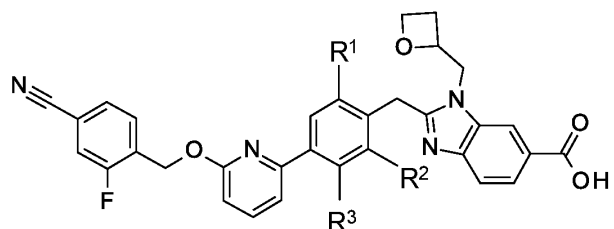


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Claims

1. A compound of the formula:



- 5 wherein

R^1 is H or F;

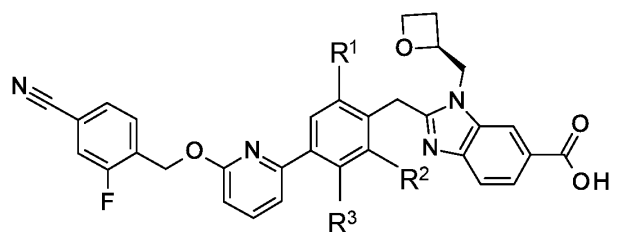
R^2 is H or F; and

R^3 is H or CH_3 ;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

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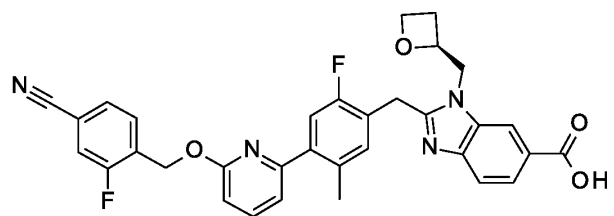
2. The compound according to claim 1, wherein the compound is of the formula:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

- 15 3. The compound according to claim 1 or claim 2, wherein R^2 is H and R^3 is CH_3 , or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

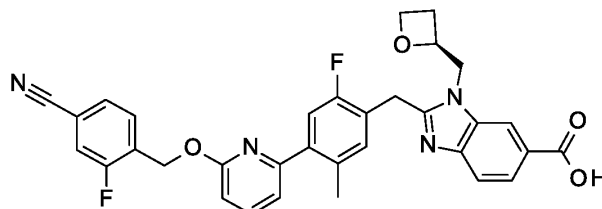
4. The compound according to claim 3, wherein the compound is:



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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

5. The compound according to claim 4, which is the *tert*-butylamine salt of:



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6. The compound according to claim 1 or claim 2, wherein R^1 is F and R^3 is H, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

7. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, according to any one of claims 1 to 6 and at least one pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent, or excipient.

8. A method of treating type II diabetes mellitus in a mammal comprising administering to the mammal an effective amount of a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 6, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

9. A method of lowering blood glucose levels in a mammal comprising administering an effective amount of a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 6, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

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10. A method of treating hyperglycemia in a mammal comprising administering to the mammal an effective amount of a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 6, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

11. The method according to any one of claims 8 to 10 wherein the compound is administered orally.

12. A compound, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, according to any one of claims 1 to 6 for use in therapy.
13. A compound, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, according to any one of claims 1 to 6 for use in the treatment of type II diabetes mellitus.
14. A compound, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, according to any one of claims 1 to 6 for use in lowering blood glucose levels.
15. A compound, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, according to any one of claims 1 to 6 for use in the treatment of hyperglycemia.
16. A compound, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, for use according to any one of claims 12 to 15, wherein the compound is to be administered orally.
17. Use of a compound, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, according to any one of claims 1 to 6 in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of type II diabetes mellitus.
18. Use of a compound, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, according to any one of claims 1 to 6 in the manufacture of a medicament to lower blood glucose levels.
19. Use of a compound, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, according to any one of claims 1 to 6 in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of hyperglycemia.