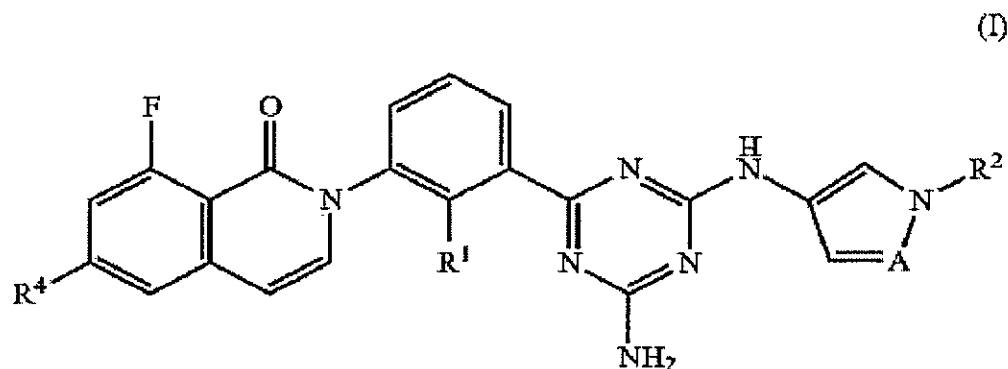


Claims

1. A compound of formula (I):



wherein

R¹ is a substituted or unsubstituted lower alkyl group,

R² is a hydrogen atom or a substituted or unsubstituted lower alkyl group,

A is a nitrogen atom or C—R³,

R³ is a hydrogen atom, cyano group, a substituted or unsubstituted acyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted sulfonyl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted carbamoyl group, and

R⁴ is a substituted or unsubstituted lower alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. The compound according to claim 1, wherein

R¹ is —CH₂OR⁵, and

R⁵ is a substituted or unsubstituted acyl group, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

3. The compound according to claim 1, wherein R¹ is a hydroxymethyl group,

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

4. The compound according to claim 1, wherein R⁴ is a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group,

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

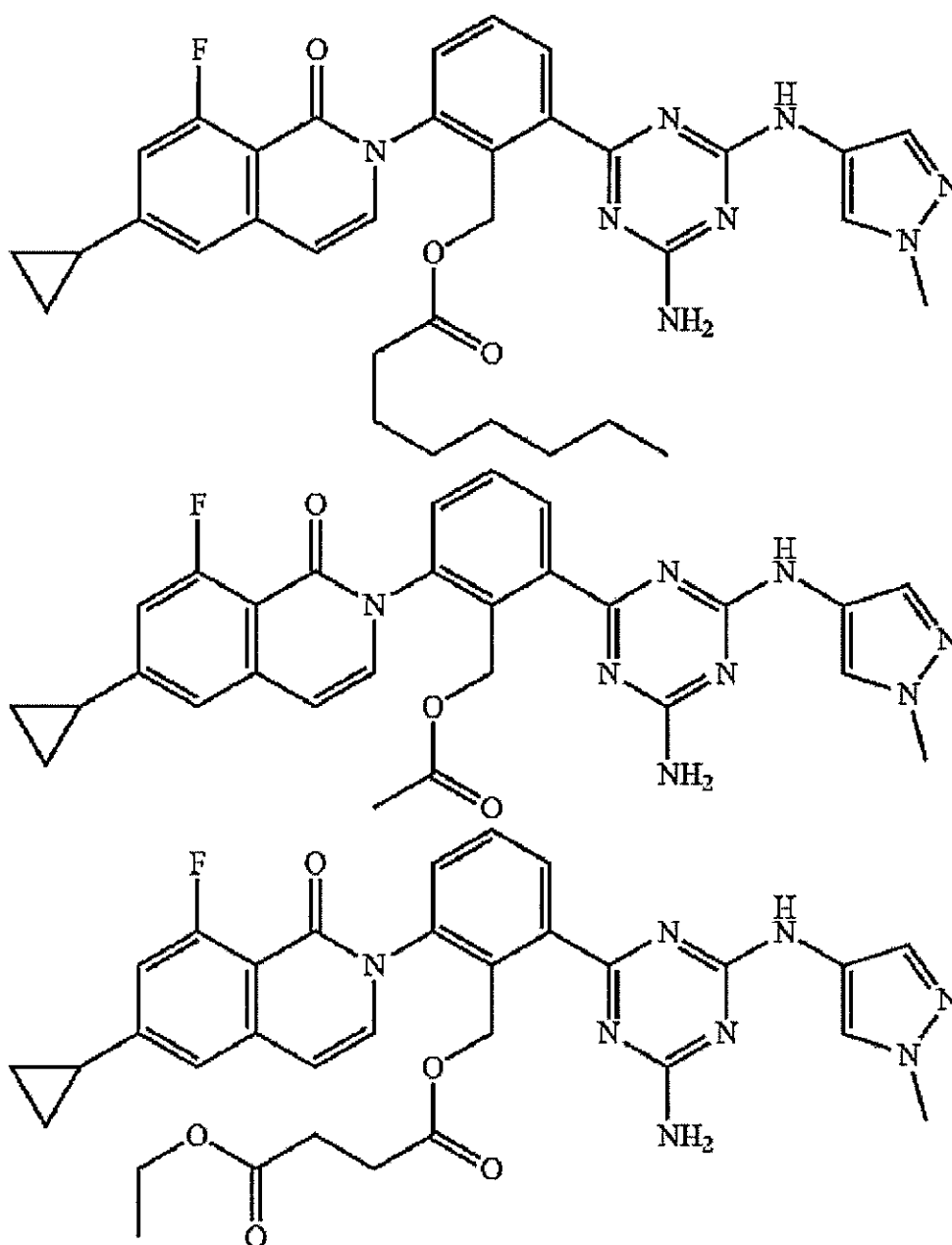
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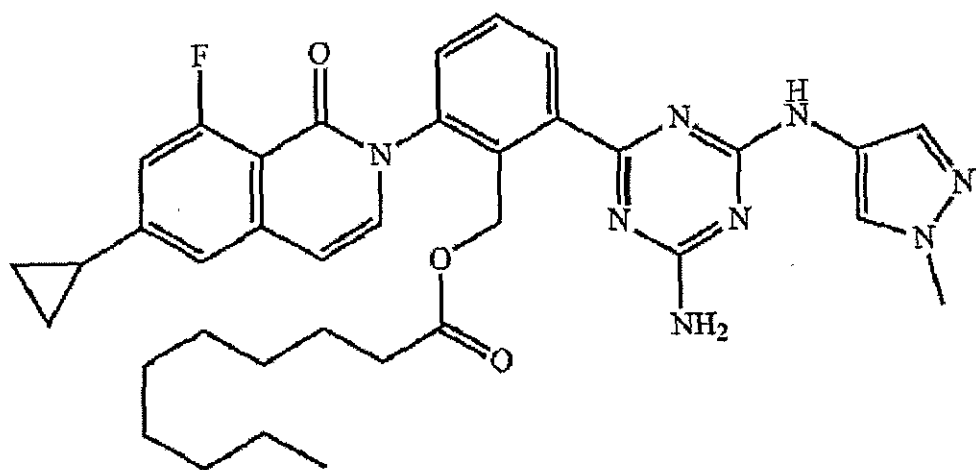
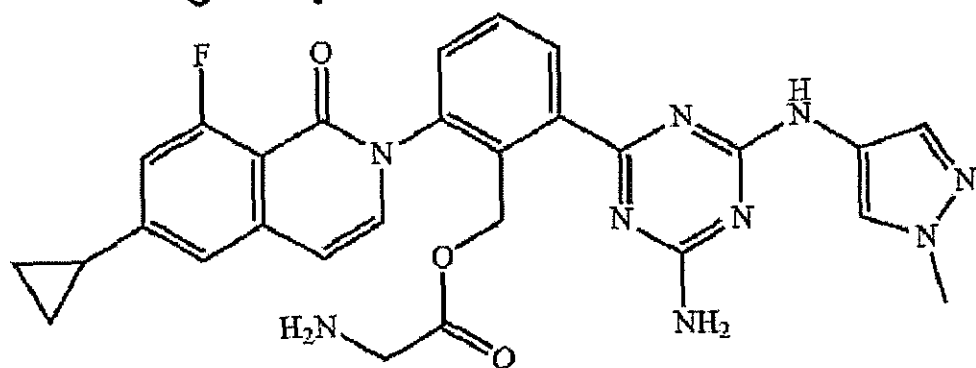
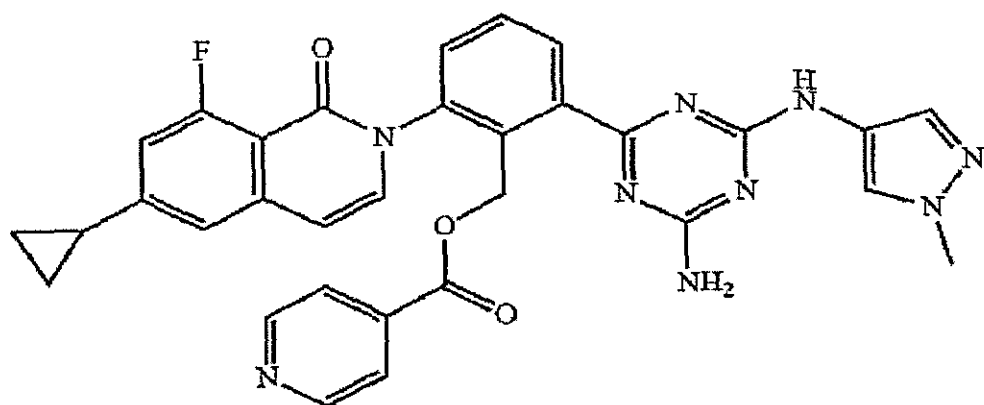
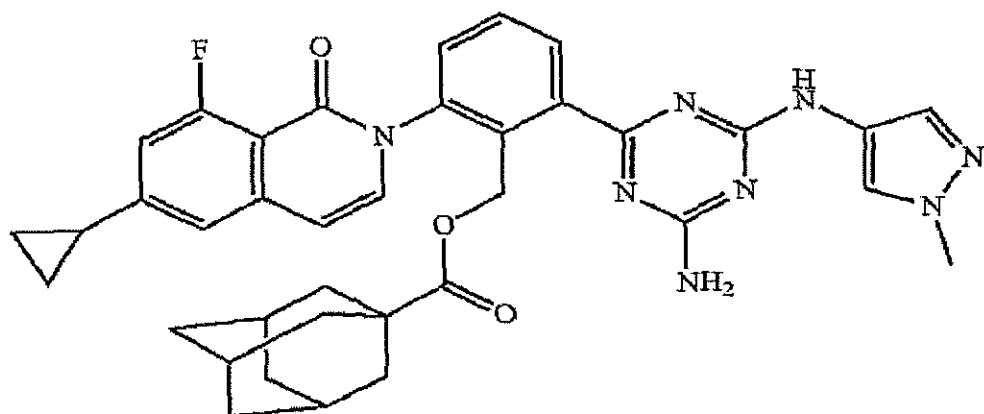
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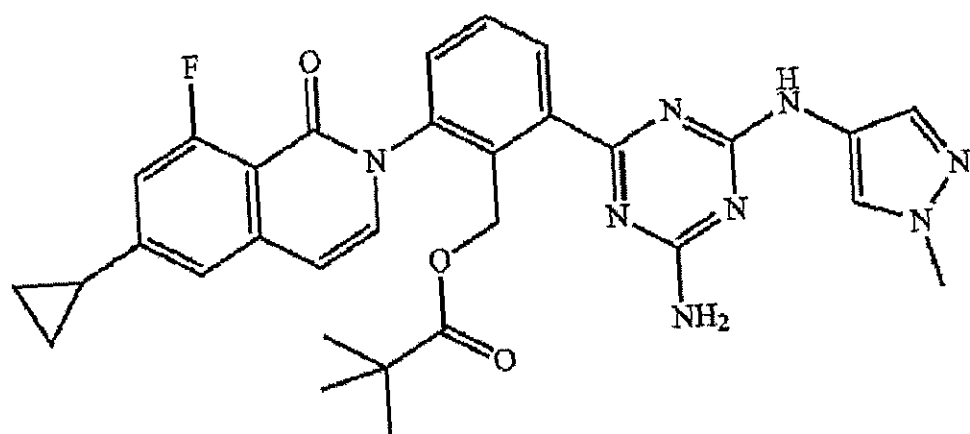
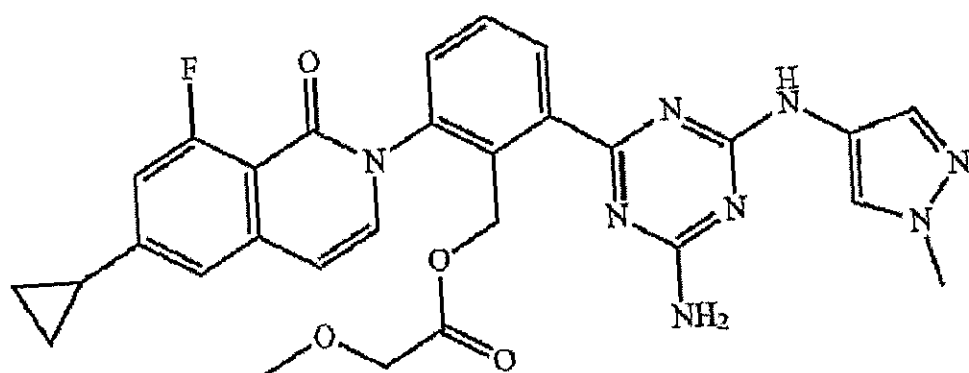
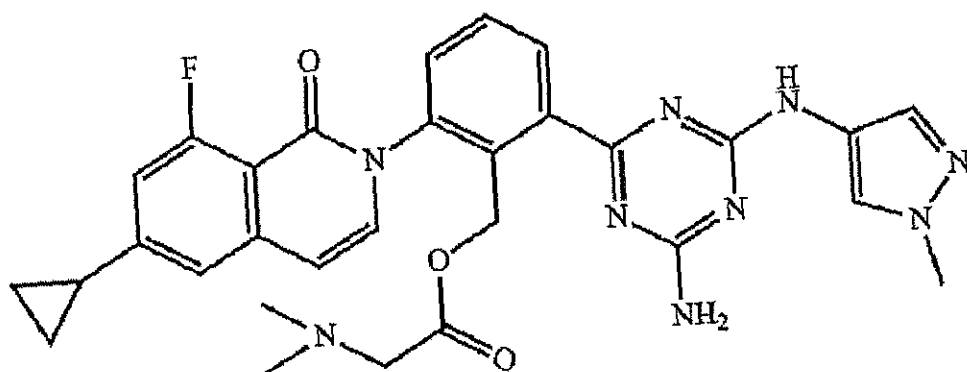
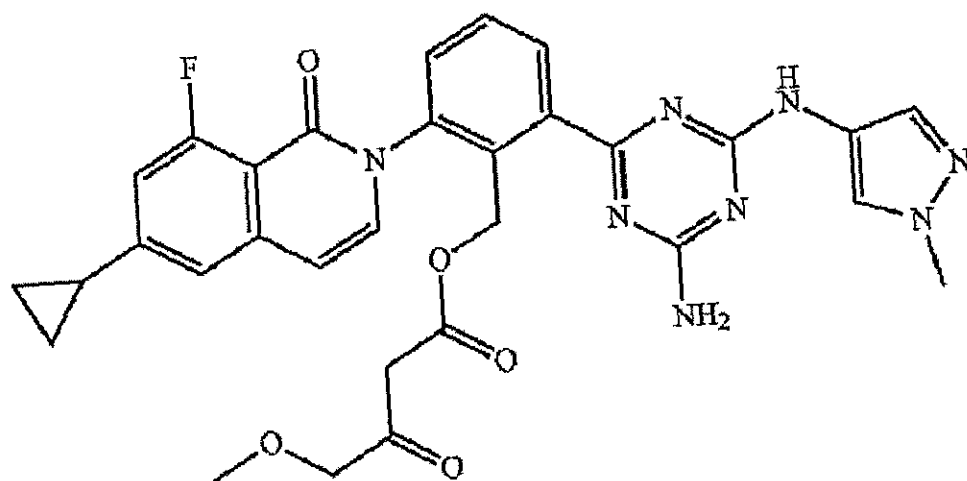
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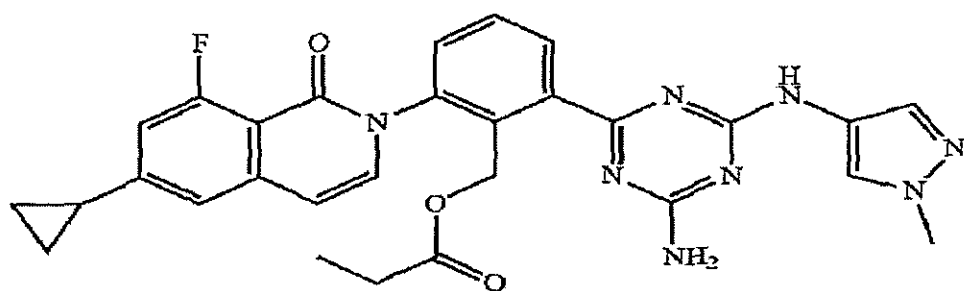
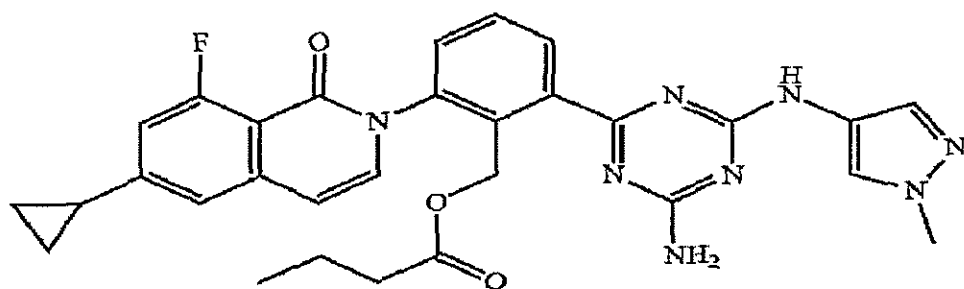
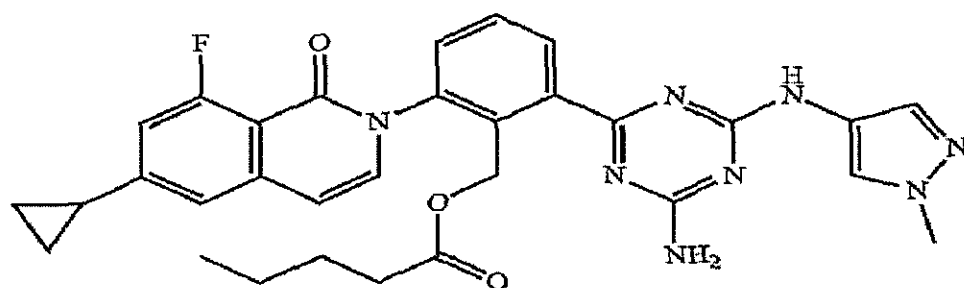
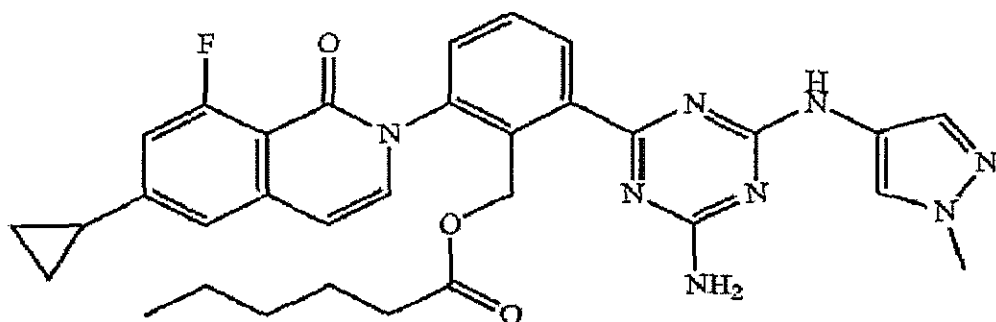
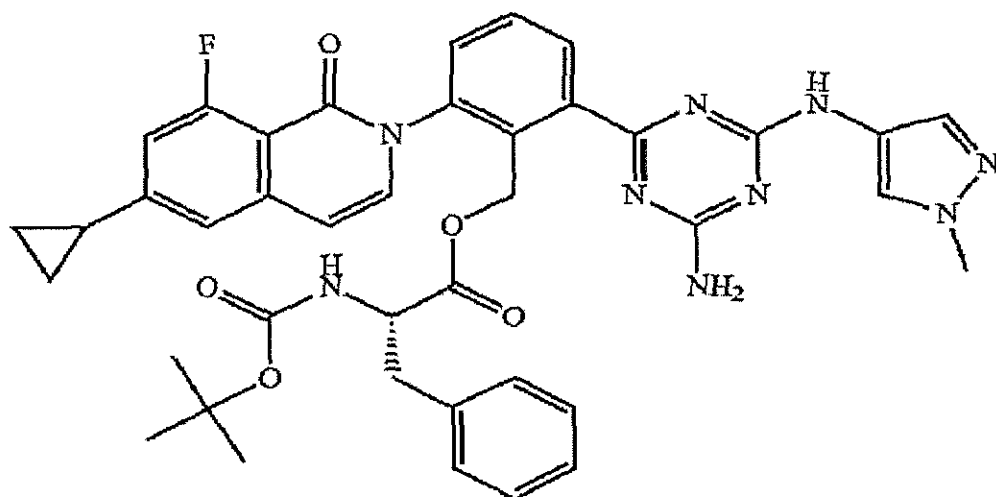
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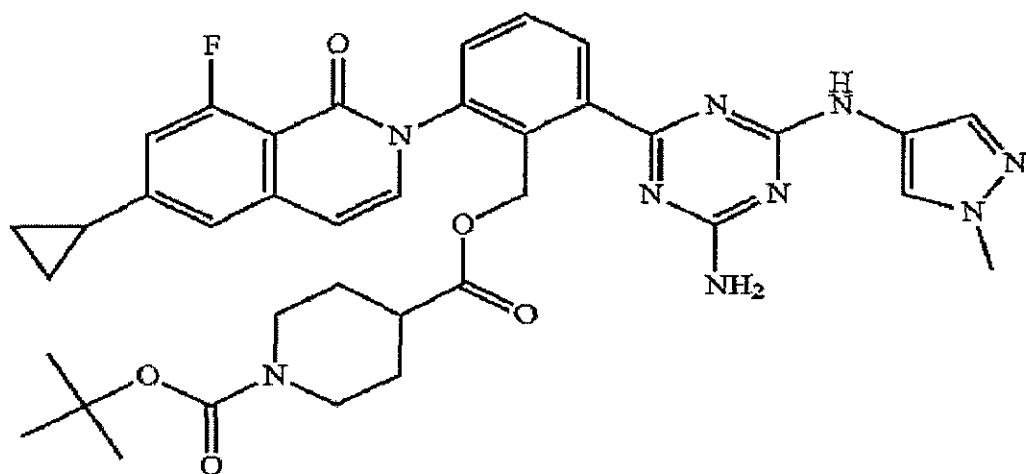
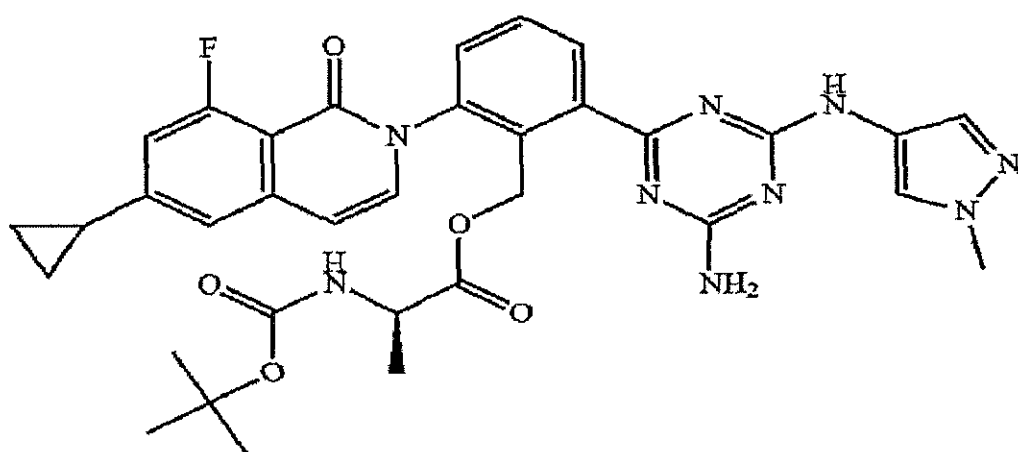
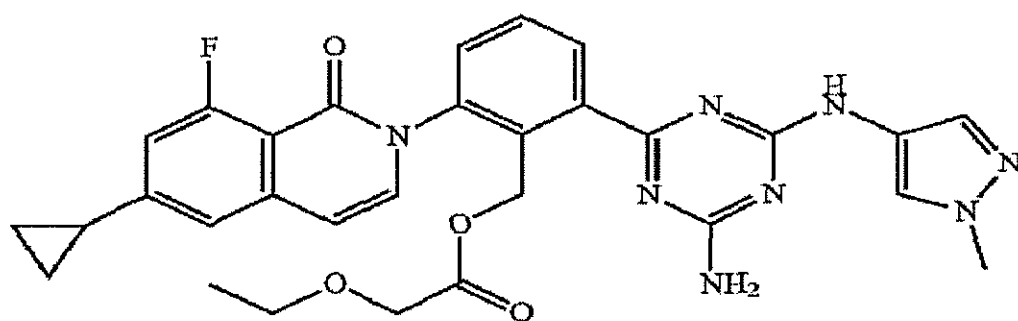
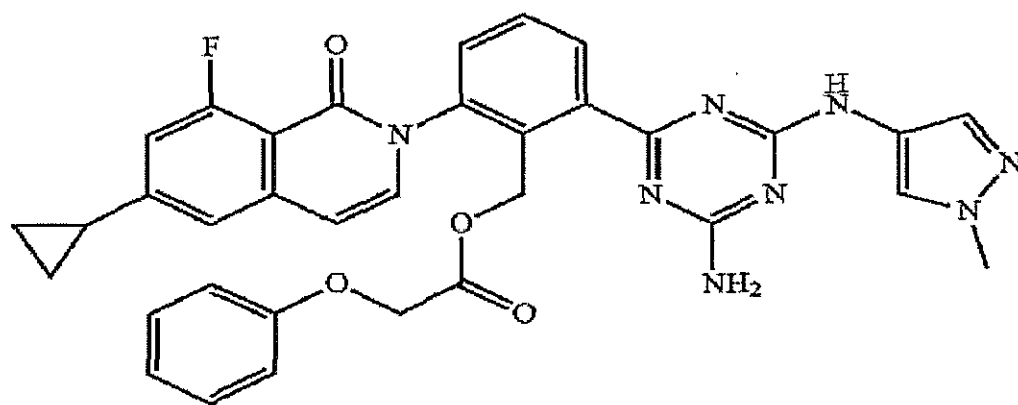
7. The compound according to claim 1, wherein R^2 is a hydrogen atom,
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
8. The compound according to claim 1, wherein A is a nitrogen atom,
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9. The compound according to claim 1, wherein A is $C-R^3$,
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
10. A compound selected from the group consisting of:

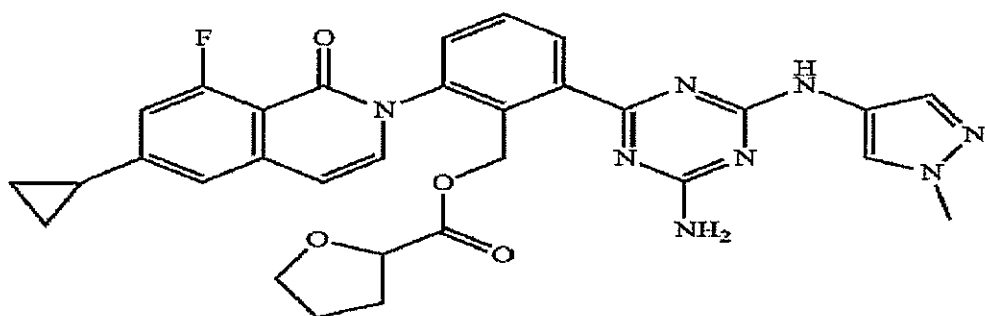
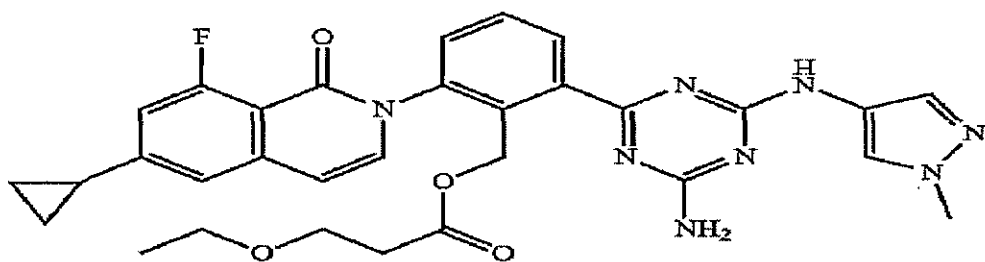
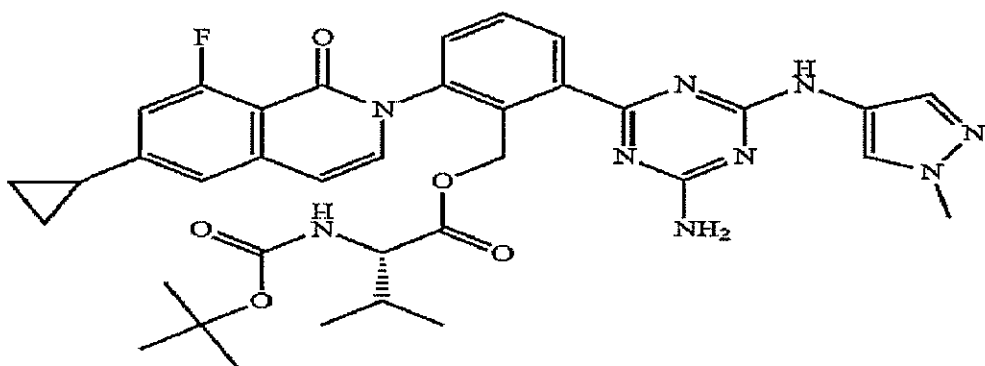
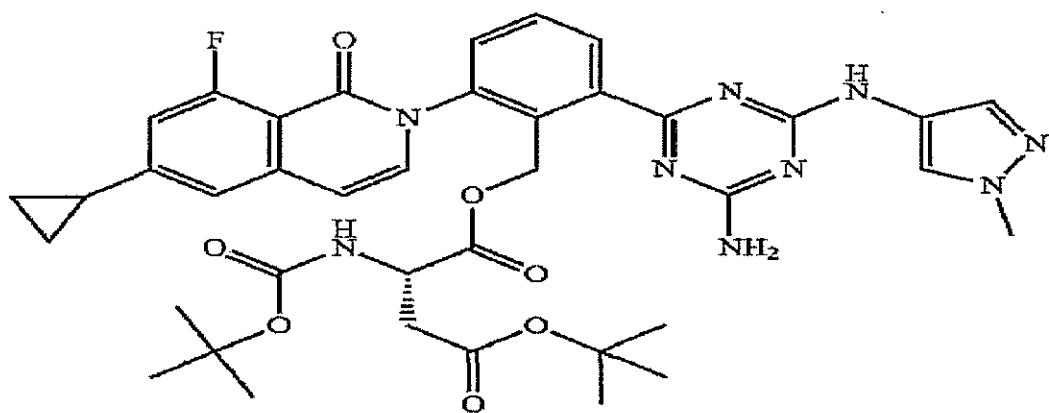
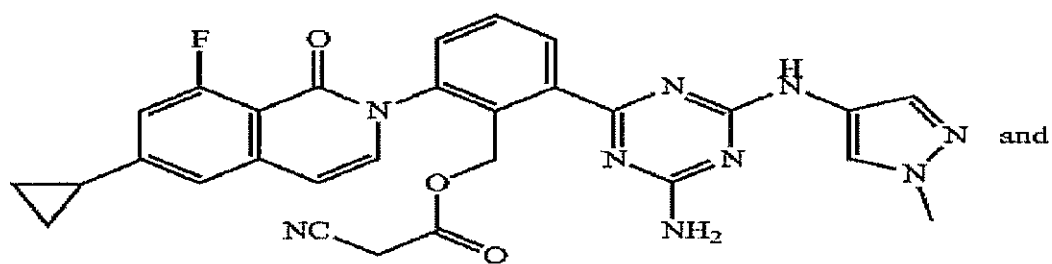


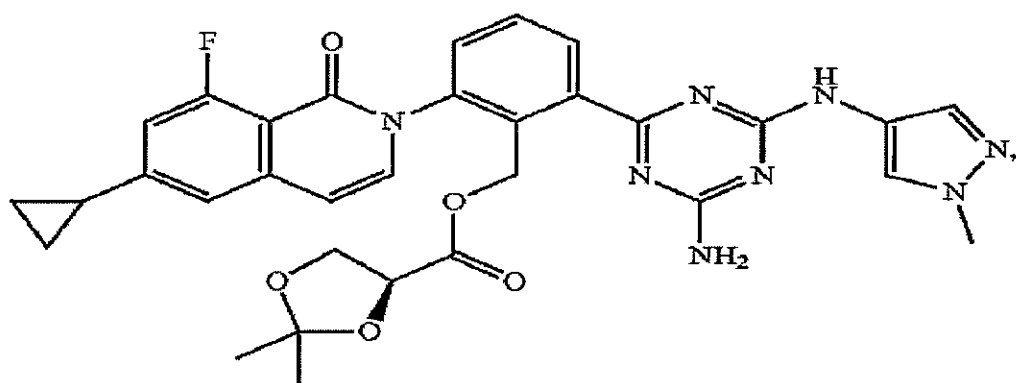






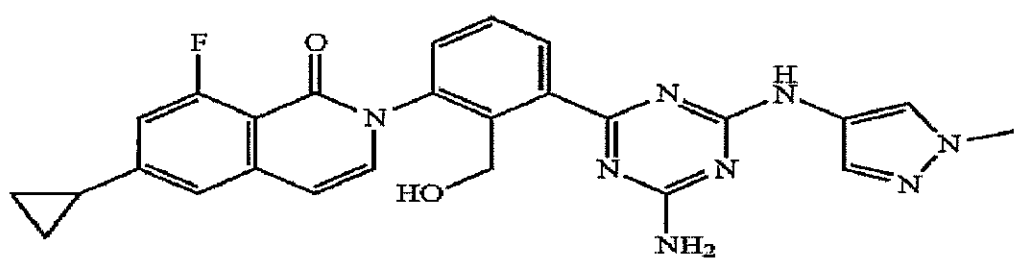
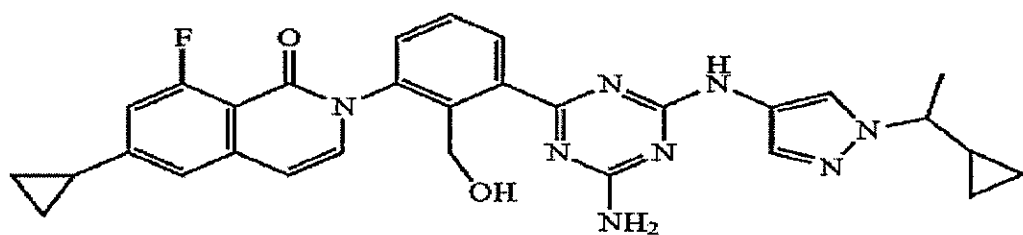
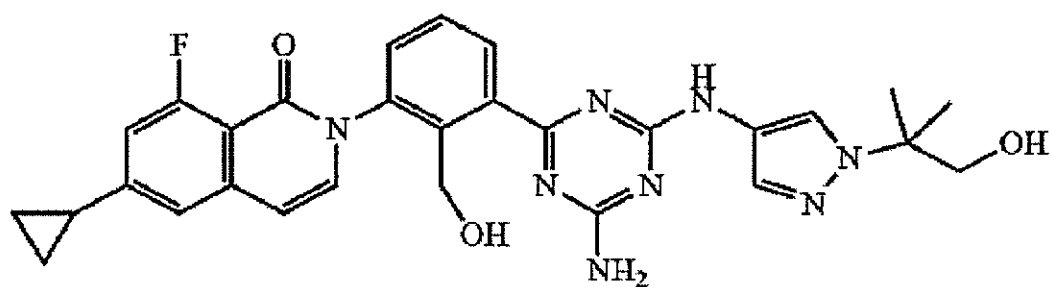
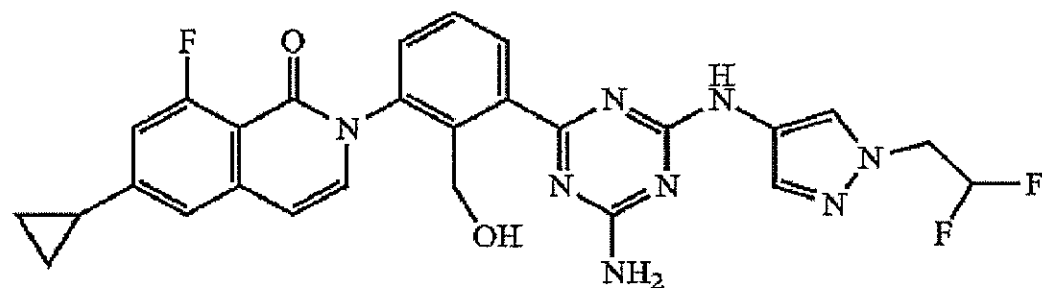


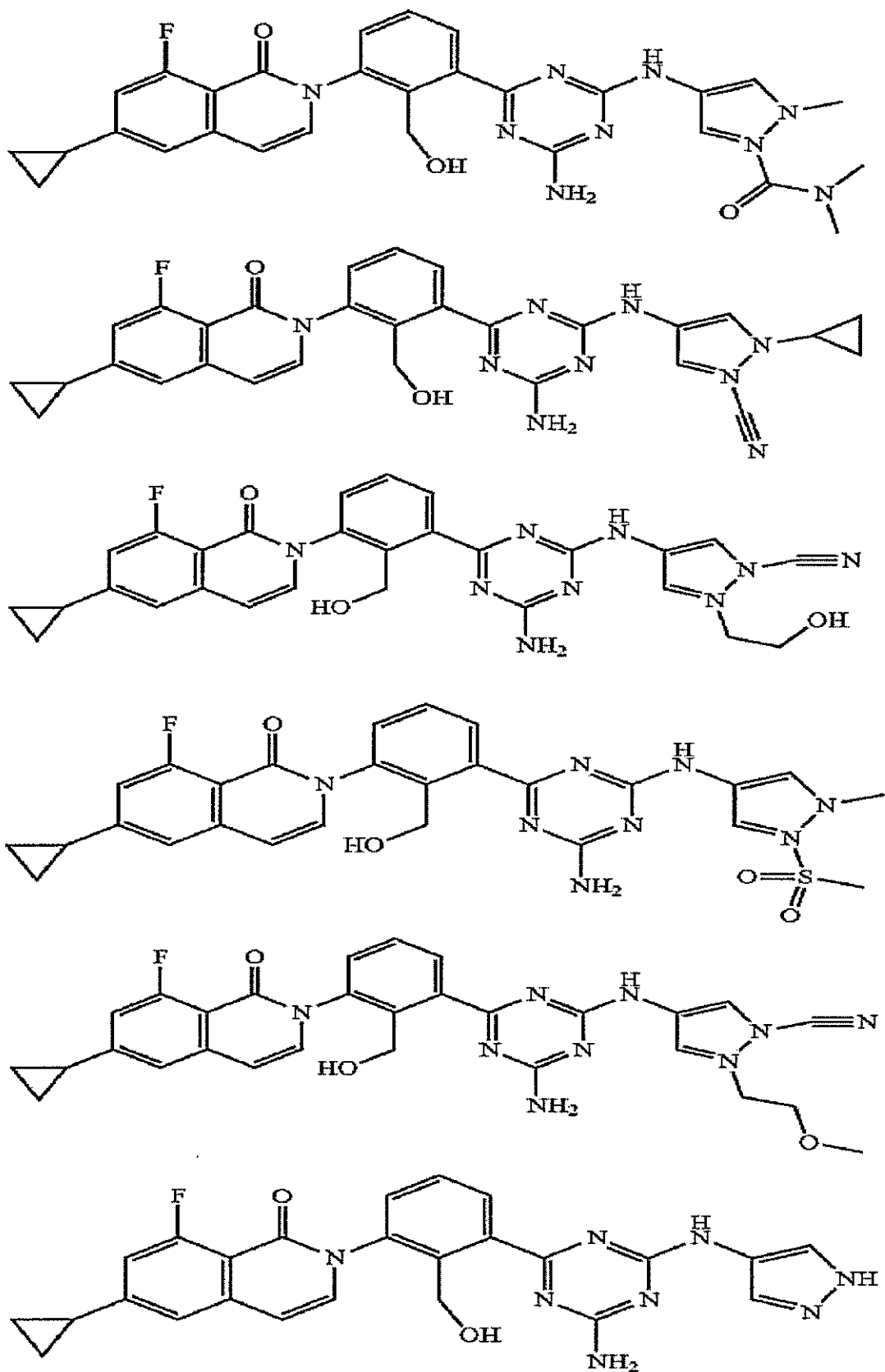


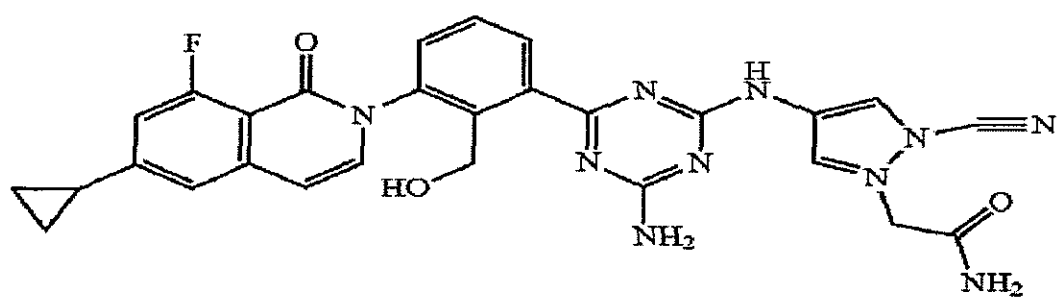
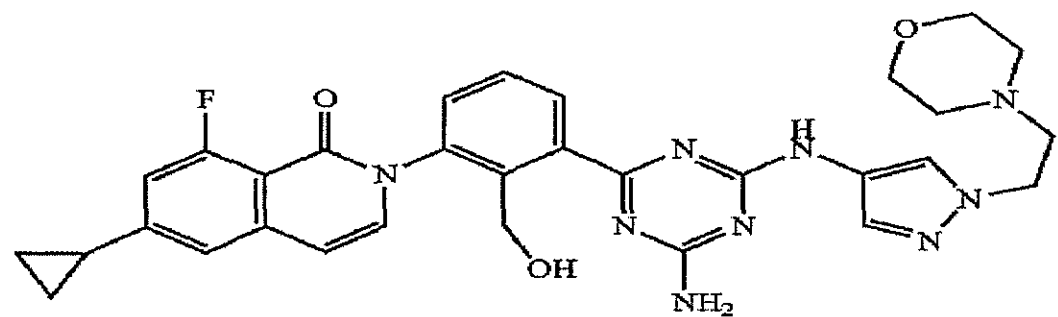
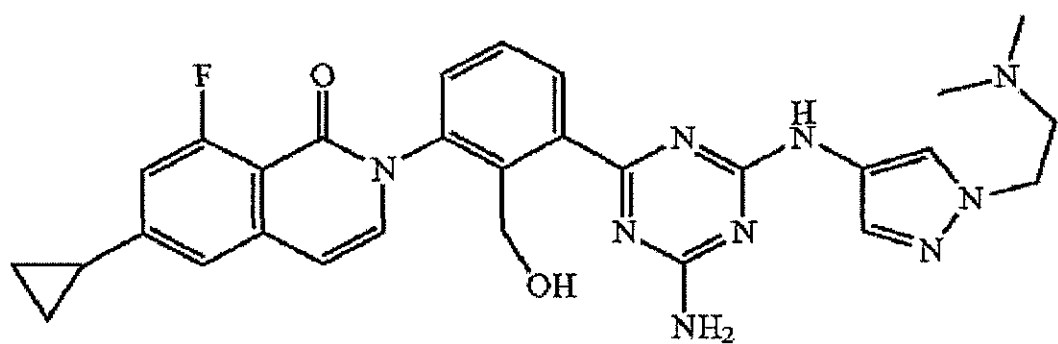
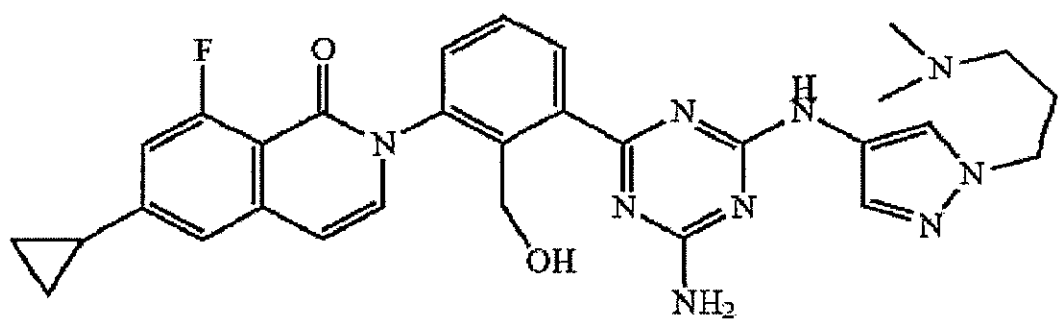
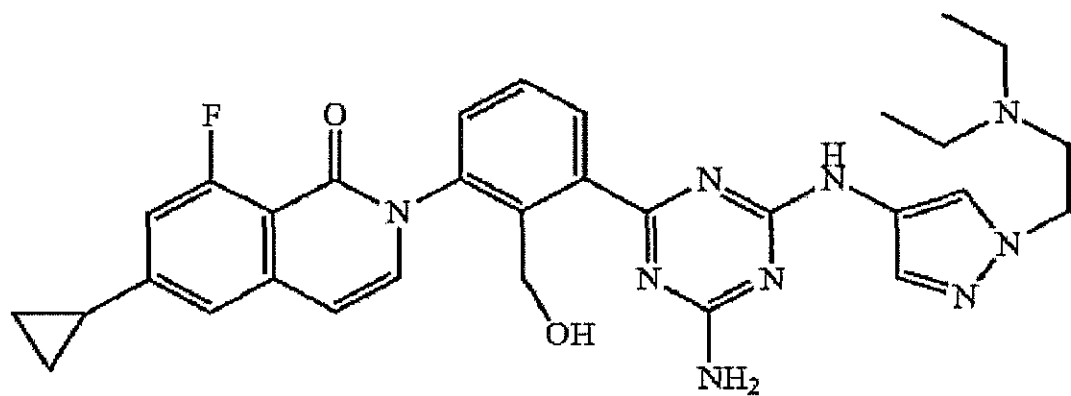


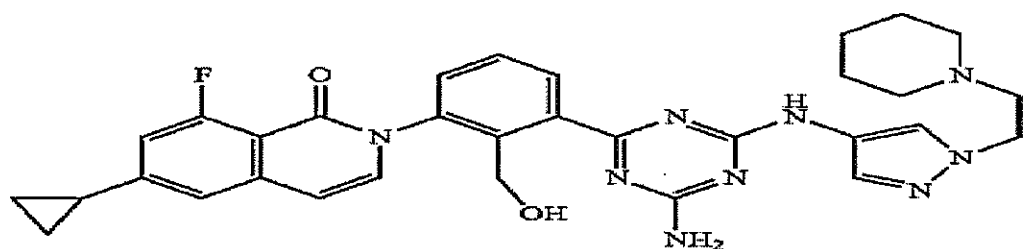
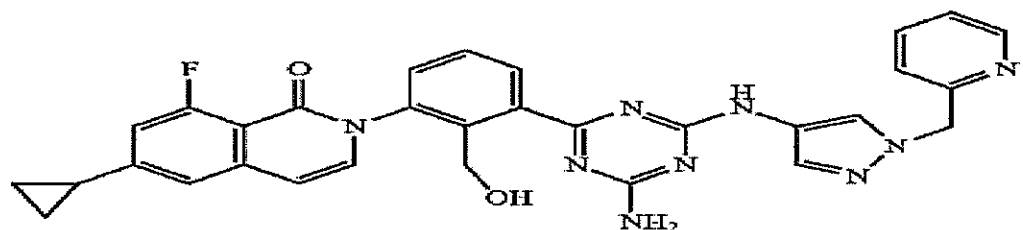
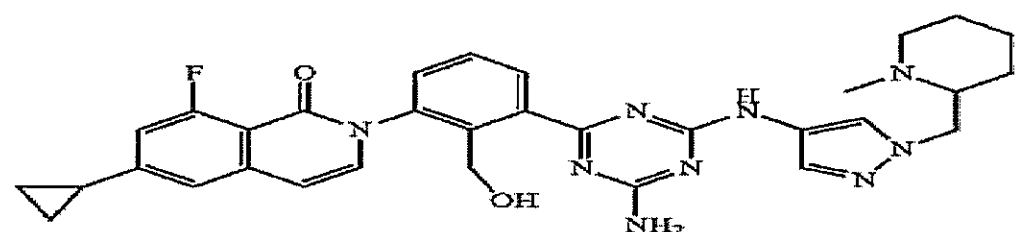
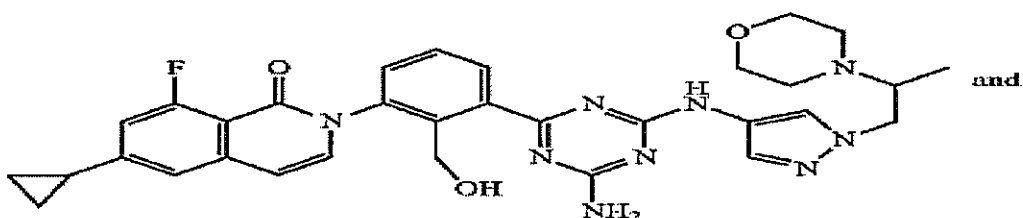
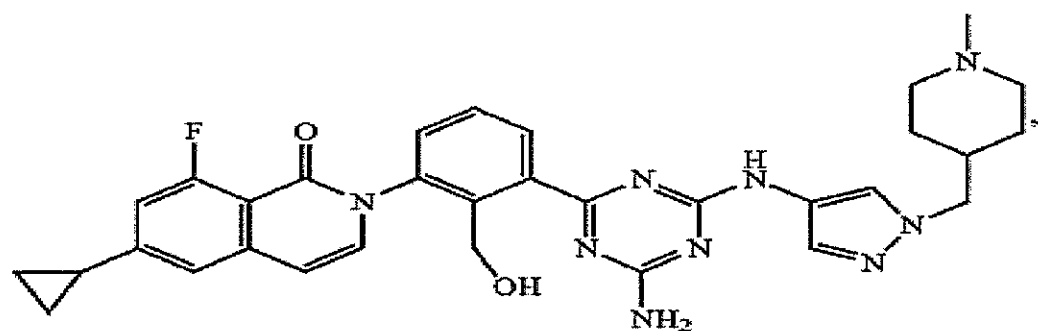
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

11. A compound selected from the group consisting of:









or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

12. A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound according to claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutical carrier.

13. A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound according to claim 10, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutical carrier.

14. A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound according to claim 11, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutical carrier.