

AGENTS FOR PREVENTING AND TREATING DISORDERS INVOLVING MODULATION OF THE RYR RECEPTORS

[001] This invention was made with government support under NIH Grant No. PO1 HL 67849-01. As such, the United States government may have certain rights in this invention. This application claims priority to U.S. patent application serial number 11/212,413, filed on August 25, 2005.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

[002] This invention relates to compounds and their use to treat and prevent disorders and diseases associated with the RyR receptors that regulate calcium channel functioning in cells. More particularly, the invention discloses compounds that are related to 1,4-benzothiazepines and are useful to treat cardiac and skeletal muscular disorders. The invention also discloses pharmaceutical compositions comprising the compounds and articles of manufacture comprising the pharmaceutical compositions.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[003] The sarcoplasmic reticulum (SR) is a structure in cells that functions, among other things, as a specialized intracellular calcium (Ca^{2+}) store. Channels in the SR called ryanodine receptors (RyRs) open and close to regulate the release of Ca^{2+} from the SR into the intracellular cytoplasm of the cell. Release of Ca^{2+} into the cytoplasm from the SR increases cytoplasmic Ca^{2+} concentration. Open probability (Po) of the RyR receptor refers to the likelihood that the RyR channel is open at any given moment, and therefore capable of releasing Ca^{2+} into the cytoplasm from the SR.

[004] There are three types of ryanodine receptors, all of which are highly-related Ca^{2+} channels: RyR1, RyR2, and RyR3. RyR1 is found predominantly in skeletal muscle as well as other tissues, RyR2 is found predominantly in the heart as well as other tissues, and RyR3 is found in the brain as well as other tissues. The RyR channels are formed by four RyR polypeptides in association with four FK506 binding proteins (FKBPs), specifically FKBP12 (calstabin1) and FKBP12.6 (calstabin2). Calstabin1 binds to RyR1, calstabin2 binds to RyR2, and calstabin1 binds to RyR3. The FKBP proteins (calstabin1 and calstabin2) bind to the RyR channel (one molecule per RyR subunit), stabilize RyR-channel functioning, and facilitate coupled gating between neighboring RyR channels, thereby preventing abnormal activation of the channel during the channel's closed state.

[005] Besides the calstabin binding proteins, protein kinase A (PKA) also binds to the cytoplasmic surface of the RyR receptors. PKA phosphorylation of the RyR receptors causes partial dissociation of calstabin from RyRs. Dissociation of calstabin from RyR causes increased open probability of RyR, and therefore increased Ca^{2+} release from the SR into the intracellular cytoplasm.

[006] Ca^{2+} release from the SR in skeletal muscle cells and heart cells is a key physiological mechanism that controls muscle performance, because increased concentration of Ca^{2+} in the intracellular cytoplasm causes contraction of the muscle.

[007] Excitation-contraction (EC) coupling in skeletal muscles involves electrical depolarization of the plasma membrane in the transverse tubule (T-tubule), which activates voltage-gated L-type Ca^{2+} channels (LTCCs). LTCCs trigger Ca^{2+} release from the SR through physical interaction with RyR1. The resulting increase in cytoplasmic Ca^{2+} concentration induces actin-myosin interaction and muscle contraction. To enable relaxation, intracellular Ca^{2+} is pumped back into the SR via SR Ca^{2+} -ATPase pumps (SERCAs), which is regulated by phospholamban (PLB) depending on the muscle fiber type.

[008] It has been shown that disease forms that result in sustained activation of the sympathetic nervous system and increased plasma catecholamine levels cause maladaptive activation of intracellular stress pathways resulting in destabilization of the RyR1 channel closed state and intracellular Ca^{2+} leak. SR Ca^{2+} leak via RyR1 channels was found to deplete intracellular SR calcium stores, to increase compensatory energy consumption, and to result in significant acceleration of muscle fatigue. The stress-induced muscle defect permanently reduces isolated muscle and *in vivo* performance particularly in situations of increased demand.

[009] It also has been shown that destabilization of the RyR1 closed state occurs under pathologic conditions of increased sympathetic activation and involves depletion of the stabilizing calstabin1 (FKBP12) channel subunit. Proof-of-principle experiments have shown that PKA activation as an end effector of the sympathetic nervous systems increases RyR1 PKA phosphorylation at Ser-2843 which decreases the binding affinity of calstabin1 to RyR1 and increases channel open probability.

[010] In cardiac striated muscle, RyR2 is the major Ca^{2+} -release channel required for EC coupling and muscle contraction. During EC coupling, depolarization of the cardiac-muscle cell membrane during phase zero of the action potential activates voltage-gated Ca^{2+}

channels. Ca^{2+} influx through the open voltage-gated channels in turn initiates Ca^{2+} release from the SR via RyR2. This process is known as Ca^{2+} -induced Ca^{2+} release. The RyR2-mediated, Ca^{2+} -induced Ca^{2+} release then activates the contractile proteins in the cardiac cell, resulting in cardiac muscle contraction.

[011] Phosphorylation of cardiac RyR2 by PKA is an important part of the "fight or flight" response that increases cardiac EC coupling gain by augmenting the amount of Ca^{2+} released for a given trigger. This signaling pathway provides a mechanism by which activation of the sympathetic nervous system, in response to stress, results in increased cardiac output. PKA phosphorylation of RyR2 increases the open probability of the channel by dissociating calstabin2 (FKBP12.6) from the channel complex. This, in turn, increases the sensitivity of RyR2 to Ca^{2+} -dependent activation.

[012] Despite advances in treatment, heart failure remains an important cause of mortality in Western countries. An important hallmark of heart failure is reduced myocardial contractility. In heart failure, contractile abnormalities result, in part, from alterations in the signaling pathway that allows the cardiac action potential to trigger Ca^{2+} release *via* RyR2 channels and muscle contraction. In particular, in failing hearts, the amplitude of the whole-cell Ca^{2+} transient is decreased and the duration prolonged.

[013] Cardiac arrhythmia, a common feature of heart failure, results in many of the deaths associated with the disease. Atrial fibrillation (AF) is the most common cardiac arrhythmia in humans, and represents a major cause of morbidity and mortality. Structural and electrical remodeling – including shortening of atrial refractoriness, loss of rate-related adaptation of refractoriness, and shortening of the wavelength of re-entrant wavelets – accompany sustained tachycardia. This remodeling is likely important in the development, maintenance and progression of atrial fibrillation. Studies suggest that calcium handling plays a role in electrical remodeling in atrial fibrillation.

[014] Approximately 50% of all patients with heart disease die from fatal cardiac arrhythmias. In some cases, a ventricular arrhythmia in the heart is rapidly fatal – a phenomenon referred to as "sudden cardiac death" (SCD). Fatal ventricular arrhythmias and SCD also occur in young, otherwise-healthy individuals who are not known to have structural heart disease. In fact, ventricular arrhythmia is the most common cause of sudden death in otherwise-healthy individuals.

[015] Catecholaminergic polymorphic ventricular tachycardia (CPVT) is an inherited disorder in individuals with structurally normal hearts. It is characterized by stress-induced ventricular tachycardia – a lethal arrhythmia that causes SCD. In subjects with CPVT, physical exertion and/or stress induce bidirectional and/or polymorphic ventricular tachycardias that lead to SCD even in the absence of detectable structural heart disease. CPVT is predominantly inherited in an autosomal-dominant fashion. Individuals with CPVT have ventricular arrhythmias when subjected to exercise, but do not develop arrhythmias at rest. Studies have identified mutations in the human RyR2 gene, on chromosome 1q42-q43, in individuals with CPVT.

[016] Failing hearts (*e.g.*, in patients with heart failure and in animal models of heart failure) are characterized by a maladaptive response that includes chronic hyperadrenergic stimulation. In heart failure, chronic beta-adrenergic stimulation is associated with the activation of beta-adrenergic receptors in the heart, which, through coupling with G-proteins, activate adenylyl cyclase and thereby increase intracellular cAMP concentration. cAMP activates cAMP-dependent PKA, which has been shown to induce hyperphosphorylation of RyR2. Thus, chronic heart failure is a chronic hyperadrenergic state that results in several pathologic consequences, including PKA hyperphosphorylation of RyR2.

[017] The PKA hyperphosphorylation of RyR2 has been proposed as a factor contributing to depressed contractile function and arrhythmogenesis in heart failure. Consistent with this hypothesis, PKA hyperphosphorylation of RyR2 in failing hearts has been demonstrated, *in vivo*, both in animal models and in patients with heart failure undergoing cardiac transplantation.

[018] In failing hearts, the hyperphosphorylation of RyR2 by PKA induces the dissociation of FKBP12.6 (calstabin2) from the RyR2 channel. This causes marked changes in the biophysical properties of the RyR2 channel, including increased open probability (P_o) due to an increased sensitivity to Ca^{2+} -dependent activation; destabilization of the channel, resulting in subconductance states; and impaired coupled gating of the channels, resulting in defective EC coupling and cardiac dysfunction. Thus, PKA-hyperphosphorylated RyR2 is very sensitive to low-level Ca^{2+} stimulation, and this manifests itself as a diastolic SR Ca^{2+} leak through the PKA hyperphosphorylated RyR2 channel.

[019] The maladaptive response to stress in heart failure results in depletion of FKBP12.6 from the channel macromolecular complex. This leads to a shift to the left in the sensitivity

of RyR2 to Ca^{2+} -induced Ca^{2+} release, resulting in channels that are more active at low-to-moderate Ca^{2+} concentrations. Over time, the increased "leak" through RyR2 results in resetting of the SR Ca^{2+} content to a lower level, which in turn reduces EC coupling gain and contributes to impaired systolic contractility.

[020] Additionally, a subpopulation of RyR2 that are particularly "leaky" can release SR Ca^{2+} during the resting phase of the cardiac cycle, diastole. This results in depolarizations of the cardiomyocyte membrane known as delayed after-depolarizations (DADs), which are known to trigger fatal ventricular cardiac arrhythmias.

[021] In patients with CPVT mutations in their RyR2 and otherwise structurally-normal hearts, a similar phenomenon is at work. Specifically, it is known that exercise and stress induce the release of catecholamines that activate beta-adrenergic receptors in the heart. Activation of the beta-adrenergic receptors leads to PKA hyperphosphorylation of RyR2 channels. Evidence also suggests that the PKA hyperphosphorylation of RyR2 resulting from beta-adrenergic-receptor activation renders mutated RyR2 channels more likely to open in the relaxation phase of the cardiac cycle, increasing the likelihood of arrhythmias.

[022] Cardiac arrhythmias are known to be associated with diastolic SR Ca^{2+} leaks in patients with CPVT mutations in their RyR2 and otherwise structurally-normal hearts. In these cases, the most common mechanism for induction and maintenance of ventricular tachycardia is abnormal automaticity. One form of abnormal automaticity, known as triggered arrhythmia, is associated with aberrant release of SR Ca^{2+} , which initiates DADs. DADs are abnormal depolarizations in cardiomyocytes that occur after repolarization of a cardiac action potential. The molecular basis for the abnormal SR Ca^{2+} release that results in DADs has not been fully elucidated. However, DADs are known to be blocked by ryanodine, providing evidence that RyR2 plays a key role in the pathogenesis of this aberrant Ca^{2+} release.

[023] U.S. Patent No. 6,489,125 discusses JTV-519 (4-[3-(4-benzylpiperidin-1-yl)propionyl]-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1,4-benzothiazepine monohydrochloride; also known as k201 or ICP-Calstan 100), a 1,4-benzothiazepine, as a new modulator of RyR calcium-ion channels.

[024] Co-pending application U.S. Serial No. 10/763,498 discusses RyR2 as a target for treating and preventing heart failure and cardiac arrhythmias, including atrial fibrillation and cardiac arrhythmias that cause exercise-induced sudden cardiac death (SCD). RyR2 channels

with 7 different CPVT mutations (*e.g.*, S2246L, R2474S, N4104K, R4497C, P2328S, Q4201R, V4653F) were found to have functional defects that resulted in channels that became leaky (*i.e.*, a calcium leak) when stimulated during exercise. The mechanism for the VT in CPVT has been demonstrated to be the same as the mechanism for VT in heart failure.

[025] It has been shown that exercise-induced arrhythmias and sudden death (in patients with CPVT) result from a reduced affinity of FKBP12.6 (calstabin2) for RyR2. Additionally, it has been demonstrated that exercise activates RyR2 as a result of phosphorylation by adenosine 3', 5'-monophosphate (cAMP)-dependent protein kinase (PKA). Mutant RyR2 channels, which had normal function in planar lipid bilayers under basal conditions, were more sensitive to activation by PKA phosphorylation – exhibiting increased activity (open probability) and prolonged open states, as compared with wild-type channels. In addition, PKA-phosphorylated mutant RyR2 channels were resistant to inhibition by Mg^{2+} , a physiological inhibitor of the channel, and showed reduced binding to FKBP12.6 (aka calstabin2, which stabilizes the channel in the closed state). These findings indicate that, during exercise, when the RyR2 are PKA-phosphorylated, the mutant CPVT channels are more likely to open in the relaxation phase of the cardiac cycle (diastole), increasing the likelihood of arrhythmias triggered by SR Ca^{2+} leak.

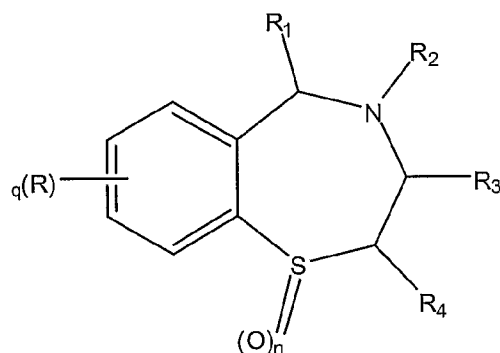
[026] Additionally, co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/288,606 discusses a method for regulating contraction of a subject's heart by administering a compound that regulates PKA phosphorylation of an RyR2 receptor and specifically decreases PKA phosphorylation. Co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/608,723 also discusses a method for treating and prophylaxis for atrial tachyarrhythmia and exercise and stress-induced arrhythmias by administration of an agent which inhibits PKA phosphorylation of RyR2.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[027] In view of the foregoing, there is a need to identify new agents effective for treating or preventing disorders and diseases associated with the RyR receptors that regulate calcium channel functioning in cells, including skeletal muscular disorders and diseases and especially cardiac disorders and diseases. More particularly, a need remains to identify new compounds that can be used to treat RyR associated disorders by, for example, repairing the leak in RyR channels, and enhancing binding of FKBP proteins (calstabin1 and calstabin2) to PKA-phosphorylated RyR, and to mutant RyR that otherwise have reduced affinity for, or do not bind to, FKBP12 and FKBP12.6. Embodiments of the invention solve some or all of these needs.

[028] Accordingly, the present invention generally provides compounds that may be classified as 1,4-benzothiazepines and sometimes are referred to herein as "RyCals."

[029] The present invention further provides compounds of Formula I:



wherein,

n is 0, 1, or 2;

q is 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4;

each R is independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, -OH, -NH₂, -NO₂, -CN, -CF₃, -OCF₃, -N₃, -SO₃H, -S(=O)₂alkyl, -S(=O)alkyl, -OS(=O)₂CF₃, acyl, -O-acyl, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, alkylarylamino, alkylthio, cycloalkyl, alkylaryl, aryl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclylalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, (hetero-)aryl, (hetero-)arylthio, and (hetero-)arylamino; wherein each acyl, -O-acyl, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, alkylarylamino, alkylthio, cycloalkyl, alkylaryl, aryl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclylalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, (hetero-)aryl, (hetero-)arylthio, and (hetero-)arylamino may be optionally substituted;

R₁ is selected from the group consisting of H, oxo, alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, alkylaryl, cycloalkyl, heteroaryl, and heterocyclyl; wherein each alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, alkylaryl, cycloalkyl, heteroaryl, and heterocyclyl may be optionally substituted;

R₂ is selected from the group consisting of H, -C(=O)R₅, -C(=S)R₆, -SO₂R₇, -P(=O)R₈R₉, -(CH₂)_m-R₁₀, alkyl, aryl, alkylaryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, and heterocyclyl; wherein each alkyl, aryl, alkylaryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, and heterocyclyl may be optionally substituted;

R₃ is selected from the group consisting of H, -CO₂Y, -C(=O)NHY, acyl, -O-acyl, alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, alkylaryl, cycloalkyl, heteroaryl, and heterocyclyl; wherein each acyl, alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, alkylaryl, cycloalkyl, heteroaryl, and heterocyclyl may be optionally substituted; and wherein Y is selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, aryl, alkylaryl, cycloalkyl, heteroaryl, and heterocyclyl, and wherein each alkyl, aryl, alkylaryl, cycloalkyl, heteroaryl, and heterocyclyl may be optionally substituted;

R₄ is selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, alkylaryl, cycloalkyl, heteroaryl, and heterocyclyl; wherein each alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, alkylaryl, cycloalkyl, heteroaryl, and heterocyclyl may be optionally substituted;

R₅ is selected from the group consisting of -NR₁₅R₁₆, -(CH₂)_qNR₁₅R₁₆, -NHNHNR₁₅R₁₆, -NHOH, -OR₁₅, -C(=O)NHNHNR₁₅R₁₆, -CO₂R₁₅, -C(=O)NR₁₅R₁₆, -CH₂X, acyl, alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, alkylaryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl; wherein each acyl, alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, alkylaryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl may be optionally substituted, and wherein q is 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6;

R₆ is selected from the group consisting of -OR₁₅, -NHNHNR₁₅R₁₆, -NHOH, -NR₁₅R₁₆, -CH₂X, acyl, alkenyl, alkyl, aryl, alkylaryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl; wherein each acyl, alkenyl, alkyl, aryl, alkylaryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl may be optionally substituted;

R₇ is selected from the group consisting of -OR₁₅, -NR₁₅R₁₆, -NHNHNR₁₅R₁₆, -NHOH, -CH₂X, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, alkylaryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl; wherein each alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, alkylaryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl may be optionally substituted;

R₈ and R₉ independently are selected from the group consisting of OH, acyl, alkenyl, alkoxyl, alkyl, alkylamino, aryl, alkylaryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl; wherein each acyl, alkenyl, alkoxyl, alkyl, alkylamino, aryl, alkylaryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl may be optionally substituted;

R₁₀ is selected from the group consisting of -NR₁₅R₁₆, OH, -SO₂R₁₁, -NHSO₂R₁₁, C(=O)(R₁₂), NHC(=O)(R₁₂), -OC(=O)(R₁₂), and -P(=O)R₁₃R₁₄;

R₁₁, R₁₂, R₁₃, and R₁₄ independently are selected from the group consisting of H, OH, NH₂, -NHNH₂, -NHOH, acyl, alkenyl, alkoxyl, alkyl, alkylamino, aryl, alkylaryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl; wherein each acyl, alkenyl, alkoxyl, alkyl, alkylamino, aryl, alkylaryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl may be optionally substituted;

X is selected from the group consisting of halogen, -CN, -CO₂R₁₅, -C(=O)NR₁₅R₁₆, -NR₁₅R₁₆, -OR₁₅, -SO₂R₇, and -P(=O)R₈R₉; and

R₁₅ and R₁₆ independently are selected from the group consisting of H, acyl, alkenyl, alkoxyl, OH, NH₂, alkyl, alkylamino, aryl, alkylaryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl; wherein each acyl, alkenyl, alkoxyl, alkyl, alkylamino, aryl, alkylaryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl may be optionally substituted; and optionally R₁₅ and R₁₆ together with the N to which they are bonded may form a heterocycle which may be substituted;

the nitrogen in the benzothiazepine ring may optionally be a quaternary nitrogen; and enantiomers, diastereomers, tautomers, pharmaceutically acceptable salts, hydrates, solvates, complexes, and prodrugs thereof;

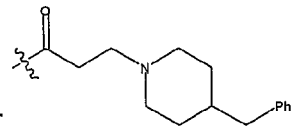
provided that when q is 0 and n is 0, then R₂ is not H, Et, -C(=O)NH₂, (=O)NHPh, -C(=S)NH-nButyl, -C(=O)NHC(=O)CH₂Cl, -C(=O)H, -C(=O)Me, -C(=O)Et, -C(=O)CH=CH₂, -S(=O)₂Me, or -S(=O)₂Et;

further provided that when q is 0 and n is 1 or 2, then R₂ is not -C(=O)Me, -C(=O)Et, -S(=O)₂Me, or -S(=O)₂Et;

further provided that when q is 1, and R is Me, Cl, or F at the 6 position of the benzothiazepene ring, then R₂ is not H, Me, -C(=O)H, -C(=O)Me, -C(=O)Et, -C(=O)Ph, -S(=O)₂Me, or -S(=O)₂Et; and

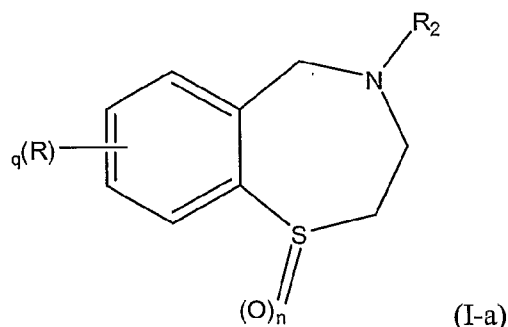
further provided that when q is 1, n is 0, and R is OCT₃, OH, C₁-C₃ alkoxyl at the 7 position

of the benzothiazepene ring, then R₂ is not H, -C(=O)CH=CH₂, or



[030] In one embodiment, the present invention provides compounds of Formula I, as described above, with the proviso that the compound is not S24 or S68.

[031] In one embodiment, the present invention provides compounds of Formula I-a:



wherein:

n is 0, 1, or 2;

q is 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4;

each R is independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, -OH, -NH₂, -NO₂, -CN, -CF₃, -OCF₃, -N₃, -SO₃H, -S(=O)₂alkyl, -S(=O)alkyl, -OS(=O)₂CF₃, acyl, alkyl, alkoxyl, alkylamino, alkylthio, cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, (hetero-)aryl, (hetero-)arylthio, and (hetero-)aryl amino; wherein each acyl, alkyl, alkoxyl, alkylamino, alkylthio, cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, (hetero-)aryl, (hetero-)arylthio, and (hetero-)aryl amino may be substituted or unsubstituted;

R₂ is selected from the group consisting of H, -C=O(R₅), -C=S(R₆), -SO₂R₇, -P(=O)R₈R₉, -(CH₂)_m-R₁₀, alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, and heterocyclyl; wherein each alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, and heterocyclyl may be substituted or unsubstituted;

R₅ is selected from the group consisting of -NR₁₅R₁₆, -NHNHNR₁₅R₁₆, -NHOH, -OR₁₅, -C(=O)NHNHNR₁₅R₁₆, -CO₂R₁₅, -C(=O)NR₁₅R₁₆, -CH₂X, acyl, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclalkyl; wherein each acyl, alkyl,

alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl may be substituted or unsubstituted;

R_6 is selected from the group consisting of $-OR_{15}$, $-NHN R_{15}R_{16}$, $-NHOH$, $-NR_{15}R_{16}$, $-CH_2X$, acyl, alkenyl, alkyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl; wherein each acyl, alkenyl, alkyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl may be substituted or unsubstituted;

R_7 is selected from the group consisting of H, $-OR_{15}$, $-NR_{15}R_{16}$, $-NHN R_{15}R_{16}$, $-NHOH$, $-CH_2X$, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl; wherein each alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl may be substituted or unsubstituted;

R_8 and R_9 independently are selected from the group consisting of $-OH$, acyl, alkenyl, alkoxyl, alkyl, alkylamino, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl; wherein each acyl, alkenyl, alkoxyl, alkyl, alkylamino, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl may be substituted or unsubstituted;

R_{10} is selected from the group consisting of $-NR_{15}R_{16}$, OH , $-SO_2R_{11}$, $-NHSO_2R_{11}$, $-C(=O)R_{12}$, $-NH(C=O)R_{12}$, $-O(C=O)R_{12}$, and $-P(=O)R_{13}R_{14}$;

m is 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4;

R_{11} , R_{12} , R_{13} , and R_{14} independently are selected from the group consisting of H, OH , NH_2 , $-NHNH_2$, $-NHOH$, acyl, alkenyl, alkoxyl, alkyl, alkylamino, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl; wherein each acyl, alkenyl, alkoxyl, alkyl, alkylamino, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl may be substituted or unsubstituted;

X is selected from the group consisting of halogen, $-CN$, $-CO_2R_{15}$, $-C(=O)NR_{15}R_{16}$, $-NR_{15}R_{16}$, $-OR_{15}$, $-SO_2R_7$, and $-P(=O)R_8R_9$; and

R_{15} and R_{16} independently are selected from the group consisting of H, acyl, alkenyl, alkoxyl, OH , NH_2 , alkyl, alkylamino, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl; wherein each acyl, alkenyl, alkoxyl, alkyl, alkylamino, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl may be substituted or unsubstituted; and optionally R_{15} and R_{16} together with the N to which they are bonded may form a heterocycle which may be substituted or unsubstituted;

the nitrogen in the benzothiazepine ring may be optionally a quaternary nitrogen; and

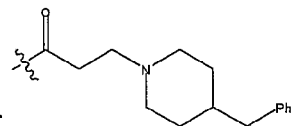
enantiomers, diastereomers, tautomers, pharmaceutically acceptable salts, hydrates, solvates, complexes, and prodrugs thereof;

provided that when q is 0 and n is 0, then R_2 is not H, Et, $-C(=O)NH_2$, $(=O)NHPh$, $-C(=S)NH-nButyl$, $-C(=O)NHC(=O)CH_2Cl$, $-C(=O)H$, $-C(=O)Me$, $-C(=O)Et$, $-C(=O)CH=CH_2$, $-S(=O)_2Me$, or $-S(=O)_2Et$;

further provided that when q is 0 and n is 1 or 2, then R_2 is not $-C(=O)Me$, $-C(=O)Et$, $-S(=O)_2Me$, or $-S(=O)_2Et$;

further provided that when q is 1, and R is Me, Cl, or F at the 6 position of the benzothiazepene ring, then R_2 is not H, Me, $-C(=O)H$, $-C(=O)Me$, $-C(=O)Et$, $-C(=O)Ph$, $-S(=O)_2Me$, or $-S(=O)_2Et$; and

further provided that when q is 1, n is 0, and R is OCT_3 , OH, C_1-C_3 alkoxy at the 7 position

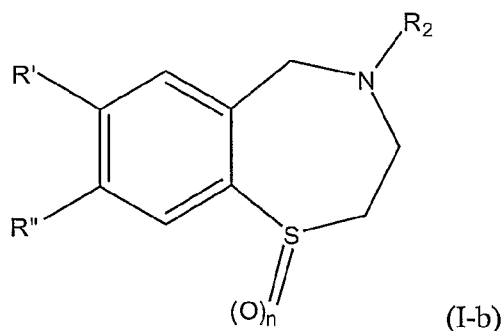


of the benzothiazepene ring, then R_2 is not H, $-C(=O)CH=CH_2$, or

[032] In certain embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-a**, wherein each R is independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, $-OH$, OMe , $-NH_2$, $-NO_2$, $-CN$, $-CF_3$, $-OCF_3$, $-N_3$, $-S(=O)_2C_1-C_4alkyl$, $-S(=O)C_1-C_4alkyl$, $-S-C_1-C_4alkyl$, $-OS(=O)_2CF_3$, Ph , $-NHCH_2Ph$, $-C(=O)Me$, $-OC(=O)Me$, morpholinyl and propenyl; and n is 0, 1, or 2.

[033] In other embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-a**, wherein R_2 is selected from the group consisting of $-C(=O)R_5$, $-C(=S)R_6$, $-SO_2R_7$, $-P(=O)R_8R_9$, and $-(CH_2)_m-R_{10}$.

[034] In yet another embodiment, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-b**:



wherein R' and R'' are independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, $-OH$, $-NH_2$, $-NO_2$, $-CN$, $-CF_3$, $-OCF_3$, $-N_3$, $-SO_3H$, $-S(=O)_2alkyl$, $-S(=O)alkyl$, $-OS(=O)_2CF_3$, acyl,

alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, alkylthio, cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclylalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, (hetero-)aryl, (hetero-)arylthio, and (hetero-)arylamino; and wherein each acyl, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclylalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, (hetero-)aryl, (hetero-)arylthio may be substituted or unsubstituted;

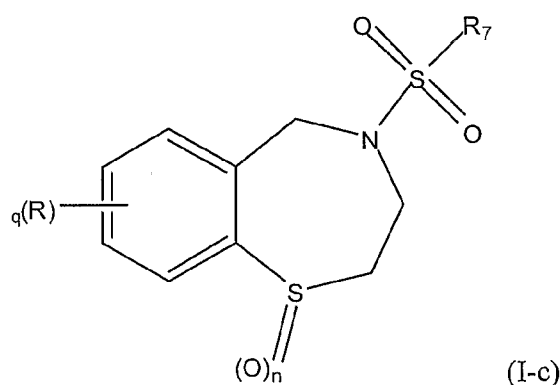
R_2 and n are as defined in compounds of formula **I-a** above;

and enantiomers, diastereomers, tautomers, pharmaceutically acceptable salts, hydrates, solvates, complexes and pro-drugs thereof.

[035] In certain embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-b**, wherein R' and R'' are independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, -OH, OMe, -NH₂, -NO₂, -CN, -CF₃, -OCF₃, -N₃, -S(=O)₂C₁-C₄alkyl, -S(=O)C₁-C₄alkyl, -S-C₁-C₄alkyl, -OS(=O)₂CF₃, Ph, -NHCH₂Ph, -C(=O)Me, -OC(=O)Me, morpholinyl and propenyl; and n is 0, 1 or 3. In some cases, R' is H or OMe, and R'' is H.

[036] In other embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-b**, wherein R_2 is selected from the group consisting of -C(=O)(R_5), -C(S(R_6)), -SO₂ R_7 , -P(=O)(R_8)(R_9), and -(CH₂) _{m} - R_{10} .

[037] In yet another embodiment, the present invention provides compounds formula of **I-c**:

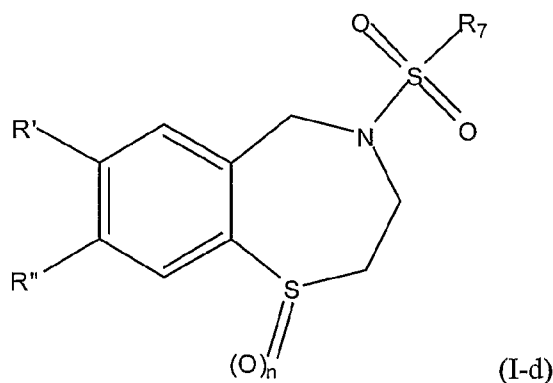


wherein each R , R_7 , q , and n is as defined in compounds of formula **I-a** above; and enantiomers, diastereomers, tautomers, pharmaceutically acceptable salts, hydrates, solvates, complexes and pro-drugs thereof.

[038] In certain embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-c**, wherein each R is independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, -OH, OMe, -NH₂, -NO₂, -CN, -CF₃, -OCF₃, -N₃, -S(=O)₂C₁-C₄alkyl, -S(=O)C₁-C₄alkyl, -S-C₁-C₄alkyl, -OS(=O)₂CF₃, Ph, -NHCH₂Ph, -C(=O)Me, -OC(=O)Me, morpholinyl and propenyl; and n is 0, 1, or 2.

[039] In other embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-c**, wherein R_7 is selected from the group consisting of -OH, $-NR_{15}R_{16}$, alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl; wherein each alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl may be substituted or unsubstituted.

[040] In a further embodiment, the present invention provides compounds of formula of **I-d**:



wherein R' and R'' are independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, -OH, $-NH_2$, $-NO_2$, $-CN$, $-CF_3$, $-OCF_3$, $-N_3$, $-SO_3H$, $-S(=O)_2alkyl$, $-S(=O)alkyl$, $-OS(=O)_2CF_3$, acyl, alkyl, alkoxyl, alkylamino, alkylthio, cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclylalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, (hetero-)aryl, (hetero-)arylthio, and (hetero-)aryl amino; and wherein each acyl, alkyl, alkoxyl, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclylalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, (hetero-)aryl, (hetero-)arylthio may be substituted or unsubstituted;

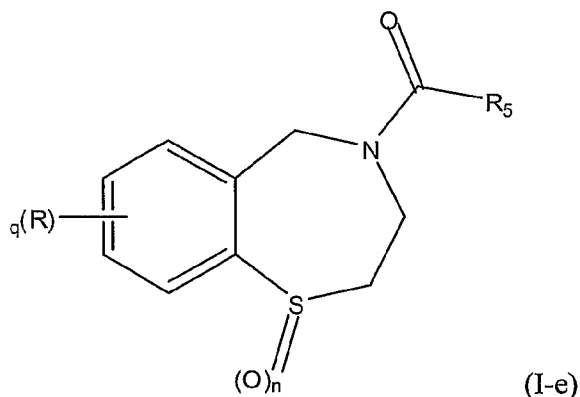
R_7 and n are as defined in compounds of formula **I-a** above; and enantiomers, diastereomers, tautomers, pharmaceutically acceptable salts, hydrates, solvates, complexes and pro-drugs thereof.

[041] In certain embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-d**, wherein R' and R'' are independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, -OH, OMe, $-NH_2$, $-NO_2$, $-CN$, $-CF_3$, $-OCF_3$, $-N_3$, $-S(=O)_2C_1-C_4alkyl$, $-S(=O)C_1-C_4alkyl$, $-SC_1-C_4alkyl$, $-OS(=O)_2CF_3$, Ph, $-NHCH_2Ph$, $-C(=O)Me$, $-OC(=O)Me$, morpholinyl and propenyl; and n is 0, 1 or 3. In some cases, R' is H or OMe, and R'' is H.

[042] In other embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-d**, wherein R_7 is selected from the group consisting of -OH, $-NR_{15}R_{16}$, alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl; wherein each alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl may be substituted or unsubstituted.

aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl may be substituted or unsubstituted.

[043] In one embodiment, the present invention provides compounds of formula of **I-e**:



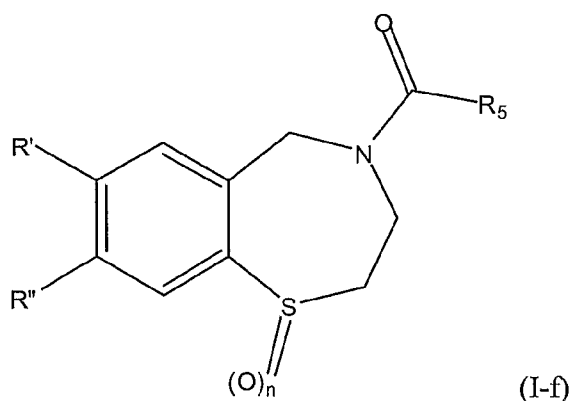
wherein each R, R₅, q and n is as defined compounds of formula **I-a** above; and enantiomers, diastereomers, tautomers, pharmaceutically acceptable salts, hydrates, solvates, complexes and pro-drugs thereof.

[044] In certain embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-e**, wherein each R is independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, -OH, OMe, -NH₂, -NO₂, -CN, -CF₃, -OCF₃, -N₃, -S(=O)₂C₁-C₄alkyl, -S(=O)C₁-C₄alkyl, -S-C₁-C₄alkyl, -OS(=O)₂CF₃, Ph, -NHCH₂Ph, -C(=O)Me, -OC(=O)Me, morpholinyl and propenyl; and n is 0, 1, or 2.

[045] In other embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-e**, wherein R₅ is selected from the group consisting of -NR₁₅R₁₆, -NHOH, -OR₁₅, -CH₂X, alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl; wherein each acyl, alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl may be substituted or unsubstituted.

[046] In some embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-e**, wherein R₅ is an alkyl substituted by at least one labeling group, such as a fluorescent, a bioluminescent, a chemiluminescent, a colorimetric and a radioactive labeling group. A fluorescent labeling group can be selected from bodipy, dansyl, fluorescein, rhodamine, Texas red, cyanine dyes, pyrene, coumarins, Cascade BlueTM, Pacific Blue, Marina Blue, Oregon Green, 4',6-Diamidino-2-phenylindole (DAPI), indopyra dyes, lucifer yellow, propidium iodide, porphyrins, arginine, and variants and derivatives thereof.

[047] In another embodiment, the present invention provides compounds of formula of **I-f**:



wherein R' and R'' are independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, -OH, -NH₂, -NO₂, -CN, -CF₃, -OCF₃, -N₃, -SO₃H, -S(=O)₂alkyl, -S(=O)alkyl, -OS(=O)₂CF₃, acyl, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, alkylthio, cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, (hetero-)aryl, (hetero-)arylthio, and (hetero-)arylamino; and wherein each acyl, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, (hetero-)aryl, (hetero-)arylthio may be substituted or unsubstituted;

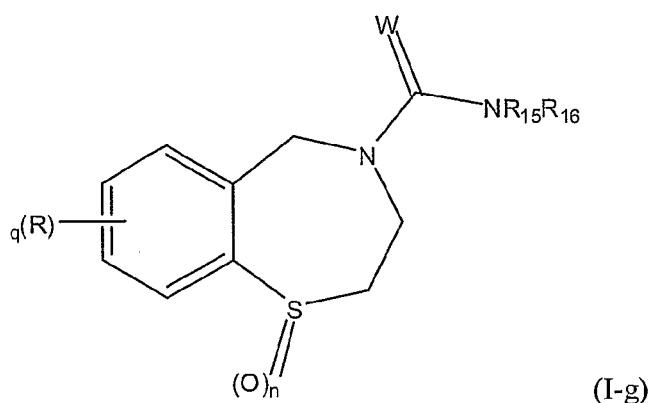
R₅ and n are as defined in compounds of formula **I-a** above;

and enantiomers, diastereomers, tautomers, pharmaceutically acceptable salts, hydrates, solvates, complexes and pro-drugs thereof.

[048] In certain embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-f**, wherein R' and R'' are independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, -OH, OMe, -NH₂, -NO₂, -CN, -CF₃, -OCF₃, -N₃, -S(=O)₂C₁-C₄alkyl, -S(=O)C₁-C₄alkyl, -S-C₁-C₄alkyl, -OS(=O)₂CF₃, Ph, -NHCH₂Ph, -C(=O)Me, -OC(=O)Me, morpholinyl and propenyl; and n is 0, 1 or 3. In some cases, R' is H or OMe, and R'' is H.

[049] In other embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-f**, wherein R₅ is selected from the group consisting of -NR₁₅R₁₆, -NHOH, -OR₁₅, -CH₂X, alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclalkyl; wherein each acyl, alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclalkyl may be substituted or unsubstituted.

[050] In yet another embodiment, the present invention provides compounds of formula of **I-g**:



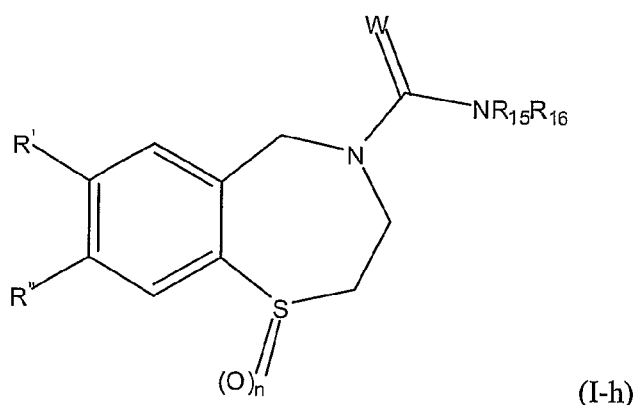
wherein W is S or O; each R, R₁₅, R₁₆, q, and n is as defined in compounds of formula **I-a** above; and enantiomers, diastereomers, tautomers, pharmaceutically acceptable salts, hydrates, solvates, complexes and pro-drugs thereof.

[051] In certain embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-g**, wherein each R is independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, -OH, OMe, -NH₂, -NO₂, -CN, -CF₃, -OCF₃, -N₃, -S(=O)₂C₁-C₄alkyl, -S(=O)C₁-C₄alkyl, -S-C₁-C₄alkyl, -OS(=O)₂CF₃, Ph, -NHCH₂Ph, -C(=O)Me, -OC(=O)Me, morpholinyl and propenyl; and n is 0, 1, or 2.

[052] In other embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-g**, wherein R₁₅ and R₁₆ independently are selected from the group consisting of H, OH, NH₂, alkyl, alkylamino, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl; wherein each alkyl, alkylamino, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl may be substituted; and optionally R₁₅ and R₁₆ together with the N to which they are bonded may form a heterocycle which may be substituted.

[053] In some embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-g**, wherein W is O or S.

[054] In yet another embodiment, the present invention provides compounds of formula of **I-h**:



wherein W is S or O;

wherein R' and R'' are independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, -OH, -NH₂, -NO₂, -CN, -CF₃, -OCF₃, -N₃, -SO₃H, -S(=O)₂alkyl, -S(=O)alkyl, -OS(=O)₂CF₃, acyl, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, alkylthio, cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, (hetero-)aryl, (hetero-)arylthio, and (hetero-)arylmino; and wherein each acyl, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, (hetero-)aryl, (hetero-)arylthio may be substituted or unsubstituted;

R₁₅, R₁₆ and n are as defined in compounds of formula **I-a** above;

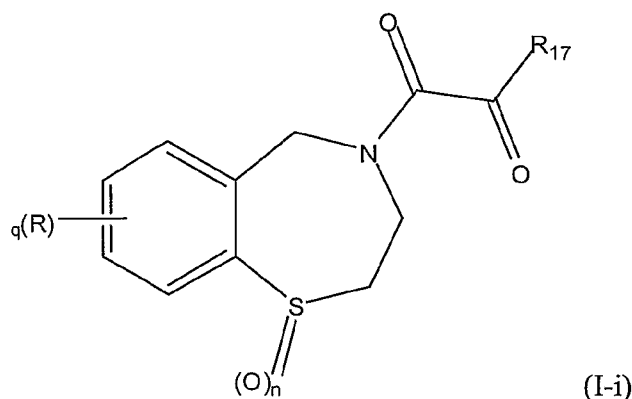
and enantiomers, diastereomers, tautomers, pharmaceutically acceptable salts, hydrates, solvates, complexes and pro-drugs thereof.

[055] In certain embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-h**, wherein R' and R'' are independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, -OH, OMe, -NH₂, -NO₂, -CN, -CF₃, -OCF₃, -N₃, -S(=O)₂C₁-C₄alkyl, -S(=O)C₁-C₄alkyl, -S-C₁-C₄alkyl, -OS(=O)₂CF₃, Ph, -NHCH₂Ph, -C(=O)Me, -OC(=O)Me, morpholinyl and propenyl; and n is 0, 1 or 3. In some cases, R' is H or OMe, and R'' is H.

[056] In other embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-h**, wherein R₁₅ and R₁₆ independently are selected from the group consisting of H, OH, NH₂, alkyl, alkylamino, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclalkyl; wherein each alkyl, alkylamino, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclalkyl may be substituted; and optionally R₁₅ and R₁₆ together with the N to which they are bonded may form a heterocycle which may be substituted.

[057] In some embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-g**, wherein W is O or S.

[058] In a further embodiment, the present invention provides compounds of formula of **I-i**:



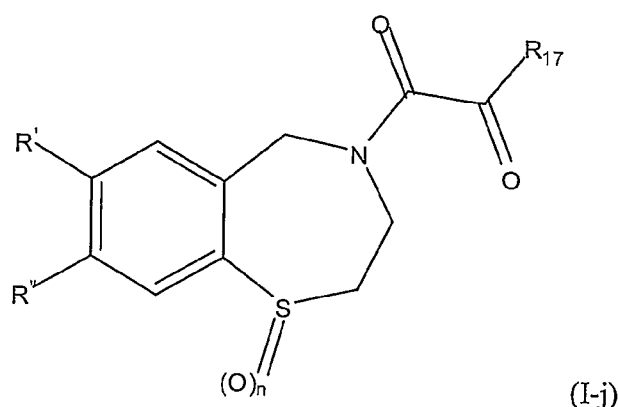
wherein R_{17} is selected from the group consisting of $-NR_{15}R_{16}$, $-NHN R_{15}R_{16}$, $-NHOH$, $-OR_{15}$, $-CH_2X$, alkenyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl; wherein each alkenyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl may be substituted or unsubstituted;

each R, q, and n is as defined in compounds of formula **I-a** above; and enantiomers, diastereomers, tautomers, pharmaceutically acceptable salts, hydrates, solvates, complexes and pro-drugs thereof.

[059] In certain embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-i**, wherein each R is independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, $-OH$, OMe , $-NH_2$, $-NO_2$, $-CN$, $-CF_3$, $-OCF_3$, $-N_3$, $-S(=O)_2C_1-C_4alkyl$, $-S(=O)C_1-C_4alkyl$, $-S-C_1-C_4alkyl$, $-OS(=O)_2CF_3$, Ph , $-NHCH_2Ph$, $-C(=O)Me$, $-OC(=O)Me$, morpholinyl and propenyl; and n is 0, 1, or 2.

[060] In other embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-i**, wherein R_{17} is $-NR_{15}R_{16}$, and $-OR_{15}$. In certain other embodiments, R_{17} is $-OH$, $-OMe$, $-NEt$, $-NHet$, $-NHPh$, $-NH_2$, or $-NHCH_2pyridyl$.

[061] In one embodiment, the present invention provides compounds of formula of **I-j**:



wherein R' and R'' are independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, -OH, -NH₂, -NO₂, -CN, -CF₃, -OCF₃, -N₃, -SO₃H, -S(=O)₂alkyl, -S(=O)alkyl, -OS(=O)₂CF₃, acyl, alkyl, alkoxyl, alkylamino, alkylthio, cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, (hetero-)aryl, (hetero-)arylthio, and (hetero-)arylamino; and wherein each acyl, alkyl, alkoxyl, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, (hetero-)aryl, (hetero-)arylthio may be substituted or unsubstituted;

R₁₇ is selected from the group consisting of -NR₁₅R₁₆, -NHNHNR₁₅R₁₆, -NHOH, -OR₁₅, -CH₂X, alkenyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclalkyl; wherein each alkenyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclalkyl may be substituted or unsubstituted;

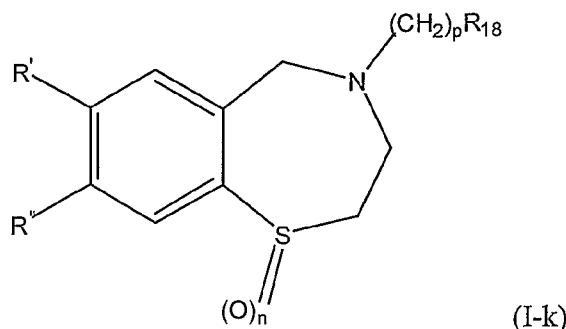
n is as defined in compounds of formula **I-a**; and

enantiomers, diastereomers, tautomers, pharmaceutically acceptable salts, hydrates, solvates, complexes and pro-drugs thereof.

[062] In certain embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-j**, wherein R' and R'' are independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, -OH, OMe, -NH₂, -NO₂, -CN, -CF₃, -OCF₃, -N₃, -S(=O)₂C₁-C₄alkyl, -S(=O)C₁-C₄alkyl, -S-C₁-C₄alkyl, -OS(=O)₂CF₃, Ph, -NHCH₂Ph, -C(=O)Me, -OC(=O)Me, morpholinyl and propenyl; and n is 0, 1 or 3. In some cases, R' is H or OMe, and R'' is H.

[063] In other embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-j**, wherein R₁₇ is -NR₁₅R₁₆ or -OR₁₅. In certain other embodiments, R₁₇ is -OH, -OMe, -NEt, -NHEt, -NHPh, -NH₂, or -NHCH₂pyridyl.

[064] In another embodiment, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-k**:



wherein R' and R'' are independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, -OH, -NH₂, -NO₂, -CN, -CF₃, -OCF₃, -N₃, -SO₃H, -S(=O)₂alkyl, -S(=O)alkyl, -OS(=O)₂CF₃, acyl, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, alkylthio, cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclylalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, (hetero-)aryl, (hetero-)arylthio, and (hetero-)arylmino; and wherein each acyl, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclylalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, (hetero-)aryl, (hetero-)arylthio may be substituted or unsubstituted;

R₁₈ is selected from the group consisting of -NR₁₅R₁₆, -C(=O)NR₁₅R₁₆, -(C=O)OR₁₅, -OR₁₅, alkyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, and at one labeling group; wherein each alkyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, and heterocyclyl may be substituted or unsubstituted;

wherein p is 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, or 10;

and n is 0, 1, or 2;

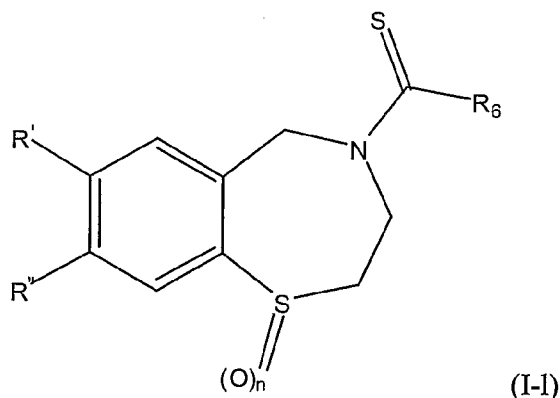
and enantiomers, diastereomers, tautomers, pharmaceutically acceptable salts, hydrates, solvates, complexes and pro-drugs thereof.

[065] In certain embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-k**, wherein R' and R'' are independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, -OH, OMe, -NH₂, -NO₂, -CN, -CF₃, -OCF₃, -N₃, -S(=O)₂C₁-C₄alkyl, -S(=O)C₁-C₄alkyl, -S-C₁-C₄alkyl, -OS(=O)₂CF₃, Ph, -NHCH₂Ph, -C(=O)Me, -OC(=O)Me, morpholinyl and propenyl; and n is 0, 1 or 3. In some cases, R' is H or OMe, and R'' is H.

[066] In other embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-k**, wherein R₁₈ is selected from the group consisting of -NR₁₅R₁₆, -(C=O)OR₁₅, -OR₁₅, alkyl, aryl, and at one labeling group; and wherein each alkyl and aryl may be substituted or unsubstituted. In some cases, m is 1, and R₁₈ is Ph, C(=O)OMe, C(=O)OH, aminoalkyl, NH₂, NHOH, or NHCbz. In other cases, m is 0, and R₁₈ is C₁-C₄ alkyl, such as Me, Et, propyl, and butyl. In yet other cases, m is 2, and R₁₈ is pyrrolidine, piperidine, piperazine, or morpholine. In some embodiments, m is 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8, and R₁₈ is a fluorescent labeling group selected

from bodipy, dansyl, fluorescein, rhodamine, Texas red, cyanine dyes, pyrene, coumarins, Cascade BlueTM, Pacific Blue, Marina Blue, Oregon Green, 4',6-Diamidino-2-phenylindole (DAPI), indopyra dyes, lucifer yellow, propidium iodide, porphyrins, arginine, and variants and derivatives thereof.

[067] In yet another embodiment, the present invention provides compounds of formula of **I-1**:



wherein R' and R'' are independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, -OH, -NH₂, -NO₂, -CN, -CF₃, -OCF₃, -N₃, -SO₃H, -S(=O)₂alkyl, -S(=O)alkyl, -OS(=O)₂CF₃, acyl, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, alkylthio, cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, (hetero-)aryl, (hetero-)arylthio, and (hetero-)arylamino; and wherein each acyl, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, (hetero-)aryl, (hetero-)arylthio may be substituted or unsubstituted;

R₆ and n are as defined in compounds of formula **I-a**;

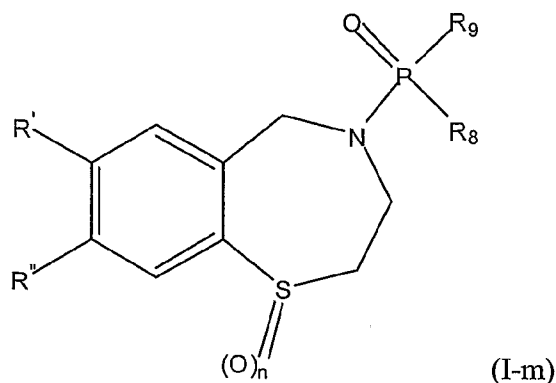
and enantiomers, diastereomers, tautomers, pharmaceutically acceptable salts, hydrates, solvates, complexes and pro-drugs thereof.

[068] In certain embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-1**, wherein R' and R'' are independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, -OH, OMe, -NH₂, -NO₂, -CN, -CF₃, -OCF₃, -N₃, -S(=O)₂C₁-C₄alkyl, -S(=O)C₁-C₄alkyl, -S-C₁-C₄alkyl, -OS(=O)₂CF₃, Ph, -NHCH₂Ph, -C(=O)Me, -OC(=O)Me, morpholinyl and propenyl; and n is 0, 1 or 3. In some cases, R' is H or OMe, and R'' is H.

[069] In other embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-1**, wherein R₆ is selected from the group consisting of -NR₁₅R₁₆, -NHNH₁₅R₁₆, -OR₁₅, -NHOH, -CH₂X, acyl, alkenyl, alkyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclalkyl; wherein each acyl, alkenyl, alkyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl,

heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl may be substituted or unsubstituted. In some cases, R_6 is $-NR_{15}R_{16}$ such as $-NHPh$, pyrrolidine, piperidine, piperazine, morpholine, and the like. In some other cases, R_6 is alkoxy, such as $-O-tBu$.

[070] In a further embodiment, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-m**:



wherein R' and R'' are independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, $-OH$, $-NH_2$, $-NO_2$, $-CN$, $-CF_3$, $-OCF_3$, $-N_3$, $-SO_3H$, $-S(=O)_2alkyl$, $-S(=O)alkyl$, $-OS(=O)_2CF_3$, acyl, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, alkylthio, cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclylalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, (hetero-)aryl, (hetero-)arylthio, and (hetero-)aryl amino; and wherein each acyl, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclylalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, (hetero-)aryl, (hetero-)arylthio may be substituted or unsubstituted;

R_8 , R_9 and n are as defined in compounds of formula **I-a** above; and enantiomers, diastereomers, tautomers, pharmaceutically acceptable salts, hydrates, solvates, complexes and pro-drugs thereof.

[071] In certain embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-m**, wherein R' and R'' are independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, $-OH$, OMe , $-NH_2$, $-NO_2$, $-CN$, $-CF_3$, $-OCF_3$, $-N_3$, $-S(=O)_2C_1-C_4alkyl$, $-S(=O)C_1-C_4alkyl$, $-SC_1-C_4alkyl$, $-OS(=O)_2CF_3$, Ph , $-NHCH_2Ph$, $-C(=O)Me$, $-OC(=O)Me$, morpholinyl and propenyl; and n is 0, 1 or 3. In some cases, R' is H or OMe , and R'' is H.

[072] In other embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-m**, wherein R_8 and R_9 are independently alkyl, aryl, $-OH$, alkoxy, or alkylamino. In some cases, R_8 is C_1-C_4 alkyl such as Me, Et, propyl and butyl; and R_9 is aryl such as phenyl.

[073] In one embodiment, the compound is selected from the group consisting of S1, S2, S3, S4, S5, S6, S7, S9, S11, S12, S13, S14, S19, S20, S22, S23, S25, S26, S36, S37, S38, S40, S43, S44, S45, S46, S47, S48, S49, S50, S51, S52, S53, S54, S55, S56, S57, S58, S59,

S60, S61, S62, S63, S64, S66, S67, S68, S69, S70, S71, S72, S73, S74, S75, S76, S77, S78, S79, S80, S81, S82, S83, S84, S85, S86, S87, S88, S89, S90, S91, S92, S93, S94, S95, S96, S97, S98, S99, S100, S101, S102, S103, S104, S105, S107, S108, S109, S110, S111, S112, S113, S114, S115, S116, S117, S118, S119, S120, S121, S122, and S123.

[074] The compounds of the invention may optionally comprise a labeling group, such as a fluorescent, bioluminescent, chemiluminescent, colorimetric or radioactive labeling group. Suitable fluorescent labeling groups include, but are not limited to, bodipy, dansyl, fluorescein, rhodamine, Texas red, cyanine dyes, pyrene, coumarins, Cascade BlueTM, Pacific Blue, Marina Blue, Oregon Green, 4', 6-Diamidino-2-phenylindole (DAPI), indopyra dyes, lucifer yellow, propidium iodide, porphyrins, and variants and derivatives thereof. One of skill in the art can readily select a suitable marker or labeling group, and conjugate such a labeling group to any of the compounds of the invention, without undue experimentation.

[075] The present invention also provides methods for the synthesis of compounds of Formula I, I-a, I-b, I-c, I-d, I-e, I-f, I-g, I-h, I-i, I-j, I-k, I-l and I-m, and salts, hydrates, solvates, complexes and pro-drugs thereof.

[076] The present invention further provides a method of treating or preventing various disorders and diseases in a subject that are associated with RyR receptors, such as muscular and cardiac disorders, comprising administering to the subject an amount of a compound effective to prevent or treat a disorder or disease associated with the RyR receptors, wherein the compound is of Formula I, I-a, I-b, I-c, I-d, I-e, I-f, I-g, I-h, I-i, I-j, I-k, I-l or I-m, or salts, hydrates, solvates, complexes and pro-drugs thereof.

[077] Also provided is a method of preventing or treating a leak in a RyR2 receptor in a subject, including administering to the subject an amount of a compound effective to prevent or treat a leak in the RyR2 receptor, wherein the compound is of Formula I, I-a, I-b, I-c, I-d, I-e, I-f, I-g, I-h, I-i, I-j, I-k, I-l or I-m, or salts, hydrates, solvates, complexes and pro-drugs thereof. The subject is, for example, an *in vitro* system (*e.g.*, cultured cells or tissues) or *in vivo* system (*e.g.*, animal or human).

[078] In addition, the present invention provides a method of modulating the binding of RyR and FKBP in a subject, including administering to the subject an amount of a compound effective to modulate the level of RyR-bound FKBP, wherein the compound is of Formula I, I-a, I-b, I-c, I-d, I-e, I-f, I-g, I-h, I-i, I-j, I-k, I-l or I-m, or salts, hydrates, solvates, complexes

and pro-drugs thereof. The subject is, for example, an *in vitro* system (*e.g.*, cultured cells or tissues) or *in vivo* system (*e.g.*, animal or human).

[079] The present invention also provides articles of manufacture for treating and preventing disorders and diseases associated with the RyR receptors, such as muscular and cardiac disorders, in a subject. The articles of manufacture comprise a pharmaceutical composition of one or more of the compounds of Formula I, I-a, I-b, I-c, I-d, I-e, I-f, I-g, I-h, I-i, I-j, I-k, I-l or I-m, or salts, hydrates, solvates, complexes and pro-drugs thereof. The articles of manufacture are packaged with indications for various disorders that the pharmaceutical compositions are capable of treating and/or preventing.

[080] Other features and advantages of the present invention will become apparent from the following detailed description. It should be understood, however, that the detailed description and the specific examples while indicating various embodiments of the invention are given by way of illustration only, since various changes and modifications within the spirit and scope of the invention will become apparent to those skilled in the art from this detailed description.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES

[081] Figure 1, embodiments A, B, C, and D are, respectively, (A) immunoblots of PKA phosphorylated RyR2 in the presence of FKBP12.6 and increasing JTV-519 concentrations; (B) immunoblots of PKA phosphorylated RyR2 in the presence of 0.5 nM S36; (C) a graph of current through plasma membrane, voltage dependent L-type Ca^{2+} channels which are completely blocked by nifedipine but not by S36 in isolated mouse cardiomyocytes; and (D) a graph of the voltage-dependence of L-type Ca^{2+} current in channels in the presence of JTV-519 and S36.

[082] Figure 2, embodiments A, B, C, and D demonstrate the prevention of exercise-induced ventricular arrhythmias by JTV-519 in haploinsufficient calstabin (FKBP12.6)^{+/-} mice. Embodiment A are representative telemetric electrocardiograms (ECGs) of an untreated calstabin2 (FKBP12.6)^{+/-} mouse (left), a JTV-519-treated calstabin2 (FKBP12.6)^{+/-} mouse (middle), and a calstabin2 (FKBP12.6)^{-/-} mouse (right). Embodiment B are telemetry recordings of a sustained polymorphic ventricular tachycardia (sVT) in (upper) an untreated haploinsufficient calstabin2 (FKBP12.6)^{+/-} mouse and (lower) a JTV-519-treated calstabin2 (FKBP12.6)^{+/-} mouse, each subjected to exercise testing immediately followed by injection with 0.5 mg epinephrine per kilogram of body weight. Embodiment C are graphs showing

the numbers of mice with cardiac death (left), sustained VTs (middle), and nonsustained VTs (right) in experimental groups of mice subjected to exercise testing and injection with 0.5 mg/kg epinephrine. Embodiment D provides graphs comparing the dose dependence of pharmacological effects of JTV-519 and S36 in regard to sudden cardiac death (left), sustained VTs (middle), and nonsustained VTs (right).

[083] Figure 3 is a graph showing fractional shortening (FS) of the left ventricle assessed by M-mode echocardiography 2 weeks post-myocardial infarction in treated mice.

[084] Figure 4 is a graph showing heart weight to body weight (HW/BW) ratios and pressure-volume loops quantifications (dP/dt) one week post-myocardial infarction of placebo and S36-treated mice. S36 treatment results in a beneficial reduction of the HW/BW ratio and increased velocity of pressure development in S36 as compared to placebo treated mice.

[085] Figure 5 is a graph summarizing EC₅₀ values of JTV-519 and a series of Rycal compounds indicating several compounds with a higher biologic activity as evidenced by significantly lower EC₅₀ values compared to JTV-519.

[086] Figure 6, embodiments A, B, and C are, respectively, (A) single-channel current traces of RyR2-P2328S and RyR2-WT; (B) single-channel current traces of RyR2-P2328S; and (C) immunoblot analysis of calstabin-2 binding of RyR2-P2328S.

[087] Figure 7, embodiments A and B, are, respectively, (A) an immunoblot of RyR2 immunoprecipitated with an antibody against RyR2, and immunoblots of RyR2 PKA phosphorylation at Ser-2809 and calstabin2; and (B) a bar graph quantifying the relative amount of PKA phosphorylated RyR2 at Ser-2808 (corresponding to human Ser-2809) bound to RyR2 in wild-type (control) and calstabin2-deficient (FKBP12.6^{-/-}) mice.

[088] Figure 8, embodiments A, B, and C, are, respectively, bar graphs of (A) quantitative in vivo M-mode echocardiograms comparing ejection fraction (EF) before and following sham operation or permanent left anterior descending (LAD) coronary artery ligation in wild-type and RyR2-S2808A knockin mice; (B) in vivo pressure-volume loop quantification of maximal pressure change over time (dP/dt) in wild-type and RyR2-S2808A knockin mice

after sham operation or permanent left anterior descending coronary artery (LAD) ligation; and (C) quantitative M-mode echocardiographic assessment of end-systolic diameter (ESD) in wildtype and RyR2-S2808A knockin mice after sham operation or permanent left anterior descending coronary artery (LAD) ligation.

[089] Figure 9, embodiments A, B, C, and D demonstrate the effect of JTV-519 on calstabin2 affinity to RyR2 in haploinsufficient calstabin2 (FKBP12.6)^{+/-} mice after exercise. Embodiment A is immunoblots of equivalent amounts of RyR2 immunoprecipitated with an antibody against RyR2 (top). Embodiment B are bar graphs showing the amount of PKA phosphorylation of RyR2 at Ser-2809 and the amount of calstabin2 bound to RyR2 from control animals and animals after exercise immediately followed by injection with 0.5 mg/kg epinephrine. Embodiment C are single-channel tracings of RyR2 channels isolated from hearts of haploinsufficient calstabin2^{+/-} and calstabin2^{-/-} deficient mice immediately following exercise testing and injection of 0.5 mg epinephrine per kg of body weight, both untreated (top) and after treatment (middle and bottom) with JTV-519. Average open probability (Po), open time (To) and average closed time (Tc) are as indicated; and closed state is indicated by 'c'. The dotted lines indicate subconductance levels for partial RyR2 openings. Embodiment D is a bar graph summarizing average open probabilities of single RyR2 channels from haploinsufficient calstabin2^{+/-} and calstabin2^{-/-} deficient mice after exercise with and without JTV-519 treatment. "*" indicates significance level $P < 0.05$. Numbers in the bars indicate the number of single channels measured.

[090] Figure 10, embodiments A, B, C, D, E, and F demonstrate normalized RyR2 channel gating and increased calstabin2 binding to RyR2 channels after treatment with JTV-519. Embodiment A are immunoblots of immunoprecipitated wild-type RyR2 (RyR2-WT) channels phosphorylated by PKA in the absence or presence of the inhibitor peptide PKI₅₋₂₄ and incubated with calstabin2 (250 nM) at the indicated JTV-519 concentrations; the immunoblots show the amount of RyR2 (top) and the amount of calstabin2 (bottom) associated with immunoprecipitated RyR2 after incubation with or without the indicated concentrations of JTV-519. Embodiment B is immunoblots of RyR2-S2809D, which mimics constitutive PKA phosphorylation of RyR2, analyzed as in Embodiment A. Embodiment C are binding curves of ³⁵S-radiolabeled calstabin2 to unphosphorylated or PKA phosphorylated RyR2 or to RyR2-S2809D in the presence or absence of JTV-519, documenting differences in the calstabin2 binding affinity for RyR2. Embodiments D, E, and F are single channel tracings (left) and amplitude histograms (right) of PKA-phosphorylated

RyR2s (embodiments E and F) or unphosphorylated (embodiment D in presence of PKA inhibitor PKI₄) incubated with calstabin2 (250 nM) with (embodiment F) or without (embodiments D and E) JTV-519 (1 μ M). Single-channel tracings are shown at 150 nM [Ca^{2+}] which mimics the diastolic or resting phase in the heart; channel openings are upward, the dash indicates the full level of channel opening (4 pA), and “c” indicates the closed state of the channels. The amplitude histograms have amplitude represented on the x axis, and events on the y axis indicates the number of channel openings.

[091] Figure 11, embodiments A, B, C, D, E, and F demonstrate that RyR1 channel function is increased and normalized in *mdx* mice treated with JTV-519. Embodiments A and B are, respectively, a single channel current trace and an amplitude histogram of RyR1 from soleus muscle of a control (wild-type) mouse under resting conditions. Embodiments C and D are, respectively, a single channel current trace and an amplitude histogram of RyR1 from soleus muscle of an *mdx* mouse. Embodiment E and F are, respectively, a single channel current trace and an amplitude histogram of RyR1 from soleus muscle of an *mdx* mouse treated with JTV-519.

[092] Figure 12, embodiments A and B, are, respectively, immunoblots of RyR1, RyR1-pSer²⁸⁴³, and RyR1-associated calstabin1 in *mdx* mice and wild-type mice; and bar graphs of the relative amounts of RyR1-pSer²⁸⁴³ and calstabin1 in *mdx* and wild-type mice.

[093] Figure 13, embodiments A, B, and C, demonstrate that a SR Ca^{2+} leak is detectable in the skeletal muscles of animals with heart failure. Embodiments A and B are fluorescence line scan images of Ca^{2+} sparks in myofibers from, respectively, sham and postmyocardial infarction (PMI) rats. Embodiment C provides bar graphs summarizing the amplitude, rise time, FDHM, and FWHM of the Ca^{2+} sparks for the sham (open symbols) and PMI (closed symbols) rats.

[094] Figure 14, embodiments A and B, demonstrate that treatment of wild-type mice with JTV-519 improves soleus muscle fatigue times. Embodiment A provides maximal tetanic force fatigue time tracings for wild-type and calstabin2^{-/-} mice, treated with JTV-519 or placebo as indicated. Embodiment B are bar graphs summarizing the mean time to fatigue for wild-type and calstabin2^{-/-} mice, treated with JTV-519 or placebo as indicated.

[095] Figure 15, embodiments A and B, demonstrate that the beneficial effects of JTV-519 treatment on skeletal muscle function depend on calstabin1 and not calstabin2 binding to RyR1. Embodiment A provides bar graphs of PKA phosphorylation of RyR1 at Ser-2844 in

mice, which corresponds to Ser-2843 in humans. Embodiment B are bar graphs of the amount of calstabin1 bound to RyR1 from wild-type and calstabin2^{-/-} mice treated with JTV-519 or placebo.

[096] Figure 16, embodiments A, B, C, and D demonstrate that JTV-519 normalizes abnormal or leaky RyR1 channel function *in vivo*. Embodiments A and C are single channel current traces of wild-type mice with heart failure treated with placebo (A) and JTV-519 (C). Embodiments B and D are amplitude histograms for wild-type mice with heart failure treated with placebo (B) and JTV-519 (D).

[097] Figure 17, embodiments A and B, demonstrate that JTV-519 increases calstabin binding to PKA phosphorylated RyR. Embodiment A are immunoblots of calstabin1 incubated and associated with RyR1 and calstabin2 incubated and associated with RyR2 at increasing concentrations of JTV-519. Embodiment B provides graphs summarizing the proportion of calstabin1 and calstabin2 bound to RyR1 and RyR2, as indicated.

[098] Figure 18, embodiments A, B, C, and D, demonstrate that PKA phosphorylation of Ser-2843 increases the open probability and gating kinetics of RyR1 channels. Embodiment A provides single channel current traces and corresponding histogram of wild-type RyR1. Embodiment B provides single channel current traces and corresponding histogram of wild-type RyR1 that is PKA phosphorylated. Embodiment C provides single channel current traces and corresponding histogram of RyR1-Ser-2843A. Embodiment D provides single channel current traces and corresponding histogram of RyR1-Ser-2843D.

[099] Figure 19, embodiments A and B, demonstrate the PKA hyperphosphorylation and calstabin1 deficiency of RyR1 channels after sustained exercise. Embodiment A are immunoblots of RyR1, RyR1-pSer²⁸⁴⁴, RyR1-pSer²⁸⁴⁹, and calstabin1 for control and swim mice following an exercise regime. Embodiment B is a bar graph summarizing the relative amounts of the indicated compounds following the exercise regime.

[0100] Figure 20, embodiments A and B, demonstrate that RyR1 PKA phosphorylation increases after exposure to increasing durations of sustained exercise. Embodiment A provides immunoblots of RyR1 and RyR1-pSer²⁸⁴⁴ following increasing durations of sustained exercise. Embodiment B is a graph showing the relative PKA phosphorylation of RyR1 for varying durations of exercise.

[0101] Figure 21, embodiments A, B, and C, demonstrate that RyR1 PKA phosphorylation increases with muscle fatigue. Embodiments A and B are, respectively, fatigue time tracings

and a bar graph showing mean fatigue times for rat soleus muscle of heart failure and control subjects. Embodiment C is a graph of PKA phosphorylation versus fatigue time.

[0102] Figure 22 are trichrome and hematoxylin-eosin stains of cross-sections of the mouse *M. extensor digitorum longus*, and demonstrates myofiber degeneration consistent with dystrophic remodeling following sustained exercise.

[0103] Figure 23 shows a sample hERG current trace before (control) and after application of ARM036 at 100 μ M. Also shown is the voltage pulse protocol used to evoke the hERG currents.

[0104] Figure 24 shows a typical time course of the effect of ARM036 on hERG current amplitude. Application of 10 μ M ARM036 is indicated by the horizontal bar.

[0105] Figure 25 is a concentration-response graph showing the percent inhibition of hERG current after application of ARM036 at various concentrations.

[0106] Figure 26 is a concentration-response graph showing the percent inhibition of hERG current after application of ARM036-Na at various concentrations.

[0107] Figure 27 is a concentration-response graph showing the percent inhibition of hERG current after application of ARM047 at various concentrations.

[0108] Figure 28 is a concentration-response graph showing the percent inhibition of hERG current after application of ARM048 at various concentrations.

[0109] Figure 29 is a concentration-response graph showing the percent inhibition of hERG current after application of ARM050 at various concentrations.

[0110] Figure 30 is a concentration-response graph showing the percent inhibition of hERG current after application of ARM057 at various concentrations.

[0111] Figure 31 is a concentration-response graph showing the percent inhibition of hERG current after application of ARM064 at various concentrations.

[0112] Figure 32 is a concentration-response graph showing the percent inhibition of hERG current after application of ARM074 at various concentrations.

[0113] Figure 33 is a concentration-response graph showing the percent inhibition of hERG current after application of ARM075 at various concentrations.

[0114] Figure 34 is a concentration-response graph showing the percent inhibition of hERG current after application of ARM076 at various concentrations.

[0115] Figure 35 is a concentration-response graph showing the percent inhibition of hERG current after application of ARM077 at various concentrations.

[0116] Figure 36 is a concentration-response graph showing the percent inhibition of hERG current after application of ARM101 at various concentrations.

[0117] Figure 37 is a concentration-response graph showing the percent inhibition of hERG current after application of ARM102 at various concentrations.

[0118] Figure 38 is a concentration-response graph showing the percent inhibition of hERG current after application of ARM103 at various concentrations.

[0119] Figure 39 is a concentration-response graph showing the percent inhibition of hERG current after application of ARM104 at various concentrations.

[0120] Figure 40 is a concentration-response graph showing the percent inhibition of hERG current after application of ARM106 at various concentrations.

[0121] Figure 41 is a concentration-response graph showing the percent inhibition of hERG current after application of ARM107 at various concentrations.

[0122] Figure 42 is a concentration-response graph showing the percent inhibition of hERG current after application of S26 at various concentrations.

[0123] Figure 43 is a concentration-response graph showing the percent inhibition of hERG current after application of JTV-519 ("ARM0XX") at various concentrations.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[0124] As used herein and in the appended claims, the singular forms "a," "an," and "the" include plural references unless the content clearly dictates otherwise. Thus, for example, reference to "an agent" includes a plurality of such agents and equivalents thereof known to those skilled in the art, and reference to "the FKBP12.6 polypeptide" is a reference to one or more FKBP12.6 polypeptides (also known as calstabin2) and equivalents thereof known to those skilled in the art, and so forth. All publications, patent applications, patents, and other references mentioned herein are incorporated by reference in their entirety.

[0125] The following are definitions of terms used in the present specification. The initial definition provided for a group or term herein applies to that group or term throughout the present specification individually or as part of another group, unless otherwise indicated.

[0126] As used herein, the term "RyCal compounds" refers to compounds of the general Formula I, I-a, I-b, I-c, I-d, I-e, I-f, I-g, I-h, I-i, I-j, I-k, I-l, I-m or II as provided by the invention, and herein referred to as "compound(s) of the invention".

[0127] The compounds of the invention are referred using a numerical naming system, with compound numbers 1 to 123 provided herein. These numbered compounds are referred to using either the prefix "S" or the prefix "ARM." Thus, the first numbered compound is referred to either as "S1" or "ARM001", the second numbered compound is referred to as either "S2" or "ARM002", the third numbered compound is referred to as either "S3" or "ARM003", and so on. The "S" and the "ARM" nomenclature systems are used interchangeably throughout the specification, the drawings, and the claims.

[0128] The term "alkyl" as used herein refers to a linear or branched, saturated hydrocarbon having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms. Representative alkyl groups include, but are not limited to, methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, sec-butyl, tert-butyl, pentyl, isopentyl, neopentyl, hexyl, isohexyl, and neohexyl. The term "C₁-C₄ alkyl" refers to a straight or branched chain alkane (hydrocarbon) radical containing from 1 to 4 carbon atoms, such as methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, t-butyl, and isobutyl.

[0129] The term "alkenyl" as used herein refers to a linear or branched hydrocarbon having from 2 to 6 carbon atoms and having at least one carbon-carbon double bond. In one embodiment, the alkenyl has one or two double bonds. The alkenyl moiety may exist in the E or Z conformation and the compounds of the present invention include both conformations.

[0130] The term "alkynyl" as used herein refers to a linear or branched hydrocarbon having from 2 to 6 carbon atoms and having at least one carbon-carbon triple bond.

[0131] The term "aryl" as used herein refers to an aromatic group containing 1 to 3 aromatic rings, either fused or linked.

[0132] The term "cyclic group" as used herein includes a cycloalkyl group and a heterocyclic group.

[0133] The term "cycloalkyl group" as used herein refers to a three- to seven-membered saturated or partially unsaturated carbon ring. Any suitable ring position of the cycloalkyl group may be covalently linked to the defined chemical structure. Exemplary cycloalkyl groups include cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, and cycloheptyl.

[0134] The term "halogen" as used herein refers to fluorine, chlorine, bromine, and iodine.

[0135] The term "heterocyclic group" or "heterocyclic" or "heterocyclyl" or "heterocyclo" as used herein refers to fully saturated, or partially or fully unsaturated, including aromatic (i.e., "heteroaryl") cyclic groups (for example, 4 to 7 membered monocyclic, 7 to 11 membered bicyclic, or 10 to 16 membered tricyclic ring systems) which have at least one heteroatom in at least one carbon atom-containing ring. Each ring of the heterocyclic group containing a heteroatom may have 1, 2, 3, or 4 heteroatoms selected from nitrogen atoms, oxygen atoms and/or sulfur atoms, where the nitrogen and sulfur heteroatoms may optionally be oxidized and the nitrogen heteroatoms may optionally be quaternized. The heterocyclic group may be attached to the remainder of the molecule at any heteroatom or carbon atom of the ring or ring system. Exemplary heterocyclic groups include, but are not limited to, azepanyl, azetidiny, aziridiny, dioxolanyl, furanyl, furazanyl, homo piperaziny, imidazolidiny, imidazoliny, isothiazolyl, isoxazolyl, morpholiny, oxadiazolyl, oxazolidiny, oxazolyl, oxazolidiny, pyrimidiny, phenanthridiny, phenanthroliny, piperaziny, piperidiny, pyranly, pyraziny, pyrazolidiny, pyrazoliny, pyrazolyl, pyridaziny, pyridooxazolyl, pyridoimidazolyl, pyridothiazolyl, pyridiny, pyrimidiny, pyrrolidiny, pyrroliny, quinuclidiny, tetrahydrofuranyl, thiadiaziny, thiadiazolyl, thienyl, thienothiazolyl, thienooxazolyl, thienoimidazolyl, thiomorpholiny, thiophenyl, triaziny, and triazolyl. Exemplary bicyclic heterocyclic groups include indolyl, isoindolyl, benzothiazolyl, benzoxazolyl, benzoxadiazolyl, benzothienyl, quinuclidiny, quinoliny, tetrahydroisoquinoliny, isoquinoliny, benzimidazolyl, benzopyranly, indoliziny, benzofuryl, benzofurazanyl, chromonyl, coumariny, benzopyranly, cinnoliny, quinoxaliny, indazolyl, pyrrolopyridyl, furopyridiny (such as furo[2,3-c]pyridiny, furo[3,2-b]pyridiny] or furo[2,3-b]pyridiny), dihydroisoindolyl, dihydroquinazoliny (such as 3,4-dihydro-4-oxo-quinazoliny), triazinylazepiny, tetrahydroquinoliny and the like. Exemplary tricyclic heterocyclic groups include carbazolyl, benzidolyl, phenanthroliny, acridiny, phenanthridiny, xanthenyl and the like.

[0136] The term "phenyl" as used herein refers to a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group.

[0137] The aforementioned terms "alkyl," "alkenyl," "alkynyl," "aryl," "phenyl," "cyclic group," "cycloalkyl," "heterocyclyl," "heterocyclo," and "heterocycle" may further be optionally substituted with one or more substituents. Exemplary substituents include but are not limited to one or more of the following groups: hydrogen, halogen, CF₃, OCF₃, cyano, nitro, N₃, oxo, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, heterocycle, aryl, alkylaryl, heteroaryl, OR_a, SR_a,

$S(=O)R_e$, $S(=O)_2R_e$, $P(=O)_2R_e$, $S(=O)_2OR_a$, $P(=O)_2OR_a$, NR_bR_c , $NR_bS(=O)_2R_e$, $NR_bP(=O)_2R_e$, $S(=O)_2NR_bR_c$, $P(=O)_2NR_bR_c$, $C(=O)OR_a$, $C(=O)R_a$, $C(=O)NR_bR_c$, $OC(=O)R_a$, $OC(=O)NR_bR_c$, $NR_bC(=O)OR_a$, $NR_dC(=O)NR_bR_c$, $NR_dS(=O)_2NR_bR_c$, $NR_dP(=O)_2NR_bR_c$, $NR_bC(=O)R_a$, or $NR_bP(=O)_2R_e$, wherein R_a is hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkylaryl, heteroaryl, heterocycle, or aryl; R_b , R_c and R_d are independently hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkylaryl, heteroaryl, heterocycle, aryl, or said R_b and R_c together with the N to which they are bonded optionally form a heterocycle; and R_e is alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkenyl, alkynyl, alkylaryl, heteroaryl, heterocycle, or aryl. In the aforementioned exemplary substituents, groups such as alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkenyl, alkylaryl, heteroaryl, heterocycle and aryl can themselves be optionally substituted.

[0138] Exemplary substituents may further optionally include at least one labeling group, such as a fluorescent, a bioluminescent, a chemiluminescent, a colorimetric and a radioactive labeling group. A fluorescent labeling group can be selected from bodipy, dansyl, fluorescein, rhodamine, Texas red, cyanine dyes, pyrene, coumarins, Cascade BlueTM, Pacific Blue, Marina Blue, Oregon Green, 4',6-Diamidino-2-phenylindole (DAPI), indopyra dyes, lucifer yellow, propidium iodide, porphyrins, arginine, and variants and derivatives thereof. For example, ARM118 of the present invention contains a labeling group BODIPY, which is a family of fluorophores based on the 4,4-difluoro-4-bora-3a,4a-diaza-s-indacene moiety. For further information on fluorescent label moieties and fluorescence techniques, see, e.g., *Handbook of Fluorescent Probes and Research Chemicals*, by Richard P. Haugland, Sixth Edition, Molecular Probes, (1996), which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety. One of skill in the art can readily select a suitable labeling group, and conjugate such a labeling group to any of the compounds of the invention, without undue experimentation.

[0139] The term "quaternary nitrogen" refers to a tetravalent positively charged nitrogen atom including, for example, the positively charged nitrogen in a tetraalkylammonium group (e.g., tetramethylammonium, N-methylpyridinium), the positively charged nitrogen in protonated ammonium species (e.g., trimethyl-hydroammonium, N-hydropyridinium), the positively charged nitrogen in amine N-oxides (e.g., N-methyl-morpholine-N-oxide, pyridine-N-oxide), and the positively charged nitrogen in an N-amino-ammonium group (e.g., N-aminopyridinium).

[0140] Throughout the specification, unless otherwise noted, the nitrogen in the benzothiazepine ring of compounds of the present invention may optionally be a quaternary nitrogen. Non-limiting examples include ARM-113 and ARM-119.

[0141] Compounds of the present invention may exist in their tautomeric form (for example, as an amide or imino ether). All such tautomeric forms are contemplated herein as part of the present invention.

[0142] The term "prodrug" as employed herein denotes a compound that, upon administration to a subject, undergoes chemical conversion by metabolic or chemical processes to yield compounds of the present invention.

[0143] All stereoisomers of the compounds of the present invention (for example, those which may exist due to asymmetric carbons on various substituents), including enantiomeric forms and diastereomeric forms, are contemplated within the scope of this invention. Individual stereoisomers of the compounds of the invention may, for example, be substantially free of other isomers (e.g., as a pure or substantially pure optical isomer having a specified activity), or may be admixed, for example, as racemates or with all other, or other selected, stereoisomers. The chiral centers of the present invention may have the S or R configuration as defined by the IUPAC 1974 Recommendations. The racemic forms can be resolved by physical methods, such as, for example, fractional crystallization, separation or crystallization of diastereomeric derivatives or separation by chiral column chromatography. The individual optical isomers can be obtained from the racemates by any suitable method, including without limitation, conventional methods, such as, for example, salt formation with an optically active acid followed by crystallization.

[0144] Compounds of the present invention are, subsequent to their preparation, preferably isolated and purified to obtain a composition containing an amount by weight equal to or greater than 99% of the compound ("substantially pure" compound), which is then used or formulated as described herein. Such "substantially pure" compounds of the present invention are also contemplated herein as part of the present invention.

[0145] All configurational isomers of the compounds of the present invention are contemplated, either in admixture or in pure or substantially pure form. The definition of compounds of the present invention embraces both cis (*Z*) and trans (*E*) alkene isomers, as well as cis and trans isomers of cyclic hydrocarbon or heterocyclic rings.

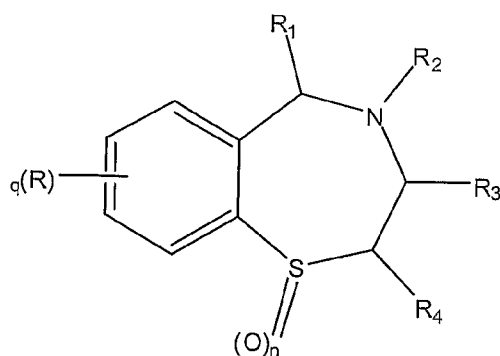
[0146] Throughout the specifications, groups and substituents thereof may be chosen to provide stable moieties and compounds.

[0147] The present invention provides compounds that are capable of treating and preventing disorders and diseases associated with the RyR receptors that regulate calcium channel

functioning in cells. More particularly, the present invention provides compounds that are capable of treating or preventing a leak in RyR channels. "Disorders and diseases associated with the RyR receptors" means disorders and diseases that can be treated and/or prevented by modulating the RyR receptors that regulate calcium channel functioning in cells. "Disorders and diseases associated with the RyR receptors" include, without limitation, cardiac disorders and diseases, skeletal muscular disorders and diseases, cognitive disorders and diseases, malignant hyperthermia, diabetes, and sudden infant death syndrome. Cardiac disorder and diseases include, but are not limited to, irregular heartbeat disorders and diseases; exercise-induced irregular heartbeat disorders and diseases; sudden cardiac death; exercise-induced sudden cardiac death; congestive heart failure; chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; and high blood pressure. Irregular heartbeat disorders and diseases include and exercise-induced irregular heartbeat disorders and diseases include, but are not limited to, atrial and ventricular arrhythmia; atrial and ventricular fibrillation; atrial and ventricular tachyarrhythmia; atrial and ventricular tachycardia; catecholaminergic polymorphic ventricular tachycardia (CPVT); and exercise-induced variants thereof. Skeletal muscular disorder and diseases include, but are not limited to, skeletal muscle fatigue, exercise-induced skeletal muscle fatigue, muscular dystrophy, bladder disorders, and incontinence. Cognitive disorders and diseases include, but are not limited to, Alzheimer's Disease, forms of memory loss, and age-dependent memory loss.

Compounds

[0148] In one embodiment, the present invention provides compounds of Formula I:



wherein,

n is 0, 1, or 2;

q is 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4;

each R is independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, -OH, -NH₂, -NO₂, -CN, -CF₃, -OCF₃, -N₃, -SO₃H, -S(=O)₂alkyl, -S(=O)alkyl, -OS(=O)₂CF₃, acyl, -O-acyl, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, alkylarylamino, alkylthio, cycloalkyl, alkylaryl, aryl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclylalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, (hetero-)aryl, (hetero-)arylthio, and (hetero-)arylamino; wherein each acyl, -O-acyl, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, alkylarylamino, alkylthio, cycloalkyl, alkylaryl, aryl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclylalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, (hetero-)aryl, (hetero-)arylthio, and (hetero-)arylamino may be optionally substituted;

R₁ is selected from the group consisting of H, oxo, alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, alkylaryl, cycloalkyl, heteroaryl, and heterocyclyl; wherein each alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, alkylaryl, cycloalkyl, heteroaryl, and heterocyclyl may be optionally substituted;

R₂ is selected from the group consisting of H, -C(=O)R₅, -C(=S)R₆, -SO₂R₇, -P(=O)R₈R₉, -(CH₂)_m-R₁₀, alkyl, aryl, alkylaryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, and heterocyclyl; wherein each alkyl, aryl, alkylaryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, and heterocyclyl may be optionally substituted;

R₃ is selected from the group consisting of H, -CO₂Y, -C(=O)NHY, acyl, -O-acyl, alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, alkylaryl, cycloalkyl, heteroaryl, and heterocyclyl; wherein each acyl, alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, alkylaryl, cycloalkyl, heteroaryl, and heterocyclyl may be optionally substituted; and wherein Y is selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, aryl, alkylaryl, cycloalkyl, heteroaryl, and heterocyclyl, and wherein each alkyl, aryl, alkylaryl, cycloalkyl, heteroaryl, and heterocyclyl may be optionally substituted;

R₄ is selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, alkylaryl, cycloalkyl, heteroaryl, and heterocyclyl; wherein each alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, alkylaryl, cycloalkyl, heteroaryl, and heterocyclyl may be optionally substituted;

R₅ is selected from the group consisting of -NR₁₅R₁₆, -(CH₂)_qNR₁₅R₁₆, -NHNHNR₁₅R₁₆, -NHOH, -OR₁₅, -C(=O)NHNHNR₁₅R₁₆, -CO₂R₁₅, -C(=O)NR₁₅R₁₆, -CH₂X, acyl, alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, alkylaryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl; wherein each acyl, alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, alkylaryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl may be optionally substituted, and wherein q is 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6;

R₆ is selected from the group consisting of -OR₁₅, -NHNHNR₁₅R₁₆, -NHOH, -NR₁₅R₁₆, -CH₂X, acyl, alkenyl, alkyl, aryl, alkylaryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl; wherein each acyl, alkenyl, alkyl, aryl, alkylaryl, cycloalkyl,

cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclalkyl may be optionally substituted;

R₇ is selected from the group consisting of -OR₁₅, -NR₁₅R₁₆, -NHN R₁₅R₁₆, -NHOH, -CH₂X, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, alkylaryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclalkyl; wherein each alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, alkylaryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclalkyl may be optionally substituted;

R₈ and R₉ independently are selected from the group consisting of OH, acyl, alkenyl, alkoxy, alkyl, alkylamino, aryl, alkylaryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclalkyl; wherein each acyl, alkenyl, alkoxy, alkyl, alkylamino, aryl, alkylaryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclalkyl may be optionally substituted;

R₁₀ is selected from the group consisting of -NR₁₅R₁₆, OH, -SO₂R₁₁, -NHSO₂R₁₁, C(=O)(R₁₂), NHC=O(R₁₂), -OC=O(R₁₂), and -P(=O)R₁₃R₁₄;

R₁₁, R₁₂, R₁₃, and R₁₄ independently are selected from the group consisting of H, OH, NH₂, -NHNH₂, -NHOH, acyl, alkenyl, alkoxy, alkyl, alkylamino, aryl, alkylaryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclalkyl; wherein each acyl, alkenyl, alkoxy, alkyl, alkylamino, aryl, alkylaryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclalkyl may be optionally substituted;

X is selected from the group consisting of halogen, -CN, -CO₂R₁₅, -C(=O)NR₁₅R₁₆, -NR₁₅R₁₆, -OR₁₅, -SO₂R₇, and -P(=O)R₈R₉; and

R₁₅ and R₁₆ independently are selected from the group consisting of H, acyl, alkenyl, alkoxy, OH, NH₂, alkyl, alkylamino, aryl, alkylaryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclalkyl; wherein each acyl, alkenyl, alkoxy, alkyl, alkylamino, aryl, alkylaryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclalkyl may be optionally substituted; and optionally R₁₅ and R₁₆ together with the N to which they are bonded may form a heterocycle which may be substituted;

the nitrogen in the benzothiazepine ring may optionally be a quaternary nitrogen; and enantiomers, diastereomers, tautomers, pharmaceutically acceptable salts, hydrates, solvates, complexes, and prodrugs thereof;

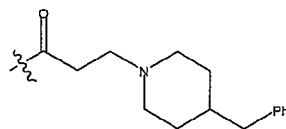
provided that when q is 0 and n is 0, then R₂ is not H, Et, -C(=O)NH₂, (=O)NHPh, -C(=S)NH-nButyl, -C(=O)NHC(=O)CH₂Cl, -C(=O)H, -C(=O)Me, -C(=O)Et, -C(=O)CH=CH₂, -S(=O)₂Me, or -S(=O)₂Et;

further provided that when q is 0 and n is 1 or 2, then R₂ is not -C(=O)Me, -C(=O)Et, -S(=O)₂Me, or -S(=O)₂Et;

further provided that when q is 1, and R is Me, Cl, or F at the 6 position of the benzothiazepene ring, then R₂ is not H, Me, -C(=O)H, -C(=O)Me, -C(=O)Et, -C(=O)Ph, -S(=O)₂Me, or -S(=O)₂Et; and

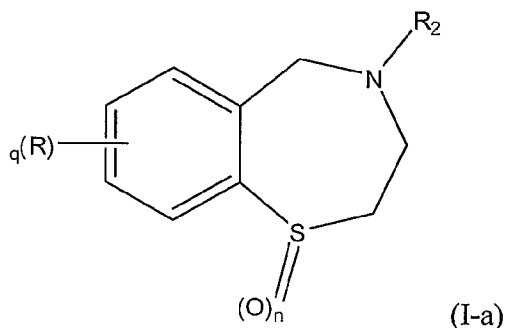
further provided that when q is 1, n is 0, and R is OCT₃, OH, C₁-C₃ alkoxyl at the 7 position

of the benzothiazepene ring, then R₂ is not H, -C(=O)CH=CH₂, or



[0149] In one embodiment, the present invention provides compounds of Formula I, as described above, with the proviso that said compound is not S24 or S68.

[0150] In one embodiment, the present invention provides compounds of Formula **I-a**:



wherein:

n is 0, 1, or 2;

q is 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4;

each R is independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, -OH, -NH₂, -NO₂, -CN, -CF₃, -OCF₃, -N₃, -SO₃H, -S(=O)₂alkyl, -S(=O)alkyl, -OS(=O)₂CF₃, acyl, alkyl, alkoxyl, alkylamino, alkylthio, cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclylalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, (hetero-)aryl, (hetero-)arylthio, and (hetero-)arylamino; wherein each acyl, alkyl, alkoxyl, alkylamino, alkylthio, cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclylalkyl, alkenyl,

alkynyl, (hetero-)aryl, (hetero-)arylthio, and (hetero-)arylamino may be substituted or unsubstituted;

R_2 is selected from the group consisting of H, $-C=O(R_5)$, $-C=S(R_6)$, $-SO_2R_7$, $-P(=O)R_8R_9$, $-(CH_2)_m-R_{10}$, alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, and heterocyclyl; wherein each alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, and heterocyclyl may be substituted or unsubstituted;

R_5 is selected from the group consisting of $-NR_{15}R_{16}$, $-NHNHNR_{15}R_{16}$, $-NHOH$, $-OR_{15}$, $-C(=O)NHNHNR_{15}R_{16}$, $-CO_2R_{15}$, $-C(=O)NR_{15}R_{16}$, $-CH_2X$, acyl, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl; wherein each acyl, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl may be substituted or unsubstituted;

R_6 is selected from the group consisting of $-OR_{15}$, $-NHNHNR_{15}R_{16}$, $-NHOH$, $-NR_{15}R_{16}$, $-CH_2X$, acyl, alkenyl, alkyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl; wherein each acyl, alkenyl, alkyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl may be substituted or unsubstituted;

R_7 is selected from the group consisting of H, $-OR_{15}$, $-NR_{15}R_{16}$, $-NHNHNR_{15}R_{16}$, $-NHOH$, $-CH_2X$, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl; wherein each alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl may be substituted or unsubstituted;

R_8 and R_9 independently are selected from the group consisting of $-OH$, acyl, alkenyl, alkoxyl, alkyl, alkylamino, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl; wherein each acyl, alkenyl, alkoxyl, alkyl, alkylamino, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl may be substituted or unsubstituted;

R_{10} is selected from the group consisting of $-NR_{15}R_{16}$, OH , $-SO_2R_{11}$, $-NHCO_2R_{11}$, $-C(=O)R_{12}$, $-NH(C=O)R_{12}$, $-O(C=O)R_{12}$, and $-P(=O)R_{13}R_{14}$;

m is 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4;

R_{11} , R_{12} , R_{13} , and R_{14} independently are selected from the group consisting of H, OH , NH_2 , $-NHNH_2$, $-NHOH$, acyl, alkenyl, alkoxyl, alkyl, alkylamino, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl; wherein each acyl, alkenyl, alkoxyl, alkyl, alkylamino, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl may be substituted or unsubstituted;

X is selected from the group consisting of halogen, -CN, -CO₂R₁₅, -C(=O)NR₁₅R₁₆, -NR₁₅R₁₆, -OR₁₅, -SO₂R₇, and -P(=O)R₈R₉; and

R₁₅ and R₁₆ independently are selected from the group consisting of H, acyl, alkenyl, alkoxy, OH, NH₂, alkyl, alkylamino, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclalkyl; wherein each acyl, alkenyl, alkoxy, alkyl, alkylamino, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclalkyl may be substituted or unsubstituted; and optionally R₁₅ and R₁₆ together with the N to which they are bonded may form a heterocycle which may be substituted or unsubstituted;

the nitrogen in the benzothiazepine ring may be optionally a quaternary nitrogen; and

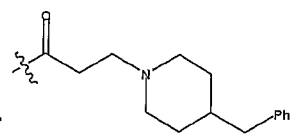
enantiomers, diastereomers, tautomers, pharmaceutically acceptable salts, hydrates, solvates, complexes, and prodrugs thereof;

provided that when q is 0 and n is 0, then R₂ is not H, Et, -C(=O)NH₂, (=O)NHPh, -C(=S)NH-nButyl, -C(=O)NHC(=O)CH₂Cl, -C(=O)H, -C(=O)Me, -C(=O)Et, -C(=O)CH=CH₂, -S(=O)₂Me, or -S(=O)₂Et;

further provided that when q is 0 and n is 1 or 2, then R₂ is not -C(=O)Me, -C(=O)Et, -S(=O)₂Me, or -S(=O)₂Et;

further provided that when q is 1, and R is Me, Cl, or F at the 6 position of the benzothiazepene ring, then R₂ is not H, Me, -C(=O)H, -C(=O)Me, -C(=O)Et, -C(=O)Ph, -S(=O)₂Me, or -S(=O)₂Et; and

further provided that when q is 1, n is 0, and R is OCT₃, OH, C₁-C₃ alkoxy at the 7 position

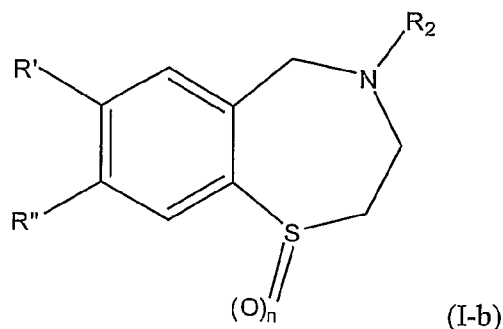


of the benzothiazepene ring, then R₂ is not H, -C(=O)CH=CH₂, or

[0151] In certain embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-a**, wherein each R is independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, -OH, OMe, -NH₂, -NO₂, -CN, -CF₃, -OCF₃, -N₃, -S(=O)₂C₁-C₄alkyl, -S(=O)C₁-C₄alkyl, -S-C₁-C₄alkyl, -OS(=O)₂CF₃, Ph, -NHCH₂Ph, -C(=O)Me, -OC(=O)Me, morpholinyl and propenyl; and n is 0, 1, or 2.

[0152] In other embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-a**, wherein R₂ is selected from the group consisting of -C=O(R₅), -C=S(R₆), -SO₂R₇, -P(=O)R₈R₉, and -(CH₂)_m-R₁₀.

[0153] In yet another embodiment, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-b**:



wherein R' and R'' are independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, -OH, -NH₂, -NO₂, -CN, -CF₃, -OCF₃, -N₃, -SO₃H, -S(=O)₂alkyl, -S(=O)alkyl, -OS(=O)₂CF₃, acyl, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, alkylthio, cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, (hetero-)aryl, (hetero-)arylthio, and (hetero-)arylamino; and wherein each acyl, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, (hetero-)aryl, (hetero-)arylthio may be substituted or unsubstituted;

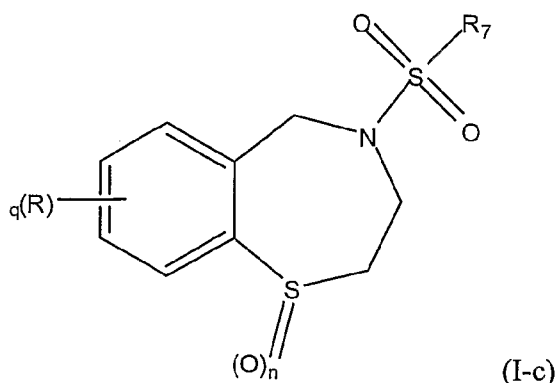
R₂ and n are as defined in compounds of formula **I-a** above;

and enantiomers, diastereomers, tautomers, pharmaceutically acceptable salts, hydrates, solvates, complexes and pro-drugs thereof.

[0154] In certain embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-b**, wherein R' and R'' are independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, -OH, OMe, -NH₂, -NO₂, -CN, -CF₃, -OCF₃, -N₃, -S(=O)₂C₁-C₄alkyl, -S(=O)C₁-C₄alkyl, -S-C₁-C₄alkyl, -OS(=O)₂CF₃, Ph, -NHCH₂Ph, -C(=O)Me, -OC(=O)Me, morpholinyl and propenyl; and n is 0, 1 or 3. In some cases, R' is H or OMe, and R'' is H.

[0155] In other embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-b**, wherein R₂ is selected from the group consisting of -C=O(R₅), -C=S(R₆), -SO₂R₇, -P(=O)R₈R₉, and -(CH₂)_m-R₁₀.

[0156] In yet another embodiment, the present invention provides compounds formula of **I-c**:

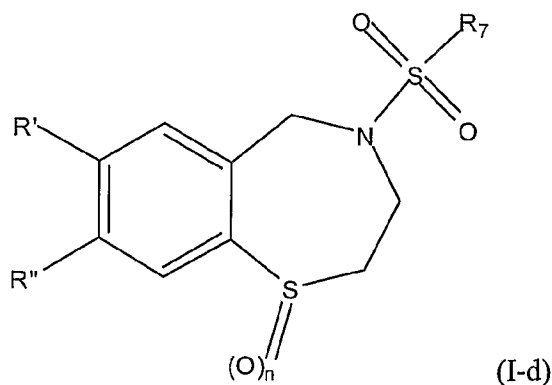


wherein each R, R₇, q, and n is as defined in compounds of formula **I-a** above; and enantiomers, diastereomers, tautomers, pharmaceutically acceptable salts, hydrates, solvates, complexes and pro-drugs thereof.

[0157] In certain embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-c**, wherein each R is independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, -OH, OMe, -NH₂, -NO₂, -CN, -CF₃, -OCF₃, -N₃, -S(=O)₂C₁-C₄alkyl, -S(=O)C₁-C₄alkyl, -S-C₁-C₄alkyl, -OS(=O)₂CF₃, Ph, -NHCH₂Ph, -C(=O)Me, -OC(=O)Me, morpholinyl and propenyl; and n is 0, 1, or 2.

[0158] In other embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-c**, wherein R₇ is selected from the group consisting of -OH, -NR₁₅R₁₆, alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl; wherein each alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl may be substituted or unsubstituted.

[0159] In a further embodiment, the present invention provides compounds of formula of **I-d**:



wherein R' and R'' are independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, -OH, -NH₂, -NO₂, -CN, -CF₃, -OCF₃, -N₃, -SO₃H, -S(=O)₂alkyl, -S(=O)alkyl, -OS(=O)₂CF₃, acyl,

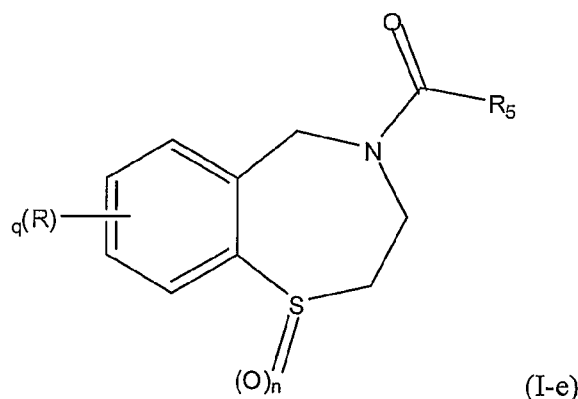
alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, alkylthio, cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, (hetero-)aryl, (hetero-)arylthio, and (hetero-)arylamino; and wherein each acyl, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, (hetero-)aryl, (hetero-)arylthio may be substituted or unsubstituted;

R_7 and n are as defined in compounds of formula **I-a** above; and enantiomers, diastereomers, tautomers, pharmaceutically acceptable salts, hydrates, solvates, complexes and pro-drugs thereof.

[0160] In certain embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-d**, wherein R' and R'' are independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, -OH, OMe, -NH₂, -NO₂, -CN, -CF₃, -OCF₃, -N₃, -S(=O)₂C₁-C₄alkyl, -S(=O)C₁-C₄alkyl, -S-C₁-C₄alkyl, -OS(=O)₂CF₃, Ph, -NHCH₂Ph, -C(=O)Me, -OC(=O)Me, morpholinyl and propenyl; and n is 0, 1 or 3. In some cases, R' is H or OMe, and R'' is H.

[0161] In other embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-d**, wherein R_7 is selected from the group consisting of -OH, -NR₁₅R₁₆, alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclalkyl; wherein each alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclalkyl may be substituted or unsubstituted.

[0162] In one embodiment, the present invention provides compounds of formula of **I-e**:



wherein each R , R_5 , q and n is as defined compounds of formula **I-a** above; and enantiomers, diastereomers, tautomers, pharmaceutically acceptable salts, hydrates, solvates, complexes and pro-drugs thereof.

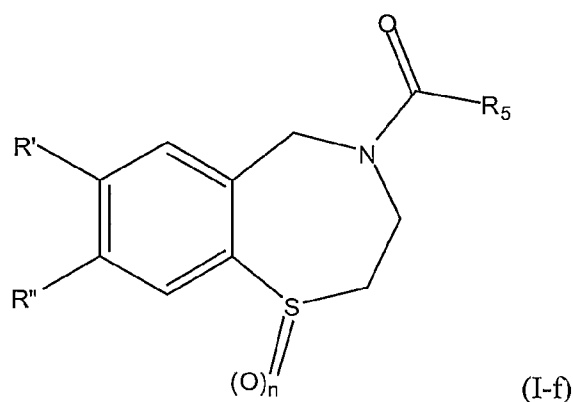
[0163] In certain embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-e**, wherein each R is independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, -OH, OMe, -NH₂, -NO₂, -CN, -CF₃, -OCF₃, -N₃, -S(=O)₂C₁-C₄alkyl, -S(=O)C₁-C₄alkyl, -S-C₁-

C₄alkyl, -OS(=O)₂CF₃, Ph, -NHCH₂Ph, -C(=O)Me, -OC(=O)Me, morpholinyl and propenyl; and n is 0, 1, or 2.

[0164] In other embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula I-e, wherein R₅ is selected from the group consisting of -NR₁₅R₁₆, -NHOH, -OR₁₅, -CH₂X, alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl; wherein each acyl, alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl may be substituted or unsubstituted.

[0165] In some embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula I-e, wherein R₅ is an alkyl substituted by at least one labeling group, such as a fluorescent, a bioluminescent, a chemiluminescent, a colorimetric and a radioactive labeling group. A fluorescent labeling group can be selected from bodipy, dansyl, fluorescein, rhodamine, Texas red, cyanine dyes, pyrene, coumarins, Cascade BlueTM, Pacific Blue, Marina Blue, Oregon Green, 4',6-Diamidino-2-phenylindole (DAPI), indopyra dyes, lucifer yellow, propidium iodide, porphyrins, arginine, and variants and derivatives thereof.

[0166] In another embodiment, the present invention provides compounds of formula of I-f:



wherein R' and R'' are independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, -OH, -NH₂, -NO₂, -CN, -CF₃, -OCF₃, -N₃, -SO₃H, -S(=O)₂alkyl, -S(=O)alkyl, -OS(=O)₂CF₃, acyl, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, alkylthio, cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclylalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, (hetero-)aryl, (hetero-)arylthio, and (hetero-)aryl amino; and wherein each acyl, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclylalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, (hetero-)aryl, (hetero-)arylthio may be substituted or unsubstituted;

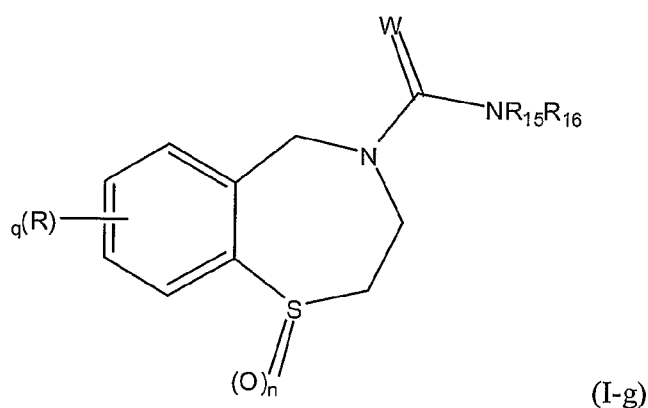
R₅ and n are as defined in compounds of formula I-a above;

and enantiomers, diastereomers, tautomers, pharmaceutically acceptable salts, hydrates, solvates, complexes and pro-drugs thereof.

[0167] In certain embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-f**, wherein R' and R'' are independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, -OH, OMe, -NH₂, -NO₂, -CN, -CF₃, -OCF₃, -N₃, -S(=O)₂C₁-C₄alkyl, -S(=O)C₁-C₄alkyl, -S-C₁-C₄alkyl, -OS(=O)₂CF₃, Ph, -NHCH₂Ph, -C(=O)Me, -OC(=O)Me, morpholinyl and propenyl; and n is 0, 1 or 3. In some cases, R' is H or OMe, and R'' is H.

[0168] In other embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-f**, wherein R₅ is selected from the group consisting of -NR₁₅R₁₆, -NHOH, -OR₁₅, -CH₂X, alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl; wherein each acyl, alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl may be substituted or unsubstituted.

[0169] In yet another embodiment, the present invention provides compounds of formula of **I-g**:



wherein W is S or O; each R, R₁₅, R₁₆, q, and n is as defined in compounds of formula **I-a** above; and enantiomers, diastereomers, tautomers, pharmaceutically acceptable salts, hydrates, solvates, complexes and pro-drugs thereof.

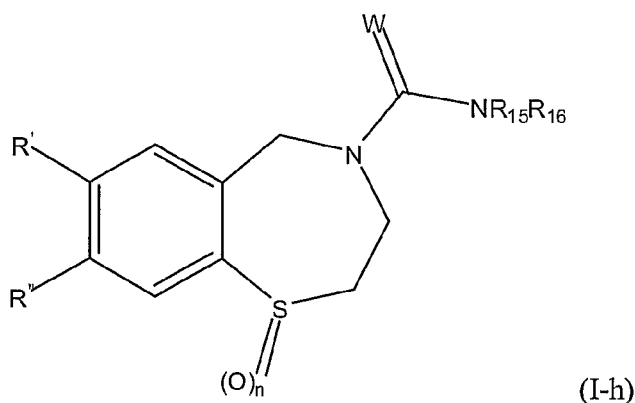
[0170] In certain embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-g**, wherein each R is independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, -OH, OMe, -NH₂, -NO₂, -CN, -CF₃, -OCF₃, -N₃, -S(=O)₂C₁-C₄alkyl, -S(=O)C₁-C₄alkyl, -S-C₁-C₄alkyl, -OS(=O)₂CF₃, Ph, -NHCH₂Ph, -C(=O)Me, -OC(=O)Me, morpholinyl and propenyl; and n is 0, 1, or 2.

[0171] In other embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-g**, wherein R₁₅ and R₁₆ independently are selected from the group consisting of H, OH, NH₂, alkyl, alkylamino, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl; wherein each alkyl, alkylamino, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and

heterocyclalkyl may be substituted; and optionally R_{15} and R_{16} together with the N to which they are bonded may form a heterocycle which may be substituted.

[0172] In some embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-g**, wherein W is O or S.

[0173] In yet another embodiment, the present invention provides compounds of formula of **I-h**:



wherein W is S or O;

wherein R' and R'' are independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, -OH, -NH₂, -NO₂, -CN, -CF₃, -OCF₃, -N₃, -SO₃H, -S(=O)₂alkyl, -S(=O)alkyl, -OS(=O)₂CF₃, acyl, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, alkylthio, cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocycl, heterocyclalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, (hetero-)aryl, (hetero-)arylthio, and (hetero-)arylamino; and wherein each acyl, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocycl, heterocyclalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, (hetero-)aryl, (hetero-)arylthio may be substituted or unsubstituted;

R_{15} , R_{16} and n are as defined in compounds of formula **I-a** above;

and enantiomers, diastereomers, tautomers, pharmaceutically acceptable salts, hydrates, solvates, complexes and pro-drugs thereof.

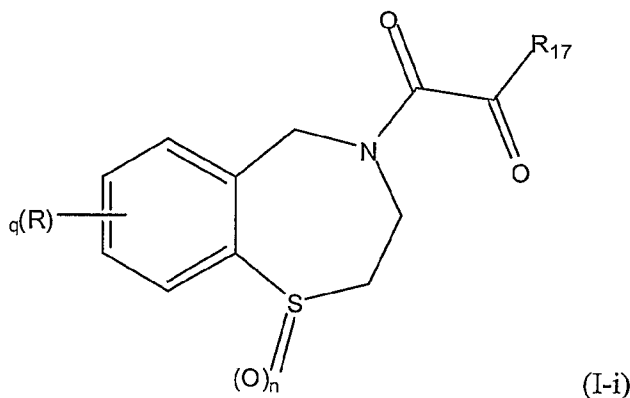
[0174] In certain embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-h**, wherein R' and R'' are independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, -OH, OMe, -NH₂, -NO₂, -CN, -CF₃, -OCF₃, -N₃, -S(=O)₂C₁-C₄alkyl, -S(=O)C₁-C₄alkyl, -S-C₁-C₄alkyl, -OS(=O)₂CF₃, Ph, -NHCH₂Ph, -C(=O)Me, -OC(=O)Me, morpholinyl and propenyl; and n is 0, 1 or 3. In some cases, R' is H or OMe, and R'' is H.

[0175] In other embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-h**, wherein R_{15} and R_{16} independently are selected from the group consisting of H, OH, NH₂,

alkyl, alkylamino, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclalkyl; wherein each alkyl, alkylamino, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclalkyl may be substituted; and optionally R_{15} and R_{16} together with the N to which they are bonded may form a heterocycle which may be substituted.

[0176] In some embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-g**, wherein W is O or S.

[0177] In a further embodiment, the present invention provides compounds of formula of **I-i**:



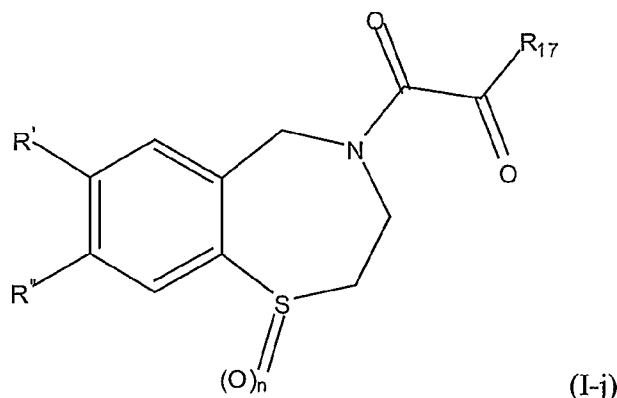
wherein R_{17} is selected from the group consisting of $-NR_{15}R_{16}$, $-NHN R_{15}R_{16}$, $-NHOH$, $-OR_{15}$, $-CH_2X$, alkenyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclalkyl; wherein each alkenyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclalkyl may be substituted or unsubstituted;

each R, q, and n is as defined in compounds of formula **I-a** above; and enantiomers, diastereomers, tautomers, pharmaceutically acceptable salts, hydrates, solvates, complexes and pro-drugs thereof.

[0178] In certain embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-i**, wherein each R is independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, $-OH$, OMe , $-NH_2$, $-NO_2$, $-CN$, $-CF_3$, $-OCF_3$, $-N_3$, $-S(=O)_2C_1-C_4alkyl$, $-S(=O)C_1-C_4alkyl$, $-SC_1-C_4alkyl$, $-OS(=O)_2CF_3$, Ph , $-NHCH_2Ph$, $-C(=O)Me$, $-OC(=O)Me$, morpholinyl and propenyl; and n is 0, 1, or 2.

[0179] In other embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-i**, wherein R_{17} is $-NR_{15}R_{16}$, and $-OR_{15}$. In certain other embodiments, R_{17} is $-OH$, $-OMe$, $-NEt$, $-NHet$, $-NHPh$, $-NH_2$, or $-NHCH_2pyridyl$.

[0180] In one embodiment, the present invention provides compounds of formula of **I-j**:



wherein R' and R'' are independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, -OH, -NH₂, -NO₂, -CN, -CF₃, -OCF₃, -N₃, -SO₃H, -S(=O)₂alkyl, -S(=O)alkyl, -OS(=O)₂CF₃, acyl, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, alkylthio, cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, (hetero-)aryl, (hetero-)arylthio, and (hetero-)arylamino; and wherein each acyl, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, (hetero-)aryl, (hetero-)arylthio may be substituted or unsubstituted;

R₁₇ is selected from the group consisting of -NR₁₅R₁₆, -NHNHNR₁₅R₁₆, -NHOH, -OR₁₅, -CH₂X, alkenyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclalkyl; wherein each alkenyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclalkyl may be substituted or unsubstituted;

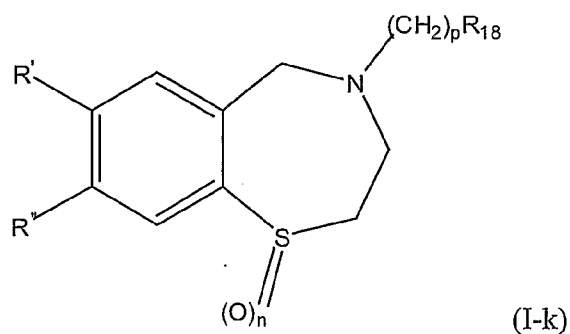
n is as defined in compounds of formula I-a; and

enantiomers, diastereomers, tautomers, pharmaceutically acceptable salts, hydrates, solvates, complexes and pro-drugs thereof.

[0181] In certain embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula I-j, wherein R' and R'' are independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, -OH, OMe, -NH₂, -NO₂, -CN, -CF₃, -OCF₃, -N₃, -S(=O)₂C₁-C₄alkyl, -S(=O)C₁-C₄alkyl, -S-C₁-C₄alkyl, -OS(=O)₂CF₃, Ph, -NHCH₂Ph, -C(=O)Me, -OC(=O)Me, morpholinyl and propenyl; and n is 0, 1 or 3. In some cases, R' is H or OMe, and R'' is H.

[0182] In other embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula I-j, wherein R₁₇ is -NR₁₅R₁₆ or -OR₁₅. In certain other embodiments, R₁₇ is -OH, -OMe, -NEt, -NHEt, -NHPh, -NH₂, or -NHCH₂pyridyl.

[0183] In another embodiment, the present invention provides compounds of formula I-k:



wherein R' and R'' are independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, -OH, -NH₂, -NO₂, -CN, -CF₃, -OCF₃, -N₃, -SO₃H, -S(=O)₂alkyl, -S(=O)alkyl, -OS(=O)₂CF₃, acyl, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, alkylthio, cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclylalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, (hetero-)aryl, (hetero-)arylthio, and (hetero-)arylamino; and wherein each acyl, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclylalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, (hetero-)aryl, (hetero-)arylthio may be substituted or unsubstituted;

R₁₈ is selected from the group consisting of -NR₁₅R₁₆, -C(=O)NR₁₅R₁₆, -(C=O)OR₁₅, -OR₁₅, alkyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, and at one labeling group; wherein each alkyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, and heterocyclyl may be substituted or unsubstituted;

wherein p is 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, or 10;

and n is 0, 1, or 2;

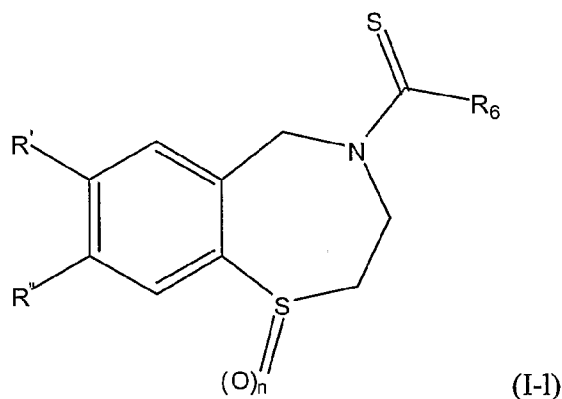
and enantiomers, diastereomers, tautomers, pharmaceutically acceptable salts, hydrates, solvates, complexes and pro-drugs thereof.

[0184] In certain embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-k**, wherein R' and R'' are independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, -OH, OMe, -NH₂, -NO₂, -CN, -CF₃, -OCF₃, -N₃, -S(=O)₂C₁-C₄alkyl, -S(=O)C₁-C₄alkyl, -S-C₁-C₄alkyl, -OS(=O)₂CF₃, Ph, -NHCH₂Ph, -C(=O)Me, -OC(=O)Me, morpholinyl and propenyl; and n is 0, 1 or 3. In some cases, R' is H or OMe, and R'' is H.

[0185] In other embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-k**, wherein R₁₈ is selected from the group consisting of -NR₁₅R₁₆, -(C=O)OR₁₅, -OR₁₅, alkyl, aryl, and at one labeling group; and wherein each alkyl and aryl may be substituted or unsubstituted. In some cases, m is 1, and R₁₈ is Ph, C(=O)OMe, C(=O)OH, aminoalkyl, NH₂, NHOH, or NHCbz. In other cases, m is 0, and R₁₈ is C₁-C₄ alkyl, such as Me, Et, propyl, and butyl. In yet other cases, m is 2, and R₁₈ is pyrrolidine, piperidine, piperazine, or morpholine. In some embodiments, m is 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8, and R₁₈ is a fluorescent labeling group selected

from bodipy, dansyl, fluorescein, rhodamine, Texas red, cyanine dyes, pyrene, coumarins, Cascade BlueTM, Pacific Blue, Marina Blue, Oregon Green, 4',6-Diamidino-2-phenylindole (DAPI), indopyra dyes, lucifer yellow, propidium iodide, porphyrins, arginine, and variants and derivatives thereof.

[0186] In yet another embodiment, the present invention provides compounds of formula of **I-I**:



wherein R' and R'' are independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, -OH, -NH₂, -NO₂, -CN, -CF₃, -OCF₃, -N₃, -SO₃H, -S(=O)₂alkyl, -S(=O)alkyl, -OS(=O)₂CF₃, acyl, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, alkylthio, cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclylalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, (hetero-)aryl, (hetero-)arylthio, and (hetero-)aryl amino; and wherein each acyl, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclylalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, (hetero-)aryl, (hetero-)arylthio may be substituted or unsubstituted;

R₆ and n are as defined in compounds of formula **I-a**;

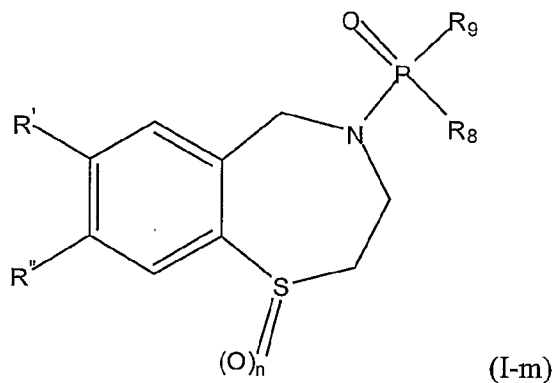
and enantiomers, diastereomers, tautomers, pharmaceutically acceptable salts, hydrates, solvates, complexes and pro-drugs thereof.

[0187] In certain embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-I**, wherein R' and R'' are independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, -OH, OMe, -NH₂, -NO₂, -CN, -CF₃, -OCF₃, -N₃, -S(=O)₂C₁-C₄alkyl, -S(=O)C₁-C₄alkyl, -S-C₁-C₄alkyl, -OS(=O)₂CF₃, Ph, -NHCH₂Ph, -C(=O)Me, -OC(=O)Me, morpholinyl and propenyl; and n is 0, 1 or 3. In some cases, R' is H or OMe, and R'' is H.

[0188] In other embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-I**, wherein R₆ is selected from the group consisting of -NR₁₅R₁₆, -NHNHNR₁₅R₁₆, -OR₁₅, -NHOH, -CH₂X, acyl, alkenyl, alkyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl; wherein each acyl, alkenyl, alkyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl,

heterocyclyl, and heterocyclalkyl may be substituted or unsubstituted. In some cases, R_6 is $-NR_{15}R_{16}$ such as $-NHPh$, pyrrolidine, piperidine, piperazine, morpholine, and the like. In some other cases, R_6 is alkoxyl, such as $-O-tBu$.

[0189] In a further embodiment, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-m**:



wherein R' and R'' are independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, $-OH$, $-NH_2$, $-NO_2$, $-CN$, $-CF_3$, $-OCF_3$, $-N_3$, $-SO_3H$, $-S(=O)_2alkyl$, $-S(=O)alkyl$, $-OS(=O)_2CF_3$, acyl, alkyl, alkoxyl, alkylamino, alkylthio, cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, (hetero-)aryl, (hetero-)arylthio, and (hetero-)aryl amino; and wherein each acyl, alkyl, alkoxyl, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, (hetero-)aryl, (hetero-)arylthio may be substituted or unsubstituted;

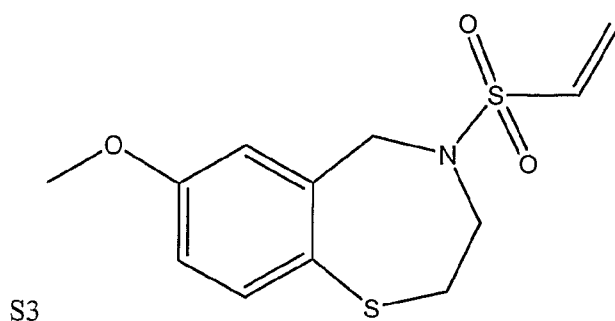
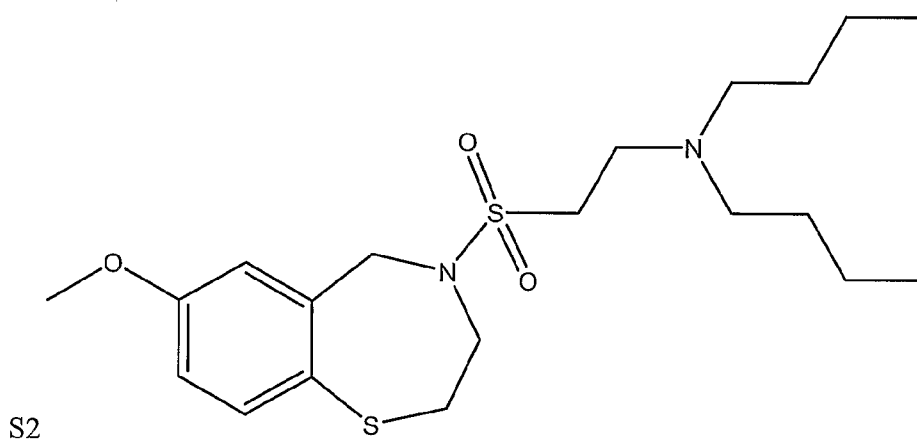
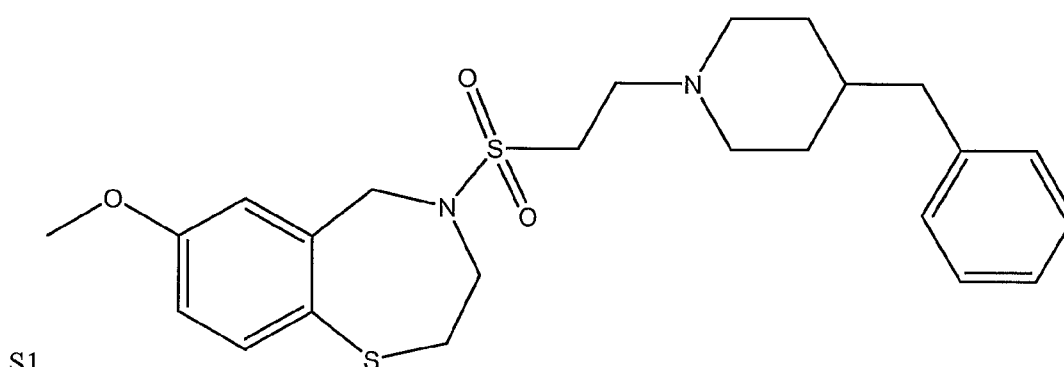
R_8 , R_9 and n are as defined in compounds of formula **I-a** above; and enantiomers, diastereomers, tautomers, pharmaceutically acceptable salts, hydrates, solvates, complexes and pro-drugs thereof.

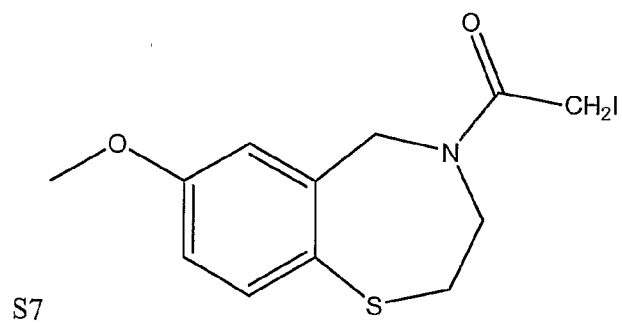
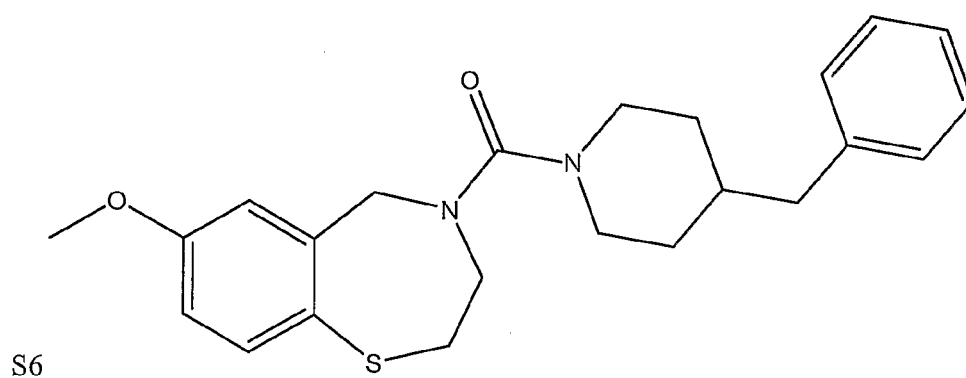
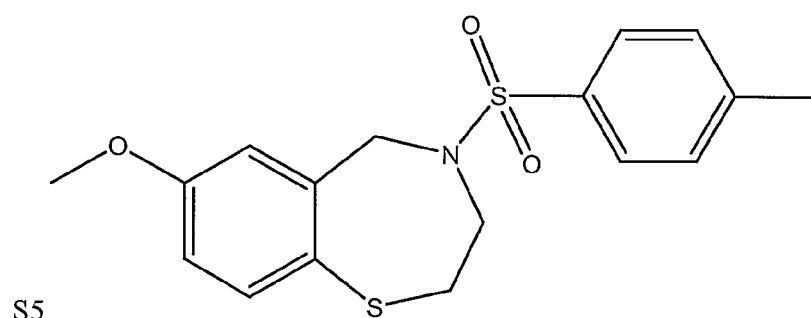
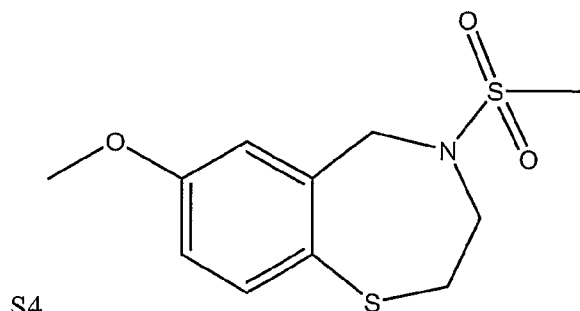
[0190] In certain embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-m**, wherein R' and R'' are independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, $-OH$, OMe , $-NH_2$, $-NO_2$, $-CN$, $-CF_3$, $-OCF_3$, $-N_3$, $-S(=O)_2C_1-C_4alkyl$, $-S(=O)C_1-C_4alkyl$, $-S-C_1-C_4alkyl$, $-OS(=O)_2CF_3$, Ph , $-NHCH_2Ph$, $-C(=O)Me$, $-OC(=O)Me$, morpholinyl and propenyl; and n is 0, 1 or 3. In some cases, R' is H or OMe , and R'' is H.

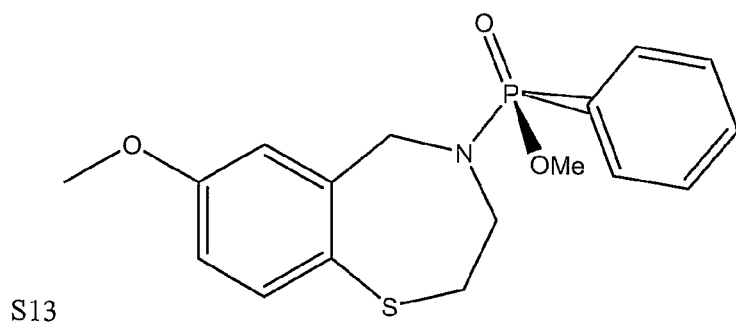
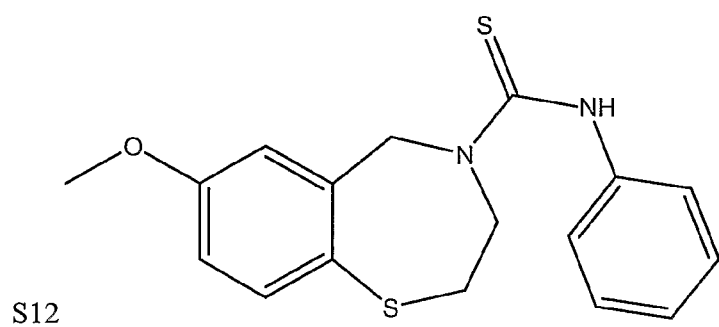
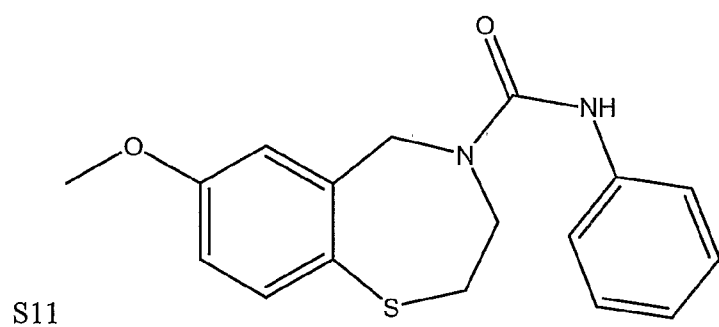
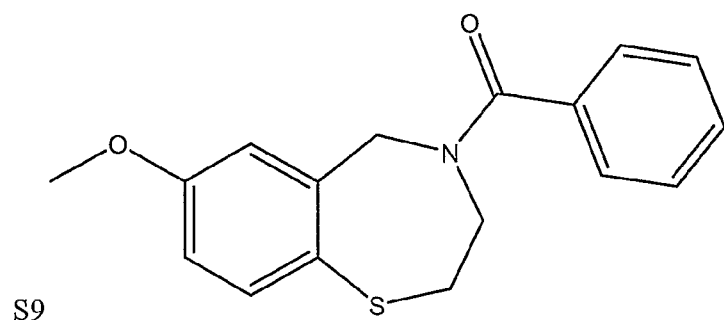
[0191] In other embodiments, the present invention provides compounds of formula **I-m**, wherein R_8 and R_9 are independently alkyl, aryl, $-OH$, alkoxyl, or alkylamino. In some cases, R_8 is C_1-C_4 alkyl such as Me, Et, propyl and butyl; and R_9 is aryl such as phenyl.

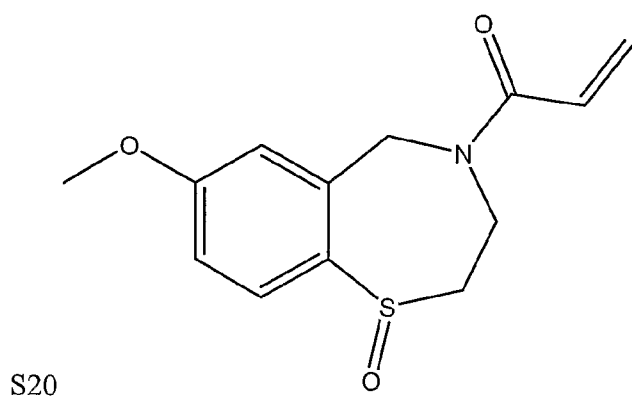
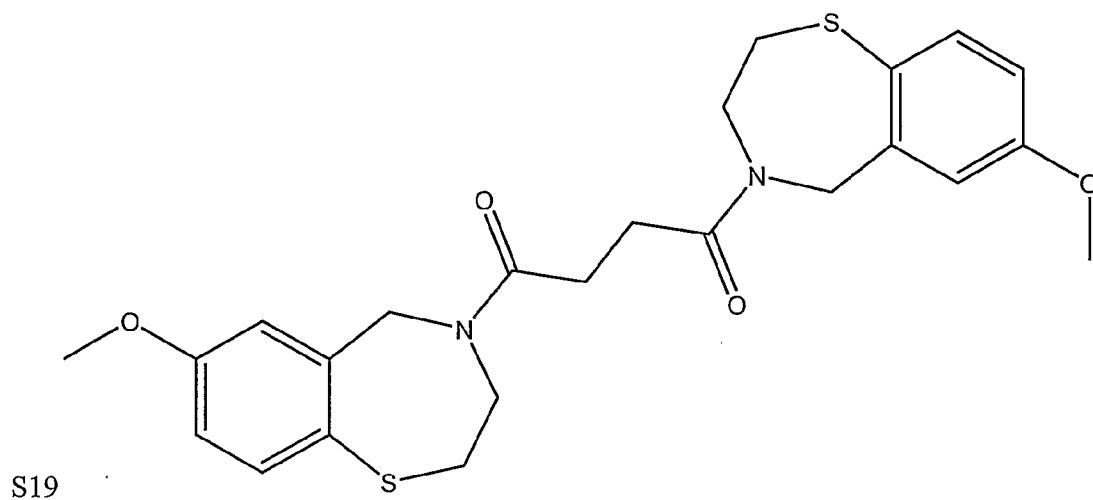
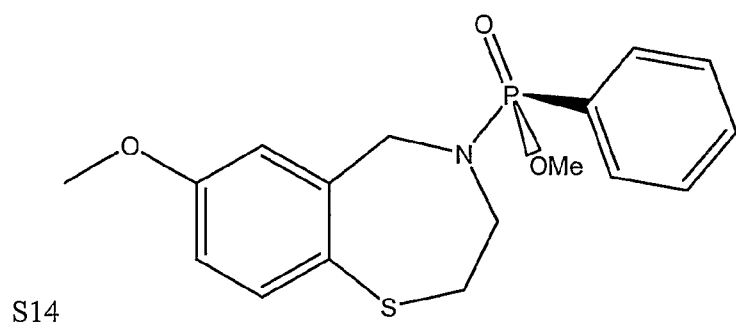
[0192] The compounds of Formula I, I-a, I-b, I-c, I-d, I-e, I-f, I-g, I-h, I-i, I-j, I-k, I-l and I-m treat and prevent disorders and diseases associated with the RyR receptors.

[0193] Examples of such compounds include, without limitation, S1, S2, S3, S4, S5, S6, S7, S9, S11, S12, S13, S14, S19, S20, S22, S23, S25, S26, S36, S37, S38, S40, S43, S44, S45, S46, S47, S48, S49, S50, S51, S52, S53, S54, S55, S56, S57, S58, S59, S60, S61, S62, S63, S64, S66, S67, S68, S69, S70, S71, S72, S73, S74, S75, S76, S77, S78, S79, S80, S81, S82, S83, S84, S85, S86, S87, S88, S89, S90, S91, S92, S93, S94, S95, S96, S97, S98, S99, S100, S101, S102, S103, S104, S105, S107, S108, S109, S110, S111, S112, S113, S114, S115, S116, S117, S118, S119, S120, S121, S122, and S123. These compounds have the following structures:

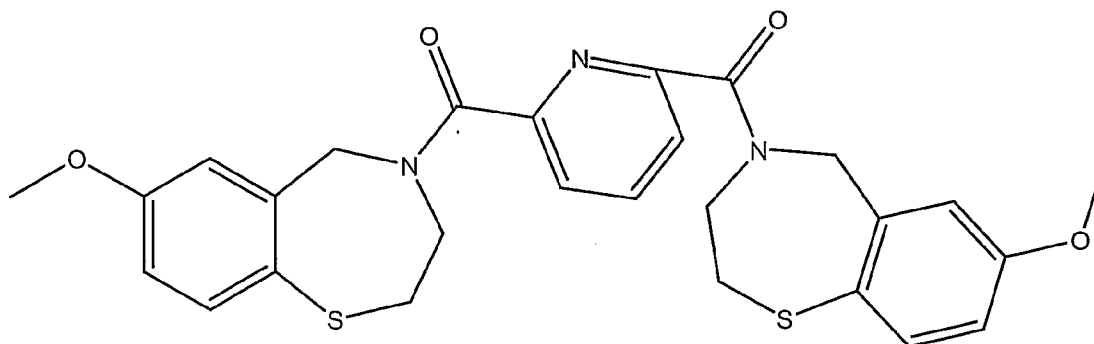




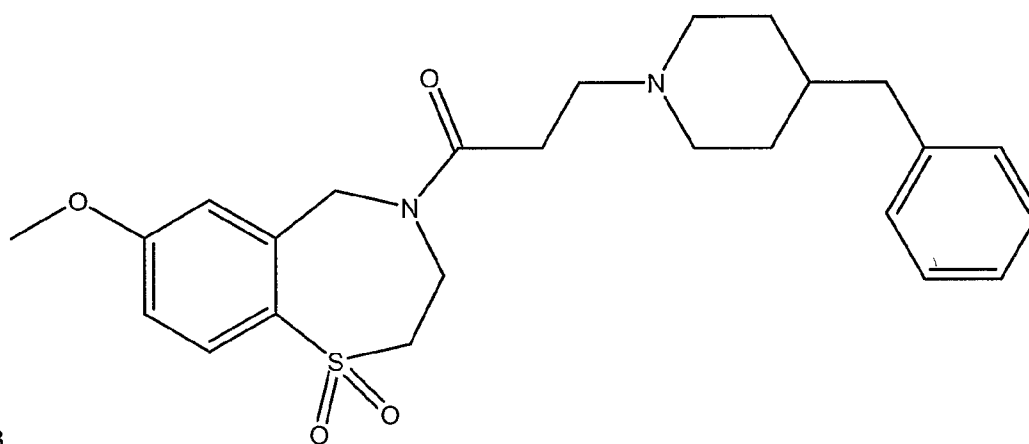




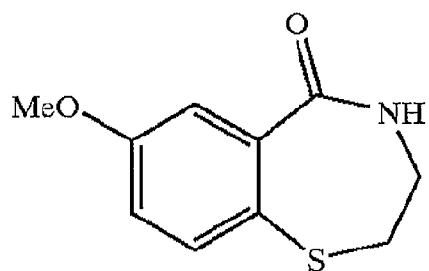
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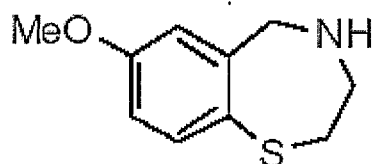
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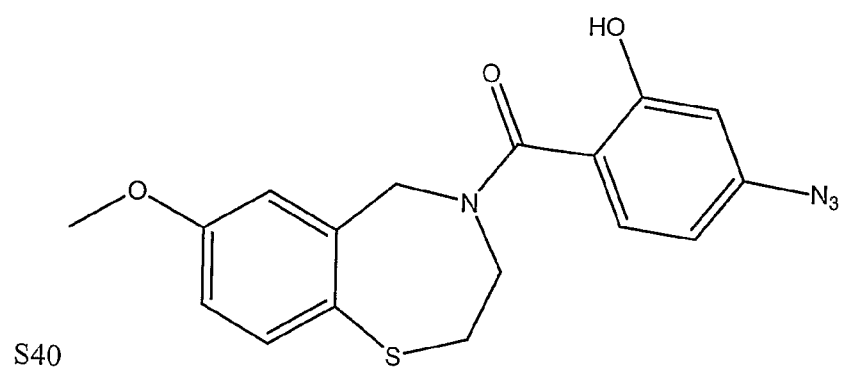
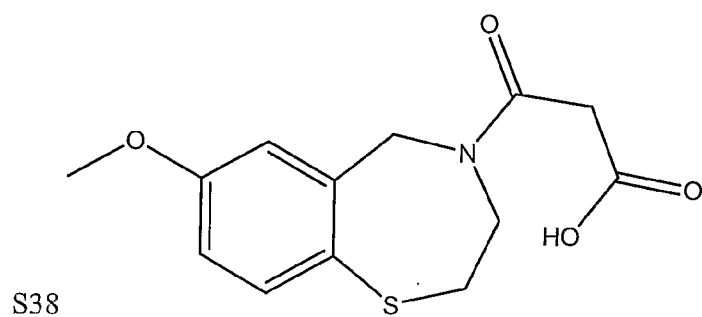
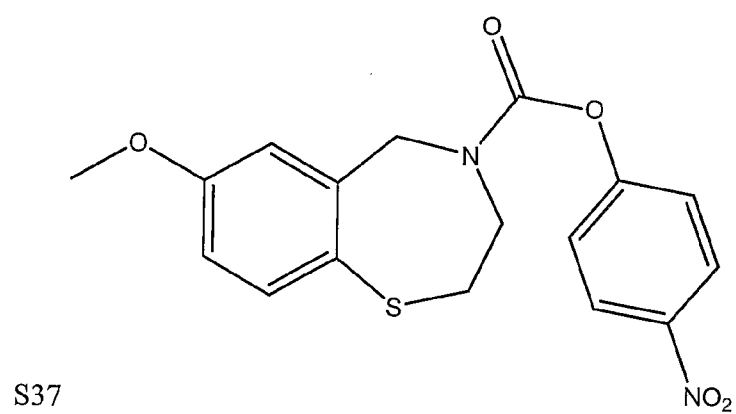
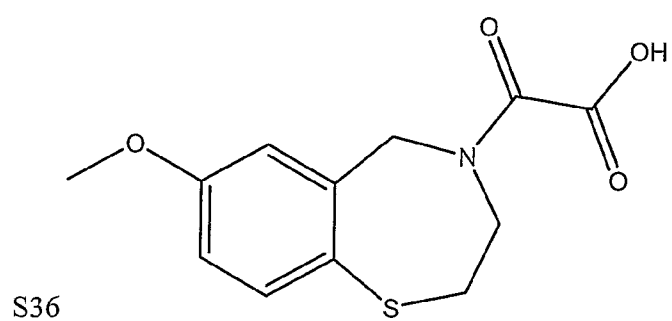


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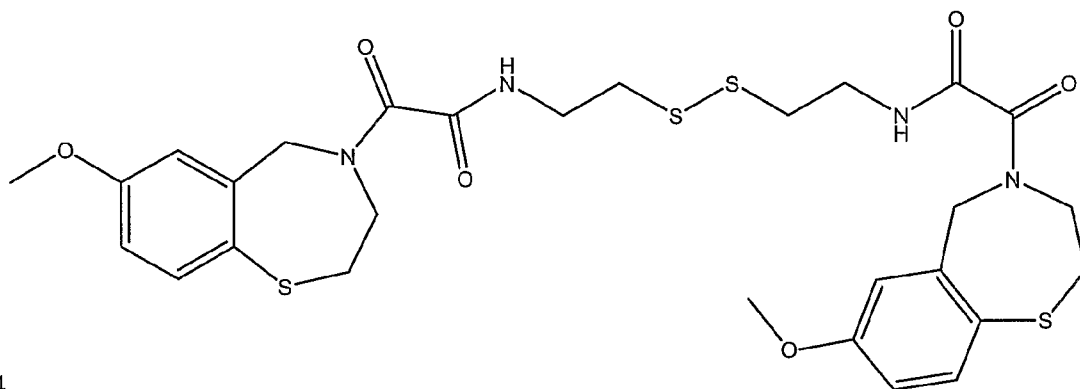
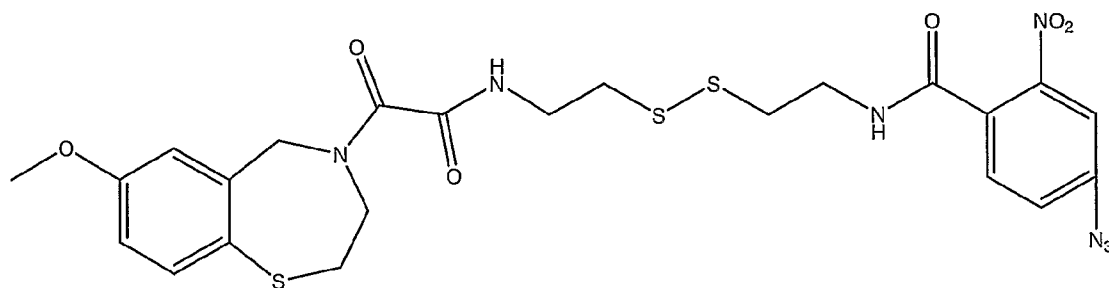


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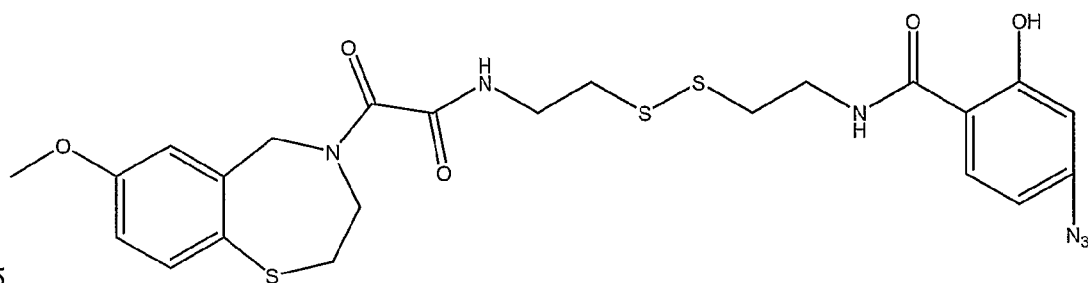




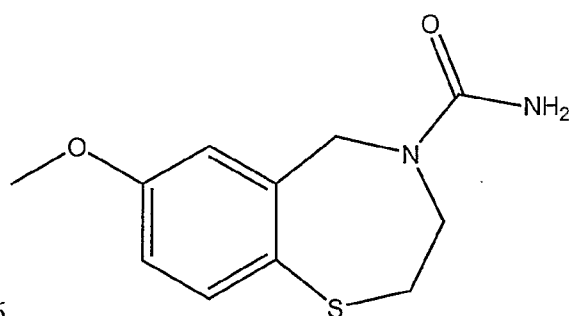
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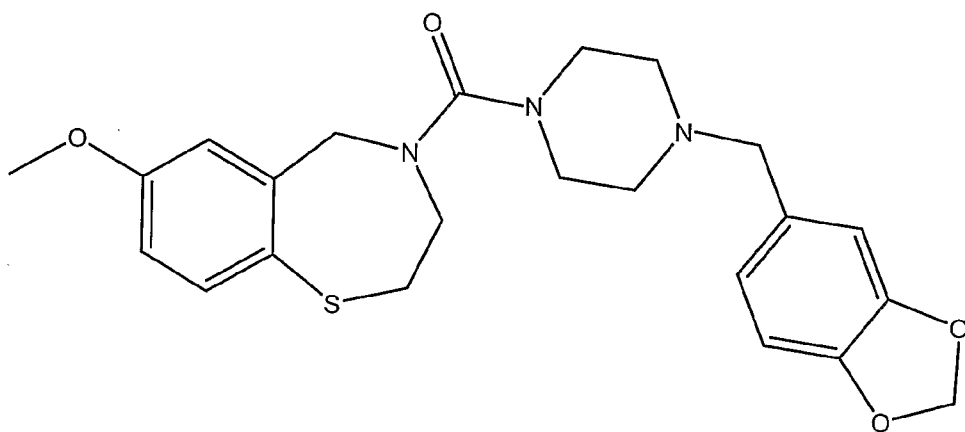
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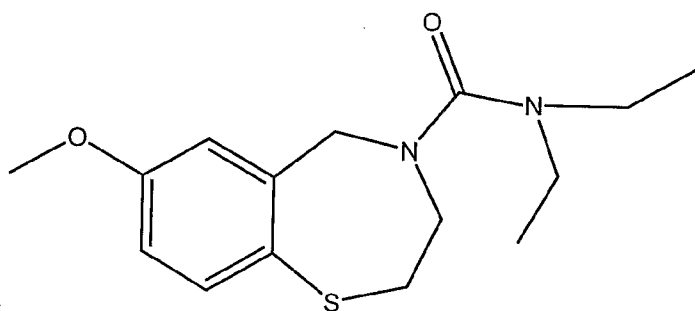
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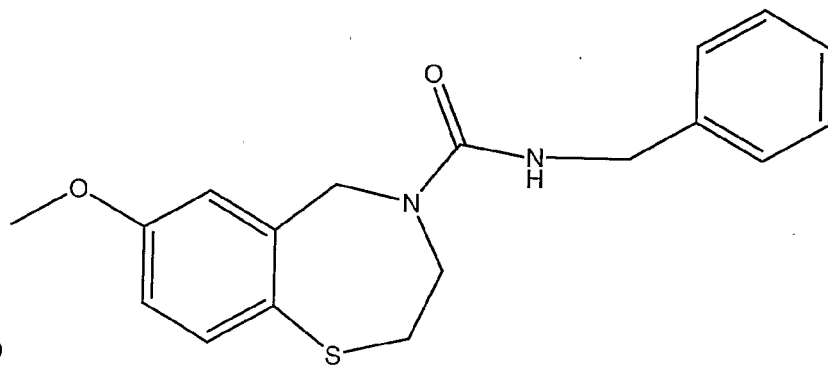
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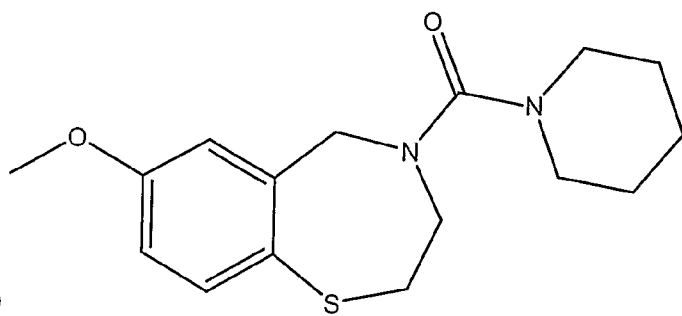
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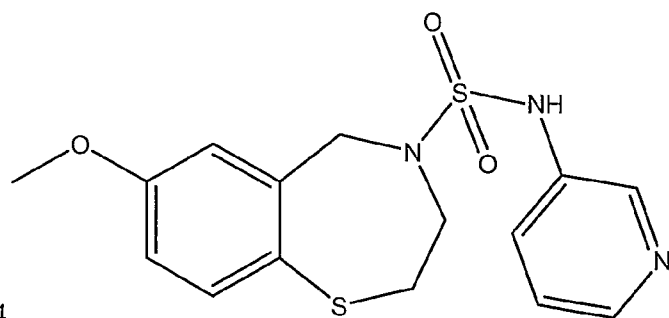
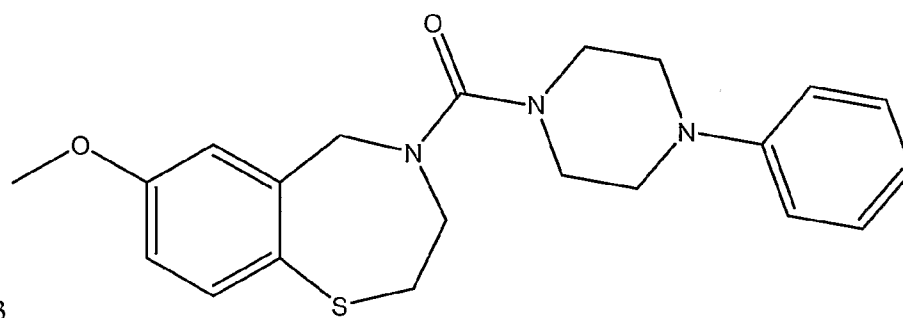
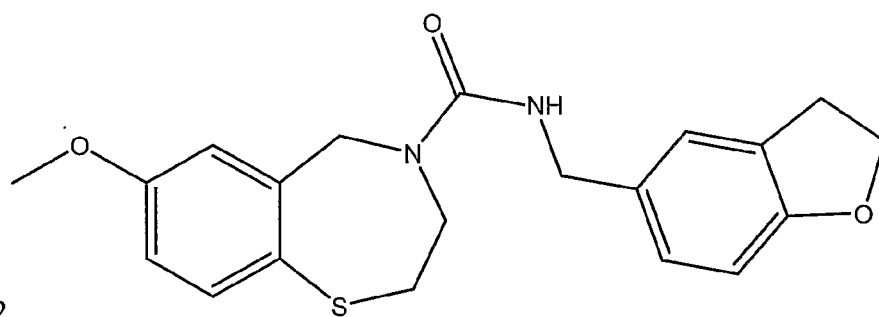
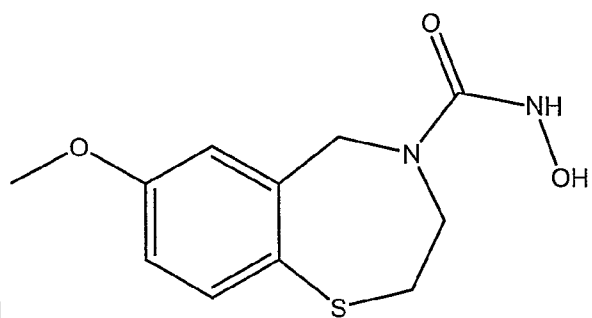
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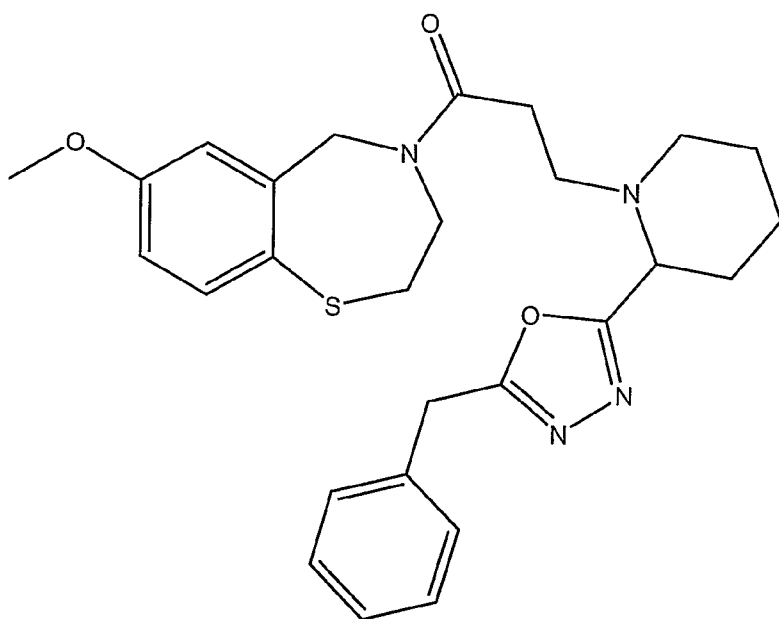


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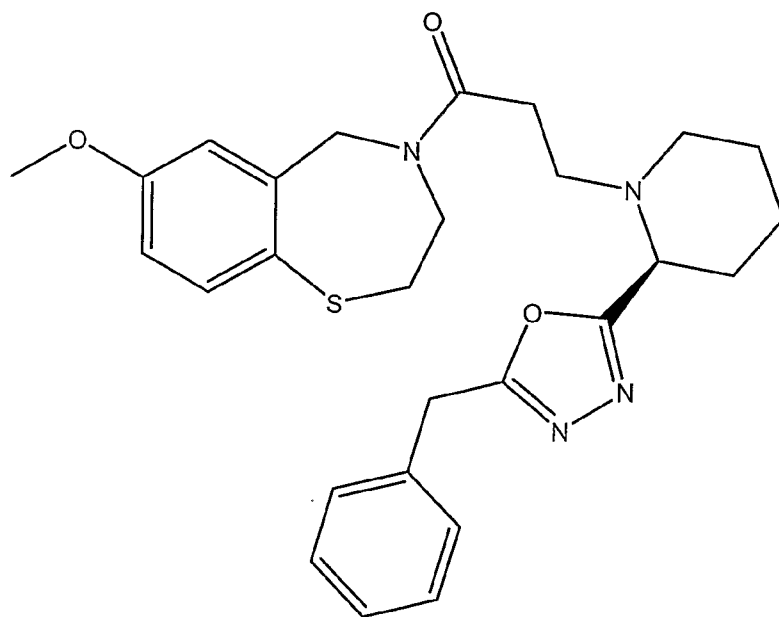


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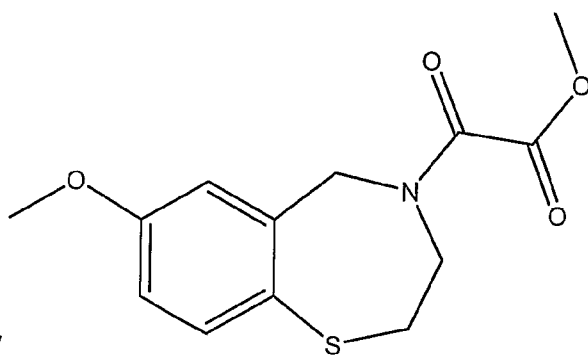




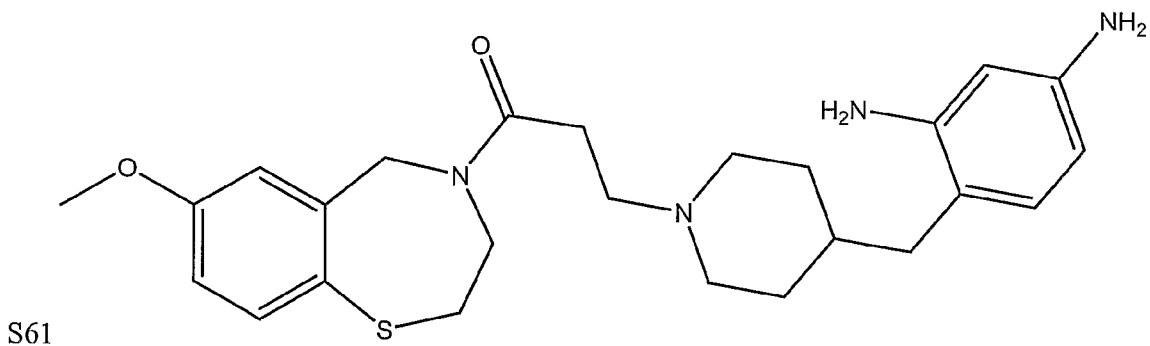
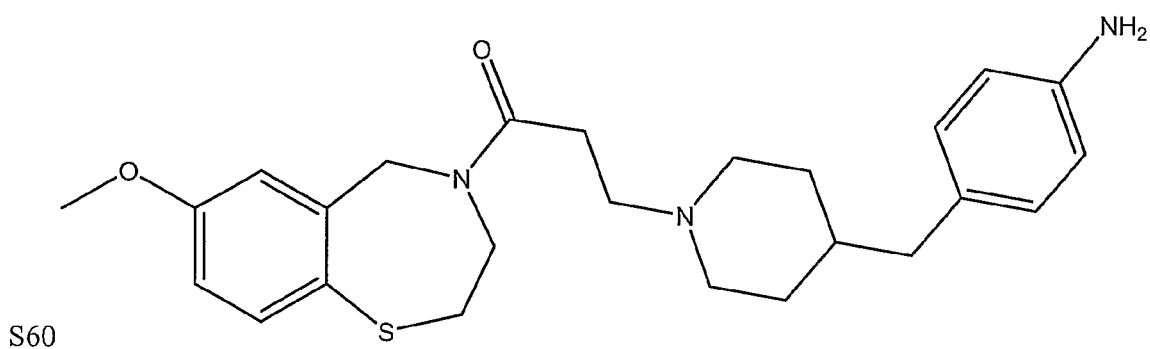
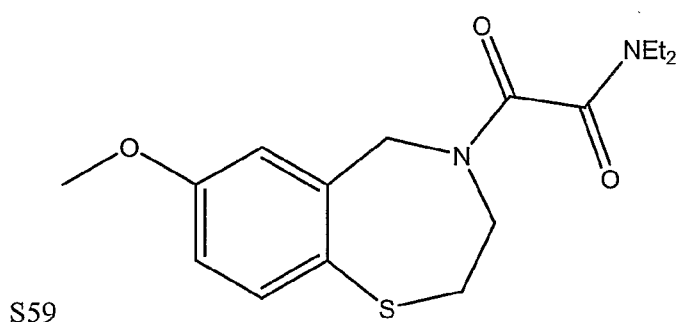
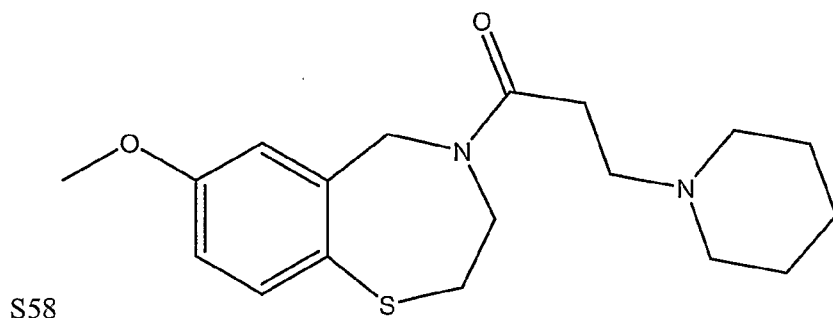
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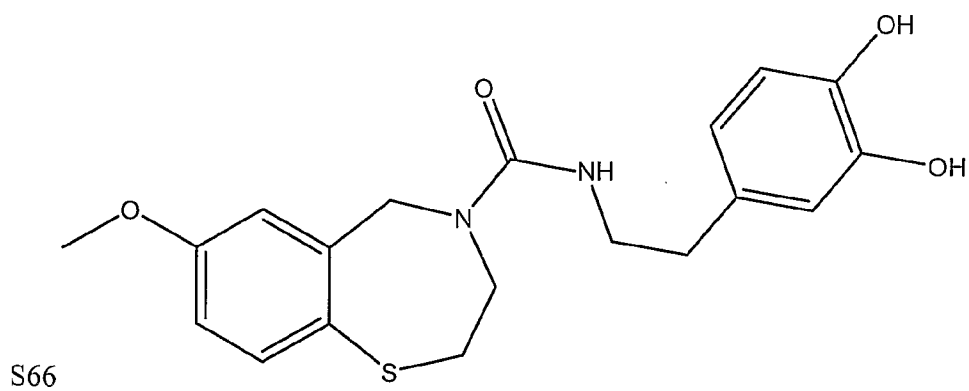
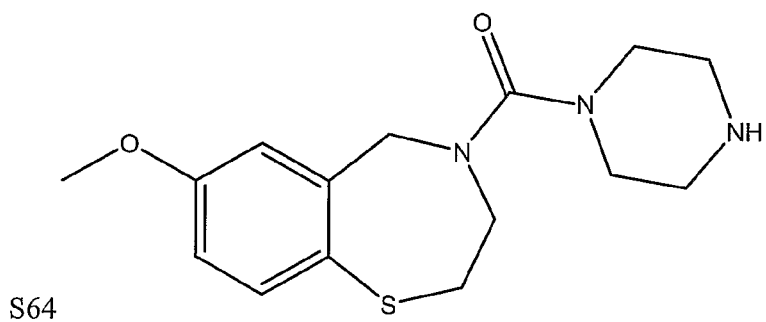
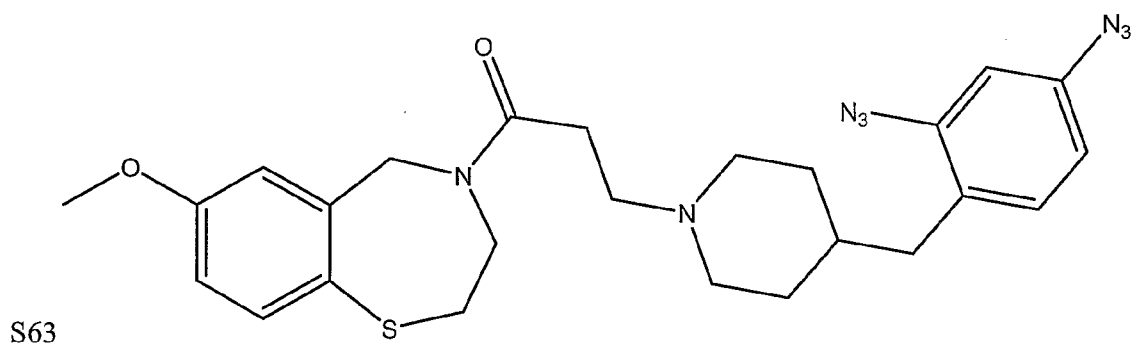
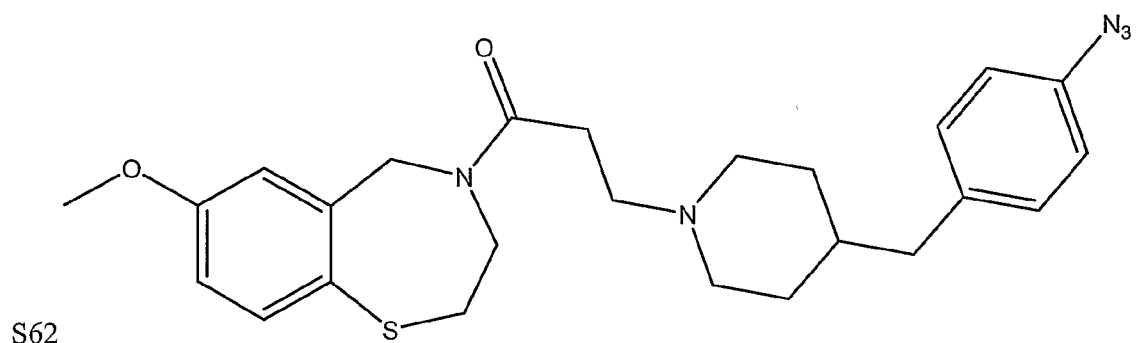


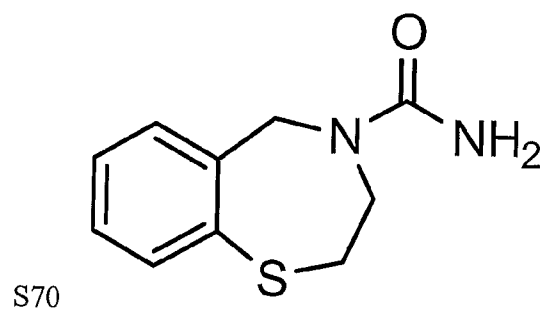
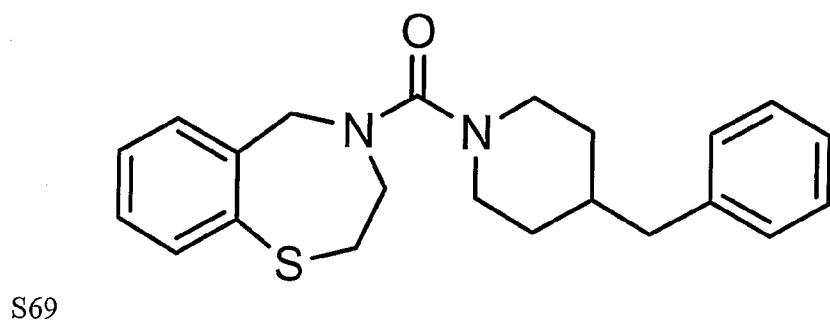
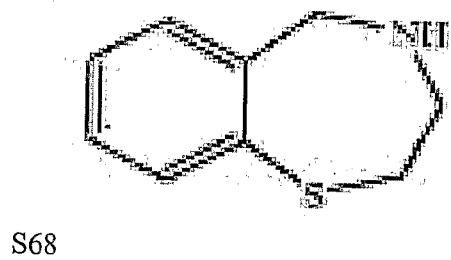
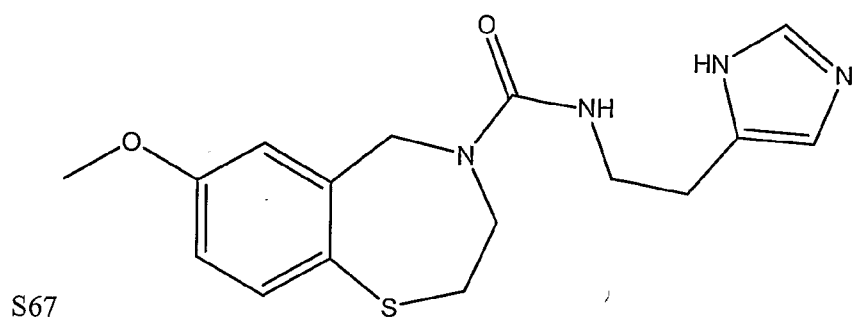
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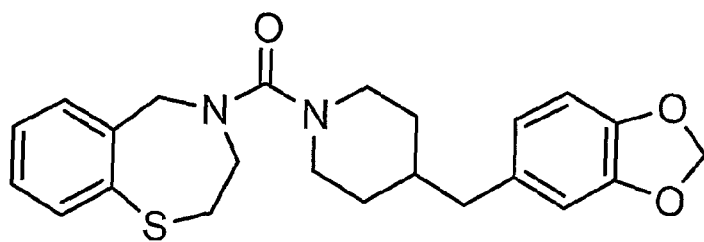


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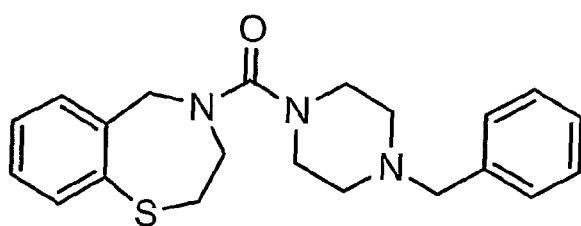




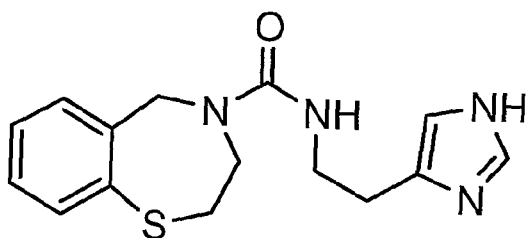




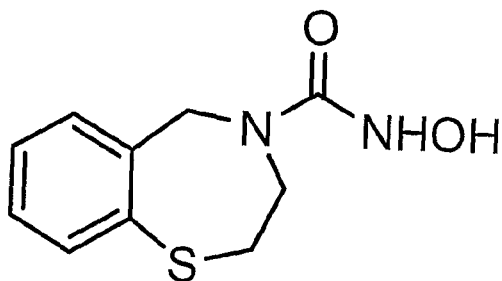
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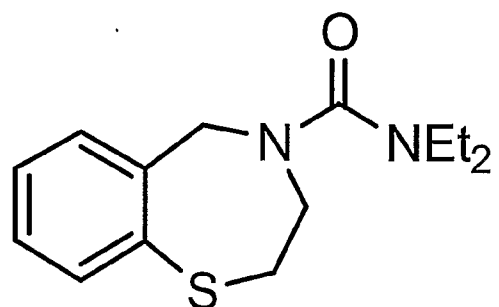


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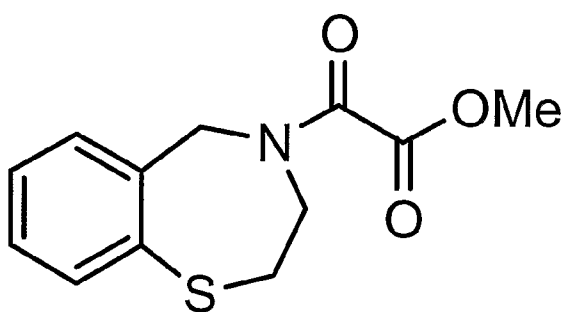


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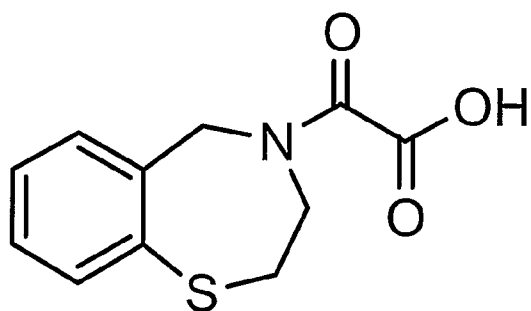
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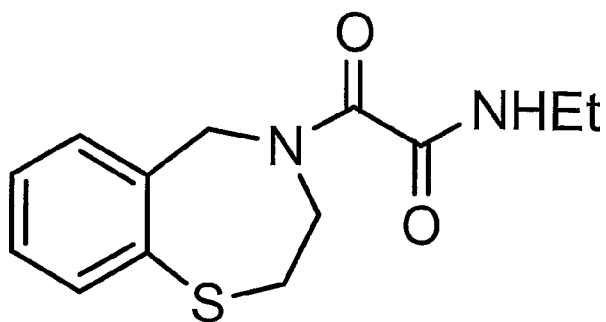


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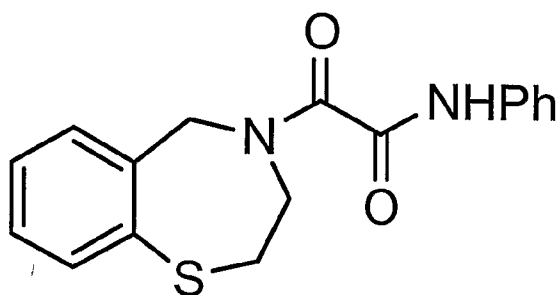


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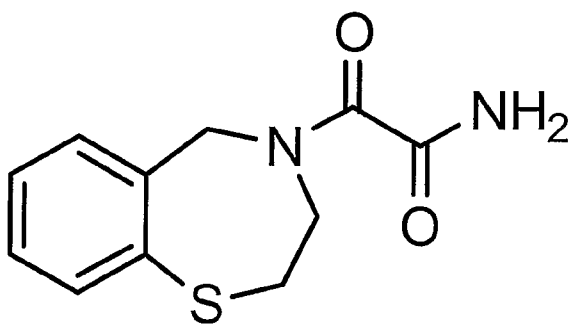




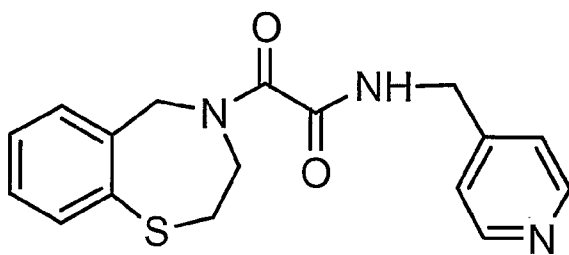
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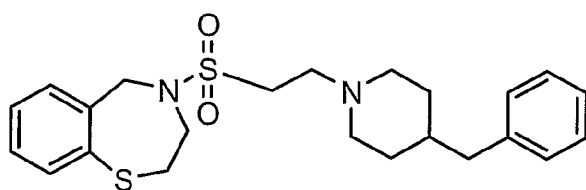
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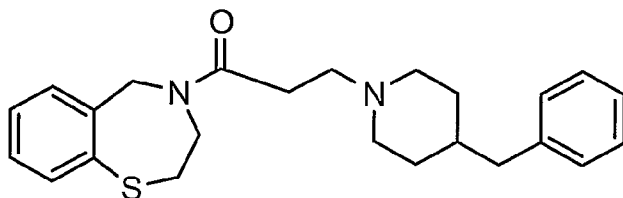
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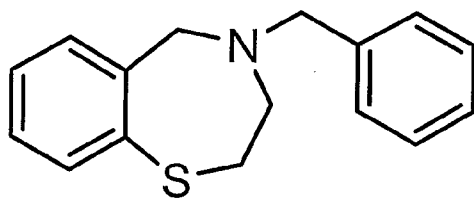
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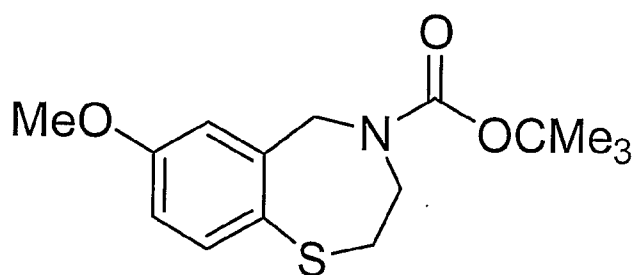
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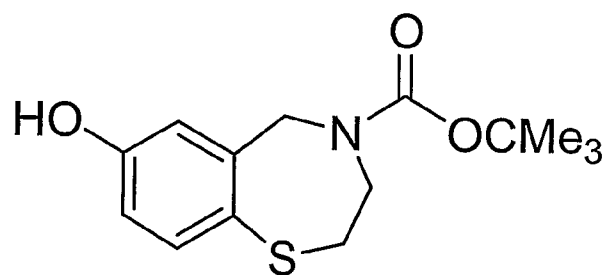
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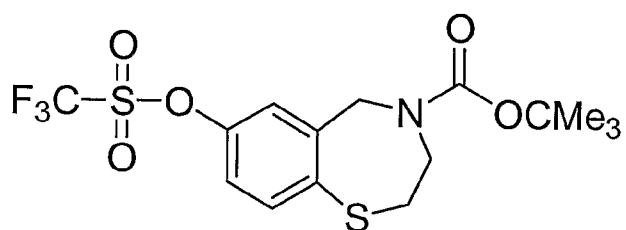
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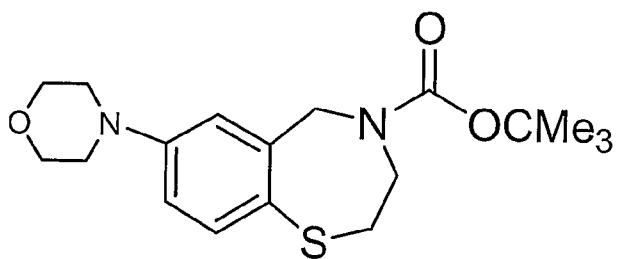
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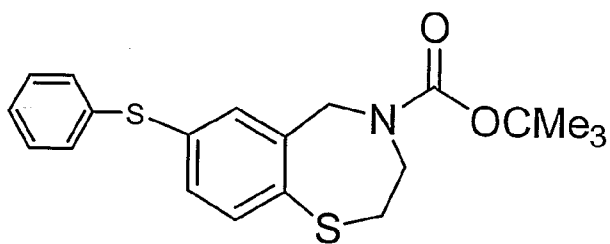
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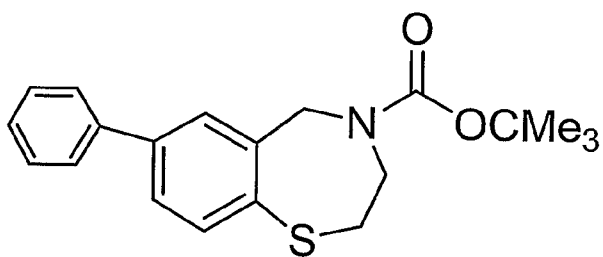
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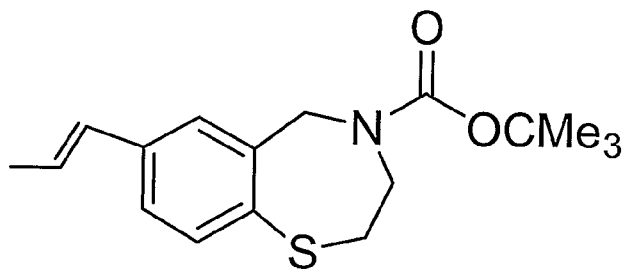
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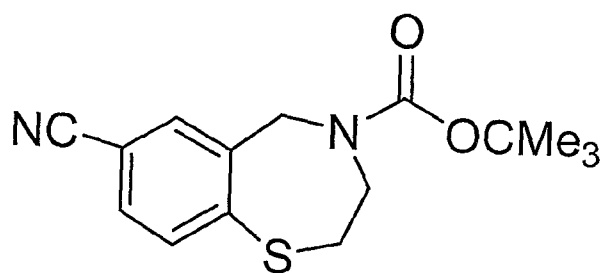
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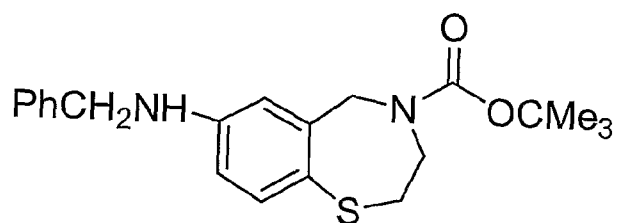
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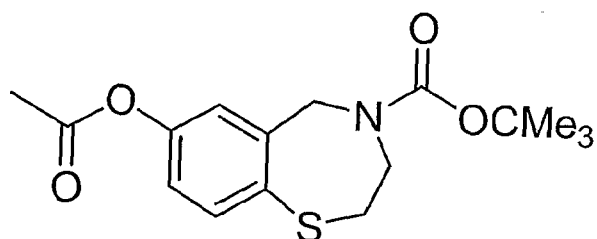
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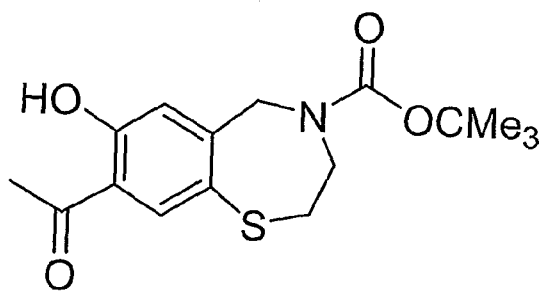
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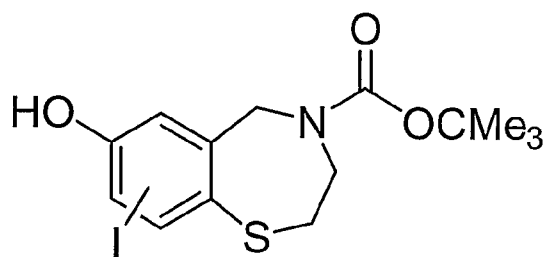
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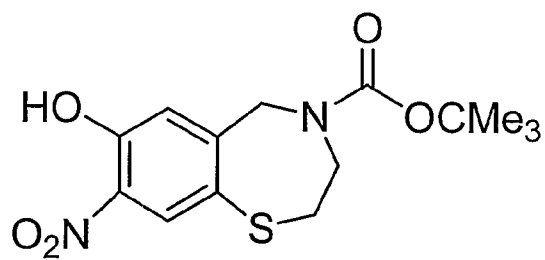
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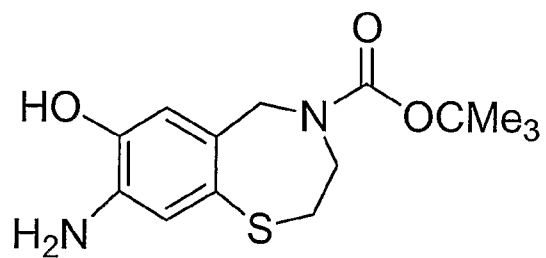
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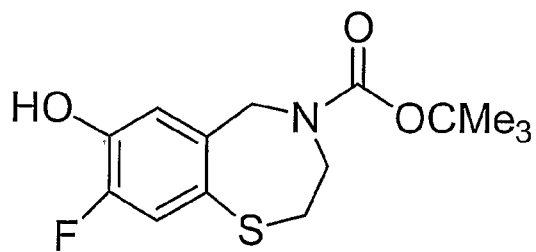
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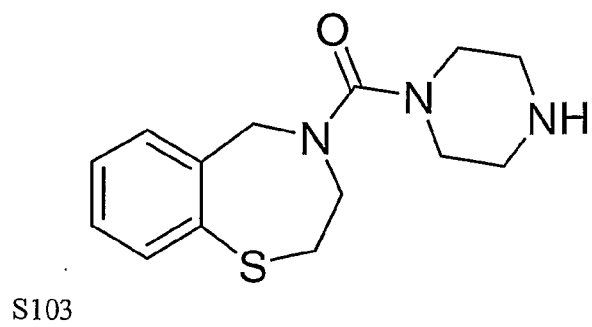
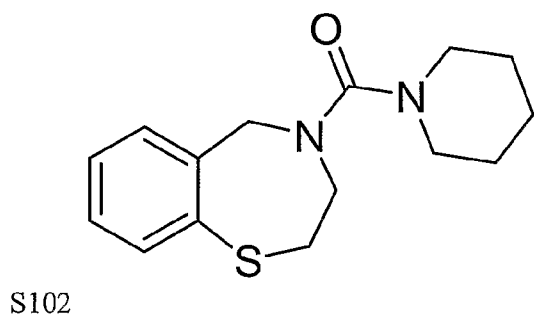
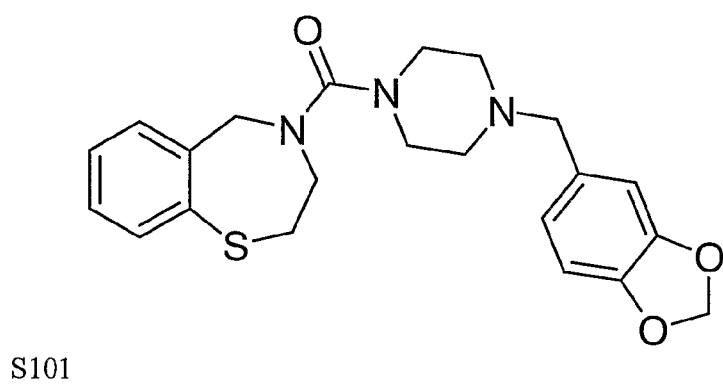
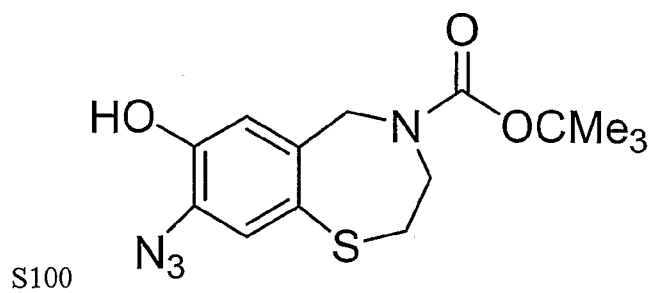
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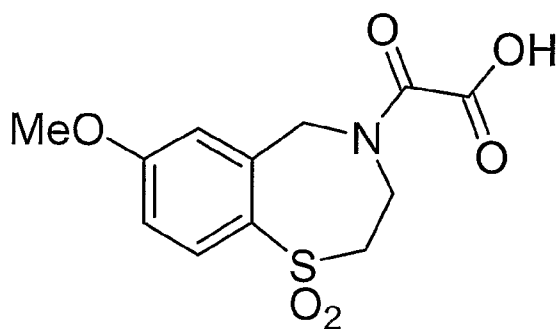


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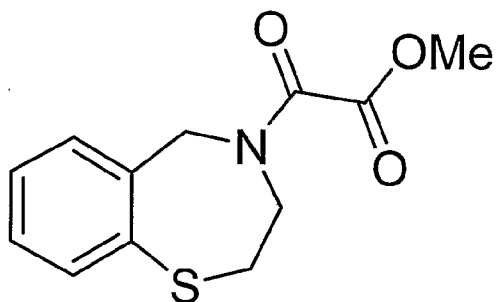


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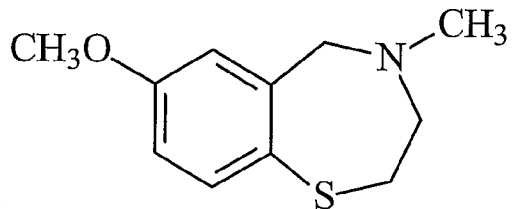




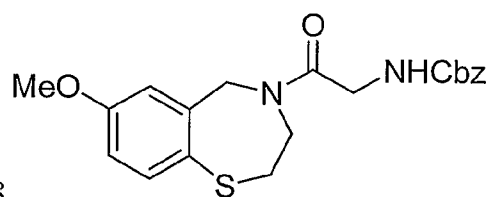
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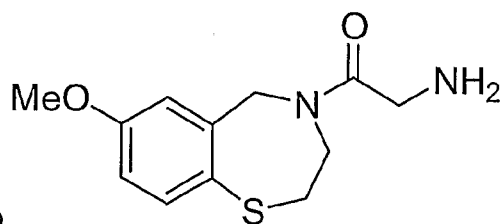
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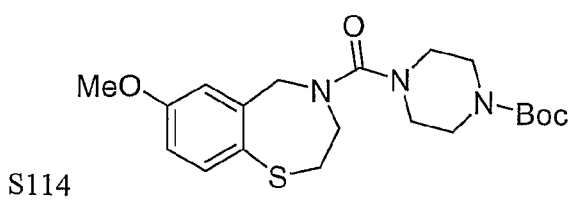
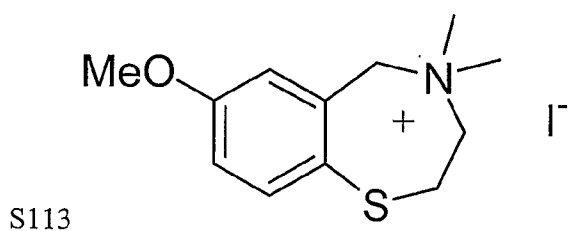
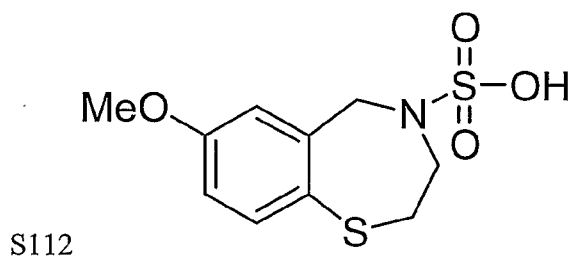
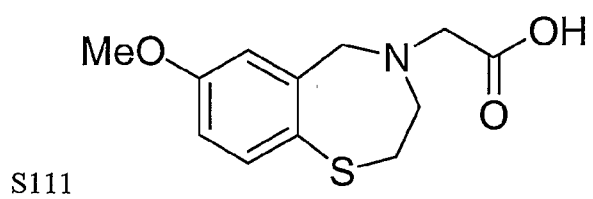
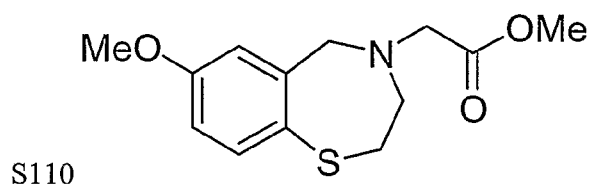
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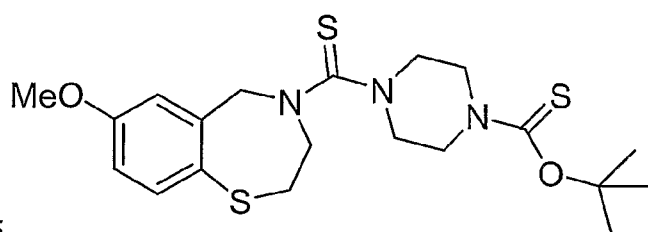


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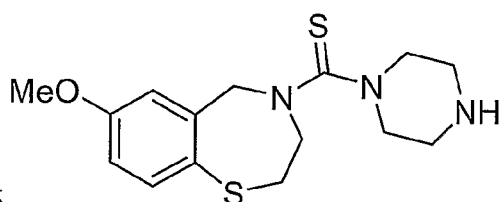


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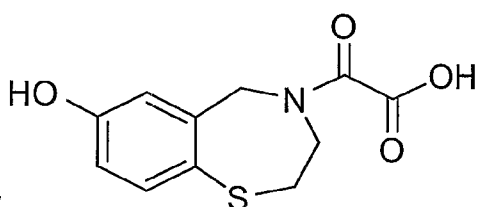




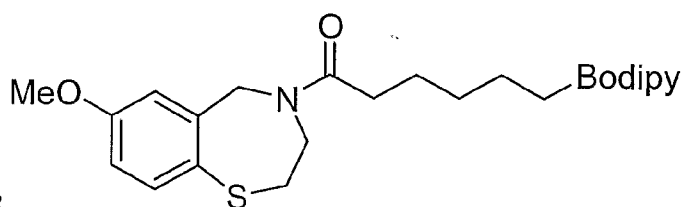
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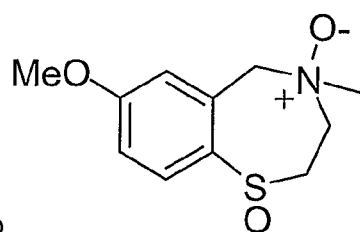
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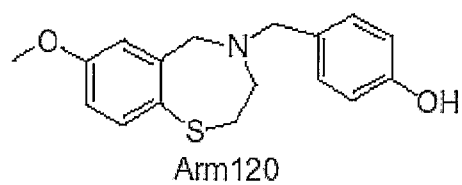
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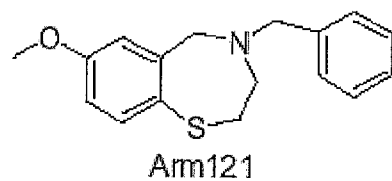
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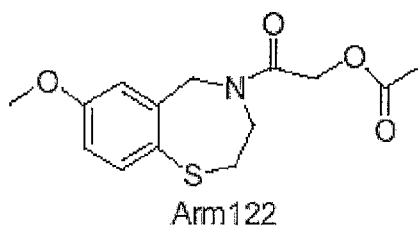
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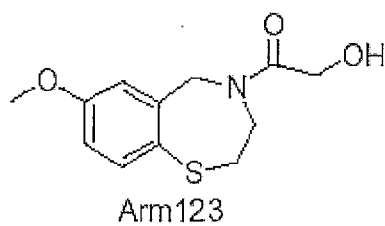
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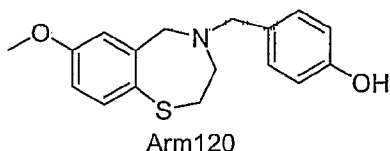
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[0194] In one embodiment of the present invention, for compounds of Formula I, if R_2 is $C=O(R_5)$ or SO_2R_7 , then R is at positions 2, 3, or 5 on the benzene ring.

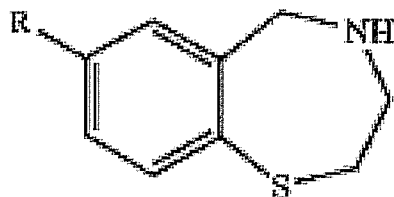
[0195] In another embodiment of the invention, for compounds of Formula I, if R_2 is $C=O(R_5)$ or SO_2R_7 , then each R is independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, -OH, -NH₂, -NO₂, -CN, -N₃, -SO₃H, acyl, alkyl, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclylalkyl, alkenyl, (hetero-)aryl, (hetero-)arylthio, and (hetero-)arylamino; wherein each acyl, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclylalkyl, alkenyl, (hetero-)aryl, (hetero-)arylthio, and (hetero-)arylamino may be substituted with one or more radicals independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, N, O, -S-, -CN, -N₃, -SH, nitro, oxo, acyl, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, alkenyl, aryl, (hetero-)cycloalkyl, and (hetero-)cyclyl.

[0196] In another embodiment of the invention, for compounds of Formula I, if R_2 is $C=O(R_5)$ or SO_2R_7 , then there are at least two R groups attached to the benzene ring. Furthermore, there are at least two R groups attached to the benzene ring, and both R groups are attached at positions 2, 3, or 5 on the benzene ring. Still furthermore, each R is independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, -OH, -NH₂, -NO₂, -CN, -N₃, -SO₃H, acyl, alkyl, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclylalkyl, alkenyl, (hetero-)aryl, (hetero-)arylthio, and (hetero-)arylamino; wherein each acyl, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclylalkyl, alkenyl, (hetero-)aryl, (hetero-)arylthio, and (hetero-)arylamino may be substituted with one or more radicals independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, N, O, -S-, -CN, -N₃, -SH, nitro, oxo, acyl, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, alkenyl, aryl, (hetero-)cycloalkyl, and (hetero-)cyclyl.

[0197] In another embodiment of the invention, for compounds of Formula I, if R_2 is $C=O(R_5)$, then R_5 is selected from the group consisting of -NR₁₆, NHNHR₁₆, NHOH, -OR₁₅, CONH₂NHR₁₆, CONR₁₆, CH₂X, acyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl; wherein each acyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl may be substituted with one or more radicals independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, N, O, -S-, -CN, -N₃, nitro, oxo, acyl, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, alkenyl, aryl, (hetero-)cycloalkyl, and (hetero-)cyclyl.

[0198] In another embodiment, the present invention provides compounds of Formula II:

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wherein R=OR^{'''}, SR^{'''}, NR^{'''}, alkyl, or halide and R^{'''} = alkyl, aryl, or H, and wherein R can be at position 6, 7, 8, or 9. Formula II is discussed also in co-pending application 10/680,988, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein in its entirety by reference.

Routes of Activity

[0199] The compounds of the invention, such as the compounds of Formula I, I-a, I-b, I-c, I-d, I-e, I-f, I-g, I-h, I-i, I-j, I-k, I-l and I-m, reduce the open probability of RyR by increasing the affinity of FKBP12 (calstabin1) and FKBP12.6 (calstabin2) for, respectively PKA-phosphorylated RyR1 and PKA-phosphorylated RyR2. Moreover, the compounds of the invention normalize gating of mutant RyR channels, including CPVT-associated mutant RyR2 channels, by increasing FKBP12 (calstabin1) and FKBP12.6 (calstabin2) binding affinity. Therefore, the compounds of the invention revert disorders and conditions involving modulation of the RyR receptors, particularly the RyR1 and RyR2 receptors. Examples of such disorders and conditions include, without limitation, cardiac disorders and diseases, skeletal muscular disorders and diseases, cognitive disorders and diseases, malignant hyperthermia, diabetes, and sudden infant death syndrome. Cardiac disorder and diseases include, but are not limited to, irregular heartbeat disorders and diseases; exercise-induced irregular heartbeat disorders and diseases; sudden cardiac death; exercise-induced sudden cardiac death; congestive heart failure; chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; and high blood pressure. Irregular heartbeat disorders and diseases include, but are not limited to, atrial and ventricular arrhythmia; atrial and ventricular fibrillation; atrial and ventricular tachyarrhythmia; atrial and ventricular tachycardia; catecholaminergic polymorphic ventricular tachycardia (CPVT); and exercise-induced variants thereof. Skeletal muscular disorder and diseases include, but are not limited to, skeletal muscle fatigue, exercise-induced skeletal muscle fatigue, muscular dystrophy, bladder disorders, and incontinence. Cognitive disorders and diseases include, but are not limited to, Alzheimer's Disease, forms of memory loss, and age-dependent memory

loss. The compounds of the invention treat these disorders and conditions by increasing FKBP12 (calstabin1)-RyR1 binding affinity and increasing FKBP12.6 (calstabin2)-RyR2 binding affinity.

[0200] In accordance with the foregoing, the present invention provides a method for limiting or preventing a decrease in the level of RyR-bound FKBP (calstabin) in cells of a subject. As used herein, "RyR" includes RyR1, RyR2, and RyR3. Additionally, FKBP includes both FKBP12 (calstabin1) and FKBP12.6 (calstabin2). "RyR-bound FKBP" therefore refers to RyR1-bound FKBP12 (calstabin1), RyR2-bound FKBP12.6 (calstabin2), and RyR3-bound FKBP12 (calstabin1).

[0201] As used herein, "RyR" also includes a "RyR protein" and a "RyR analogue." A "RyR analogue" is a functional variant of the RyR protein, having RyR biological activity, that has 60% or greater amino-acid-sequence homology with the RyR protein. The RyR of the present invention are unphosphorylated, phosphorylated (*e.g.*, by PKA), or hyperphosphorylated (*e.g.*, by PKA). As further used herein, the term "RyR biological activity" refers to the activity of a protein or peptide that demonstrates an ability to associate physically with, or bind with, FKBP12 (calstabin1) in the case of RyR1 and RyR3, and FKBP12.6 (calstabin2) in the case of RyR2 (*i.e.*, binding of approximately two fold or, approximately five fold, above the background binding of a negative control), under the conditions of the assays described herein.

[0202] As used herein, "FKBP" includes both an "FKBP protein" and an "FKBP analogue," whether it be FKBP12 (calstabin1) or FKBP12.6 (calstabin2). Unless otherwise indicated herein, "protein" shall include a protein, protein domain, polypeptide, or peptide, and any fragment thereof. An "FKBP analogue" is a functional variant of the FKBP protein, having FKBP biological activity, that has 60% or greater amino-acid-sequence homology with the FKBP protein, whether it be FKBP12 (calstabin1) or FKBP12.6 (calstabin2). As further used herein, the term "FKBP biological activity" refers to the activity of a protein or peptide that demonstrates an ability to associate physically with, or bind with, unphosphorylated or non-hyperphosphorylated RyR2 (*i.e.*, binding of approximately two fold, or approximately five fold, above the background binding of a negative control), under the conditions of the assays described herein.

[0203] FKBP binds to the RyR channel, one molecule per RyR subunit. Accordingly, as used herein, the term "RyR-bound FKBP" includes a molecule of an FKBP12 (calstabin1)

protein that is bound to an RyR1 protein subunit or a tetramer of FKBP12 that is in association with a tetramer of RyR1, a molecule of FKBP12.6 (calstabin2) protein that is bound to an RyR2 protein subunit or a tetramer of FKBP12.6 that is in association with a tetramer of RyR2, and a molecule of an FKBP12 (calstabin1) protein that is bound to an RyR3 protein subunit or a tetramer of FKBP12 that is in association with a tetramer of RyR3. Therefore, "RyR-bound FKBP" refers to "RyR1-bound FKBP12," "RyR2-bound FKBP12.6," and "RyR3-bound FKBP12."

[0204] In accordance with the method of the present invention, a "decrease" or "disorder" in the level of RyR-bound FKBP in cells of a subject refers to a detectable decrease, diminution or reduction in the level of RyR-bound FKBP in cells of the subject. Such a decrease is limited or prevented in cells of a subject when the decrease is in any way halted, hindered, impeded, obstructed or reduced by the administration of compounds of the invention, such that the level of RyR-bound FKBP in cells of the subject is higher than it would otherwise be in the absence of the administered compound.

[0205] The level of RyR-bound FKBP in a subject is detected by standard assays and techniques, including those readily determined from the known art (*e.g.*, immunological techniques, hybridization analysis, immunoprecipitation, Western-blot analysis, fluorescence imaging techniques and/or radiation detection, etc.), as well as any assays and detection methods disclosed herein. For example, protein is isolated and purified from cells of a subject using standard methods known in the art, including, without limitation, extraction from the cells (*e.g.*, with a detergent that solubilizes the protein) where necessary, followed by affinity purification on a column, chromatography (*e.g.*, FTLC and HPLC), immunoprecipitation (with an antibody), and precipitation (*e.g.*, with isopropanol and a reagent such as Trizol). Isolation and purification of the protein is followed by electrophoresis (*e.g.*, on an SDS-polyacrylamide gel). A decrease in the level of RyR-bound FKBP in a subject, or the limiting or prevention thereof, is determined by comparing the amount of RyR-bound FKBP detected prior to the administration of JTV-519 or a compound of Formula I, I-a, I-b, I-c, I-d, I-e, I-f, I-g, I-h, I-i, I-j, I-k, I-l or I-m, (in accordance with methods described below) with the amount detected a suitable time after administration of the compound.

[0206] A decrease in the level of RyR-bound FKBP in cells of a subject is limited or prevented, for example, by inhibiting dissociation of FKBP and RyR in cells of the subject; by increasing binding between FKBP and RyR in cells of the subject; or by stabilizing the

RyR-FKBP complex in cells of a subject. As used herein, the term "inhibiting dissociation" includes blocking, decreasing, inhibiting, limiting or preventing the physical dissociation or separation of an FKBP subunit from an RyR molecule in cells of the subject, and blocking, decreasing, inhibiting, limiting or preventing the physical dissociation or separation of an RyR molecule from an FKBP subunit in cells of the subject. As further used herein, the term "increasing binding" includes enhancing, increasing, or improving the ability of phosphorylated RyR to associate physically with FKBP (*e.g.*, binding of approximately two fold or, approximately five fold, above the background binding of a negative control) in cells of the subject and enhancing, increasing or improving the ability of FKBP to associate physically with phosphorylated RyR (*e.g.*, binding of approximately two fold, or, approximately five fold, above the background binding of a negative control) in cells of the subject. Additionally, a decrease in the level of RyR-bound FKBP in cells of a subject is limited or prevented by directly decreasing the level of phosphorylated RyR in cells of the subject or by indirectly decreasing the level of phosphorylated RyR in the cells (*e.g.*, by targeting an enzyme (such as PKA) or another endogenous molecule that regulates or modulates the functions or levels of phosphorylated RyR in the cells). In one embodiment, the level of phosphorylated RyR in the cells is decreased by at least 10% in the method of the present invention. In another embodiment, the level of phosphorylated RyR is decreased by at least 20%.

[0207] The subject of the present invention are *in vitro* and *in vivo* systems, including, without limitation, isolated or cultured cells or tissues, non-cell *in vitro* assay systems and an animal (*e.g.*, an amphibian, a bird, a fish, a mammal, a marsupial, a human, a domestic animal (such as a cat, dog, monkey, mouse or rat) or a commercial animal (such as a cow or pig)).

[0208] The cells of a subject include striated muscle cells. A striated muscle is a muscle in which the repeating units (sarcomeres) of the contractile myofibrils are arranged in registry throughout the cell, resulting in transverse or oblique striations that are observed at the level of a light microscope. Examples of striated muscle cells include, without limitation, voluntary (skeletal) muscle cells and cardiac muscle cells. In one embodiment, the cell used in the method of the present invention is a human cardiac muscle cell. As used herein, the term "cardiac muscle cell" includes cardiac muscle fibers, such as those found in the myocardium of the heart. Cardiac muscle fibers are composed of chains of contiguous heart-muscle cells, or cardiomyocytes, joined end to end at intercalated disks. These disks possess

two kinds of cell junctions: expanded desmosomes extending along their transverse portions, and gap junctions, the largest of which lie along their longitudinal portions.

[0209] A decrease in the level of RyR-bound FKBP is limited or prevented in cells of a subject by administering the compounds of the invention to the subject; this would also permit contact between cells of the subject and the compounds of the invention. The compounds of the invention are modulators of calcium-ion channels. In addition to regulating Ca^{2+} levels in myocardial cells, the compounds of the invention modulate the Na^{+} current and the inward-rectifier K^{+} current in cells, such as guinea pig ventricular cells, and inhibits the delayed-rectifier K^{+} current in cells, such as guinea pig atrial cells.

Pharmaceutical Composition

[0210] The compounds of the invention are formulated into pharmaceutical compositions for administration to human subjects in a biologically compatible form suitable for administration *in vivo*. According to another aspect, the present invention provides a pharmaceutical composition comprising compounds of Formula I, I-a, I-b, I-c, I-d, I-e, I-f, I-g, I-h, I-i, I-j, I-k, I-l or I-m, in admixture with a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent and/or carrier. The pharmaceutically-acceptable carrier must be "acceptable" in the sense of being compatible with the other ingredients of the composition and not deleterious to the recipient thereof. The pharmaceutically-acceptable carrier employed herein is selected from various organic or inorganic materials that are used as materials for pharmaceutical formulations and which are incorporated as analgesic agents, buffers, binders, disintegrants, diluents, emulsifiers, excipients, extenders, glidants, solubilizers, stabilizers, suspending agents, tonicity agents, vehicles and viscosity-increasing agents. If necessary, pharmaceutical additives, such as antioxidants, aromatics, colorants, flavor-improving agents, preservatives, and sweeteners, are also added. Examples of acceptable pharmaceutical carriers include carboxymethyl cellulose, crystalline cellulose, glycerin, gum arabic, lactose, magnesium stearate, methyl cellulose, powders, saline, sodium alginate, sucrose, starch, talc and water, among others.

[0211] The pharmaceutical formulations of the present invention are prepared by methods well-known in the pharmaceutical arts. For example, the compounds of Formula I, I-a, I-b, I-c, I-d, I-e, I-f, I-g, I-h, I-i, I-j, I-k, I-l or I-m, are brought into association with a carrier and/or diluent, as a suspension or solution. Optionally, one or more accessory ingredients (*e.g.*, buffers, flavoring agents, surface active agents, and the like) also are added. The choice of

carrier is determined by the solubility and chemical nature of the compounds, chosen route of administration and standard pharmaceutical practice.

[0212] The compounds of Formula I, I-a, I-b, I-c, I-d, I-e, I-f, I-g, I-h, I-i, I-j, I-k, I-l or I-m, are administered to a subject by contacting target cells (*e.g.*, cardiac muscle cells) *in vivo* in the subject with the compounds. The compounds are contacted with (*e.g.*, introduced into) cells of the subject using known techniques utilized for the introduction and administration of proteins, nucleic acids and other drugs. Examples of methods for contacting the cells with (*i.e.*, treating the cells with) the compounds of the invention include, without limitation, absorption, electroporation, immersion, injection, introduction, liposome delivery, transfection, transfusion, vectors and other drug-delivery vehicles and methods. When the target cells are localized to a particular portion of a subject, it is desirable to introduce the compounds of the invention directly to the cells, by injection or by some other means (*e.g.*, by introducing the compounds into the blood or another body fluid). The target cells are contained in tissue of a subject and are detected by standard detection methods readily determined from the known art, examples of which include, without limitation, immunological techniques (*e.g.*, immunohistochemical staining), fluorescence imaging techniques, and microscopic techniques.

[0213] Additionally, the compounds of the present invention are administered to a human or animal subject by known procedures including, without limitation, oral administration, sublingual or buccal administration, parenteral administration, transdermal administration, via inhalation or intranasally, vaginally, rectally, and intramuscularly. The compounds of the invention are administered parenterally, by epifascial, intracapsular, intracranial, intracutaneous, intrathecal, intramuscular, intraorbital, intraperitoneal, intraspinal, intrasternal, intravascular, intravenous, parenchymatous, subcutaneous or sublingual injection, or by way of catheter. In one embodiment, the agent is administered to the subject by way of delivery to the subject's muscles including, but not limited to, the subject's cardiac muscles. In an embodiment, the agent is administered to the subject by way of targeted delivery to cardiac muscle cells *via* a catheter inserted into the subject's heart.

[0214] For oral administration, a formulation of the compounds of the invention may be presented as capsules, tablets, powders, granules, or as a suspension or solution. The formulation has conventional additives, such as lactose, mannitol, cornstarch or potato starch. The formulation also is presented with binders, such as crystalline cellulose, cellulose derivatives, acacia, cornstarch or gelatins. Additionally, the formulation is presented with

disintegrators, such as cornstarch, potato starch or sodium carboxymethylcellulose. The formulation also is presented with dibasic calcium phosphate anhydrous or sodium starch glycolate. Finally, the formulation is presented with lubricants, such as talc or magnesium stearate.

[0215] For parenteral administration (*i.e.*, administration by injection through a route other than the alimentary canal), the compounds of the invention are combined with a sterile aqueous solution that is isotonic with the blood of the subject. Such a formulation is prepared by dissolving a solid active ingredient in water containing physiologically-compatible substances, such as sodium chloride, glycine and the like, and having a buffered pH compatible with physiological conditions, so as to produce an aqueous solution, then rendering said solution sterile. The formulation is presented in unit or multi-dose containers, such as sealed ampoules or vials. The formulation is delivered by any mode of injection, including, without limitation, epifascial, intracapsular, intracranial, intracutaneous, intrathecal, intramuscular, intraorbital, intraperitoneal, intraspinal, intrasternal, intravascular, intravenous, parenchymatous, subcutaneous, or sublingual or by way of catheter into the subject's heart.

[0216] For transdermal administration, the compounds of the invention are combined with skin penetration enhancers, such as propylene glycol, polyethylene glycol, isopropanol, ethanol, oleic acid, *N*-methylpyrrolidone and the like, which increase the permeability of the skin to the compounds of the invention and permit the compounds to penetrate through the skin and into the bloodstream. The compound/enhancer compositions also may be further combined with a polymeric substance, such as ethylcellulose, hydroxypropyl cellulose, ethylene/vinylacetate, polyvinyl pyrrolidone, and the like, to provide the composition in gel form, which are dissolved in a solvent, such as methylene chloride, evaporated to the desired viscosity and then applied to backing material to provide a patch.

[0217] In some embodiments, the composition is in unit dose form such as a tablet, capsule or single-dose vial. Suitable unit doses, *i.e.*, therapeutically effective amounts, can be determined during clinical trials designed appropriately for each of the conditions for which administration of a chosen compound is indicated and will, of course, vary depending on the desired clinical endpoint. The present invention also provides articles of manufacture for treating and preventing disorders, such as cardiac disorders, in a subject. The articles of manufacture comprise a pharmaceutical composition of one or more of the compounds of Formula I, I-a, I-b, I-c, I-d, I-e, I-f, I-g, I-h, I-i, I-j, I-k, I-l or I-m, as described herein. The

articles of manufacture are packaged with indications for various disorders that the pharmaceutical compositions are capable of treating and/or preventing. For example, the articles of manufacture comprise a unit dose of a compound disclosed herein that is capable of treating or preventing a muscular disorder, and an indication that the unit dose is capable of treating or preventing a certain disorder, for example an arrhythmia.

[0218] In accordance with a method of the present invention, the compounds of Formula I, I-a, I-b, I-c, I-d, I-e, I-f, I-g, I-h, I-i, I-j, I-k, I-l or I-m, are administered to the subject (or are contacted with cells of the subject) in an amount effective to limit or prevent a decrease in the level of RyR-bound FKBP in the subject, particularly in cells of the subject. This amount is readily determined by the skilled artisan, based upon known procedures, including analysis of titration curves established *in vivo* and methods and assays disclosed herein. In one embodiment, a suitable amount of the compounds of the invention effective to limit or prevent a decrease in the level of RyR-bound FKBP in the subject ranges from about 0.01 mg/kg/day to about 20 mg/kg/day, and/or is an amount sufficient to achieve plasma levels ranging from about 300 ng/ml to about 1000 ng/ml. In an embodiment, the amount of compounds from the invention ranges from about 10 mg/kg/day to about 20 mg/kg/day. In another embodiment, from about 0.01 mg/kg/day to about 10 mg/kg/day is administered. In another embodiment, from about 0.01 mg/kg/day to about 5 mg/kg/day is administered. In another embodiment, from about 0.05 mg/kg/day to about 5 mg/kg/day is administered. In another, preferred embodiment, from about 0.05 mg/kg/day to about 1 mg/kg/day is administered.

Uses

[0219] The present invention provides a new range of therapeutic treatments for patients with various disorders involving modulation of the RyR receptors, particularly skeletal muscular disorders (RyR1), cardiac (RyR2) disorders, and cognitive (RyR3) disorders.

[0220] In one embodiment of the present invention, the subject has not yet developed a disorder, such as cardiac disorders (*e.g.*, exercise-induced cardiac arrhythmia). In another embodiment of the present invention, the subject is in need of treatment for a disorder, including a cardiac disorder.

[0221] Various disorders that the compounds of the invention treat or prevent include, but are not limited to, cardiac disorders and diseases, skeletal muscular disorders and diseases, cognitive disorders and diseases, malignant hyperthermia, diabetes, and sudden infant death

syndrome. Cardiac disorder and diseases include, but are not limited to, irregular heartbeat disorders and diseases; exercise-induced irregular heartbeat disorders and diseases; sudden cardiac death; exercise-induced sudden cardiac death; congestive heart failure; chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; and high blood pressure. Irregular heartbeat disorders and diseases include and exercise-induced irregular heartbeat disorders and diseases include, but are not limited to, atrial and ventricular arrhythmia; atrial and ventricular fibrillation; atrial and ventricular tachyarrhythmia; atrial and ventricular tachycardia; catecholaminergic polymorphic ventricular tachycardia (CPVT); and exercise-induced variants thereof. Skeletal muscular disorder and diseases include, but are not limited to, skeletal muscle fatigue, exercise-induced skeletal muscle fatigue, muscular dystrophy, bladder disorders, and incontinence. Cognitive disorders and diseases include, but are not limited to, Alzheimer's Disease, forms of memory loss, and age-dependent memory loss. One skilled in the art will recognize still other diseases, including but not limited to muscular and cardiac disorders, that the compounds of the invention can be useful to treat, in accordance with the information provided herein.

[0222] The amount of compounds of the invention effective to limit or prevent a decrease in the level of RyR2-bound FKBP12.6 in the subject is an amount effective to prevent exercise-induced cardiac arrhythmia in the subject. Cardiac arrhythmia is a disturbance of the electrical activity of the heart that manifests as an abnormality in heart rate or heart rhythm. As used herein, an amount of compounds of the invention "effective to prevent exercise-induced cardiac arrhythmia" includes an amount of compounds of Formula I, I-a, I-b, I-c, I-d, I-e, I-f, I-g, I-h, I-i, I-j, I-k, I-l and I-m, effective to prevent the development of the clinical impairment or symptoms of the exercise-induced cardiac arrhythmia (*e.g.*, palpitations, fainting, ventricular fibrillation, ventricular tachycardia and sudden cardiac death). The amount of the compounds effective to prevent exercise-induced cardiac arrhythmia in a subject will vary depending upon the particular factors of each case, including the type of exercise-induced cardiac arrhythmia, the subject's weight, the severity of the subject's condition, and the mode of administration of the compounds. This amount is readily determined by the skilled artisan, based upon known procedures, including clinical trials, and methods disclosed herein. In one embodiment, the amount of the compounds of the invention effective to prevent the exercise-induced cardiac arrhythmia is an amount effective to prevent exercise-induced sudden cardiac death in the subject. In another embodiment, the

compounds of the invention prevent exercise-induced cardiac arrhythmia and exercise-induced sudden cardiac death in the subject.

[0223] Because of its ability to stabilize RyR-bound FKBP and maintain and restore balance in the context of dynamic PKA phosphorylation and dephosphorylation of RyR, the compounds of the invention are also useful in treating a subject who has already experienced clinical symptoms of these various disorders. For example, if the symptoms of the disorder are observed in the subject early enough, the compounds of Formula I, I-a, I-b, I-c, I-d, I-e, I-f, I-g, I-h, I-i, I-j, I-k, I-l and I-m, are effective in limiting or preventing a further decrease in the level of RyR-bound FKBP in the subject.

[0224] Additionally, the subject of the present invention is a candidate for exercise-induced cardiac disorders, such as exercise-induced cardiac arrhythmia. Exercise-induced cardiac arrhythmia is a heart condition (e.g., a ventricular fibrillation or ventricular tachycardia, including any that leads to sudden cardiac death) that develops during/after a subject has undergone physical exercise. A "candidate" for an exercise-induced cardiac disorder is a subject who is known to be, or is believed to be, or is suspected of being, at risk for developing a cardiac disorder during/after physical exercise. Examples of candidates for exercise-induced cardiac arrhythmia include, without limitation, an animal/person known to have catecholaminergic polymorphic ventricular tachycardia (CPVT); an animal/person suspected of having CPVT; and an animal/person who is known to be, or is believed to be, or is suspected of being at risk for developing cardiac arrhythmia during/after physical exercise, and who is about to exercise, is currently exercising or has just completed exercise. As discussed above, CPVT is an inherited disorder in individuals with structurally-normal hearts. It is characterized by stress-induced ventricular tachycardia – a lethal arrhythmia that causes sudden cardiac death. In subjects with CPVT, physical exertion and/or stress induce bidirectional and/or polymorphic ventricular tachycardias that lead to sudden cardiac death (SCD) in the absence of detectable structural heart disease. Individuals with CPVT have ventricular arrhythmias when subjected to exercise, but do not develop arrhythmias at rest.

[0225] Accordingly, in still another embodiment of the present invention, the subject has been exercising, or is currently exercising, and has developed an exercise-induced disorder. In this case, the amount of the compounds of the invention effective to limit or prevent a decrease in the level of RyR-bound FKBP in the subject is an amount of compound effective to treat the exercise-induced disorder in the subject. As used herein, an amount of compounds of the invention "effective to treat an exercise-induced disorder" includes an

amount of a compound of Formula I, I-a, I-b, I-c, I-d, I-e, I-f, I-g, I-h, I-i, I-j, I-k, I-l or I-m, effective to alleviate or ameliorate the clinical impairment or symptoms of the exercise-induced disorder (*e.g.*, in the case of cardiac arrhythmia, palpitations, fainting, ventricular fibrillation, ventricular tachycardia, and sudden cardiac death). The amount of the compounds of the invention effective to treat an exercise-induced disorder in a subject will vary depending upon the particular factors of each case, including the type of exercise-induced disorder, the subject's weight, the severity of the subject's condition, and the mode of administration of the compounds. This amount is readily determined by the skilled artisan, based upon known procedures, including clinical trials, and methods disclosed herein. In one embodiment, the compounds of Formula I, I-a, I-b, I-c, I-d, I-e, I-f, I-g, I-h, I-i, I-j, I-k, I-l and I-m, treat exercise-induced disorders in the subject.

[0226] The present invention further provides a method for treating exercise-induced disorders in a subject. The method comprises administering the compounds of Formula I, I-a, I-b, I-c, I-d, I-e, I-f, I-g, I-h, I-i, I-j, I-k, I-l or I-m, to the subject in an amount effective to treat the exercise-induced disorder in the subject. A suitable amount of the compounds effective to treat, for example, exercise-induced cardiac arrhythmia in the subject ranges from about 5 mg/kg/day to about 20 mg/kg/day, and/or is an amount sufficient to achieve plasma levels ranging from about 300 ng/ml to about 1000 ng/ml. The present invention also provides a method for preventing an exercise-induced disorder in a subject. The method comprises administering the compounds of the invention to the subject in an amount effective to prevent the exercise-induced disorder in the subject. A suitable amount of the compounds of the invention effective to prevent the exercise-induced disorder in the subject ranges from about 5 mg/kg/day to about 20 mg/kg/day, and/or is an amount sufficient to achieve plasma levels ranging from about 300 ng/ml to about 1000 ng/ml. Additionally, the present invention provides a method for preventing exercise-induced disorders in a subject. The method comprises administering the compounds of the invention to the subject in an amount effective to prevent an exercise-induced disorder in the subject. A suitable amount of the compounds of the invention effective to prevent an exercise-induced disorder in the subject ranges from about 5 mg/kg/day to about 20 mg/kg/day, and/or is an amount sufficient to achieve plasma levels ranging from about 300 ng/ml to about 1000 ng/ml.

[0227] Additionally, the compounds prevent irregular heartbeat disorders in subjects with heterozygous defects in the FKBP12.6 gene.

[0228] The compounds of Formula I, I-a, I-b, I-c, I-d, I-e, I-f, I-g, I-h, I-i, I-j, I-k, I-l and I-m, can be used alone, in combination with each other, or in combination with other agents that have cardiovascular activity including, but not limited to, diuretics, anticoagulants, antiplatelet agents, antiarrhythmics, inotropic agents, chronotropic agents, α and β blockers, angiotensin inhibitors and vasodilators. Further, such combinations of the compounds of the present invention and other cardiovascular agents are administered separately or in conjunction. In addition, the administration of one element of the combination is prior to, concurrent to or subsequent to the administration of other agent(s).

[0229] In various embodiments of the above-described methods, the exercise-induced cardiac arrhythmia in the subject is associated with VT. In some embodiments, the VT is CPVT. In other embodiments of these methods, the subject is a candidate for exercise-induced cardiac arrhythmia, including candidates for exercise-induced sudden cardiac death.

[0230] In view of the foregoing methods, the present invention also provides use of the compounds of the invention in a method for limiting or preventing a decrease in the level of RyR-bound FKBP in a subject who is a candidate for a disorder. The present invention also provides use of the compounds of the invention in a method for treating or preventing a muscular disorder in a subject. Furthermore, the present invention provides use of the compounds of the invention in a method for preventing treating or preventing exercise-induced muscular disorders in a subject.

[0231] Accordingly, the present invention further provides a method for assaying the effects of the compounds of the invention in preventing disorders and diseases associated with the RyR receptors. The method comprises the steps of: (a) obtaining or generating a culture of cells containing RyR; (b) contacting the cells with one or more of the compounds of the invention; (c) exposing the cells to one or more conditions known to increase phosphorylation of RyR in cells; and (d) determining if the one or more compounds of the invention limits or prevents a decrease in the level of RyR-bound FKBP in the cells. As used herein, a cell "containing RyR" is a cell in which RyR, including RyR1, RyR2, and RyR3, or a derivative or homologue thereof, is naturally expressed or naturally occurs. Conditions known to increase phosphorylation of RyR in cells include, without limitation, PKA.

[0232] In the method of the present invention, cells are contacted with one or more of the compounds of the invention by any of the standard methods of effecting contact between drugs/agents and cells, including any modes of introduction and administration described

herein. The level of RyR-bound FKBP in the cell is measured or detected by known procedures, including any of the methods, molecular procedures and assays known to one of skill in the art or described herein. In one embodiment of the present invention, the one or more compounds of the invention limits or prevents a decrease in the level of RyR-bound FKBP in the cells.

[0233] RyR, including RyR1; RyR2, and RyR3, has been implicated in a number of biological events in cells. For example, it has been shown that RyR2 channels play an important role in EC coupling and contractility in cardiac muscle cells. Therefore, it is clear that preventive drugs designed to limit or prevent a decrease in the level of RyR-bound FKBP in cells, particularly RyR2-bound FKBP12.6 in cardiac muscle cells, are useful in the regulation of a number of RyR-associated biological events, including EC coupling and contractility. Thus, the one or more compounds of the invention are evaluated for effect on EC coupling and contractility in cells, particularly cardiac muscle cells, and therefore, usefulness for preventing exercise-induced sudden cardiac death.

[0234] Accordingly, the method of the present invention further comprises the steps of contacting one or more compounds of the invention with a culture of cells containing RyR; and determining if the one or more compounds has an effect on an RyR-associated biological event in the cells. As used herein, a "RyR-associated biological event" includes a biochemical or physiological process in which RyR levels or activity have been implicated. As disclosed herein, examples of RyR-associated biological events include, without limitation, EC coupling and contractility in cardiac muscle cells. According to this method of the present invention, the one or more compounds are contacted with one or more cells (such as cardiac muscle cells) *in vitro*. For example, a culture of the cells is incubated with a preparation containing the one or more compounds of Formula I, I-a, I-b, I-c, I-d, I-e, I-f, I-g, I-h, I-i, I-j, I-k, I-l or I-m. The compounds' effect on a RyR-associated biological event then is assessed by any biological assays or methods known in the art, including immunoblotting, single-channel recordings and any others disclosed herein.

[0235] The present invention is further directed to one or more compounds of Formula I, I-a, I-b, I-c, I-d, I-e, I-f, I-g, I-h, I-i, I-j, I-k, I-l or I-m, identified by the above-described identification method, as well as a pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and/or diluent. The compounds are useful for preventing exercise-induced sudden cardiac death in a subject, and for treating or preventing other RyR-associated conditions. As used herein, a "RyR-associated condition" is a

condition, disease, or disorder in which RyR level or activity has been implicated, and includes an RyR-associated biological event. The RyR-associated condition is treated or prevented in the subject by administering to the subject an amount of the compound effective to treat or prevent the RyR-associated condition in the subject. This amount is readily determined by one skilled in the art. In one embodiment, the present invention provides a method for preventing exercise-induced sudden cardiac death in a subject, by administering the one or more compounds of the invention to the subject in an amount effective to prevent the exercise-induced sudden cardiac death in the subject.

[0236] The present invention also provides an *in vivo* method for assaying the effectiveness of the compounds of the invention in preventing disorders and diseases associated with the RyR receptors. The method comprises the steps of: (a) obtaining or generating an animal containing RyR; (b) administering one or more of the compounds of the invention to the animal; (c) exposing the animal to one or more conditions known to increase phosphorylation of RyR in cells; and (d) determining the extent the compound limits or prevents a decrease in the level of RyR-bound FKBP in the animal. The method further comprises the steps of: (e) administering one or more of the compounds of the invention to an animal containing RyR; and (f) determining the extent of the effect of the compound on a RyR-associated biological event in the animal. Also provided is a pharmaceutical composition comprising this compound; and a method for preventing exercise-induced sudden cardiac death in a subject, by administering this compound to the subject in an amount effective to prevent the exercise-induced sudden cardiac death in the subject.

[0237] It has been demonstrated that compounds which block PKA activation would be expected to reduce the activation of the RyR channel, resulting in less release of calcium into the cell. Compounds that bind to the RyR channel at the FKBP binding site, but do not come off the channel when the channel is phosphorylated by PKA, would also be expected to decrease the activity of the channel in response to PKA activation or other triggers that activate the RyR channel. Such compounds would also result in less calcium release into the cell.

[0238] By way of example, the diagnostic assays screen for the release of calcium into cells *via* the RyR channel, using calcium-sensitive fluorescent dyes (*e.g.*, Fluo-3, Fura-2, and the like). Cells are loaded with the fluorescent dye of choice, then stimulated with RyR activators to determine the reduction of the calcium-dependent fluorescent signal (Brillantes, *et al.*, Stabilization of calcium release channel (ryanodine receptor) function by FK506-

binding protein. *Cell*, 77:513-23, 1994; Gillo, *et al.*, Calcium entry during induced differentiation in murine erythroleukemia cells. *Blood*, 81:783-92, 1993; Jayaraman, *et al.*, Regulation of the inositol 1,4,5-trisphosphate receptor by tyrosine phosphorylation. *Science*, 272:1492-94, 1996). Calcium-dependent fluorescent signals are monitored with a photomultiplier tube, and analyzed with appropriate software. This assay can easily be automated to screen the compounds of the invention using multiwell dishes.

[0239] To demonstrate that the compounds of inhibit the PKA-dependent activation of RyR-mediated intracellular calcium release, an assay involves the expression of recombinant RyR channels in a heterologous expression system, such as Sf9, HEK293, or CHO cells. RyR could also be co-expressed with beta-adrenergic receptors. This would permit assessment of the effect of compounds of the invention on RyR activation, in response to addition of beta-adrenergic receptor agonists.

[0240] The level of PKA phosphorylation of RyR2 which correlates with the degree of heart failure also is assayed and then used to determine the efficacy of the one or more compounds of the invention to block the PKA phosphorylation of the RyR2 channel. Such an assay is based on the use of antibodies that are specific for the RyR2 protein. For example, the RyR2-channel protein is immunoprecipitated and then back-phosphorylated with PKA and [γ - ^{32}P]-ATP. The amount of radioactive [^{32}P] label that is transferred to the RyR2 protein then is measured using a phosphorimager (Marx, *et al.*, PKA phosphorylation dissociates FKBP12.6 from the calcium release channel (ryanodine receptor): defective regulation in failing hearts. *Cell*, 101:365-76, 2000).

[0241] Another assay of the compounds of the invention involves use of a phosphoepitope-specific antibody that detects RyR1 that is PKA phosphorylated on Ser 2843 or RyR2 that is PKA phosphorylated on Ser 2809. Immunoblotting with such an antibody can be used to assess efficacy of these compounds for therapy for heart failure and cardiac arrhythmias. Additionally, RyR2 S2809A and RyR2 S2809D knock-in mice are used to assess efficacy of therapy for heart failure and cardiac arrhythmias. Such mice further provide evidence that PKA hyperphosphorylation of RyR2 is a contributing factor in heart failure and cardiac arrhythmias by showing that the RyR2 S2809A mutation inhibits heart failure and arrhythmias, and that the RyR2 S2809D mutation worsens heart failure and arrhythmias.

[0242] Therefore, in a specific embodiment, the present invention provides a method of treating heart failure, atrial fibrillation or exercise-induced cardiac arrhythmia, comprising

administering to an animal in need thereof, a therapeutically effective amount of a compound selected from the compounds of Formula I, I-a, I-b, I-c, I-d, I-e, I-f, I-g, I-h, I-i, I-j, I-k, I-l and I-m.

[0243] Intracellular Ca^{2+} leak is proposed as a principal mediator of depressed muscle performance and dystrophic muscle remodeling. Muscular dystrophies are heterogeneous hereditary diseases characterized by weakness and progressive muscle wasting. Of all forms of muscular dystrophies involving the dystrophin-associated protein complex (referred to as dystrophinopathies), Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD) is one of the most frequent genetic diseases (X-linked; 1 in 3,500 boys) with death usually occurring before age 30 by respiratory and/or cardiac failure in high numbers of patients. Becker muscular dystrophy (BMD) represents a milder form of the disease associated with a reduction in the amount or expression of a truncated form of the dystrophin protein whereas Duchenne patients have been characterized by complete absence or very low levels of dystrophin. Duchenne and Becker's muscular dystrophy (DMD/BMD) are caused by mutations in the gene encoding the 427-kDa cytoskeletal protein dystrophin. However, with increasing age in BMD cardiac symptoms are more common than in DMD patients and do not correlate with skeletal muscle symptoms. Since genetic screening will not eliminate DMD due to a high incidence of sporadic cases, an effective therapy is highly desirable. DMD/BMD have been consistently associated with disturbed intracellular calcium metabolism. Because alterations of intracellular Ca^{2+} concentrations in DMD myofibers are believed to represent a central pathogenic mechanism, development of a therapeutic intervention that prevents intracellular Ca^{2+} abnormalities as a cause of skeletal muscle degeneration is highly desirable.

[0244] It is well established that lack of dystrophin expression is the primary genetic defect in DMD and BMD. However, the key mechanism leading to progressive muscle damage is largely unknown. It has been suggested that elevations of intracellular Ca^{2+} concentrations ($[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_i$) under resting conditions directly contributed to toxic muscle cell (myofiber) damage and concurrent activation of Ca^{2+} -dependent proteases. Since calpain activity is increased in necrotic muscle fibers of mdx mice and calpain dysfunction contributes to limb-girdle muscular dystrophy, preventing activation of calcium-dependent proteases by inhibiting intracellular Ca^{2+} elevations represents a strategy to prevent muscle wasting in DMD. Significant differences in $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_i$ between normal and dystrophic muscles have been reported in myotubes and animal models including the dystrophin-deficient mdx mouse. Intracellular

Ca²⁺ elevations are prevented by administration of a pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of Formula I, I-a, I-b, I-c, I-d, I-e, I-f, I-g, I-h, I-i, I-j, I-k, I-l or I-m.

[0245] The present invention also provides a method of diagnosis of a disease or disorder in a subject, said method comprising: obtaining a cell or tissue sample from the subject; obtaining DNA from the cell or tissue; comparing the DNA from the cell or tissue with a control DNA encoding RyR to determine whether a mutation is present in the DNA from the cell or tissue, the presence of a mutation indicating a disease or disorder. In one embodiment, the mutation is a RyR2 mutation on chromosome 1q42-q43. In another embodiment, the mutation is one or more CPTV mutations. In another embodiment, the mutation may be a mutation that is present in the DNA encoding RyR2 of a SIDS subject. The diagnostic method is used to detect the presence of a disease or disorder in an adult, a child or a fetus. The disease and disorders include, but are not limited to, cardiac disorders and diseases, skeletal muscular disorders and diseases, cognitive disorders and diseases, malignant hyperthermia, diabetes, and sudden infant death syndrome. Cardiac disorder and diseases include, but are not limited to, irregular heartbeat disorders and diseases; exercise-induced irregular heartbeat disorders and diseases; sudden cardiac death; exercise-induced sudden cardiac death; congestive heart failure; chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; and high blood pressure. Irregular heartbeat disorders and diseases include and exercise-induced irregular heartbeat disorders and diseases include, but are not limited to, atrial and ventricular arrhythmia; atrial and ventricular fibrillation; atrial and ventricular tachyarrhythmia; atrial and ventricular tachycardia; catecholaminergic polymorphic ventricular tachycardia (CPVT); and exercise-induced variants thereof. Skeletal muscular disorder and diseases include, but are not limited to, skeletal muscle fatigue, exercise-induced skeletal muscle fatigue, muscular dystrophy, bladder disorders, and incontinence. Cognitive disorders and diseases include, but are not limited to, Alzheimer's Disease, forms of memory loss, and age-dependent memory loss.

[0246] The present invention further provides a method of diagnosis of disorders and diseases in a subject, said method comprising: obtaining cells or tissue sample from the subject; incubating the cells or tissue sample with the compound of the invention under conditions which increase phosphorylation of RyR in cells; determining (a) whether RyR bound to calstabin (i.e. RyR1 bound to calstabin1, RyR2 bound to calstabin2, or RyR3 bound to calstabin1) is increased in the cells or tissue compared to RyR bound to calstabin in control cells or tissues said control cells or tissues lacking mutant RyR calcium channels, or (b) whether a decrease in release of calcium occurs in RyR channels compared to a lack of

decrease in release of calcium in the control cells; an increase in RyR-bound calstabin in (a) indicating a disorder or disease in the subject or a decrease in release of calcium in RyR channels in (b) compared to the control cells indicating a cardiac disease or disorder in the subject. The diagnostic method is used to detect the presence of a disease or disorder in an adult, a child or a fetus. The disease and disorders include, but are not limited to, cardiac disorders and diseases, skeletal muscular disorders and diseases, cognitive disorders and diseases, malignant hyperthermia, diabetes, and sudden infant death syndrome. Cardiac disorder and diseases include, but are not limited to, irregular heartbeat disorders and diseases; exercise-induced irregular heartbeat disorders and diseases; sudden cardiac death; exercise-induced sudden cardiac death; congestive heart failure; chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; and high blood pressure. Irregular heartbeat disorders and diseases include and exercise-induced irregular heartbeat disorders and diseases include, but are not limited to, atrial and ventricular arrhythmia; atrial and ventricular fibrillation; atrial and ventricular tachyarrhythmia; atrial and ventricular tachycardia; catecholaminergic polymorphic ventricular tachycardia (CPVT); and exercise-induced variants thereof. Skeletal muscular disorder and diseases include, but are not limited to, skeletal muscle fatigue, exercise-induced skeletal muscle fatigue, muscular dystrophy, bladder disorders, and incontinence. Cognitive disorders and diseases include, but are not limited to, Alzheimer's Disease, forms of memory loss, and age-dependent memory loss.

[0247] The present invention further provides a method of diagnosis of a cardiac disorder or disease in a subject, said method comprising: obtaining cardiac cells or tissue sample from the subject; incubating the cardiac cells or tissue sample with the compound of Formula I, I-a, I-b, I-c, I-d, I-e, I-f, I-g, I-h, I-i, I-j, I-k, I-l or I-m, under conditions which increase phosphorylation of RyR2 in cells; determining (a) whether RyR2 bound to calstabin2 is increased in the cells or tissue compared to RyR2 bound to calstabin2 in control cells or tissues said control cells or tissues lacking mutant RyR2 calcium channels, or (b) whether a decrease in release of calcium occurs in RyR2 channels compared to a lack of decrease in release of calcium in the control cells; an increase in RyR2-bound calstabin2 in (a) indicating a disorder or disease in the subject or a decrease in release of calcium in RyR2 channels in (b) compared to the control cells indicating a cardiac disease or disorder in the subject. The provided method is used to diagnose CPTV. The provided method also is used to diagnose sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS). The provided method additionally is used to diagnose cardiac irregular heartbeat disorders and diseases; exercise-induced irregular heartbeat

disorders and diseases; sudden cardiac death; exercise-induced sudden cardiac death; congestive heart failure; chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; and high blood pressure. Irregular heartbeat disorders and diseases include and exercise-induced irregular heartbeat disorders and diseases include, but are not limited to, atrial and ventricular arrhythmia; atrial and ventricular fibrillation; atrial and ventricular tachyarrhythmia; atrial and ventricular tachycardia; catecholaminergic polymorphic ventricular tachycardia (CPVT); and exercise-induced variants thereof.

[0248] In addition to the above-mentioned therapeutic uses, the compounds of the invention are also useful in diagnostic assays, screening assays and as research tools.

Methods of Synthesis

[0249] The present invention, provides, in a further aspect, processes for the preparation of a compound of Formula I, I-a, I-b, I-c, I-d, I-e, I-f, I-g, I-h, I-i, I-j, I-k, I-l or I-m, and salts, solvates, hydrates, complexes, and pro-drugs thereof, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts of such pro-drugs. More particularly, the present invention provides processes for the preparation of compounds selected from the group consisting of S1, S2, S3, S4, S5, S6, S7, S9, S11, S12, S13, S14, S19, S20, S22, S23, S26, S36, S37, S38, S40, S43, S44, S45, S46, S47, S48, S49, S50, S51, S52, S53, S54, S55, S56, S57, S58, S59, S60, S61, S62, S63, S64, S66, S67, S69, S70, S71, S72, S73, S74, S75, S76, S77, S78, S79, S80, S81, S82, S83, S84, S85, S86, S87, S88, S89, S90, S91, S92, S93, S94, S95, S96, S97, S98, S99, S100, S101, S102, S103, S104, S105, S107, S108, S109, S110, S111, S112, S113, S114, S115, S116, S117, S118, S119, S120, S121, S122, and S123, and salts, solvates, hydrates, complexes, and pro-drugs thereof, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts of such pro-drugs. The various synthetic routes to the compounds are described herein.

[0250] Some of the following syntheses utilize solvents. In one embodiment, the solvent is an organic solvent. In another embodiment, the organic solvent is methylene chloride (CH_2Cl_2), chloroform (CCl_4), formaldehyde (CH_2O) or methanol (CH_3OH). Some of the following syntheses also utilize a base catalyst. In one embodiment, the base catalyst is an amine compound. In another embodiment, the base catalyst is an alkylamine such as triethylamine (TEA). In still another embodiment, the base catalyst is pyridine. Some of the following syntheses also utilize basic solutions. In one embodiment, the basic solution is sodium bicarbonate or calcium carbonate. In another embodiment, the basic solution is saturated sodium bicarbonate or saturated calcium carbonate. Some of the following

syntheses use acidic solutions. In one embodiment, the acidic solution is a sulfuric acid solution, a hydrochloric acid solution, or a nitric acid solution. In one embodiment, the solution is 1N HCl. One of skill in the art will appreciate still other solvents, organic solvents, base catalysts, basic solutions, and acidic solutions that are used in the embodiments, according to the description herein. The solvents, organic solvents, reactants, catalysts, wash solutions, and so forth are added at appropriate temperatures (*e.g.* room temperature or about 20°C-25°C, 0°C, etc.).

[0251] Some of the following syntheses utilize the compound S68 as a starting material. S68 is available commercially from MicroChemistry Ltd. (Moscow, Russia). See also WO01/55118 for the preparation of S68.

[0252] Several of the following syntheses use S26 as a starting material. S26 is synthesized as an intermediate in the synthesis of S3, S4, S5, and S54, as illustrated in scheme 1 in example 4. Methods for synthesizing S26 are also described in U.S. Patent Application No. 10/680,988.

[0253] Some of the following syntheses requiring purification of the reaction mixture to yield a final product. Purification of the reaction mixture involves one or more processes such as removal of any solvent, crystallization of the product, chromatographic separation of the product (including HPLC, silica gel chromatography, column chromatography, and so forth), washing with basic solution, washing with acidic solution, re-dissolving the product in another solvent, and so forth. One of skill in the art will appreciate still other processes that are used in the embodiments, according to the description herein.

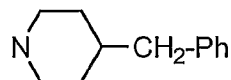
[0254] The reactions are carried out as long as needed (*e.g.*, one hour, several hours, overnight, 24 hours, etc.) to obtain the desired or optimal yields of the desired compounds. Often, the reaction mixtures are stirred. The reactions are carried out at appropriate temperatures (*e.g.* room temperature or about 20°C-25°C, 0°C, 100 °C, etc.).

[0255] Synthon S26 is prepared according to methods described in U.S. Patent App. No. 10/680,988.

[0256] S3, S4, S5, and S54 are prepared from S26. S26 is reacted with RSO_2Cl , wherein R is $\text{CH}_2=\text{CH}-$ (S3), Me- (S4), p-Me-C₆H₄- (S5), or NH-2-Py (S54), to form a product. The product is purified, for example by column chromatography, to yield S3, S4, S5, or S54. In one embodiment, the reaction occurs in a solvent, such as an organic solvent like CH_2Cl_2 , so that a reaction mixture is formed, and the solvent is removed from the reaction mixture before

or during purification of the product. If necessary, a base catalyst, such as triethylamine, is used in the synthesis. Also, basic (*e.g.*, saturated sodium bicarbonate) and acidic washes (*e.g.*, 1N HCl) are used if needed to purifying the reaction mixture and/or product, and are accompanied by drying, for example over sodium sulfate, if needed. Column chromatography, for example, is used to purifying the residue to isolate the desired product.

[0257] S1 and S2 are prepared from S3 by reaction with HNR_1R_2 , where R is



(S1) or NBu_2 (S2). The product is purified, for example by column

chromatography, to yield S1 or S2. In one embodiment, the reaction occurs in a solvent, such as an organic solvent like CH_2Cl_2 , so that a reaction mixture is formed, and the solvent is removed from the reaction mixture before or during purification of the product. Column chromatography, for example, is used to purifying the residue to isolate the desired product.

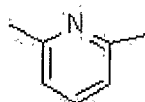
[0258] S7, S9, S27 and S40 are prepared from S26 by reaction with an alcohol of formula RCOX , where X is Cl or NHS and R is ICH_2- (S7), Ph- (S9), $\text{CH}_2=\text{CH}-$ (S27), or 4- N_3 -2-OH- C_6H_5 (S40). In one embodiment, the reaction occurs in a solvent, such as an organic solvent like CH_2Cl_2 , so that a reaction mixture is formed, and the solvent is removed from the reaction mixture before or during purification of the product. If necessary, a base catalyst, such as triethylamine, is used in the synthesis. Also, basic (*e.g.*, saturated sodium bicarbonate) and acidic washes (*e.g.*, 1N HCl) are used if needed to purifying the reaction mixture and/or product, and are accompanied by drying, if needed. In another embodiment, S40 is formed by reaction with an alcohol of formula RCOX , where R is 4- N_3 -2-OH- C_6H_5 and X is NHS. Column chromatography, for example, is used to purifying the residue to isolate the desired product.

[0259] S11 and S12 are prepared from S26 by reaction with a compound of formula $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-NCX}$, wherein X is O (S11) or S (S12). In one embodiment, the reaction occurs in a solvent, such as an organic solvent like CH_2Cl_2 , so that a reaction mixture is formed, and the solvent is removed from the reaction mixture before or during purification of the product. If necessary, a base catalyst, such as triethylamine or pyridine, is used in the synthesis. In another embodiment, a base catalyst such as pyridine is used as the solvent in which the reaction takes place, and additional solvent, such as ethyle acetate or another appropriate organic solvent, is added after the reaction occurs. Also, basic (*e.g.*, saturated sodium bicarbonate) and acidic washes (*e.g.*, 1N HCl) are used if needed to purifying the reaction

mixture and/or product, and are accompanied by drying, if needed. Column chromatography, for example, is used to purifying the residue to isolate the desired product.

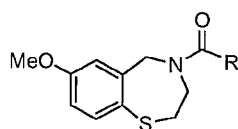
[0260] The isomers S13 and S14 are prepared from S26 by reaction with phenyl methoxyphosphonyl chloride ($\text{Ph}(\text{MeO})\text{P}(\text{O})\text{Cl}$). In one embodiment, the reaction occurs in a solvent, such as an organic solvent, such as methylene chloride. If necessary, a base catalyst such as triethylamine may be used, for example, by adding it to a reaction mixture formed by mixing the reactants in a solvent. Also, the reaction mixture is washed with basic solution, for example saturated sodium bicarbonate, if necessary. The isomers are separated and purified, for example, using silica gel chromatography.

[0261] S19 and 22 are prepared from S26 by reaction with a compound of formula ClOC-X-

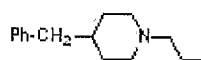


COCl , where X is $\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2$ (S19) or (S22). In one embodiment, the reaction occurs in the presence of a solvent, such as an organic solvent, such as methylene chloride. If necessary, a base catalyst such as triethylamine is added to the reaction mixture formed by mixing the reactants in a solvent. Also, base (*e.g.*, saturated sodium bicarbonate), acid (*e.g.*, 1N HCl), and water washes are used to remove unwanted compounds from the reaction mixture, if needed.

[0262] S20 and S23 are prepared from an intermediate compound of formula



, where R is $\text{CH}_2=\text{CH-}$ (S20) or



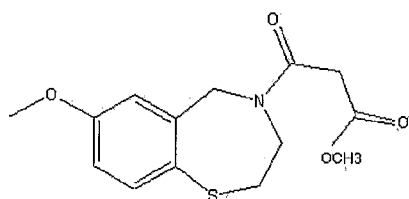
(S23). The

intermediate compound is treated with H_2O_2 . If necessary, sodium thiosulfate also is used to treat the intermediate. In one embodiment, the reaction occurs in the presence of a solvent, such as an organic solvent, such as methanol (CH_3OH), forming a reaction mixture. The solvent is removed from the reaction mixture after the reaction takes place and, if desired, the residue is redissolved in another solvent, such as another organic solvent, such as ethyl acetate. The reaction mixture is washed with basic solution (*e.g.*, saturated sodium carbonate) if desired to remove unwanted compounds from the reaction mixture. The reaction mixture is dried (*e.g.*, using sodium sulfate) if it is washed with basic solution. The final residue is purified, for example by column chromatography, to obtain the final product.

[0263] S57 is prepared from S26 and methyl chlorooxoacetate. In an embodiment, the reaction occurs in the presence of a solvent, such as an organic solvent, such as methylene chloride. A base catalyst such as pyridine is used as necessary to facilitate or hasten the reaction. The reaction mixture formed by mixing the reactants and a solvent is washed with basic solution (*e.g.*, saturated sodium bicarbonate), acidic solution (*e.g.* HCl), and water. Purification such as silic gel chromatography yields S57.

[0264] S36 is prepared from S57 by reaction with sodium hydroxide. In one embodiment, the reaction takes place in a solvent, such as an organic solvent, such as methanol. The solvent is removed from the reaction mixture formed by mixing the reactants and the solvent, thereby forming a residue. The residue is dissolved in water and washed with another organic solvent, such as ether, to remove unwanted hydrophobic compounds. The aqueous phase from the basic washes is acidified and the product is extracted therefrom using an organic solvent, such as methylene chloride. Further purification is used if necessary.

[0265] S38 is prepared in a manner similar to S36, except a compound of formula



is used as the starting material in the synthesis.

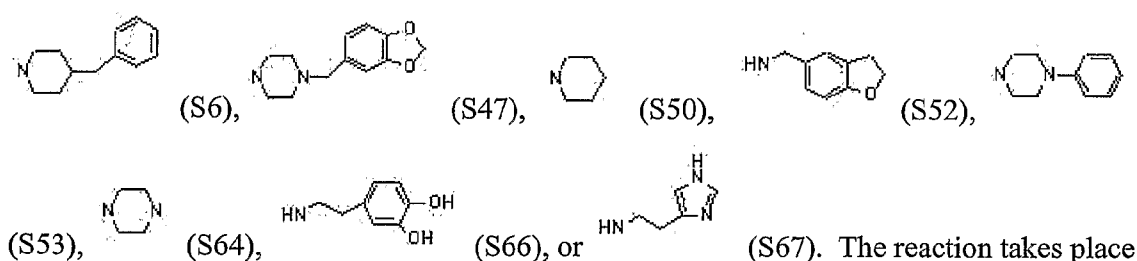
[0266] S44 is prepared by treating S36 with thionyl chloride to form crude S36-Cl. Excess thionyl chloride, if any, is removed from the reaction mixture. The crude S36-Cl then is dissolved in a solvent, such as an organic solvent like methylene chloride, and reacted with mono-protected (*e.g.*, mono-Boc protected) cystamine. A base catalyst such as pyridine is used if desired, and the reaction mixture is quenched with a basic solution (*e.g.*, saturated sodium bicarbonate). The reaction mixture formed by mixing the cystamine and S36-Cl reactants is purified. The protecting groups (*e.g.*, Boc) are removed using an appropriate acid or base wash (*e.g.*, trifluoroacetic acid in an organic solvent in the case of the Boc protecting group). The final product then is purified, for example, using chromatography techniques.

[0267] S57 and S59 are prepared from S36-Cl, which is reacted with methanol (S57) or ethylamine (S59).

[0268] S43 and S45 are prepared from S36-cystamine, which is prepared as disclosed herein. S-36 cystamine is reacted with an NHS activated ester of an appropriate azido compound to yield S43 and S45. The reaction takes place in a solvent, such as an organic solvent.

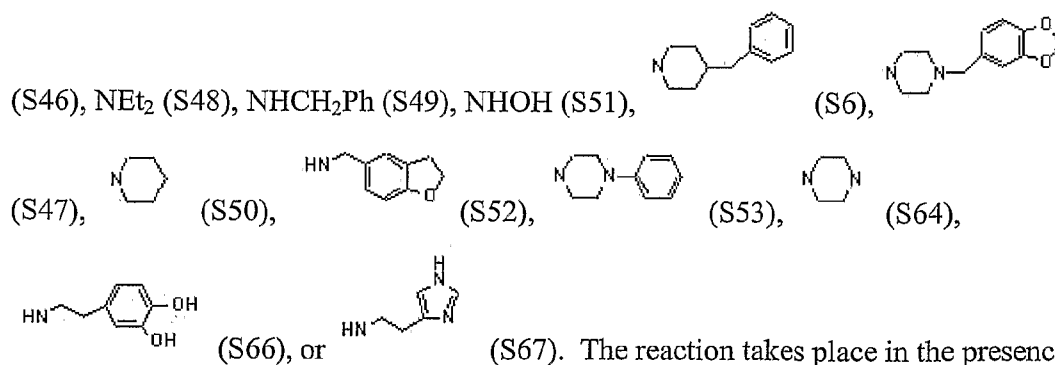
[0269] S37 is prepared from S26 by reaction with 4-nitrophenyl chloroformate ($\text{NO}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{OCOC}_6\text{H}_5$). The reaction takes place in a solvent and, if desired, a base catalyst such as triethylamine may be used. The reaction mixture formed by mixing the reactants and a solvent is washed with water to remove unwanted hydrophilic compounds. The solvent is removed from the reaction mixture to form a residue, which is purified (*e.g.*, using chromatography techniques) to yield S37.

[0270] S6, S46-53, S64, S66, and S67 are prepared from S37 by reaction with an amine of formula RNH_2 , wherein NR is NH_2 (S46), NEt_2 (S48), NHCH_2Ph (S49), NHOH (S51),



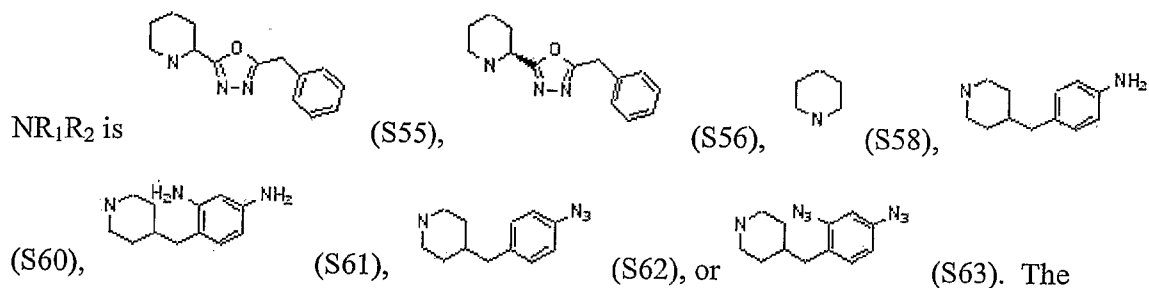
in the presence of a solvent, such as an organic solvent, such as DMF. In one embodiment, only one equivalent of amine is used in the reaction. Purification is accomplished, for example, by SiO_2 column chromatography.

[0271] S6, S46-53, S64, S66, and S67 also are prepared from S26, via the S26-phosgene intermediate. The S26-phosgene intermediate is formed by reacting S26 with triphosgene. Thereafter, the S26-phosgene is reacted with an amine of formula RNH_2 , where NR is NH_2



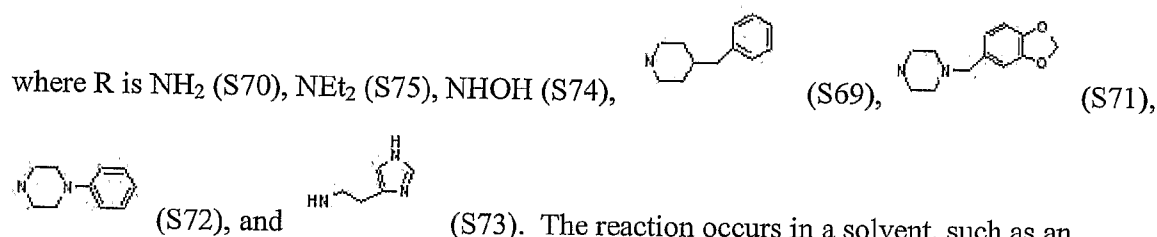
solvent, such as an organic solvent. In one embodiment, only one equivalent of amine is used in the reaction. Purification is accomplished, for example, by SiO_2 column chromatography.

[0272] S55, S56, S58, and S60-63 are prepared from S27 by reaction with HNR_1R_2 , where



reaction occurs in a solvent, such as an organic solvent, such as chloroform, thereby forming a reaction mixture. The solvent is removed from the reaction mixture to form a residue, which is purified, for example, by silica gel column chromatography to yield the final product.

[0273] S69-75 are prepared from S68, via the S68-phosgene intermediate. S68 is treated with triphosgene to form the intermediate, which in turn is treated with an amine RNH_2 ,



organic solvent, such as chloroform, thereby forming a reaction mixture. The solvent is removed from the reaction mixture to form a residue, which is purified, for example, by silica gel column chromatography to yield the final product.

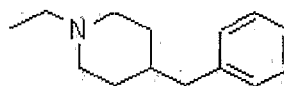
[0274] S76 is prepared from S68 by reaction with methyl chlorooxoacetate. In an embodiment, the reaction occurs in the presence of a solvent, such as an organic solvent, such as methylene chloride. A base catalyst such as pyridine is used as necessary to facilitate or hasten the reaction. The reaction mixture formed by mixing the reactants and a solvent is washed with basic solution (*e.g.*, saturated sodium bicarbonate), acidic solution (*e.g.* HCl), and water. Purification such as silica gel chromatography yields S76.

[0275] S77 is prepared from S76 by reaction with sodium hydroxide. In one embodiment, the reaction takes place in a solvent, such as an organic solvent, such as methanol. The solvent is removed from the reaction mixture formed by mixing the reactants and the solvent, thereby forming a residue. The residue is dissolved in water and washed with another organic solvent, such as ether, to remove unwanted hydrophobic compounds. The aqueous

phase from the basic washes is acidified and the product is extracted therefrom using an organic solvent, such as methylene chloride. Further purification is used if necessary.

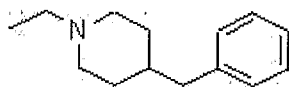
[0276] S78-S81 are prepared by treating S77 with thionyl chloride to form crude S77-Cl. Excess thionyl chloride, if any, is removed from the reaction mixture. The crude S77-Cl then is dissolved in a solvent, such as an organic solvent like methylene chloride, and reacted with HX, where X is NEt (S78), NHPH (S79), NH₂ (S80), and NHCH₂-pyridine (S81). The solvent is removed, and the residue is purified.

[0277] S82 is prepared from S68. S68 is reacted with CH₂CHSO₂Cl in a manner analogous to the production of S3. The product then is treated with HNR₁R₂ in a manner analogous to



the production of S1 and S2, except that NR₁R₂ is

[0278] S83 is prepared from S68. S68 is reacted with RCOCl, wherein R is



, in a manner analogous to the production of S7, S9, and S40.

[0279] S84 is prepared from S68 by reaction with benzyl bromide. In an embodiment, the reaction takes place in a solvent, such as an organic solvent like methylene chloride. A base catalyst such as triethylamine is added as necessary to catalyze the reaction. The reaction mixture formed by mixing the reactants and the solvent is purified to yield S84.

[0280] S85 is prepared from S26. S26 is reacted with di-*tert*-butyl dicarbonate in a solvent, for example an organic solvent like methylene chloride. A base catalyst such as triethylamine also is used, if necessary. The reaction mixture formed by mixing the reactants and the solvent is washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate solution and the aqueous layer is extracted with an organic solvent. The combined organic layers are dried and concentrated provide S85.

[0281] S86 is prepared from S85 in a solvent, for example an organic solvent. S85 is treated with BBr₃ to form a reaction mixture. If necessary, a base catalyst, such as triethylamine, is used in the reaction. The reaction is quenched (*e.g.*, in the case of triethylamine, with methanol) and concentrated. Purification, for example by column chromatography, yields S86.

[0282] S87 is prepared by reacting S86 with trifluoromethylsulfonyl anhydride. The reaction is carried out in a solvent, such as an organic solvent. A base catalyst such as triethylamine is added if necessary. In the case of triethylamine, the reaction mixture formed by mixing the reactants and the solvent is quenched with water, after which the aqueous layer is extracted with an appropriate organic solvent. If desired, the organic layers are dried (*e.g.*, using magnesium sulfate), and the organic layers are concentrated. Purification of the concentrated organic layers yields S87.

[0283] S88 is prepared from S87 by reaction of morpholine, tris(dibenzylideneacetone)dipalladium(0), 2-(di-*tert*-butylphosphino)-biphenyl, and potassium phosphate. The reaction mixture is diluted with a solvent, such as methylene chloride or another appropriate organic solvent, and washed with water. The aqueous layer, formed by washing with water, is extracted with an organic solvent, such as methylene chloride. The organic layers then are dried (*e.g.*, over magnesium sulfate) and concentrated. The residue is purified, for example by silica gel flash chromatography, to yield S88.

[0284] S89 is prepared from S87 by reaction with benzenethiol and *i*-Pr₂NEt in a solvent, such as CH₃CN or another appropriate organic solvent. After reaction, an organic solvent such as ethyl acetate is added to the reaction mixture. If necessary, the reaction mixture is washed with one or more of acidic (*e.g.*, HCl), basic (*e.g.* NaOH), and water solutions. After drying (*e.g.* with Na₂SO₄), the solution is concentrated. Purification, for example by chromatography, yields S89. In an alternative, refluxing S87 with benzenethiol in an appropriate solvent such as dioxane with a catalyst such as *i*-Pr₂NEt/Pd₂(dba)₃/xantphos yields S89.

[0285] S90 is prepared from S87 reacted with a base, phenylboronic acid, and a catalyst. In an embodiment, the base is K₂CO₃ and the catalyst is Pd(Ph₃P)₄. In one embodiment, the reaction occurs in a solvent, such as an organic solvent, such as dioxane. The reaction mixture formed by mixing the reactants and the solvent is diluted with a solvent (*e.g.* methylene chloride), and washed with water to remove unwanted hydrophilic compounds. Concentration and purification of the residue yields S90.

[0286] S92 is prepared from S87 reacted with zinc cyanide. In an embodiment, the reaction occurs in a solvent, such as an organic solvent like DMF. A catalyst such as Pd(Ph₃P)₄ also is used to facilitate and hasten the reaction. The reaction mixture formed by mixing the reactants and the solvent, if necessary, is diluted with water and an acidic solution and

extracted with an organic solvent. The organic extracts then are washed using a salt solution, dried, filtered, and concentrated. Purification of the residue proceeds, for example, by silica gel column chromatography.

[0287] S94 is prepared for S86 by reaction with acetic anhydride. In an embodiment, the reaction takes place in a solvent, such as an organic solvent like methylene chloride. Triethylamine or another base catalyst is added as necessary. Washing with water, followed by drying (*e.g.*, using sodium sulfate), is used as desired. Purification of the residue yields S94.

[0288] S95 is prepared from S94 by reaction with anhydrous AlCl_3 , in a solvent if desired. The solvent is an organic solvent like benzene. The reaction mixture is refluxed and cooled on ice. Extraction with an organic solvent, concentration, and purification of the residue yields S95.

[0289] S96 is prepared from S86 by iodination. For example, S86 is added to a solvent, such as an organic solvent like methanol, with excess NaI and Chloramine-T. The reaction mixture is quenched with $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ solution. Concentration and purification of the residue yields S96 as a mixture of mono-iodinated and di-iodinated products.

[0290] S97 is prepared from S86 by reaction with a nitric acid. S86 is protected (*e.g.*, using the Boc protecting groups) and added to concentrated sulfuric acid. Nitric acid is added to the reaction mixture. The reaction mixture is cooled and neutralized (*e.g.*, using Na_2CO_3) to quench the reaction. Organic extraction and subsequent concentration is used to isolate the product. Purification yields S97.

[0291] S98 is prepared by hydrogenation of S97. For example, S97 is added to a solution, such as an organic solution like methanol. H_2 gas is bubbled through the solution and Pd/C catalyst or another applicable catalyst is added. Filtration to remove the catalyst and purification yields S97.

[0292] S100 is prepared from S98. S98 is dissolved in acid solution, such as aqueous HCl. To this a solution of sodium nitrite, and then NaN_3 in water, are added. The reaction mixture is extracted using an organic solvent. If needed, the extract is washed with a basic solution (*e.g.*, saturated sodium bicarbonate) and water. Organic layers from the washing are dried using, for example, anhydrous sodium sulfate, and concentrated to form a residue. The residue is purified to yield S100. To prepare S99, NaN_3 is substituted with NaBF_4 in a similar manner.

[0293] S101, S102, and S103 may each be prepared from S68.

[0294] S101 may be prepared from S68 as follows. Triphosgene is reacted with S68 in the presence of a solvent (such as the organic solvent dichloromethane, CH_2Cl_2) to generate S68-phosgene. Optionally, a base is also present or added to scavenge acid generated during the reaction. Any suitable base may be used. For example, organic bases such as organic amines like triethylamine, di-isopropylethylamine or pyridine may be used. Inorganic bases such as sodium bicarbonate may also be used. Then, without the need for purification, the reaction mixture containing the S68-phosgene is treated with 1-piperonylpiperazine. If necessary, the reaction mixture is washed with one or more of acidic (e.g., HCl), basic (e.g. NaOH), and water solutions. The solvents are removed, for example under reduced pressure. The S101 product can then be purified, for example using SiO_2 column chromatography.

[0295] S102 may be prepared from S68 using the same scheme as for S101, with the exception that piperidine is used in the place of piperonylpiperazine.

[0296] S103 may be prepared from S68 using the same scheme as for S101, with the exception that N-Boc 1-piperazine is used in the place of piperonylpiperazine. Also, trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) is added de-protect the Boc group.

[0297] S104 may be prepared by reacting S36 with hydrogen peroxide (H_2O_2) in the presence of a solvent (such as MeOH). The solvents are removed (for example under reduced pressure), and the S104 product can then be purified, for example by re-crystallization.

[0298] S105 may be prepared from S68 as follows. S68 is reacted with $\text{CH}_3\text{O}-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{C}(\text{O})\text{Cl}$ in the presence of a solvent (such as the organic solvent dichloromethane (CH_2Cl_2)) and optionally a catalyst (such as pyridine). Preferably, the $\text{CH}_3\text{O}-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{C}(\text{O})\text{Cl}$ should be added dropwise. If necessary, the reaction mixture is washed with one or more of acidic (for example HCl), basic (for example NaOH), and water solutions. The solvents are removed and the product may be further purified, for example by SiO_2 column chromatography.

[0299] S107 may be prepared from S26 as follows. To a solution of S26 in a solvent (such as MeOH), formaldehyde (CH_2O) and sodium cyanoborohydride (NaBCNH_3) are added and allowed to react. Preferably, the reaction mixture is maintained at around pH 4-5, for example by addition of a few drops of 1N HCl. The solvents are then removed, for example under reduced pressure. If necessary, the residue may be dissolved in ethyl acetate and washed with one or more of a basic solution (for example NaOH), and water. The solvents may

be removed, and the product may be further purified, for example using SiO₂ column chromatography.

[0300] S108 may be prepared as follows. A mixture of N-benzyloxycarbonyl-glycine (Cbz-Gly), Diisopropyl-carbodiimide (DIC), and N-hydroxysuccinimide (NHS), are reacted together in a solvent (such as the organic solvent dichloromethane (CH₂Cl₂)) for a suitable amount of time. S26 is then added to the mixture and the reaction is allowed to proceed further. If necessary, the reaction mixture is washed with one or more of acidic (for example HCl), basic (for example NaOH), and water solutions. The solvents may then be removed, for example by evaporation. The product may be further purified, for example using SiO₂ column chromatography.

[0301] S109 may be prepared from S108, as follows. S108 in a solvent (such as the organic solvent dichloromethane (CH₂Cl₂)) is reacted with HBr/CH₃CO₂H. After a suitable amount of time, the reaction mixture is evaporated, for example under reduced pressure. The residue is dissolved in a suitable solvent, such as MeOH, and is treated with propylene oxide. The solvent may then be removed, for example under reduced pressure, to provide crude S109. The S100 may be further purified, for example by dissolving in an acidic solution (such as HCl), washing with ethyl acetate, and evaporating.

[0302] S110 may be prepared as follows. A mixture of S26, methyl 1-bromoacetate and pyridine are reacted in DMF for a suitable amount of time. To this mixture, ethyl acetate is added, and if necessary, the reaction mixture is washed with a basic solution (for example NaHCO₃), or water. The product S110, as an oil, may be purified, for example by SiO₂ column chromatography.

[0303] S111 may be prepared as follows. A base (such as 1N NaOH) is added to S110 in a solvent (such as MeOH), and the mixture is allowed to react for a suitable amount of time. The solvents are then removed, for example under reduced pressure, and the residue may then be dissolved in an aqueous solution, such as water. The aqueous phase may be washed with ethyl acetate and acidified, for example with 1N HCl, to pH of around 4. The solvents may then be removed, for example under reduced pressure, to produce crude S111. The NaCl may be removed using an alcohol, such as ethanol, to yield pure S111 as a solid.

[0304] S112 may be prepared as follows: To a mixture of S26 and pyridine in a solvent (such as the organic solvent dichloromethane (CH₂Cl₂)), SO₂Cl₂ is added drop-wise at around 0°C and reacted for a suitable amount of time. The solvents may be removed, for example

under reduced pressure. The residue can be dissolved in a suitable basic solution, such as NaOH. The aqueous solution may then be washed with ethyl acetate, and acidified (for example with 1N HCl) to around pH 4. The aqueous phase may be extracted again with ethyl acetate, and the ethyl acetate phase evaporated, for example under reduced pressure, to provide S112, as a powder.

[0305] S113 may be prepared as follows. S107 in ethyl acetate is treated with CH_3I . The mixture is stirred for a suitable amount of time, and the product S113, as white solid, is collected by filtration.

[0306] S114 may be prepared as follows. The compound **S26**, in a solvent such as the organic solvent CH_2Cl_2 is ideally cooled to around 0°C . To this solution, triphosgene, is added. Optionally, a base is also present or added to scavenge acid generated during the reaction. Any suitable base may be used. For example, organic bases such as organic amines like triethylamine, di-isopropylethylamine or pyridine may be used. Inorganic bases such as sodium bicarbonate may also be used. The reaction is allowed to proceed (ideally around 0°C) for a suitable amount of time (for example about 1 hour). Without the need for purification, the resulting S26-phosgene in the reaction mixture may then be treated with N-Boc 1-piperazine, again ideally at around 0°C , and the reaction is allowed to proceed (ideally at around 0°C) for a suitable amount of time (for example about 1 hour). If necessary, the reaction mixture is washed with one or more of acidic (for example HCl), basic (for example NaOH), and water solutions. The solvents are removed and the product may be further purified, for example by SiO_2 column chromatography.

[0307] S115 may be prepared as follows. A mixture of S114 and Lawesson Reagent in toluene is stirred at around 90°C for several hours. The mixture is cooled to room temperature and washed with a suitable base, such as saturated NaHCO_3 . The product S115 may be purified, for example by SiO_2 chromatography.

[0308] S116 may be prepared as follows. A mixture of S115 and trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) in a suitable solvent (such as the organic solvent dichloromethane (CH_2Cl_2)) is stirred at around room temperature for a suitable amount of time (for example, about 2 hours). Evaporation of the solvents, for example under reduced pressure, produces S116.

[0309] S117 (S117) may be prepared as follows. A solution of S057 in a suitable solvent (such as the organic solvent dichloromethane (CH_2Cl_2)) is cooled to about -78°C . To this, 1M BBr_3 a suitable solvent (such as the organic solvent dichloromethane (CH_2Cl_2)) is added,

and the mixture is stirred (still at about 78°C) for a suitable amount of time (for example around 3 hours) and then wSed to room temperature. If necessary, the mixture is washed with an acid (such as 1N HCl) and/or H₂O. After removal of the solvents, the product S117 may be purified, for example by SiO₂ column chromatography.

[0310] S118 may be synthesized as follows. S26 in as suitable solvent a suitable solvent (such as the organic solvent dichloromethane (CH₂Cl₂)) is treated with BODIPY TMR-X, SE (Molecular Probes Inc.) for a suitable amount of time (for example, around 3 hours). If necessary, the mixture may be washed with an acid (such as 0.01 N HCl) and/or a base (such as NaHCO₃). Removal of the solvents, for example under reduced pressure, will yield S118.

[0311] S119 may be synthesized as follows. A mixture S107, H₂O₂ (for example around 50%), and an alcohol (such as MeOH), is stirred at around room temperature for a suitable amount of time (typically around 2 days). If desired, mass spectrometry may be used to monitor the disappearance of S107 and the formation of the S119 product). The solvents may be removed, for example under reduced pressure, to give S119.

[0312] S120 may be synthesized as follows. A mixture S26, benzyl bromide and Na₂CO₃ in a solvent (such as DMF), is reacted for a suitable amount of time, preferably overnight. Ethyl acetate is added to the reaction, and then, if necessary, the reaction is washed with a suitable solvent, for example with H₂O (4x10 ml). The organic phase may be concentrated, for example under reduced pressure, and the residue may be purified, for example by column chromatography to give S121.

[0313] S121 may be synthesized as for S120, but using 4-OH-benzyl bromide instead of benzyl bromide.

[0314] S122 may be synthesized as follows. To a cold solution of compound S26 in a solvent, such as the organic solvent in CH₂Cl₂, DIEA is added, and subsequently acetoxyacetyl chloride is added. The reaction is allowed to proceed for a suitable amount of time, and then diluted, (for example with 1.0 M HCl aqueous solution) and extracted (for example using CH₂Cl₂). The combined organic layers may, if necessary, be washed (for example with H₂O, brine), dried (for example with Na₂SO₄), filtered, and dried (for example by evaporation). The product may be further purified, for example by chromatography on a silica gel column, and may be eluted with a gradient increasing in polarity from 0 to 50% of petroleum in ethyl acetate. Relevant fractions may then be combined to give the desired product.

[0315] S123 may be synthesized as follows. To a solution of compound S122 in a solvent (such as MeOH) and THF, preferably at room temperature, is added LiOH. The reaction is allowed to proceed for a suitable amount of time at a suitable temperature (ideally around room temperature, and may then be diluted (for example with with 1.0 M HCl aqueous solution) and extracted (for example with CH₂Cl₂). The combined organic layers may be washed (for example with H₂O, brine), dried (for example with Na₂SO₄), filtered and dried (for example by evaporation). The crude product may be purified, for example by chromatography on a silica gel column, eluted, for example with a gradient increasing in polarity from 0 to 70% petroleum in ethyl acetate. Relevant fractions may then be combined to give S123.

[0316] It should be noted that the compounds used as starting materials for, or generated as intermediates in, the synthesis of the compounds of the invention, may themselves have structures encompassed by the formulae of the invention, and/or may themselves be active agents useful in the methods and compositions of the present invention. Such starting materials and intermediates may be useful for, *inter alia*, treating or preventing various disorders and diseases associated with RyR receptors such as muscular and cardiac disorders, treating or preventing a leak in a RyR2 receptor in a subject, or modulating the binding of RyR and FKBP in a subject. The present invention encompasses any of the starting materials or intermediates disclosed herein that have structures encompassed by Formula I, I-a, I-b, I-c, I-d, I-e, I-f, I-g, I-h, I-i, I-j, I-k, I-l or I-m, and/or which are useful as active agents in the methods and compositions of the present invention. For example, in one embodiment the compound S68, which is useful as a starting material for the synthesis of compounds S69 – S75, may be used for, *inter alia*, treating or preventing various disorders and diseases associated with RyR receptors, treating or preventing a leak in a RyR2 receptor, or modulating the binding of RyR and FKBP in a subject.

[0317] In another embodiment, the compound S26, which is useful in the synthesis of many of the compounds described herein (including S3, S4, S5, S7, S9, S11, S12, S13, S14 and other compounds) may be used for, *inter alia*, treating or preventing various disorders and diseases associated with RyR receptors, treating or preventing a leak in a RyR2 receptor, or modulating the binding of RyR and FKBP in a subject.

[0318] Similarly, in another embodiment, the compound S25 (see U.S. Patent Application 10/809,089) may also be used for, *inter alia*, treating or preventing various disorders and

diseases associated with RyR receptors, treating or preventing a leak in a RyR2 receptor, or modulating the binding of RyR and FKBP in a subject.

[0319] The compounds of the present invention are prepared in different forms, such as salts, hydrates, solvates, complexes, pro-drugs or salts of pro-drugs and the invention includes all variant forms of the compounds.

[0320] The term "compound(s) of the invention" as used herein means a compound of Formula I, I-a, I-b, I-c, I-d, I-e, I-f, I-g, I-h, I-i, I-j, I-k, I-l or I-m, and salts, hydrates, prodrugs and solvates thereof.

[0321] A "pharmaceutical composition" refers to a mixture of one or more of the compounds described herein, or pharmaceutically acceptable salts, hydrates or pro-drugs thereof, with other chemical components, such as physiologically acceptable carriers and excipients. The purpose of a pharmaceutical composition is to facilitate administration of a compound to an organism.

[0322] A "pro-drug" refers to an agent which is converted into the parent drug *in vivo*. Pro-drugs are often useful because, in some situations, they are easier to administer than the parent drug. They are bioavailable, for instance, by oral administration whereas the parent drug is not. The pro-drug also has improved solubility in pharmaceutical compositions over the parent drug. For example, the compound carries protective groups which are split off by hydrolysis in body fluids, *e.g.*, in the bloodstream, thus releasing active compound or is oxidized or reduced in body fluids to release the compound.

[0323] A compound of the present invention also can be formulated as a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, *e.g.*, acid addition salt, and complexes thereof. The preparation of such salts can facilitate the pharmacological use by altering the physical characteristics of the agent without preventing its physiological effect. Examples of useful alterations in physical properties include, but are not limited to, lowering the melting point to facilitate transmucosal administration and increasing the solubility to facilitate administering higher concentrations of the drug.

[0324] The term "pharmaceutically acceptable salt" means an acid addition salt which is suitable for or compatible with the treatment of a patient or a subject such as a human patient or an animal such as a dog.

[0325] The term "pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt" as used herein means any non-toxic organic or inorganic salt of any base compounds represented by Formula I, I-a, I-b,

I-c, I-d, I-e, I-f, I-g, I-h, I-i, I-j, I-k, I-l or I-m, or any of their intermediates. Illustrative inorganic acids which form suitable acid addition salts include hydrochloric, hydrobromic, sulfuric and phosphoric acids, as well as metal salts such as sodium monohydrogen orthophosphate and potassium hydrogen sulfate. Illustrative organic acids that form suitable acid addition salts include mono-, di-, and tricarboxylic acids such as glycolic, lactic, pyruvic, malonic, succinic, glutaric, fumaric, malic, tartaric, citric, ascorbic, maleic, benzoic, phenylacetic, cinnamic and salicylic acids, as well as sulfonic acids such as p-toluene sulfonic and methanesulfonic acids. Either mono or di-acid salts can be formed, and such salts exist in either a hydrated, solvated or substantially anhydrous form. In general, the acid addition salts of compounds of Formula I, I-a, I-b, I-c, I-d, I-e, I-f, I-g, I-h, I-i, I-j, I-k, I-l and I-m, are more soluble in water and various hydrophilic organic solvents, and generally demonstrate higher melting points in comparison to their free base forms. The selection of an appropriate salt will be known to one skilled in the art. Other non-pharmaceutically acceptable salts, *e.g.*, oxalates, are used, for example, in the isolation of compounds of the invention for laboratory use or for subsequent conversion to a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt.

[0326] The compounds of the present invention form hydrates or solvates, which are included in the scope of the claims. When the compounds of the present invention exist as regioisomers, configurational isomers, conformers or diastereoisomeric forms all such forms and various mixtures thereof are included in the scope of Formula I, I-a, I-b, I-c, I-d, I-e, I-f, I-g, I-h, I-i, I-j, I-k, I-l and I-m. It is possible to isolate individual isomers using known separation and purification methods, if desired. For example, when a compound of the present invention is a racemate, the racemate can be separated into the (S)-compound and (R)-compound by optical resolution. Individual optical isomers and mixtures thereof are included in the scope of Formula I, I-a, I-b, I-c, I-d, I-e, I-f, I-g, I-h, I-i, I-j, I-k, I-l and I-m.

[0327] The term "solvate" as used herein means a compound of Formula I, I-a, I-b, I-c, I-d, I-e, I-f, I-g, I-h, I-i, I-j, I-k, I-l or I-m, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein molecules of a suitable solvent are incorporated in the crystal lattice. A suitable solvent is physiologically tolerable at the dosage administered. Examples of suitable solvents are ethanol, water and the like. When water is the solvent, the molecule is referred to as a "hydrate."

[0328] The term an "effective amount," "sufficient amount" or "therapeutically effective amount" of an agent as used herein is that amount sufficient to effect beneficial or desired

results, including clinical results and, as such, an "effective amount" depends upon the context in which it is being applied. The response is preventative and/or therapeutic. The term "effective amount" also includes that amount of the compound of Formula I, I-a, I-b, I-c, I-d, I-e, I-f, I-g, I-h, I-i, I-j, I-k, I-l or I-m, which is "therapeutically effective" and which avoids or substantially attenuates undesirable side effects.

[0329] As used herein and as well understood in the art, "treatment" is an approach for obtaining beneficial or desired results, including clinical results. Beneficial or desired clinical results can include, but are not limited to, alleviation or amelioration of one or more symptoms or conditions, diminishment of extent of disease, stabilized (*i.e.*, not worsening) state of disease, preventing spread of disease, delay or slowing of disease progression, amelioration or palliation of the disease state and remission (whether partial or total), whether detectable or undetectable. "Treatment" can also mean prolonging survival as compared to expected survival if not receiving treatment.

[0330] The terms "animal," "subject" and "patient" as used herein include all members of the animal kingdom including, but not limited to, mammals, animals (*e.g.*, cats, dogs, horses, etc.) and humans.

[0331] The present invention further provides a composition, comprising radio labeled compounds of Formula I, I-a, I-b, I-c, I-d, I-e, I-f, I-g, I-h, I-i, I-j, I-k, I-l and I-m. Labeling of the compounds is accomplished using one of a variety of different radioactive labels known in the art. The radioactive label of the present invention is, for example, a radioisotope. The radioisotope is any isotope that emits detectable radiation including, without limitation, ^{35}S , ^{125}I , ^3H , or ^{14}C . Radioactivity emitted by the radioisotope can be detected by techniques well known in the art. For example, gamma emission from the radioisotope is detected using gamma imaging techniques, particularly scintigraphic imaging.

[0332] By way of example, radio-labeled compounds of the invention are prepared as follows. A compound of the invention may be demethylated at the phenyl ring using BBr_3 . The resulting phenol compound then is re-methylated with a radio-labeled methylating agent (such as ^3H -dimethyl sulfate) in the presence of a base (such as NaH) to provide ^3H -labeled compounds.

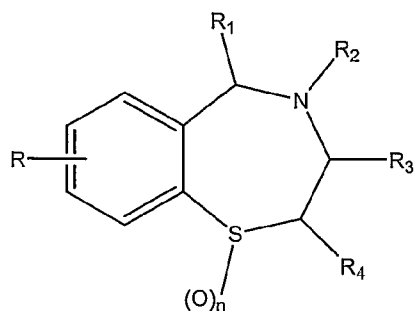
[0333] The present invention further provides compounds that may be classified as 1,4-benzothiazepines, including, by way of example and without limitation, S1, S2, S3, S4, S5, S6, S7, S9, S11, S12, S13, S14, S19, S20, S22, S23, S25, S26, S36, S37, S38, S40, S43, S44,

S45, S46, S47, S48, S49, S50, S51, S52, S53, S54, S55, S56, S57, S58, S59, S60, S61, S62, S63, S64, S66, S67, S68, S69, S70, S71, S72, S73, S74, S75, S76, S77, S78, S79, S80, S81, S82, S83, S84, S85, S86, S87, S88, S89, S90, S91, S92, S93, S94, S95, S96, S97, S98, S99, S100, S101, S102, S103, S104, S105, S107, S108, S109, S110, S111, S112, S113, S114, S115, S116, S117, S118, S119, S120, S121, S122, and S123.

[0334] These and any other compounds of the present invention are associated with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, as described above, so as to form a pharmaceutical composition.

[0335] In accordance with the method of the present invention, the decrease in the level of RyR-bound FKBP is limited or prevented in the subject by decreasing the level of phosphorylated RyR in the subject. In one embodiment, the amount of the agent effective to limit or prevent a decrease in the level of RyR2-bound FKBP12.6 in the subject is an amount of the agent effective to treat or prevent heart failure, atrial fibrillation and/or exercise-induced cardiac arrhythmia in the subject. In another embodiment, the amount of the agent effective to limit or prevent a decrease in the level of RyR2-bound FKBP12.6 in the subject is an amount of the agent effective to prevent exercise-induced sudden cardiac death in the subject.

[0336] In view of the foregoing, the present invention further provides a method for treating or preventing exercise-induced cardiac arrhythmia in a subject, comprising administering to the subject a 1,4-benzothiazepine compound, as disclosed herein, in an amount effective to treat or prevent exercise-induced cardiac arrhythmia in the subject. Similarly, the present invention provides a method for preventing exercise-induced sudden cardiac death in a subject, comprising administering to the subject a 1,4-benzothiazepine compound, as disclosed herein, in an amount effective to prevent exercise-induced sudden cardiac death in the subject. Additionally, the present invention provides a method for treating or preventing atrial fibrillation or heart failure in a subject, comprising administering to the subject a compound, as disclosed herein, in an amount effective to treat or prevent the atrial fibrillation or heart failure in the subject. In each of these methods, the compound is selected from the group of compounds consisting of compounds of the formula:



wherein,

n is 0, 1, or 2;

R is located at one or more positions on the benzene ring;

each R is independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, -OH, -NH₂, -NO₂, -CN, -N₃, -SO₃H, acyl, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclalkyl, alkenyl, (hetero-)aryl, (hetero-)arylthio, and (hetero-)arylamino; wherein each acyl, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclalkyl, alkenyl, (hetero-)aryl, (hetero-)arylthio, and (hetero-)arylamino may be substituted with one or more radicals independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, N, O, -S-, -CN, -N₃, -SH, nitro, oxo, acyl, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, alkenyl, aryl, (hetero-)cycloalkyl, and (hetero-)cyclyl;

R₁ is selected from the group consisting of H, oxo, alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, and heterocyclyl; wherein each alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, and heterocyclyl may be substituted with one or more radicals independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, N, O, -S-, -CN, -N₃, -SH, nitro, oxo, acyl, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, alkenyl, aryl, (hetero-)cycloalkyl, and (hetero-)cyclyl;

R₂ is selected from the group consisting of H, -C=O(R₅), -C=S(R₆), -SO₂R₇, -POR₈R₉, -(CH₂)_m-R₁₀, alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, and heterocyclyl; wherein each alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, and heterocyclyl may be substituted with one or more radicals independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, N, O, -S-, -CN, -N₃, nitro, oxo, acyl, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, alkenyl, aryl, (hetero-)cycloalkyl, and (hetero-)cyclyl;

R₃ is selected from the group consisting of H, CO₂Y, CONY, acyl, alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, and heterocyclyl; wherein each acyl, alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, and heterocyclyl may be substituted with one or more radicals independently selected from the

group consisting of halogen, N, O, -S-, -CN, -N₃, -SH, nitro, oxo, acyl, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, alkenyl, aryl, (hetero-)cycloalkyl, and (hetero-)cyclyl; and wherein Y is selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, and heterocyclyl;

R₄ is selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, and heterocyclyl; wherein each alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, and heterocyclyl may be substituted with one or more radicals independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, N, O, -S-, -CN, -N₃, -SH, nitro, oxo, acyl, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, alkenyl, aryl, (hetero-)cycloalkyl, and (hetero-)cyclyl;

R₅ is selected from the group consisting of -NR₁₆, NHNHR₁₆, NHOH, -OR₁₅, CONH₂NHR₁₆, CO₂R₁₅, CONR₁₆, CH₂X, acyl, alkenyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl; wherein each acyl, alkenyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl may be substituted with one or more radicals independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, N, O, -S-, -CN, -N₃, nitro, oxo, acyl, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, alkenyl, aryl, (hetero-)cycloalkyl, and (hetero-)cyclyl;

R₆ is selected from the group consisting of -OR₁₅, NHNR₁₆, NHOH, -NR₁₆, CH₂X, acyl, alkenyl, alkyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl; wherein each acyl, alkenyl, alkyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl may be substituted with one or more radicals independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, N, O, -S-, -CN, -N₃, nitro, oxo, acyl, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, alkenyl, aryl, (hetero-)cycloalkyl, and (hetero-)cyclyl;

R₇ is selected from the group consisting of -OR₁₅, -NR₁₆, NHNHR₁₆, NHOH, CH₂X, alkyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl; wherein each alkyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl may be substituted with one or more radicals independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, N, O, -S-, -CN, -N₃, nitro, oxo, acyl, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, alkenyl, aryl, (hetero-)cycloalkyl, and (hetero-)cyclyl;

R₈ and R₉ independently are selected from the group consisting of OH, acyl, alkenyl, alkoxy, alkyl, alkylamino, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl; wherein each acyl, alkenyl, alkoxy, alkyl, alkylamino, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl may be substituted with one or more radicals independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, N, O, -S-, -CN, -N₃, nitro, oxo, acyl, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, alkenyl, aryl, (hetero-)cycloalkyl, and (hetero-)cyclyl;

R₁₀ is selected from the group consisting of NH₂, OH, -SO₂R₁₁, -NHSO₂R₁₁, C=O(R₁₂), NHC=O(R₁₂), -OC=O(R₁₂), and -POR₁₃R₁₄;

R₁₁, R₁₂, R₁₃, and R₁₄ independently are selected from the group consisting of H, OH, NH₂, NHNH₂, NHOH, acyl, alkenyl, alkoxyl, alkyl, alkylamino, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl; wherein each acyl, alkenyl, alkoxyl, alkyl, alkylamino, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl may be substituted with one or more radicals independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, -N-, -O-, -S-, -CN, -N₃, nitro, oxo, acyl, alkenyl, alkoxyl, alkyl, alkylamino, amino, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclylalkyl, and hydroxyl;

X is selected from the group consisting of halogen, CN, CO₂R₁₅, CONR₁₆, -NR₁₆, -OR₁₅, -SO₂R₇, and -POR₈R₉; and

R₁₅ and R₁₆ independently are selected from the group consisting of H, acyl, alkenyl, alkoxyl, alkyl, alkylamino, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl; wherein each acyl, alkenyl, alkoxyl, alkyl, alkylamino, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl may be substituted with one or more radicals independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, -N-, -O-, -S-, -CN, -N₃, nitro, oxo, acyl, alkenyl, alkoxyl, alkyl, alkylamino, amino, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclylalkyl, and hydroxyl, and wherein each substituted acyl, alkenyl, alkoxyl, alkyl, alkylamino, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl radical may itself be substituted with one or more radicals independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, -N-, -O-, -S-, -CN, -N₃, nitro, oxo, acyl, alkenyl, alkoxyl, alkyl, alkylamino, amino, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclylalkyl, and hydroxy;

and salts, hydrates, solvates, complexes, and prodrugs thereof.

[0337] Examples of such compounds include, without limitation, S1, S2, S3, S4, S5, S6, S7, S9, S11, S12, S13, S14, S19, S20, S22, S23, S25, S26, S36, S37, S38, S40, S43, S44, S45, S46, S47, S48, S49, S50, S51, S52, S53, S54, S55, S56, S57, S58, S59, S60, S61, S62, S63, S64, S66, S67, S68, S69, S70, S71, S72, S73, S74, S75, S76, S77, S78, S79, S80, S81, S82, S83, S84, S85, S86, S87, S88, S89, S90, S91, S92, S93, S94, S95, S96, S97, S98, S99, S100, S101, S102, S103, S104, S105, S107, S108, S109, S110, S111, S112, S113, S114, S115, S116, S117, S118, S119, S120, S121, S122, and S123.

[0338] In an embodiment of the present invention, if R_2 is $C=O(R_5)$ or SO_2R_7 , then R is at positions 2, 3, or 5 on the benzene ring.

[0339] In another embodiment of the invention, if R_2 is $C=O(R_5)$ or SO_2R_7 , then each R is independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, -OH, -NH₂, -NO₂, -CN, -N₃, -SO₃H, acyl, alkyl, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclylalkyl, alkenyl, (hetero-)aryl, (hetero-)arylthio, and (hetero-)arylamino; wherein each acyl, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclylalkyl, alkenyl, (hetero-)aryl, (hetero-)arylthio, and (hetero-)arylamino may be substituted with one or more radicals independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, N, O, -S-, -CN, -N₃, -SH, nitro, oxo, acyl, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, alkenyl, aryl, (hetero-)cycloalkyl, and (hetero-)cyclyl.

[0340] In another embodiment of the invention, if R_2 is $C=O(R_5)$ or SO_2R_7 , then there are at least two R groups attached to the benzene ring. Furthermore, there are at least two R groups attached to the benzene ring, and both R groups are attached at positions 2, 3, or 5 on the benzene ring. Still further, each R is independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, -OH, -NH₂, -NO₂, -CN, -N₃, -SO₃H, acyl, alkyl, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclylalkyl, alkenyl, (hetero-)aryl, (hetero-)arylthio, and (hetero-)arylamino; wherein each acyl, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclylalkyl, alkenyl, (hetero-)aryl, (hetero-)arylthio, and (hetero-)arylamino may be substituted with one or more radicals independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, N, O, -S-, -CN, -N₃, -SH, nitro, oxo, acyl, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, alkenyl, aryl, (hetero-)cycloalkyl, and (hetero-)cyclyl.

[0341] In another embodiment of the invention, if R_2 is $C=O(R_5)$, then R_5 is selected from the group consisting of -NR₁₆, NHNHR₁₆, NHOH, -OR₁₅, CONH₂NHR₁₆, CONR₁₆, CH₂X, acyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl; wherein each acyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl may be substituted with one or more radicals independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, N, O, -S-, -CN, -N₃, nitro, oxo, acyl, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, alkenyl, aryl, (hetero-)cycloalkyl, and (hetero-)cyclyl.

Efficacy Demonstrations

[0342] As demonstrated by Figure 1, embodiments A, B, C, and D, S36 is more potent at increasing the binding of FKBP12.6 and RyR2 than JTV-519 and does not block the L-type Ca²⁺ channel (I_{Ca,L}) or HERG K⁺ channel (I_{Kr}). In embodiment A, PKA phosphorylated

RyR2 is generated as follows: cardiac SR membrane preparations (5 μ l, 50 μ g) are added to a total of 100 μ l of kinase buffer (8 mM MgCl₂, 10 mM EGTA, 50 mM Tris-PIPES, pH 6.8) containing 100 μ M MgATP and 40 units of PKA, and incubated at room temperature. Samples are centrifuged at 95,000 g for 10 min and the pellets are washed three times in 0.2 ml imidazole buffer. The final pellets are pooled and resuspended in imidazole buffer (final concentration $\approx$ 10 μ g/ μ l). To test for the FKBP12.6 rebinding efficiency of JTV-519, PKA phosphorylated cardiac SR (50 mg) is incubated for 30 minutes at room temperature with the test compounds and 250 nM FKBP12.6 in 10 mM imidazol buffer, pH 7.0. Samples then are centrifuged at 100,000 g for 10 minutes and pellets washed 3 times with imidazol buffer. After washing, proteins are size-fractionated on 15% PAGE. Immunoblots are developed using an anti-FKBP antibody (1:3,000 dilution). The amount of rebinding is quantified using densitometry of Western blots and is compared to the amount of FKBP associated with RyR in non-phosphorylated SR. EC₅₀'s for the compounds are determined by generating FKBP binding data using concentrations of compounds ranging from 0.5-1000 nM. In embodiment B, currents through L-type Ca²⁺ channels in isolated mouse cardiomyocytes are recorded using whole-cell patch clamp recording conditions with Ba²⁺ as the charge carrier. The extracellular solution contains (in mM): N-methyl-D-glucamine, 125; BaCl₂, 20; CsCl, 5; MgCl₂, 1; HEPES, 10; glucose, 5; pH 7.4 (HCl). The intracellular solution contains (in mM): CsCl, 60; CaCl₂, 1; EGTA, 11; MgCl₂, 1; K₂ATP, 5; HEPES, 10; aspartic acid, 50; pH 7.4 (CsOH). Under these conditions, it is expected that the measured current was carried by Ba²⁺ primarily through L-type calcium channels which is referred to as I_{Ca,L}. Drugs are applied by a local solution changer and reach the cell membrane within 1 s. The effects of nifedipine and S36 are tested with 20 ms long voltage-clamp steps to +10 or +20 mV (peak of current-voltage relation for each individual cell) from holding potentials of -80 mV or -40 mV. In embodiment C, the voltage-dependence of L-type Ca²⁺ current blocked by JTV-519 (1 μ M) and S36 (1 μ M) are measured and presented.

[0343] As demonstrated by Figure 2, embodiments A, B, C, and D, S36 prevents exercise-induced sudden cardiac death at lower plasma levels compared with JTV-519. In embodiment A are shown representative ECGs of an untreated FKBP12.6^{+/-} mouse and JTV519-treated FKBP12.6^{+/-} and FKBP12.6^{-/-} mice. Mice are treated with 0.5 mg JTV-519/per kilogram of body weight per hour for 7 days with an implanted osmotic mini-pump. JTV-519 has no effect on resting heart rate or other ECG parameters such as heart rate (HR). In embodiment B are shown sustained polymorphic ventricular tachycardia recorded by

telemetry in an untreated FKBP12.6^{+/-} mouse (upper tracing) subjected to exercise testing, immediately followed by injection with 0.5 mg epinephrine per kilogram of body weight. Representative telemetry ECG recording of a JTV-519-treated FKBP12.6^{+/-} mouse following the same protocol is shown in the bottom tracing. In embodiment C are shown numbers of mice with cardiac death (left), sustained VTs (>10 beats, middle), and nonsustained VTs (3 to 10 arrhythmogenic beats, right) in experimental groups of mice subjected to exercise testing and injection with 0.5 mg/kg epinephrine. In embodiment D, the dose-dependence of pharmacological effects of JTV-519 and S36 is shown. Plasma levels of 1 μ M JTV519 prevent cardiac arrhythmias and sudden cardiac death in FKBP12.6^{+/-} mice. Plasma levels of 1 μ M and 0.02 μ M S36 also prevent cardiac arrhythmias and sudden cardiac death in FKBP12.6^{+/-} mice.

[0344] Figure 3 shows the results of treated mice that are subjected to permanent ligation of the left anterior descending coronary artery resulting in myocardial infarction.

[0345] As demonstrated by Figure 4, S36 improves cardiac function in chronic heart failure post-myocardial infarction. Wild-type mice are subjected to permanent ligation of the left anterior descending coronary artery resulting in myocardial infarction. Seven days following myocardial infarction, mice are treated with S36 (plasma concentration 200 nM) or placebo. Heart weight to body weight (HW/BW) ratios and pressure-volume loops quantifications (dP/dt, slope of the maximum derivative of change in systolic pressure over time) show reverse remodeling and improved cardiac contractility in S36-treated mice compared with placebo.

[0346] Figure 5 is a summary graph of EC₅₀ values of JTV-519 and compounds S1-S67 disclosed herein. The FKBP12.6 rebinding assay described above is used to determine the amount of FKBP12.6 binding to PKA-phosphorylated RyR2 at various concentrations (0.5 – 1000 nM) of the compounds shown. EC₅₀ values are calculated using Michaelis-Menten curve fitting.

[0347] Figure 6, embodiments A, B, and C, show CPVT-associated RyR2-P2328S channel function and structure. In embodiment A are shown representative single-channel current traces of RyR2-P2328S and RyR2-WT while embodiment B shows RyR2-P2328S. Embodiment C shows immunoblot analysis of calstabin-2 binding of RyR2-P2328S.

[0348] As demonstrated by Figure 7, embodiments A and B, treatment with JTV-519 reduces PKA phosphorylation of RyR2 in mice with heart failure. Equivalent amounts of RyR2 are immunoprecipitated with an antibody against RyR2 (top blot). Representative immunoblots (embodiment A) and bar graphs (embodiment B) show the amount of PKA phosphorylated RyR2 at Ser-2808 bound to RyR2 in wild-type and calstabin2(FKBP12.6)^{-/-} mice. Treatment with JTV-519 (0.5 mg/kg/h) for 28 days post-myocardial infarction reduces PKA-phosphorylation of RyR2, presumably due to reverse cardiac remodeling, in wildtype but not calstabin-2 (FKBP12.6)^{-/-} mice.

[0349] As demonstrated by Figure 8, embodiments A and B, mice in which cardiac RyR2 cannot be PKA phosphorylated (RyR2-S2808A knockin mice) have improved cardiac function following myocardial infarction. Shown in embodiment A is the quantification of M-mode echocardiograms showing improved ejection fraction in RyR2-S2808A knockin mice compared with wildtype 28 days following permanent coronary artery ligation. Shown in embodiments B and C are pressure-volume loop quantifications showing (embodiment B) improved cardiac contractility and decreased cardiac dilation (embodiment C) in RyR2-S2808A knockin mice compared with wildtype following myocardial infarction.

[0350] Figure 9, embodiments A, B, C, and D demonstrate the effect of JTV-519 on calstabin2 affinity to RyR2 in haploinsufficient calstabin2 (FKBP12.6)^{+/-} mice after exercise. The average probability that RyR2 channels will be open in calstabin2^{+/-} mice subjected to exercise were significantly increased compared to those of channels from exercised wild type (control; calstabin2^{+/+}) mice, which are predominately closed under conditions that simulate diastole in the heart. As shown in embodiments C and D, treatment of exercised calstabin2^{+/-} mice with JTV-519 significantly reduced the channel open probability (P_o) compared with that of channels from exercised mice that were not treated, consistent with increased amounts

of calstabin2 in the RyR2 channel complex. Therefore, JTV-519 increases the binding affinity of calstabin2 to RyR2. In contrast, JTV-519 treatment of exercised Calstabin2^{-/-} deficient mice did not result in channels with a low P_o, indicating that the presence of calstabin2 is necessary for JTV-519 effects which are documented as binding of calstabin2 to RyR2.

[0351] Figure 10, embodiments A, B, C, D, E, and F demonstrate, respectively, normalized RyR2 channel gating and increased calstabin2 binding to RyR2 channels after treatment with JTV-519. The immunoblots in embodiments A and B show the amounts of RyR2 and calstabin2 associated with immunoprecipitated RyR2 after incubation with the indicated concentrations of JTV-519 for, respectively, wild-type RyR2 (RyR2-WT) channels and RyR2-S2809D. The binding curves in embodiment C demonstrate that JTV-519 significantly increases the affinity of calstabin2 for PKA-phosphorylated RyR2 channels. The results also show that depletion of calstabin2 from the RyR2 macromolecular complex which is associated with increased RyR2 open probability, ventricular tachycardias, and sudden cardiac death in haploinsufficient calstabin2^{+/-} mice is reversed by treatment with JTV-519. Therefore, the JTV-519 and related compounds prevent disorders and conditions associated with the RyR2 receptors.

[0352] As shown in Figure 11, embodiments A, B, C, D, and E RyR1 channel functioning is increased and normalized in *mdx* (dystrophin deficient) mice treated with JTV-519. In Figure 11, channel openings are represented as upward deflections; 'c' indicates the closed state; and 4 pA current open amplitude is indicated by dash. Upper traces represent 5 secs and lower traces 500 ms; dotted lines indicate subconductance states.

[0353] Embodiment A of Figure 11 shows a single channel current trace of RyR1 from soleus muscle of control (wild-type) mouse under resting conditions (cytoplasmic Ca²⁺ 150 nM). As seen, RyR1 is predominantly closed. Embodiment C of Figure 11 shows that RyR1 channel function in *mdx* mouse shows significantly increased open probability, increased average open, and decreased average closed dwell times, T_o and T_c, respectively. Increased P_o in *mdx* mice is consistent with intracellular Ca²⁺ leak. The amplitude histograms in embodiments B, D, and F show multiple subconductance states consistent with calstabin1 (FKBP12) depletion in RyR1 from *mdx* soleus muscle. Embodiment E of Figure 11 shows an *mdx* mouse treated with 1.0 μM JTV-519. As seen, the RyR1 channels JTV-519-treated mouse demonstrates normal activity that is not significantly different from untreated wild-

type trace, thereby indicating that JTV-519 can normalize RyR1 channel function in *mdx* mice.

[0354] The data of Figure 11 are consistent with intracellular SR Ca^{2+} leak via RyR1 channels as the cause of increased cytosolic Ca^{2+} leak in skeletal muscles from *mdx* (dystrophin deficient) mice.

[0355] Figure 12, embodiments A and B, demonstrate that *mdx* skeletal muscle has normal levels of RyR1 PKA phosphorylation, but depleted levels of calstabin1. The immunoblots in embodiment A show that *mdx* type mice have depleted levels of calstabin1 compared to a control (wild-type) mouse. The summary bar graphs of embodiment B show that the *mdx* mouse, nevertheless, has an equivalent level of PKA-phosphorylation. Therefore, it is concluded that calstabin1 depletion is a defect that is consistent with the intracellular Ca^{2+} leak observed in skeletal muscle cells from *mdx* mice and myofibers from human mutation carriers. Intracellular SR Ca^{2+} leak is likely to contribute to myofiber death and wasting of muscle mass by toxic intracellular Ca^{2+} overload and activation of proteases.

[0356] Figure 13, embodiments A, B, and C, demonstrates that SR Ca^{2+} leak at the subcellular level in skeletal muscles of animals with heart failure is detectable. Life quality and prognosis in heart failure (HF) patients is severely decreased due to skeletal muscle dysfunction (e.g., shortness of breath due to diaphragmatic weakness, and exercise intolerance due to limb skeletal muscle fatigue) in addition to depressed cardiac function. Dysregulation of intracellular SR Ca^{2+} release is a pathogenic mechanism underlying skeletal muscle dysfunction in HF. HF in animals causes significantly accelerates intrinsic skeletal muscle fatigue.

[0357] Embodiments A and B of Figure 13 are $\Delta F/F$ fluorescence line scan images of representative examples of Ca^{2+} sparks in myofibers from sham and postmyocardial infarction (PMI) rats and corresponding Ca^{2+} spark time course. Embodiment C shows the relative distribution of the spatio-temporal properties of the Ca^{2+} sparks. Charts indicate 25, 50, 75 percentiles, the horizontal lines indicate the range from 1–99% of the distribution. Sham, open symbols (n = 137, three animals); postmyocardial infarction (PMI), gray symbols (n = 82, two animals). *, P < 0.05. FDHM, full duration at 50% peak amplitude; FWHM, full width at 50% peak amplitude.

[0358] Figure 14, embodiments A and B, demonstrate that treatment of wild-type mice with JTV-519 improved soleus muscle fatigue times compared with placebo. Soleus muscles from

JTV519-treated wild-type mice or calstabin2^{-/-} mice with heart failure from myocardial infarction are more resistant to fatigue ($P < 0.05$) compared to placebo-treated mice. After completion of treatment, soleus muscle was dissected and mounted in a tissue bath to assess isolated skeletal muscle function. Representative 50% of maximal tetanic force fatigue time tracings are shown for wild-type and calstabin2^{-/-} mice, treated with JTV519 or placebo, in embodiment A. In embodiment B are shown bar graph summarizing mean time to fatigue.

[0359] In summary, JTV-519 treatment improved skeletal muscle fatigability in heart failure animals *in vivo*. Interestingly, in calstabin2^{-/-} knockout mice, fatigue times were also significantly improved in JTV519 treated mice, suggesting that the beneficial effects on isolated skeletal muscle function depend on calstabin1 and not calstabin2 binding to RyR1. Indeed, calstabin1 appears to be the only isoform of functional significance expressed in skeletal muscles.

[0360] Figure 15, embodiments A and B, demonstrates that in a mouse model of post-myocardial infarction heart failure, RyR1 in soleus muscle is also PKA-hyperphosphorylated. Both in wild-type and calstabin2^{-/-} mice, JTV-519 increased binding of calstabin1 to RyR1 in soleus muscle, suggesting that JTV-519 improves skeletal muscle fatigability by normalizing calstabin1 rebinding to the channel complex. Equivalent amounts of RyR1 were immunoprecipitated with an antibody against RyR1. Embodiment A provides bar graphs show the amount of PKA phosphorylation of RyR1 at Ser-2844 in mice (corresponding to human Ser-2843). The significant decrease of RyR1 PKA phosphorylation in JTV519 treated wild-type animals is likely resulting from beneficial cardiac effects and secondary reduction of sympathetic nervous activity. Embodiment B are bar graphs showing the amount of calstabin1 bound to RyR1 from wild-type or calstabin2^{-/-} mice treated with JTV519 or placebo. Mice were treated with JTV519 by implantable osmotic minipumps using a dose of 0.5 mg/kg/day. In summary, JTV-519 treatment resulted in a highly significant increase of calstabin1 in the RyR1 complex in soleus muscles *in vivo*.

[0361] Figure 16, embodiments A, B, C, and D demonstrates that calstabin1 rebinding to RyR1 by JTV519 normalizes abnormal or leaky RyR1 channel function *in vivo*. In embodiments A and C are shown RyR1 single-channel tracings at 150 nM cytoplasmic Ca²⁺ representing resting conditions in skeletal muscle for wild-type mice treated with placebo and JTV-519. JTV-519 treatment of mice with heart failure and increased muscle fatigue normalized RyR1 channel gating in skeletal muscle *in vivo*. Channel openings are upward, the dash indicates the full level of channel opening (4 pA), the dotted lines indicate

subconductance levels, and 'c' indicates the closed state of the channels. For the amplitude histograms in embodiment B and D, amplitude is represented on the x axis, and events indicates the number of channel openings. P_o , T_o and T_c values correspond to the representative traces. Treatment as indicated on top of traces. Inset shows higher resolution of open states.

[0362] In summary, the data shows that *in vivo* JTV519 treatment normalizes skeletal muscle function and RyR1 channel dysfunction consistent with preventing intracellular SR Ca^{2+} leak as a cause of increased skeletal muscle fatigue.

[0363] Figure 17 demonstrate that JTV-519 also increases the binding affinity of calstabin1 for RyR1 in skeletal muscle *in vivo*. This probably explains why JTV519 treated mice with heart failure have increased levels of calstabin1 bound to RyR1 in soleus muscle. In embodiment A, equivalent amounts of skeletal RyR1 or cardiac RyR2 were immunoprecipitated, PKA phosphorylated and incubated with calstabin1 or calstabin2 at increasing concentrations of JTV519, respectively. Sediment represents only calstabin bound to RyR. Immunoblotting showed that ≥ 50 nM of JTV519 increased the binding affinity of calstabin for RyR. The graphs of embodiment B further demonstrate that PKA phosphorylation of RyR1 reduced the affinity of calstabin1 for RyR1 (open circles), whereas treatment with JTV519 (filled circles) restored the binding affinity of calstabin1 for RyR1 to that of non-PKA phosphorylated RyR1 (open squares).

[0364] Figure 18, embodiment A, B, C, and D demonstrates that Ser-2843 is the unique PKA phosphorylation site in skeletal RyR1 channels. (A) Representative single channel traces of wild-type RyR1, (B) effect of exogenous PKA phosphorylation of RyR1 (wt RyR1-P), (C) PKA does not affect RyR1-S2843A that contains a non-functional PKA phosphorylation site. Since PKA does not increase RyR1-S2843A activity, Ser-2843 appears to constitute the unique PKA phosphorylation site in RyR1 channels in skeletal muscle. Accordingly, (D) constitutively phosphorylated RyR1-S2843D mimics exogenous PKA phosphorylation shown in (B) confirming that Ser-2843 is the unique PKA phosphorylation site in skeletal RyR1 channels. RyR1 single channel recordings in planar lipid bilayers show activity of the channels at 150 nM $[Ca^{2+}]_{cis}$ (cytosolic side) with 1 mM ATP. Recordings were at 0 mV, closed state of the channels as indicated by 'c', and channel openings are upward deflections. All point amplitude histograms are shown on the right. Open probability (P_o) and mean closed (T_c) and open (T_o) dwell times are indicated above each channel tracing.

[0365] Figure 19, embodiments A and B, demonstrates the depletion of stabilizing calstabin1 and PKA hyperphosphorylation of RyR1 channels from sustained exercise. Aerobic exercise can be defined as a form of physical exercise that increases the heart rate and enhances oxygen intake to improve performance. Examples of aerobic exercise are running, cycling, and swimming. During the study of Figure 19, mice were challenged by aerobic exercise (forced swimming) for 90 mins twice daily. The animals were accustomed to swimming in preliminary training sessions: day -3 twice 30 mins, day -2 twice 45 mins, day -1 twice 60 mins, day 0 and following twice 90 mins. Mice were then exercised for 1, 7, or 21 additional, consecutive days for 90 mins twice daily. Between swimming sessions separated by a 4 hour rest period the mice are kept warm and given food and water. An adjustable-current water pool was used to exercise mice by swimming. An acrylic pool (90 cm long x 45 cm wide x 45 cm deep) filled with water to a depth of 25 cm was used. A current in the pool was generated with a pump. The current speed during the swimming session was at a constant speed of 1 l/min flow rate. The water temperature was maintained at 34°C with an electric heater. Age- and weight-matched mice were used to exclude differences in buoyancy from body fat.

[0366] Using forced swimming as an efficient protocol to increase skeletal muscle aerobic capacity in mice, the composition and phosphorylation status of the skeletal RyR1 channel complex have been investigated. Unexpectedly, after 3 weeks of 90 mins swimming twice daily, C57Bl6 wild-type mice showed significantly increased RyR1 phosphorylation by PKA while Ca^{2+} -calmodulin kinase II (CaMKII) phosphorylation was not changed indicating specificity of the stress pathway RyR1 protein expression was stable, however, RyR1 channels were depleted of the stabilizing subunit calstabin1 (FKBP12). It has been shown that RyR1 hyperphosphorylation and calstabin1 depletion are consistent with leaky RyR1 channels that cause intracellular SR Ca^{2+} leak.

[0367] RyR1 channels are PKA hyperphosphorylated and depleted of the stabilizing calstabin1 subunit after 3 weeks of 90 mins swimming twice daily. As seen in Embodiment A, the immunoprecipitated RyR1 macromolecular channel complex shows increased PKA phosphorylation at Ser-2844 (corresponding to human RyR1-Ser-2843) whereas CaMKII phosphorylation at Ser-2849 (corresponding to human RyR1-Ser-2848) is unchanged. Concomitant with increased RyR1-Ser-2844 PKA hyperphosphorylation, calstabin1 is depleted from the channel complex. As seen in embodiment B, normalization of phosphorylation and calstabin1 content to four subunits of the tetrameric channel complex

shows a significant increase in PKA phosphorylation and depletion of the stabilizing calstabin1 subunit. Control, non-exercised mice; swim, mice exercised 90 mins twice daily for 3 weeks (preliminary data). $P < 0.05$.

[0368] Figure 20, embodiments A and B, demonstrate that PKA phosphorylation increases for increasing durations of sustained exercise. To investigate the influence of the duration of sustained exercise on the RyR1 Ca^{2+} release channel defect, mice were exposed to swimming for 1, 7, or 21 days followed by immediate sacrifice. Longer exposure to sustained exercise results in a significant increase of RyR1 PKA hyperphosphorylation beginning at 7 days and saturating at 21 days.

[0369] In Figure 20, embodiment A, the immunoprecipitated RyR1 channel complex shows significantly and above physiologic levels increased PKA phosphorylation at Ser-2844 (corresponding to human RyR1-Ser-2843) after 7 days of swimming exercise. In Figure 20, embodiment B, normalization of RyR2-Ser-2844 phosphorylation within the tetrameric channel complex documents a significant increase in PKA phosphorylation. *, $P < 0.05$; **, $P < 0.005$.

[0370] In summary, the data of Figure 20 shows that sustained exercise results in significantly increased RyR1 phosphorylation by protein kinase A (PKA) which contributes to depletion of the stabilizing calstabin1 subunit from the channel complex as the cause of a gain-of-function defect.

[0371] Figure 21 provides data showing that chronically increased sympathetic stimulation of skeletal muscles, results in RyR1-dependent intracellular Ca^{2+} leak and significantly increased muscle fatigue. What is the functional consequence of chronically increased RyR1 PKA hyperphosphorylation? As shown in Figure 21 for mice and rats with heart failure from myocardial infarction, chronic RyR1 PKA hyperphosphorylation results in increased muscle fatigue.

[0372] In embodiment A, it can be seen that heart failure skeletal muscle fatigues earlier than control. Rat soleus muscle ($n = 5$ control, $n = 8$ HF) was mounted in a tissue bath to assess contractile function. Representative fatigue time tracing is shown for control and HF skeletal muscles. Bar graph shows mean ($\pm$ S.D.) time to 40% fatigue. *, $P < 0.05$. In embodiment B, it can be seen that heart failure skeletal muscle achieved maximal tetanic force more slowly than control skeletal muscles. Tetanic force was induced by high-frequency field stimulation. Bar graph shows tetanic 50% contraction time. **, $P < 0.01$. Embodiment C

demonstrates the correlation between time to fatigue and RyR1 PKA phosphorylation ($r = 0.88$) in rat skeletal muscle from sham and heart failure animals. Muscle function and RyR1 PKA phosphorylation were assessed using contralateral soleus muscles from each animal.

[0373] In summary, Figure 21 provides data showing that sustained exercise causes RyR1 PKA hyperphosphorylation and calstabin1 depletion, and Figure 21 shows that the identical defect occurs in disease forms with increased sympathetic activity causing intracellular SR Ca^{2+} leak and significantly accelerated skeletal muscle fatigue.

[0374] An additional problem during sustained exercise and stress is skeletal muscle degeneration further contributing to decreased skeletal muscle performance. To assess structural changes during sustained exercise, histologic changes in the fast-twitch muscles of mice exposed to 3 weeks of exercise by swimming have been characterized. Results are shown in Figure 22. Cross-sections of the mouse *M. extensor digitorum longus* (EDL) showed histologic changes consistent with myofiber degeneration from intracellular Ca^{2+} overload from defective RyR1 channels. Therefore sustained exercise for 90 mins twice daily triggers a dystrophic phenotype in EDL muscles of normal C57Bl6 mice.

[0375] Trichrome stain shows packed myofibers of similar cross-sectional dimension in non-exercised control (WT) mice (left). Three weeks swimming results in myofiber degeneration and interstitial collagen deposits with irregular fiber sizes. Hematoxylin-eosin (H&E) stain indicates nuclear changes and myofiber death. These changes are consistent with dystrophic remodeling.

[0376] The rapid delayed rectifier potassium channel (I(Kr)) is important for repolarization of the cardiac action potential. HERG is the pore-forming subunit of the I(Kr) channel. Suppression of I(Kr) function, for example as a side-effect of a drug or the result of a mutation in hERG, can lead to long-QT (LQT) syndrome, which is associated with increased risk of life-threatening arrhythmias. The compounds of the present invention exhibit a lower level of hERG blocking activity than JTV-519, as demonstrated in Figures 23- 43. Thus, the compounds of the present invention are expected to be less toxic and/or exhibit fewer side effects than JTV-519.

[0377] Figures 23 to 26 illustrate the effect of the compound ARM036 (also referred to as S36) and ARM036-Na (a sodium salt of ARM036) on hERG currents.

[0378] Figure 23 shows a typical hERG voltage-clamp current recording before (control) and after application of ARM036 at 100 μM . The voltage pulse protocol used to activate the

hERG currents is illustrated below the current trace. It can be seen that, following activation by the conditioning prepulse (to +20 mV), partial repolarization (−50 mV test pulse) of the membrane evoked a large, slowly decaying outward tail current. Application of ARM036 minimally reduced the outward tail current in a concentration- and time-dependent manner.

[0379] Figure 24 shows a typical time course of the effect of ARM036 at 100 mM on the amplitude of the hERG channel current.

[0380] Figure 25 is a graph showing the concentration-dependence of the effect of ARM036 on the hERG current. Table 1 provides the numerical data that is illustrated graphically in Figure 25. Because the highest concentration of ARM036 tested resulted in less than 50% current inhibition, it was not possible to determine an IC₅₀ value for ARM036.

Table 1

Concentration (μM)	Mean	SD	SEM	N
10	0.7%	0.3%	0.2%	3
100	0.9%	0.7%	0.4%	3

[0381] Figure 26 is a graph showing the concentration-dependence of the effect of ARM036-Na on the hERG current. Table 2 provides the numerical data that is illustrated graphically in Figure 26. Because the highest concentration of ARM036-Na tested resulted in less than 50% current inhibition, it was not possible to determine an IC₅₀ value for ARM036-NA

Table 2

Test Article ID	IC ₅₀ (μM)	Conc. (μM)	Mean % hERG Inhibition	% Standard Deviation	% Standard Error	n	Individual Data (% Inhibition)
ARM036-Na	ND	0.01	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	2	0.0%
							0.3%
		0.1	5.0%	7.1%	5.0%	2	10.0%
							0.0%
		1	5.5%	4.4%	3.1%	2	2.4%
							8.6%
		10	6.7%	2.2%	1.6%	2	5.1%
							8.2%

[0382] Figure 27 is a graph showing the concentration-dependence of the effect of ARM047 on the hERG current. Table 3 provides the numerical data that is illustrated graphically in Figure 27. The IC₅₀ value for ARM047 block of the hERG current was 2.496 μ M.

Table 3

Test Article ID	IC ₅₀ (μ M)	Conc. (μ M)	Mean % hERG Inhibition	% Standard Deviation	% Standard Error	n	Individual Data (% Inhibition)
ARM047	2.496	0.01	2.7%	1.4%	1.0%	2	1.7%
							3.7%
		0.1	9.7%	4.5%	3.2%	2	6.5%
							12.9%
		1	29.6%	8.6%	5.0%	3	30.8%
							20.4%
							37.5%
		10	78.0%	3.6%	2.1%	3	82.1%
							75.9%
							75.9%

[0383] Figure 28 is a graph showing the concentration-dependence of the effect of ARM048 on the hERG current. Table 4 provides the numerical data that is illustrated graphically in Figure 28. Because the highest concentration of ARM048 tested resulted in less than 50% current inhibition, it was not possible to determine an IC₅₀ value for ARM048.

Table 4

Test Article ID	IC ₅₀ (μ M)	Conc. (μ M)	Mean % hERG Inhibition	% Standard Deviation	% Standard Error	n	Individual Data (% Inhibition)
ARM048	ND	0.01	1.3%	1.1%	0.8%	2	0.5%
							2.0%
		0.1	3.6%	0.9%	0.6%	2	4.2%
							2.9%
		1	4.1%	0.8%	0.6%	2	4.7%
							3.5%
		10	14.0%	1.7%	1.2%	2	15.2%
							12.8%

[0384] Figure 29 is a graph showing the concentration-dependence of the effect of ARM050 on the hERG current. Table 5 provides the numerical data that is illustrated graphically in Figure 29. Because the highest concentration of ARM050 tested resulted in less than 50% current inhibition, it was not possible to determine an IC₅₀ value for ARM050.

Table 5

Test Article ID	IC ₅₀ (μ M)	Conc. (μ M)	Mean % hERG Inhibition	% Standard Deviation	% Standard Error	n	Individual Data (% Inhibition)
ARM050	ND	0.01	1.8%	0.9%	0.7%	2	1.1%
							2.4%
		0.1	3.7%	1.4%	1.0%	2	2.7%
							4.7%
		1	6.1%	1.4%	1.0%	2	7.1%
							5.1%
		10	24.2%	4.0%	2.9%	2	27.0%
							21.3%

Figure 30 is a graph showing the concentration-dependence of the effect of ARM057 on the hERG current. Table 6 provides the numerical data that is illustrated graphically in Figure 30. Because the highest concentration of ARM057 tested resulted in less than 50% current inhibition, it was not possible to determine an IC₅₀ value for ARM057.

Table 6

Test Article ID	IC ₅₀ (μ M)	Conc. (μ M)	Mean % hERG Inhibition	% Standard Deviation	% Standard Error	n	Individual Data (% Inhibition)
ARM057*	ND	0.01	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	2	0.3%
							0.0%
		0.1	7.3%	4.5%	3.2%	2	4.1%
							10.4%
		1	2.7%	3.7%	2.6%	2	5.3%
							0.1%
		10	13.6%	6.7%	4.8%	2	18.3%
							8.8%

[0385] Figure 31 is a graph showing the concentration-dependence of the effect of ARM064 on the hERG current. Table 7 provides the numerical data that is illustrated graphically in Figure 31. Because the highest concentration of ARM064 tested resulted in less than 50% current inhibition, it was not possible to determine an IC₅₀ value for ARM064.

[0386] Table 7

Test Article ID	IC ₅₀ (μ M)	Conc. (μ M)	Mean % hERG Inhibition	% Standard Deviation	% Standard Error	n	Individual Data (% Inhibition)
ARM064	ND	0.01	0.2%	1.1%	0.8%	2	-0.6%
							1.0%
		0.1	9.0%	1.3%	0.9%	2	9.9%
							8.1%
		1	9.6%	5.1%	3.6%	2	13.2%
							6.0%
		10	30.3%	2.5%	1.7%	2	32.0%
							28.5%

[0387] Figure 32 is a graph showing the concentration-dependence of the effect of ARM074 on the hERG current. Table 8 provides the numerical data that is illustrated graphically in Figure 32. Because the highest concentration of ARM050 tested resulted in less than 50% current inhibition, it was not possible to determine an IC₅₀ value for ARM074.

[0388] Table 8

Test Article ID	IC ₅₀ (μM)	Conc. (μM)	Mean % hERG Inhibition	% Standard Deviation	% Standard Error	n	Individual Data (% Inhibition)
ARM074	ND	0.01	1.9%	1.6%	1.1%	2	0.8%
							3.0%
		0.1	4.8%	1.6%	1.1%	2	5.9%
							3.7%
		1	1.3%	1.6%	1.1%	2	0.2%
							2.4%
		10	9.5%	0.2%	0.2%	2	5.6%
							9.3%
							9.6%
							14.0%

[0389] Figure 33 is a graph showing the concentration-dependence of the effect of ARM075 on the hERG current. Table 9 provides the numerical data that is illustrated graphically in Figure 33. Because the highest concentration of ARM075 tested resulted in less than 50% current inhibition, it was not possible to determine an IC₅₀ value for ARM075.

Table 9

Test Article ID	IC ₅₀ (μM)	Conc. (μM)	Mean % hERG Inhibition	% Standard Deviation	% Standard Error	n	Individual Data (% Inhibition)
ARM075	ND	0.01	1.4%	0.4%	0.3%	2	1.7%
							1.1%
		0.1	3.7%	1.6%	1.1%	2	2.6%
							4.8%
		1	3.9%	0.3%	0.2%	2	3.7%
							4.1%
		10	16.0%	1.8%	1.3%	2	14.7%
							17.2%

[0390] Figure 34 is a graph showing the concentration-dependence of the effect of ARM076 on the hERG current. Table 10 provides the numerical data that is illustrated graphically in Figure 34. Because the highest concentration of ARM076 tested resulted in less than 50% current inhibition, it was not possible to determine an IC₅₀ value for ARM076.

Table 10

Test Article ID	IC ₅₀ (μ M)	Conc. (μ M)	Mean % hERG Inhibition	% Standard Deviation	% Standard Error	n	Individual Data (% Inhibition)
ARM076	ND	0.01	0.4%	0.5%	0.4%	2	0.0%
							0.7%
		0.1	2.5%	2.2%	1.6%	2	4.0%
							0.9%
		1	3.1%	1.5%	1.1%	2	2.0%
							4.1%
		10	11.2%	1.6%	1.2%	2	10.0%
							12.3%

[0391] Figure 35 is a graph showing the concentration-dependence of the effect of ARM077 on the hERG current. Table 11 provides the numerical data that is illustrated graphically in Figure 35. Because the highest concentration of ARM077 tested resulted in less than 50% current inhibition, it was not possible to determine an IC₅₀ value for ARM077.

Table 11

Test Article ID	IC ₅₀ (μ M)	Conc. (μ M)	Mean % hERG Inhibition	% Standard Deviation	% Standard Error	n	Individual Data (% Inhibition)
ARM077	ND	0.01	1.3%	0.2%	0.2%	2	1.4%
							1.1%
		0.1	7.5%	5.5%	3.9%	2	11.4%
							3.6%
		1	3.6%	0.6%	0.4%	2	3.1%
							4.0%
		10	4.1%	4.5%	3.2%	2	0.9%
							7.2%

[0392] Figure 36 is a graph showing the concentration-dependence of the effect of ARM101 on the hERG current. Table 12 provides the numerical data that is illustrated graphically in Figure 36. Because the highest concentration of ARM101 tested resulted in less than 50% current inhibition, it was not possible to determine an IC₅₀ value for ARM101.

Table 12

Test Article ID	IC ₅₀ (μ M)	Conc. (μ M)	Mean % hERG Inhibition	% Standard Deviation	% Standard Error	n	Individual Data (% Inhibition)
ARM101	4.406	0.01	3.4%	1.3%	0.9%	2	4.3%
							2.5%
		0.1	6.4%	1.8%	1.3%	2	5.1%
							7.6%
		1	23.0%	5.7%	4.1%	2	18.9%
							27.0%
		10	65.8%	1.3%	0.9%	2	66.7%
							64.9%

[0393] Figure 37 is a graph showing the concentration-dependence of the effect of ARM102 on the hERG current. Table 13 provides the numerical data that is illustrated graphically in Figure 37. Because the highest concentration of ARM102 tested resulted in less than 50% current inhibition, it was not possible to determine an IC₅₀ value for ARM102.

Table 13

Test Article ID	IC ₅₀ (μ M)	Conc. (μ M)	Mean % hERG Inhibition	% Standard Deviation	% Standard Error	n	Individual Data (% Inhibition)
ARM102*	ND	0.01	2.5%	2.8%	2.0%	2	0.5%
							4.4%
		0.1	4.2%	3.3%	2.4%	2	1.8%
							6.5%
		1	5.7%	6.9%	4.9%	2	0.8%
							10.5%
		10	47.3%	1.5%	1.1%	2	46.2%
							48.3%

[0394] Figure 38 is a graph showing the concentration-dependence of the effect of ARM103 on the hERG current. Table 14 provides the numerical data that is illustrated graphically in Figure 38. Because the highest concentration of ARM103 tested resulted in less than 50% current inhibition, it was not possible to determine an IC₅₀ value for ARM103.

Table 14

Test Article ID	IC ₅₀ (μ M)	Conc. (μ M)	Mean % hERG Inhibition	% Standard Deviation	% Standard Error	n	Individual Data (% Inhibition)
ARM103*	ND	0.01	6.8%	7.5%	5.3%	2	12.1%
							1.5%
		0.1	3.3%	1.3%	0.9%	2	4.2%
							2.4%
		1	7.3%	3.3%	2.3%	2	5.0%
							9.6%
		10	29.2%	1.1%	0.8%	2	28.4%
							29.9%

[0395] Figure 39 is a graph showing the concentration-dependence of the effect of ARM104 on the hERG current. Table 15 provides the numerical data that is illustrated graphically in Figure 39. Because the highest concentration of ARM104 tested resulted in less than 50% current inhibition, it was not possible to determine an IC₅₀ value for ARM104.

Table 15

Test Article ID	IC ₅₀ (μ M)	Conc. (μ M)	Mean % hERG Inhibition	% Standard Deviation	% Standard Error	n	Individual Data (% Inhibition)
ARM104	ND	0.01	1.6%	0.5%	0.4%	2	1.2%
							1.9%
		0.1	2.5%	2.0%	1.4%	2	1.1%
							3.9%
		1	4.6%	2.1%	1.5%	2	3.1%
							6.0%
		10	7.4%	1.3%	0.9%	2	8.3%
							6.5%

[0396] Figure 40 is a graph showing the concentration-dependence of the effect of ARM106 on the hERG current. Table 16 provides the numerical data that is illustrated graphically in Figure 40. Because the highest concentration of ARM106 tested resulted in less than 50% current inhibition, it was not possible to determine an IC₅₀ value for ARM106.

Table 16

Test Article ID	IC ₅₀ (μ M)	Conc. (μ M)	Mean % hERG Inhibition	% Standard Deviation	% Standard Error	n	Individual Data (% Inhibition)
ARM106	ND	0.01	1.3%	0.6%	0.4%	2	0.9%
							1.7%
		0.1	7.2%	3.5%	2.5%	2	9.6%
							4.7%
		1	6.1%	3.7%	2.7%	2	8.7%
							3.4%
		10	15.9%	4.0%	2.8%	2	18.7%
							13.1%

[0397] Figure 41 is a graph showing the concentration-dependence of the effect of ARM107 on the hERG current. Table 17 provides the numerical data that is illustrated graphically in Figure 41. Because the highest concentration of ARM107 tested resulted in less than 50% current inhibition, it was not possible to determine an IC₅₀ value for ARM107.

Table 17

Test Article ID	IC ₅₀ (μ M)	Conc. (μ M)	Mean % hERG Inhibition	% Standard Deviation	% Standard Error	n	Individual Data (% Inhibition)
ARM107	ND	0.01	2.9%	1.6%	1.2%	2	1.7%
							4.0%
		0.1	4.0%	1.2%	0.9%	2	3.1%
							4.8%
		1	6.2%	5.9%	4.2%	2	2.0%
							10.4%
		10	32.1%	11.1%	7.9%	2	24.2%
							39.9%

[0398] Figure 42 is a graph showing the concentration-dependence of the effect of S26 on the hERG current. Table 18 provides the numerical data that is illustrated graphically in Figure 42. The IC₅₀ value for S26 was 7.029 μ M.

Table 18

Test Article ID	IC ₅₀ (μ M)	Conc. (μ M)	Mean % hERG Inhibition	% Standard Deviation	% Standard Error	n	Individual Data (% Inhibition)
S26	7.029	0.01	8.9%	0.3%	0.2%	2	9.1%
							8.7%
		0.1	10.5%	2.6%	1.9%	2	12.3%
							8.6%
		1	12.3%	1.3%	1.0%	2	11.3%
							13.2%
		10	58.3%	2.6%	1.8%	2	56.4%
							60.1%

[0399] Figure 43 is a graph showing the concentration-dependence of the effect of JTV-519 (referred to in the figure as "ARM0XX") on the hERG current. Table 19 provides the numerical data that is illustrated graphically in Figure 43. The IC₅₀ value for JTV-519 was 0.463 μ M.

Table 19

Test Article ID	IC ₅₀ (μ M)	Conc. (μ M)	Mean % hERG Inhibition	% Standard Deviation	% Standard Error	n	Individual Data (% Inhibition)
ARM0XX	0.463	0.01	5.0%	0.5%	0.2%	2	5.2%
							4.8%
		0.1	18.1%	11.4%	8.1%	2	10.0%
							26.1%
		1	68.4%	19.1%	13.5%	2	81.9%
							54.9%
		10	92.8%	5.6%	4.1%	2	96.9%
							88.7%

[0400] The antiarrhythmic drug E-4031, a known blocker of hERG currents, was used as a positive control. E-4031 blocked the hERG current with an IC₅₀ of 0.5 μ M (n = 6).

[0401] In summary, the compounds of the present invention exhibit reduced hERG blocking activity as compared to JTV-519. Thus, the compounds of the invention are expected to be less toxic and/or exhibit fewer side effects than JTV-519.

[0402] Table 20 below provides EC₅₀ values for compounds S1-S107. These EC₅₀ data were obtained using the FKBP12.6 rebinding assay described above to determine the amount of FKBP12.6 binding to PKA-phosphorylated RyR2 at various concentrations (0.5 – 1000 nM) of the compounds shown in Table 20. The EC₅₀ values are calculated using Michaelis-Menten curve fitting.

Table 20

Compound No.	EC50 (nM)	Compound No.	EC50 (nM)
1	150	48	100
2	211	49	81
3		50	40
4	102	51	175
5	208	52	143
6	252	53	200
7	55	54	77
9	205	55	111
11	181	56	95
12	197	57	73
13	174	58	55
14	182	59	102
19	265	60	68
20		61	95
22	355	62	45
23	268	63	52
25	40	64	44
26	40	66	110
27	ca. 50	67	89
36	15	68	ca. 100
37		74	220
38	44	75	150
40	100	76	25
43	80	77	60
44	121	101	105
45	80	102	135
46	150	104	111
47	20	107	190

High-throughput screening method

[0403] In addition to the compounds disclosed herein, other compounds can be discovered that are capable of modulating calcium ion channel activity, in particular those channels related to the RyR series of calcium ion channels. Provided herein is a highly-efficient assay for high-throughput screening of other compounds that are capable of modulating calcium ion channel activity.

[0404] By way of example, and as shown in Example 5 below, a highly-efficient assay for high-throughput screening for small molecules is developed by immobilizing FKBP, either FKBP12 or FKBP12.6 (*e.g.*, wild-type FKBP12.6 or a fusion protein, such as GST-FKBP12.6) onto a 96-well plate coated with glutathione, using standard procedures. PKA-

phosphorylated ryanodine receptor (RyR), specifically RyR1 or RyR3 in the case of FKBP12 and RyR2 in the case of FKBP12.6, is loaded onto the FKBP-coated plate, and incubated with compounds at various concentrations (10-100 nM) for 30 min. Thereafter, the plate is washed to remove the unbound RyR, and then incubated with anti-RyR antibody (*e.g.*, for 30 min). The plate is washed again to remove unbound anti-RyR antibody, and then treated with fluorescent-labeled secondary antibody. The plate is read by an automatic fluorescent plate reader for binding activity.

[0405] Alternatively, RyR is PKA-phosphorylated in the presence of ^{32}P -ATP. Radioactive PKA-phosphorylated RyR is loaded onto an FKBP-coated, 96-well plate, in the presence of JTV-519 analogues and other compounds at various concentrations (10-100 nM) for 30 min. The plate is washed to remove the unbound radiolabeled RyR, and then read by an automatic plate reader. PKA-phosphorylated RyR also is coated to the plate, and incubated with ^{32}S -labeled FKBP in the presence of the compounds.

[0406] The present invention is described in the following Examples, which are set forth to aid in the understanding of the invention and should not be construed to limit in any way the scope of the invention as defined in the claims which follow thereafter.

EXAMPLES

EXAMPLE 1 – RyR2 PKA PHOSPHORYLATION AND FKBP12.6 BINDING

[0407] Cardiac SR membranes are prepared, as previously described (Marx, *et al.*, PKA phosphorylation dissociates FKBP12.6 from the calcium release channel (ryanodine receptor): defective regulation in failing hearts. *Cell*, 101:365-76, 2000; Kaftan, *et al.*, Effects of rapamycin on ryanodine receptor/ $\text{Ca}^{(2+)}$ -release channels from cardiac muscle. *Circ. Res.*, 78:990-97, 1996). ^{35}S -labelled FKBP12.6 was generated using the TNTTM Quick Coupled Transcription/Translation system from Promega (Madison, WI). [^3H] ryanodine binding is used to quantify RyR2 levels. 100 μg of microsomes are diluted in 100 μl of 10-mM imidazole buffer (pH 6.8), incubated with 250-nM (final concentration) [^{35}S]-FKBP12.6 at 37°C for 60 min, then quenched with 500 μl of ice-cold imidazole buffer. Samples are centrifuged at 100,000 g for 10 min and washed three times in imidazole buffer. The amount of bound [^{35}S]-FKBP12.6 is determined by liquid scintillation counting of the pellet.

EXAMPLE 2 – IMMUNOBLOTS

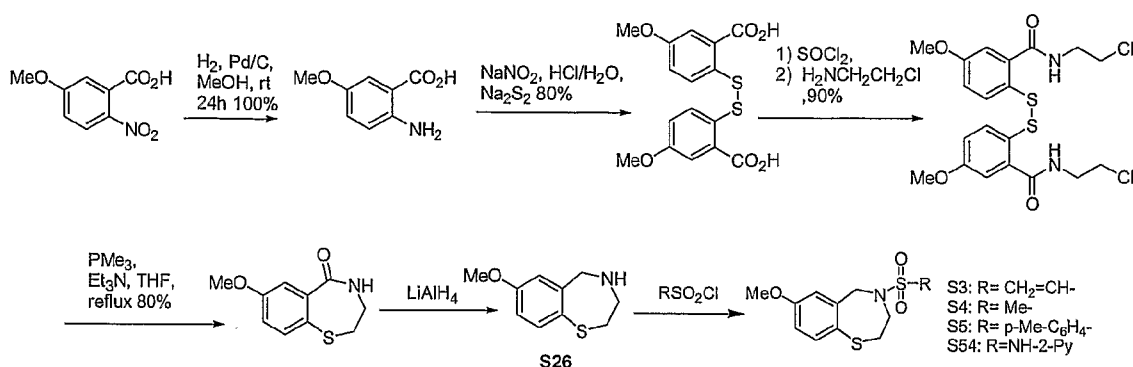
[0408] Immunoblotting of microsomes (50 μ g) is performed as described, with anti-FKBP12/12.6 (1:1,000), anti-RyR-5029 (1:3,000) (Jayaraman, *et al.*, FK506 binding protein associated with the calcium release channel (ryanodine receptor). *J. Biol. Chem.*, 267:9474-77, 1992), or anti-phosphoRyR2-P2809 (1:5,000) for 1 h at room temperature (Reiken, *et al.*, Beta-blockers restore calcium release channel function and improve cardiac muscle performance in human heart failure. *Circulation*, 107:2459-66, 2003). The P2809-phosphoepitope-specific anti-RyR2 antibody is an affinity-purified polyclonal rabbit antibody, custom-made by Zymed Laboratories (San Francisco, CA) using the peptide, CRTRRI-(pS)-QTSQ, which corresponds to RyR2 PKA-phosphorylated at Ser²⁸⁰⁹. After incubation with HRP-labeled anti-rabbit IgG (1:5,000 dilution; Transduction Laboratories, Lexington, KY), the blots are developed using ECL (Amersham Pharmacia, Piscataway, NJ).

EXAMPLE 3 – SINGLE-CHANNEL RECORDINGS

[0409] Single-channel recordings of native RyR2 from mouse hearts, or recombinant RyR2, are acquired under voltage-clamp conditions at 0 mV, as previously described (Marx, *et al.*, PKA phosphorylation dissociates FKBP12.6 from the calcium release channel (ryanodine receptor): defective regulation in failing hearts. *Cell*, 101:365-76, 2000). Symmetric solutions used for channel recordings are: *trans* compartment – HEPES, 250 mmol/L; Ba(OH)₂, 53 mmol/L (in some experiments, Ba(OH)₂ is replaced by Ca(OH)₂); pH 7.35; and *cis* compartment – HEPES, 250 mmol/L; Tris-base, 125 mmol/L; EGTA, 1.0 mmol/L; and CaCl₂, 0.5 mmol/L; pH 7.35. Unless otherwise indicated, single-channels recordings are made in the presence of 150-nM [Ca²⁺] and 1.0-mM [Mg²⁺] in the *cis* compartment. Ryanodine (5 mM) is applied to the *cis* compartment to confirm identity of all channels. Data is analyzed from digitized current recordings using Fetch software (Axon Instruments, Union City, CA). All data is expressed as mean $\pm$ SE. The unpaired Student's *t*-test is used for statistical comparison of mean values between experiments. A value of $p < 0.05$ is considered statistically significant.

EXAMPLE 4 – COMPOUNDS AND METHODS FOR THEIR SYNTHESIS

Scheme 1 : Synthesis of S3, S4, S5 and S54

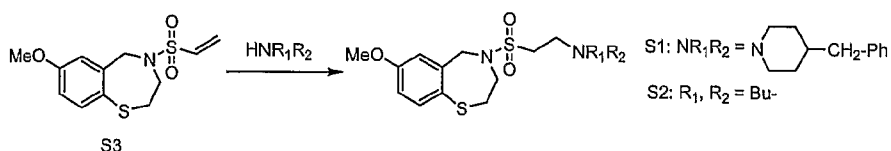


[0410] Synthon **S26** was prepared according to methods described in U.S. Patent App. No. 10/680,988.

[0411] **Synthesis of S3** (Scheme 1): To a stirred solution of vinylsulfonic acid (22 mg, 0.2 mmol) in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (5 ml) is added thionyl chloride (2M in CH₂Cl₂, 0.1 ml, 0.2 mmol). The reaction mixture is stirred at room temperature overnight and evaporated under vacuum. The residue is dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (5 ml). To this solution, a solution of **S26** (20 mg, 0.1 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (3 ml) is added drop-wise at 0°C. The reaction mixture is stirred at 0°C for one hour and at room temperature for another hour and washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate and 1N HCl. After removal of the solvent, the product **S3** is purified by SiO₂ column chromatography as a colorless oil (18 mg, 65%).

[0412] **Synthesis of S4** (Scheme 1): To a stirred solution of **S26** (20 mg, 0.1 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 ml) is added methylsulfonyl chloride (26 mg, 0.2 mmol) and triethylamine (30 mg, 0.3 mmol) at 0°C. The resulting mixture is stirred at 0°C for one hour and at room temperature overnight. The organic phase is washed with aqueous saturated sodium bicarbonate and dried over sodium sulfate. After filtration and evaporation of the organic solvents, the product **S4** is purified by SiO₂ column chromatography (25 mg oil, yield: 90%). Similarly, **S5** and **S54** are synthesized in 95% and 91% yields respectively.

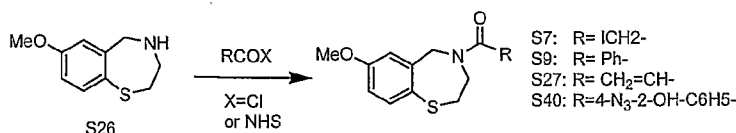
Scheme 2: Synthesis of S1 and S2



[0413] **Synthesis of S1 and S2** (Scheme 2): To a solution of **S3** (28 mg, 0.1 mmol) in chloroform (5 ml) is added 4-benzylpiperidine (18 mg, 0.1 mmol). The resulting mixture is

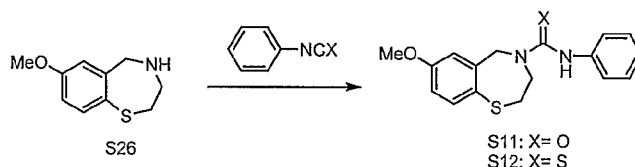
stirred at room temperature for 1 day. After removal of organic solvent, the residue is purified on silica gel column. Product **S1** is obtained as a colorless oil (34 mg, yield 75%). **S2** is synthesized similarly from **S3** and dibutylamine in 78% yield.

Scheme 3: Synthesis of S7, S9 and S40



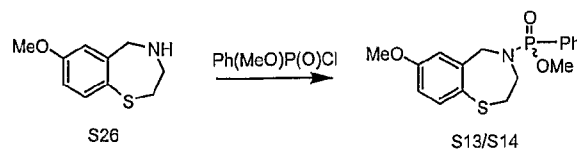
[0414] Synthesis of S7, S9, S27 and S40 (Scheme 3): To a stirred solution of iodoacetic acid (37 mg, 0.2 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 ml) is added thionyl chloride (2 M solution in CH₂Cl₂, 0.1 ml, 0.2 mmol). The resulting mixture is stirred at 0°C for one hour and at room temperature overnight. After removal of solvent, the crude acid chloride is added to a stirred solution of **S26** (20 mg, 0.1 mmol) and triethylamine (30 mg, 0.3 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 ml) at 0°C. The mixture is stirred at 0°C for one hour and at room temperature overnight. The organic phase is washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate and 1N HCl. The crude product is purified by column chromatography to give **S7** as a colorless oil (34 mg, yield, 95%). Similarly, **S9** is synthesized in 95% yield; synthon **S27** is synthesized in 96% yield; and **S40** is synthesized in 91% yield using N-hydroxysuccinimidyl 4-azidosalicylic acid (NHS-ASA).

Scheme 4: Synthesis of S11 and S12



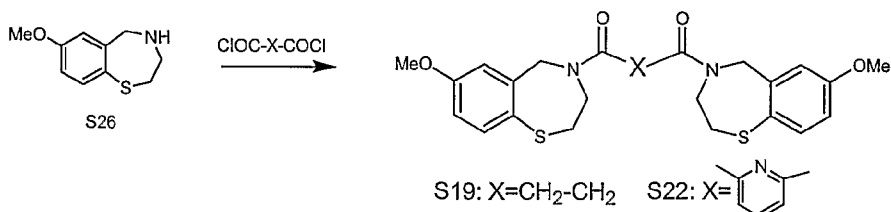
[0415] Synthesis of S11 and S12 (Scheme 4): To a solution of **S26** (20 mg, 0.1 mmol) in pyridine (1 ml) is added phenyl isocyanate (18 mg, 0.15 mmol). The resulting mixture is stirred at room temperature for 24 hours. Then ethyl acetate (10 ml) is added and the organic phase is washed with 1N HCl and saturated sodium bicarbonate. The product **S11** is purified by SiO₂ column chromatography as a white solid (27 mg, yield: 86%). Similarly, **S12** is synthesized from **S26** and phenyl isothiocyanate in 85% yield.

Scheme 5: Synthesis of S13 and S14



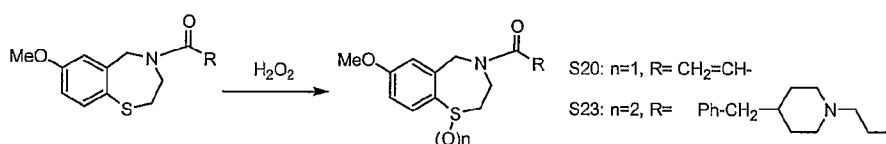
[0416] **Synthesis of S13 and S14** (Scheme 5): To **S26** (20 mg, 0.1 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (5 ml) is added triethylamine (30 mg, 0.3 mmol) and phenyl methoxyphosphonyl chloride (38 mg, 0.2 mmol) at 0°C . After stirring for 2 hours at room temperature, the reaction mixture is washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate. Isomers are separated and purified by silica gel column to yield **S13** (14 mg, yield: 40%) and **S14** (16 mg, yield: 45%).

Scheme 6: Synthesis of S19, S22



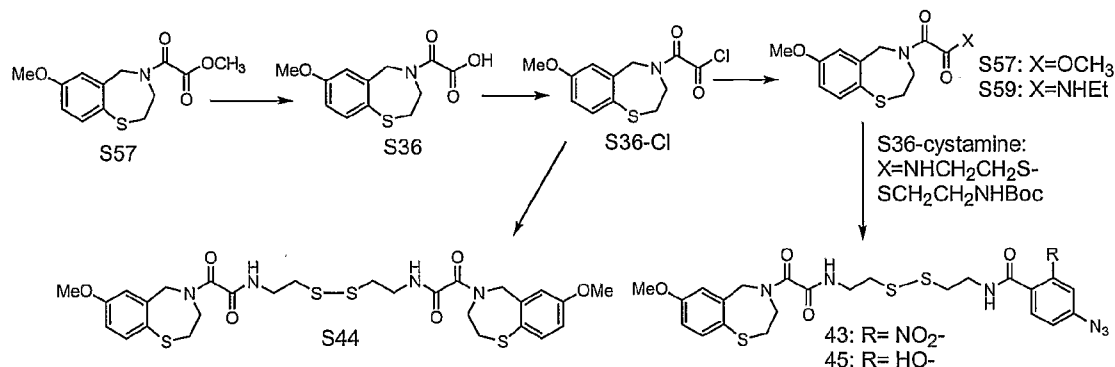
[0417] **Synthesis of S19** (Scheme 6): To a stirred solution of **S26** (20 mg, 0.1 mmol) and triethylamine (30 mg, 0.3 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (5 ml) is added 1,4-butyldiacid chloride (8 mg, 0.05 mmol) at 0°C . The resulting mixture is stirred at 0°C for one hour and at room temperature overnight. The organic phase is washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate and 1N HCl and water. After removal of solvent, product **S19** is purified by column chromatography (oil, 19 mg, 80% yield). Similarly **S22** is prepared from 2,6 pyridyl dicarboxylic acid dichloride.

Scheme 7: Synthesis of S20 and S23



[0418] **Synthesis of S20 and S23** (Scheme 7): **S27** (25 mg, 0.1 mmol) in MeOH (5 ml) is treated with H_2O_2 (30%, 0.5 ml) at room temperature for 1 day. After treatment with sodium thiosulfate solution, methanol is removed by evaporation. The resulting residue is dissolved in ethyl acetate (10 ml) and washed with saturated sodium carbonate. After drying over sodium sulfate, solvent is evaporated to provide a crude product which is purified by silica gel column chromatography to yield **S20** as colorless oil (16 mg, 60% yield). Similarly, **S23** is synthesized from **S10**.

Scheme 8: Synthesis of S36, S43, S44, S45, S57, S59

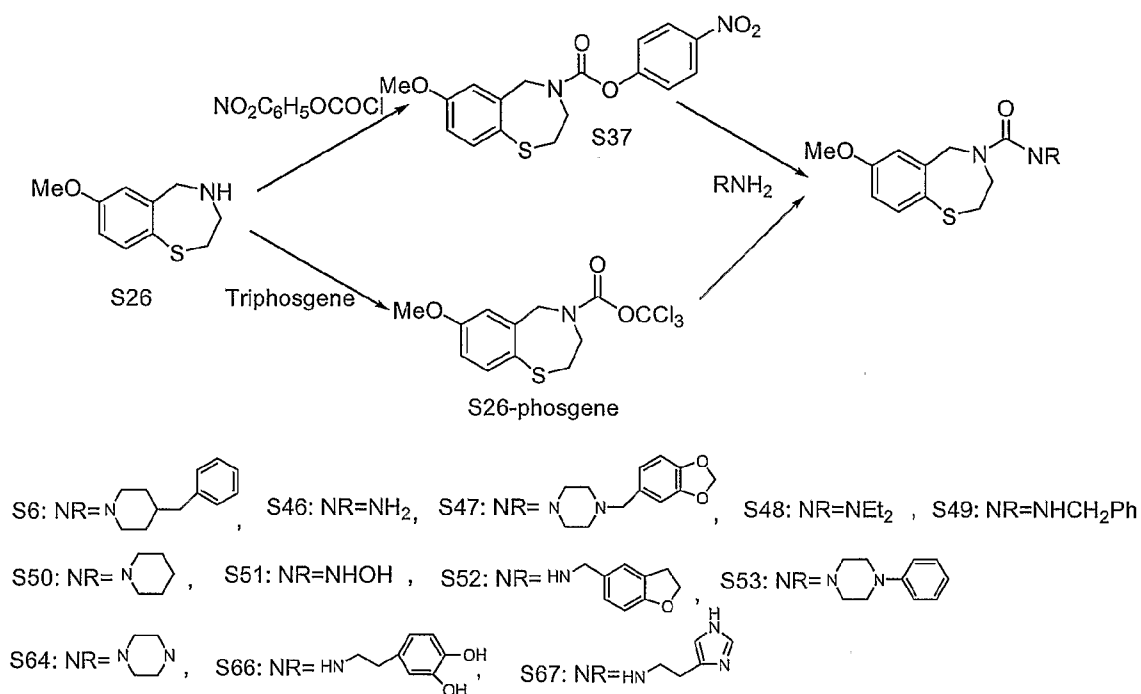


[0419] Synthesis of S36 and S57 (Scheme 8): To a stirred solution of **S26** (0.85g, 4.4mmol) and pyridine (0.70g, 8.8mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (50 ml) at 0°C is added drop-wise methyl chlorooxoacetate (0.81g, 6.6mmol). The reaction mixture is stirred at 0°C for 2 hours then washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate, 1N HCl, and water. Silica gel column chromatography provides **S57** as a white solid (1.1g, 90% yield). **S57** (1.1g, 3.9mmol) is dissolved in methanol (10ml) and then a solution of sodium hydroxide (0.3g, 7.5mmol) in water (10ml) is added. The reaction mixture is stirred at room temperature for one hour. After solvent is removed, the residue is dissolved in water (10 ml) and washed with ether (2x10ml). The aqueous phase is acidified with 1N HCl to pH=2. The product is extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2x10ml). Removal of solvent yields product **S36** as a white solid (1.0g, yield 100%). The product can be further purified by recrystallization. **S38** is similarly synthesized (see Structure List).

[0420] Synthesis of S43, S44, S45 and S59 (Scheme 8): **S36** (150mg, 0.56mmol) is treated with thionyl chloride (5ml) at room temperature overnight. After removal of the excess thionyl chloride, the crude product **S36-Cl** is dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (10ml) and, to this solution, mono-Boc protected cystamine and pyridine (0.2ml, 196mg, 2.48mmol) are added at 0°C. The reaction mixture is stirred at 0°C for one hour and at room temperature overnight and quenched with saturated sodium bicarbonate. The organic phase is separated and the solvent is removed to give intermediate **S36-cystamine**, which is purified by SiO₂ column chromatography in 80% yield. Deprotection of the Boc-group is achieved with trifluoroacetic acid in CH₂Cl₂, and the deprotected **S36-cystamine** is used for the synthesis of **S43** and **S45** by reaction with NHS-activated ester of azido compounds. Yield is 75% for **S43** and 80% for **S45**.

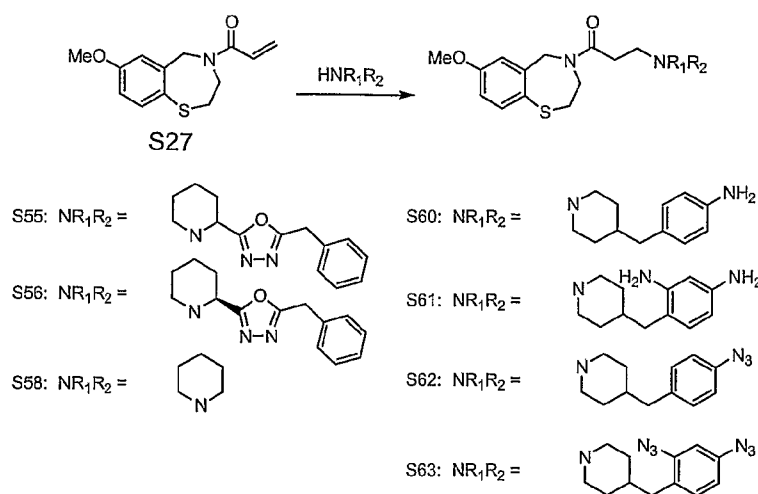
[0421] S44 is synthesized as a by-product of the following reaction: S36 (50mg, 0.19mmol) is treated with thionyl chloride (2ml) at room temperature overnight. After removal of the excess of thionyl chloride, the crude product is dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (5ml). To this solution, cystamine (134mg, 0.88mmol) and pyridine (98mg, 1.23mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10ml) is added and the reaction mixture is stirred at room temperature overnight. S44 is purified by column as a white solid (20mg, 16%). Similarly, S57 and S59 are synthesized by reaction of S36-Cl with methanol or ethylamine (Scheme 8).

Scheme 9: Synthesis of urea-based analogs S6, S46-S53, S64, S66, S67



[0422] Synthesis of urea-based analogs S6, S46-S53, S64, S66, S67 (Scheme 9). S26 (195 mg, 1.0 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (20 ml) is added 4-nitrophenyl chloroformate (220 mg, 1.1 mmol) and triethylamine (120 mg, 1.2 mmol) at 0°C. The reaction mixture is stirred for 2 hours at room temperature and washed with water. Removal of the solvents, followed by purification using column chromatography provides compound S37 (330 mg, 91%). Reaction of S37 (36 mg, 0.1 mmole) with one equivalent of amine in DMF (3 ml) overnight provides urea-based compounds in >60% yield after purification by SiO₂ column chromatography. Alternatively, the urea-based compounds can be synthesized through a versatile and more reactive intermediate S26-phosgene shown in Scheme 9.

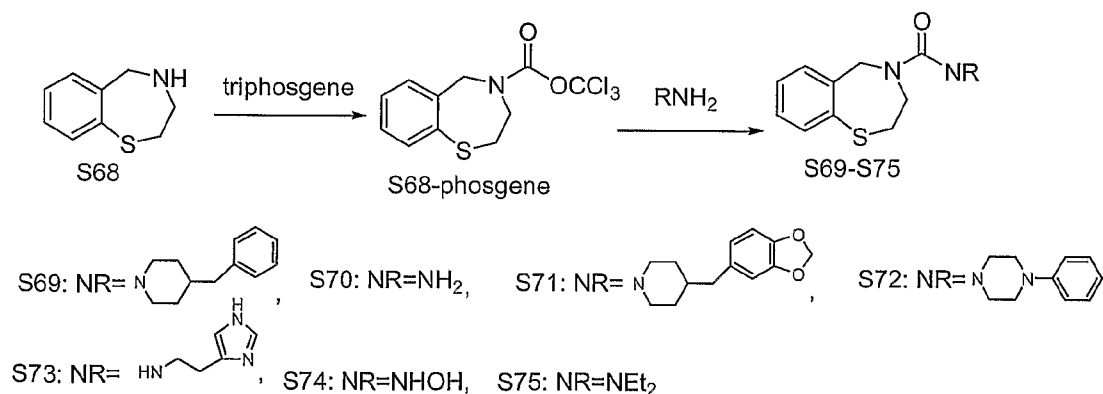
Scheme 10: Synthesis of S55, S56, S58, S60-S63



[0423] **Synthesis of S55, S56, S58, S60-S63** (Scheme 10): The reaction mixture of **S27** (25mg, 0.1mmol) and 4-(4-aminobenzyl)piperidine (19 mg, 0.1mmol) in chloroform (5 ml) is stirred at room temperature for 2 days. After removal of solvent, the product **S60** is purified by silica gel column chromatography as a white solid (36mg, yield 90%). **S55, S56, S58, and S61-S63** similarly are synthesized according to method described above.

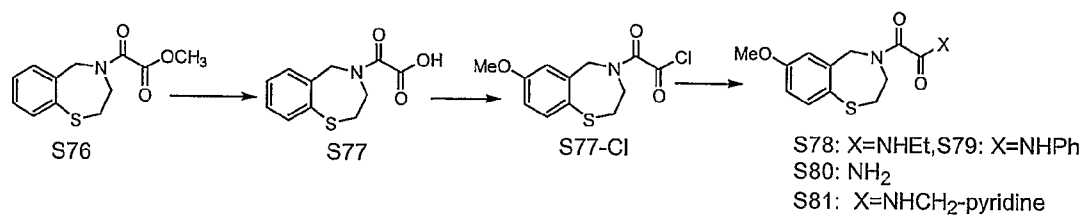
Experimental for new compounds

Scheme 11: Synthesis of urea-based analogs S69-S75

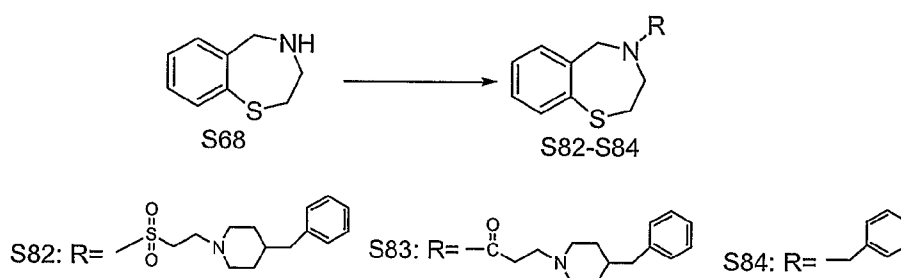


[0424] **Analogs S69-S75**, having no methoxyl groups on the benzene ring ($\text{R} = \text{H}$ in Formula I), are synthesized as shown in Scheme 11 in a similar manner to that employed in the synthesis of **S46-S53** (see Scheme 9). The synthesis starts with commercially available **S68** and involves a versatile intermediate, **S68-phosgene**, to provide **S69-S75** in 60-95% yield.

Scheme 12: Synthesis of S76-S81



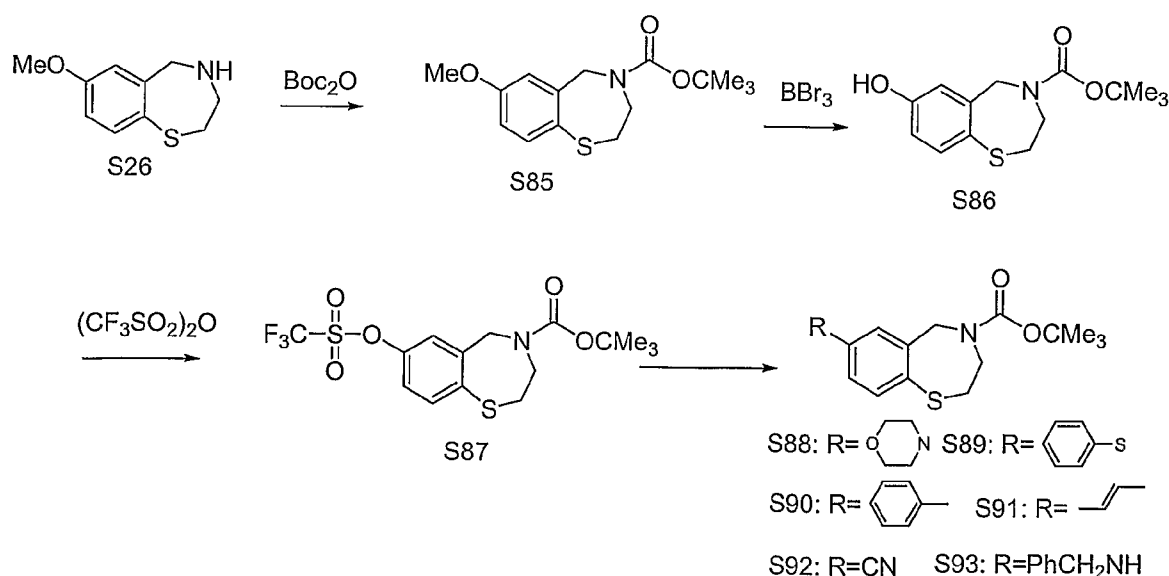
Scheme 13: Synthesis of S82-S84



[0425] By analogy to the syntheses of S36, S43-S45, S57, and S59 (Scheme 8), S76-S81 are synthesized from commercially available S68 as shown in Scheme 12 in 70-95% yield.

Using S68 as starting material, the compounds S82, S83, and S84, as shown in Scheme 13, also are synthesized similarly to the compounds which have a methoxy group on the benzene ring (R=4-OCH₃ in Formula I).

Scheme 14: Synthesis of S88-S93



[0426] **Synthesis of S85-S93** is accomplished as shown in Scheme 14. The following are examples of the synthesis.

[0427] **Synthesis of S85:** A solution of **S26** (10 mmol), di-*tert*-butyl dicarbonate (11 mmol), and triethylamine (12 mmol) in dichloromethane (100 ml) is stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. The reaction mixture is washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate solution (10 ml) and the aqueous layer is extracted with dichloromethane (2×15 ml). The combined organic layers are dried over magnesium sulfate and concentrated under vacuum to provide **S85** as colorless oil (2.90g, 98% yield).

[0428] **Synthesis of S86:** To a solution of **S85** (2.36 g, 8 mmol) in dichloromethane (100 ml) at -78°C is added BBr_3 (1.0 M solution in dichloromethane) (18 ml, 18 mmol) drop-wise. The solution is warmed to room temperature and the reaction mixture is quenched with methanol (100 ml) and concentrated under vacuum. The product **S86** is purified by column chromatography.

[0429] **Synthesis of S87:** To a solution of **S86** (6 mmol) in dichloromethane (40 ml) at 0°C is added triethylamine (7 mmol) followed by trifluoromethylsulfonyl anhydride (7 mmol). The solution is stirred at room temperature for 30 minutes, and the reaction mixture is quenched with water (10 ml). The aqueous layer is extracted with dichloromethane (2×15 ml), and the combined organic layers are dried over magnesium sulfate and concentrated under vacuum. The crude product is purified by silica gel flash chromatography to provide **S87** in 75% yield.

[0430] **Synthesis of S88:** A mixture of **S87** (1 mmol), morpholine (8 ml), tris(dibenzylideneacetone)dipalladium(0) (5 mol %), 2-(di-*tert*-butylphosphino)-biphenyl (20 mol %), and potassium phosphate (1.2 mmol) is heated at 80°C in a sealed tube for 12 hours. The reaction mixture is cooled to room temperature, diluted with dichloromethane (50 ml), and washed with water (10 ml). The aqueous layer is extracted with dichloromethane (2×15 ml), and the combined organic layers are dried over magnesium sulfate and concentrated under vacuum. The crude product is purified by silica gel flash chromatography to give **S88** in 81% yield.

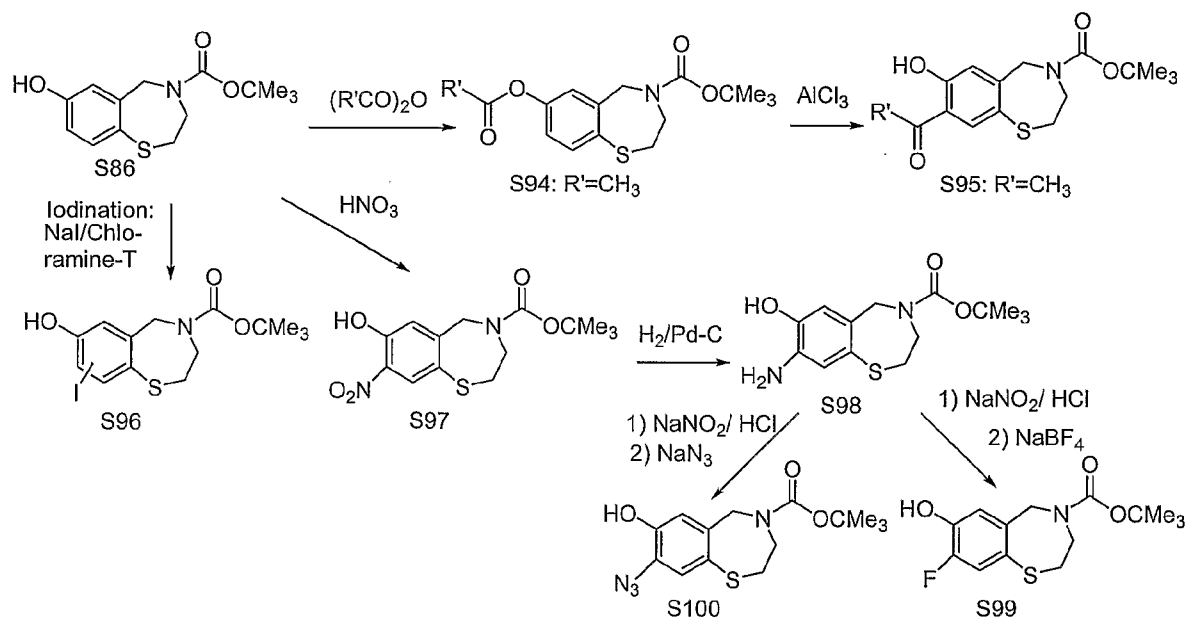
[0431] **Synthesis of S89:** A solution of **S87** (1 mmol), benzenethiol (2 mmol) and *i*- Pr_2NEt (2 mmol) in CH_3CN (20 ml) is heated at 80°C for 18 hours. After cooling, ethyl acetate (30 ml) is added and then washed with 1N HCl, water, and then 1N NaOH. After drying with Na_2SO_4 , the solution was concentrated. The product **S89** was purified by chromatography in

59% yield. Alternatively, **S89** is synthesized by refluxing of **S87** with benzenethiol in dioxane for 10 hours using $i\text{-Pr}_2\text{NEt}/\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3/\text{xantphos}$ as catalyst.

[0432] Synthesis of S90 : To a solution of **S87** (1.0 mmol) in dioxane (10 mL) are added K_2CO_3 (2 mmol), phenylboronic acid (1 mmol), and $(\text{Pd}(\text{Ph}_3\text{P})_4)$ (0.11 mmol), and the mixture is stirred at 90 °C for 16 hours. The reaction mixture is cooled to 25 °C, diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (30 mL), washed with water (10 mL), and the organic phase is evaporated to dryness under vacuum. Purification by column chromatography gives **S90** in 40% yield.

[0433] Synthesis of S92: To a solution of **S87** (1.0 mmol) in DMF (5 mL) are added zinc cyanide (1 mmol) and $\text{Pd}(\text{Ph}_3\text{P})_4$ (0.11 mmol). The reaction mixture is stirred and heated at 100°C for 1 hour, followed by cooling, dilution with water (50 mL) and 2 M sulfuric acid (5 mL), and extraction with EtOAc (3×). The combined organic extracts are washed with brine (2×), dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered, and evaporated under vacuum. The product **S92** is purified by silica gel column chromatography in 80% yield.

Scheme 15: Synthesis of S94-S100



[0434] Synthesis of S94: To a solution of **S86** (1mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (10 ml) is added at 0°C acetic anhydride (1.2 mmol) and triethylamine (1.3 mmol). The reaction mixture is stirred at room temperature overnight, then washed with H_2O . After drying with Na_2SO_4 , the solvent is evaporated and the product **S94** (98% yield by NMR) is used for the next reaction without further purification.

[0435] **Synthesis of S95:** To a stirred solution of **S84** (0.5 mmol) in benzene (20 ml) is added anhydrous AlCl_3 (0.6 mmol) drop-wise. The reaction mixture is refluxed for 5 hours and poured on to crushed ice (10 g). After extraction and concentration, the product **S95** is purified by silica gel column chromatography in 83% yield.

[0436] **Synthesis of S96:** To a solution of **S86** (0.1 mmol) in methanol (5 ml) is added NaI (10 mg, excess) and Chloramine-T (0.3 mmol). The reaction mixture is stirred for 30 minutes and quenched with $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ solution. The solvent is evaporated. The product is purified by silica gel column chromatography as a mixture of mono-iodinated or di-iodinated products in a combined yield of 60%.

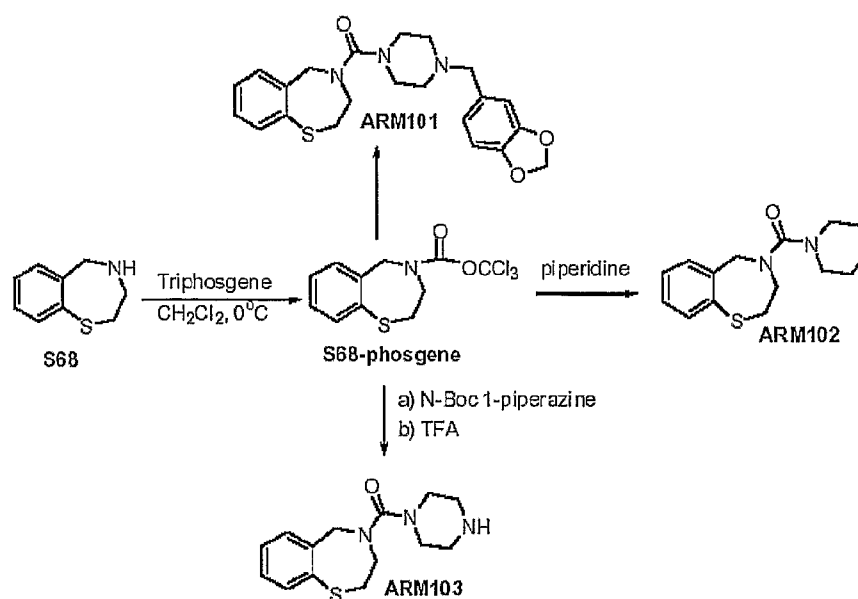
[0437] **Synthesis of S97:** **S86** (3 mmol) is added to concentrated H_2SO_4 (2 ml). To the stirred mixture is added, slowly, concentrated HNO_3 (2 ml) drop-wise. After 10 minutes, the reaction mixture is poured on to crushed ice (5 g) and neutralized with Na_2CO_3 to $\text{pH} = 7$. The Boc-protected nitro intermediate is collected by extraction with EtOAc and converted back to **S97** by reaction with Boc_2O . Purification by silica gel column chromatography provides **S97** in 78% yield.

[0438] **Synthesis of S98:** A mixture of **S97** (2 mmol) and 10% Pd/C (0.1 g) in methanol (20ml) is bubbled through with H_2 gas for 2 hours. After filtration and concentration, the amine product is used for the next reactions without further purification.

[0439] **Synthesis of S99 and S100:** **S98** (1 mmol) is dissolved in aqueous HCl (2 mmol HCl , 10ml H_2O). To this solution is added at 0°C slowly a solution of sodium nitrite (1 mmol) in water (5 ml). The reaction mixture is stirred at 0°C for 1 hour, then NaN_3 (2 mmol) in water (2ml) is added drop-wise at 0°C . The resulting mixture is stirred at 0°C for 1 hour and at room temperature overnight. The product is extracted with ethyl acetate and washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate and water. The organic layer is dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and concentrated to give crude product **S98**. Column purification on silica gel provide the product in 71% yield. Similarly, **S99** is synthesized in 60% yield.

[0440] **Synthesis of S101, S102, and S103** (also referred to as **ARM101**, **ARM102**, and **ARM103**, respectively) may be accomplished as shown in Scheme 16. The following are examples of the synthesis.

Scheme 16: Synthesis of **ARM101**, **ARM102**, and **ARM103**

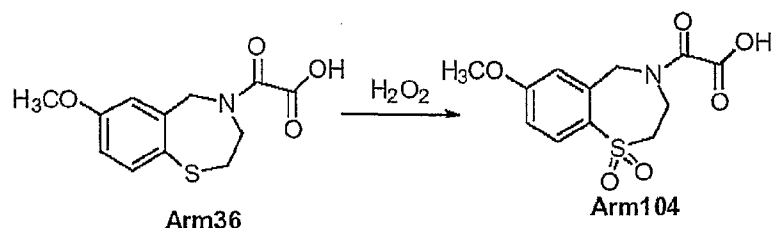


[0441] Synthesis of S101: A solution of **S68** (165 mg, 1 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (50 ml) was cooled to 0°C . To this solution, triphosgene (150 mg, 0.5 mmol) and pyridine (0.5 ml, excess) were added and stirred at 0°C for 1 hour. Without purification, the resulting S68-phosgene in the reaction mixture was treated with 1-piperonylpiperazine (233 mg, 1.1 mmol) at 0°C . After stirring at 0°C for 1 hour, the reaction mixture was washed with H_2O (2 x 10 ml), 1N HCl (2 x 10 ml) and saturated NaHCO_3 (2 x 10 ml), and the solvents were removed under reduced pressure. Purification by SiO_2 column chromatography provided **ARM101** having a yield of 80%. The structure of the product was confirmed by nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR), mass spectroscopy (MS) and/or by elemental analysis.

[0442] Synthesis of S102: **S102** was synthesized from **S68** using the same method used to synthesize **S101**, with the exception that piperidine was used in place of 1-piperonylpiperazine. The structure of the product was confirmed by nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR), mass spectroscopy (MS) and/or by elemental analysis.

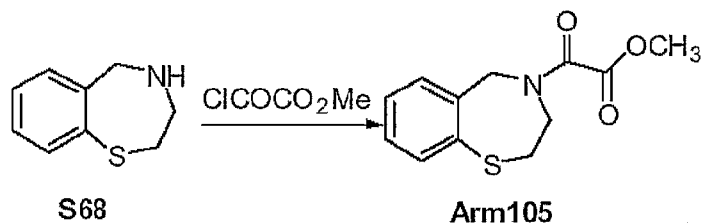
[0443] Synthesis of S103: **S103** was synthesized from **S68** using the same method used to synthesize **S101**, with the exception that N-Boc 1-piperazine was used in place of 1-piperonylpiperazine, and in a subsequent step the Boc group was deprotected using trifluoroacetic acid (TFA). The structure of the product was confirmed by nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR), mass spectroscopy (MS) and/or by elemental analysis.

Scheme 17: Synthesis of ARM104



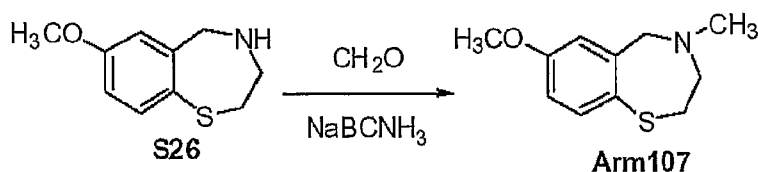
[0444] **Synthesis of S104 (ARM104)** may be accomplished as shown in Scheme 17. The following is an example of the synthesis. A mixture **ARM036 (S36)** (27 mg, 0.1 mmol), 50% H_2O_2 (1 ml), and MeOH (3 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 2 days to generate the **ARM104** product. Mass spectroscopy (MS) was used to monitor the disappearance of **ARM036** and the appearance of the product **ARM104**. The solvents were removed under reduced pressure, and the product was purified by re-crystallization. The final yield was 26 mg of **ARM104** at 85% purity. The structure of the final product was determined by nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) and/or MS.

Scheme 18: Synthesis of ARM105



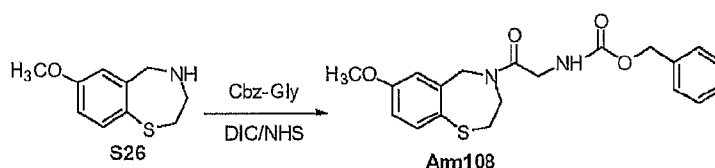
[0445] **Synthesis of S105 (ARM105)** may be accomplished as shown in Scheme 18. The following is an example of the synthesis: To a stirred solution of **S68** (80 mg, 0.48 mmol) and pyridine (0.1 ml, excess) in CH_2Cl_2 (50 ml) at 0°C , $\text{CH}_3\text{O}-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{C}(\text{O})\text{Cl}$ (70 mg, 0.58 mmol) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0°C for 2 hours and washed with 1N HCl, saturated sodium bicarbonate, and water. Removal of the solvents and purification by SiO_2 column chromatography were performed to produce the **ARM105** product as a white solid (yield: 95 mg, 94%).

Scheme 19: Synthesis of ARM107



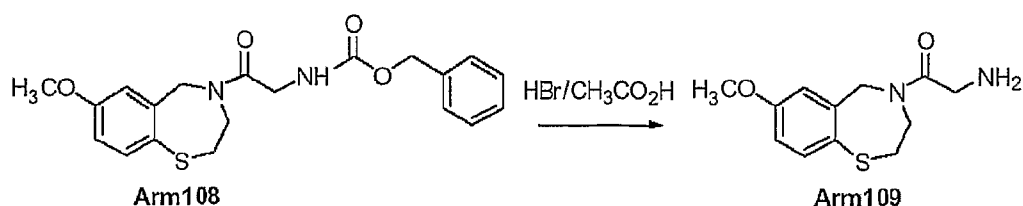
[0446] **Synthesis of S107 (ARM107)** may be accomplished as shown in Scheme 19. The following is an example of the synthesis: To **S26** (180 mg, 0.92 mmol) in MeOH (20 ml) was added 30% CH_2O solution (1.5 ml, excess) and sodium cyanoborohydride (NaBCNH_3) (0.4g excess). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature, and the pH of the solution was maintained at around pH 4-5 by addition of a few drop of 1N HCl. After 3 hours, the solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in 20 ml ethyl acetate and washed with H_2O and saturated NaHCO_3 (2 x 10 ml). The solvents were removed and the **ARM107** was purified by SiO_2 column chromatography to give a yield: 170 mg, 93%.

Scheme 20: Synthesis of ARM108



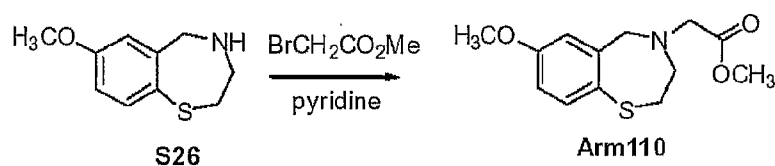
[0447] **Synthesis of S108 (ARM108)** may be accomplished as shown in Scheme 20. The following is an example of the synthesis: A mixture of N-benzyloxycarbonyl-glycine (Cbz-Gly, 129 mg, 0.61 mmol), Diisopropylcarbodiimide (DIC, 90 mg, 0.71 mmol), N-hydroxysuccinimide (NHS, 70.4 mg, 0.71 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (50 ml) was stirred for 0.5 h at room temperature. To this mixture was added **S26** (100 mg, 0.51 mmol) and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for overnight. After washing with 1N HCl (2x10ml) and saturated NaHCO_3 solution (2x10ml), the solvents were removed by evaporation. The product **ARM108** was purified by SiO_2 column chromatography, to give a yield of 120 mg, 61%.

Scheme 21: Synthesis of ARM109



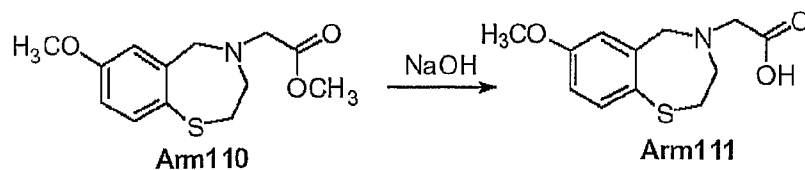
[0448] Synthesis of S109 (ARM109) may be accomplished as shown in Scheme 21. The following is an example of the synthesis: ARM108 (40 mg, 0.1 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (5 ml) was treated with 1 ml of 30% $\text{HBr/CH}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H}$. After stirring at room temperature overnight, the reaction mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in MeOH (3 ml) and treated with propylene oxide (1 ml). The solvents were removed under reduced pressure to provide crude ARM109 which was further purified by dissolving in 0.15 N $\text{HCl H}_2\text{O}$ solution (3.5 ml), followed by washing with ethyl acetate (3 ml) and evaporation. The yield of ARM109 was 28.3 mg, 95% (white powder, HCl salt).

Scheme 22: Synthesis of ARM110



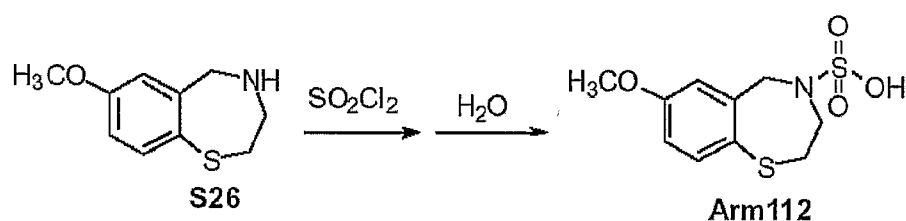
[0449] Synthesis of S110 (ARM110) may be accomplished as shown in Scheme 22. The following is an example of the synthesis: A mixture of S26 (100 mg, 0.51 mmol) and methyl 1-bromoacetate (100 mg, 1.2 eq.) and pyridine (50mg) in DMF (*what is DMF?*) (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature overnight. To this mixture, ethyl acetate (50 ml) was added and washed with saturated NaHCO_3 solution (2x10ml) and H_2O (2x10ml). The product ARM110 as an oil was purified by SiO_2 column chromatography, to give a yield of 32 mg, 23%.

Scheme 23: Synthesis of ARM111



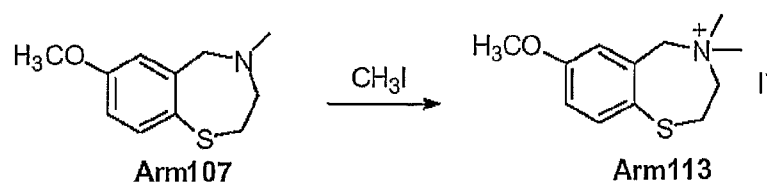
[0450] **Synthesis of S111 (ARM111)** may be accomplished as shown in Scheme 23. The following is an example of the synthesis: To a mixture of **ARM110** (16 mg, 0.06 mmol) in MeOH (2 ml) was added 1N NaOH (0.1 ml) and the mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. The solvents were removed under reduced pressure and the residue was dissolved in H₂O (10 ml). The aqueous phase was washed with ethyl acetate (2x5 ml) and acidified with 1N HCl to pH=4. Removal of the solvents under reduced pressure provided crude **ARM111**. The NaCl was removed using ethanol to yield pure **ARM111** as solid, having a yield of 13mg, 87%.

Scheme 24: Synthesis of Arm112



[0451] **Synthesis of S112 (ARM112)** may be accomplished as shown in Scheme 24. The following is an example of the synthesis: To a mixture of **S26** (100 mg, 0.51 mmol) and pyridine (100mg) in CH₂Cl₂ (20 ml), SO₂Cl₂ (89 mg, 1.2 eq.) was added drop-wise at 0°C and stirred at room temperature overnight. The solvents were removed under reduced pressure and the residue was dissolved in 5.5 ml NaOH solution (5 ml H₂O +0.5 ml 1N NaOH). The water solution was washed with ethyl acetate (2x5 ml), and acidified with 1N HCl to pH 4. The aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (3x5ml) and the ethyl acetate phase was evaporated under reduced pressure to provide **ARM 112**, as powder, with a yield of 9 mg.

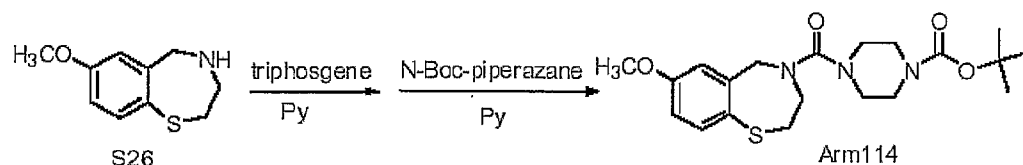
Scheme 25: Synthesis of ARM113



[0452] **Synthesis of S113 (ARM113)** may be accomplished as shown in Scheme 25. The following is an example of the synthesis: **ARM107** (45 mg, 0.21 mmol) in ethyl acetate (2 ml) was treated with CH₃I (200 mg, excess). The mixture was stirred at room temperature

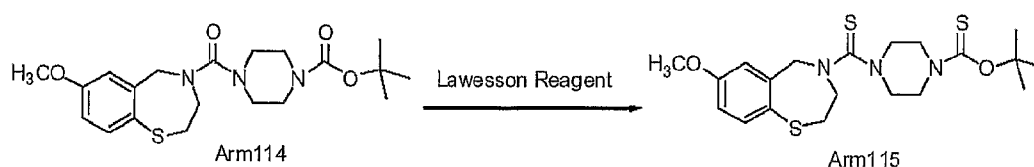
overnight and the product **ARM113**, as white solid, was collected by filtration to give a yield of 69 mg, 97%.

Scheme 25A: Synthesis of Arm114



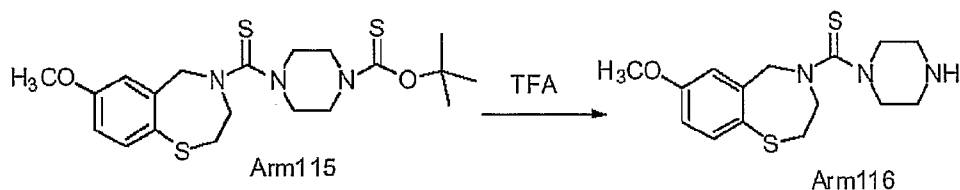
[0453] **Synthesis of S114 (ARM114)** may be accomplished as shown in Scheme 25A. The following is an example of the synthesis. **S26** (195 mg, 1mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (50 ml) was cooled to 0°C . To this solution, triphosgene (150 mg, 0.5 mmol) and pyridine (0.5 ml, excess) was added and stirred at 0°C for 1 hour. Without purification, the resulting S26-phosgene in the reaction mixture was treated with N-Boc 1-piperazine (200 mg, 1.1 mmol) at 0°C . After stirring at 0°C for 1 hour, the reaction mixture was washed with H_2O (2X10 ml), 1N HCl (2X10 ml), and saturated NaHCO_3 (2X10 ml), and the solvents were removed under reduced pressure. Purification by SiO_2 column chromatography provided **ARM114** with a yield of 80%.

Scheme 26: Synthesis of Arm115



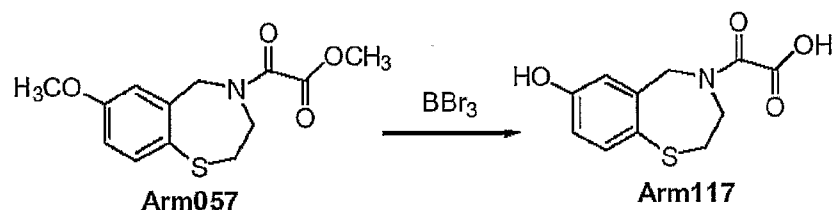
[0454] **Synthesis of S115 (ARM115)** may be accomplished as shown in Scheme 26. The following is an example of the synthesis: A mixture of **ARM114** (200mg, 0.49 mmol) and Lawesson Reagent (400 mg) in toluene (50 ml) was stirred at 90°C for 5 hours. The mixture was cooled to room temperature and washed with saturated NaHCO_3 (2x20ml). The product **ARM115** was purified by SiO_2 column chromatography to give a yield of 160 mg, 75%.

Scheme 27: Synthesis of Arm116



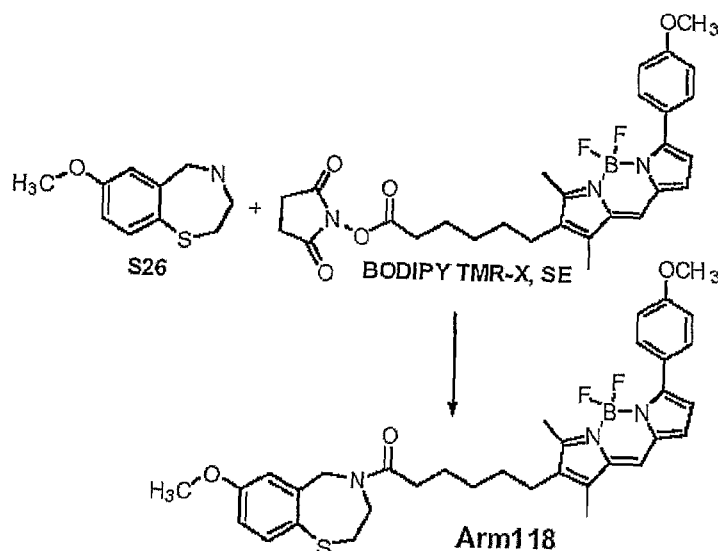
[0455] Synthesis of S116 (ARM116) may be accomplished as shown in Scheme 27. The following is an example of the synthesis: A mixture of **ARM115** (10mg, 0.02 mmol) and trifluoroacetic acid (TFA, 0.5 ml) in CH_2Cl_2 (10 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours. Evaporation of the solvents under reduced pressure produced **ARM116** with yield of 6 mg, 92%.

Scheme 28: Synthesis of Arm117



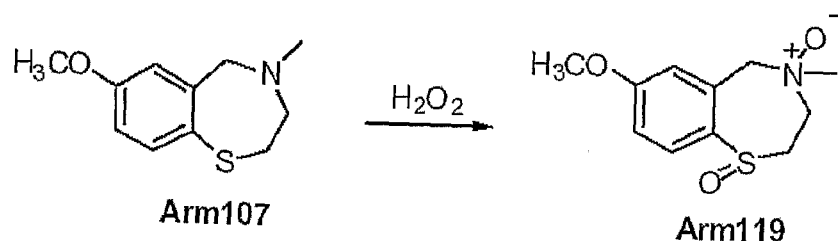
[0456] Synthesis of S117 (ARM117) may be accomplished as shown in Scheme 28. The following is an example of the synthesis: A solution of **ARM057** (200mg, 0.71 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (20 ml) was cooled to -78°C . To this, 1M BBr_3 in CH_2Cl_2 (1 ml) was added, and the mixture was stirred at -78°C for 3 hours and then warmed to room temperature overnight. The mixture was washed with 1N HCl (2x10 ml) and H_2O (1x10ml). After removal of the solvents, the product **ARM117** was purified by SiO_2 column chromatography to give a yield of 60 mg, 33%.

Scheme 29 Synthesis of Arm118



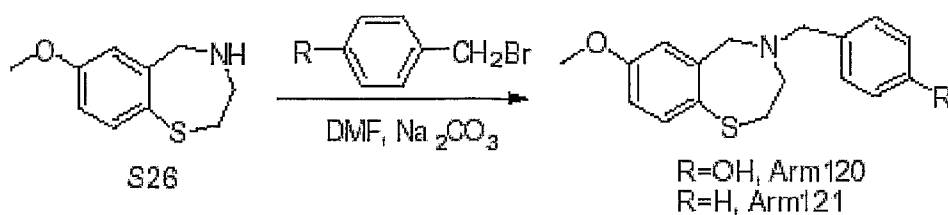
[0457] **Synthesis of S118 (ARM118)** may be accomplished as shown in Scheme 29. The following is an example of the synthesis: **S26** (3.6 mg, 0.018 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (3 ml) was treated with BODIPY TMR-X, SE (Molecular Probes Inc.) (4 mg, 0.006 mmol) for 3 hours. The mixture was washed with 0.01 N HCl (2x1ml) and saturated NaHCO_3 (2x1ml). Removal of the solvents under reduced pressure yielded pure **ARM118** (98%).

Scheme 30: Synthesis of ARM119



[0458] **Synthesis of S119 (ARM119)** may be accomplished as shown in Scheme 30. The following is an example of the synthesis: A mixture **ARM107** (50 mg, 0.24 mmol), 50% H_2O_2 (1 ml), MeOH (3 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 2 days (mass spectrometry was used to monitor the disappearance of **ARM107** and the formation of the product). The solvents were removed under reduced pressure to give **ARM110**, having a yield of 26 mg, 45%.

Scheme 31: Synthesis of ARM120 and ARM 121



[0459] Synthesis of S120 (ARM120) and S121 (ARM121) may be accomplished as shown in Scheme 31. The following is an example of the synthesis: A mixture **S26** (195 mg, 1 mmol), benzyl bromide (1.1 mmol) and Na_2CO_3 (10 mmol) in DMF (10 ml) was stirred overnight. Ethyl acetate (30 ml) was added to the reaction, and then the reaction was washed with H_2O (4x10 ml). The organic phase was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by column chromatography to give **S121** as a white powder, with a yield of 280 mg, at 98%. **S120** was similarly synthesized, but using 4-OH-benzyl bromide instead of benzyl bromide.

[0460] Synthesis of S122 (ARM122) (LB21300-30). The following is an example of the synthesis: To a cold solution of compound **S26** (250 mg, 1.28 mmol, 1 equivalent) in CH_2Cl_2 (50mL) at 0°C was added DIEA (0.67 mL, 3.8 mmol, 3.0 equivalent), followed by acetoxyacetyl chloride (0.17 mL, 1.58 mmol, 1.24 equivalent). Then, the reaction mixture was stirred at 0°C for 20 min, diluted with 1.0 M HCl aqueous solution (100 mL) and extracted by CH_2Cl_2 (3x50 mL). The combined organic layers were washed (H_2O , brine), dried (Na_2SO_4), filtered, and evaporated to dry. The crude product was purified by chromatography on a silica gel column, eluting with a gradient increasing in polarity from 0 to 50% petroleum in ethyl acetate. Relevant fractions were combined to give the desired compound (350 mg, 93%).

[0461] Synthesis of S123 (ARM123) (LB21300-34). The following is an example of the synthesis: To a solution of compound **S122** (287 mg, 0.97 mmol, 1 equivalent) in MeOH (5mL) and THF (8 mL) at 23°C was added LiOH (140 mg, 3.33 mmol, 3.44 equivalent in H_2O 5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 23°C for 20 minutes, diluted with 1.0 M HCl aqueous solution (100 mL) and extracted by CH_2Cl_2 (3x50 mL). The combined organic layers were washed (H_2O , brine), dried (Na_2SO_4), filtered and evaporated to dry. The crude product was purified by chromatography on a silica gel column, eluting with a gradient increasing in

polarity from 0 to 70% petroleum in ethyl acetate. Relevant fractions were combined to give **S123** (244 mg, 100%).

EXAMPLE 5 – HIGH-THROUGHPUT SCREENING METHOD

[0462] Assays for screening biologically-active small molecules have been developed. These assays are based on rebinding of FKBP12 protein to RyR.

[0463] A highly-efficient assay for high-throughput screening for small molecules is developed by immobilization of FKBP12.6 (GST-fusion protein) onto a 96-well plate coated with glutathione. PKA-phosphorylated ryanodine receptor type 2 (RyR2) is loaded onto the FKBP12.6-coated plate, and incubated with JTV-519 analogues at various concentrations (10-100 nM) for 30 min. Thereafter, the plate is washed to remove the unbound RyR2, and then incubated with anti-RyR2 antibody for 30 min. The plate is again washed to remove unbound anti-RyR2 antibody, and then treated with florescent-labeled secondary antibody. The plate is read by an automatic fluorescent plate reader for binding activity.

[0464] In an alternative assay, RyR2 is PKA-phosphorylated in the presence of ^{32}P -ATP. Radioactive PKA-phosphorylated RyR2 is loaded onto an FKBP12.6-coated, 96-well plate, in the presence of JTV-519 analogues at various concentrations (10-100 nM) for 30 min. The plate is washed to remove the unbound radiolabeled RyR2, and then read by an automatic plate reader.

EXAMPLE 6 – EFFECT OF ARM036 COMPOUNDS ON hERG CURRENTS

[0465] The effects of the compounds of the invention on hERG currents were studied using cultured human embryonic kidney 293 (HEK 293) cells which had been stably tranfected with hERG cDNA. HEK 293 cells do not express endogenous hERG. HEK293 cells were transfected with a plasmid containing the hERG cDNA and a neomycin resistance gene. Stable transfectants were selected by culturing the cells in the presence of G418. The selection pressure was maintained by continued culture in the presence of G418. Cells were cultures in Dulbecco's Modified Eagle Medium/Nutreint Mixture F-12 (D-MEM/F-12) supplemented with 10% fetal bovin serum, 199U/ml penicillin G sodium, 10 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ streptomycin sulfate and 500 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ G418. Cells for use in electrophysiology were cultured in 35 mm dishes.

[0466] Electrophysiological recordings (using the whole-cell patch clamp method) were performed at room temperature (18°C-24°C). Each cell acted as its own control. The effect of

ARM0036 was evaluated at two concentrations: 10 and 100 μ M. Each concentration was tested in at least three cells ($n \geq 3$). 90 nM Cisapride (commercially available from TOCRIS Bioscience) was used as a positive control for hERG blockade. For recording, cells were transferred to the recording chamber and superfused with vehicle control solution. The patch pipette solution for whole cell recording contained 130 mM potassium aspartate, 5 mM MgCl₂, 5 mM EGTA, 4 mM ATP and 10 mM HEPES. The pH was adjusted to 7.2 with KOH. The pipette solution was prepared in batches, aliquoted, and stored frozen. A fresh aliquot was thawed and used each day. Patch pipettes were made from glass capillary tubing using a P-97 micropipette puller (Sutter Instruments, Novato, CA). A commercial patch clamp amplifier was used for whole cell recordings. Before digitization, current records were low-pass filtered at one-fifth of the sampling frequency.

[0467] Onset and steady state block of hERG current was measured using a pulse pattern with fixed amplitudes (conditioning prepulse: +20 mV for 2 seconds; test pulse: -50 mV for 2 seconds) repeated at 10 second intervals, from a holding potential of -80 mV. Peak tail current was measured during the 2 second step to -50 mV. A steady state was maintained for at least 30 seconds before applying the test compound or the positive control. Peak tail current was monitored until a new steady state was achieved. Test compound concentrations were applied cumulatively in ascending order without washout between applications.

[0468] Data acquisition and analysis was performed using the suite of pCLAMP (Vre. 8.2) programs (Axon Instruments, Union City, CA). Steady state was defined by the limiting constant rate of change with time (linear time dependence). The steady state before and after application of the test or control compounds was used to calculate the percentage of current inhibited at each concentration. Concentration-response data were fit to an equation of the form:

$$\%Block = \{1 - 1/[Test]/IC_{50})^N\} \times 100$$

[0469] where [Test] is the concentration of the test compound, IC₅₀ (inhibitory concentration 50) is the concentration of the test compound producing half-maximal inhibition, N is the Hill coefficient, and % Block is the percentage of hERG current inhibited at each concentration of the test compound. Nonlinear squares fits were solved with the Solver add-in for Excel 2000 (Microsoft, Redmond, WA). For some compounds it was not possible to determine the IC₅₀ because the highest concentration of the test compound used did not block the hERG channel by 50% or more.

EXAMPLE 7 – EFFECT OF VARIOUS COMPOUNDS ON hERG CURRENTS

[0470] Multiple compounds of the invention were tested for their effects on hERG currents. The compounds tested were: ARM036-Na ARM047, ARM048, ARM050, ARM057, ARM064, ARM074, ARM075, ARM076, ARM077, ARM101, ARM102, ARM103, ARM104, ARM106, ARM107 and ARM26. By way of comparison, the effect of JTV-519 (referred to in the figures as ARM0XX) on hERG currents was also tested.

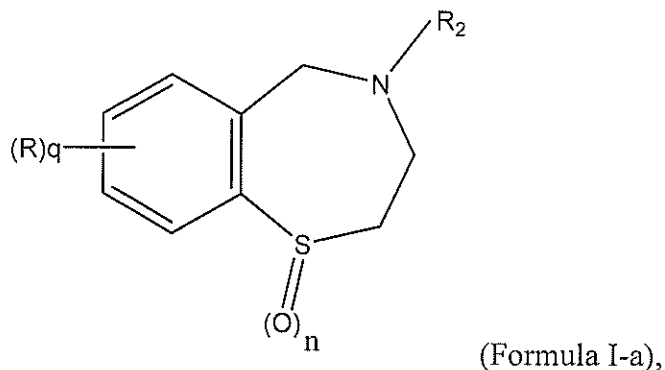
Electrophysiological recordings were made using the PatchXpress 7000A (Molecular Devices) automatic parallel patch clamp system. Each compound was tested at 0.01, 0.1, 1 and 10mM, with each concentration tested in 2 cells ($n > 2$). The duration of exposure to each test concentration was 5 minutes. Other aspects of the experimental protocols were essentially similar to those described in Example 6. For some compounds it was not possible to determine the IC_{50} because the highest concentration of the test compound used did not block the hERG channel by 50% or more.

[0471] All publications, references, patents and patent applications cited herein are incorporated by reference in their entirety to the same extent as if each individual application, patent or patent application was specifically and individually indicated to be incorporated by reference in its entirety.

[0472] While the foregoing invention has been described in some detail for purposes of clarity and understanding, it will be appreciated by one skilled in the art, from a reading of the disclosure, that various changes in form and detail can be made without departing from the true scope of the invention in the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A compound having formula I-a:



or an enantiomer, diastereomer, tautomer, pharmaceutically acceptable salt, hydrate, solvate, complex, or prodrug thereof, wherein

n is 0, 1, or 2;

q is 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4;

each R is independently halogen, -OH, -NH₂, -NO₂, -CN, -CF₃, -OCF₃, -N₃, -SO₃H, -S(=O)₂alkyl, -S(=O)alkyl, -OS(=O)₂CF₃, acyl, -O-acyl, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, alkylaryl, heteroaryl, heterocycl, heterocyclalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, (hetero-)aryl, (hetero-)arylthio, or (hetero-)arylamino; wherein each acyl, -O-acyl, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, alkylaryl, heteroaryl, heterocycl, heterocyclalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, (hetero-)aryl, (hetero-)arylthio, and (hetero-)arylamino may be substituted; and

R₂ is H, -C(=O)R₅, -C(=S)R₆, -SO₂R₇, -P(=O)R₈R₉, -(CH₂)_m-R₁₀, alkyl, aryl, alkylaryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, or heterocycl; wherein each alkyl, aryl, alkylaryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, and heterocycl may be substituted.

R₅ is -NR₁₅R₁₆, alkyl substituted with -NR₁₅R₁₆, -NHNHNR₁₅R₁₆, -NHOH, -OR₁₅, -C(=O)NHNHNR₁₅R₁₆, -CO₂R₁₅, -C(=O)NR₁₅R₁₆, -CH₂X, acyl, alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, alkylaryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heterocycl, or heterocyclalkyl; wherein each acyl, alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, alkylaryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heterocycl, and heterocyclalkyl may be substituted;

R₆ is -OR₁₅, -NHNHNR₁₅R₁₆, -NHOH, -NR₁₅R₁₆, -CH₂X, acyl, alkenyl, alkyl, aryl, alkylaryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heterocycl, or heterocyclalkyl; wherein each acyl, alkenyl, alkyl, aryl, alkylaryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heterocycl, and heterocyclalkyl may be substituted;

R₇ is -OR₁₅, -NR₁₅R₁₆, -NHNHNR₁₅R₁₆, -NHOH, -CH₂X, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, alkylaryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, or heterocyclylalkyl; wherein each alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, alkylaryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl may be substituted;

R₈ and R₉ independently are OH, acyl, alkenyl, alkoxyl, alkyl, alkylamino, aryl, alkylaryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, or heterocyclylalkyl; wherein each acyl, alkenyl, alkoxyl, alkyl, alkylamino, aryl, alkylaryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl may be substituted;

R₁₀ is -NR₁₅R₁₆, -OH, -SO₂R₁₁, -NHSO₂R₁₁, C(=O)R₁₂, NHC=OR₁₂, -OC=OR₁₂, or -P(=O)R₁₃R₁₄;

R₁₁, R₁₂, R₁₃, and R₁₄ independently are H, -OH, -NH₂, -NHNH₂, -NHOH, acyl, alkenyl, alkoxyl, alkyl, alkylamino, aryl, alkylaryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, or heterocyclylalkyl; wherein each acyl, alkenyl, alkoxyl, alkyl, alkylamino, aryl, alkylaryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl may be substituted;

X is halogen, -CN, -CO₂R₁₅, -C(=O)NR₁₅R₁₆, -NR₁₅R₁₆, -OR₁₅, -SO₂R₇, or -P(=O)R₈R₉;

R₁₅ and R₁₆ independently are H, acyl, alkenyl, alkoxyl, -OH, -NH₂, alkyl, alkylamino, aryl, alkylaryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, or heterocyclylalkyl; wherein each acyl, alkenyl, alkoxyl, alkyl, alkylamino, aryl, alkylaryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl may be substituted; or optionally R₁₅ and R₁₆ together with the N to which they are bonded may form a heterocycle which may be substituted I; and

the nitrogen in the benzothiazepine ring may optionally be a quaternary nitrogen; or

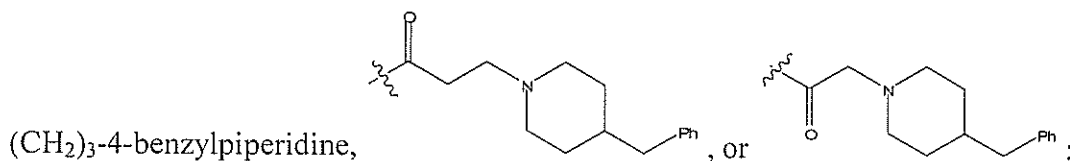
an enantiomer, diastereomer, tautomer, pharmaceutically acceptable salt, hydrate, solvate, complex, or prodrug thereof;

provided that when q is 0 and n is 0, then R₂ is not H, Me, Et, -C(=O)NH₂, -C(=O)NHPh, -C(=S)NH-nButyl, -C(=O)NHC(=O)CH₂Cl, -C(=O)H, -C(=O)Me, -C(=O)Et, -C(=O)CH=CH₂, -S(=O)₂Me, -S(=O)₂Et, -C(=O)O(CH₃)₃, 9-β-D-ribofuranosyl-9H-purin-6-yl or -C(=O)Ph;

further provided that when q is 0 and n is 1 or 2, then R₂ is not H, -C(=O)Me, -C(=O)Et, -S(=O)₂Me, -S(=O)₂Et or -C(=O)O(CH₃)₃;

further provided that when q is 1, and R is Me, Cl, CN and F at the 6 position of the benzothiazepine ring or Br at position 7 of the benzothiazepine ring, then R₂ is not H, Me, -C(=O)H, -C(=O)Me, -C(=O)Et, -C(=O)Ph, -S(=O)₂Me, S(=O) Me, or -S(=O)₂Et;

further provided that when q is 1, n is 0, and R is OH or C₁-C₃ alkoxy at the 7 position of the benzothiazepine ring, then R₂ is not H, -C(=O)CH=CH₂, C(=O)CH₂Br; -



further provided that the compound is not S1, S3, S4, S6, S7, S20, S24, S25, S26, S27, or S36;

further provided that when q is 0, n is 0 or 2, R₂ is not -C=ONHPh, -C=ONHCOCH₂Cl, -C=ONH₂, -C=ONH(n-Bu), -C=S(NHPh), -C=S(NHCOCH₂Cl), -C=S(NH₂), -C=SNH(n-Bu), -CH₂CH₂N(Me)₂, -CH₂CH₂NH₂ or -C=OCHCl₂;

further provided that when q is 2, each R is methoxy at positions 7 and 8 or 7 and 9 of the benzothiazepine ring and n is 0, then R₂ is not H;

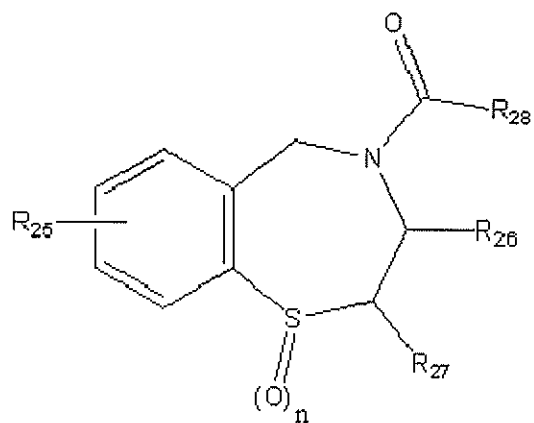
further provided that when q is 0 and n is 0, then R₂ is not methyl, benzotriazolylmethyl, 4-methoxybenzyl, Ph-C≡C-CH₂-, 4-chlorobenzyl, ethyl, pentyl, -CH₂P(O)(OCH₂CH₃)₂, Ph-CO-CH₂CH₂-, C(=O)CH=CH₂ and C(=O)CH₂Br;

further provided that when q is 1, R is CH₃ at position 9 of the benzothiazepine ring, and n is 0, then R₂ is not methyl, benzotriazolylmethyl, pentyl, -CH₂P(O)(OCH₂CH₃)₂ or 4-methoxybenzyl.

further provided that when q is 1, n is 0, R is -OCH₃ at the 7 position of the benzothiazepine ring, then R₂ is not -C(=O)CH₂I, -C(=O)C(=O)OH, (4-benzylpiperidin-1-yl)propyl, -S(=O)₂R₁₉, -S(=O)₂NR₂₀, -C(=O)NHR₂₀ or -C(=O)OR₂₀, wherein R₁₉ is R₂₀ or alkenyl; R₂₀ is aryl, alkyl, -(CH₂)_jN(R₂₁)₂, or -(CH₂)_jSR₂₁; j is 0, 1, 2, or 3; and R₂₁ is alkyl or cycloalkyl;

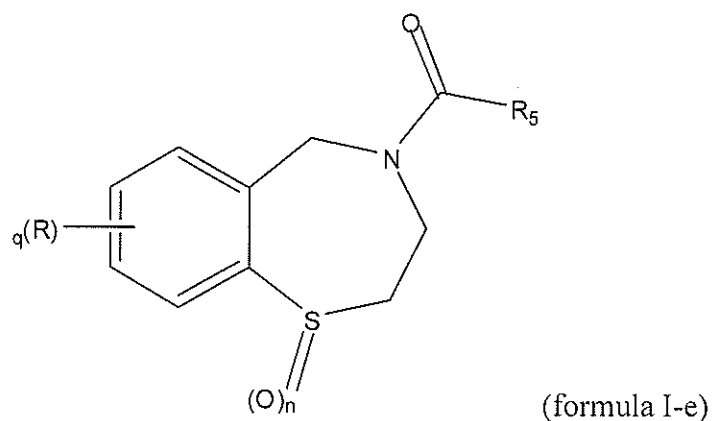
further provided that when q is 1, n is 1 or 2, and R is -OCH₃ at the 7 position of the benzothiazepine ring, then R₂ is not CO(CH₂)_tN(R₂₁)₂, SO₂(CH₂)_tN(R₂₁)₂, SO₂NH(CH₂)_tN(R₂₁)₂; CO(CH₂)_tSR₂₁, SO₂(CH₂)_tSR₂₁, or SO₂NH(CH₂)_tSR₂₁, and t is 1, 2 or 3; and

further provided that the following structure is excluded from formula I-a



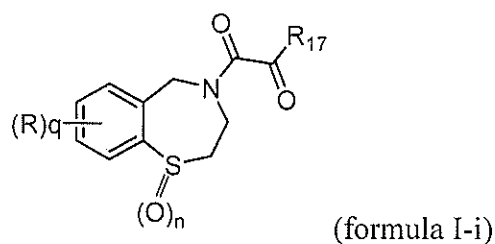
wherein R_{26} and R_{27} are H; and R_{28} is alkenyl, carboxylic acid, or an alkyl containing O, S, or N.

2. The compound of claim 1 having formula I-e:



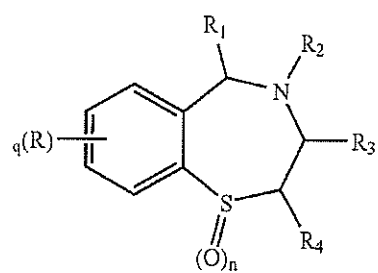
wherein R_5 is $-NR_{15}R_{16}$; or

formula I-i:



wherein R_{17} is $-NR_{15}R_{16}$, $-NHN R_{15}R_{16}$, $-NHOH$, $-OR_{15}$, $-CH_2X$, alkenyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, or heterocyclylalkyl, each alkenyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl may be substituted; or

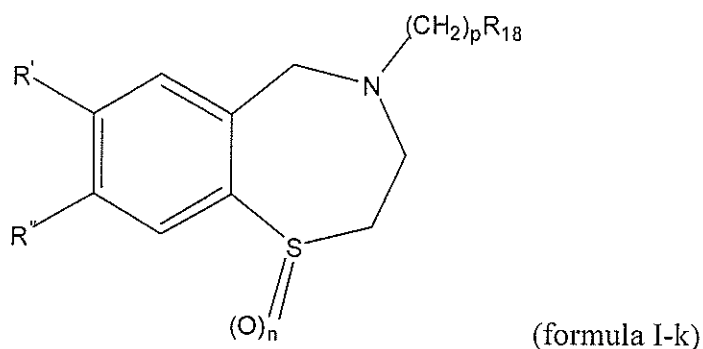
formula I:



(formula I)

wherein R_1 , R_3 , and R_4 are H, and R_2 is $-(CH_2)_m-R_{10}$; or

formula I-k :



wherein R' and R'' independently are the same as R; R₁₈ is H, -NR₁₅R₁₆, -C(=O)NR₁₅R₁₆, -C(=O)OR₁₅, -OR₁₅, alkyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, or heterocyclyl, each alkyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, and heterocyclyl may be substituted; and p is 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, or 10;

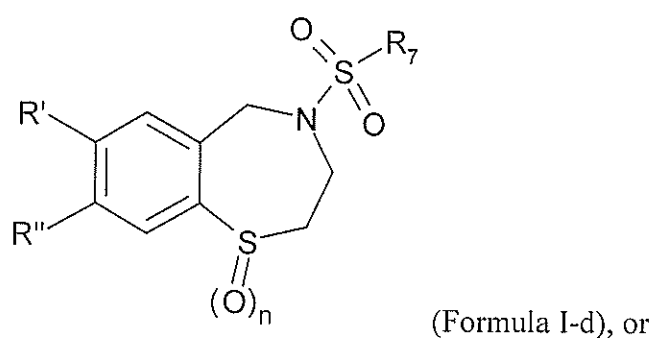
wherein

n, q, R, R₁₀, R₁₅, and R₁₆ and X are as defined in claim 1,

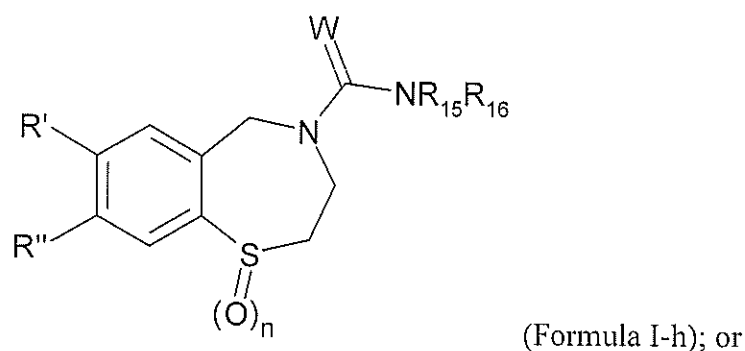
m is 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8;

or an enantiomer, diastereomer, tautomer, pharmaceutically acceptable salt, hydrate, solvate, complex, or prodrug thereof.

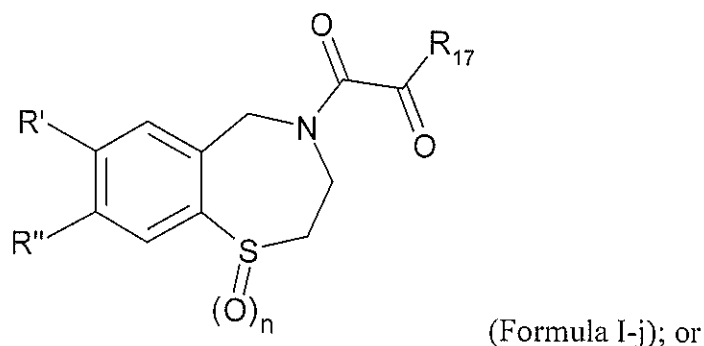
3. The compound of claim 1 having formula I-d:



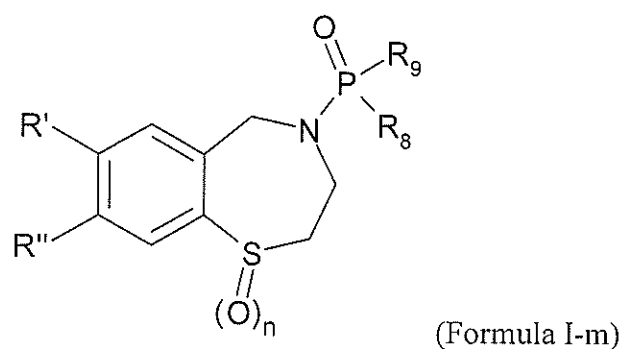
formula I-h:



formula I-j:



formula I-m:



wherein:

R' and R'' independently are the same as R;

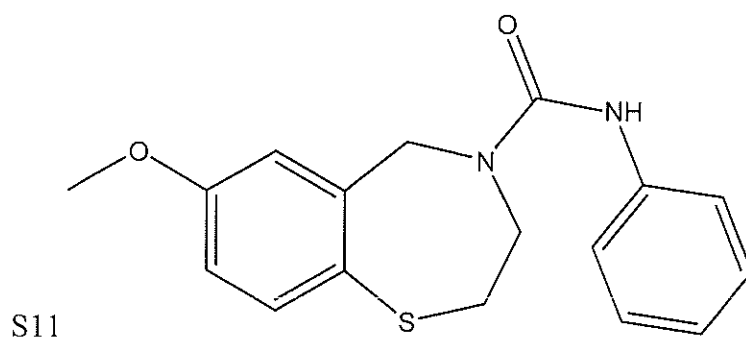
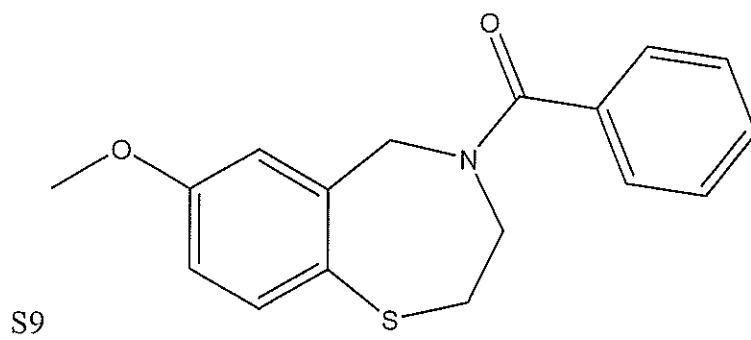
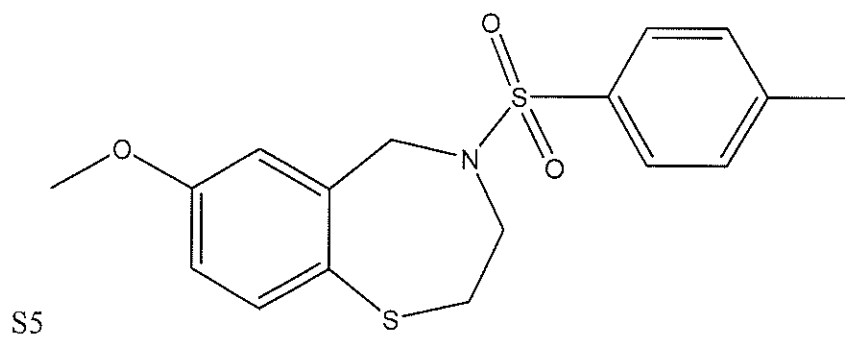
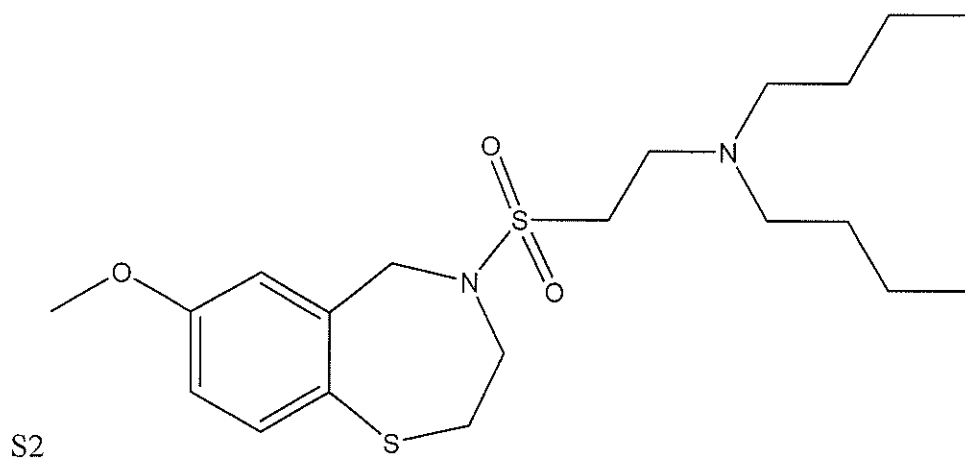
n, R, R₇, X are as defined in claim 1,

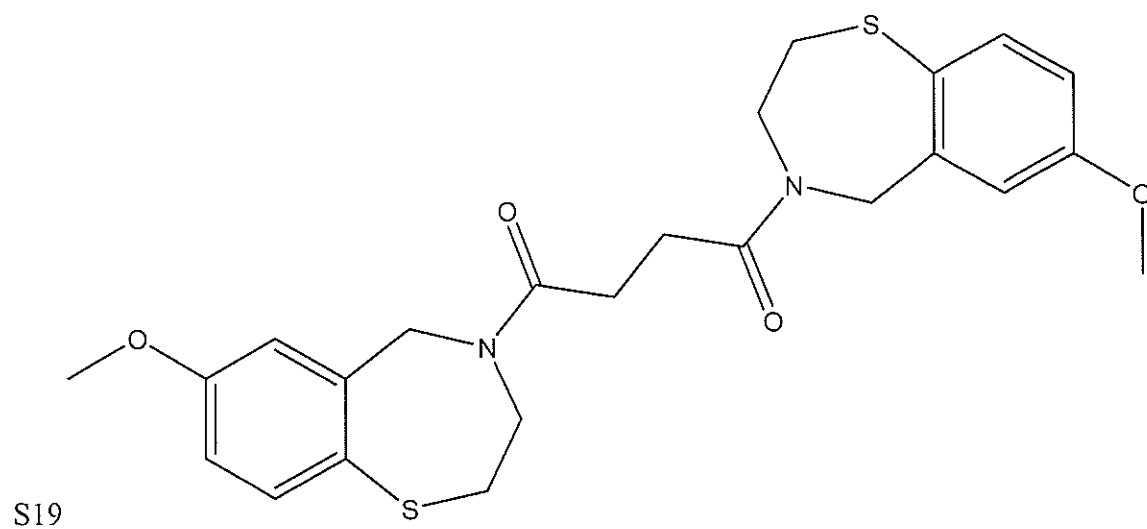
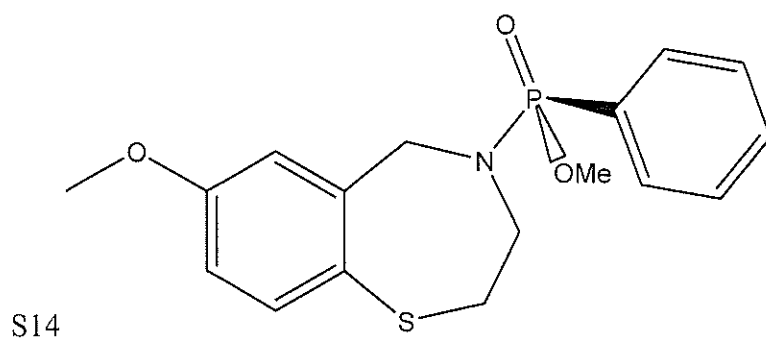
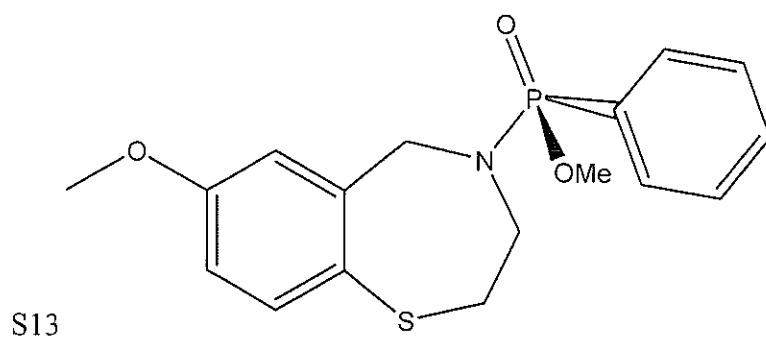
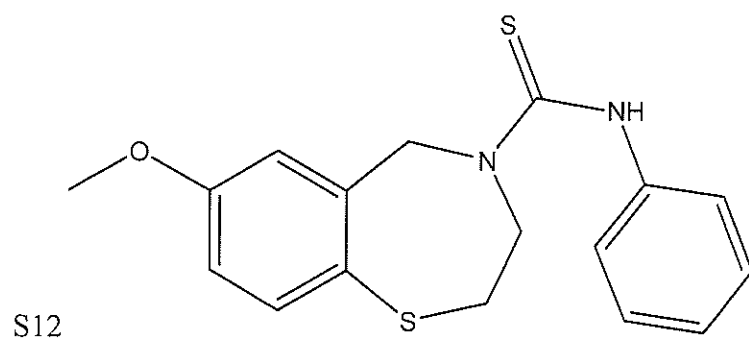
R₁₇ is -NR₁₅R₁₆, -NHNHNR₁₅R₁₆, -NHOH, -OR₁₅, -CH₂X, alkenyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, or heterocyclylalkyl, each alkenyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl may be substituted;

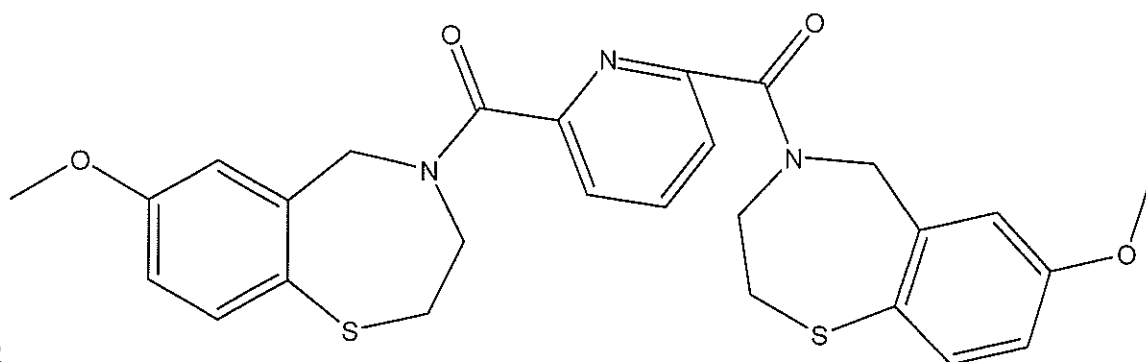
R₁₅ and R₁₆ independently are H, acyl, alkenyl, alkoxyl, -OH, -NH₂, alkyl, alkylamino, aryl, alkylaryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, or heterocyclylalkyl; wherein each acyl, alkenyl, alkoxyl, alkyl, alkylamino, aryl, alkylaryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl may be substituted; and optionally R₁₅ and R₁₆ together with the N to which they are bonded may form a heterocycle which may be substituted;

or an enantiomer, diastereomer, tautomer, pharmaceutically acceptable salt, hydrate, solvate, or complex thereof.

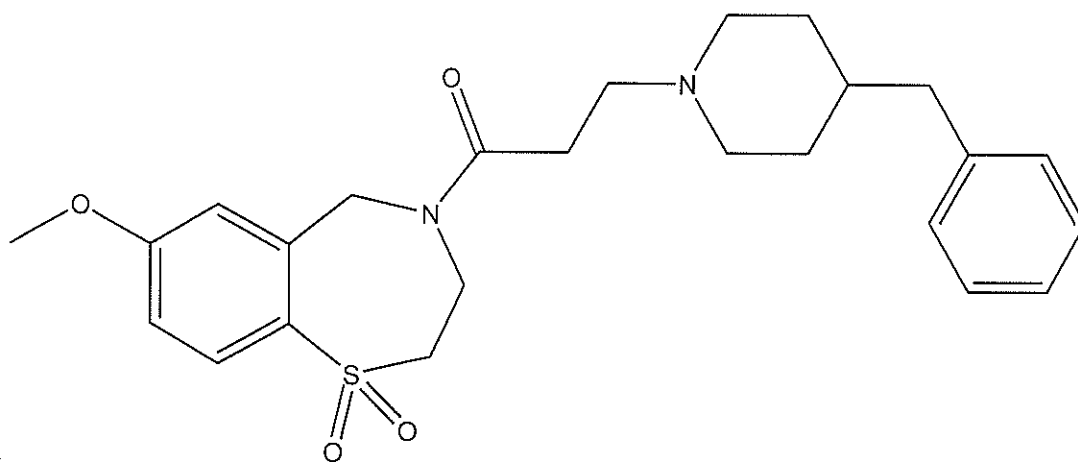
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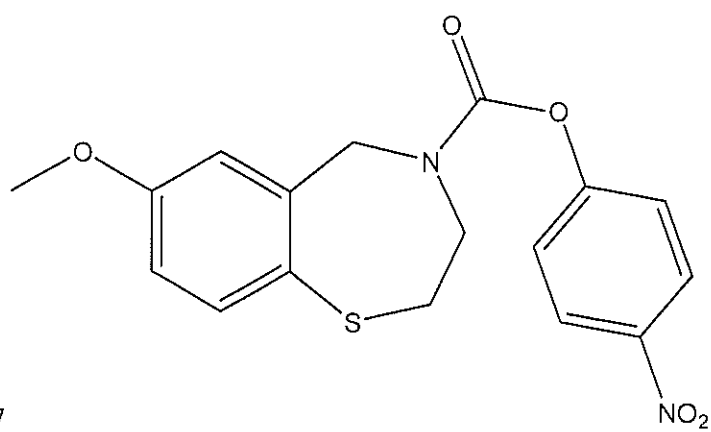




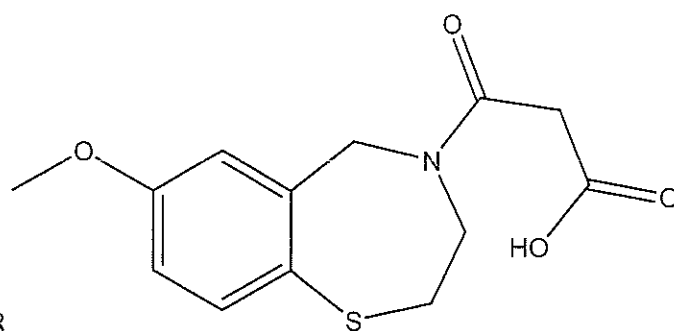
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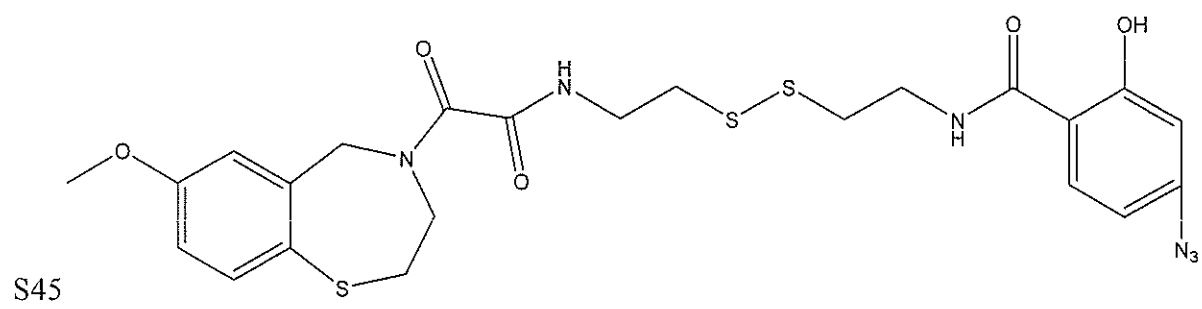
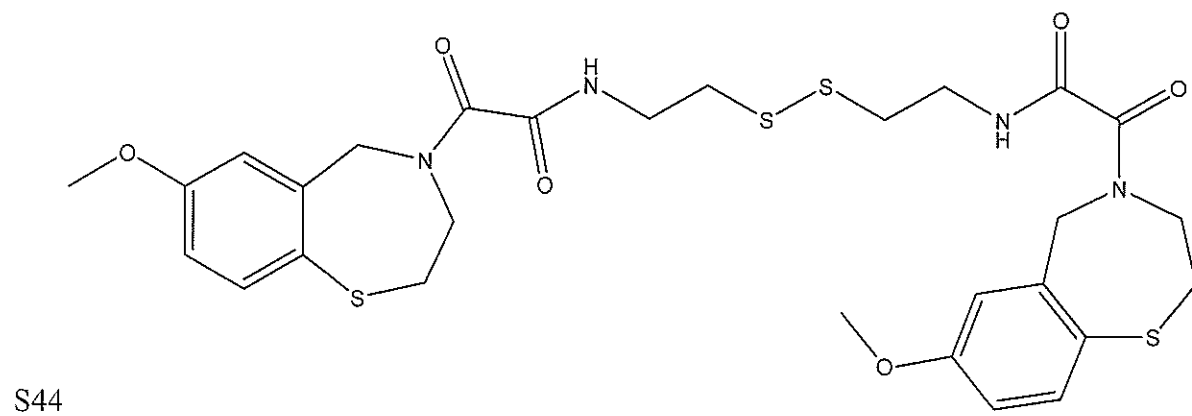
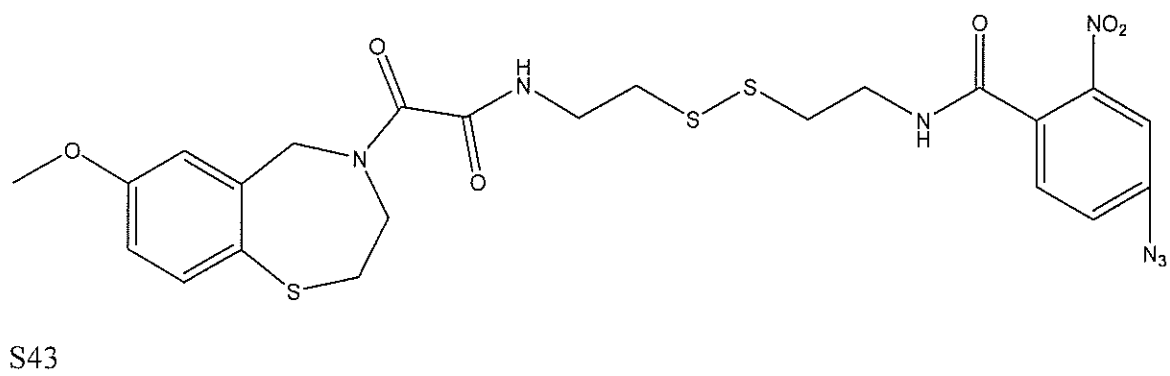
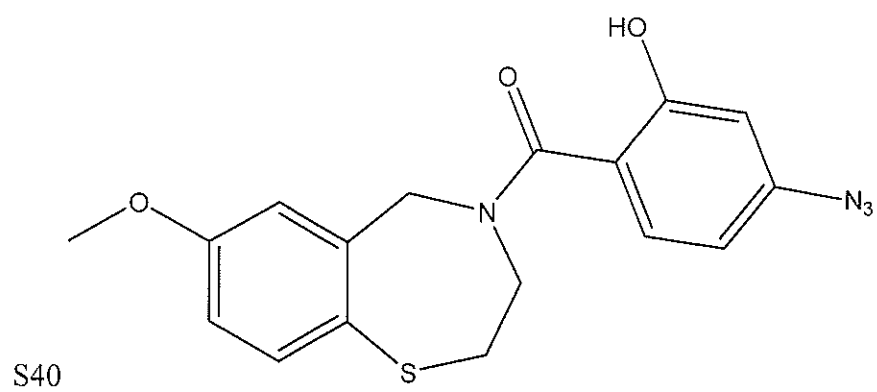
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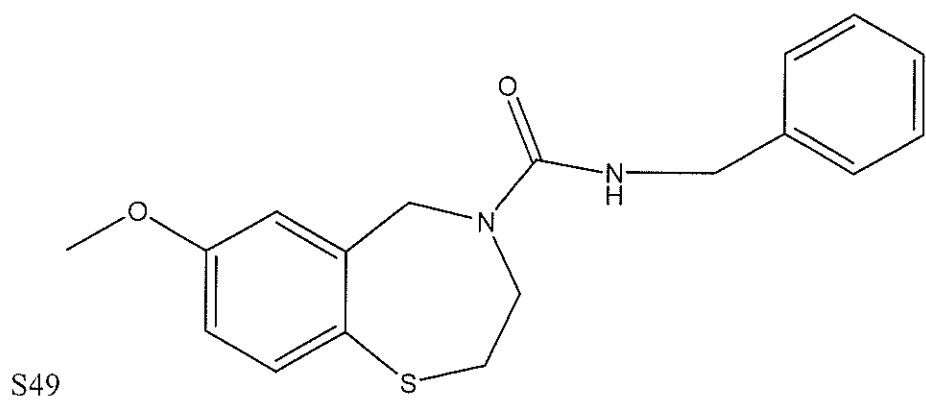
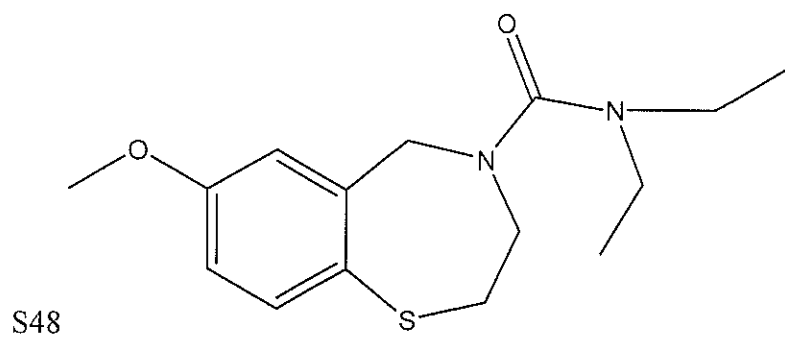
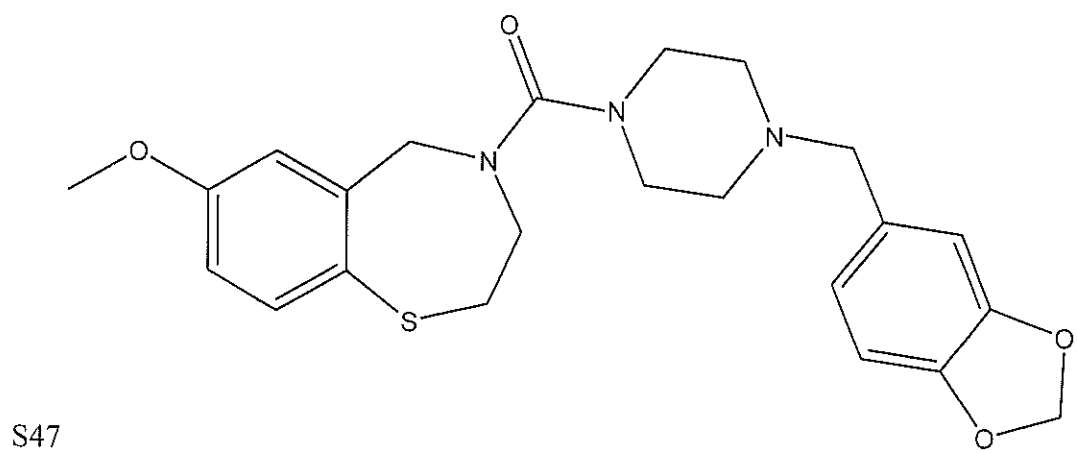
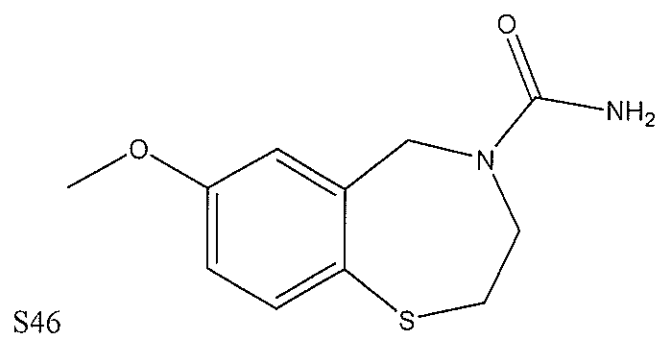


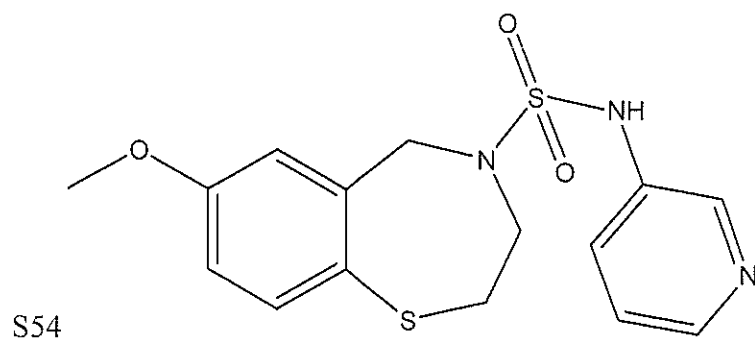
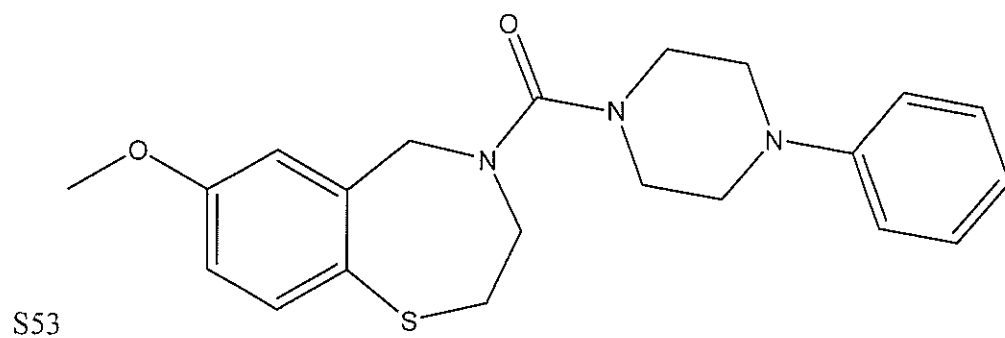
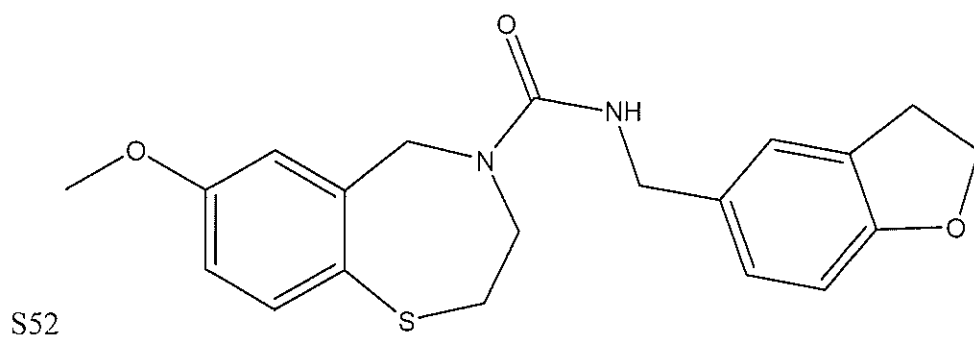
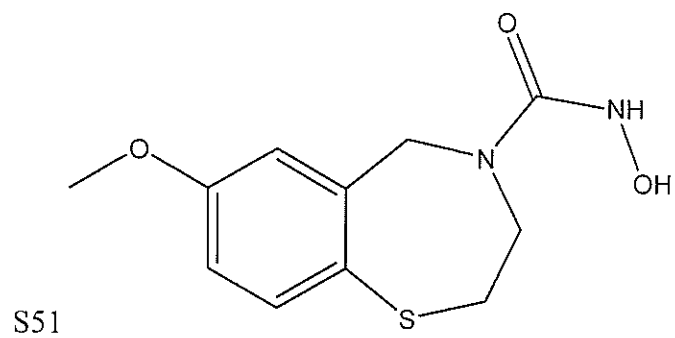
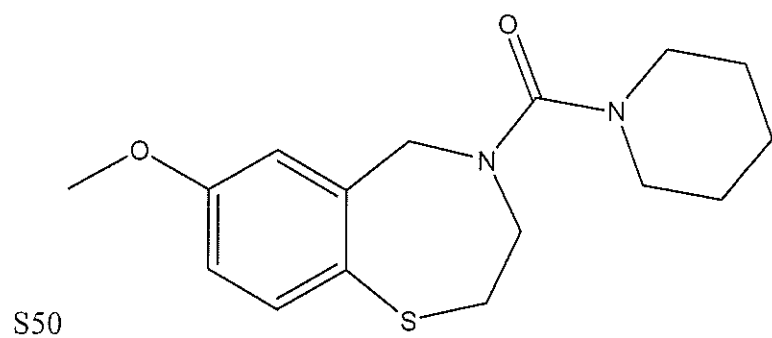
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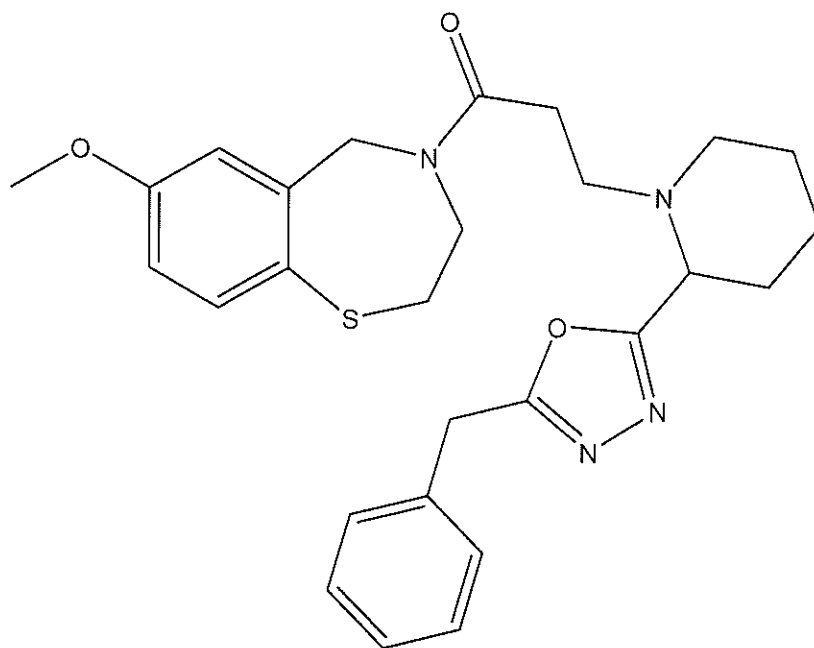


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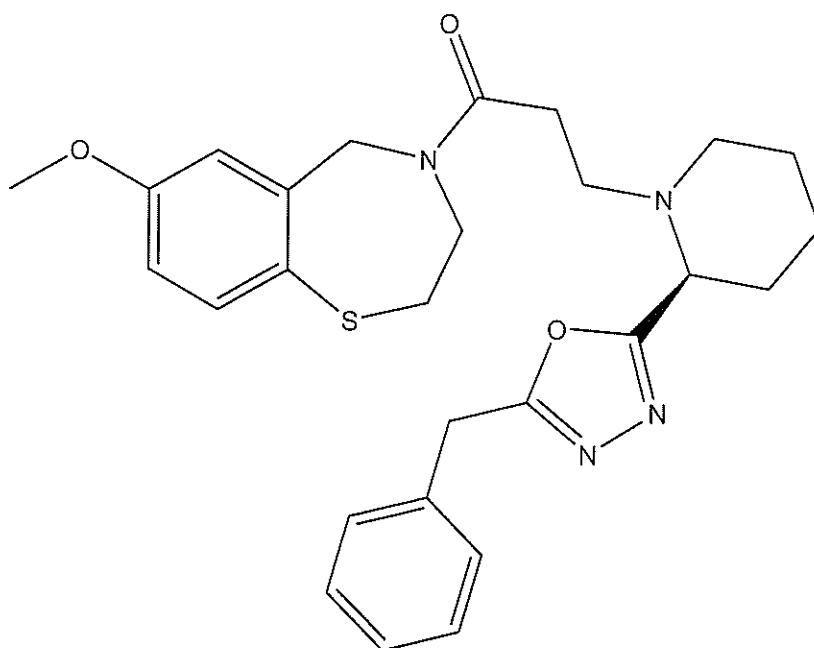




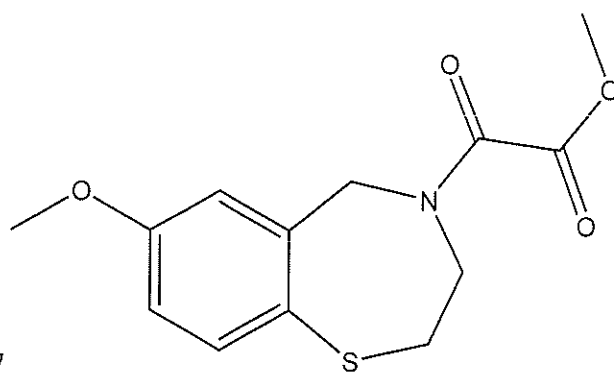




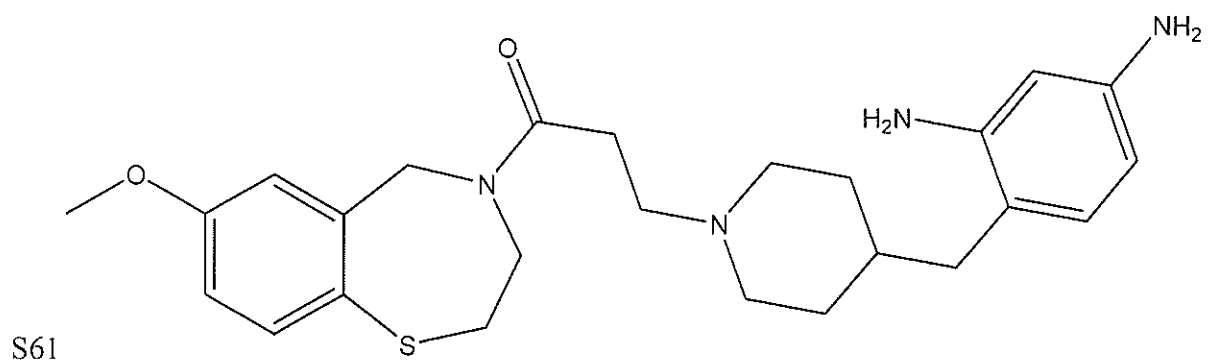
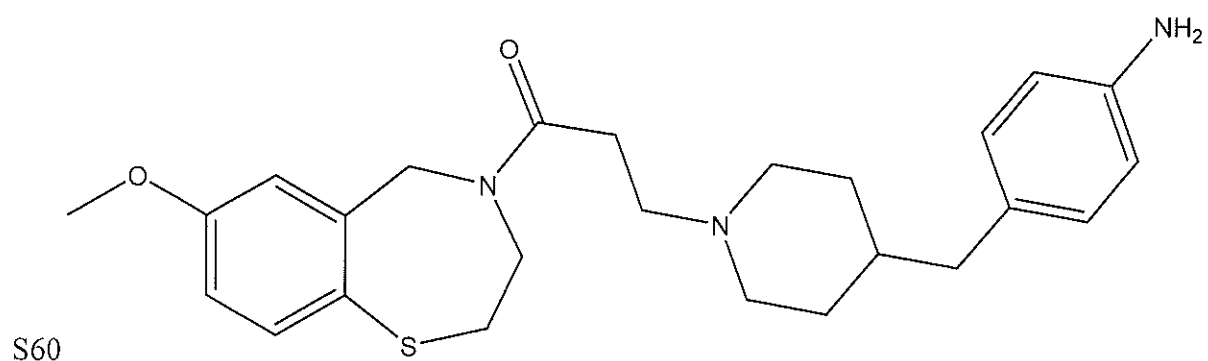
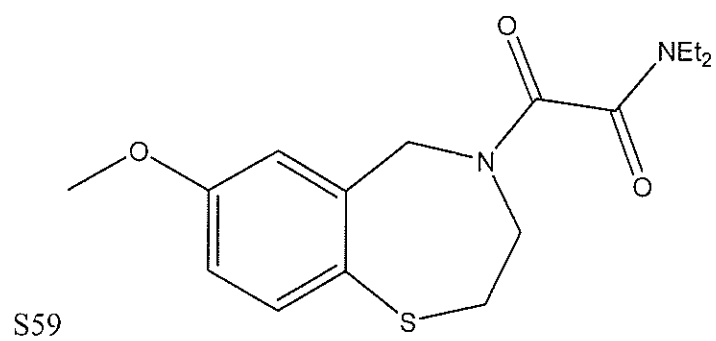
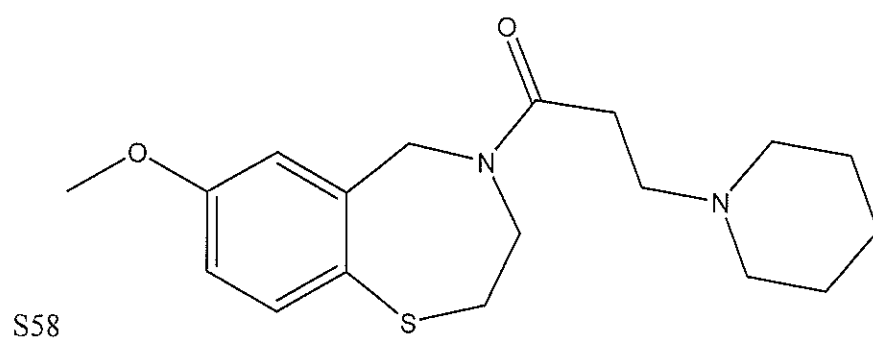
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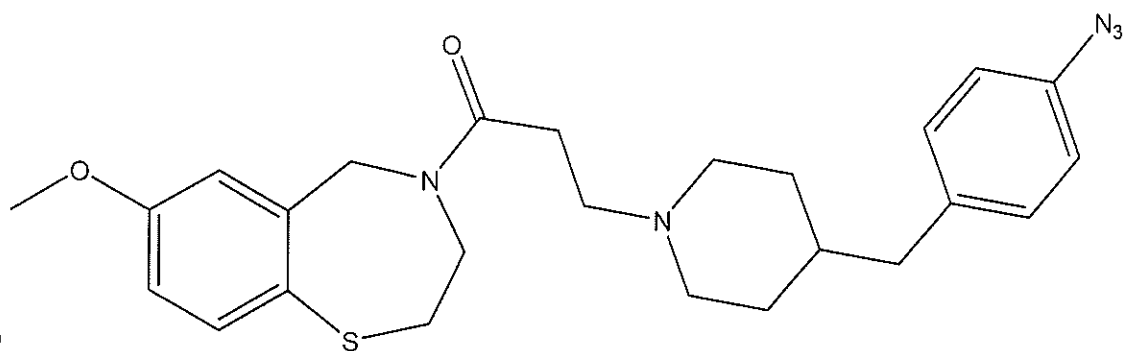
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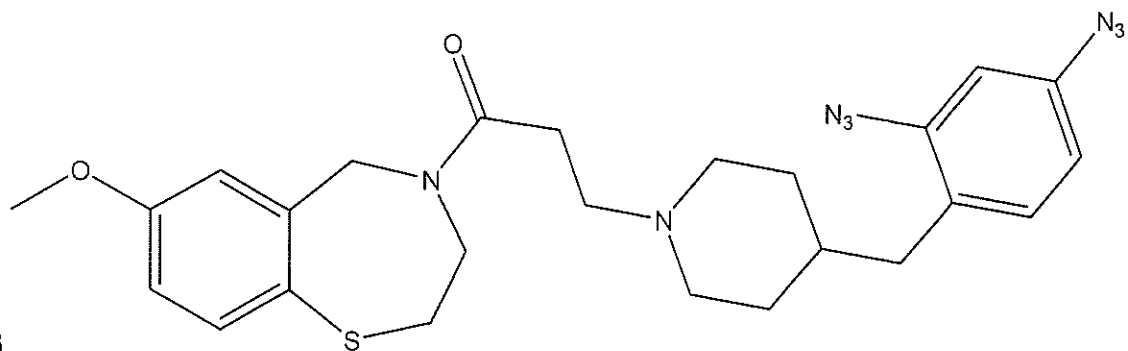
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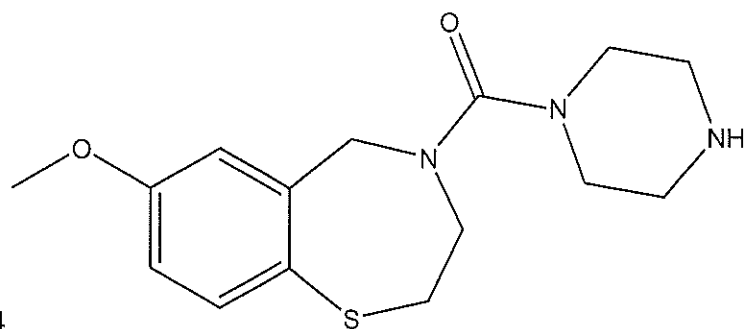
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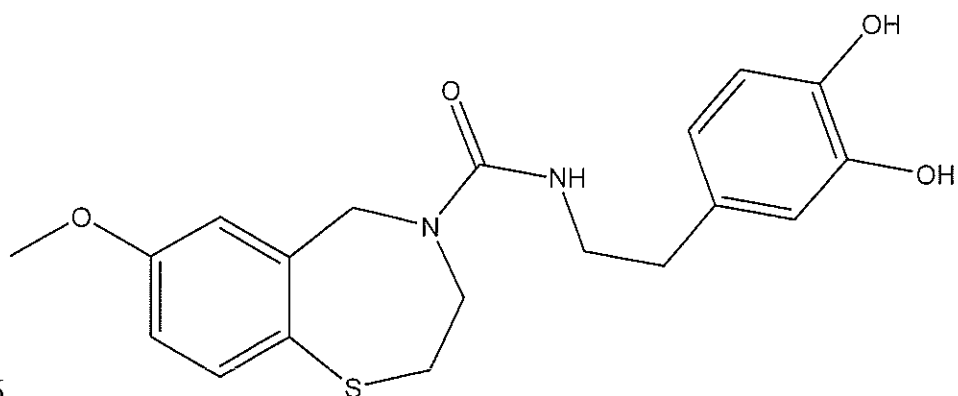
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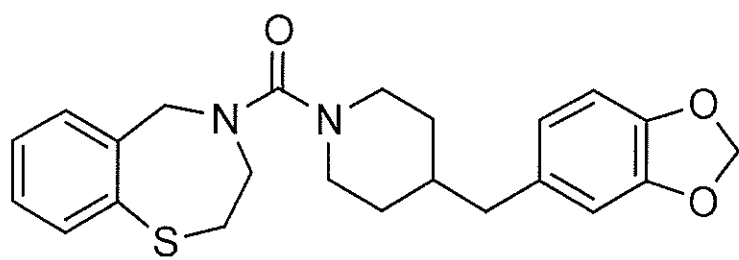
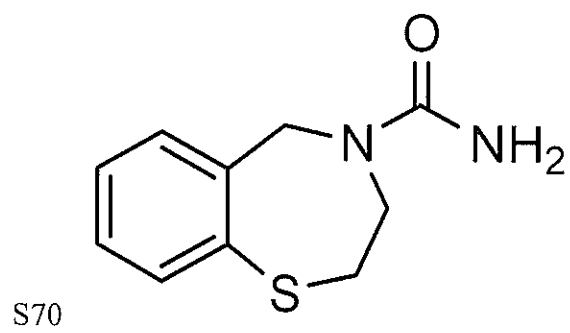
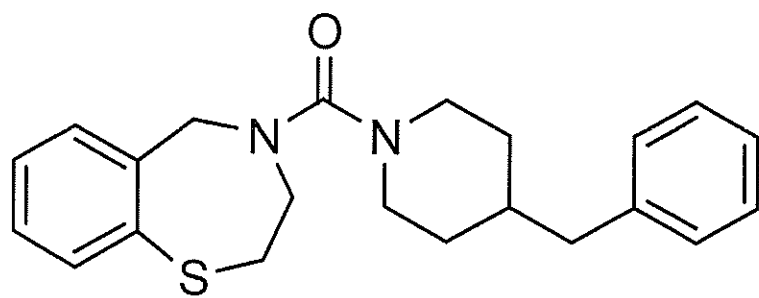
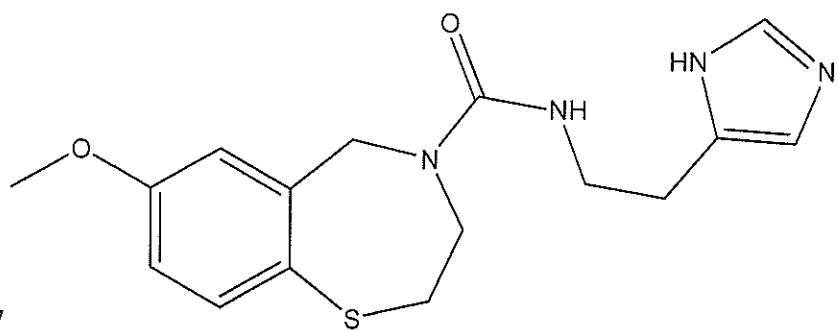


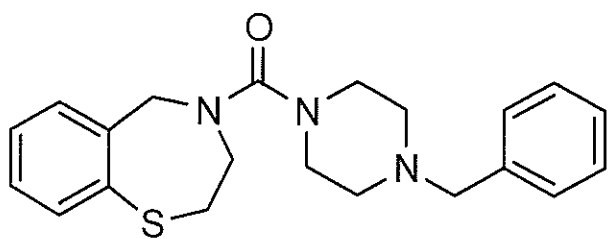
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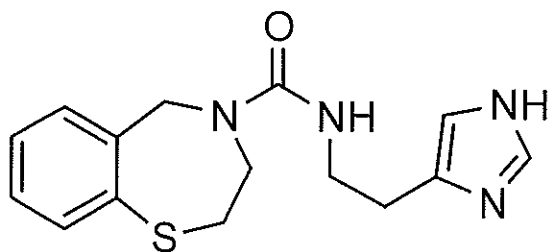
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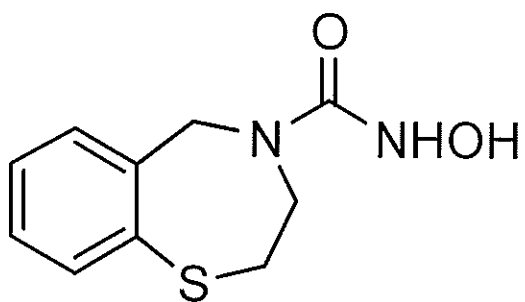




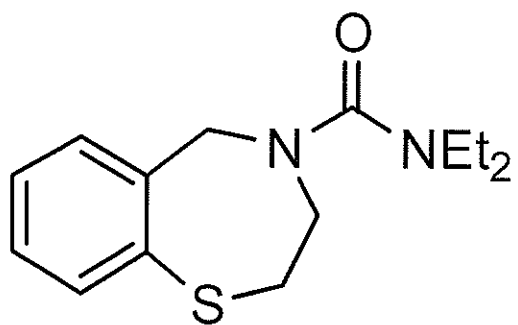
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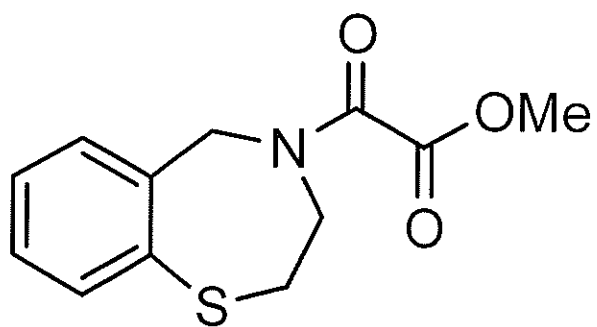
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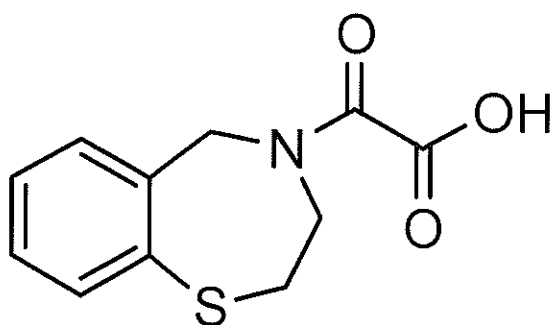
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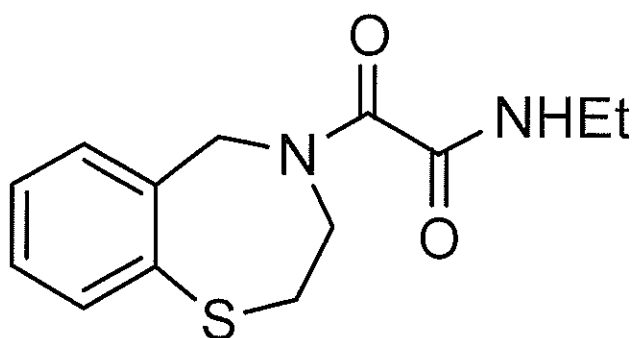
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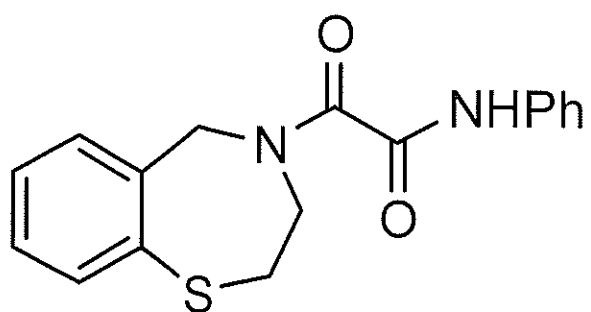
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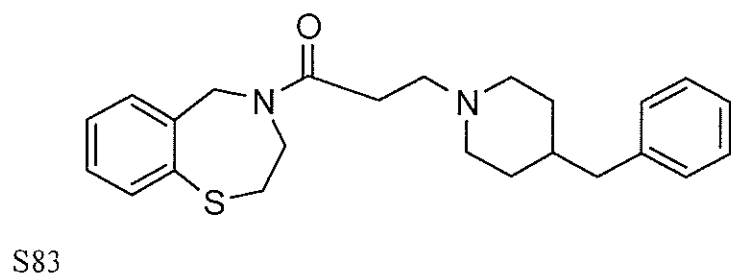
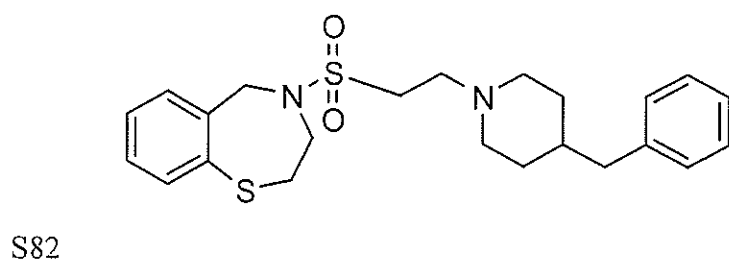
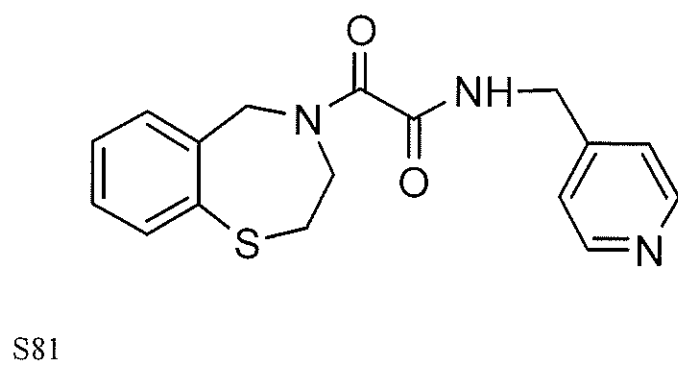
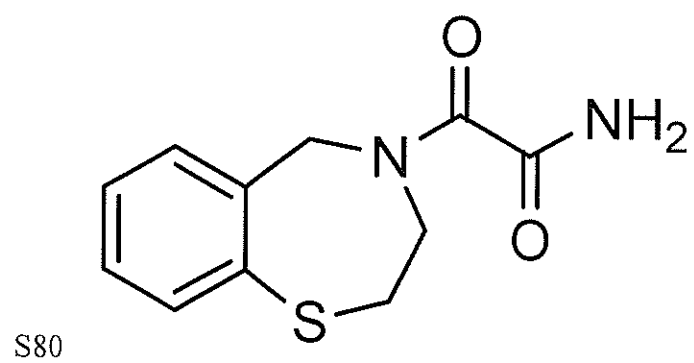
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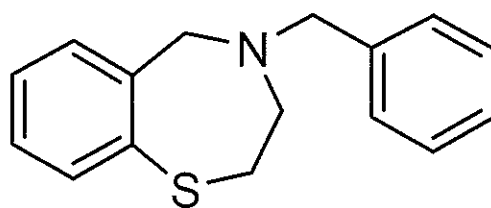


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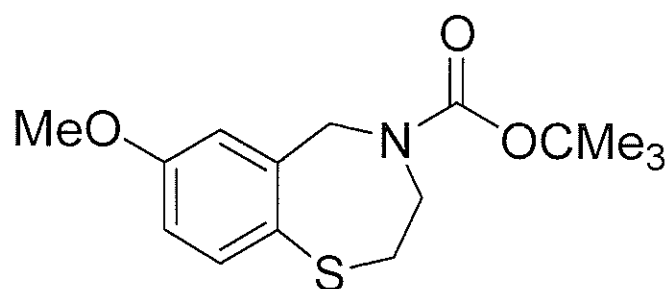


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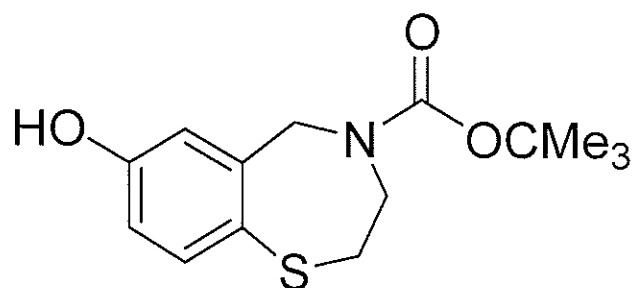




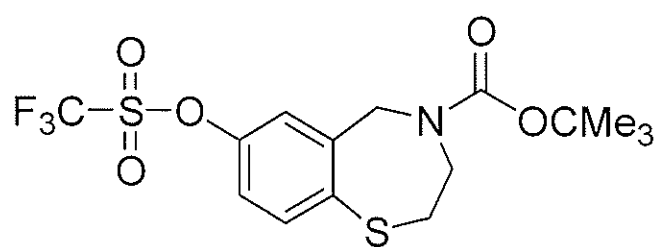
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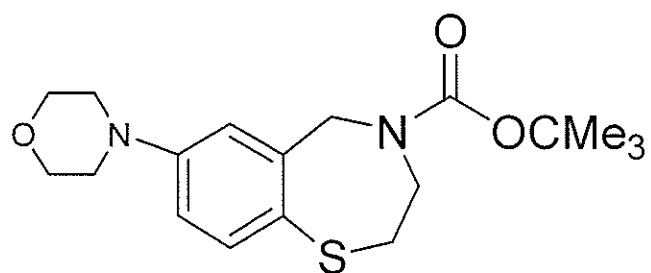
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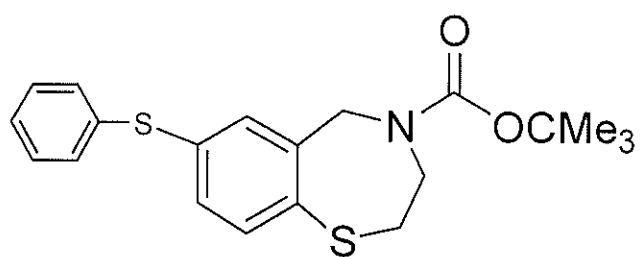
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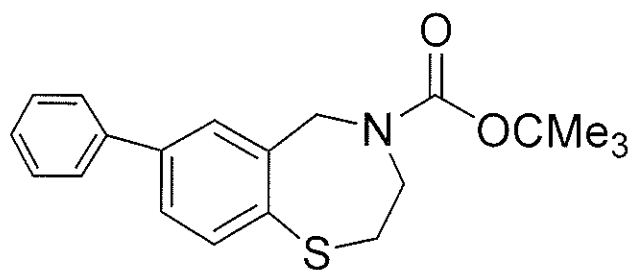
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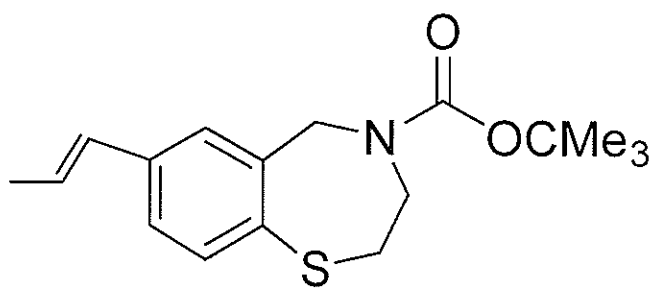
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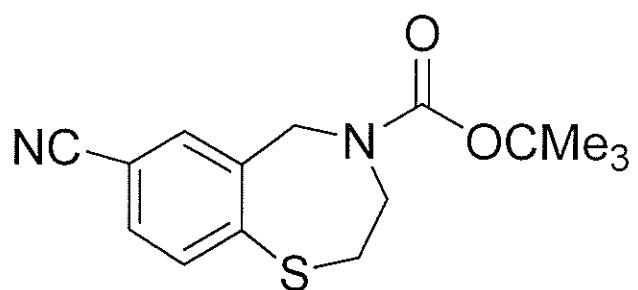
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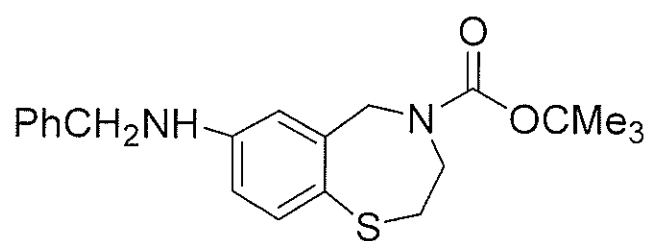
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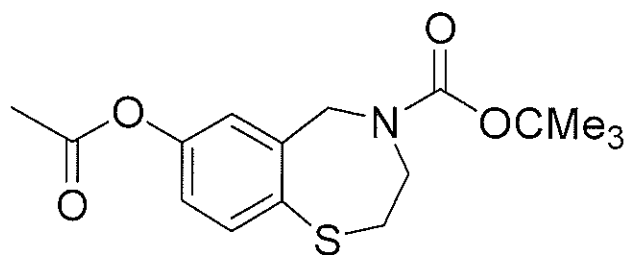
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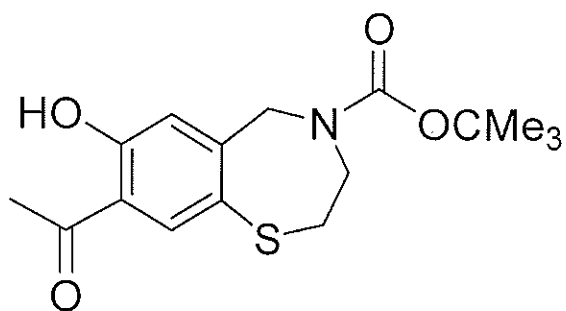
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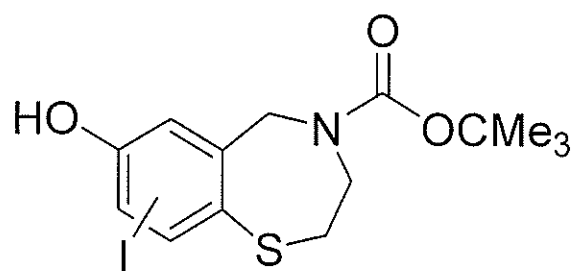
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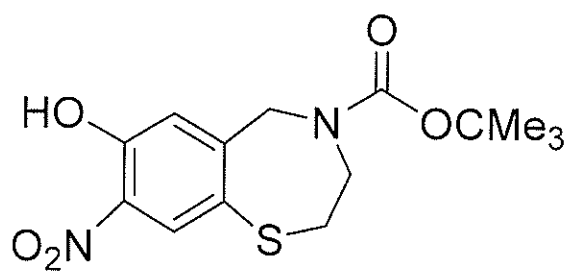
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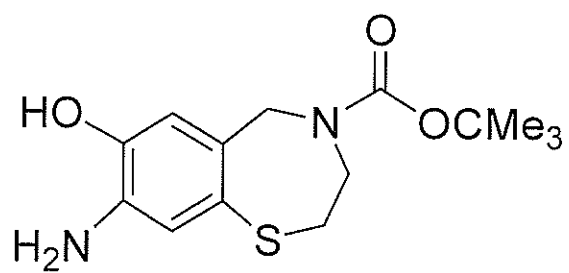
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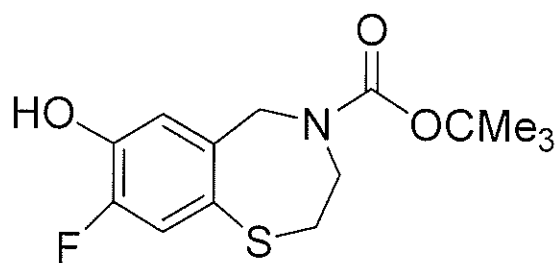
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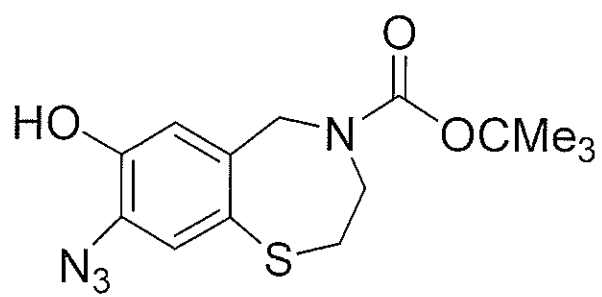
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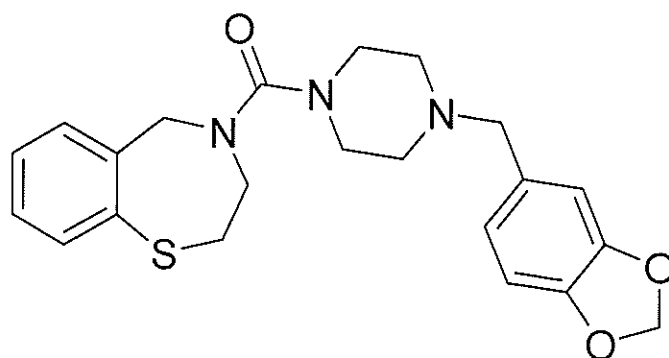
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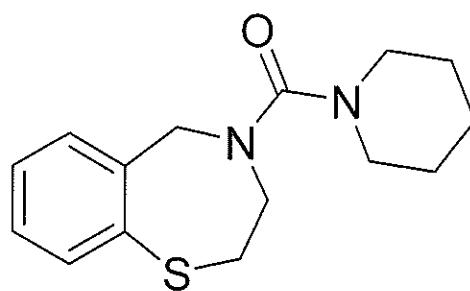
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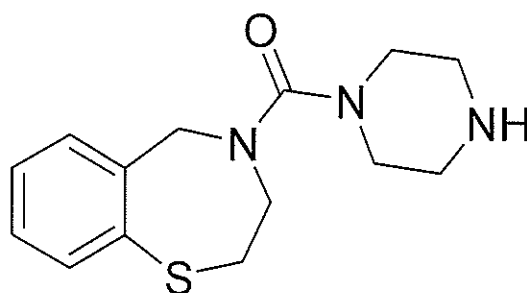
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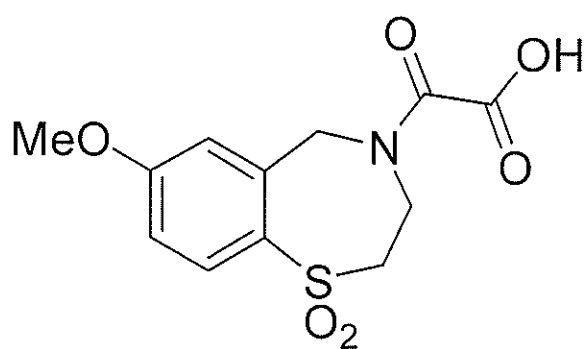
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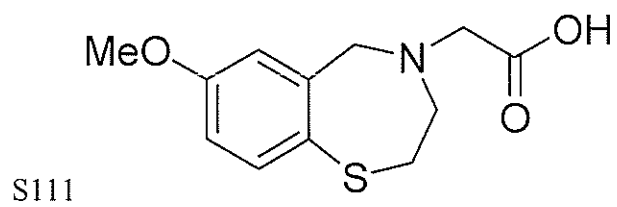
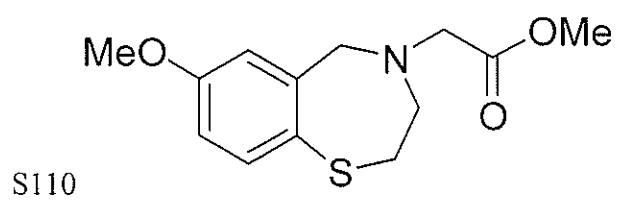
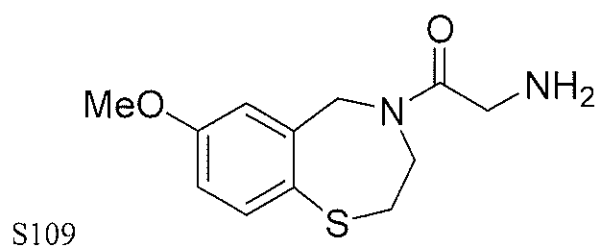
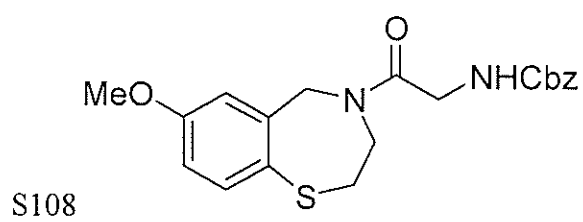
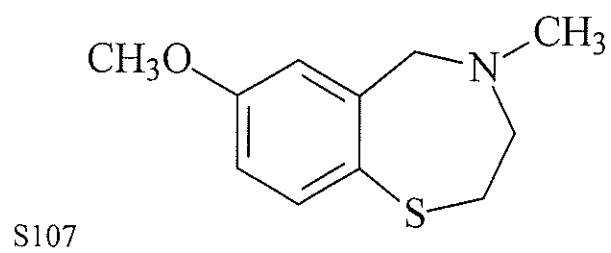
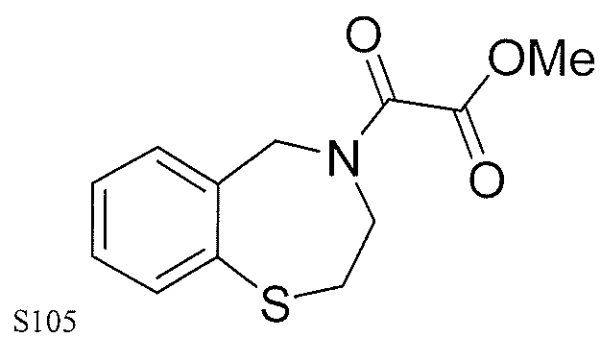
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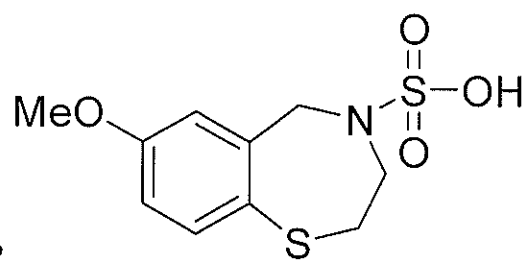


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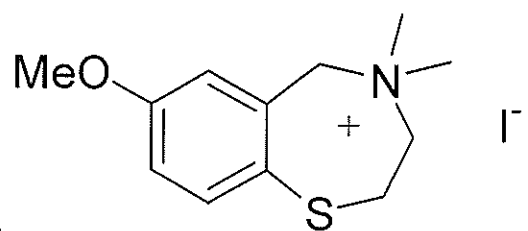


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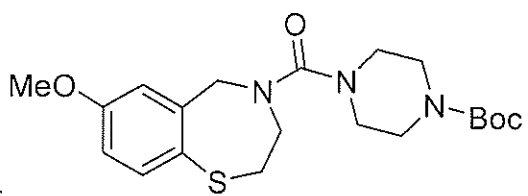




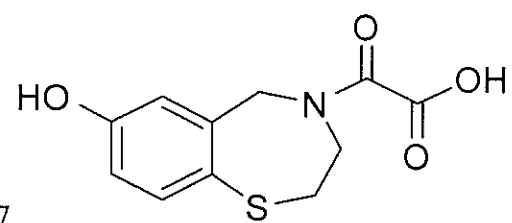
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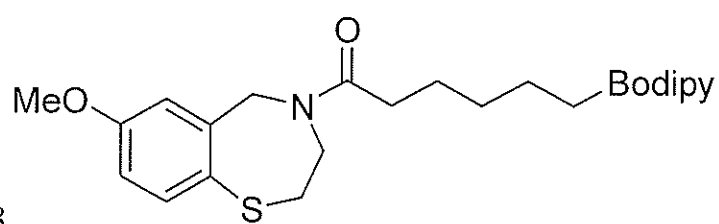
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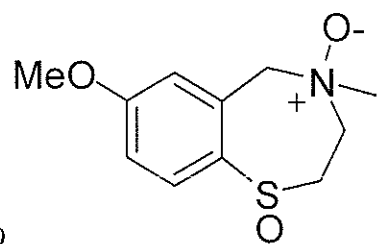
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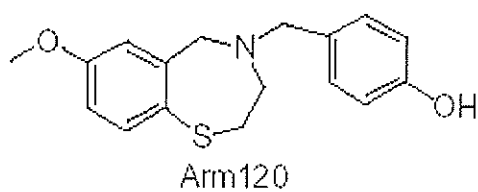
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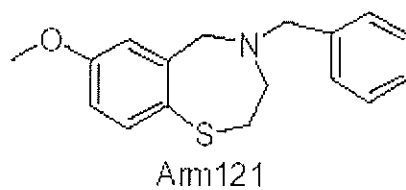
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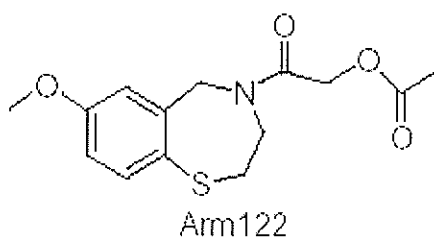
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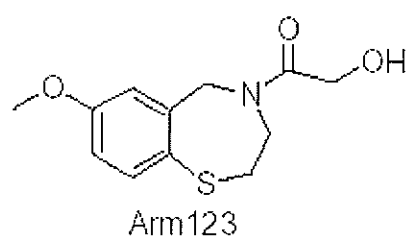
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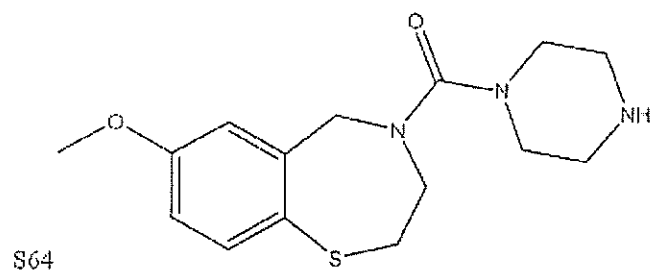
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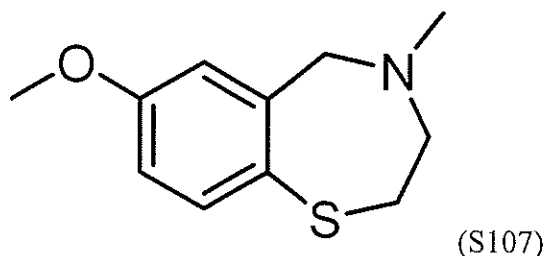
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or hydrate thereof.

5. The compound of claim 4 having the formula



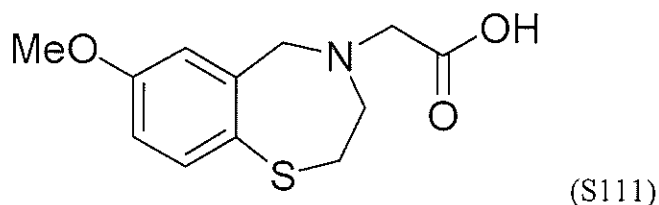
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or hydrate thereof.

6. The compound of claim 4 having the formula



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or hydrate thereof.

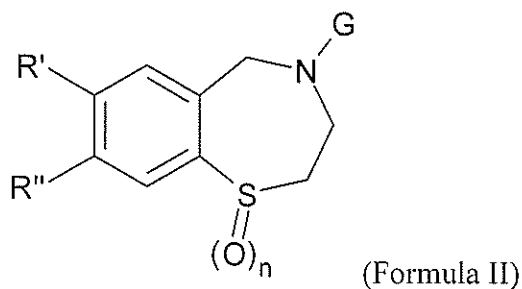
7. The compound of claim 4 having the formula



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or hydrate thereof.

8. The compound of any of claims 5 to 7, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable salt is a hydrochloride salt.

9. A compound of formula II:



wherein:

n is 0, 1, or 2;

R' and R'' are independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, -OH, -NH₂, -NO₂, -CN, -CF₃, -OCF₃, -N₃, -SO₃H, -S(=O)₂alkyl, -S(=O)alkyl, -OS(=O)₂CF₃, acyl, -OC(=O)Me, alkyl, alkoxyl, alkylamino, alkylthio, cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclylalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, (hetero-)aryl, (hetero-)arylthio, or (hetero-)arylamino; wherein each acyl, alkyl, alkoxyl, alkylamino, alkylthio, cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocyclyl,

heterocyclalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, (hetero-)aryl, (hetero-)arylthio, and (hetero-)arylamino may be substituted;

G is $-\text{SO}_2\text{R}_7$, $-\text{C}(=\text{W})\text{NR}_{15}\text{R}_{16}$, $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{R}_{17}$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_p\text{R}_{18}$, $-\text{P}(=\text{O})\text{R}_8\text{R}_9$;

or one or more of R', R" or G comprises a fluorescent or radioactive labeling group;

R₇ is $-\text{OR}_{15}$, $-\text{NR}_{15}\text{R}_{16}$, $-\text{NHN}\text{R}_{15}\text{R}_{16}$, $-\text{NHOH}$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{X}$, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heterocyclalkyl, or heterocyclalkyl; wherein each alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heterocyclalkyl, and heterocyclalkyl may be substituted;

R₈ and R₉ independently are OH, acyl, alkenyl, alkoxyl, alkyl, alkylamino, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heterocyclalkyl, or heterocyclalkyl; wherein each acyl, alkenyl, alkoxyl, alkyl, alkylamino, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heterocyclalkyl, and heterocyclalkyl may be substituted;

W is S or O;

X is halogen, $-\text{CN}$, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}_{15}$, $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{NR}_{15}\text{R}_{16}$, $-\text{NR}_{15}\text{R}_{16}$, $-\text{OR}_{15}$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{R}_7$, or $-\text{P}(=\text{O})\text{R}_8\text{R}_9$;

R₁₅ and R₁₆ independently are H, acyl, alkenyl, alkoxyl, $-\text{OH}$, $-\text{NH}_2$, alkyl, alkylamino, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heterocyclalkyl, or heterocyclalkyl; wherein each acyl, alkenyl, alkoxyl, alkyl, alkylamino, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heterocyclalkyl, and heterocyclalkyl may be substituted; or optionally R₁₅ and R₁₆ together with the N to which they are bonded may form a heterocycle which may be substituted;

R₁₇ is $-\text{OR}_{15}$, $-\text{NR}_{15}\text{R}_{16}$, $-\text{NHN}\text{R}_{15}\text{R}_{16}$, $-\text{NHOH}$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{X}$, alkenyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclalkyl, or heterocyclalkyl; wherein each alkenyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclalkyl, and heterocyclalkyl may be substituted;

p is 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, or 10;

R₁₈ is $-\text{OR}_{15}$, $-\text{NR}_{15}\text{R}_{16}$, $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{NR}_{15}\text{R}_{16}$, $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{OR}_{15}$, alkyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, heterocyclalkyl; wherein each alkyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, heterocyclalkyl may be substituted;

the nitrogen in the benzothiazepine ring may optionally be a quaternary nitrogen;

or an enantiomer, diastereomer, tautomer, pharmaceutically acceptable salt, hydrate, solvate, or complex thereof;

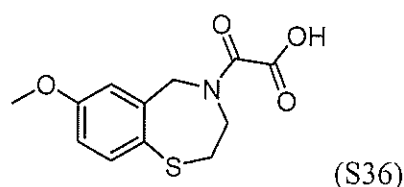
provided that the compound is not:

- 4-ethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1,4-benzothiazepine;
- 2,3-dihydro-1,4-benzothiazepine-4(5*H*)-carboxanilide;
- *N*-butyl-2,3-dihydro-1,4-benzothiazepine-4(5*H*)-carbothioamide;
- 4-(methylsulfonyl)-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1,4-benzothiazepine;

- 4-(ethylsulfonyl)-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1,4-benzothiazepine;
- 4-(methylsulfonyl)-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1,4-benzothiazepine-1-oxide;
- 4-(1*H*-benzotriazol-1-ylmethyl)-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1,4-benzothiazepine;
- 4-(2*H*-benzotriazol-1-ylmethyl)-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1,4-benzothiazepine;
- 4-[(4-methoxyphenyl)methyl]-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1,4-benzothiazepine;
- 4-(3-phenyl-2-propyn-1-yl)-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1,4-benzothiazepine;
- 4-[(4-chlorophenyl)methyl]-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1,4-benzothiazepine;
- 4-pentyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1,4-benzothiazepine;
- [(2,3-dihydro-1,4-benzothiazepin-4(5*H*)-yl)methyl]phosphonic acid, diethyl ester;
- 3-(2,3-dihydro-1,4-benzothiazepin-4(5*H*)-yl)-1-phenyl-propan-1-one;

further provided that the compound is not S3, S4 and S36.

10. A pharmaceutically acceptable salt of a compound of the formula:



with a pharmaceutically acceptable base.

11. The compound of claim 10, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable salt is a sodium salt.

12. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to any of claims 1 to 11 and at least one additive selected from the group consisting of antioxidants, aromatics, buffers, binders, colorants, disintegrants, diluents, emulsifiers, excipients, extenders, flavor-improving agents, gellants, glidants, preservatives, skin-penetration enhancers, solubilizers, stabilizers, suspending agents, sweeteners, tonicity agents, vehicles, and viscosity-increasing agents.

13. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 12, in the form of a capsule, granule, powder, solution, suspension, or tablet and is designed for administration by an oral,

sublingual, buccal, parenteral, intravenous, transdermal, inhalation, intranasal, vaginal, intramuscular, or rectal mode.

14. A compound according to any of claims 1 to 11, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, or a pharmaceutical composition according to claims 12 or 13 for use in the treatment or prevention of a disorder or disease associated with an RyR that regulates calcium channel functioning in cells by administering the compound, salt or composition to a patient in need thereof.

15. The use of a compound according to any of of claims 1 to 11 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, or a pharmaceutical composition according to claims 12 or 13, for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment or prevention of a disorder or disease associated with an RyR that regulates calcium channel functioning in cells.

16. The use of claims 14 or 15, wherein the disorder or disease is selected from the group consisting of cardiac disorders and diseases, skeletal muscular disorders and diseases, cognitive disorders and diseases, malignant hyperthermia, diabetes, and sudden infant death syndrome.

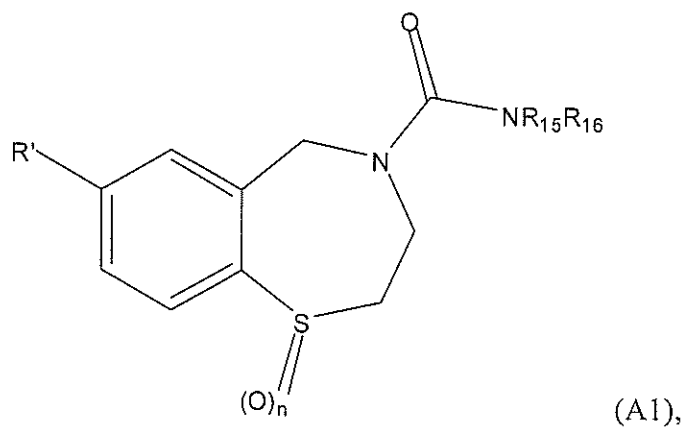
17. The use of claim 16, wherein the cardiac disorders and diseases are selected from the group consisting of irregular heartbeat disorders and diseases; exercise-induced irregular heartbeat disorders and diseases; sudden cardiac death; exercise-induced sudden cardiac death; congestive heart failure; chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; and high blood pressure.

18. The use of claim 17, wherein the irregular heartbeat disorders and diseases and exercise-induced irregular heartbeat disorders and diseases are selected from the group consisting of atrial and ventricular arrhythmia; atrial and ventricular fibrillation; atrial and ventricular tachyarrhythmia; atrial and ventricular tachycardia; catecholaminergic polymorphic ventricular tachycardia (CPVT); and exercise-induced variants thereof.

19. The use of claim 16, wherein the skeletal muscular disorders and diseases are selected from the group consisting of skeletal muscle fatigue, exercise-induced skeletal muscle fatigue, muscular dystrophy, bladder disorders, and incontinence.

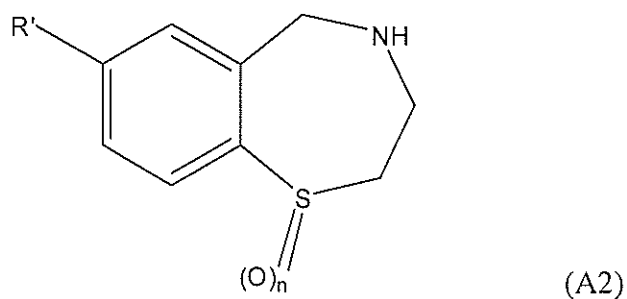
20. The use of claim 16, wherein the cognitive disorders and diseases are selected from the group consisting of Alzheimer's Disease, forms of memory loss, and age-dependent memory loss.

21. A method for the synthesis of a compound of formula A1:

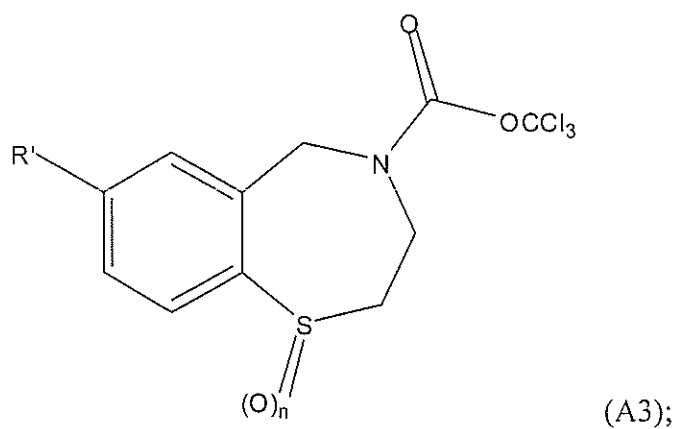


wherein R' is OMe or H, and n, R₁₅ and R₁₆ are as defined in claim 1, comprising:

(i) reacting a compound of formula A2:



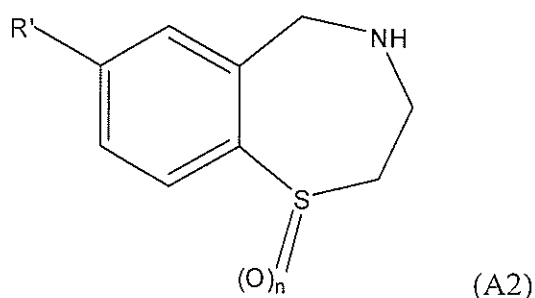
with triphosgene to form a compound of formula A3:



- (ii) reacting the compound of formula A3 with an amine of formula $\text{HNR}_{15}\text{R}_{16}$ under conditions sufficient to form the compound of formula A1; or
- (i) reacting an amine of formula $\text{HNR}_{15}\text{R}_{16}$ with triphosgene to form a compound of formula A4:

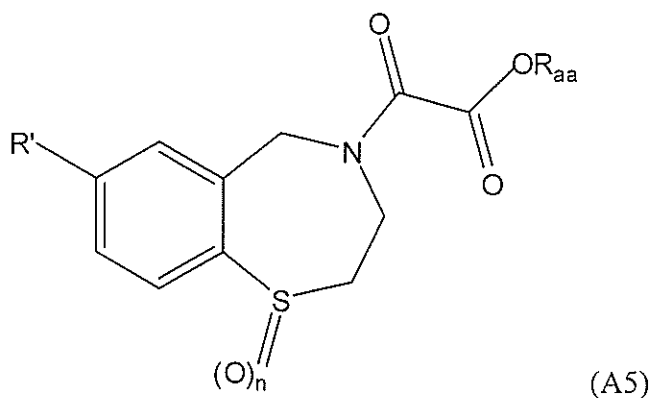


and (ii) reacting the compound of formula A4 with a compound of formula A2:



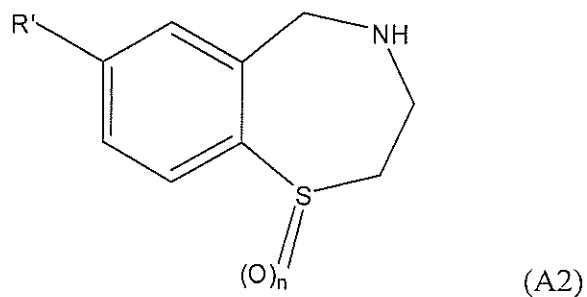
under conditions sufficient to form the compound of formula A1.

22. A method for the synthesis of a compound of formula A5:



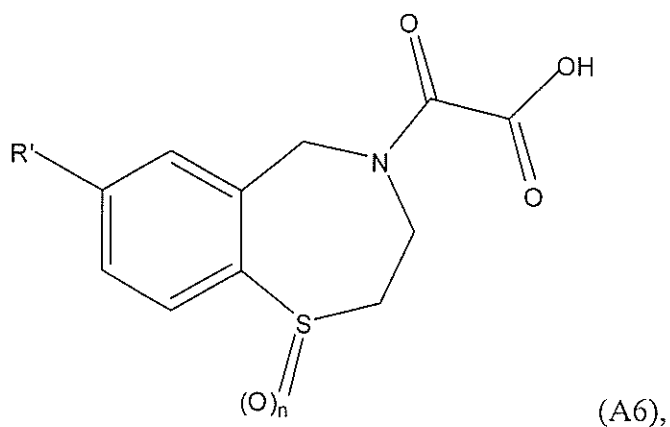
wherein R' is OMe or H, n is 0, 1, or 2, and R_{aa} is C_1 - C_4 alkyl or aryl, comprising:

reacting a compound of formula A2:

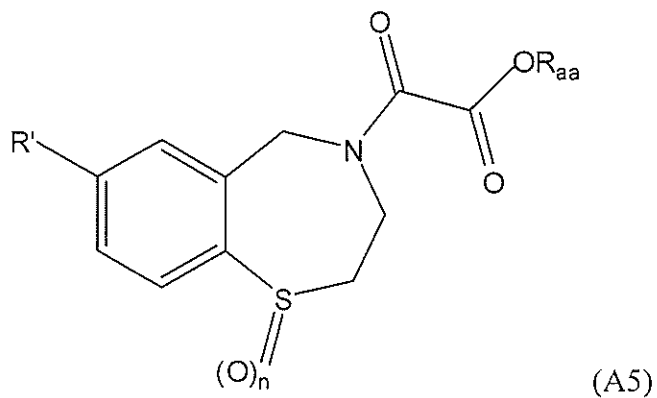


with an acid chloride of formula $\text{ClC(=O)C(=O)OR}_{\text{aa}}$ in the presence of a base under conditions sufficient to form the compound of formula A5.

23. A method for the synthesis of a compound of formula A6,



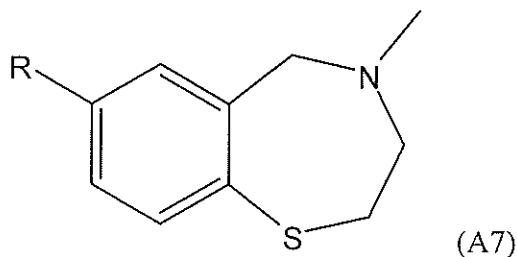
wherein R' is OMe or H; and n is 0, 1, or 2,
comprising reacting a compound of formula A5



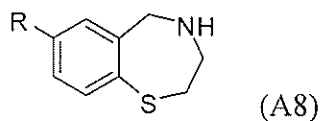
wherein R_{aa} is C₁-C₄ alkyl or aryl,
with an acid or a base under conditions sufficient to form the compound of formula A6.

24. The method of claim 23, wherein n is 0 and R' is -OCH₃.

25. A method for the synthesis of a compound of formula A7:

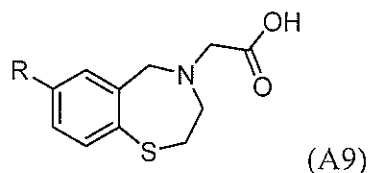


wherein R is OR''', SR''', N(R''')₂, alkyl, H, or halide and R''' is alkyl, aryl, or H, which comprises reacting a compound of formula A8:



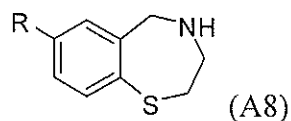
with formaldehyde (CH₂O) and sodium cyanoborohydride (NaB(CN)H₃) under conditions sufficient to form the compound of the formula A7.

26. A method for the synthesis of a compound of formula A9:

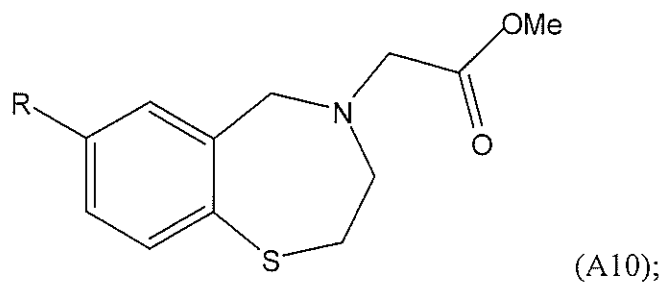


wherein R is selected from the group consisting of OR''', SR''', N(R''')₂, alkyl, H, and halide and R''' is alkyl, aryl, or H, comprising

(i) reacting a compound of formula A8:

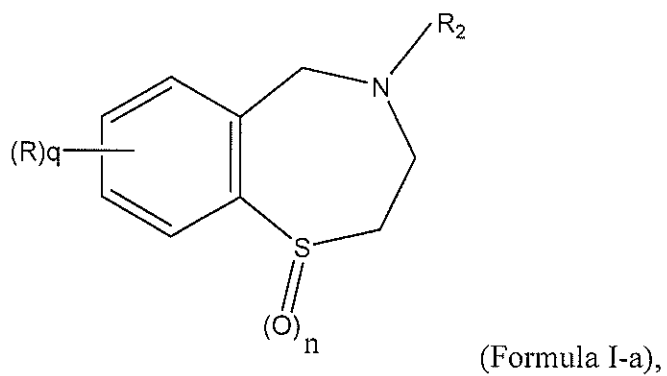


with methyl-1-bromoacetate and pyridine, under conditions sufficient to form a compound of formula A10:



and (ii) treating the compound of formula A10 with sodium hydroxide, under conditions sufficient to form the compound of formula A9.

27. A compound of formula I-a



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as defined in claim 1 and substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to Example 4.