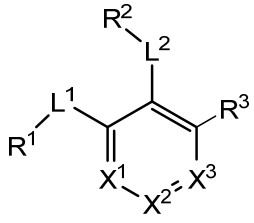
CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A compound of formula (**I**), or an enantiomer, diastereomer, tautomer, salt and/or solvate



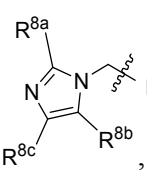
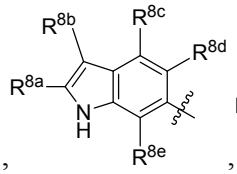
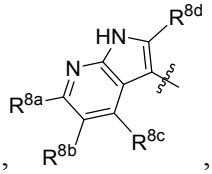
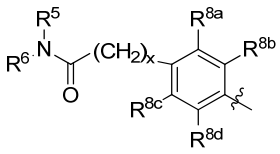
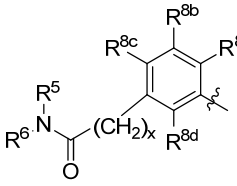
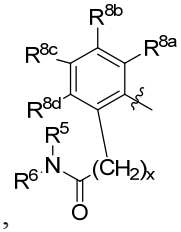
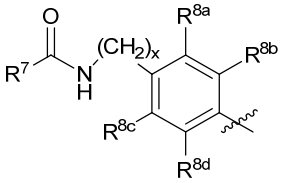
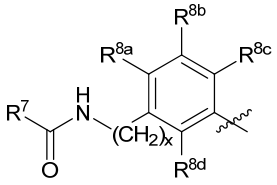
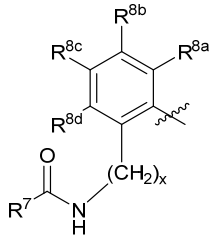
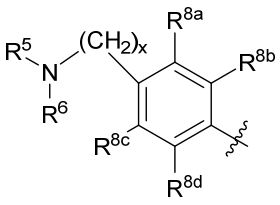
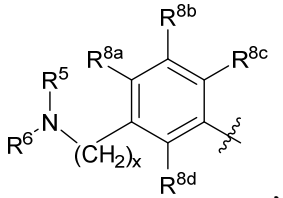
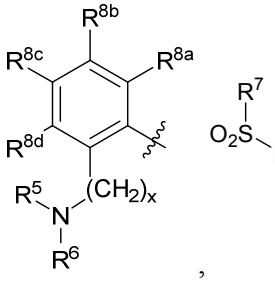
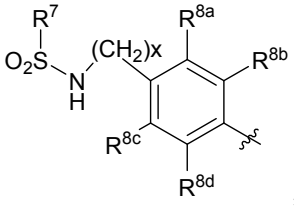
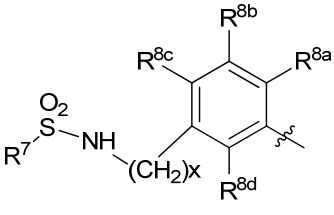
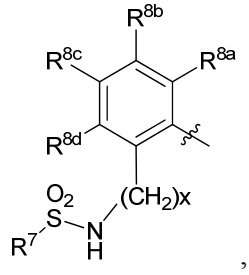
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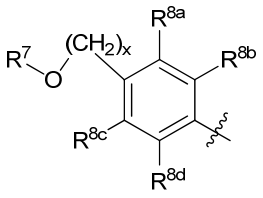
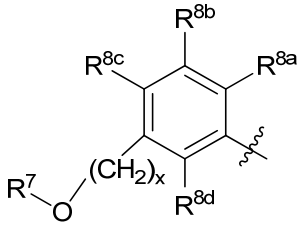
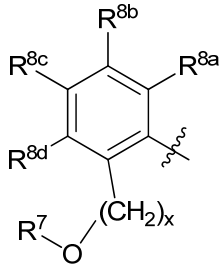
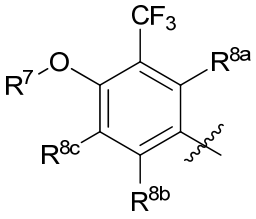
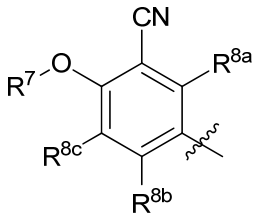
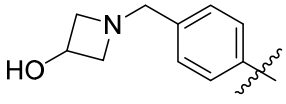
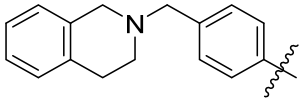
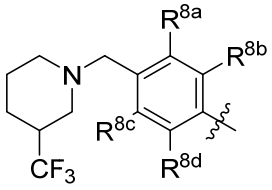
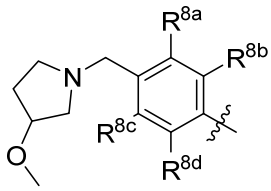
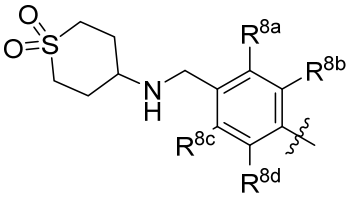
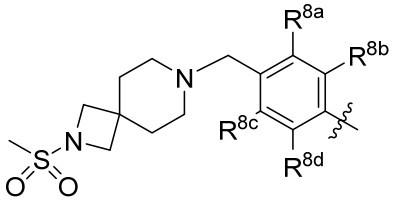
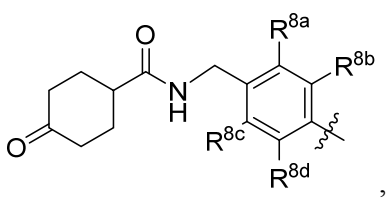
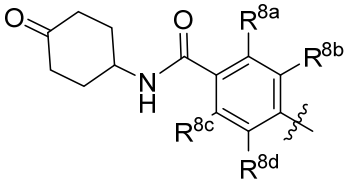
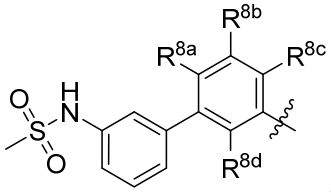
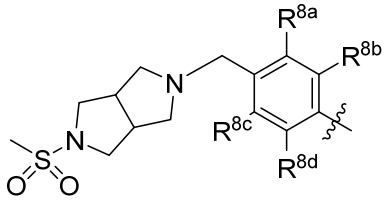
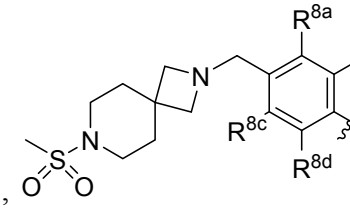
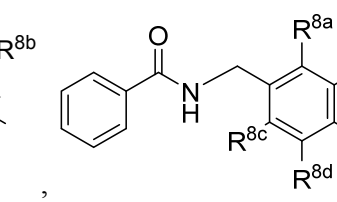
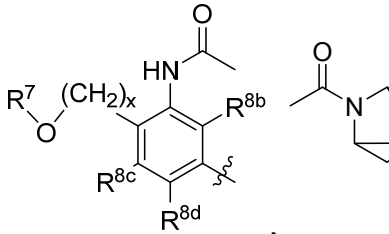
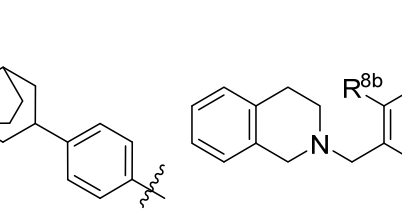
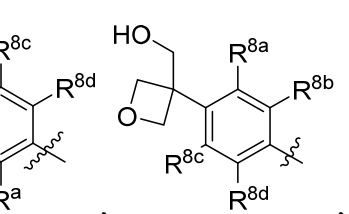
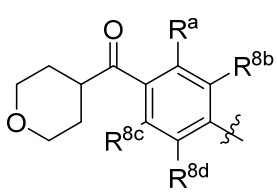
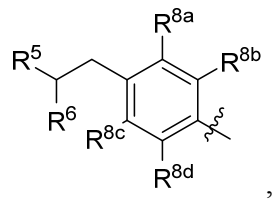
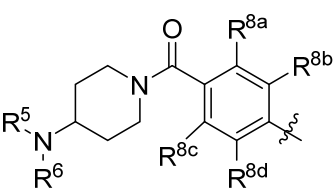
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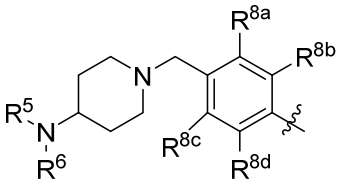
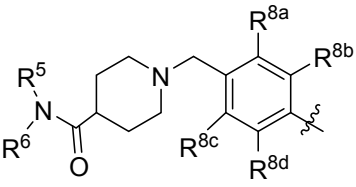
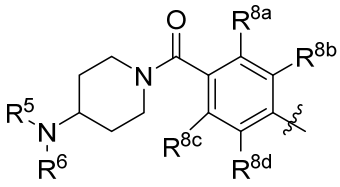
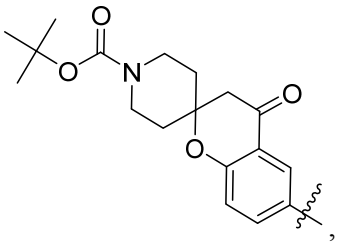
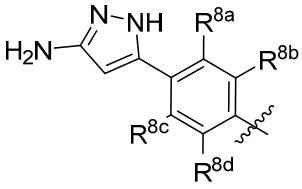
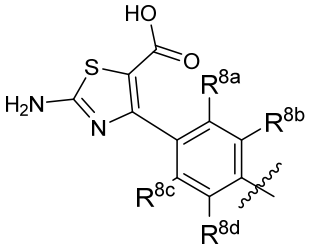
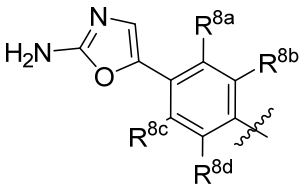
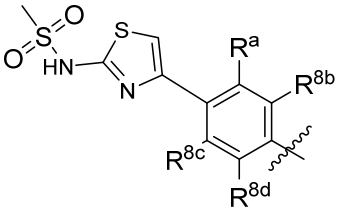
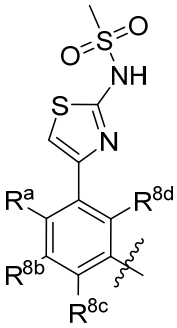
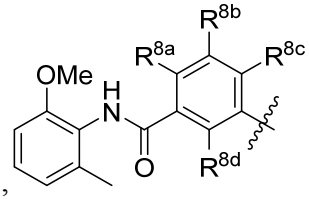
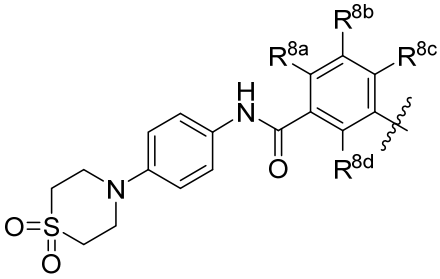
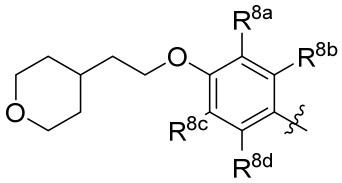
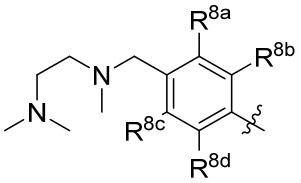
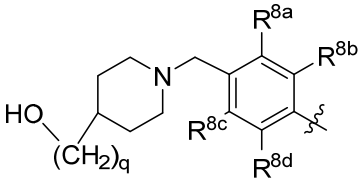
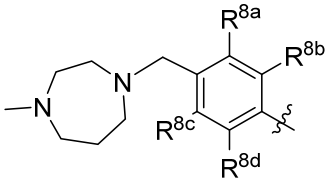
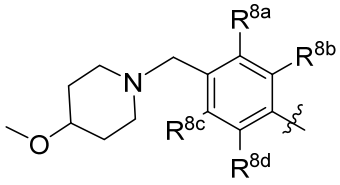
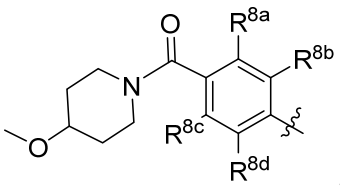
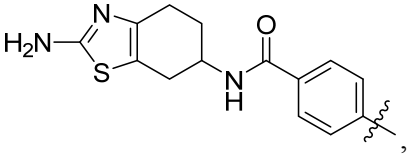
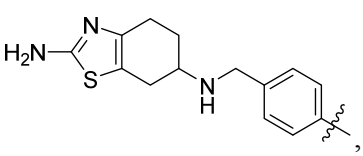

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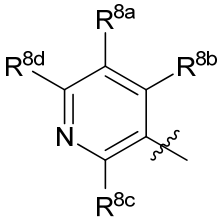
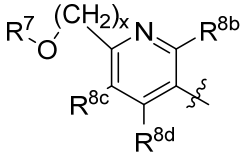
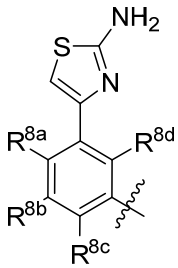
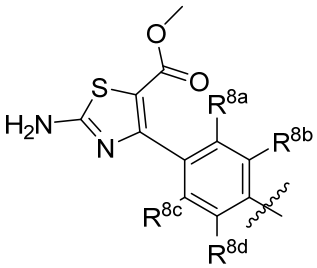
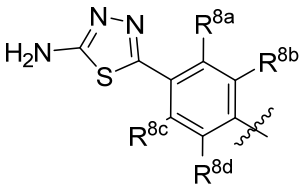
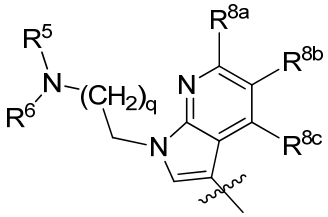
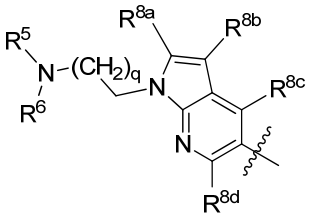
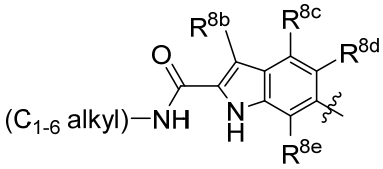
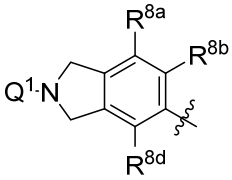
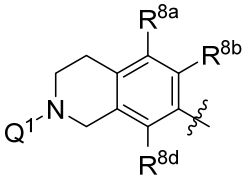
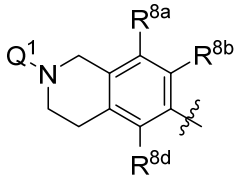
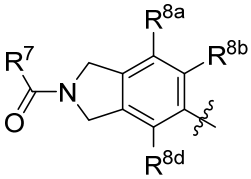
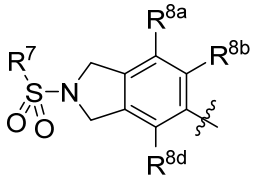
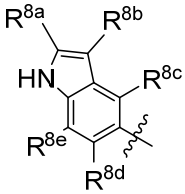
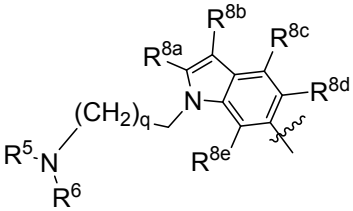
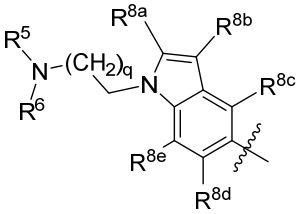
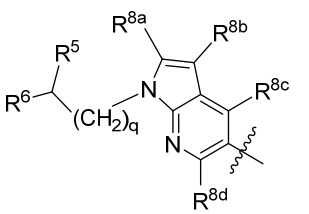
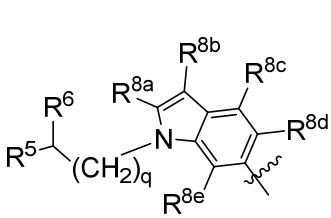
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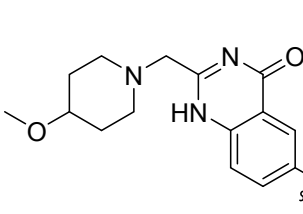
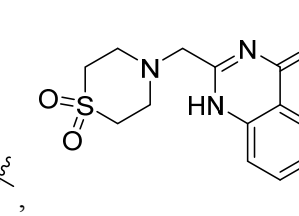
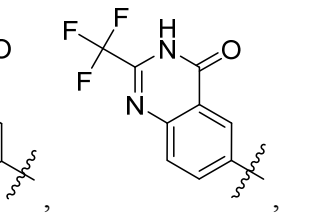
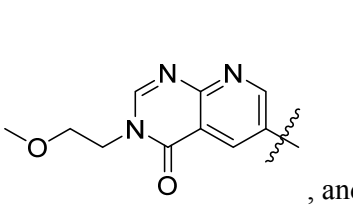
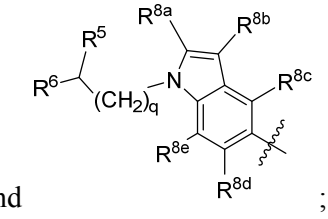
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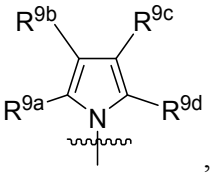
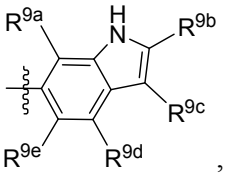
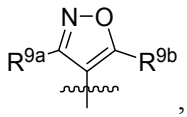
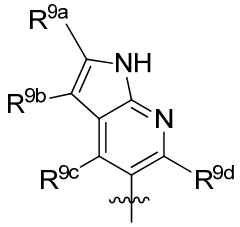
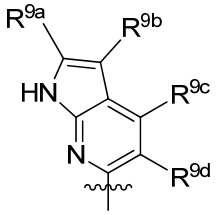
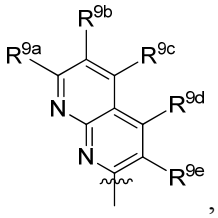
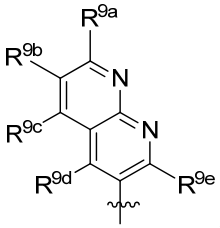
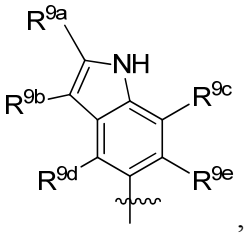
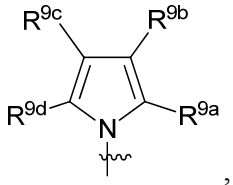
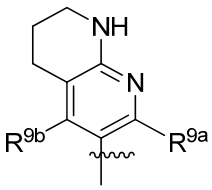
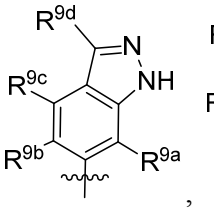
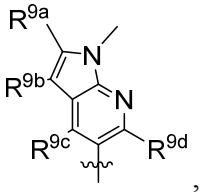
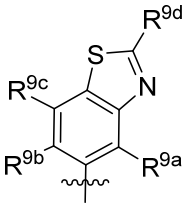
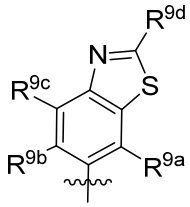

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R^2 is selected from the group consisting of , , , , , , , , , , , , , and ;

R^3 is selected from the group consisting of $-CO_2R^{4d}$, $-C(=O)NH-S(=O)_2NR^5R^6$, $-S(=O)_2NHC(=O)R^7$, $-NHS(=O)_2R^7$, and 1H-tetrazol-5-yl;

R^{4a}, R^{4b}, and R^{4c} are each independently selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, I, and H;

R^{4d} is selected from the group consisting of H, optionally substituted C_{1-6} linear alkyl, and optionally substituted C_{3-6} branched alkyl;

R^5 is selected from the group consisting of H, optionally substituted C_{1-6} linear alkyl, and optionally substituted C_{3-6} branched alkyl;

R^6 is selected from the group consisting of H, optionally substituted C_{1-6} linear alkyl, and optionally substituted C_{3-6} branched alkyl; or R^5 and R^6 are taken together with the atoms to which they are connected to form a 3-, 4-, 5-, or 6-membered ring optionally containing a unit selected from the group consisting of oxygen, sulfur, SO, SO_2, CF_2, NH, N(C_{1-6} alkyl), N(C_{3-7} branched alkyl), N(C_{3-6} cycloalkyl), N(heteroaryl), NCO(C_{1-6} alkyl), NCO(C_{1-6} branchecd alkyl), NCO(C_{3-6} cycloalkyl), NCO_2(C_{1-6} alkyl), NCO_2(C_{1-6} branched alkyl), NCO_2(C_{3-6} cycloalkyl), NCON(C_{1-6} alkyl)$_2$, SO_2NH_2, NSO_2(C_{1-6} alkyl), NSO_2(C_{3-6} branched alkyl), NSO_2(C_{3-6} cycloalkyl), and NSO_2Aryl;

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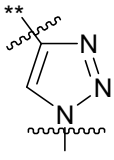
pyridyl, optionally substituted heteroaryl, and -CH(R^5)(R^6);

R^{8a}, R^{8b}, R^{8c}, R^{8d}, and R^{8e} are each independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, hydroxyl, CN, optionally substituted C_{1-6} linear alkyl, optionally substituted C_{3-6} branched alkyl, and C_{1-6} alkoxy;

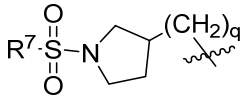
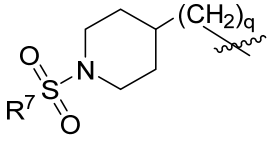
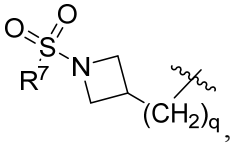
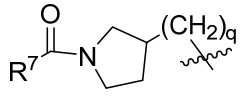
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R^{10a} and R^{10b} are each independently selected from the group consisting of H, optionally substituted C_{1-6} linear alkyl, and optionally substituted C_{1-6} branched alkyl;

L^1 is selected from the group consisting of -C≡C-, -CH=CH- and -$(CH_2)_n$-;

L^2 is selected from a group consisting of NH, $(CH_2)_m$, and  wherein "**" indicates the point of attachment for R^2;

Q^1 is selected from a group consisting of optionaly substituted benzyl, -COR^7, -SO_2R^7

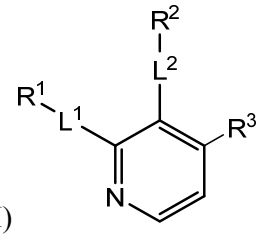
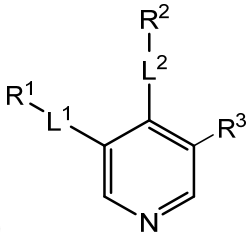
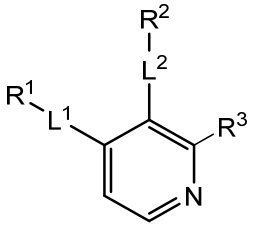
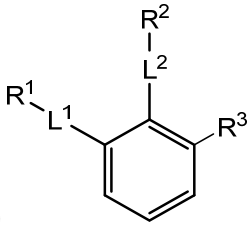
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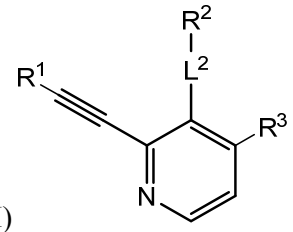
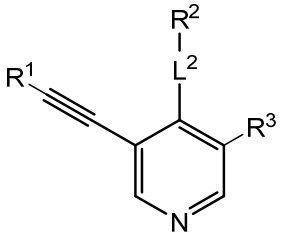
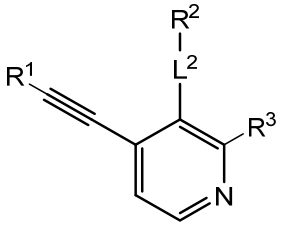
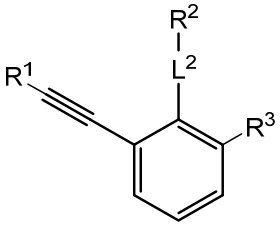
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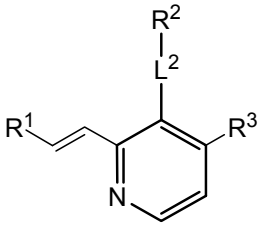
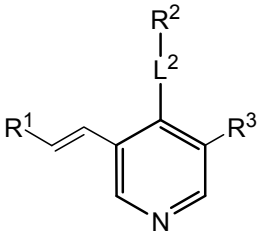
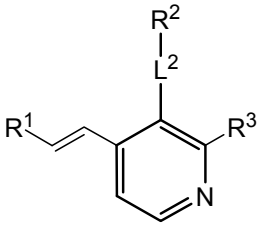
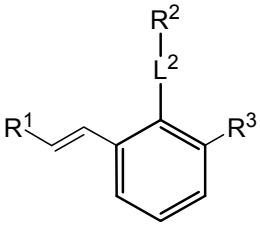
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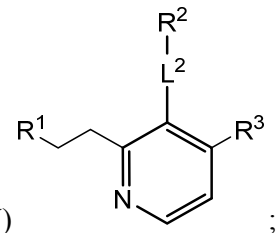
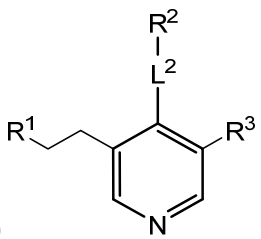
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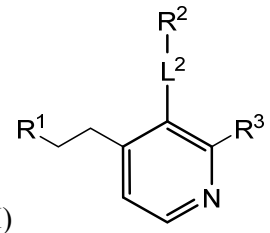
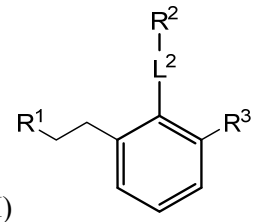
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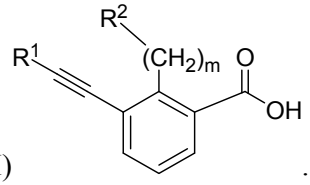
2. The compound of claim 1, which is at least one compound of formula selected from the group consisting of formula (**II**) ; formula (**III**) ; formula (**IV**) ; and formula (**V**) .

3. The compound of claim 2, which is at least one compound of formula selected from the group consisting of formula (**VI**)  ; formula (**VII**)  ; formula (**VIII**)  ; and formula (**IX**)  .

4. The compound of claim 2, which is at least one compound of formula selected from the group consisting of formula (**X**)  (X) ; formula (**XI**)  (XI) ; formula (**XII**)  (XII) ; and formula (**XIII**)  (XIII) .

5. The compound of claim 2, which is at least one compound of formula selected from the group consisting of formula (**XIV**)  ; formula (**XV**)  ;

formula (**XVI**)  ; and formula (**XVII**)  .

6. The compound of claim 1, which is a compound of formula (**XVIII**)  .

7. The compound of claim 1, wherein R^1 is at least one selected form the group consisting of: 4-acetamidophenyl; 4-(aminomethyl)phenyl; 4-aminophenyl; 4-{8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octan-3-yl}phenyl; 3-carbamoyl-5-methoxyphenyl; 4-{[(2-carboxyphenyl)formamido]methyl} phenyl; 4-{[(4-carboxyphenyl) formamido]methyl} phenyl; 4-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzenesulfon amido) phenyl; 2,4-difluorophenyl; 4-[(4,4-difluoropiperidin-1-yl)methyl]phenyl; 4-{[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl] carbamoyl}phenyl; 4-({[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl](methyl)amino} methyl)phenyl; 1-[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridin-3-yl; 1-[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]-1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridin-3-yl; 4-[(dimethylamino)methyl]phenyl; 4-[(1,1-dioxo-1λ^6-thian-4-yl)oxy]phenyl; 4-[(1,1-dioxo-1λ^6-thiomorpholin-4-yl)methyl] phenyl; 4-[(4-ethylpiperazin-1-yl)methyl]phenyl; 4-fluoro-3-(oxan-4-yloxy)phenyl; 4-fluorophenyl; 4-{[(2-fluorophenyl)formamido]methyl}phenyl; 4-[(3-hydroxy azetidin-1-yl)methyl]phenyl; 4-{[4-(2-hydroxyethyl)piperidin-1-yl]methyl} phenyl; 4-[(4-hydroxypiperidin-1-yl)methyl]phenyl; 4-methanesulfonamidophenyl; 3-(3-methanesulfonamide phenyl)phenyl; 4-(4-methoxybenzene- sulfonamido)phenyl; 4-{[(2-methoxyethyl)(methyl)amino] methyl} phenyl; 4-[(2-methoxyethyl)(methyl)carbamoyl]phenyl; 4-methoxyphenyl; 4-[(4-methoxypiperidin-1-yl)methyl]phenyl; 4-[(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)methyl]phenyl; 4-[(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)methyl]phenyl; 2-methyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydroquinazolin-7-yl; 3-(morpholin-4-ylmethyl)phenyl; 4-(morpholin-4-ylmethyl)phenyl; 1-[2-(morpholin-4-yl)ethyl]-1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridin-3-yl; 1-[3-(morpholin-4-yl)propyl]-1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridin-3-yl; 1-[2-(morpholin-4-yl)ethyl]-1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridin-5-yl; 1-[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridin-5-yl; 1,8-naphthyridin-2-yl; 4-(oxan-4-ylmethoxy)phenyl; 4-[2-(oxan-4-yl)ethoxy]phenyl; 4-(oxan-4-yloxy)phenyl; 4-(oxan-4-yloxy)-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl; 4-oxo-3,4-dihydroquinazolin-7-yl; phenyl 4-[(phenylformamido)methyl]phenyl; 4-(piperazine-1-carbonyl)phenyl; 4-(pyridine-3-

amido)phenyl; 2-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-1,8-naphthyridin-3-yl; and 4-(thiophene-2-sulfonamido)phenyl.

8. The compound of claim 1, wherein R^2 is selected from the group consisting of: 1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl; 5-fluoro-indol-6-yl; 7-fluoro-indol-6-yl; Indol-6-yl; 2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl; 1-methyl-1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b] pyridin -6-yl; 1,8-naphthyridin-2-yl; 1,8-naphthyridin-3-yl; and 1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridine-5-yl.

9. The compound of claim 1, which is at least one selected from the group consisting of:
2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-3-[1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-ethyl)-1H-indol-6-ylethynyl]-benzoic acid;
3-[3-Acetylamino-4-(tetrahydro-pyran-4-yloxy)-phenylethynyl]-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
3-[4-(8-Acetyl-8-aza-bicyclo[3.2.1]oct-3-yl)-phenylethynyl]-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
3-[1-(2-Dimethylamino-ethyl)-1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridin-5-ylethynyl]-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
3-[1-(3-Dimethylamino-propyl)-1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridin-5-ylethynyl]-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-3-[1-(3-morpholin-4-yl-propyl)-1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridin-5-ylethynyl]-benzoic acid;
2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-3-[1-(3-morpholin-4-yl-propyl)-1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridin-3-ylethynyl]-benzoic acid
2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-3-[1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-ethyl)-1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridin-5-ylethynyl]-benzoic acid;
3-{2-[3-(3,3-dimethyl-2-oxoazetidin-1-yl)phenyl]ethynyl}-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoic acid;
3-[1-(2-Dimethylamino-ethyl)-1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridin-3-ylethynyl]-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-3-[1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-ethyl)-1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridin-3-ylethynyl]-benzoic acid;
3-[1-(3-Dimethylamino-propyl)-1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridin-3-ylethynyl]-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
3-{1-[2-(1,1-Dioxo-1λ^6-thiomorpholin-4-yl)-ethyl]-1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridin-5-ylethynyl}-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-3-[1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-ethyl)-1H-indol-5-ylethynyl]-benzoic acid;
2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-3-[1-(3-morpholin-4-yl-propyl)-1H-indol-5-ylethynyl]-benzoic acid;
2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-3-[1-(3-morpholin-4-yl-propyl)-1H-indol-6-ylethynyl]-benzoic acid;

2-(1H-Indol-6-yl)-3-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-[1,8]naphthyridin-3-ylethynyl)-benzoic acid;
2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-3-[1-(tetrahydro-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-1H-pyrrolo [2,3-b]pyridin-5-ylethynyl]-benzoic acid;
2-(1H-Indol-6-yl)-3-[1-(tetrahydro-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-1H-indol-5-ylethynyl]-benzoic acid;
2-(1H-Indol-6-yl)-3-[1-(1-methanesulfonyl-piperidin-4-ylmethyl)-1H-indol-5-ylethynyl]-benzoic acid;
2-(1H-Indol-6-yl)-3-[1-(1-methanesulfonyl-piperidin-4-ylmethyl)-1H-pyrrolo [2,3-b]pyridin-5-ylethynyl]-benzoic acid;
3-[1-(1,1-Dioxo-hexahydro-1λ^6-thiopyran-4-ylmethyl)-1H-pyrrolo [2,3-b]pyridin-5-ylethynyl]-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
3-{1-[2-(1,1-Dioxo-1λ^6-thiomorpholin-4-yl)-ethyl]-1H-indol-5-yl-ethynyl}-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
3-{1-[2-(1,1-Dioxo-1λ^6-thiomorpholin-4-yl)-ethyl]-1H-indol-6-ylethynyl}-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
3-{1-[3-(1,1-Dioxo-1λ^6-thiomorpholin-4-yl)-propyl]-1H-indol-5-yl-ethynyl}-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
3-{1-[3-(1,1-Dioxo-1λ^6-thiomorpholin-4-yl)-propyl]-1H-indol-6-yl-ethynyl}-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
3-[4-(1,1-Dioxo-hexahydro-1λ^6-thiopyran-4-yloxymethyl)-phenyethynyl]-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
2-(1H-Indol-6-yl)-3-[4-(tetrahydro-pyran-4-yloxymethyl)-phenylethynyl]-benzoic acid;
2-(1H-Indol-6-yl)-3-(4-isopropoxymethyl-phenylethynyl)-benzoic acid;
2-(1H-Indol-6-yl)-3-[4-(1-oxo-hexahydro-1λ^4-thiopyran-4-yloxy)-phenylethynyl]-benzoic acid;
2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-3-(3-morpholin-4-ylmethyl-1H-indol-6-ylethynyl)-benzoic acid;
2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-3-[3-(4-methanesulfonyl-piperazin-1-ylmethyl)-1H-indol-6-ylethynyl]-benzoic acid;
3-[3-(1,1-Dioxo-1λ^6-thiomorpholin-4-ylmethyl)-1H-indol-6-ylethynyl]-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-3-(2-morpholin-4-ylmethyl-1H-indol-6-ylethynyl)-benzoic acid;
3-[2-(1,1-Dioxo-1λ^6-thiomorpholin-4-ylmethyl)-1H-indol-6-ylethynyl]-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
3-[1-(4-ethoxy-2-methyl-butyl)-6-fluoro-1H-indol-5-ylethynyl]-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
3-[7-fluoro-1-(tetrahydro-pyran-4-ylmethyl)-1H-indol-6-ylethynyl]-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;

3-[1-(1,1-dioxo-hexahydro-1λ^6-thiopyran-4-ylmethyl)-7-fluoro-1H-indol-6-ylethynyl]-2-(1H-indol-l)-benzoic acid;
3-[1-(1,1-dioxo-hexahydro-1λ^6-thiopyran-4-ylmethyl)-6-fluoro-1H-indol-5-ylethynyl]-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
3-(7-fluoro-3-morpholin-4-ylmethyl-1H-indol-6-ylethynyl)-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
3-(6-fluoro-3-morpholin-4-ylmethyl-1H-indol-5-ylethynyl)-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
3-((4-(2H-tetrazol-5-yl)phenyl)ethynyl)-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)benzoic acid;
3-((3-(2H-tetrazol-5-yl)phenyl)ethynyl)-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)benzoic acid;
2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-3-((4-(oxazol-5-yl)phenyl)ethynyl)benzoic acid;
2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-3-((4-(6-oxo-1,6-dihydropyridazin-3-yl)phenyl)ethynyl)benzoic acid;
2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-3-((3-methoxy-4-(morpholinomethyl)phenyl)ethynyl)benzoic acid;
3-((3-hydroxy-4-(morpholine-4-carbonyl)phenyl)ethynyl)-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)benzoic acid;
2-(1H-Indol-6-yl)-3-[3-methoxy-4-(4-morpholin-4-yl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl)-phenylethynyl]-benzoic acid;
3-((4-((4,4-difluoropiperidin-1-yl)methyl)-3-methoxyphenyl)ethynyl)-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)benzoic acid;
3-((4-((4-(dimethylcarbamoyl)piperidin-1-yl)methyl)-3-methoxyphenyl)ethynyl)-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)benzoic acid;
3-((3-hydroxy-4-(4-morpholinopiperidine-1-carbonyl)phenyl)ethynyl)-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)benzoic acid;
3-((4-(4,4-difluoropiperidine-1-carbonyl)-3-hydroxyphenyl)ethynyl)-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)benzoic acid;
2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-3-((4-((1-(methylsulfonyl)piperidin-4-yl)methyl)phenyl)ethynyl) benzoic acid;
2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-3-((4-((1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)piperidin-4-yl)methyl) phenyl)ethynyl)benzoic acid;
2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-3-((4-((1-(isopropylsulfonyl)piperidin-4-yl)methyl)phenyl) ethynyl) benzoic acid;
3-((4-((1-acetylpiperidin-4-yl)methyl)phenyl)ethynyl)-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)benzoic acid;
3-((2-acetylisoindolin-5-yl)ethynyl)-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)benzoic acid;
2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-3-((2-(isopropylsulfonyl)isoindolin-5-yl)ethynyl)benzoic acid;
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3-((2-((1-acetylpyrrolidin-3-yl)methyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-7-yl)ethynyl)-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)benzoic acid;
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2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-3-((2-((1-(methylsulfonyl)azetidin-3-yl)methyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-7-yl)ethynyl)benzoic acid;
2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-3-((2-(3-(methylsulfonamido)benzyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-6-yl)ethynyl)benzoic acid;
2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-3-((2-(3-(methylsulfonamido)benzyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-7-yl)ethynyl)benzoic acid;
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2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-3-((2-((1-(methylsulfonyl)azetidin-3-yl)methyl)isoindolin-5-yl)ethynyl)benzoic acid;
2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-3-((2-((1-(methylsulfonyl)piperidin-4-yl)methyl)isoindolin-5-yl)ethynyl)benzoic acid;
2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-3-((2-(methylsulfonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-7-yl)ethynyl)benzoic acid;
2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-3-((2-(isopropylsulfonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-7-yl)ethynyl)benzoic acid;
2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-3-((2-propionyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-7-yl)ethynyl) benzoic acid;
2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-3-((2-(methylsulfonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-isoquinolin-6-yl)ethynyl)benzoic acid;
2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-3-((2-(isopropylsulfonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-6-yl)ethynyl)benzoic acid;
3-((2-acetyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-6-yl)ethynyl)-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)benzoic acid;
2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-3-((2-propionyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-6-yl)ethynyl)benzoic acid;
3-[4-(4-cyano-phenoxymethyl)-phenylethynyl]-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
3-[4-(3-cyano-phenoxymethyl)-phenyl ethynyl]-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
3-[4-(3-carbamoyl-phenoxymethyl)-phenylethynyl]-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-3-[4-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenoxymethyl)-phenylethynyl]-benzoic acid;

2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-3-[4-(3-trifluoromethyl-phenoxymethyl)-phenylethynyl]-benzoic acid;

2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-3-[4-(4-methoxy-phenoxymethyl)-phenylethynyl]-benzoic acid;

3-[4-(4-carbamoyl-phenoxymethyl)-phenylethynyl]-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;

2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-3-[4-(3-methoxy-phenoxymethyl)-phenylethynyl]-benzoic acid;

2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-3-(4-phenoxymethyl-phenylethynyl)-benzoic acid;

3-[4-(2-fluoro-phenoxymethyl)-phenylethynyl]-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;

2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-3-[4-(pyridin-3-yloxymethyl)-phenylethynyl]-benzoic acid;

3-[4-(3-chloro-phenoxymethyl)-phenylethynyl]-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;

3-[4-(3,4-dichloro-phenoxymethyl)-phenylethynyl]-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;

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3-[4-(2-cyano-phenoxymethyl)-phenylethynyl]-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;

2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-3-[4-(4-methanesulfonyl-phenoxymethyl)-phenylethynyl]-benzoic acid;

2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-3-[4-(pyrimidin-5-yloxymethyl)-phenylethynyl]-benzoic acid;

2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-3-[4-(2-methanesulfonyl-phenoxymethyl)-phenylethynyl]-benzoic acid;

2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-3-[4-(3-methanesulfonyl-phenoxymethyl)-phenylethynyl]-benzoic acid;

2-(1H-Indol-6-yl)-3-{2-[3-(3-methanesulfonamidophenyl)phenyl] ethynyl}benzoic acid;

2-(1H-Indol-6-yl)-3-{2-[6-(oxan-4-yloxy)pyridin-3-yl]ethynyl}benzoic acid;

2-(1H-Indol-6-yl)-3-{2-[2-(propylcarbamoyl)-1H-indol-6-yl]ethynyl}benzoic acid;

2-(1H-Indol-6-yl)-3-{2-[3-(1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-2-ylmethyl)phenyl]ethynyl}benzoic acid;

3-{2-[3-Cyano-4-(oxan-4-yloxy)phenyl]ethynyl}-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)benzoic acid;

3-[2-(3-{[4-(Ethoxycarbonyl)piperazin-1-yl]methyl}phenyl)ethynyl]-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)benzoic acid;

3-(2-{4-[3-(Hydroxymethyl)oxetan-3-yl]phenyl}ethynyl)-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)benzoic acid;

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2-(6-Fluoro-1H-indol-5-yl)-3-phenylethynyl-benzoic acid;

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2-(1-Methyl-1H-pyrrolo [2,3-b]pyridin-6-yl)-3-phenylethynyl-benzoic acid;

2-[1,8]Naphthyridin-2-yl-3-phenylethynyl-benzoic acid;
3-Phenylethynyl-2-(1H-pyrrolo [2,3-b]pyridin-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
2-(4-methoxy-1H-indol-6-yl)-3-(2-phenylethynyl)-benzoic acid;
3-(2-(4-(2-hydroxypropan-2-yl)phenyl)ethynyl)-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
3-(2-(4-(2-aminothiazol-4-yl)phenyl)ethynyl)-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
2-(1H-Indol-6-yl)-3-(3-sulfamoyl-phenylethynyl)-benzoic acid;
3-(4-Amino-3-sulfamoyl-phenylethynyl)-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-3-(Spiro[2H-1-benzopyran-2,1'- 4-piperidine-1-t-butylcarboxylate]-4(3H)-one)ethynyl)benzoic acid;
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3-(2-(4-(5-(methoxycarbonyl)-2-aminothiazol-4-yl)phenyl)ethynyl)-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
3-(2-(4-(5-amino-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl)phenyl)ethynyl)-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
3-(2-(4-(3-amino-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)phenyl)ethynyl)-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
2-Amino-4-{4-[3-carboxy-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-phenylethynyl]-phenyl}-thiazole-5-carboxylic acid;
3-(2-(4-(2-aminooxazol-5-yl)phenyl)ethynyl)-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
2-(1H-Indol-6-yl)-3-[4-(2-methanesulfonylamino-thiazol-4-yl)-phenylethynyl]-benzoic acid;
2-(1H-Indol-6-yl)-3-[3-(2-methanesulfonylamino-thiazol-4-yl)-phenylethynyl]-benzoic acid;
3-(2-(1,4-dihydro-2-((4-methoxypiperidin-1-yl)methyl)-4-oxoquinazolin-6-yl)ethynyl)-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)benzoic acid;
3-(2-(1,4-dihydro-2-((4-thiomorpholine-1,1dioxide-1-yl)methyl)-4-oxoquinazolin-6-yl)ethynyl)-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)benzoic acid;
3-(2-(2-(trifluoromethyl)-3,4-dihydro-4-oxoquinazolin-6-yl)ethynyl)-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)benzoic acid;
3-(2-(3,4-dihydro-3-(2-methoxyethyl)-4-oxopyrido[2,3-d]pyrimidin-6-yl)ethynyl)-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)benzoic acid;
2-(1H-Indol-6-yl)-3-[3-(2-methoxy-6-methyl-phenylcarbamoyl)-phenylethynyl]-benzoic acid;
3-{3-[4-(1,1-Dioxo-1-thiomorpholin-4-yl)-phenylcarbamoyl]-phenylethynyl}-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
3-Phenylethynyl-2-(1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridin-5-yl)-benzoic acid;
3-(4-Fluoro-phenylethynyl)-2-(1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridin-5-yl)-benzoic acid;
3-(4-Methoxy-phenylethynyl)-2-(1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridin-5-yl)-benzoic acid;
2-(1H-Pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridin-5-yl)-3-[4-(tetrahydro-pyran-4-yloxy)-phenylethynyl]-benzoic acid;
2-(1H-Indol-6-yl)-3-{4-[2-(tetrahydro-pyran-4-yl)-ethoxy]-phenylethynyl}-benzoic acid;
3-[4-(1,1-Dioxo-hexahydro-1-thiopyran-4-yloxy)-phenylethynyl]-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;

2-(1H-Indol-6-yl)-3-(4-morpholin-4-ylmethyl-phenylethynyl)-benzoic acid;
3-[4-(4-Ethyl-piperazin-1-ylmethyl)-phenylethynyl]-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
2-(1H-Indol-6-yl)-3-[4-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-ylmethyl)-phenylethynyl]-benzoic acid;
3-[4-(1,1-Dioxo-thiomorpholin-4-ylmethyl)-phenylethynyl]-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
3-(4-{[(2-Dimethylamino-ethyl)-methyl-amino]-methyl}-phenylethynyl)-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
3-{4-[4-(2-Hydroxy-ethyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-phenylethynyl}-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
3-[4-(4-Hydroxymethyl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl)-phenylethynyl]-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
2-(1H-Indol-6-yl)-3-[4-(4-methyl-[1,4]diazepan-1-ylmethyl)-phenylethynyl]-benzoic acid;
3-[4-(3-Hydroxy-azetidin-1-ylmethyl)-phenylethynyl]-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
3-[4-(4-Hydroxy-piperidin-1-ylmethyl)-phenylethynyl]-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
2-(1H-Indol-6-yl)-3-[4-(4-methoxy-piperidin-1-ylmethyl)-phenylethynyl]-benzoic acid;
3-(4-Dimethylaminomethyl-phenylethynyl)-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
2-(1H-Indol-6-yl)-3-(4-{[(2-methoxy-ethyl)-methyl-amino]-methyl}-phenylethynyl)-benzoic acid;
3-[4-(4,4-Difluoro-piperidin-1-ylmethyl)-phenylethynyl]-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
3-[4-(3,3-Difluoro-piperidin-1-ylmethyl)-phenylethynyl]-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
3-[4-(3,4-Dihydro-1H-isoquinolin-2-ylmethyl)-phenylethynyl]-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
2-(1H-Indol-6-yl)-3-[4-(4-methanesulfonyl-piperazin-1-ylmethyl)-phenylethynyl]-benzoic acid;
2-(1H-Indol-6-yl)-3-[4-(3-trifluoromethyl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl)-phenylethynyl]-benzoic acid;
2-(1H-Indol-6-yl)-3-[4-(3-methoxy-pyrrolidin-1-ylmethyl)-phenylethynyl]-benzoic acid;
2-(1H-Indol-6-yl)-3-[4-(4-isopropyl-piperazin-1-ylmethyl)-phenylethynyl]-benzoic acid;
3-[4-(4-Cyclohexyl-piperazin-1-ylmethyl)-phenylethynyl]-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
3-[4-(4-Cyclopropanecarbonyl-piperazin-1-ylmethyl)-phenylethynyl]-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
2-(1H-Indol-6-yl)-3-(4-piperazin-1-ylmethyl-phenylethynyl)-benzoic acid;
3-[4-(4-Benzenesulfonyl-piperazin-1-ylmethyl)-phenylethynyl]-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
3-{4-[(1,1-Dioxo-hexahydro-1-thiopyran-4-ylamino)-methyl]-phenylethynyl}-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
3-[4-(4-Cyclopentyl-piperazin-1-ylmethyl)-phenylethynyl]-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
3-[4-(4-Dimethylcarbamoyl-piperazin-1-ylmethyl)-phenylethynyl]-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
2-(1H-Indol-6-yl)-3-[4-(2,3,5,6-tetrahydro-[1,2']bipyrazinyl-4-ylmethyl)-phenylethynyl]-benzoic acid;
2-(1H-Indol-6-yl)-3-[4-(4-thiazol-2-yl-piperazin-1-ylmethyl)-phenylethynyl]-benzoic acid;

3-{4-[(2-Amino-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-benzothiazol-6-ylamino)-methyl]-phenylethynyl}-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
3-{4-[(2-Amino-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-benzothiazol-6-ylamino)-methyl]-phenylethynyl}-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
3-[4-(4-Methyl-piperazin-1-ylmethyl)-phenylethynyl]-2-(1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridin-5-yl)-benzoic acid;
3-[4-(4-Methoxy-piperidin-1-ylmethyl)-phenylethynyl]-2-(1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridin-5-yl)-benzoic acid;
2-(1H-Indol-5-yl)-3-[4-(4-methoxy-piperidin-1-ylmethyl)-phenylethynyl]-benzoic acid;
2-(1H-Indol-5-yl)-3-[4-(4-methanesulfonyl-piperazin-1-ylmethyl)-phenylethynyl]-benzoic acid;
3-[4-(4-Methanesulfonyl-piperazin-1-ylmethyl)-phenylethynyl]-2-(1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridin-5-yl)-benzoic acid;
3-[4-(4,4-Difluoro-piperidin-1-ylmethyl)-phenylethynyl]-2-(1H-indol-5-yl)-benzoic acid;
2-(1H-Indol-5-yl)-3-[4-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-ylmethyl)-phenylethynyl]-benzoic acid;
3-[4-(4-Ethanesulfonyl-piperazin-1-ylmethyl)-phenylethynyl]-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
3-[4-(1,1-Dioxo-hexahydro-1-thiopyran-4-yloxy)-phenylethynyl]-2-(1H-indol-5-yl)-benzoic acid;
3-[4-(1,1-Dioxo-hexahydro-thiopyran-4-yloxy)-phenylethynyl]-2-(1H-indazol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
3-[2-Fluoro-4-(tetrahydro-pyran-4-yloxymethyl)-phenylethynyl]-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
3-[4-(1,1-Dioxo-hexahydro-1-thiopyran-4-yloxymethyl)-2-fluoro-phenylethynyl]-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
2-(1H-Indol-6-yl)-3-[4-(2-methanesulfonyl-2,7-diaza-spiro[3.5]non-7-ylmethyl)-phenylethynyl]-benzoic acid;
2-(1H-Indol-6-yl)-3-[4-(5-methanesulfonyl-hexahydro-pyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrol-2-ylmethyl)-phenylethynyl]-benzoic acid;
3-[4-(4-Cyclopropanesulfonyl-piperazin-1-ylmethyl)-phenylethynyl]-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
2-(1H-Indol-6-yl)-3-{4-[4-(propane-2-sulfonyl)-piperazin-1-ylmethyl]-phenylethynyl}-benzoic acid;
2-(1H-Indol-6-yl)-3-[4-(7-methanesulfonyl-2,7-diaza-spiro[3.5]non-2-ylmethyl)-phenylethynyl]-benzoic acid;
2-(1H-Indol-5-yl)-3-[4-(tetrahydro-pyran-4-yloxy)-phenylethynyl]-benzoic acid;
N-(N,N-dimethylsulfamoyl)-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-3-((4-(((tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-yl)oxy)methyl)phenyl)ethynyl)benzamide;
2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-N-(methylsulfonyl)-3-((4-(((tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-yl)oxy)methyl)phenyl)ethynyl)benzamide;

6-[2-[4-(Tetrahydro-pyran-4-yloxymethyl)-phenylethynyl]-6-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-phenyl]-1H-indole;
3-[4-(Benzoylamino-methyl)-phenylethynyl]-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
2-(1H-Indol-6-yl)-3-(4-{[(4-oxo-cyclohexanecarbonyl)-amino]-methyl}-phenylethynyl)-benzoic acid;
2-(1H-Indol-6-yl)-3-[4-(4-oxo-cyclohexylcarbamoyl)-phenylethynyl]-benzoic acid;
3-[4-(2-Amino-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-benzothiazol-6-ylcarbamoyl)-phenylethynyl]-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
3-[4-(2-Amino-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-benzothiazol-6-ylcarbamoyl)-phenylethynyl]-2-(1H-indol-6-yl)-benzoic acid;
2-(1H-Indol-6-yl)-3-[4-(4-methyl-piperazine-1-carbonyl)-phenylethynyl]-benzoic acid;
2-(1H-Indol-6-yl)-3-[4-(4-methoxy-piperidine-1-carbonyl)-phenylethynyl]-benzoic acid;
2-(1H-Indazol-6-yl)-3-[4-(4-methanesulfonyl-piperazin-1-ylmethyl)-phenylethynyl]-benzoic acid; and
2-(1H-Indol-6-yl)-3-[4-(4-sulfamoyl-piperazin-1-ylmethyl)-phenylethynyl]-benzoic acid.

10. A pharmaceutical composition comprising at least one compound of any of claims 1-9 and at least one pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

11. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 10, further comprising at least one additional antiviral and/or anticancer agent.

12. At least one compound of any of claims 1-9 for use in the treatment and/or prevention of a disease or disorder caused by EBNA1 activity.

13. Use of at least one compound of any of claims 1-9 in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment and/or prevention of a disease or disorder caused by EBNA1 activity.

14. The use of any of claims 12-13, wherein the disease or disorder is at least one selected from the group consisting of cancer, infectious mononucleosis, chronic fatigue syndrome, multiple sclerosis, systemic lupus erythematosus, and rheumatoid arthritis.

15. The use of claim 14, wherein the cancer is at least one selected from the group consisting of nasopharyngeal carcinoma, gastric carcinomas, non-hodgkin lymphoma, anaplastic large-cell

lymphoma, angioimmunoblastic T-cell lymphoma, hepatosplenic T-cell lymphoma, B-cell lymphoma, Burkitt's lymphoma, reticuloendotheliosis, reticulosis, microglioma, diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, extranodal T/NK lymphoma/angiocentric lymphoma, follicular lymphoma, immunoblastic lymphoma, mucosa-associated lymphatic tissue lymphoma, B-cell chronic lymphocytic leukemia, mantle cell lymphoma, mediastinal large B cell lymphoma, lymphoplasmactic lymphoma, nodal marginal zone B cell lymphoma, splenic marginal zone lymphoma, intravascular large B-cell lymphoma, primary effusion lymphoma, lyphomatoid granulomatosis, angioimmunoblastic lymphadenopathy, leiomyosarcomas, X-linked lymphoproliferative disease, post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorders, Hodgkin's lymphoma and breast cancer.

16. At least one compound of any of claims 1-9 for use in the treatment and/or prevention of Epstein-Barr Virus (EBV) infection, and/or a disease or disorder associated with EBV infection.

17. Use of at least one compound of any of claims 1-9 in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment and/or prevention of Epstein-Barr Virus (EBV) infection, and/or a disease or disorder associated with EBV infection.

18. At least one compound of any of claims 1-9 for use in the treatment and/or prevention of lytic and/or latest EBV Virus infection.

19. Use of at least one compound of any of claims 1-9 in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment and/or prevention of lytic and/or latent EBV Virus infection.

20. The use of any of claims 12-19, wherein the compound is to be administered by at least one route selected from the group consisting of oral, nasal, inhalational, topical, buccal, rectal, pleural, peritoneal, vaginal, intramuscular, subcutaneous, transdermal, epidural, intratracheal, otic, intraocular, intrathecal, and intravenous routes.

21. The use of any of claims 12-20, wherein the compound is to be administered as part of a pharmaceutical composition further comprising at least one pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.