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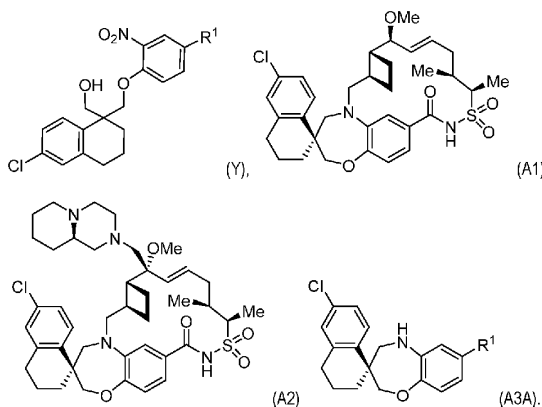
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(57) Abstract: Provided herein are processes for synthesizing Mcl-1 inhibitors and intermediates such as compound Y that can be used to prepare them where the variable R¹ is as defined herein. In particular, provided herein are processes for synthesizing compound A1, and salts or solvates thereof, compound A2, and salts and solvates thereof, and compound A3 and salts and solvates thereof. [INSERT COMPOUNDS HERE]

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