t, 3H), 5.53 (m, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.18-1.96 (m, 8H), 1.53 (d, 3H).

[0231] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.92 (d, 1H), 7.17 (d, 2H), 7.13 (d, 1H), 6.95-6.93 (bm, 3H), 5.08 (d, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.18-2.05 (m, 8H).

TH 3032

[0232] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.98 (d, 1H), 7.35 (d, 2H), 7.30-7.22 (m, 5H), 7.15 (s, 1H), 7.10 (d, 2H), 5.6 (m, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.22-2.00 (m, 8H), 1.60 (d, 3H).

TH 3033

[0233] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.98 (d, 1H), 7.33 (d, 2H), 7.26-7.20 (m, 5H), 7.12 (s, 1H), 7.09 (d, 2H), 5.15 (d, 2H), 2.85 (s, 3H), 2.22-2.00 (m, 8H).

TH 3034

[0234] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.94 (d, 1H), 7.41 (d, 2H), 7.16 (d, 1H), 6.99 (t, 3H), 5.56 (m, 1H), 2.18-1.96 (m, 8H), 1.57 (d, 3H), 1.34 (s, 9H).

TH 3035

[0235] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.95 (d, 1H), 7.40 (d, 2H), 7.15 (d, 1H), 7.00-6.99 (m, 3H), 5.11 (d, 2H), 2.18-2.08 (m, 8H), 1.33 (s, 9H).

TH 3036

[0236] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.01 (d, 1H), 7.62 (d, 2H), 7.31 (dd, 1H), 7.16 (d, 1H), 7.07 (d, 2H), 5.62 (m, 1H), 2.20-2.00 (m, 8H), 1.59 (d, 3H).

TH 3037

[0237] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.01 (d, 1H), 7.62 (d, 2H), 7.31 (dd, 1H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 7.08 (d, 2H), 5.17 (d, 2H), 2.20-2.00 (m, 8H).

TH 3040

[0238] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ : 7.99 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.62-7.57 (m, 4H), 7.46 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.37 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.23 (dd, $J = 8.4, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.13-7.11 (m, 3H), 5.61-5.58 (m, 1H), 2.22-1.81 (m, 8H), 1.58 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H) ppm.

TH 3041

[0239] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 7.99 (d, 1H), 7.57 (d, 2H), 7.5 (d, 2H), 7.42 (d, 2H), 7.25 (dd, 1H), 7.14 – 7.09 (m, 3H), 5.65 - 5.55 (m, 1H), 2.2 – 1.98 (m, 8H), 1.59 (d, 3H).

[0240] ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.99 (d, 1H), 7.58 – 7.5 (m, 4H), 7.24 (dd, 1H), 7.18 – 7.09 (m, 5H), 5.65 - 5.55 (m, 1H), 2.2 – 1.98 (m, 8H), 1.59 (d, 3H).

TH 3045

[0241] ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ: 7.99 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.62-7.57 (m, 4H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.13-7.11 (m, 3H), 5.61-5.58 (m, 1H), 2.22-1.81(m, 8H), 1.58 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H) ppm.

TH 3050

[0242] ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ: 8.66 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 8.01 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.49-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.15-7.13 (m, 3H).

Example 2. In vitro human tumor cell line cytotoxicity assays.

[0243] *In vitro* proliferation data on the H460 non cell lung cancer human tumor cell line is reported above in the compound table. IC₅₀ values are reported in micromolar and result from exposure of compound at various concentrations for 2 hrs followed by a wash step and addition of fresh media followed by growth and cell viability staining and comparison to a media only treated control.

[0244] Specifically, exponentially growing cells were seeded at a density of 4 x 10³ cells per well in a 96 well plate and incubated at 37°C in 5% CO₂, 95% air and 100% relative humidity for 24 hours prior to addition of test compounds. Compounds were solubilized in 100% DMSO at 200 times the desired final test concentration. At the time of drug addition, compounds were further diluted to 4 times the desired final concentration with complete medium. Aliquots of 50 µl of compound at specified concentrations were added to microtiter wells already containing 150 µl of medium, resulting in the final drug concentration reported. After drug addition, the plates were incubated for an additional 2 hours at 37°C, 5% CO₂, 95% air, and 100% relative humidity, then the drug was washed off and fresh medium was added and the plates were incubated for addition 70hrs at 37°C, 5% CO₂, 95% air and 100% relative humidity. At the end of this incubation, the viable cells were quantified using the AlamarBlue assay. The drug concentration resulting in growth inhibition of 50% (IC₅₀) was calculated using Prism software (Irvine, CA), and the results were listed in the table.

[0245] The H460 data above demonstrates a substantial anti-tumor effect with inhibition at down to low nanomolar levels for various compounds for only a 2 hr. exposure.

[0246] TH 2870 was also tested in different cancer cell lines using the materials and procedures as follows. 10*cell lysate buffer (cell signaling technology, Cat. No.9803); Protease Inhibitor Cocktail for Mammalian Tissues (Sigma, Cat. No.P8340); Phosphatase Inhibitor Cocktails for Serine/Threonine Phosphatases and L-Isozymes of Alkaline Phosphatases (Sigma, Cat. No.P0044); Phosphatase Inhibitor Cocktails for Tyrosine Protein Phosphatases, Acid and Alkaline Phosphatases (Sigma, Cat. No.P5726); BCA kit (Thermo, Cat. No.23225); Primary antibody, mouse monoclonal AKR1C3 antibody (clone NP6.G6.A6; Sigma-Aldrich); Primary antibody, α -tubulin (clone B-5-1-2; Sigma-Aldrich); Secondary antibody, Goat-anti-Mouse IgG HRP conjugated (A4416; Sigma-Aldrich) were used. Cells were passaged two generations in good condition and digested. The appropriate number of cells were inoculated in 6-cm cell culture dishes, and incubated at 37°C, 5% CO₂ overnight. When the cells were grown to 80% density, the dish was removed from incubator. The medium was aspirated, washed twice with ice-cold PBS, and residual PBS was removed. An appropriate volume of ice-cold 1*cell lysate was added and incubated on ice for 10 minutes. Cell lysate was transferred to microfuge tubes chilled in ice, 4 °C, 12,000 rpm and centrifuged for 15 minutes. Supernatant was transferred into another microcentrifuge tube. Cell lysates were diluted by a 10*cell lysates, and add Protease Inhibitor Cocktail for Mammalian Tissues (Sigma, # P8340), Phosphatase Inhibitor Cocktails for Serine / Threonine Phosphatases and L-Isozymes of Alkaline Phosphatases, Phosphatase Inhibitor Cocktails for Tyrosine Protein Phosphatases, Acid and Alkaline Phosphatases. The BCA protein quantification kit for protein quantification was used with 1*cell lysate to dilute the cell lysate to the same concentration. Corresponding samples were added on 5* SDS-loading buffer, heated to 85 °C for 10 minutes, and centrifuged briefly. The samples were saved at -20 °C or used directly for protein electrophoresis. The samples were saved at -20 °C or used directly for protein electrophoresis. Those samples were electrophoresed according to standard practice, transferred to a membrane, the primary antibodies and then secondary antibody were applied according to the manufacturer's instructions. Odyssey infrared laser imaging system was used to scan signals.

[0247] The results are shown below in Figs. 1 and 2 and listed in the following tables:

Table: TH2870 sensitivity correlates with AKR1C3 expression in liver cancer cells

Cell line	Expression	RelIC50(μ M)	Max Inhibition%
C3A	++++	0.0071	98.1

Hep G2	++++	0.0055	98.9
SNU-387	++++	0.0422	102.8
SNU-449	++++	0.0400	99.6
SNU-475	++++	0.0080	100.4
LIC-0903	++++	0.0819	96.3
LIXC-003	++++	0.0054	44.6
LIXC-012	++++	0.0274	87.1
LIXC-086	++++	0.0410	92.8
LIXC-011	++++	0.0408	97.4
HCCC-9810	++++	0.0292	95.4
JHH-7	+++	0.1074	69.8
PLC/PRF/5	+++	0.4745	53.3
LIXC-002	+++	0.0560	99.1
LIXC-004	+++	0.0313	83.6
LIXC-006	+++	0.1156	71.7
HLE	++	0.0842	80.5
LIXC-066	++	0.0941	75.4
HuCCT1	+	0.1252	66.7
SNU-423	+	>1	43.3
Hep 3B2.1-7	/	>1	8.1
HLF	/	>1	22.5
SNU-182	/	>1	19.4
SNU-398	/	>1	15.3
SK-HEP-1	/	>1	44.3

Table: TH2870 sensitivity in prostate cancer cell lines

22RV1	Vcap	DU145	PC-3	LNCap	MDA-Pca-2b	NCI-H660
0.0019	0.0152	0.0429	0.1612	0.1616	>0.3	>0.3

Example 3. In vivo human tumor xenograft models and antitumor activity.

[0248] Four human xenograft anti-tumor models utilizing non-small cell lung cancer H460, non-small cell lung cancer A549, melanoma A375 models, and renal cell carcinoma 786-O were used to demonstrate the efficacy of the compounds provided herein in 9 studies.

[0249] Specific pathogen-free homozygous female nude mice (nu/nu, Charles River Laboratories) were used. Mice were given food and water *ad libitum* and housed in microisolator cages. Four to six week old animals were identified by microchips (Locus Technology, Manchester, MD, USA) at the time of the experiments. All animal studies were approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee at Threshold Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

[0250] All cell lines were from the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC, Rockville, MD, USA). Cells were cultured in the suggested medium with 10% fetal bovine serum and maintained in a 5% CO₂ humidified environment at 37°C.

[0251] Cells were mixed with Matrigel (50% with exception for 30% in the H460) and 0.2 ml per mouse were subcutaneously implanted to the flank area of the animals. When tumor size reached 100-150 250 mm³, mice were randomized into experimental or vehicle groups with 10 mice/group and treatment was started (Day 1). The tested compounds were formulated in 5% DMSO in D5W. The regimens employed in the examples include IP, QDx5/wk (5 days on, 2 days off) as one cycle, for a total of 2 cycles; IP, once; IP, weekly for total 3 weeks; and IV, weekly for 3 weeks. Tumor growth and body weight were measured twice a week. Tumor volume was calculated as (length x width²)/2. Drug efficacy was assessed as Tumor Growth Inhibition (TGI) and Tumor Growth Delay (TGD). TGI was defined as $(1 - \Delta T / \Delta C) \times 100$, where $\Delta T / \Delta C$ presented the ratio of the change in mean (or median, if variation within the group was relatively large) tumor volume of the treated group and of the control group. TGD was calculated as the extra days for the treated tumor to reach 500 mm³ or 1000 mm³ as compared to the control group. Animals were culled when individual tumor size reached over 2000 mm³ or mean tumor volume exceeded 1000 mm³ in the group. Data are expressed as the mean $\pm$ SEM. One-way analysis of variance with Dunnett post comparison test (GraphPad Prism 4) or two-tailed student's t-test were used for analysis. A P level < 0.05 was considered statistically significant.

Example 4. In Vivo Efficacy Results:

Example 4-A.

[0252] Compounds provided herein were tested *in vivo* human tumor xenograft models and compared to standard chemotherapeutic agents such as gemcitabine, nab-paclitaxel. The experiments below demonstrate the antitumor effects of a compound provided herein on H460 non-small cell lung cancer xenograft tumor. The compound was dosed as follows: daily IP dosing: 5 doses then 2 days off then 5 more doses starting at 100 mm³ tumors on day 1 (10 animals per group median tumor volume). It is contemplated that in some embodiments, the compounds provided herein are activated by human and not by mouse enzymes. The antitumor effects and the safety of administration are graphically illustrated in Figures 3-20 below.

Group	TGI	TGD 500	TGD 1000	Max. BW loss %
Group 1: Vehicle				0.0%
Group 2: GEM 60mg/kg ip Q3Dx5	42.7%	7	7	4.9%
Group 7: TH2768 40mg/kg ip QDx5/wkx2wks	104.1%	56	62	4.0%
Group 13: TH2768 (40mg/kg ip QDx5/wkx2wks) + CPT-11 (10mg/kg ip QDx5/wkx2wks)	104.8%	55	59	5.4%

[0253] Before this study, TH 2768 was tested in CD1 mice for toxicity under the same dosing protocol as the efficacy study (daily IP 5days on 2 days off and 5 days on). A maximum tolerated dose was determined where the average weight loss of the mice was less than 5 % and no mouse lost more than 20 %. This dose was then used for the subsequent efficacy study. In the H460 study an antitumor effect of TH-2768 as a monotherapy is superior to the effect of gemcitabine.

Example 4-B.

[0254] Antitumor effects of compounds provided herein were determined on A 549 non-small cell lung xenograft model in comparison with a chemotherapy agent, thiotepa. The dosing was as follows. Daily IP dosing: 5 doses then 2 days off then 5 more doses starting at 110 mm³ tumors on day 1 (10 animals per group average tumor volume) . The antitumor effects and the safety of administration are graphically illustrated below.

Group	TGI	TGD 500	Max. BW loss %
Group 1: Vehicle			0.0%
Group 2: Thio-TEPA 2.5mg/kg ip QDx5/wkx2wks	68.3%	26	0.4%
Group 3: Thio-TEPA 1.25mg/kg ip QDx5/wkx2wks	56.1%	17	0.0%
Group 4: TH2660 10mg/kg ip QDx5/wkx2wks	60.7%	20	3.3%
Group 6: TH2768 80mg/kg ip QDx5/wkx2wks	104.4%	>72	4.8%
Group 7: TH2768 40mg/kg ip QDx5/wkx2wks	100.6%	>72	0.0%
Group 8: TH2850 20mg/kg ip QDx5/wkx2wks	88.1%	>72	7.4%
Group 9: TH2850 10mg/kg ip QDx5/wkx2wks	94.3%	70	0.9%
Group 10: TH2852 10mg/kg ip QDx5/wkx2wks	95.1%	>72	0.0%
Group 11: TH2870 20mg/kg ip QDx5/wkx2wks	102.3%	>72	1.6%
Group 12: TH2889 10mg/kg ip QDx5/wkx2wks	90.1%	62	1.1%

[0255] Doses were selected by first doing a toxicity test in CD1 mice as described above. The compounds were tested against Thio-tepa.

Example 4-C.

[0256] his study employed an A375 melanoma human tumor xenograft model and various compounds provided herein were compared to thiotepa and the approved anti melanoma drug, nab-Paclitaxel. The antitumor effects and the safety of administration are graphically illustrated below.

Group	TGI	TGD 500	TGD 1000	Max. BW loss %
Group 1: Vehicle, qdx5x2, ip				0
Group 2: Thio- TEPA, 2.5mpk, qdx5x2, ip	16.6%	3	2	0
Group 4: Abraxane, 30mpk, 2x/wkx2, iv	47.4%	9	10	0
Group 5: TH2768, 40mpk, qdx5x2, ip	36.7%	7	7	0
Group 6: TH2850, 10mpk, qdx5x2, ip	2.7%	-2	0	2.8
Group 7: TH2852, 10mpk, qdx5x2, ip	12.4%	3	1	2.6
Group 8: TH2870, 20mpk, qdx5x2, ip	98.0%	24	>18	0
Group 9: TH2873, 40mpk, qdx5x2, ip	65.0%	12	11	0
Group 10: TH2888, 10mpk, qdx5x2, ip	37.3%	6	6	4.8
Group 11: TH2889, 10mpk, qdx5x2, ip	75.6%	13	15	0
Group 12: TH2890, 10mpk, qdx5x2, ip	58.4%	10	10	6.3

Example 4-D.

[0257] The compounds were tested in another A549 model. The compounds were dosed as follows. Daily IP dosing: 5 doses then 2 days off then 5 more doses starting at 100 mm³ tumors on day 1 (10 animals per group average tumor volume). The antitumor effects and the safety of administration are graphically illustrated below.

Group	TGI	TGD 500	Max. BW loss %	Lethal Tox
Group 1: Vehicle			0.9%	0
Group 2: TH2870 20mg/kg IP QDx5/wkx2wks	95.0%	>85	0.3%	0
Group 3: TH2883 10mg/kg IP QDx5/wkx2wks	93.5%	>85	15.8%	5
Group 4: TH2911 10mg/kg IP QDx5/wkx2wks	88.7%	63	11.1%	0
Group 5: TH2931 5mg/kg IP QDx5	NA	NA	25.0%	10

Group 6: TH2952 20mg/kg IP QDx5/wkx2wks	91.8%	70	1.2%	1
Group 7: TH2953 40mg/kg IP QDx5/wkx2wks	93.8%	64	1.6%	0
Group 8: TH2955 40mg/kg IP QDx5/wkx2wks	78.9%	47	0.6%	1
Group 9: TH2958 5mg/kg IP QDx5/wkx2wks	77.9%	44	2.1%	0
Group 10: TH2870 40mg/kg IV 2/wkx2wks	98.6%	>85	2.0%	1

Example 4-E.

[0258] The compound TH-2768 was tested in a renal cell carcinoma 786-O model. The compound was dosed as follows. Daily IP dosing: 5 doses then 2 days off then 5 more doses starting at 220 mm³ tumors on day 1 (10 animals per group average tumor volume). The antitumor effects and the safety of administration are graphically illustrated below.

Group	TGI	Max. BW loss %
Group 1: Vehicle		0.5%
Group 2: TH2768,40mpk,ip,qdx5/wkx2	73.0%	0.0%
Group 5: Sunitinib,40mpk,po,qdx5/wkx2	67.8%	0.3%
Group 8: Sunitinib +TH2768	84.4%	2.3%

Example 4-F.

[0259] The compounds TH-2953 and TH-3040 were tested in a H460 model. The compounds were dosed as follows. A dose-dependent TH-2953 was given IP once, from 6.25 to 100 mg/kg, comparing with daily IP: 5 doses then 2 days off then 5 more doses starting at 100 mm³ tumors on day 1 (10 animals per group average tumor volume). TH-3040 was administered IP once. The antitumor effects and the safety of administration are graphically illustrated below.

Group	TGI	TGD 500	TGD 1000	Max. BW loss %
Group 1: Vehicle				0.0%
Group 2: TH-2953, 100mpk, ip, once	97.7%	24	27	0.0%
Group 3: TH-2953, 50mpk, ip, once	90.4%	19	19	0.0%
Group 4: TH-2953, 25mpk, ip, once	86.1%	18	20	0.2%
Group 5: TH-2953, 12.5mpk, ip, once	78.2%	18	21	0.0%
Group 6: TH-2953, 6.25mpk, ip, once	72.2%	16	17	0.0%
Group 7: TH-2953, 40mpk, ip, QDx5/wkx2ks	105.8%	54	65	0.0%
Group 8: TH-3040, 100mpk, ip, once	93.7%	20	23	0.0%
Group 9: TH-3040, 25mpk, ip, once	80.5%	17	17	1.3%

Example 4-G.

[0260] The compounds TH-3040 and TH-3045 were tested in a H460 model. The compounds were dosed as follows. A dose-dependent TH-3040 or TH-3045 was given IP weekly for 3 weeks, from 5 to 45 mg/kg starting at 100 mm³ tumors on day 1 (10 animals per group average tumor volume). The antitumor effects and the safety of administration are graphically illustrated below.

Group	TGI	TGD500	Max BW loss
Group 1: Vehicle, ip, Q7Dx3			
Group 2: TH-3040, 5mpk, ip, Q7Dx3	103.5%	40	2.5%
Group 3: TH-3040, 15mpk, ip, Q7Dx3	104.3%	60	1.0%
Group 4: TH-3040, 45mpk, ip, Q7Dx3	106.4%	66	0.0%
Group 5: TH-3045, 5mpk, ip, Q7Dx3	104.0%	48	0.0%
Group 6: TH-3045, 15mpk, ip, Q7Dx3	104.8%	70	2.8%
Group 7: TH-3045, 45mpk, ip, Q7Dx3	106.3%	86	2.4%

Example 4-H.

[0261] The compound TH-3040 was tested in a H460 model. The compound was dosed as follows: 5 or 1.5 mg/kg, IP, weekly for 3 weeks at 100 mm³ tumors on day 1 (10 animals per group average tumor volume), comparing with nab-Paclitaxel. The antitumor effects and the safety of administration are graphically illustrated below.

Group	TGI	TGD500, Days (vs. vehicle)	TGD1000, Days (vs. vehicle)	Max. BW loss %
Group 1:Vehicle				0.0%
Group 6: TH3040 5mg/kg, ip, Q7Dx3	101.9%	36	41	5.2%
Group 7: TH3040 1.5mg/kg, ip, Q7Dx3	80.6%	15	19	7.2%
Group11: ABX 30mg/kg, iv, 2/wkx2wks	49.7%	9	10	11.6%
Group 12: ABX 10mg/kg, iv, 2/wkx2wks	-12.5%	-2	-1	1.2%

Example 4-I.

[0262] The compound TH-2870 was tested in a H460 model. The compound was dosed follows. 1.5, 5 or 15 mg/kg, IV, weekly for 3 weeks at 250 mm³ tumors on day 1 (10 animals per group average tumor volume), comparing with docetaxel. The antitumor effects and the safety of administration are graphically illustrated below.

Group	TGI	TGD500, Days (vs. vehicle)	TGD1000, Days (vs. vehicle)	Max. BW loss %
Group 1:Vehicle				0.0%
Group 2: TH2870 1.5mg/kg iv, Q7Dx3	100.0%	18	18	7.6%
Group 3: TH2870 5mg/kg iv, Q7Dx3	121.3%	36	38	7.6%
Group 4: TH2870 15mg/kg iv, Q7Dx3	121.6%	49	50	5.8%
Group 5: Doectaxel 10mg/kg, iv, Q7Dx3	51.3%	6	9	12.4%

[0263] Taken together these studies demonstrate significant anti tumor efficacy in 4 different tumor cell lines relative to standard chemotherapeutics.

Example 5. Pharmacokinetics and Activation of TH 2870 by the aldoketo reductase, AKR1C3.

[0264] Recombinant human AKR1C3 was diluted to 25 µg/mL in phosphate buffered saline (PBS), pH 7.4 (37 °C), containing 2 mM NADPH. TH2870 or progesterone (positive control) in 30% methanol/70% water was added to the reaction mixture at a final concentration of 5 µM and incubated at 37 °C for 120 minutes. At various times up to 120 min, 50 µL of the reaction mixture was taken and 200 µL acetonitrile containing propranolol as internal standard was added, vortex-mixed and centrifuged for 10 min. The resulting

supernatant (5 μ L) was injected into a LC/MS/MS for quantitation of % remaining TH2870 and progesterone. The compounds were tested in duplicate.

Time min	%Remaining	
	TH2870	Progesterone
0	100%	100%
15	0.232%	70.8%
30	0.0101%	49.2%
60	0.00%	20.1%
90	0.00%	10.6%
120	0.00%	6.40%

[0265] The data above demonstrates the rapid disappearance of TH2870 in the presence of AKR1C3 while the known substrate, progesterone, is reduced slowly.

[0266] The pharmacokinetics of TH2870 in CD-1 mice following a single intravenous bolus dose (5 mg/kg) and a single intraperitoneal dose (10 mg/kg) were determined.

Route	IV	IP
Dose (mg/kg)	5	10
Tmax (min)	2.00	5.00
Cmax (μ g/mL)	6.79	4.02
Half-Life (min)	6.56	9.00
AUC (μ g-min/mL)	57.8	43.5
Cl (L/min/kg)	0.0865	--
Vss (L/kg)	0.668	--

[0267] The pharmacokinetics of TH2870 were determined in Mouse/Nu-Foxn 1tm NU/NU mice with A549 (non small cell lung), A375 (melanoma) and 786-O (renal cell) human tumor xenograft models following a single intraperitoneal dose of 20 mg/kg. TH2870 concentrations in the brain, liver and tumor were only a fraction of the concentrations in plasma, ranging between 0.79% (brain) – 32.6% (liver). In the A375 and 786-O xenograft models, the concentrations of TH2660 was ~24-29-fold and ~15-19-fold higher in tumor and liver than TH2870, suggesting preferential activation of TH2870 in the tumor as compared to

the liver. In the A549 xenograft, there was an even greater activation of TH2870 in tumor as compared to the liver of ~148-fold and ~13-fold, respectively.

	TH2870			TH2660		
	A549	A375	786-O	A549	A375	786-O
Tmax (min)	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	15.0	15.0
Cmax (µg/mL)	5.01	3.41	6.06	0.142	0.159	0.191
Half-Life (min)	11.3	14.7	12.3	28.4	30.2	10.6
AUC (µg-min/mL)	94.1	57.7	64.8	9.55	9.03	32.9

[0268] The pharmacokinetics of TH2873, TH2883, TH2888, TH2890, TH2901 and TH2926 were determined in CD-1 mice following a single intraperitoneal dose.

	TH2873	TH2883	TH2888	TH2889	TH2890	TH2901	TH2926
Tmax (min)	5.00	15.0	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	15.0
Cmax (µg/mL)	8.43	7.57	5.81	2.48	2.73	5.12	8.34
Half-Life (min)	8.81	23.4	10.9	10.3	5.49	12.1	34.2
AUC (µg-min/mL)	126	545	96.3	35.9	36.8	155	579

[0269] The pharmacokinetics of TH2660, the active metabolite, following a single intraperitoneal dose of TH2873, TH2883, TH2888, TH2890, TH2901 and TH2926 are shown below.

	TH2873	TH2883	TH2888	TH2889	TH2890	TH2901	TH2926
Tmax (min)	5.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	15.0	30.0	30.0
Cmax (µg/mL)	9.85	0.147	0.3367	0.277	0.455	0.265	0.038
Half-Life (min)	9.80	41.6	17.8	15.4	15.2	20.4	88.6
AUC (µg-min/mL)	125	11.7	20.6	15.8	17.8	15.3	5.06

[0270] The pharmacokinetics of TH2953 were determined in Mouse/Nu-Foxn 1tm NU/NU mice with two non small cell lung human tumor xenograft models,

	A549	H460
Dose (mg/kg)	10	40
Tmax (min)	30.0	30.0
Cmax (µg/mL)	0.149	2.33

Half-Life (min)	100.00	91.3	142
AUC (µg-min/mL)	266	2341	444

[0271] The pharmacokinetics of TH2660, the active metabolite, following a single intraperitoneal dose of TH2953 are shown below.

	A549		H460
Dose (mg/kg)	10	40	10
Tmax (min)	15.0	60.0	NC
Cmax (µg/mL)	0.0202	0.0960	0.00
Half-Life (min)	NC	9.69	NC
AUC (µg-min/mL)	2.94*	39.8	0.00

*AUClast

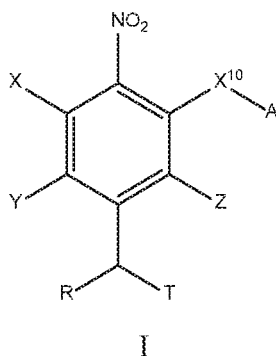
[0272] A549 and H460, following a single intraperitoneal dose of 10 and 40 mg/kg for A549 and 10 mg/kg for H460. TH2953 concentrations in the brain, liver and tumor were 55.0-73.8%, 297-541% and 2.08-8.34% of the concentrations in plasma in the A549 tumor xenograft. In the H460 xenograft model, the concentrations of TH2660 were ~9.6-fold and ~2-fold higher in tumor and liver than TH2953, suggesting preferential activation of TH2953 in the tumor as compared to the liver. In the A549 xenograft, the preferential activation of TH2953 was more pronounced as the concentrations of TH2660 in the tumor were ~5-7-fold greater than for TH2953, while they were only ~13-15% in the liver.

[0273] It should be understood that although the present invention has been specifically disclosed by certain aspects, embodiments, and optional features, modification, improvement and variation of such aspects, embodiments, and optional features can be resorted to by those skilled in the art, and that such modifications, improvements and variations are considered to be within the scope of this disclosure.

[0274] The inventions have been described broadly and generically herein. Each of the narrower species and subgeneric groupings falling within the generic disclosure also form part of the invention. In addition, where features or aspects of the invention are described in terms of Markush groups, those skilled in the art will recognize that the invention is also thereby described in terms of any individual member or subgroup of members of the Markush group.

CLAIMS

1. A compound of formula I:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, or a solvate of each thereof, wherein

X^{10} is O, S, SO, or SO_2 ;

A is C_6 - C_{10} aryl, 5-15 membered heteroaryl, or $-N=CR^1R^2$;

each R^1 and R^2 independently is hydrogen, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl, C_6 - C_{10} aryl, 4-15 membered heterocycle, 5-15 membered heteroaryl, ether, $-CONR^{13}R^{14}$, or $-NR^{13}COR^{14}$;

each X, Y, and Z independently is hydrogen, CN, halo, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_2 - C_6 alkenyl, C_2 - C_6 alkynyl, C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl, C_6 - C_{10} aryl, 4-15 membered heterocycle, 5-15 membered heteroaryl, ether, $-CONR^{13}R^{14}$, or $-NR^{13}COR^{14}$;

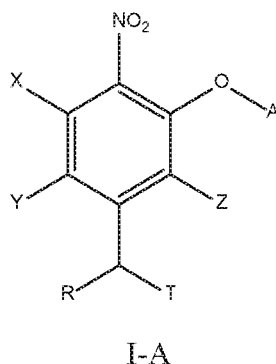
R is hydrogen, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_2 - C_6 alkenyl, C_2 - C_6 alkynyl, C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl, C_6 - C_{10} aryl, 4-15 membered heterocycle, 5-15 membered heteroaryl, ether, $-CONR^{13}R^{14}$, or $-NR^{13}COR^{14}$;

each R^{13} and R^{14} independently is hydrogen, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl, C_6 - C_{10} aryl, 4-15 membered heterocycle, 5-15 membered heteroaryl, or ether

T comprises a phosphoramidate alkylating agent; and

wherein the alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocycle, heteroaryl, ether groups are optionally substituted.

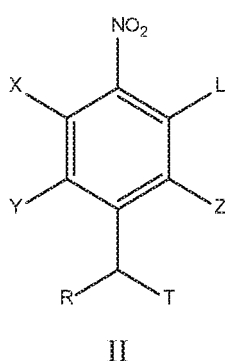
2. The compound of claim 1 of formula I-A:



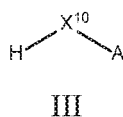
wherein the remaining variables are defined as in claim 1 above.

3. The compound of claim 1 or 2, wherein T is $\text{OP}(\text{Z}^1)(\text{NR}^{30}\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl})_2$, $\text{OP}(\text{Z}^1)(\text{NR}^{30}\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Br})_2$, $\text{OP}(\text{Z}^1)(\text{NR}^{30})_2(\text{N}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{X}^1)_2)$, $\text{OP}(\text{Z}^1)(\text{N}(\text{CH}_2)_2)_2$, or $\text{OP}(\text{Z}^1)(\text{N}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl})_2)_2$, wherein each R^{30} independently is hydrogen or $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl or 2 R^{30} groups together with the nitrogen atom they are bound to form 5-7 membered heterocyclyl group, Z^1 is O or S, and X^1 is Cl, Br, or OMs.
4. The compound of any one of claims 1-3, wherein T is $\text{OP}(\text{Z}^1)(\text{NHCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl})_2$, $\text{OP}(\text{Z}^1)(\text{NHCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Br})_2$, $\text{OP}(\text{Z}^1)(\text{NH}_2)(\text{N}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{X}^1)_2)$, $\text{OP}(\text{Z}^1)(\text{N}(\text{CH}_2)_2)_2$, or $\text{OP}(\text{Z}^1)(\text{N}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl})_2)_2$, wherein X^1 is defined as in claim 3.
5. The compound of any one of claims 1-4, wherein Z^1 is O.
6. The compound of any one of claims 1-5, wherein T is $\text{OP}(\text{O})(\text{N}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2)_2)_2$, $\text{OP}(\text{O})(\text{NHCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl})_2$, $\text{OP}(\text{O})(\text{NHCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Br})_2$, or $\text{OP}(\text{O})(\text{NH}_2)(\text{N}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl})_2)_2$.
7. The compound of any one of claims 1-6, wherein Z is hydrogen.
8. The compound of any one of claims 1-7, wherein X is hydrogen.
9. The compound of any one of claims 1-8, wherein Y is hydrogen or halo.
10. The compound of any one of claims 1-9, wherein A is optionally substituted $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{10}$ aryl.
11. The compound of any one of claims 1-10, wherein A is optionally substituted phenyl.
12. The compound of any one of claims 1-9, wherein A is optionally substituted 5-15 membered heteroaryl.
13. The compound of any one of claims 1-9 and 12, wherein A is optionally substituted pyridyl.
14. The compound of any one of claims 1-9, wherein A is $\text{-N=CR}^1\text{R}^2$ where R^1 and R^2 are defined as in claim 1.
15. The compound of any one of claims 1-14, wherein R is hydrogen.
16. The compound of any one of claims 1-14, wherein R is $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl.

17. The compound of any one of claims 1-14 and 15, wherein R is methyl.
18. The compound of claim 1 of formula of TH 2870.
19. A pharmaceutically acceptable composition comprising a compound of any one of claims 1-18 and at least a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient or carrier.
20. A method of treating cancer comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of any one of claims 1-18 or a composition of claim 19 thereby treating cancer.
21. A process of making the compound of formula I of claim 1 comprising contacting a compound of formula II:



wherein L is a leaving group, and the remaining variables are defined as in claim 1, with a compound of formula III:



wherein X^{10} is defined as in claim 1, and optionally a base, to provide a compound of formula I.

22. A method of treating cancer comprising determining the AKR1C3 reductase level of the cancer in a patient using an AKR1C3 antibody, and administering to the patient a compound of any one of claims 1-18 or a composition of claim 19 if said AKR1C3 reductase level is equal to or greater than a predetermined value.
23. The method claim 22, further comprising isolating a sample from a patient and determining an intratumoral AKR1C3 reductase level of the cancer in the sample using an AKR1C3 antibody, and selecting the patient for therapy if the intratumoral AKR1C3 reductase level of the cancer is equal to or greater than a predetermined level.

24. A kit comprising a means for isolating a sample from a patient and determining an intratumoral AKR1C3 reductase level of the cancer in the sample using an AKR1C3 antibody; and a means for determining whether a compound of any one of claims 1-18 or a composition of claim 19 should be administered.