

MODULATORS OF MUSCARINIC RECEPTORS

CLAIM OF PRIORITY

[0001] This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/775,813 filed on February 22, 2006, which is hereby incorporated by reference.

TECHNICAL FIELD OF THE INVENTION

[0002] The present invention relates to modulators of muscarinic receptors. The present invention also provides compositions comprising such modulators, and methods therewith for treating muscarinic receptor mediated diseases.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0003] The neurotransmitter acetylcholine binds to two types of cholinergic receptors: the ionotropic family of nicotinic receptors and the metabotropic family of muscarinic receptors. Muscarinic receptors belong to the large superfamily of plasma membrane-bound G protein coupled receptors (GPCRs). To date, five subtypes of muscarinic receptors (M₁-M₅) have been cloned and sequenced from a variety of species, and show a remarkably high degree of homology across species and receptor subtype. These M₁-M₅ muscarinic receptors are predominantly expressed within the parasympathetic nervous system which exerts excitatory and inhibitory control over the central and peripheral tissues and participate in a number of physiologic functions, including heart rate, arousal, cognition, sensory processing, and motor control.

[0004] Muscarinic agonists such as muscarine and pilocarpine, and antagonists, such as atropine have been known for over a century, but little progress has been made in the discovery of receptor subtype-selective compounds, thereby making it difficult to assign specific functions to the individual receptors. See, e.g., DeLapp, N. et al., "Therapeutic Opportunities for Muscarinic Receptors in the Central Nervous System," J. Med. Chem., 43(23), pp. 4333-4353 (2000); Hulme, E. C. et al., "Muscarinic Receptor Subtypes," Ann. Rev. Pharmacol. Toxicol., 30, pp. 633-673 (1990); Caulfield, M. P. et al., "Muscarinic Receptors—Characterization, Coupling, and Function," Pharmacol. Ther., 58, pp. 319-379 (1993); Caulfield, M. P. et al., International Union of Pharmacology. XVII. Classification of Muscarinic Acetylcholine Receptors," Pharmacol. Rev., 50, pp. 279-290 (1998), the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.

[0005] The Muscarinic family of receptors is the target of a large number of pharmacological agents used for various diseases, including leading drugs for COPD, asthma, urinary incontinence, glaucoma, Alzheimer's (AChE inhibitors). Despite the large therapeutic value of this family, cholinergic drugs are limited by the lack of selectivity of these agents,

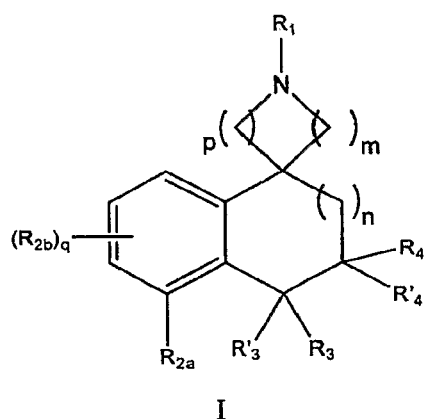
with significant activation of the parasympathetic autonomous system and elevated incidence of adverse effects. The molecular cloning of the muscarinic receptors and the identification of the physiological role of specific isoforms using knock-out mice, has recently delineated novel opportunities for selective muscarinic ligands, and has helped to define the selectivity profile that is required for enhanced efficacy and reduced side effects.

[0006] There is a need for modulators of muscarinic receptors M_1 - M_5 . There is also a need for methods for treating muscarinic receptor-mediated diseases.

[0007] There is also a need for modulators of muscarinic receptors that are selective as to subtypes M_1 - M_5 .

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0008] The present invention provides methods of modulating the activity of a muscarinic receptor (e.g., M_1 , M_2 , M_3 , M_4 , M_5 , or combinations thereof) using compounds of formula I:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein R_1 , R_{2a} , R_{2b} , R_3 , R'_3 , R_4 , R'_4 , n , m , p , and q are described below.

[0009] Another aspect of the present invention provides methods of treating or reducing the severity of a muscarinic receptor mediated disease in a mammal, comprising the step of administering to said mammal a compound as described above. In several embodiments, the muscarinic receptor is M_4 . In others, the muscarinic receptor is M_1 .

[0010] Another aspect of the present invention provides methods of treating or reducing the severity of a disease in a patient, wherein said disease is selected from CNS derived pathologies including cognitive disorders, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), obesity, Alzheimer's disease, various dementias such as vascular dementia, psychosis associated with CNS disorders including schizophrenia, mania, bipolar disorders, pain conditions including acute and chronic syndromes, Huntington's Chorea, Friederich's ataxia, Gilles de la Tourette's Syndrome, Downs Syndrome, Pick disease, clinical depression, Parkinson's disease, peripheral disorders such as reduction of intra ocular pressure in

Glaucoma and treatment of dry eyes and dry mouth including Sjögren's Syndrome, bradycardia, gastric acid secretion, asthma, GI disturbances, and wound healing, wherein said method comprises the step of contacting said patient with a compound as described above.

[0011] Another aspect of the present invention provides pharmaceutical compositions comprising a compound described above and a pharmaceutical carrier.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

I. DEFINITIONS:

[0012] For purposes of this invention, the chemical elements are identified in accordance with the Periodic Table of the Elements, CAS version, Handbook of Chemistry and Physics, 75th Ed. Additionally, general principles of organic chemistry are described in "Organic Chemistry", Thomas Sorrell, University Science Books, Sausalito: 1999, and "March's Advanced Organic Chemistry", 5th Ed., Ed.: Smith, M.B. and March, J., John Wiley & Sons, New York: 2001, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

[0013] The term "muscarinic receptor," without a prefix specifying the receptor subtype, refers to one or more of the five receptor subtypes M₁-M₅.

[0014] The term "modulating" as used herein means increasing or decreasing, e.g. activity, by a measurable amount. Compounds that modulate muscarinic activity by increasing the activity of the muscarinic receptors are called agonists. Compounds that modulate muscarinic activity by decreasing the activity of the muscarinic receptors are called antagonists. An agonist interacts with a muscarinic receptor to increase the ability of the receptor to transduce an intracellular signal in response to endogenous ligand binding. An antagonist interacts with a muscarinic receptor and competes with the endogenous ligand(s) or substrate(s) for binding site(s) on the receptor to decrease the ability of the receptor to transduce an intracellular signal in response to endogenous ligand binding.

[0015] The phrase "treating or reducing the severity of a muscarinic receptor mediated disease" refers both to treatments for diseases that are directly caused by muscarinic activities and alleviation of symptoms of diseases not directly caused by muscarinic activities.

Examples of diseases whose symptoms may be affected by muscarinic activity include, but are not limited to, CNS derived pathologies including cognitive disorders, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), obesity, Alzheimer's disease, various dementias such as vascular dementia, psychosis including schizophrenia, mania, bipolar disorders, pain conditions including acute and chronic syndromes, Huntington's Chorea, Friederich's ataxia, Gilles de la Tourette's Syndrome, Downs Syndrome, Pick disease, clinical depression,

Parkinson's disease, peripheral disorders such as reduction of intra ocular pressure in Glaucoma and treatment of dry eyes and dry mouth including Sjögren's Syndrome, bradycardia, gastric acid secretion, asthma, GI disturbances and wound healing.

[0016] As described herein, compounds of the invention may optionally be substituted with one or more substituents, such as are illustrated generally above, or as exemplified by particular classes, subclasses, and species of the invention.

[0017] As used herein the term "aliphatic" encompasses the terms alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, each of which being optionally substituted as set forth below.

[0018] As used herein, an "alkyl" group refers to a saturated aliphatic hydrocarbon group containing 1-8 (e.g., 1-6 or 1-4) carbon atoms. An alkyl group can be straight or branched. Examples of alkyl groups include, but are not limited to, methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, sec-butyl, tert-butyl, n-pentyl, n-heptyl, or 2-ethylhexyl. An alkyl group can be substituted (i.e., optionally substituted) with one or more substituents such as halo; cycloaliphatic [e.g., cycloalkyl or cycloalkenyl]; heterocycloaliphatic [e.g., heterocycloalkyl or heterocycloalkenyl]; aryl; heteroaryl; alkoxy; aroyl; heteroaroyl; acyl [e.g., (aliphatic)carbonyl, (cycloaliphatic)carbonyl, or (heterocycloaliphatic)carbonyl]; nitro; cyano; amido [e.g., (cycloalkylalkyl)carbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, aralkylcarbonylamino, (heterocycloalkyl)carbonylamino, (heterocycloalkylalkyl)carbonylamino, heteroarylcarbonylamino, heteroaralkylcarbonylamino alkylaminocarbonyl, cycloalkylaminocarbonyl, heterocycloalkylaminocarbonyl, arylaminocarbonyl, or heteroarylaminocarbonyl]; amino [e.g., aliphaticamino, cycloaliphaticamino, or heterocycloaliphaticamino]; sulfonyl [e.g., aliphatic-S(O)₂-]; sulfinyl; sulfanyl; sulfoxy; urea; thiourea; sulfamoyl; sulfamide; oxo; carboxy; carbamoyl; cycloaliphaticoxy; heterocycloaliphaticoxy; aryloxy; heteroaryloxy; aralkyloxy; heteroarylalkoxy; alkoxycarbonyl; alkylcarbonyloxy; or hydroxy. Without limitation, some examples of substituted alkyls include carboxyalkyl (such as HOOC-alkyl, alkoxycarbonylalkyl, and alkylcarbonyloxyalkyl); cyanoalkyl; hydroxyalkyl; alkoxyalkyl; acylalkyl; aralkyl; (alkoxyaryl)alkyl; (sulfonylamino)alkyl (such as alkyl-S(O)₂-aminoalkyl); aminoalkyl; amidoalkyl; (cycloaliphatic)alkyl; or haloalkyl.

[0019] As used herein, an "alkenyl" group refers to an aliphatic carbon group that contains 2-8 (e.g., 2-6 or 2-4) carbon atoms and at least one double bond. Like an alkyl group, an alkenyl group can be straight or branched. Examples of an alkenyl group include, but are not limited to, allyl, isoprenyl, 2-butenyl, and 2-hexenyl. An alkenyl group can be optionally substituted with one or more substituents such as halo; cycloaliphatic [e.g., cycloalkyl or

cycloalkenyl]; heterocycloaliphatic [e.g., heterocycloalkyl or heterocycloalkenyl]; aryl; heteroaryl; alkoxy; aroyl; heteroaroyl; acyl [e.g., (aliphatic)carbonyl, (cycloaliphatic)carbonyl, or (heterocycloaliphatic)carbonyl]; nitro; cyano; amido [e.g., (cycloalkylalkyl)carbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, aralkylcarbonylamino, (heterocycloalkyl)carbonylamino, (heterocycloalkylalkyl)carbonylamino, heteroarylcarbonylamino, heteroaralkylcarbonylamino, alkylaminocarbonyl, cycloalkylaminocarbonyl, heterocycloalkylaminocarbonyl, arylaminocarbonyl, or heteroarylaminocarbonyl]; amino [e.g., aliphaticamino, cycloaliphaticamino, heterocycloaliphaticamino, or aliphaticsulfonylamino]; sulfonyl [e.g., alkyl-S(O)₂-, cycloaliphatic-S(O)₂-, or aryl-S(O)₂-]; sulfinyl; sulfanyl; sulfoxy; urea; thiourea; sulfamoyl; sulfamide; oxo; carboxy; carbamoyl; cycloaliphaticoxy; heterocycloaliphaticoxy; aryloxy; heteroaryloxy; aralkyloxy; heteroaralkoxy; alkoxycarbonyl; alkylcarbonyloxy; or hydroxy. Without limitation, some examples of substituted alkenyls include cyanoalkenyl, alkoxyalkenyl, acylalkenyl, hydroxyalkenyl, aralkenyl, (alkoxyaryl)alkenyl, (sulfonylamino)alkenyl (such as (alkyl-S(O)₂-aminoalkenyl), aminoalkenyl, amidoalkenyl, (cycloaliphatic)alkenyl, or haloalkenyl.

[0020] As used herein, an "alkynyl" group refers to an aliphatic carbon group that contains 2-8 (e.g., 2-6 or 2-4) carbon atoms and has at least one triple bond. An alkynyl group can be straight or branched. Examples of an alkynyl group include, but are not limited to, propargyl and butynyl. An alkynyl group can be optionally substituted with one or more substituents such as aroyl; heteroaroyl; alkoxy; cycloalkyloxy; heterocycloalkyloxy; aryloxy; heteroaryloxy; aralkyloxy; nitro; carboxy; cyano; halo; hydroxy; sulfo; mercapto; sulfanyl [e.g., aliphatic-S- or cycloaliphatic-S-]; sulfinyl [e.g., aliphatic-S(O)- or cycloaliphatic-S(O)-]; sulfonyl [e.g., aliphatic-S(O)₂-, aliphaticamino-S(O)₂-, or cycloaliphatic-S(O)₂-]; amido [e.g., aminocarbonyl, alkylaminocarbonyl, alkylcarbonylamino, cycloalkylaminocarbonyl, heterocycloalkylaminocarbonyl, cycloalkylcarbonylamino, arylaminocarbonyl, arylcarbonylamino, aralkylcarbonylamino, (heterocycloalkyl)carbonylamino, (cycloalkylalkyl)carbonylamino, heteroaralkylcarbonylamino, heteroarylcarbonylamino or heteroarylaminocarbonyl]; urea; thiourea; sulfamoyl; sulfamide; alkoxycarbonyl; alkylcarbonyloxy; cycloaliphatic; heterocycloaliphatic; aryl; heteroaryl; acyl [e.g., (cycloaliphatic)carbonyl or (heterocycloaliphatic)carbonyl]; amino [e.g., aliphaticamino]; sulfoxy; oxo; carbamoyl; (cycloaliphatic)oxy; (heterocycloaliphatic)oxy; or (heteroaryl)alkoxy.

[0021] As used herein, an "amido" encompasses both "aminocarbonyl" and "carbonylamino". These terms when used alone or in connection with another group refers to an amido group such as $-N(R^X)-C(O)-R^Y$ or $-C(O)-N(R^X)_2$, when used terminally, and $-C(O)-N(R^X)-$ or $-N(R^X)-C(O)-$ when used internally, wherein R^X and R^Y are defined below.

Examples of amido groups include alkylamido (such as alkylcarbonylamino or alkylaminocarbonyl), (heterocycloaliphatic)amido, (heteroaralkyl)amido, (heteroaryl)amido, (heterocycloalkyl)alkylamido, arylamido, aralkylamido, (cycloalkyl)alkylamido, or cycloalkylamido.

[0022] As used herein, an "amino" group refers to $-NR^X R^Y$ wherein each of R^X and R^Y is independently hydrogen, alkyl, cycloaliphatic, (cycloaliphatic)aliphatic, aryl, araliphatic, heterocycloaliphatic, (heterocycloaliphatic)aliphatic, heteroaryl, carboxy, sulfanyl, sulfinyl, sulfonyl, (aliphatic)carbonyl, (cycloaliphatic)carbonyl, ((cycloaliphatic)aliphatic)carbonyl, arylcarbonyl, (araliphatic)carbonyl, (heterocycloaliphatic)carbonyl, ((heterocycloaliphatic)aliphatic)carbonyl, (heteroaryl)carbonyl, or (heteroaraliphatic)carbonyl, each of which being defined herein and being optionally substituted. Examples of amino groups include alkylamino, dialkylamino, or arylamino. When the term "amino" is not the terminal group (e.g., alkylcarbonylamino), it is represented by $-NR^X-$. R^X has the same meaning as defined above.

[0023] As used herein, an "aryl" group used alone or as part of a larger moiety as in "aralkyl", "aralkoxy", or "aryloxyalkyl" refers to monocyclic (e.g., phenyl); bicyclic (e.g., indenyl, naphthalenyl, tetrahydronaphthyl, tetrahydroindenyl); and tricyclic (e.g., fluorenyl, tetrahydrofluorenyl, or tetrahydroanthracenyl, anthracenyl) ring systems in which the monocyclic ring system is aromatic or at least one of the rings in a bicyclic or tricyclic ring system is aromatic. The bicyclic and tricyclic groups include benzofused 2-3 membered carbocyclic rings. For example, a benzofused group includes phenyl fused with two or more C_{4-8} carbocyclic moieties. An aryl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents including aliphatic [e.g., alkyl, alkenyl, or alkynyl]; cycloaliphatic; (cycloaliphatic)aliphatic; heterocycloaliphatic; (heterocycloaliphatic)aliphatic; aryl; heteroaryl; alkoxy; (cycloaliphatic)oxy; (heterocycloaliphatic)oxy; aryloxy; heteroaryloxy; (araliphatic)oxy; (heteroaraliphatic)oxy; aroyl; heteroaroyl; amino; oxo (on a non-aromatic carbocyclic ring of a benzofused bicyclic or tricyclic aryl); nitro; carboxy; amido; acyl [e.g., aliphaticcarbonyl, (cycloaliphatic)carbonyl, ((cycloaliphatic)aliphatic)carbonyl, (araliphatic)carbonyl, (heterocycloaliphatic)carbonyl, ((heterocycloaliphatic)aliphatic)carbonyl, or (heteroaraliphatic)carbonyl]; sulfonyl [e.g., aliphatic- $S(O)_2-$ or amino- $S(O)_2-$]; sulfinyl [e.g.,

aliphatic-S(O)- or cycloaliphatic-S(O)-; sulfanyl [e.g., aliphatic-S-]; cyano; halo; hydroxy; mercapto; sulfoxy; urea; thiourea; sulfamoyl; sulfamide; or carbamoyl. Alternatively, an aryl can be unsubstituted.

[0024] Non-limiting examples of substituted aryls include haloaryl [e.g., mono-, di (such as *p,m*-dihaloaryl), and (trihalo)aryl]; (carboxy)aryl [e.g., (alkoxycarbonyl)aryl, ((aralkyl)carbonyloxy)aryl, and (alkoxycarbonyl)aryl]; (amido)aryl [e.g., (aminocarbonyl)aryl, (((alkylamino)alkyl)aminocarbonyl)aryl, (alkylcarbonyl)aminoaryl, (arylaminocarbonyl)aryl, and (((heteroaryl)amino)carbonyl)aryl]; aminoaryl [e.g., ((alkylsulfonyl)amino)aryl or ((dialkyl)amino)aryl]; (cyanoalkyl)aryl; (alkoxy)aryl; (sulfamoyl)aryl [e.g., (aminosulfonyl)aryl]; (alkylsulfonyl)aryl; (cyano)aryl; (hydroxyalkyl)aryl; ((alkoxy)alkyl)aryl; (hydroxy)aryl, ((carboxy)alkyl)aryl; (((dialkyl)amino)alkyl)aryl; (nitroalkyl)aryl; (((alkylsulfonyl)amino)alkyl)aryl; ((heterocycloaliphatic)carbonyl)aryl; ((alkylsulfonyl)alkyl)aryl; (cyanoalkyl)aryl; (hydroxyalkyl)aryl; (alkylcarbonyl)aryl; alkylaryl; (trihaloalkyl)aryl; *p*-amino-*m*-alkoxycarbonylaryl; *p*-amino-*m*-cyanoaryl; *p*-halo-*m*-aminoaryl; or (*m*-(heterocycloaliphatic)-*o*-(alkyl))aryl.

[0025] As used herein, an "araliphatic" such as an "aralkyl" group refers to an aliphatic group (e.g., a C₁₋₄ alkyl group) that is substituted with an aryl group. "Aliphatic," "alkyl," and "aryl" are defined herein. An example of an araliphatic such as an aralkyl group is benzyl.

[0026] As used herein, an "aralkyl" group refers to an alkyl group (e.g., a C₁₋₄ alkyl group) that is substituted with an aryl group. Both "alkyl" and "aryl" have been defined above. An example of an aralkyl group is benzyl. An aralkyl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents such as aliphatic [e.g., alkyl, alkenyl, or alkynyl, including carboxyalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, or haloalkyl such as trifluoromethyl]; cycloaliphatic [e.g., cycloalkyl or cycloalkenyl]; (cycloalkyl)alkyl; heterocycloalkyl; (heterocycloalkyl)alkyl; aryl; heteroaryl; alkoxy; cycloalkyloxy; heterocycloalkyloxy; aryloxy; heteroaryloxy; aralkyloxy; heteroaralkyloxy; aroyl; heteroaroyl; nitro; carboxy; alkoxycarbonyl; alkylcarbonyloxy; amido [e.g., aminocarbonyl, alkylcarbonylamino, cycloalkylcarbonylamino, (cycloalkylalkyl)carbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, aralkylcarbonylamino, (heterocycloalkyl)carbonylamino, (heterocycloalkylalkyl)carbonylamino, heteroarylcarbonylamino, or heteroaralkylcarbonylamino]; cyano; halo; hydroxy; acyl; mercapto; alkylsulfanyl; sulfoxy; urea; thiourea; sulfamoyl; sulfamide; oxo; or carbamoyl.

[0027] As used herein, a "bicyclic ring system" includes 8-12 (e.g., 9, 10, or 11) membered structures that form two rings, wherein the two rings have at least one atom in common (e.g., 2 atoms in common). Bicyclic ring systems include bicycloaliphatics (e.g., bicycloalkyl or bicycloalkenyl), bicycloheteroaliphatics, bicyclic aryls, and bicyclic heteroaryls.

[0028] As used herein, a "cycloaliphatic" group encompasses a "cycloalkyl" group and a "cycloalkenyl" group, each of which being optionally substituted as set forth below.

[0029] As used herein, a "cycloalkyl" group refers to a saturated carbocyclic mono- or bicyclic (fused or bridged) ring of 3-10 (e.g., 5-10) carbon atoms. Examples of cycloalkyl groups include cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cycloheptyl, adamantyl, norbornyl, cubyl, octahydro-indenyl, decahydro-naphthyl, bicyclo[3.2.1]octyl, bicyclo[2.2.2]octyl, bicyclo[3.3.1]nonyl, bicyclo[3.3.2]decyl, bicyclo[2.2.2]octyl, adamantyl, azacycloalkyl, or ((aminocarbonyl)cycloalkyl)cycloalkyl.

[0030] A "cycloalkenyl" group, as used herein, refers to a non-aromatic carbocyclic ring of 3-10 (e.g., 4-8) carbon atoms having one or more double bonds. Examples of cycloalkenyl groups include cyclopentenyl, 1,4-cyclohexa-di-enyl, cycloheptenyl, cyclooctenyl, hexahydro-indenyl, octahydro-naphthyl, cyclohexenyl, cyclopentenyl, bicyclo[2.2.2]octenyl, or bicyclo[3.3.1]nonenyl.

[0031] A cycloalkyl or cycloalkenyl group can be optionally substituted with one or more substituents such as aliphatic [e.g., alkyl, alkenyl, or alkynyl]; cycloaliphatic; (cycloaliphatic)aliphatic; heterocycloaliphatic; (heterocycloaliphatic) aliphatic; aryl; heteroaryl; alkoxy; (cycloaliphatic)oxy; (heterocycloaliphatic)oxy; aryloxy; heteroaryloxy; (araliphatic)oxy; (heteroaraliphatic)oxy; aroyl; heteroaroyl; amino; amido [e.g., (aliphatic)carbonylamino, (cycloaliphatic)carbonylamino, ((cycloaliphatic)aliphatic)carbonylamino, (aryl)carbonylamino, (araliphatic)carbonylamino, (heterocycloaliphatic)carbonylamino, ((heterocycloaliphatic)aliphatic)carbonylamino, (heteroaryl)carbonylamino, or (heteroaraliphatic)carbonylamino]; nitro; carboxy [e.g., HOOC-, alkoxycarbonyl, or alkylcarbonyloxy]; acyl [e.g., (cycloaliphatic)carbonyl, ((cycloaliphatic) aliphatic)carbonyl, (araliphatic)carbonyl, (heterocycloaliphatic)carbonyl, ((heterocycloaliphatic)aliphatic)carbonyl, or (heteroaraliphatic)carbonyl]; cyano; halo; hydroxy; mercapto; sulfonyl [e.g., alkyl-S(O)₂- and aryl-S(O)₂-]; sulfinyl [e.g., alkyl-S(O)-]; sulfanyl [e.g., alkyl-S-]; sulfoxy; urea; thiourea; sulfamoyl; sulfamide; oxo; or carbamoyl.

[0032] As used herein, the term "heterocycloaliphatic" encompasses a heterocycloalkyl group and a heterocycloalkenyl group, each of which being optionally substituted as set forth below.

[0033] As used herein, a "heterocycloalkyl" group refers to a 3-10 membered mono- or bicyclic (fused or bridged) (e.g., 5- to 10-membered mono- or bicyclic) saturated ring structure, in which one or more of the ring atoms is a heteroatom (e.g., N, O, S, or combinations thereof). Examples of a heterocycloalkyl group include piperidyl, piperazyl, tetrahydropyranyl, tetrahydrofuryl, 1,4-dioxolanyl, 1,4-dithianyl, 1,3-dioxolanyl, oxazolidyl, isoxazolidyl, morpholinyl, thiomorpholyl, octahydrobenzofuryl, octahydrochromenyl, octahydrothiochromenyl, octahydroindolyl, octahydropyrindinyl, decahydroquinolyl, octahydrobenzo[*b*]thiophenyl, 2-oxa-bicyclo[2.2.2]octyl, 1-aza-bicyclo[2.2.2]octyl, 3-aza-bicyclo[3.2.1]octyl, and 2,6-dioxa-tricyclo[3.3.1.0^{3,7}]nonyl. A monocyclic heterocycloalkyl group can be fused with a phenyl moiety such as tetrahydroisoquinoline to produce a heteroaryl group.

[0034] A "heterocycloalkenyl" group, as used herein, refers to a mono- or bicyclic (e.g., 5- to 10-membered mono- or bicyclic) non-aromatic ring structure having one or more double bonds, and wherein one or more of the ring atoms is a heteroatom (e.g., N, O, or S).

[0035] Monocyclic and bicycloheteroaliphatics are numbered according to standard chemical nomenclature.

[0036] A heterocycloalkyl or heterocycloalkenyl group can be optionally substituted with one or more substituents such as aliphatic [e.g., alkyl, alkenyl, or alkynyl]; cycloaliphatic; (cycloaliphatic)aliphatic; heterocycloaliphatic; (heterocycloaliphatic)aliphatic; aryl; heteroaryl; alkoxy; (cycloaliphatic)oxy; (heterocycloaliphatic)oxy; aryloxy; heteroaryloxy; (araliphatic)oxy; (heteroaraliphatic)oxy; aroyl; heteroaroyl; amino; amido [e.g., (aliphatic)carbonylamino, (cycloaliphatic)carbonylamino, ((cycloaliphatic)aliphatic)carbonylamino, (aryl)carbonylamino, (araliphatic)carbonylamino, (heterocycloaliphatic)carbonylamino, ((heterocycloaliphatic)aliphatic)carbonylamino, (heteroaryl)carbonylamino, or (heteroaraliphatic)carbonylamino]; nitro; carboxy [e.g., HOOC-, alkoxycarbonyl, or alkylcarbonyloxy]; acyl [e.g., (cycloaliphatic)carbonyl, ((cycloaliphatic)aliphatic)carbonyl, (araliphatic)carbonyl, (heterocycloaliphatic)carbonyl, ((heterocycloaliphatic)aliphatic)carbonyl, or (heteroaraliphatic)carbonyl]; nitro; cyano; halo; hydroxy; mercapto; sulfonyl [e.g., alkylsulfonyl or arylsulfonyl]; sulfinyl [e.g., alkylsulfinyl]; sulfanyl [e.g., alkylsulfanyl]; sulfoxy; urea; thiourea; sulfamoyl; sulfamide; oxo; or carbamoyl.

[0037] A "heteroaryl" group, as used herein, refers to a monocyclic, bicyclic, or tricyclic ring system having 4 to 15 ring atoms wherein one or more of the ring atoms is a heteroatom (e.g., N, O, S, or combinations thereof) and in which the monocyclic ring system is aromatic

or at least one of the rings in the bicyclic or tricyclic ring systems is aromatic. A heteroaryl group includes a benzofused ring system having 2 to 3 rings. For example, a benzofused group includes benzo fused with one or two 4 to 8 membered heterocycloaliphatic moieties (e.g., indolizyl, indolyl, isoindolyl, 3H-indolyl, indolinyl, benzo[*b*]furyl, benzo[*b*]thiophenyl, quinolinyl, or isoquinolinyl). Some examples of heteroaryl are azetidiny, pyridyl, 1H-indazolyl, furyl, pyrrolyl, thienyl, thiazolyl, oxazolyl, imidazolyl, tetrazolyl, benzofuryl, isoquinolinyl, benzthiazolyl, xanthene, thioxanthene, phenothiazine, dihydroindole, benzo[1,3]dioxole, benzo[*b*]furyl, benzo[*b*]thiophenyl, indazolyl, benzimidazolyl, benzthiazolyl, puryl, cinnolyl, quinolyl, quinazolyl, cinnolyl, phthalazyl, quinazolyl, quinoxalyl, isoquinolyl, 4H-quinolizyl, benzo-1,2,5-thiadiazolyl, or 1,8-naphthyridyl.

[0038] Without limitation, monocyclic heteroaryls include furyl, thiophenyl, 2H-pyrrolyl, pyrrolyl, oxazolyl, thazolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, isoxazolyl, isothiazolyl, 1,3,4-thiadiazolyl, 2H-pyranyl, 4-H-pranyl, pyridyl, pyridazyl, pyrimidyl, pyrazolyl, pyrazyl, or 1,3,5-triazyl. Monocyclic heteroaryls are numbered according to standard chemical nomenclature.

[0039] Without limitation, bicyclic heteroaryls include indolizyl, indolyl, isoindolyl, 3H-indolyl, indolinyl, benzo[*b*]furyl, benzo[*b*]thiophenyl, quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl, indolizyl, isoindolyl, indolyl, benzo[*b*]furyl, benzo[*b*]thiophenyl, indazolyl, benzimidazolyl, benzthiazolyl, purinyl, 4H-quinolizyl, quinolyl, isoquinolyl, cinnolyl, phthalazyl, quinazolyl, quinoxalyl, 1,8-naphthyridyl, or pteridyl. Bicyclic heteroaryls are numbered according to standard chemical nomenclature.

[0040] A heteroaryl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents such as aliphatic [e.g., alkyl, alkenyl, or alkynyl]; cycloaliphatic; (cycloaliphatic)aliphatic; heterocycloaliphatic; (heterocycloaliphatic)aliphatic; aryl; heteroaryl; alkoxy; (cycloaliphatic)oxy; (heterocycloaliphatic)oxy; aryloxy; heteroaryloxy; (araliphatic)oxy; (heteroaraliphatic)oxy; aroyl; heteroaroyl; amino; oxo (on a non-aromatic carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring of a bicyclic or tricyclic heteroaryl); carboxy; amido; acyl [e.g., aliphaticcarbonyl; (cycloaliphatic)carbonyl; ((cycloaliphatic)aliphatic)carbonyl; (araliphatic)carbonyl; (heterocycloaliphatic)carbonyl; ((heterocycloaliphatic)aliphatic)carbonyl; or (heteroaraliphatic)carbonyl]; sulfonyl [e.g., aliphatic-S(O)₂- or amino-S(O)₂-]; sulfinyl [e.g., aliphatic-S(O)-]; sulfanyl [e.g., aliphatic-S-]; nitro; cyano; halo; hydroxy; mercapto; sulfoxy; urea; thiourea; sulfamoyl; sulfamide; or carbamoyl. Alternatively, a heteroaryl can be unsubstituted.

[0041] Non-limiting examples of substituted heteroaryls include (halo)heteroaryl [e.g., mono- and di-(halo)heteroaryl]; (carboxy)heteroaryl [e.g., (alkoxycarbonyl)heteroaryl];

cyanoheteroaryl; aminoheteroaryl [e.g., ((alkylsulfonyl)amino)heteroaryl and((dialkyl)amino)heteroaryl]; (amido)heteroaryl [e.g., aminocarbonylheteroaryl, ((alkylcarbonyl)amino)heteroaryl, (((alkyl)amino)alkyl)aminocarbonyl)heteroaryl, (((heteroaryl)amino)carbonyl)heteroaryl, ((heterocycloaliphatic)carbonyl)heteroaryl, and ((alkylcarbonyl)amino)heteroaryl]; (cyanoalkyl)heteroaryl; (alkoxy)heteroaryl; (sulfamoyl)heteroaryl [e.g., (aminosulfonyl)heteroaryl]; (sulfonyl)heteroaryl [e.g., (alkylsulfonyl)heteroaryl]; (hydroxyalkyl)heteroaryl; (alkoxyalkyl)heteroaryl; (hydroxy)heteroaryl; ((carboxy)alkyl)heteroaryl; [((dialkyl)amino)alkyl]heteroaryl; (heterocycloaliphatic)heteroaryl; (cycloaliphatic)heteroaryl; (nitroalkyl)heteroaryl; (((alkylsulfonyl)amino)alkyl)heteroaryl; ((alkylsulfonyl)alkyl)heteroaryl; (cyanoalkyl)heteroaryl; (acyl)heteroaryl [e.g., (alkylcarbonyl)heteroaryl]; (alkyl)heteroaryl, and (haloalkyl)heteroaryl [e.g., trihaloalkylheteroaryl].

[0042] A "heteroaraliphatic" (such as a heteroaralkyl group) as used herein, refers to an aliphatic group (e.g., a C₁₋₄ alkyl group) that is substituted with a heteroaryl group.

"Aliphatic," "alkyl," and "heteroaryl" have been defined above.

[0043] A "heteroaralkyl" group, as used herein, refers to an alkyl group (e.g., a C₁₋₄ alkyl group) that is substituted with a heteroaryl group. Both "alkyl" and "heteroaryl" have been defined above. A heteroaralkyl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents such as alkyl (e.g., carboxyalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, and haloalkyl such as trifluoromethyl); alkenyl; alkynyl; cycloalkyl; (cycloalkyl)alkyl; heterocycloalkyl; (heterocycloalkyl)alkyl; aryl; heteroaryl; alkoxy; cycloalkyloxy; heterocycloalkyloxy; aryloxy; heteroaryloxy; aralkyloxy; heteroaralkyloxy; aroyl; heteroaroyl; nitro; carboxy; alkoxycarbonyl; alkylcarbonyloxy; aminocarbonyl; alkylcarbonylamino; cycloalkylcarbonylamino; (cycloalkylalkyl)carbonylamino; arylcarbonylamino; aralkylcarbonylamino; (heterocycloalkyl)carbonylamino; (heterocycloalkylalkyl)carbonylamino; heteroarylcarbonylamino; heteroaralkylcarbonylamino; cyano; halo; hydroxy; acyl; mercapto; alkylsulfanyl; sulfoxy; urea; thiourea; sulfamoyl; sulfamide; oxo; or carbamoyl.

[0044] As used herein, an "acyl" group refers to a formyl group or R^X-C(O)- (such as -alkyl-C(O)-, also referred to as "alkylcarbonyl") where R^X and "alkyl" have been defined previously. Acetyl and pivaloyl are examples of acyl groups.

[0045] As used herein, an "aroyl" or "heteroaroyl" refers to an aryl-C(O)- or a heteroaryl-C(O)-. The aryl and heteroaryl portion of the aroyl or heteroaroyl is optionally substituted as previously defined.

[0046] As used herein, an "alkoxy" group refers to an alkyl-O- group where "alkyl" has been defined previously.

[0047] As used herein, a "carbamoyl" group refers to a group having the structure -O-CO-NR^XR^Y or -NR^X-CO-O-R^Z wherein R^X and R^Y have been defined above and R^Z can be aliphatic, aryl, araliphatic, heterocycloaliphatic, heteroaryl, or heteroaraliphatic.

[0048] As used herein, a "carboxy" group refers to -COOH, -COOR^X, -OC(O)H, -OC(O)R^X when used as a terminal group; or -OC(O)- or -C(O)O- when used as an internal group.

[0049] As used herein, a "haloaliphatic" group refers to an aliphatic group substituted with 1-3 halogen. For instance, the term haloalkyl includes the group -CF₃.

[0050] As used herein, a "mercapto" group refers to -SH.

[0051] As used herein, a "sulfo" group refers to -SO₃H or -SO₃R^X when used terminally or -S(O)₃- when used internally.

[0052] As used herein, a "sulfamide" group refers to the structure -NR^X-S(O)₂-NR^YR^Z when used terminally and -NR^X-S(O)₂-NR^Y- when used internally, wherein R^X, R^Y, and R^Z have been defined above.

[0053] As used herein, a "sulfamoyl" group refers to the structure -S(O)₂-NR^XR^Y or -NR^X-S(O)₂-R^Z when used terminally; or -S(O)₂-NR^X- or -NR^X-S(O)₂- when used internally, wherein R^X, R^Y, and R^Z are defined above.

[0054] As used herein a "sulfanyl" group refers to -S-R^X when used terminally and -S- when used internally, wherein R^X has been defined above. Examples of sulfanyls include aliphatic-S-, cycloaliphatic-S-, aryl-S-, or the like.

[0055] As used herein a "sulfinyl" group refers to -S(O)-R^X when used terminally and -S(O)- when used internally, wherein R^X has been defined above. Exemplary sulfinyl groups include aliphatic-S(O)-, aryl-S(O)-, (cycloaliphatic(aliphatic)) -S(O)-, cycloalkyl-S(O)-, heterocycloaliphatic-S(O)-, heteroaryl-S(O)-, or the like.

[0056] As used herein, a "sulfonyl" group refers to -S(O)₂-R^X when used terminally and -S(O)₂- when used internally, wherein R^X has been defined above. Exemplary sulfonyl groups include aliphatic-S(O)₂-, aryl-S(O)₂-, (cycloaliphatic(aliphatic))-S(O)₂-, cycloaliphatic-S(O)₂-, heterocycloaliphatic-S(O)₂-, heteroaryl-S(O)₂-, (cycloaliphatic(amido(aliphatic)))-S(O)₂- or the like.

[0057] As used herein, a "sulfoxy" group refers to -O-SO-R^X or -SO-O-R^X, when used terminally and -O-S(O)- or -S(O)-O- when used internally, where R^X has been defined above.

[0058] As used herein, a "halogen" or "halo" group refers to fluorine, chlorine, bromine or iodine.

[0059] As used herein, an "alkoxycarbonyl," which is encompassed by the term carboxy, used alone or in connection with another group refers to a group such as alkyl-O-C(O)-.

[0060] As used herein, an "alkoxyalkyl" refers to an alkyl group such as alkyl-O-alkyl-, wherein alkyl has been defined above.

[0061] As used herein, a "carbonyl" refer to -C(O)-.

[0062] As used herein, an "oxo" refers to =O.

[0063] As used herein, an "aminoalkyl" refers to the structure $(R^X)_2N$ -alkyl-.

[0064] As used herein, a "cyanoalkyl" refers to the structure (NC)-alkyl-.

[0065] As used herein, a "urea" group refers to the structure $-NR^X-CO-NR^YR^Z$ and a "thiourea" group refers to the structure $-NR^X-CS-NR^YR^Z$ when used terminally and $-NR^X-CO-NR^Y$ - or

$-NR^X-CS-NR^Y$ - when used internally, wherein R^X , R^Y , and R^Z have been defined above.

[0066] As used herein, a "guanidino" group refers to the structure $-N=C(N(R^X)R^Y)N(R^XR^Y)$ wherein R^X and R^Y have been defined above.

[0067] As used herein, the term "amidino" group refers to the structure $-C=(NR^X)N(R^XR^Y)$ wherein R^X and R^Y have been defined above.

[0068] In general, the term "vicinal" refers to the placement of substituents on a group that includes two or more carbon atoms, wherein the substituents are attached to adjacent carbon atoms.

[0069] In general, the term "geminal" refers to the placement of substituents on a group that includes two or more carbon atoms, wherein the substituents are attached to the same carbon atom.

[0070] The terms "terminally" and "internally" refer to the location of a group within a substituent. A group is terminal when the group is present at the end of the substituent not further bonded to the rest of the chemical structure. Carboxyalkyl, i.e., $R^XO(O)C$ -alkyl is an example of a carboxy group used terminally. A group is internal when the group is present in the middle of a substituent to at the end of the substituent bound to the rest of the chemical structure. Alkylcarboxy (e.g., alkyl-C(O)O- or alkyl-OC(O)-) and alkylcarboxyaryl (e.g., alkyl-C(O)O-aryl- or alkyl-O(CO)-aryl-) are examples of carboxy groups used internally.

[0071] As used herein, the term "amidino" group refers to the structure $-C=(NR^X)N(R^XR^Y)$ wherein R^X and R^Y have been defined above.

[0072] As used herein, a "bridged bicyclic ring system" refers to a bicyclic heterocyclicalipahitic ring system or bicyclic cycloaliphatic ring system in which the rings are bridged. Examples of bridged bicyclic ring systems include, but are not limited to,

adamantanyl, norbornanyl, bicyclo[3.2.1]octyl, bicyclo[2.2.2]octyl, bicyclo[3.3.1]nonyl, bicyclo[3.2.3]nonyl, 2-oxa-bicyclo[2.2.2]octyl, 1-aza-bicyclo[2.2.2]octyl, 3-aza-bicyclo[3.2.1]octyl, and 2,6-dioxa-tricyclo[3.3.1.0^{3,7}]nonyl. A bridged bicyclic ring system can be optionally substituted with one or more substituents such as alkyl (including carboxyalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, and haloalkyl such as trifluoromethyl), alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, heterocycloalkyl, (heterocycloalkyl)alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, alkoxy, cycloalkyloxy, heterocycloalkyloxy, aryloxy, heteroaryloxy, aralkyloxy, heteroaralkyloxy, aroyl, heteroaroyl, nitro, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, alkylcarbonyloxy, aminocarbonyl, alkylcarbonylamino, cycloalkylcarbonylamino, (cycloalkylalkyl)carbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, aralkylcarbonylamino, (heterocycloalkyl)carbonylamino, (heterocycloalkylalkyl)carbonylamino, heteroarylcarbonylamino, heteroaralkylcarbonylamino, cyano, halo, hydroxy, acyl, mercapto, alkylsulfanyl, sulfoxy, urea, thiourea, sulfamoyl, sulfamide, oxo, or carbamoyl.

[0073] As used herein, "cyclic group" or "cyclic moiety" include mono-, bi-, and tri-cyclic ring systems including cycloaliphatic, heterocycloaliphatic, aryl, or heteroaryl, each of which has been previously defined.

[0074] As used herein, an "aliphatic chain" refers to a branched or straight aliphatic group (e.g., alkyl groups, alkenyl groups, or alkynyl groups). A straight aliphatic chain has the structure

$-\text{[CH}_2\text{]}_v-$, where v is 1-6. A branched aliphatic chain is a straight aliphatic chain that is substituted with one or more aliphatic groups. A branched aliphatic chain has the structure $-\text{[CHQ]}_v-$ where Q is hydrogen or an aliphatic group; however, Q shall be an aliphatic group in at least one instance. The term aliphatic chain includes alkyl chains, alkenyl chains, and alkynyl chains, where alkyl, alkenyl, and alkynyl are defined above.

[0075] The phrase "optionally substituted" is used interchangeably with the phrase "substituted or unsubstituted." As described herein, compounds of the invention can optionally be substituted with one or more substituents, such as are illustrated generally above, or as exemplified by particular classes, subclasses, and species of the invention. As described herein, the variables R_1 , R_{2a} , R_{2b} , R_3 , R'_3 , R_4 , R'_4 , and other variables contained therein formulae I encompass specific groups, such as alkyl and aryl. Unless otherwise noted, each of the specific groups for the variables R_1 , R_{2a} , R_{2b} , R_3 , R'_3 , R_4 , R'_4 , and other variables contained therein can be optionally substituted with one or more substituents described herein. Each substituent of a specific group is further optionally substituted with one to three of halo, cyano, oxoalkoxy, hydroxy, amino, nitro, aryl, haloalkyl, and alkyl. For

instance, an alkyl group can be substituted with alkylsulfanyl and the alkylsulfanyl can be optionally substituted with one to three of halo, cyano, oxoalkoxy, hydroxy, amino, nitro, aryl, haloalkyl, and alkyl. As an additional example, the cycloalkyl portion of a (cycloalkyl)carbonylamino can be optionally substituted with one to three of halo, cyano, alkoxy, hydroxy, nitro, haloalkyl, and alkyl. When two alkoxy groups are bound to the same atom or adjacent atoms, the two alkoxy groups can form a ring together with the atom(s) to which they are bound.

[0076] In general, the term "substituted," whether preceded by the term "optionally" or not, refers to the replacement of hydrogen radicals in a given structure with the radical of a specified substituent. Specific substituents are described above in the definitions and below in the description of compounds and examples thereof. Unless otherwise indicated, an optionally substituted group can have a substituent at each substitutable position of the group, and when more than one position in any given structure can be substituted with more than one substituent selected from a specified group, the substituent can be either the same or different at every position. A ring substituent, such as a heterocycloalkyl, can be bound to another ring, such as a cycloalkyl, to form a spiro-bicyclic ring system, e.g., both rings share one common atom. As one of ordinary skill in the art will recognize, combinations of substituents envisioned by this invention are those combinations that result in the formation of stable or chemically feasible compounds.

[0077] The phrase "stable or chemically feasible," as used herein, refers to compounds that are not substantially altered when subjected to conditions to allow for their production, detection, and preferably their recovery, purification, and use for one or more of the purposes disclosed herein. In some embodiments, a stable compound or chemically feasible compound is one that is not substantially altered when kept at a temperature of 40° C or less, in the absence of moisture or other chemically reactive conditions, for at least a week.

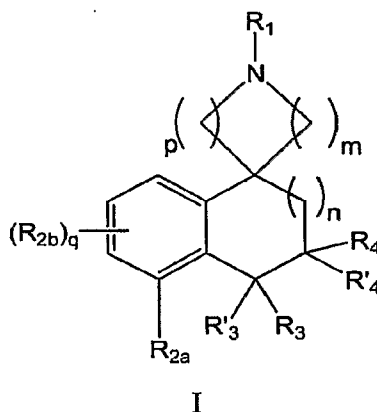
[0078] As used herein, an effective amount is defined as the amount required to confer a therapeutic effect on the treated patient, and is typically determined based on age, surface area, weight, and condition of the patient. The interrelationship of dosages for animals and humans (based on milligrams per meter squared of body surface) is described by Freireich et al., *Cancer Chemother. Rep.*, 50: 219 (1966). Body surface area may be approximately determined from height and weight of the patient. See, e.g., *Scientific Tables*, Geigy Pharmaceuticals, Ardsley, New York, 537 (1970). As used herein, "patient" refers to a mammal, including a human.

[0079] Unless otherwise stated, structures depicted herein are also meant to include all isomeric (e.g., enantiomeric, diastereomeric, and geometric (or conformational)) forms of the structure; for example, the R and S configurations for each asymmetric center, (Z) and (E) double bond isomers, and (Z) and (E) conformational isomers. Therefore, single stereochemical isomers as well as enantiomeric, diastereomeric, and geometric (or conformational) mixtures of the present compounds are within the scope of the invention. Unless otherwise stated, all tautomeric forms of the compounds of the invention are within the scope of the invention. Additionally, unless otherwise stated, structures depicted herein are also meant to include compounds that differ only in the presence of one or more isotopically enriched atoms. For example, compounds having the present structures except for the replacement of hydrogen by deuterium or tritium, or the replacement of a carbon by a ^{13}C - or ^{14}C -enriched carbon are within the scope of this invention. Such compounds are useful, for example, as analytical tools or probes in biological assays.

II. Compounds:

A. Generic Compounds

[0080] The present invention provides methods of modulating activity of a muscarinic receptor comprising the step of contacting said receptor with a compound of formula I:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

[0081] R_1 is a branched or straight C_{1-12} aliphatic optionally substituted with 1-3 of R^A , wherein up to 3 carbon units of R_1 are optionally and independently replaced by $-\text{CO}-$, $-\text{CS}-$, $-\text{CONR}^F-$, $-\text{CONR}^F\text{NR}^F-$, $-\text{CO}_2-$, $-\text{OCO}-$, $-\text{NR}^F\text{CO}_2-$, $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{NR}^F\text{CONR}^F-$, $-\text{OCONR}^F-$, $-\text{NR}^F\text{NR}^F-$, $-\text{NR}^F\text{CO}-$, $-\text{S}-$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})-$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2-$, $-\text{NR}^F-$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{NR}^F-$, $-\text{NR}^F\text{SO}_2-$, or $-\text{NR}^F\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{NR}^F$. Each R^A is independently halo, $-\text{OH}$, $-\text{NH}_2$, $-\text{NO}_2$, $-\text{CN}$, or $-\text{OCF}_3$. Each R^F is independently hydrogen, or a branched or straight C_{1-8} aliphatic group optionally substituted with 1-3 of R^A .

[0082] R_{2a} is $-Z^B R_5$, wherein each Z^B is independently a bond or an optionally substituted branched or straight C_{1-4} aliphatic chain wherein up to two carbon units of Z^B are optionally and independently replaced by $-CO-$, $-CS-$, $-CONR^B-$, $-CONR^B NR^B-$, $-CO_2-$, $-OCO-$, $-NR^B CO_2-$, $-O-$, $-NR^B CONR^B-$, $-OCONR^B-$, $-NR^B NR^B-$, $-NR^B CO-$, $-S-$, $-S(O)-$, $-S(O)_2-$, $-NR^B-$, $-S(O)_2 NR^B-$, $-NR^B S(O)_2-$, or $-NR^B S(O)_2 NR^B-$. Each R_5 is independently R^B , halo, $-OH$, $-CN$, or $-OCF_3$. Each R^B is independently hydrogen, an optionally substituted C_{1-8} aliphatic group, an optionally substituted cycloaliphatic, an optionally substituted heterocycloaliphatic, an optionally substituted aryl, or an optionally substituted heteroaryl.

[0083] Alternatively, R_{2a} and R_3 together with the atoms to which they are attached form a 5-7 membered partially unsaturated optionally substituted cyclic group optionally having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from N, O and S.

[0084] Each R_{2b} is independently $-Z^E R_8$, wherein each Z^E is independently a bond or an optionally substituted branched or straight C_{1-4} aliphatic chain wherein up to two carbon units of Z^E are optionally and independently replaced by $-CO-$, $-CS-$, $-CONR^G-$, $-CONR^G NR^G-$, $-CO_2-$, $-OCO-$, $-NR^G CO_2-$, $-O-$, $-NR^G CONR^G-$, $-OCONR^G-$, $-NR^G NR^G-$, $-NR^G CO-$, $-S-$, $-S(O)-$, $-S(O)_2-$, $-NR^G-$, $-S(O)_2 NR^G-$, $-NR^G S(O)_2-$, or $-NR^G S(O)_2 NR^G-$. Each R_8 is independently R^G , halo, $-OH$, $-CN$, or $-OCF_3$. Each R^G is independently hydrogen, an optionally substituted C_{1-8} aliphatic group, an optionally substituted cycloaliphatic, an optionally substituted heterocycloaliphatic, an optionally substituted aryl, or an optionally substituted heteroaryl.

[0085] Alternatively, R_{2a} and one R_{2b} together with the atoms to which they are attached form a 5-7 membered partially unsaturated optionally substituted cyclic group optionally having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from N, O, and S, wherein R_{2b} is attached to a carbon atom vicinal to the carbon atom to which R_{2a} is attached on the fused phenyl of formula I; or two of R_{2b} together with the atoms to which they are attached form a 5-7 membered partially unsaturated optionally substituted cyclic group optionally containing 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from N, O, and S, wherein each R_{2b} is attached to a vicinal carbon atom on the fused phenyl of formula I.

[0086] R_3 and R'_3 together form an oxo group, or each is independently $-Z^C R_6$, wherein each Z^C is independently a bond or an optionally substituted branched or straight C_{1-4} aliphatic chain wherein up to two carbon units of Z^C are optionally and independently replaced by $-CO-$, $-CS-$,

-CONR^C-, -CONR^CNR^C-, -CO₂-, -OCO-, -NR^CCO₂-, -O-, -NR^CCONR^C-, -OCONR^C-, -NR^CNR^C-, -NR^CCO-, -S-, -S(O)-, -S(O)₂-, -NR^C-, -S(O)₂NR^C-, -NR^CS(O)₂-, or -NR^CS(O)₂NR^C-. Each R₆ is independently R^C, halo, -OH, -NH₂, -NO₂, -CN, or -OCF₃. Each R^C is independently hydrogen, an optionally substituted C₁₋₈ aliphatic group; an optionally substituted cycloaliphatic, an optionally substituted heterocycloaliphatic, an optionally substituted aryl, or an optionally substituted heteroaryl.

[0087] Alternatively, R₃ and R₄ together with the atoms to which they are attached form a 5-6 membered optionally substituted cycloaliphatic or a 5-6 membered optionally substituted heterocycloaliphatic.

[0088] R₄ and R'₄ together form an oxo group, or each is independently -Z^DR₇, wherein each Z^D is independently a bond or an optionally substituted branched or straight C₁₋₄ aliphatic chain wherein up to two carbon units of Z^D are optionally and independently replaced by -CO-, -CS-,

-CONR^D-, -CONR^DNR^D-, -CO₂-, -OCO-, -NR^DCO₂-, -O-, -NR^DCONR^D-, -OCONR^D-, -NR^DNR^D-, -NR^DCO-, -S-, -S(O)-, -S(O)₂-, -NR^D-, -S(O)₂NR^D-, -NR^DS(O)₂-, or -NR^DS(O)₂NR^D-. Each R₇ is independently R^D, halo, -OH, -NH₂, -NO₂, -CN, or -OCF₃. Each R^D is independently hydrogen, an optionally substituted C₁₋₈ aliphatic group; an optionally substituted cycloaliphatic, an optionally substituted heterocycloaliphatic, an optionally substituted aryl, or an optionally substituted heteroaryl.

[0089] m is 0-3, p is 0-3, and m + p is 3, 4, 5, or 6.

[0090] n is 0-2.

[0091] q is 0-3.

B. Specific Compounds

1. Substituent R₁:

[0092] R₁ is a branched or straight C₁₋₁₂ aliphatic optionally substituted with 1-3 of R^A, wherein up to 3 carbon units of R₁ are optionally and independently replaced by -CO-, -CS-, -CONR^F-, -CONR^FNR^F-, -CO₂-, -OCO-, -NR^FCO₂-, -O-, -NR^FCONR^F-, -OCONR^F-, -NR^FNR^F-, -NR^FCO-, -S-, -S(O)-, -S(O)₂-, -NR^F-, -S(O)₂NR^F-, -NR^FS(O)₂-, or -NR^FS(O)₂NR^F-; each R^A is halo, -OH, -NH₂, -NO₂, -CN, or -OCF₃; each R^F is hydrogen, or a branched or straight C₁₋₈ aliphatic group optionally substituted with 1-3 of R^A.

[0093] In several embodiments, R₁ is an optionally substituted straight or branched C₁₋₁₂ aliphatic, wherein up to 3 carbon units of R₁ are optionally and independently replaced

with

-C(O)-, -S(O)₂-, -S-, -O-, or combinations thereof.

[0094] In several embodiments, R₁ is an optionally substituted straight C₁₋₁₀ aliphatic. For example, R₁ is a straight C₁₋₁₀ alkyl, a straight C₂₋₁₀ alkenyl, or a straight C₂₋₁₀ alkynyl, each of which is optionally substituted with 1-3 of halo, hydroxy, cyano, or combinations thereof. In several examples, R₁ is a straight C₁₋₁₀ alkyl, a straight C₂₋₁₀ alkenyl, or a straight C₂₋₁₀ alkynyl, each of which is unsubstituted. In alternative examples, R₁ is a straight C₁₋₁₀ alkyl that is optionally substituted with 1-3 of halo or cyano. In additional examples, R₁ is a C₂₋₁₀ alkenyl having 1-2 C-C double bonds that is optionally substituted with 1-3 of halo, hydroxy, cyano, or combinations thereof. In additional examples, R₁ is an optionally substituted C₂₋₁₀ alkynyl.

[0095] In several examples, R₁ is an optionally substituted branched C₃₋₁₂ aliphatic. For example, R₁ is a branched C₃₋₁₂ alkyl, a branched C₃₋₁₂ alkenyl, or a branched C₃₋₁₂ alkynyl, each of which is optionally substituted with 1-3 of halo, hydroxy, cyano, or combinations thereof. In several examples, R₁ is a branched C₃₋₁₀ alkyl, a branched C₃₋₁₀ alkenyl, or a branched C₃₋₁₀ alkynyl, each of which is unsubstituted. In alternative examples, R₁ is an alkyl that is optionally substituted with 1-3 of halo or cyano. In additional examples, R₁ is an alkenyl having 1-2 C-C double bonds and is optionally substituted. In additional examples, R₁ is an optionally substituted branched C₂₋₁₂ alkynyl.

[0096] In several embodiments, R₁ is a straight C₁₋₁₀ aliphatic or a branched C₃₋₁₂ aliphatic, each of which is optionally substituted with 1-3 of halo, hydroxy, cyano, or combinations thereof.

[0097] In several embodiments, up to 2 carbon units of R₁ are optionally and independently replaced with -C(O)-, -S(O)₂-, -S-, -O-, -NR^F-, or combinations thereof.

[0098] In several embodiments, R₁ is a straight C₁₋₁₀ alkyl, straight C₂₋₁₀ alkenyl, straight C₂₋₁₀ alkynyl, branched C₃₋₁₂ alkyl, branched C₃₋₁₂ alkenyl, or branched C₃₋₁₂ alkynyl, each of which is optionally substituted with 1-3 of R^A.

[0099] In several embodiments, R₁ is a straight C₂₋₁₀ alkenyl having 1-2 C-C double bonds or a branched C₃₋₁₂ alkenyl having 1-2 C-C double bonds, each of which is optionally substituted.

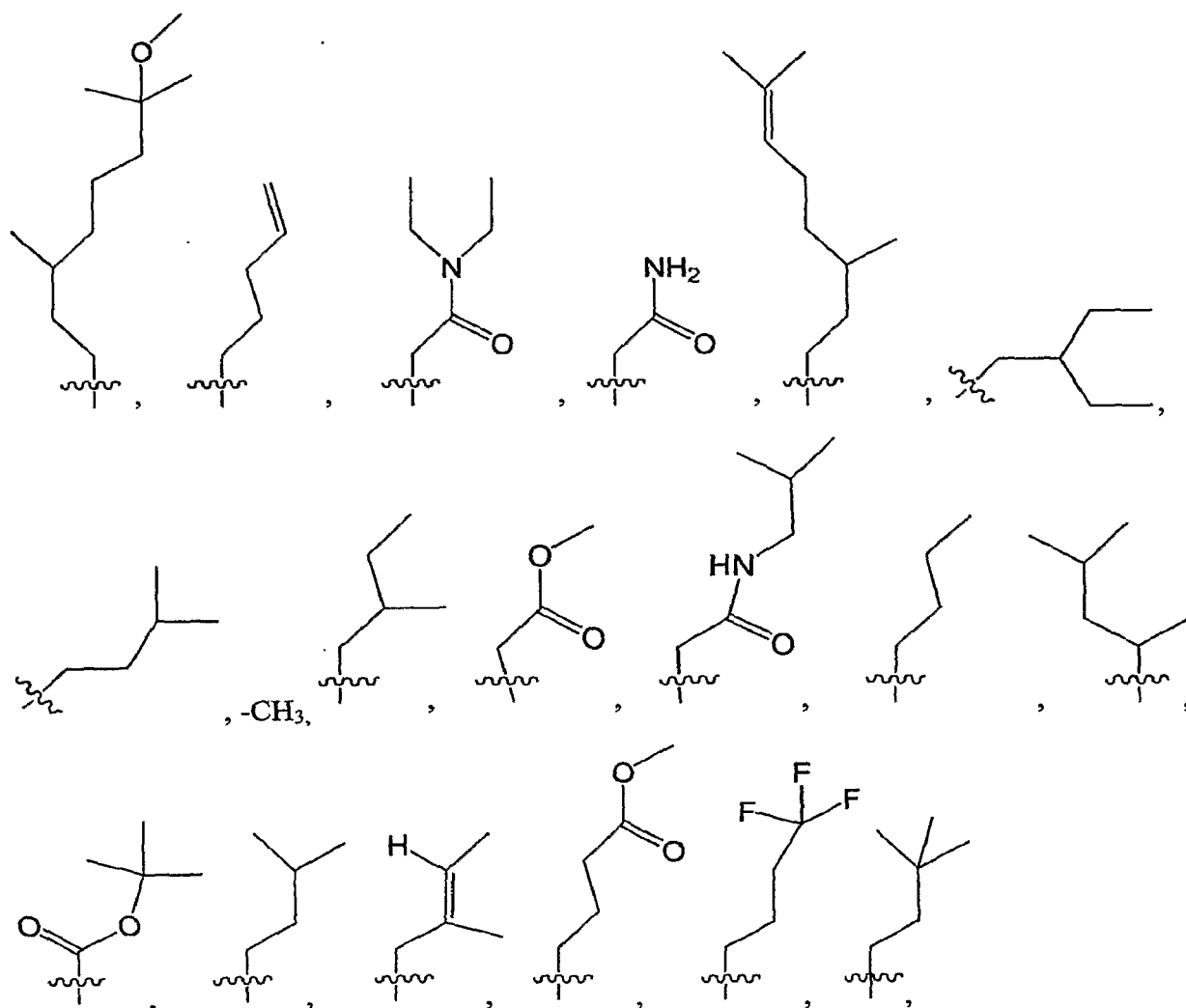
[00100] In several embodiments, R₁ is an optionally substituted straight or branched C₁₋₁₂ aliphatic wherein 1-2 of the carbon units have been optionally replaced with -S- or -S(O)₂-. In other embodiments, R₁ is an optionally substituted straight or branched aliphatic wherein 1-2 of the carbon units have been optionally replaced with -S-. In several

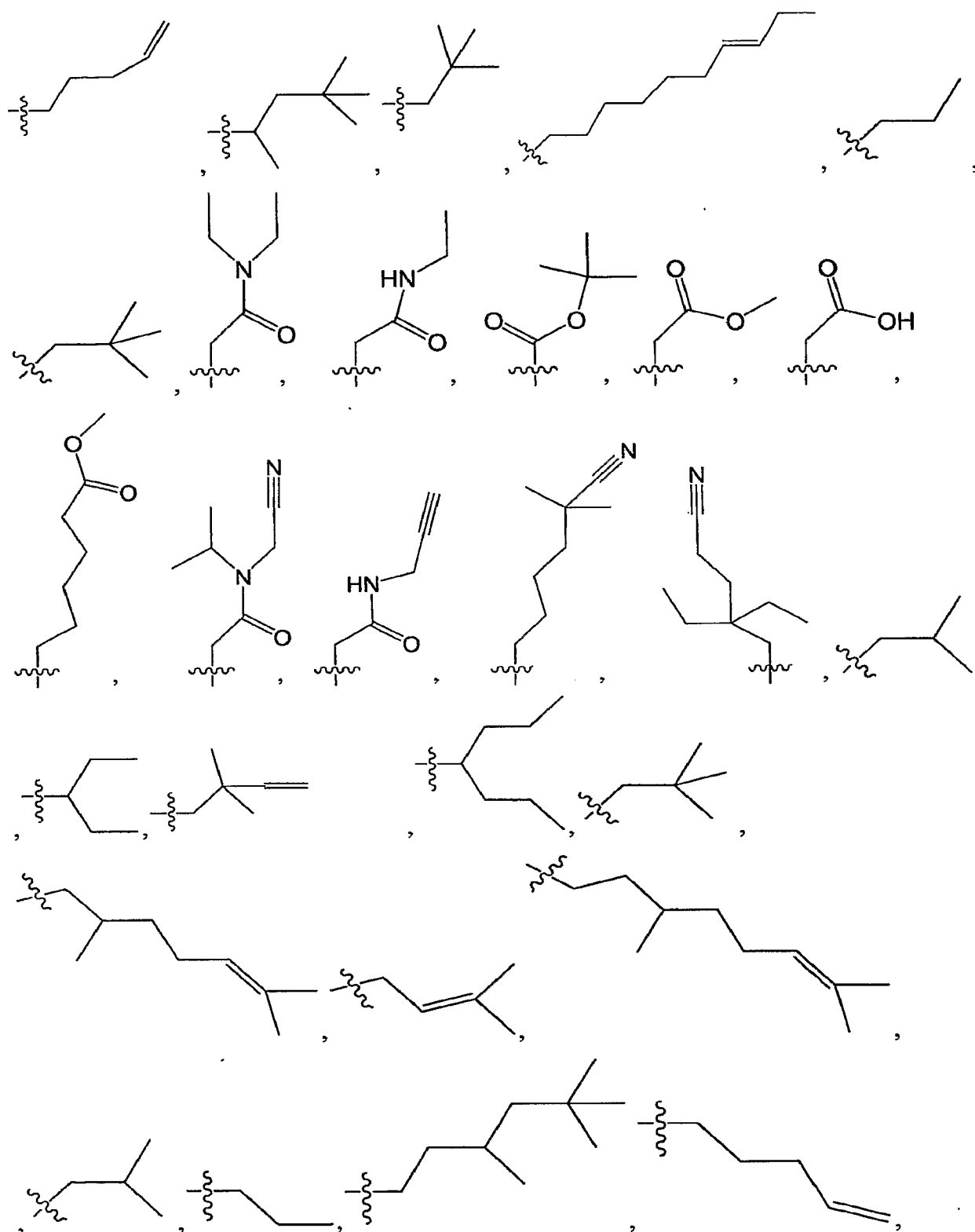
embodiments, R₁ is aliphatic-S(O)₂-aliphatic or aliphatic-S-aliphatic, each of which is optionally substituted with 1-3 of halo, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, alkoxy, or combinations thereof. For example, R₁ is an (alkylsulfonyl)alkyl or (alkylsulfanyl)alkyl, each of which is optionally substituted.

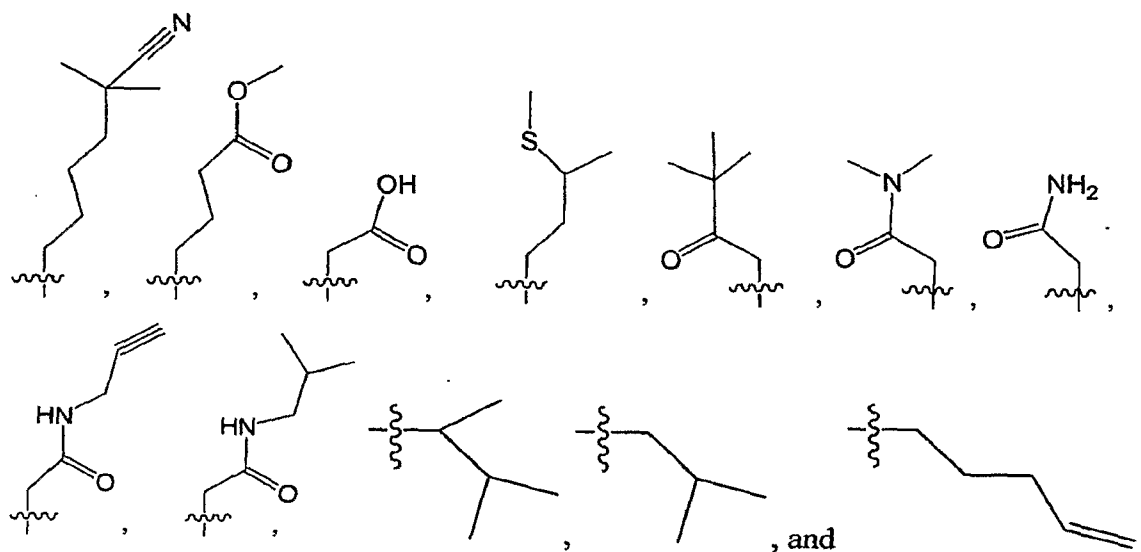
[00101] In several embodiments, R₁ is an optionally substituted straight or branched C₁₋₁₂ aliphatic wherein 1-2 of the carbon units have been optionally replaced with -C(O)-, -O-, or

-CO₂-. In several embodiments, R₁ is an optionally substituted straight or branched C₁₋₁₂ aliphatic wherein one carbon unit has been replaced with -C(O)-, and another carbon unit has been replaced by -O-. In several embodiments, R₁ is an acyl [e.g., (aliphatic)carbonyl], (aliphatic(carbonyl))aliphatic, (aliphaticoxy(carbonyl))aliphatic, or carboxy [e.g. (aliphaticoxy)carbonyl], each of which is optionally substituted with 1-3 of halo, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, or combinations thereof.

[00102] In several embodiments, R_1 is one selected from:







2. Substituents R_{2a} and R_{2b}:

[00103] R_{2a} is -Z^BR₅, wherein each Z^B is independently a bond or an optionally substituted branched or straight C₁₋₄ aliphatic chain wherein up to two carbon units of Z^B are optionally and independently replaced by -CO-, -CS-, -CONR^B-, -CONR^BNR^B-, -CO₂-, -OCO-, -NR^BCO₂-, -O-, -NR^BCONR^B-, -OCONR^B-, -NR^BNR^B-, -NR^BCO-, -S-, -S(O)-, -S(O)₂-, -NR^B-, -S(O)₂NR^B-, -NR^BS(O)₂-, or -NR^BS(O)₂NR^B-. Each R₅ is independently R^B, halo, -OH, -CN, or -OCF₃. Each R^B is independently hydrogen, an optionally substituted C₁₋₈ aliphatic group, an optionally substituted cycloaliphatic, an optionally substituted heterocycloaliphatic, an optionally substituted aryl, or an optionally substituted heteroaryl. Alternatively, R_{2a} and R₃ together with the atoms to which they are attached form a 5-7 membered partially unsaturated optionally substituted cyclic group optionally containing 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from N, O, and S. Each R_{2b} is independently -Z^ER₈, wherein each Z^E is independently a bond or an optionally substituted branched or straight C₁₋₄ aliphatic chain wherein up to two carbon units of Z^E are optionally and independently replaced by -CO-, -CS-, -CONR^G-, -CONR^GNR^G-, -CO₂-, -OCO-, -NR^GCO₂-, -O-, -NR^GCONR^G-, -OCONR^G-, -NR^GNR^G-, -NR^GCO-, -S-, -S(O)-, -S(O)₂-, -NR^G-, -S(O)₂NR^G-, -NR^GS(O)₂-, or -NR^GS(O)₂NR^G-. Each R₈ is independently R^G, halo, -OH, -CN, or -OCF₃. Each R^G is independently hydrogen, an optionally substituted C₁₋₈ aliphatic group, an optionally substituted cycloaliphatic, an optionally substituted heterocycloaliphatic, an optionally substituted aryl, or an optionally substituted heteroaryl.

[00104] Alternatively, R_{2a} and one R_{2b} together with the atoms to which they are attached form an 5-7 membered partially unsaturated optionally substituted cyclic group optionally

having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from N, O, and S, wherein R_{2b} is attached to a carbon atom vicinal to the carbon atom to which R_{2a} is attached on the fused phenyl of formula I.

[00105] Alternatively, two of R_{2b} together with the atoms to which they are attached form an 5-7 membered partially unsaturated optionally substituted cyclic group optionally having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from N, O, and S, wherein each R_{2b} is attached to a vicinal carbon atom on the fused phenyl of formula I.

[00106] In several embodiments, R_{2a} or R_{2b} is hydrogen. For example, in some embodiments, q is 0 and R_{2a} is hydrogen.

[00107] In several embodiments, when q is 1, 2, or 3, R_{2b} is attached to the core structure of formula I at the 6 position, 7 position, 8 position, or combinations thereof. For example, R_{2b} is attached at the 6 or 7 position, or combinations thereof.

[00108] In several embodiments, R_{2a} or R_{2b} is an optionally substituted amino. For example, R_{2a} or R_{2b} is an (aliphatic)amino, (cycloaliphatic)amino, or combinations thereof, each of which is optionally substituted.

[00109] In several embodiments, R_{2a} or R_{2b} is an optionally substituted amido. For example, R_{2a} or R_{2b} is an (alkyl(carbonyl))lamino, (cycloalkyl(carbonyl))amino, (alkyl(amino))carbonyl, (cycloalkyl(amino))carbonyl, or combination thereof, each of which is optionally substituted.

[00110] In several embodiments, R_{2a} or R_{2b} is an optionally substituted (alkyl(amino))carbonyl, an optionally substituted (aliphatic)carbonyl, or an optionally substituted (alkoxy)carbonyl. For example, R_{2a} or R_{2b} is a (methyl(amino))carbonyl, (ethyl(amino))carbonyl, (propyl(amino))carbonyl, or combinations thereof, each of which is optionally substituted. In other examples, R_{2a} or R_{2b} is a (methoxy)carbonyl, (ethoxy)carbonyl, (propoxy)carbonyl, (butoxy)carbonyl, or combinations thereof, each of which is optionally substituted. Additional examples of R_{2a} or R_{2b} include (methyl)carbonyl, (ethyl)carbonyl, (propyl)carbonyl, (butyl)carbonyl, or combinations thereof, each of which is optionally substituted.

[00111] In several embodiments, q is 2 and two of R_{2b} taken together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached form a 5-7 membered partially unsaturated optionally substituted cyclic group optionally having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from N, O, and S, wherein each R_{2b} is attached to the phenyl of formula I on a carbon atom adjacent to the carbon atom substituted with the other R_{2b}. For example, two of R_{2b} and the atoms to which

they are attached and the phenyl of formula I form an optionally substituted benzo[d][1,3]dioxolyl.

[00112] In several embodiments, q is 0; and R_{2a} and R_3 taken together with the atoms to which they are attached form a 5-7 membered partially unsaturated optionally substituted heterocycloaliphatic. For example, R_{2a} and R_3 taken together with the atoms to which they are attached form optionally substituted 1H-pyrrol-2(5H)-onyl. In other examples, R_{2a} and R_3 taken together with the atoms to which they are attached form a 1H-pyrrol-2(5H)-onyl that is optionally substituted with 1-2 oxo groups.

[00113] In several embodiments, q is 1 or 2, and each R_{2b} is independently halo, or methoxy.

[00114] In several embodiments, R_{2a} or R_{2b} is halo, hydrogen, or methoxy. Other embodiments include 2 R_{2b} groups (i.e., $q = 2$), wherein each is methoxy.

3. Substituents R_3 and R'_3 :

[00115] R_3 and R'_3 together form an oxo group, or each is independently $-Z^C R_6$, wherein each Z^C is independently a bond or an optionally substituted branched or straight C_{1-4} aliphatic chain wherein up to two carbon units of Z^C are optionally and independently replaced by $-CO-$, $-CS-$, $-CONR^C-$, $-CONR^C NR^C-$, $-CO_2-$, $-OCO-$, $-NR^C CO_2-$, $-O-$, $-NR^C CONR^C-$, $-OCONR^C-$, $-NR^C NR^C-$, $-NR^C CO-$, $-S-$, $-S(O)-$, $-S(O)_2-$, $-NR^C-$, $-S(O)_2 NR^C-$, $-NR^C S(O)_2-$, or $-NR^C S(O)_2 NR^C-$; each R_6 is independently R^C , halo, $-OH$, $-NH_2$, $-NO_2$, $-CN$, or $-OCF_3$; each R^C is independently hydrogen, an optionally substituted C_{1-8} aliphatic group; an optionally substituted cycloaliphatic, an optionally substituted heterocycloaliphatic, an optionally substituted aryl, or an optionally substituted heteroaryl; or R_3 and R_4 together with the atoms to which they are attached form a 5-7 membered optionally substituted cycloaliphatic or a 5-7 membered optionally substituted heterocycloaliphatic.

[00116] In several embodiments, one of R_3 and R'_3 is independently an optionally substituted branched or straight C_{1-4} aliphatic wherein up to two carbon units of R_3 or R'_3 is optionally and independently replaced by $-C(O)-$, $-NH-$, $-S(O)_2-$, or combinations thereof; and the remaining R_3 or R'_3 is hydrogen. In several embodiments, one of R_3 and R'_3 are straight optionally substituted C_{2-4} aliphatic groups wherein a first carbon unit is optionally and independently replaced by

$-NH-$, and a second carbon unit is optionally and independently replaced by $-C(O)-$; and the remaining R_3 or R'_3 is hydrogen. In another embodiment, one of R_3 and R'_3 is optionally substituted (methylcarbonyl)amino and the remaining R_3 or R'_3 is hydrogen. In other embodiments, each of R_3 and R'_3 is independently hydrogen or a methylcarbonylamino,

N,N-dimethylaminocarbonylamino, ethylcarbonylamino, pyrrolidine-2,5-dione-1-yl, piperidin-2-one-1-yl, methylaminocarbonyl, N,N-dimethylaminocarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, cyano, or methoxycarbonylamino, each of which is optionally substituted.

[00117] In several embodiments, one of R_3 and R'_3 is an optionally substituted heterocycloaliphatic, and the remaining R_3 or R'_3 is hydrogen. In several examples, one of R_3 and R'_3 is an optionally substituted 5-7 membered heterocycloaliphatic having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from N, O, and S, and the remaining R_3 or R'_3 is hydrogen. In other examples, one of R_3 and R'_3 is a 5-7 membered heterocycloaliphatic group optionally substituted with 1-3 of halo, hydroxy, cyano, aryl, heteroaryl, cycloaliphatic, heterocycloaliphatic, aliphatic, alkoxy, oxo, or combinations thereof; and the remaining R_3 or R'_3 is hydrogen. In several examples, one of R_3 and R'_3 is an optionally substituted 5-7 membered heterocycloaliphatic optionally substituted with 1-2 oxo groups, and the remaining R_3 or R'_3 is hydrogen. For example, one of R_3 and R'_3 is pyrrolidinyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, 1,3-dioxolanyl, pyrazolidinyl, tetrahydropyranyl, thiomorpholinyl, morpholinyl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl, 1,4-dioxanyl, or 1,4-dithianyl, each of which is optionally substituted with 1-3 of halo, hydroxy, cyano, aryl, heteroaryl, cycloaliphatic, heterocycloaliphatic, aliphatic, alkoxy, oxo, or combinations thereof; and the remaining R_3 or R'_3 is hydrogen.

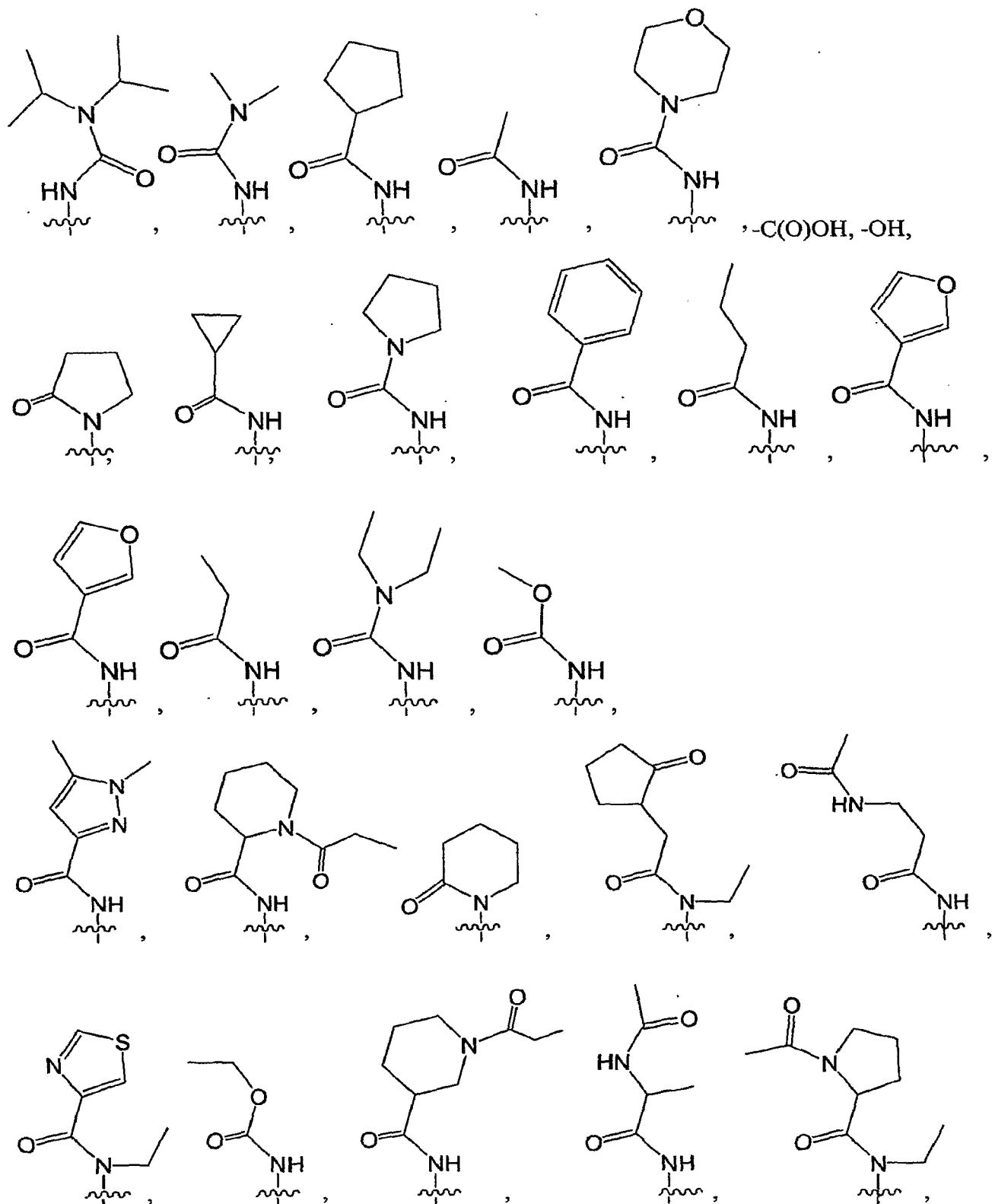
[00118] In several embodiments, R_3 and R'_3 are each independently hydrogen or halo.

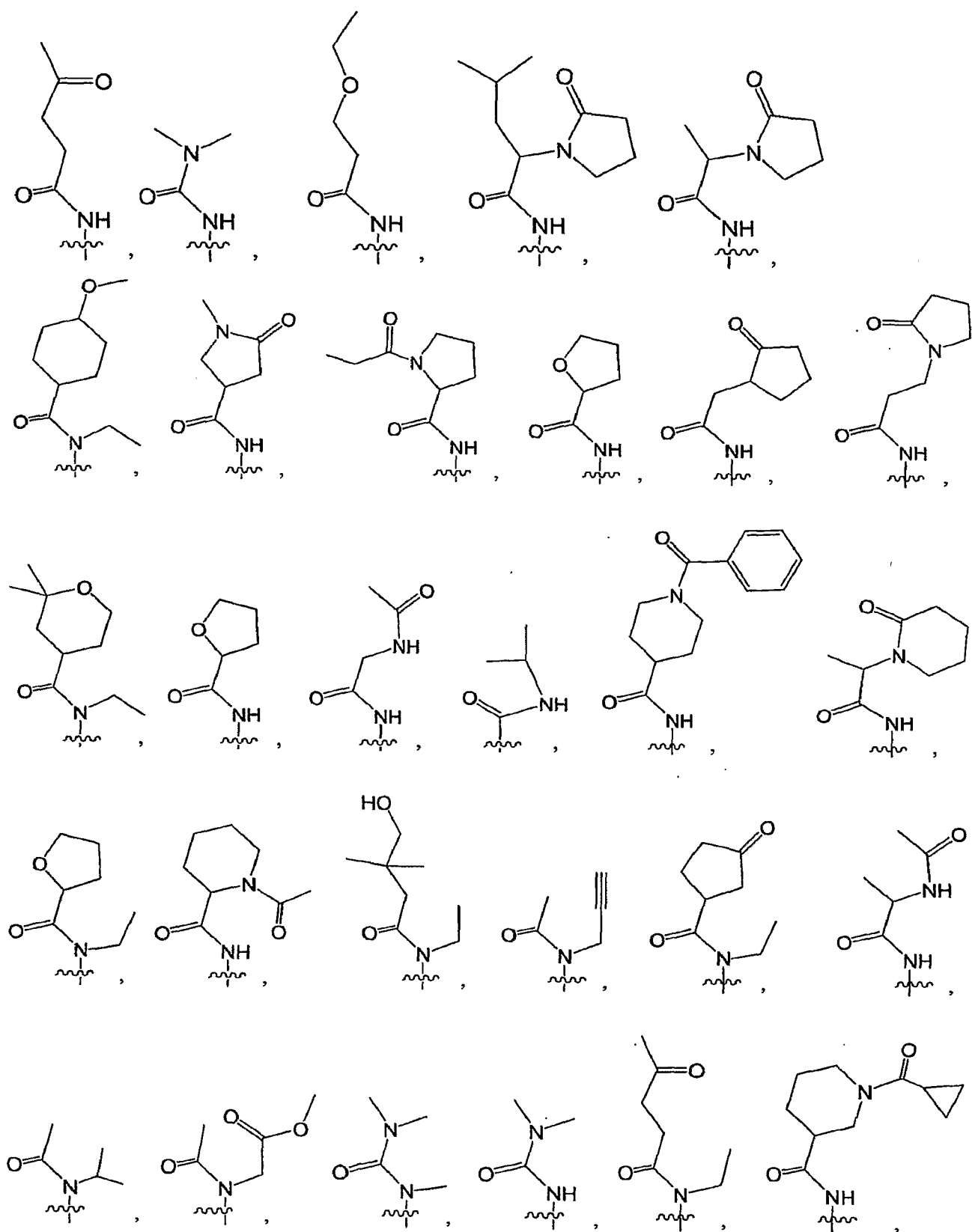
[00119] In several embodiments, R_3 and R'_3 are independently $-Z^C R_6$, wherein each Z^C is a independently a bond or an optionally substituted straight C_{1-4} aliphatic chain wherein up to two carbon units of Z^C are optionally and independently replaced by $-CO-$, or $-NH-$. R_6 is an optionally substituted cycloaliphatic or hydrogen. For example, R_6 is cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cycloheptyl, or cyclohexyl, each of which is optionally substituted.

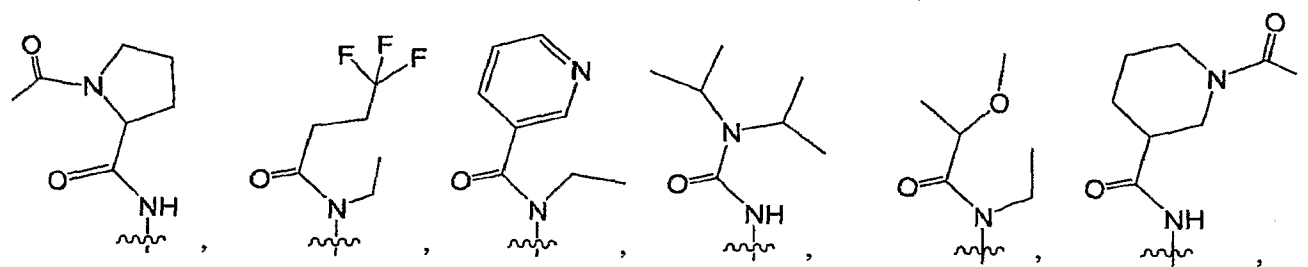
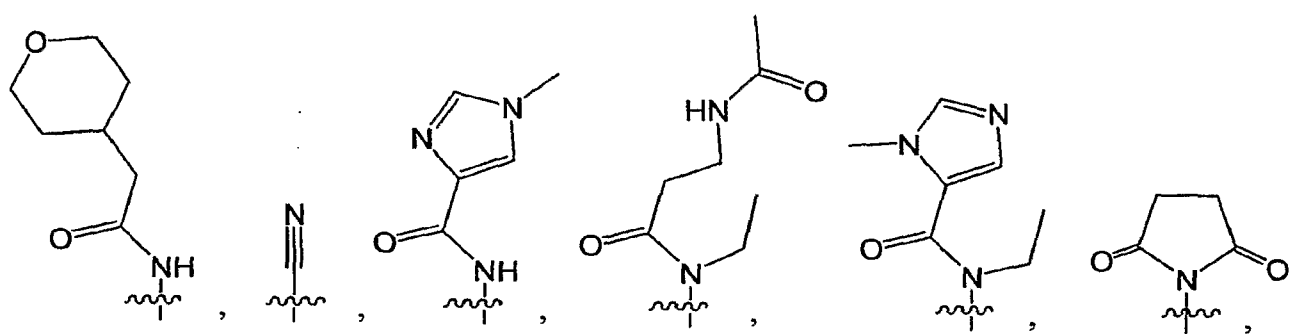
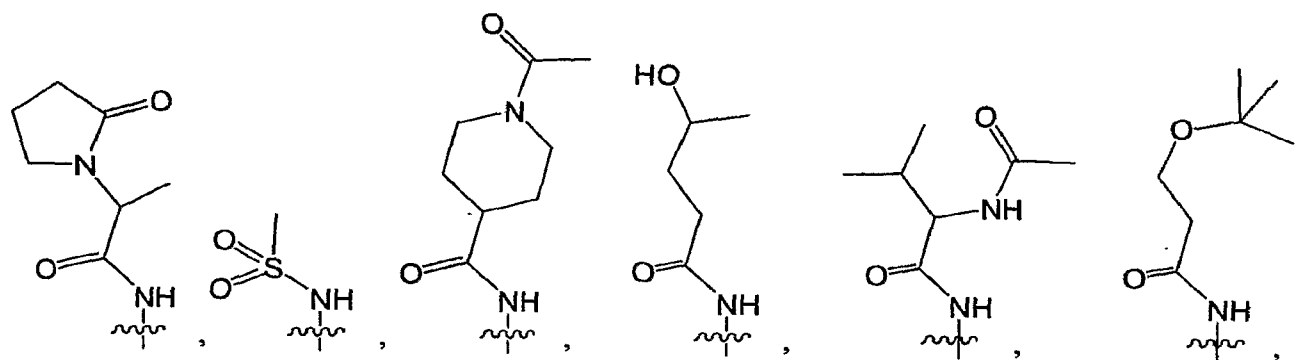
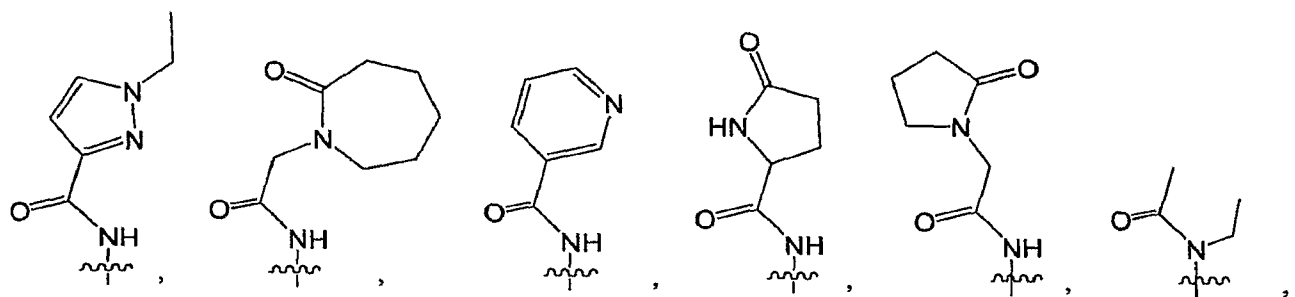
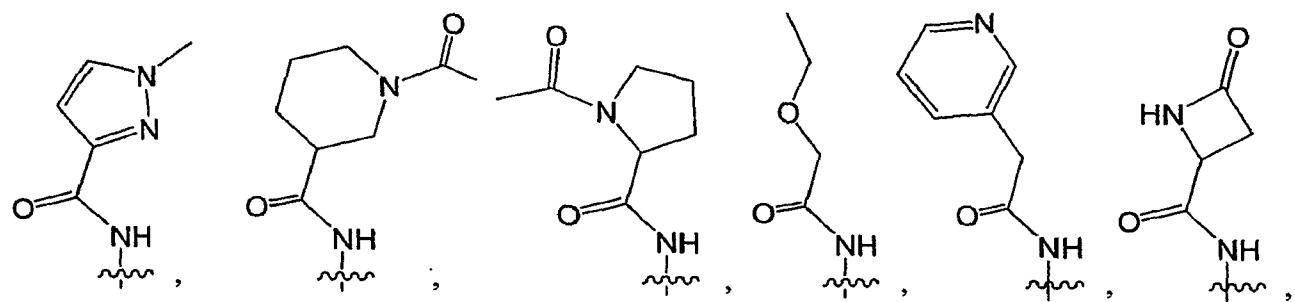
[00120] In several embodiments, R_3 and R_4 together with the atoms to which they are attached form a 5-6 membered optionally substituted heterocycloaliphatic. For example, R_3 and R_4 taken together with the atoms to which they are attached form an optionally substituted 5-6 membered heterocycloaliphatic having 1-2 heteroatoms selected from N, O, and S. In other examples, R_3 and R_4 taken together with the atoms to which they are attached form an optionally substituted

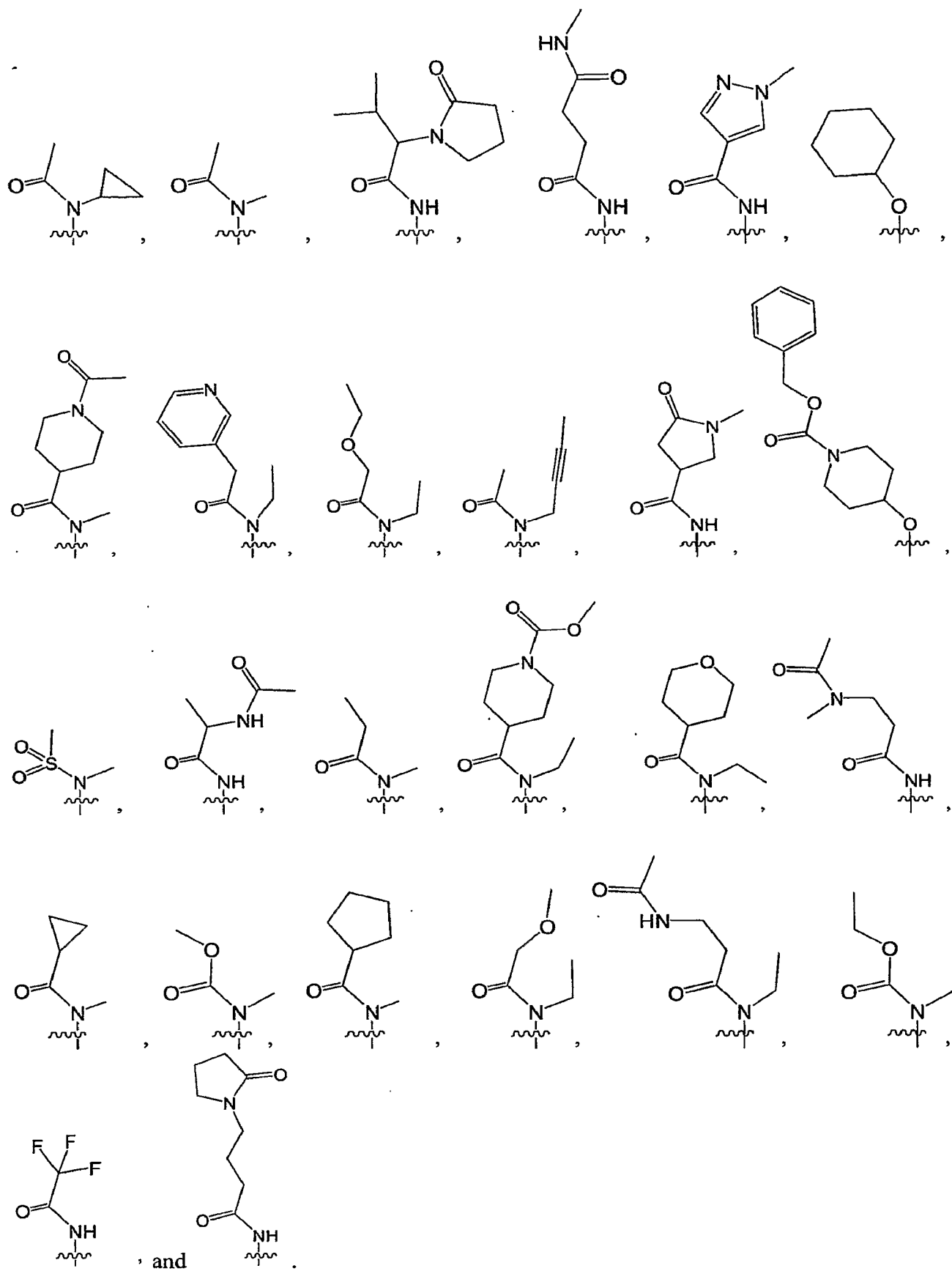
5-6 membered heterocycloaliphatic that is optionally substituted with 1-2 oxo groups. For example, R_3 and R_4 together form pyrrolidin-2-onyl, imidazolidin-2-onyl, or oxazolidin-2-onyl, each of which is optionally substituted.

[00121] In several embodiments, R₃ and R'₃ together with the carbon atom to which they are attached form an oxo group, or R₃ and R'₃ are each independently selected from hydrogen,









4. Substituents R₄ and R'₄:

[00122] R₄ and R'₄ together form an oxo group, or each is -Z^DR₇, wherein each Z^D is independently a bond or an optionally substituted branched or straight C₁₋₄ aliphatic chain wherein up to two carbon units of Z^D are optionally and independently replaced by -CO-, -CS-,

-CONR^D-, -CONR^DNR^D-, -CO₂-, -OCO-, -NR^DCO₂-, -O-, -NR^DCONR^D-, -OCONR^D-, -NR^DNR^D-, -NR^DCO-, -S-, -S(O)-, -S(O)₂-, -NR^D-, -S(O)₂NR^D-, -NR^DS(O)₂-, or -NR^DS(O)₂NR^D-; each R₇ is R^D, halo, -OH, -NH₂, -NO₂, -CN, or -OCF₃; and each R^D is independently hydrogen, an optionally substituted C₁₋₈ aliphatic group; an optionally substituted cycloaliphatic, an optionally substituted heterocycloaliphatic, an optionally substituted aryl, or an optionally substituted heteroaryl.

[00123] In several embodiments, R₄ and R'₄ are each independently hydrogen.

[00124] In several embodiments, R₄ and R'₄ are each independently optionally substituted C₁₋₄ aliphatic. For example, R₄ and R'₄ are each independently hydrogen methyl, ethyl, propyl, or butyl, each of which is optionally substituted.

[00125] In several embodiments, R₄ and R'₄ are both hydrogen. In other embodiments, R₄ and R'₄ are both fluoro.

5. Variables n, m, p, and q:

[00126] m and p are each independently 0-3; however, m + p is 3, 4, 5, or 6.

[00127] In several embodiments, m and p are both 2.

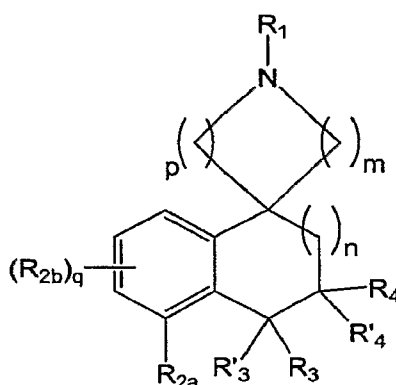
[00128] Each n is 0-2.

[00129] Each q is 0-3.

[00130] In several embodiments, m and p are each 0, 1, or 2. In other embodiments, n is 0 or 1. In several embodiments, q is 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4.

B. Sub-Generic Compounds

[00131] Another aspect of the present invention provides compounds of formula Ia:



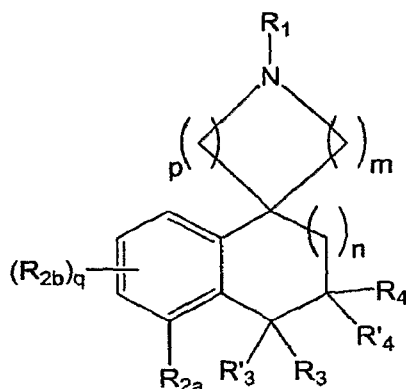
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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein R_1 , R_{2a} , R_{2b} , R_4 , R'_4 , m , n , p , and q are defined in formula I.

[00132] R'_3 is $-Z^F R_{10}$, wherein each Z^F is independently a bond or an optionally substituted branched or straight C_{1-4} aliphatic chain wherein up to two carbon units of Z^F are optionally and independently replaced by $-\text{CO}-$, $-\text{CS}-$, $-\text{CONR}^E-$, $-\text{CONR}^E \text{NR}^E-$, $-\text{CO}_2-$, $-\text{OCO}-$, $-\text{NR}^E \text{CO}_2-$, $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{NR}^E \text{CONR}^E-$, $-\text{OCONR}^E-$, $-\text{NR}^E \text{NR}^E-$, $-\text{NR}^E \text{CO}-$, $-\text{S}-$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})-$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2-$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2 \text{NR}^E-$, $-\text{NR}^E \text{S}(\text{O})_2-$, or $-\text{NR}^E \text{S}(\text{O})_2 \text{NR}^E-$. Each R_{10} is independently R^E , halo, $-\text{OH}$, $-\text{NH}_2$, $-\text{NO}_2$, $-\text{CN}$, or $-\text{OCF}_3$. Each R^E is independently an optionally substituted C_{1-8} aliphatic group; an optionally substituted cycloaliphatic, an optionally substituted heterocycloaliphatic, an optionally substituted aryl, or an optionally substituted heteroaryl.

[00133] R_3 is independently $-Z^C R_6$, wherein each Z^C is independently a bond or an optionally substituted branched or straight C_{1-4} aliphatic chain wherein up to two carbon units of Z^C are optionally and independently replaced by $-\text{CO}-$, $-\text{CS}-$, $-\text{CONR}^C-$, $-\text{CONR}^C \text{NR}^C-$, $-\text{CO}_2-$, $-\text{OCO}-$, $-\text{NR}^C \text{CO}_2-$, $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{NR}^C \text{CONR}^C-$, $-\text{OCONR}^C-$, $-\text{NR}^C \text{NR}^C-$, $-\text{NR}^C \text{CO}-$, $-\text{S}-$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})-$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2-$, $-\text{NR}^C$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2 \text{NR}^C-$, $-\text{NR}^C \text{S}(\text{O})_2-$, or $-\text{NR}^C \text{S}(\text{O})_2 \text{NR}^C-$; each R_6 is independently R^C , halo, $-\text{OH}$, $-\text{NH}_2$, $-\text{NO}_2$, $-\text{CN}$, or $-\text{OCF}_3$; each R^C is independently hydrogen, an optionally substituted C_{1-8} aliphatic group; an optionally substituted cycloaliphatic, an optionally substituted heterocycloaliphatic, an optionally substituted aryl, or an optionally substituted heteroaryl.

[00134] Another aspect of the present invention provides compounds of formula Ib:

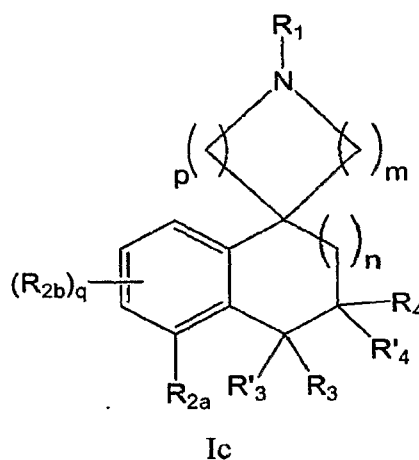


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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein R_{2a} , R_{2b} , R_3 , R'_3 , R_4 , R'_4 , m , n , p , and q are defined in formula I.

[00135] R_1 is a branched or straight C_{1-12} aliphatic optionally substituted with 1-3 of R^A , wherein up to 2 carbon units of R_1 are optionally and independently replaced by $-CS-$, $-CONR^F-$, $-CONR^FNR^F-$, $-CO_2-$, $-OCO-$, $-NR^FCO_2-$, $-O-$, $-NR^FCONR^F-$, $-OCONR^F-$, $-NR^FNR^F-$, $-NR^FCO-$, $-S-$, $-S(O)-$, $-S(O)_2-$, $-NR^F-$, $-S(O)_2NR^F-$, $-NR^FS(O)_2-$, or $-NR^FS(O)_2NR^F-$. Each R^A is halo, $-OH$, $-NH_2$, $-NO_2$, $-CN$, or $-OCF_3$. R^F has been defined in formula I.

[00136] Another aspect of the present invention provides compounds of formula Ic:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein R_{2a} , R_{2b} , R_4 , R'_4 , m , n , p , and q are defined in formula I.

[00137] R_1 is a branched or straight C_{1-12} aliphatic optionally substituted with 1-3 of R^A , wherein up to 2 carbon units of R_1 are optionally and independently replaced by $-CS-$, $-CONR^F-$, $-CONR^FNR^F-$, $-CO_2-$, $-OCO-$, $-NR^FCO_2-$, $-O-$, $-NR^FCONR^F-$, $-OCONR^F-$, $-NR^FNR^F-$, $-NR^FCO-$, $-S-$, $-S(O)-$, $-S(O)_2-$, $-NR^F-$, $-S(O)_2NR^F-$, $-NR^FS(O)_2-$, or $-NR^FS(O)_2NR^F-$; and each R^A is halo, $-OH$, $-NH_2$, $-NO_2$, $-CN$, or $-OCF_3$. R^F has been defined in formula I.

[00138] R_3 is independently $-Z^C R_6$, wherein each Z^C is independently a bond or an optionally substituted branched or straight C_{1-4} aliphatic chain wherein up to two carbon units of Z^C are optionally and independently replaced by $-CO-$, $-CS-$, $-CONR^C-$, $-CONR^CNR^C-$, $-CO_2-$, $-OCO-$, $-NR^CCO_2-$, $-O-$, $-NR^CCONR^C-$, $-OCONR^C-$, $-NR^CNR^C-$, $-NR^CCO-$, $-S-$, $-S(O)-$, $-S(O)_2-$, $-NR^C-$, $-S(O)_2NR^C-$, $-NR^CS(O)_2-$, or $-NR^CS(O)_2NR^C-$; each R_6 is independently R^C , halo, $-OH$, $-NH_2$, $-NO_2$, $-CN$, or $-OCF_3$; each R^C is independently hydrogen, an optionally substituted C_{1-8}

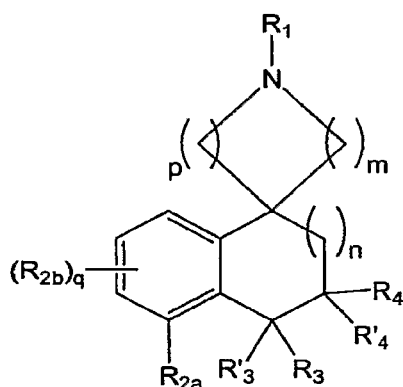
aliphatic group; an optionally substituted cycloaliphatic, an optionally substituted heterocycloaliphatic, an optionally substituted aryl, or an optionally substituted heteroaryl.

[00139] R'_3 is $-Z^C R_6$, wherein each Z^C is independently a bond or an optionally substituted branched or straight C_{1-4} aliphatic chain wherein up to two carbon units of Z^C are optionally and independently replaced by $-\text{CO}-$, $-\text{CS}-$, $-\text{CONR}^C-$, $-\text{CONR}^C \text{NR}^C-$, $-\text{CO}_2-$, $-\text{OCO}-$, $-\text{NR}^C \text{CO}_2-$, $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{NR}^C \text{CONR}^C-$, $-\text{OCONR}^C-$, $-\text{NR}^C \text{NR}^C-$, $-\text{NR}^C \text{CO}-$, $-\text{S}-$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})-$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2-$, $-\text{NR}^C-$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2 \text{NR}^C-$,

$-\text{NR}^C \text{S}(\text{O})_2-$, or $-\text{NR}^C \text{S}(\text{O})_2 \text{NR}^C-$, or R_3 and R'_3 together form an oxo group. Each R^C is independently an optionally substituted C_{1-8} aliphatic group; an optionally substituted cycloaliphatic, an optionally substituted heterocycloaliphatic, an optionally substituted aryl, or an optionally substituted heteroaryl.

[00140] Alternatively, R_3 and R'_3 together form an oxo group.

[00141] Another aspect of the present invention provides compounds of formula Id:



Id

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein R_{2a} , R_{2b} , R_4 , R'_4 , m , n , p , and q are defined above.

[00142] R_1 is a branched or straight C_{1-12} aliphatic optionally substituted with 1-3 of R^A , wherein up to 2 carbon units of R_1 are optionally and independently replaced by $-\text{CS}-$, $-\text{CONR}^F-$,

$-\text{CONR}^F \text{NR}^F-$, $-\text{CO}_2-$, $-\text{OCO}-$, $-\text{NR}^F \text{CO}_2-$, $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{NR}^F \text{CONR}^F-$, $-\text{OCONR}^F-$, $-\text{NR}^F \text{NR}^F-$, $-\text{NR}^F \text{CO}-$, $-\text{S}-$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})-$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2-$, $-\text{NR}^F-$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2 \text{NR}^F-$, $-\text{NR}^F \text{S}(\text{O})_2-$, or $-\text{NR}^F \text{S}(\text{O})_2 \text{NR}^F-$; each R^A is halo, $-\text{OH}$,

$-\text{NH}_2$, $-\text{NO}_2$, $-\text{CN}$, or $-\text{OCF}_3$; and R^F has been defined in formula I.

[00143] R_3 is independently $-Z^C R_6$, wherein each Z^C is independently a bond or an optionally substituted branched or straight C_{1-4} aliphatic chain wherein up to two carbon units of Z^C are optionally and independently replaced by $-\text{CO}-$, $-\text{CS}-$, $-\text{CONR}^C-$, $-\text{CONR}^C \text{NR}^C-$, $-\text{CO}_2-$, $-\text{O}-$,

OCO-,

-NR^CCO₂-, -O-, -NR^CCONR^C-, -OCONR^C-, -NR^CNR^C-, -NR^CCO-, -S-, -S(O)-, -S(O)₂-, -NR^C-,

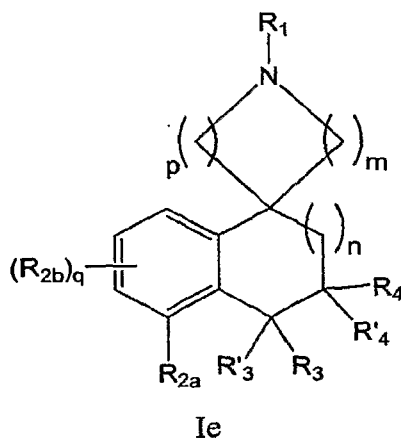
-S(O)₂NR^C-, -NR^CS(O)₂-, or -NR^CS(O)₂NR^C-; each R₆ is independently R^C, halo, -OH, -NH₂, -NO₂, -CN, or -OCF₃; each R^C is independently hydrogen, an optionally substituted C₁₋₈ aliphatic group; an optionally substituted cycloaliphatic, an optionally substituted heterocycloaliphatic, an optionally substituted aryl, or an optionally substituted heteroaryl.

[00144] R'₃ is -Z^CR₆, wherein each Z^C is independently a bond or an optionally substituted branched or straight C₁₋₄ aliphatic chain wherein up to two carbon units of Z^C are optionally and independently replaced by -CO-, -CS-, -CONR^C-, -CONR^CNR^C-, -CO₂-, -OCO-, -NR^CCO₂-, -O-, -NR^CCONR^C-, -OCONR^C-, -NR^CNR^C-, -NR^CCO-, -S-, -S(O)-, -S(O)₂-, -NR^C-, -S(O)₂NR^C-,

-NR^CS(O)₂-, or -NR^CS(O)₂NR^C-. Each R^C is independently an optionally substituted C₁₋₈ aliphatic group; an optionally substituted cycloaliphatic, an optionally substituted heterocycloaliphatic, an optionally substituted aryl, or an optionally substituted heteroaryl.

[00145] Alternatively, R₃ and R₄ together with the atoms to which they are attached form a 5-6 membered optionally substituted heterocycloaliphatic.

[00146] Another aspect of the present invention provides compounds of formula Ie:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein R_{2a}, R_{2b}, R₄, R'₄, m, n, p, and q are defined in formula I.

[00147] R₁ is a branched or straight C₁₋₁₂ aliphatic optionally substituted with 1-3 of R^A, wherein up to 2 carbon units of R₁ are optionally and independently replaced by -CS-, -CONR^F-,

-CONR^FNR^F-, -CO₂-, -OCO-, -NR^FCO₂-, -O-, -NR^FCONR^F-, -OCONR^F-, -NR^FNR^F-,

$-\text{NR}^{\text{F}}\text{CO}-$, $-\text{S}-$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})-$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2-$, $-\text{NR}^{\text{F}}-$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{NR}^{\text{F}}-$, $-\text{NR}^{\text{F}}\text{S}(\text{O})_2-$, or $-\text{NR}^{\text{F}}\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{NR}^{\text{F}}-$. Each R^{A} is halo, $-\text{OH}$, $-\text{NH}_2$, $-\text{NO}_2$, $-\text{CN}$, or $-\text{OCF}_3$. R^{F} has been defined in formula I.

[00148] Each R_3 and R'_3 is independently $-\text{Z}^{\text{C}}\text{R}_6$, wherein each Z^{C} is independently a bond or an optionally substituted branched or straight C_{1-4} aliphatic chain wherein up to two carbon units of Z^{C} are optionally and independently replaced by $-\text{CO}-$, $-\text{CS}-$, $-\text{CONR}^{\text{C}}-$, $-\text{CONR}^{\text{C}}\text{NR}^{\text{C}}-$, $-\text{CO}_2-$, $-\text{OCO}-$, $-\text{NR}^{\text{C}}-$, $-\text{NR}^{\text{C}}\text{CO}_2-$, $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{NR}^{\text{C}}\text{CONR}^{\text{C}}-$, $-\text{OCONR}^{\text{C}}-$, $-\text{NR}^{\text{C}}\text{NR}^{\text{C}}-$, $-\text{NR}^{\text{C}}\text{CO}-$, $-\text{S}-$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})-$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2-$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{NR}^{\text{C}}-$, $-\text{NR}^{\text{C}}\text{S}(\text{O})_2-$, or $-\text{NR}^{\text{C}}\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{NR}^{\text{C}}-$. Each R_6 is independently R^{C} , halo, $-\text{OH}$, $-\text{NH}_2$, $-\text{NO}_2$, $-\text{CN}$, or $-\text{OCF}_3$. Each R^{C} is independently hydrogen, an optionally substituted C_{1-8} aliphatic group; an optionally substituted cycloaliphatic, an optionally substituted heterocycloaliphatic, an optionally substituted aryl, or an optionally substituted heteroaryl.

[00149] Alternatively, R_3 and R_4 together with the atoms to which they are attached form a 5-6 membered optionally substituted heterocycloaliphatic.

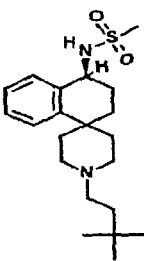
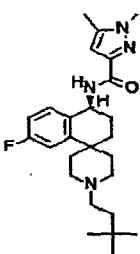
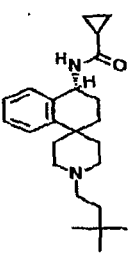
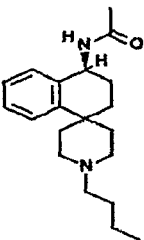
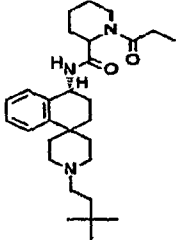
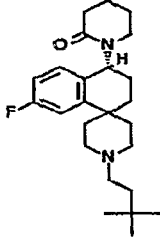
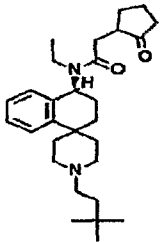
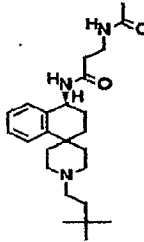
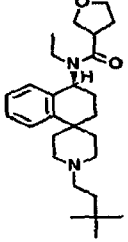
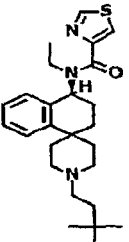
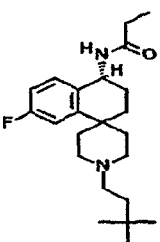
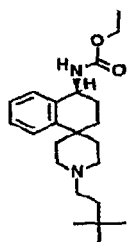
[00150] Alternatively, R_3 and R'_3 together form an oxo group.

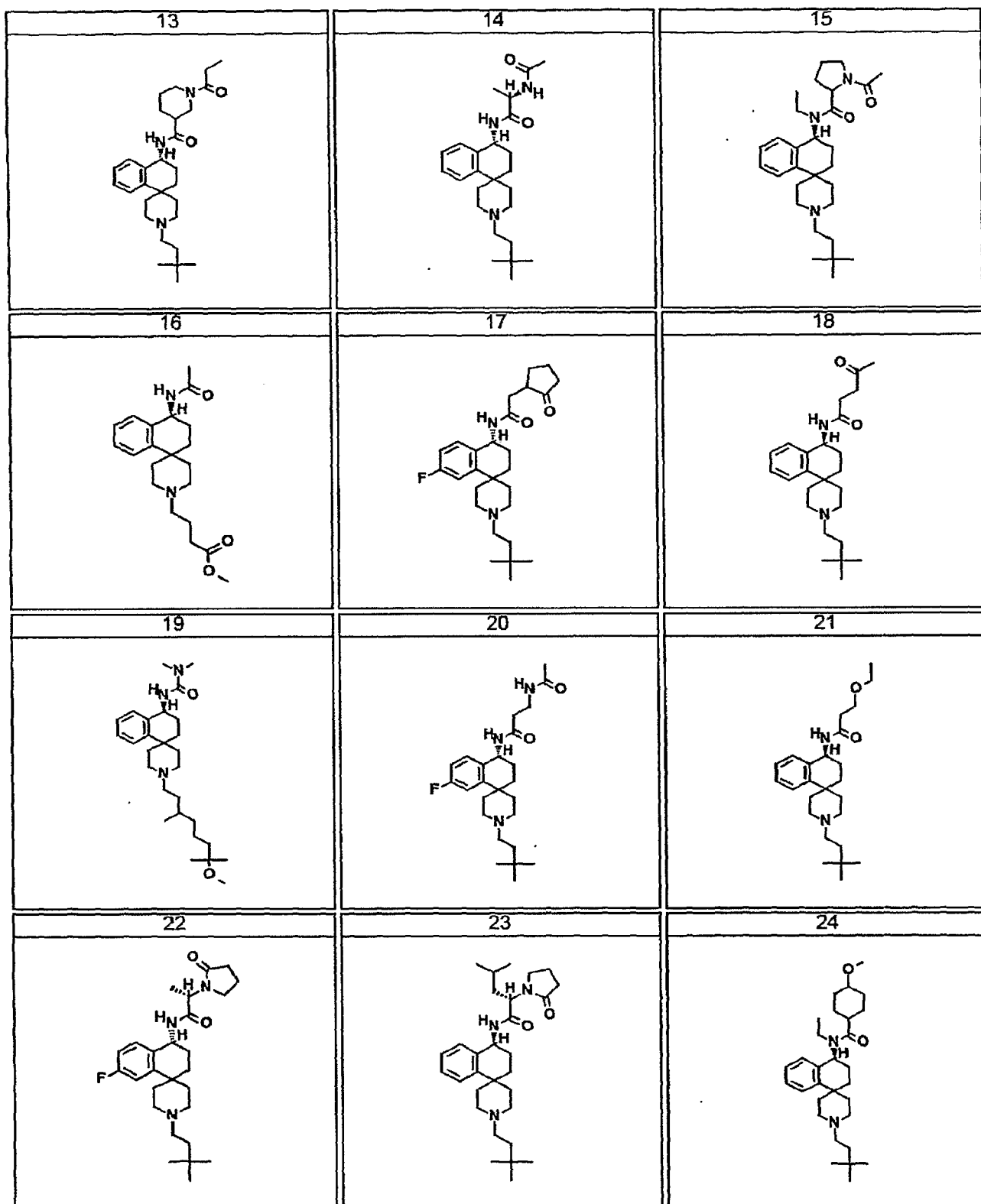
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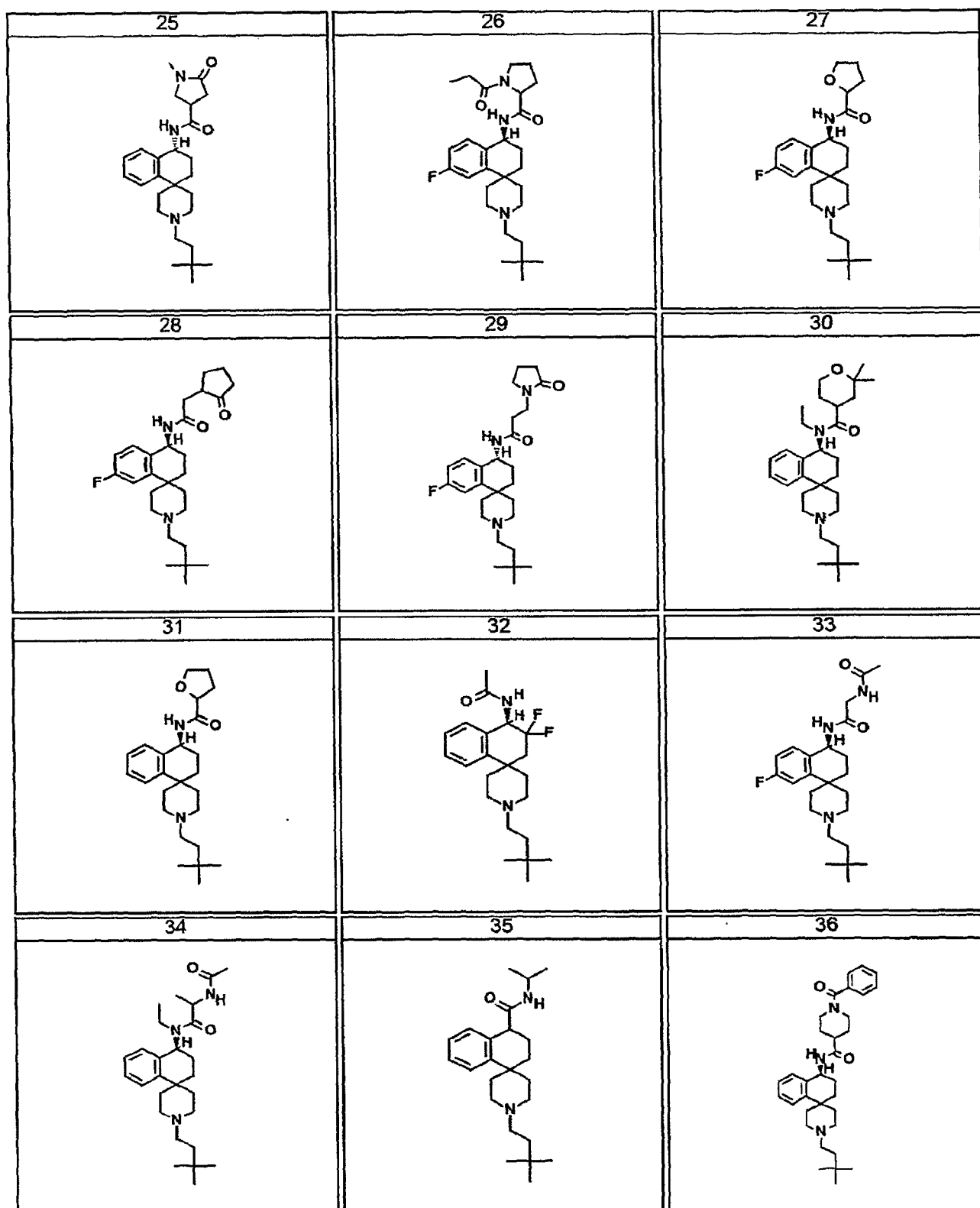
C. Exemplary Compounds

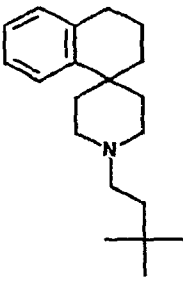
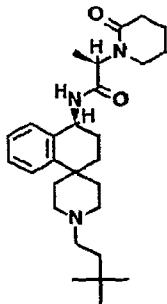
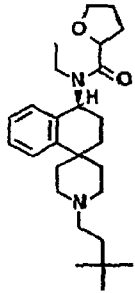
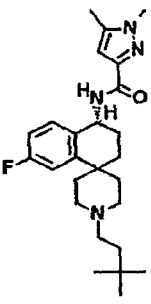
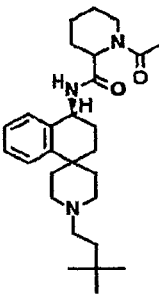
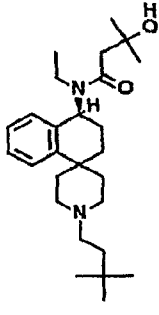
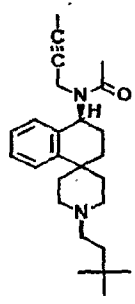
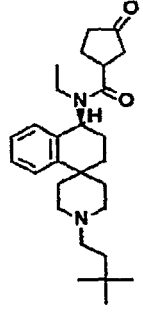
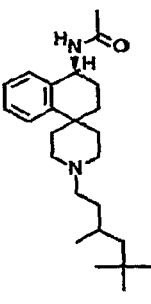
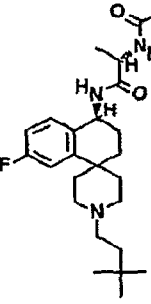
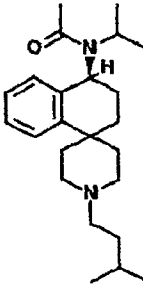
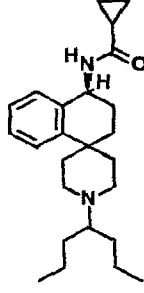
[00152] Exemplary compounds of the present invention include, but are not limited to, those illustrated in Table 1 below.

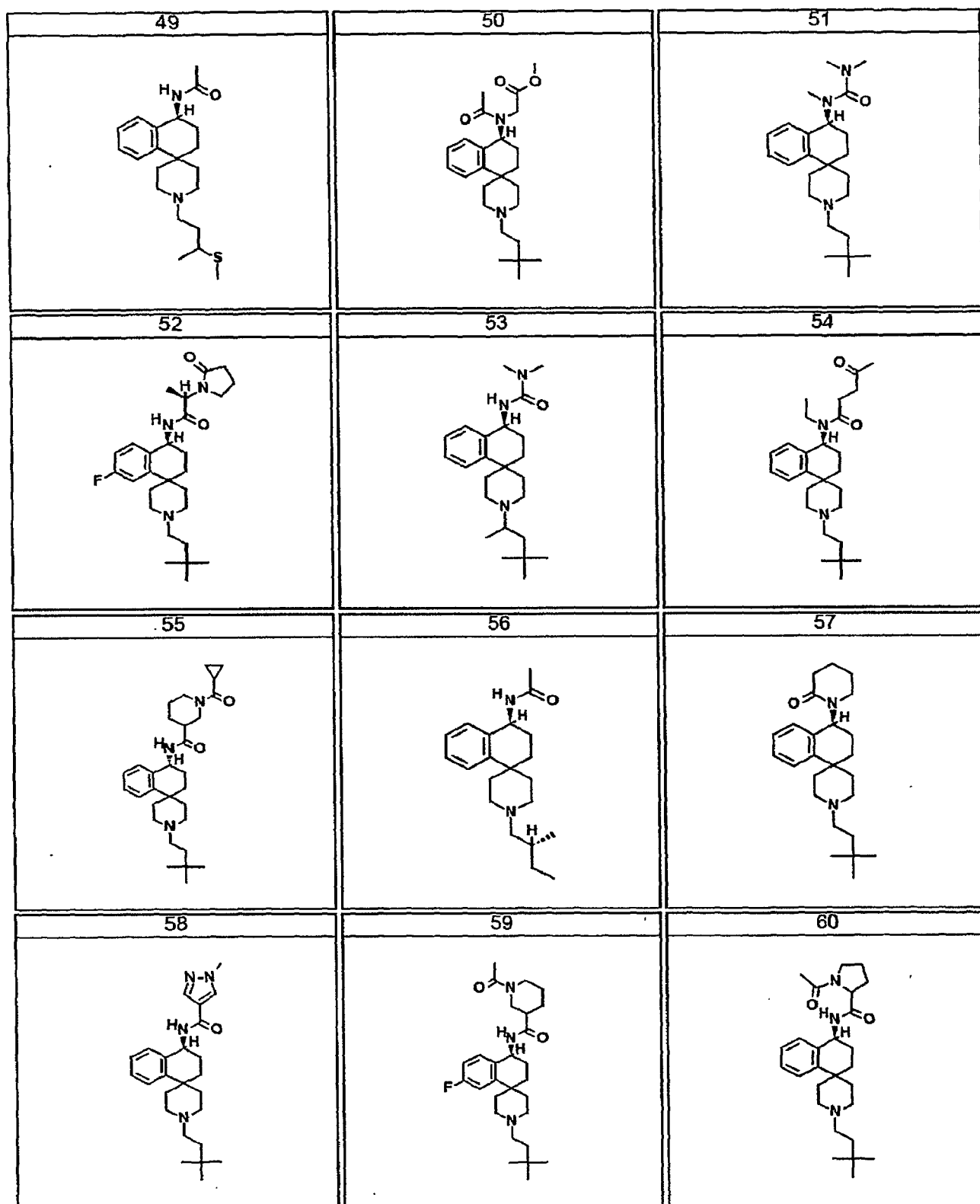
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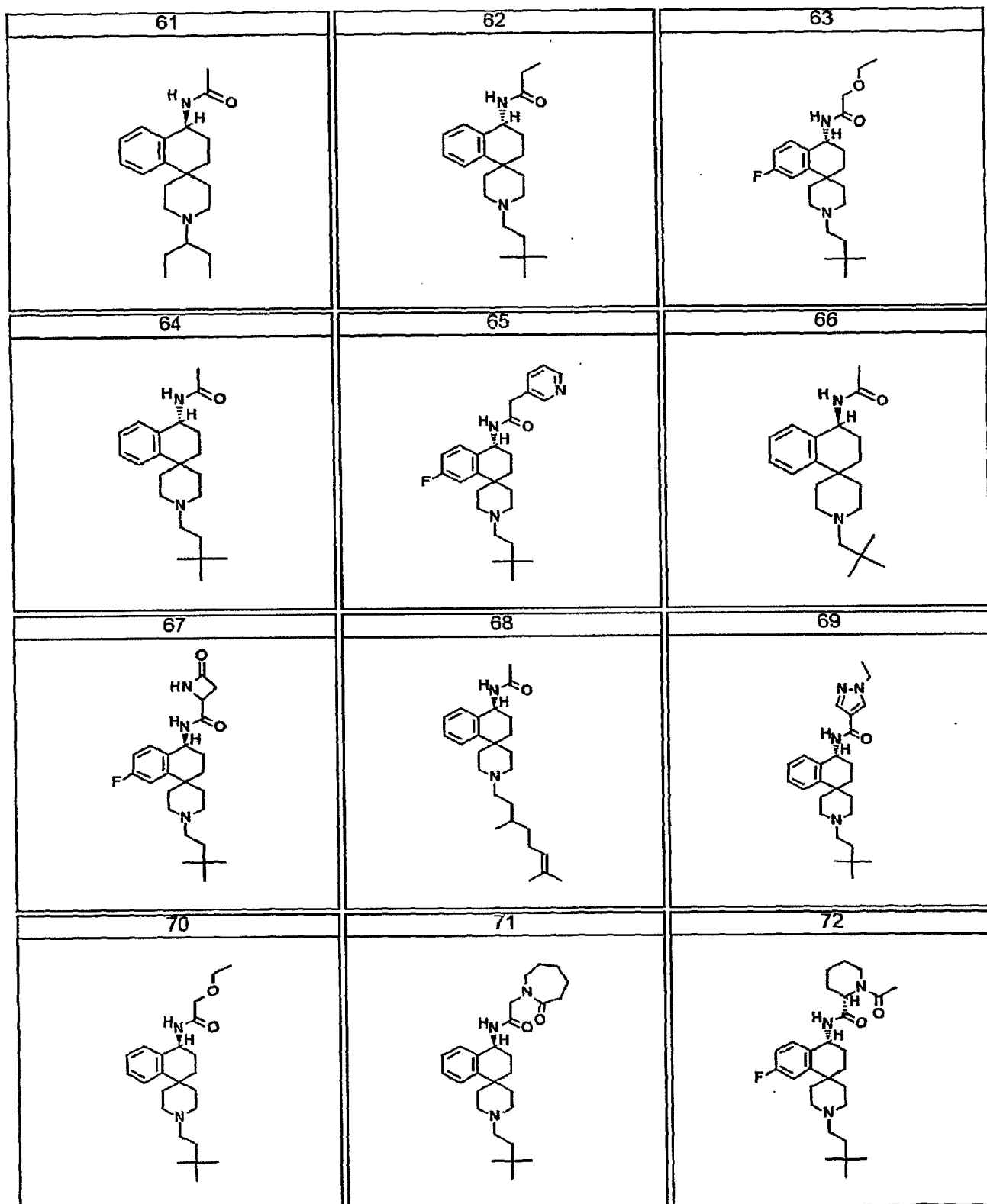
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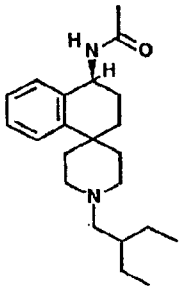
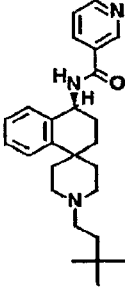
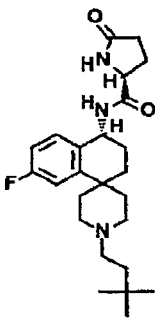
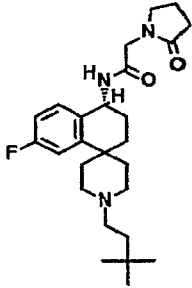
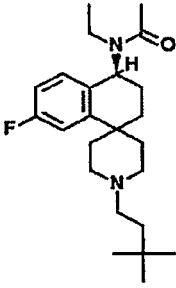
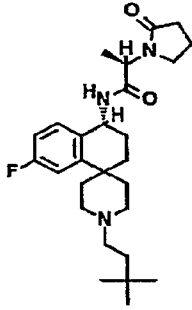
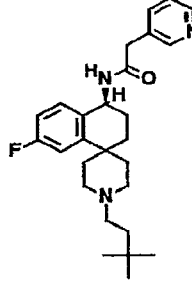
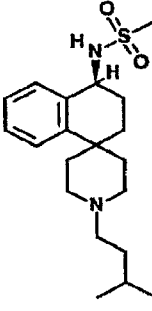
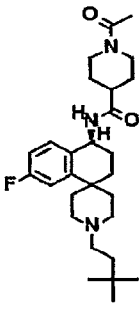
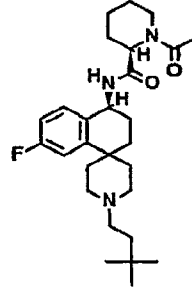
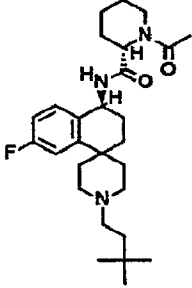
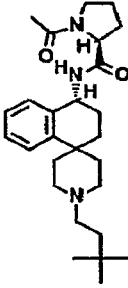


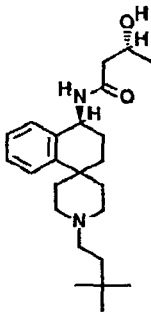
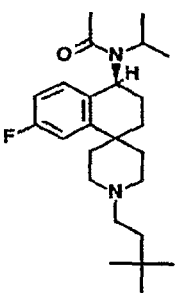
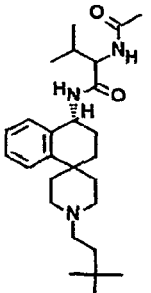
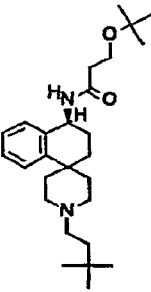
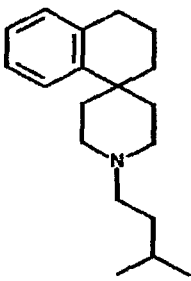
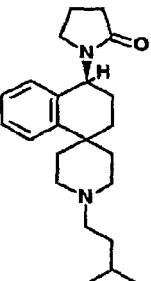
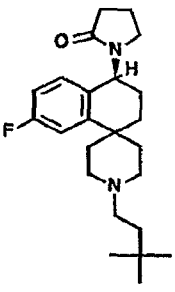
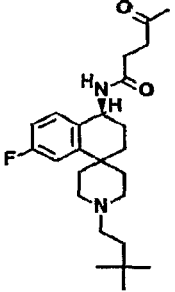
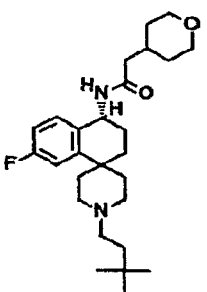
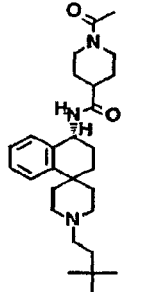
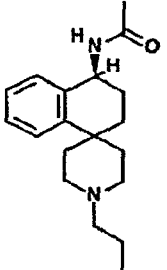
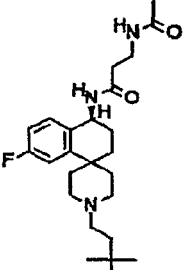


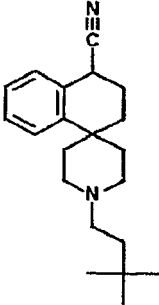
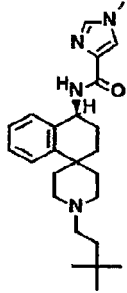
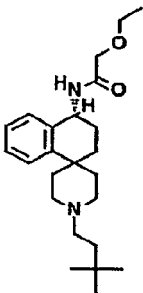
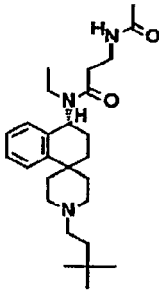
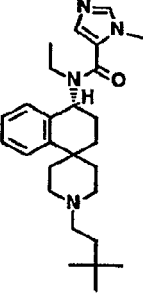
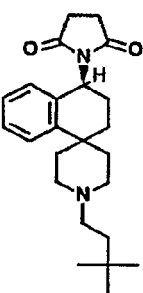
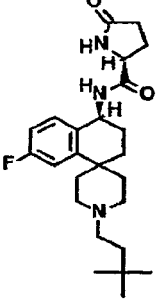
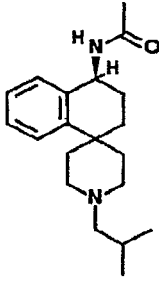
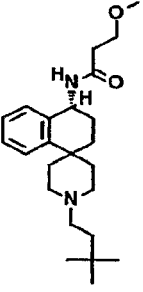
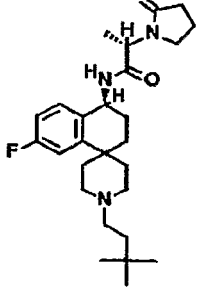
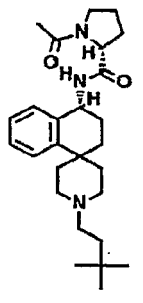
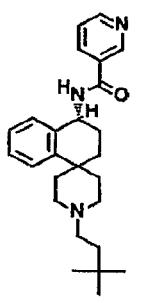
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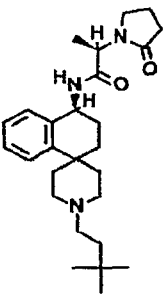
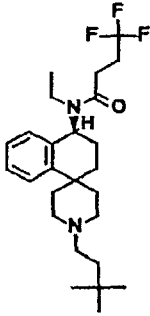
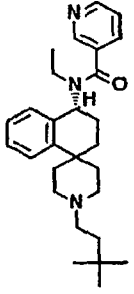
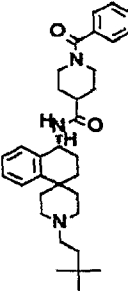
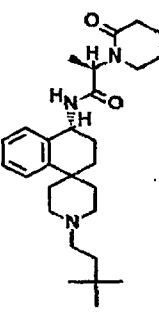
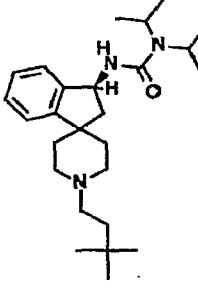
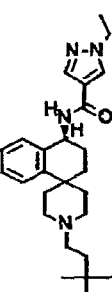
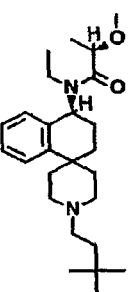
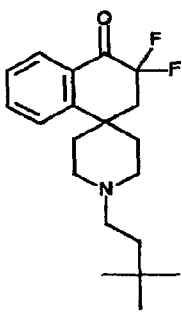
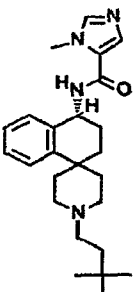
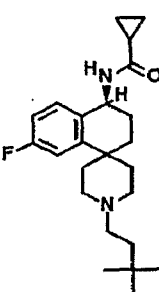
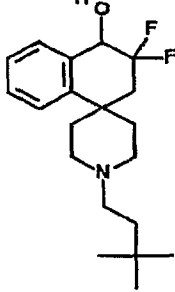


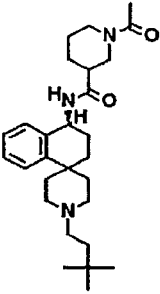
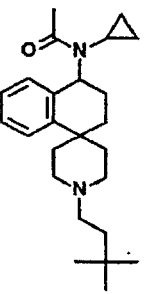
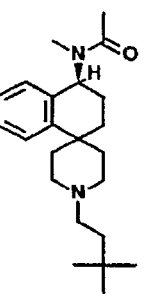
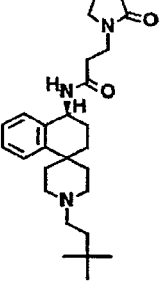
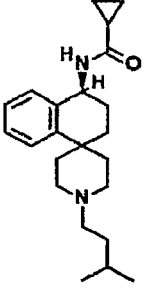
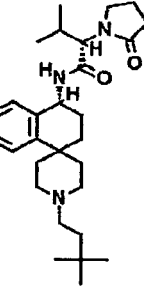
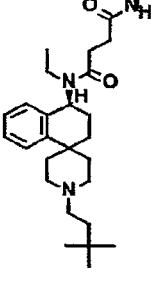
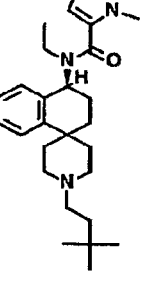
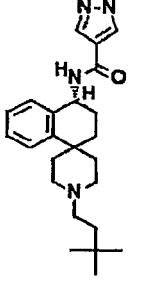
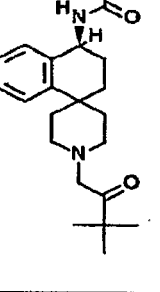
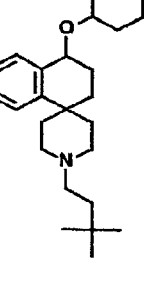
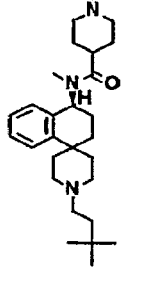


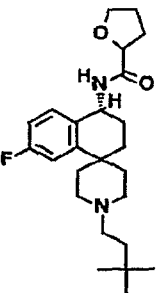
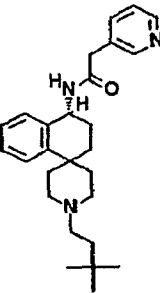
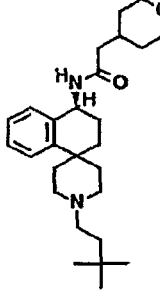
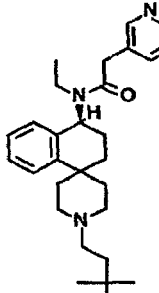
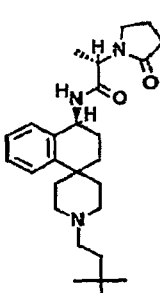
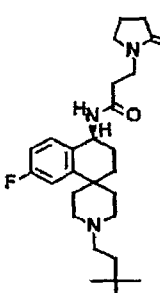
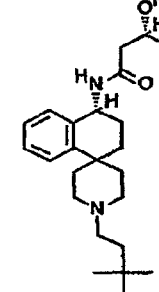
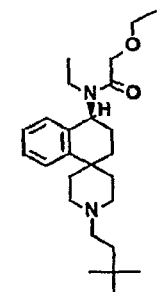
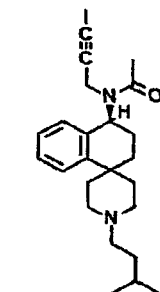
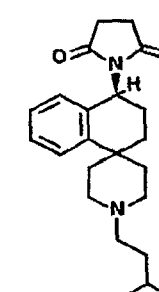
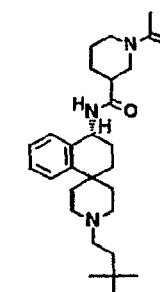
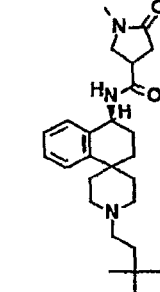
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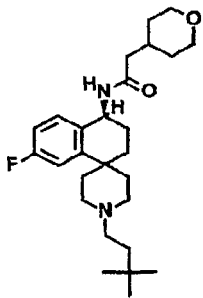
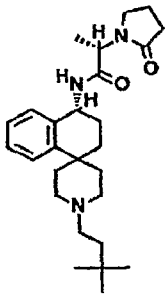
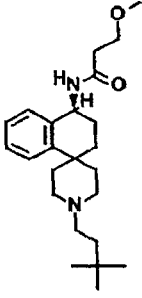
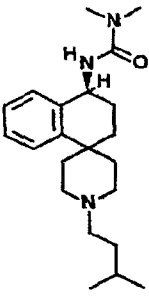
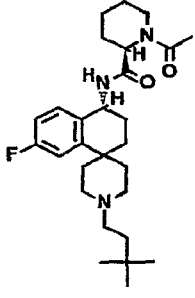
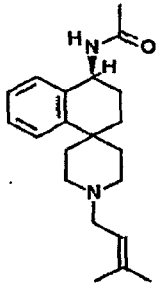
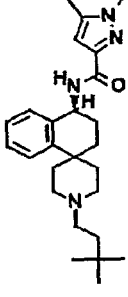
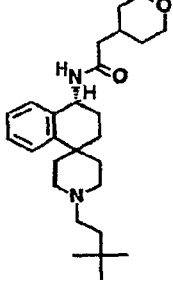
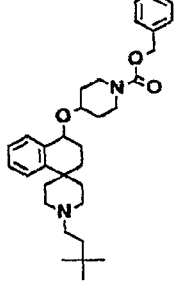
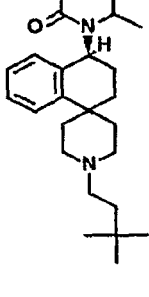
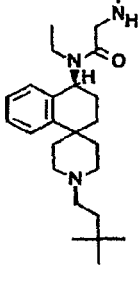
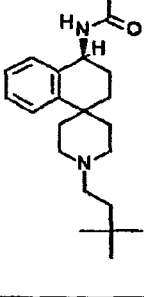
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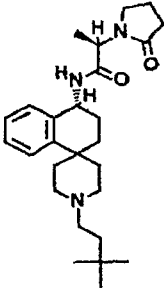
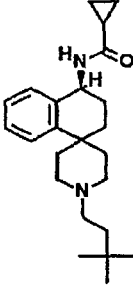
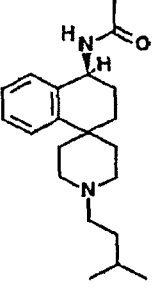
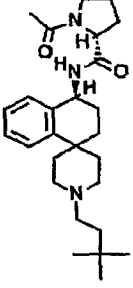
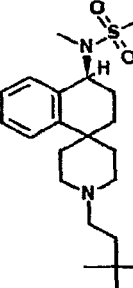
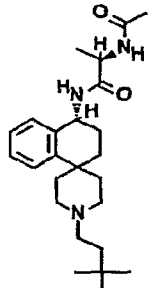
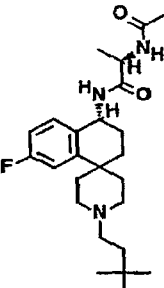
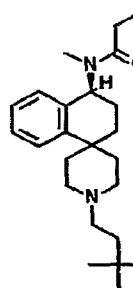
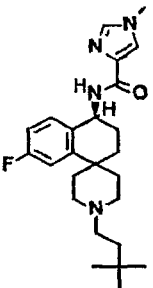
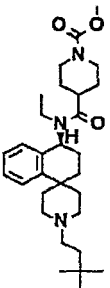
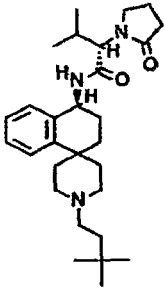
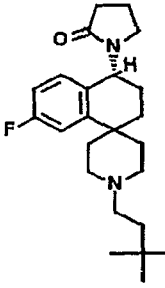
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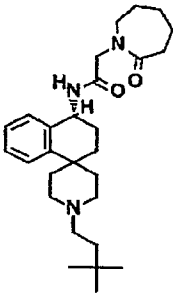
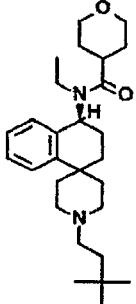
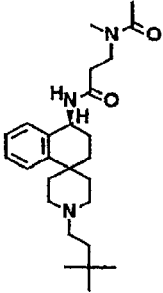
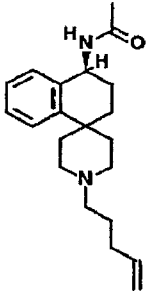
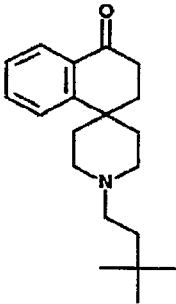
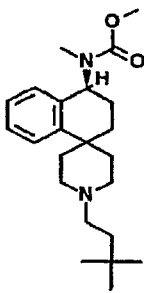
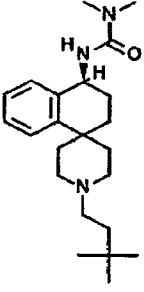
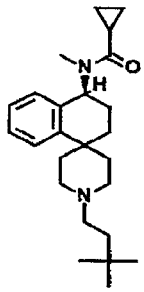
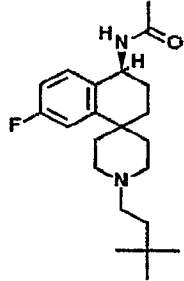
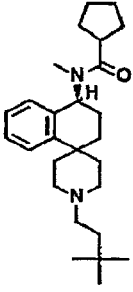
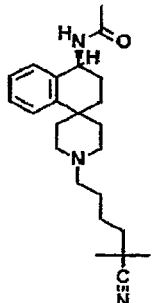
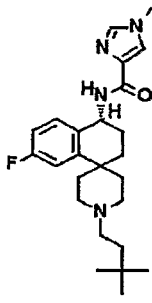
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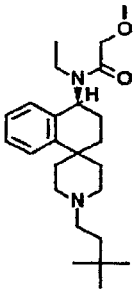
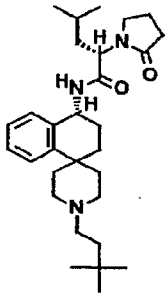
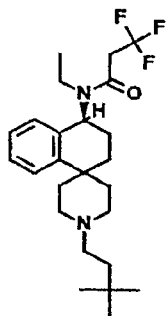
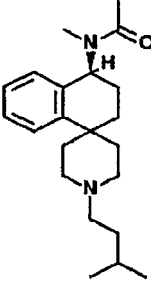
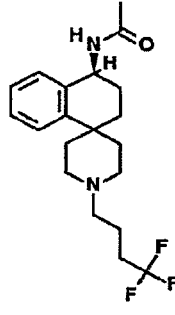
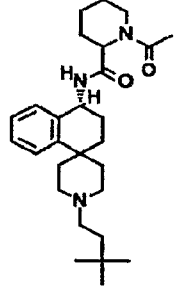
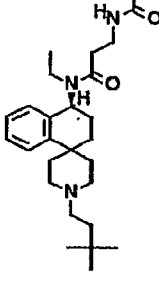
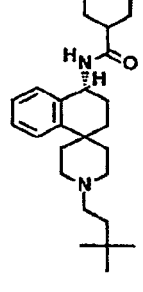
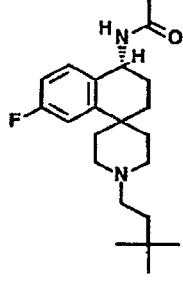
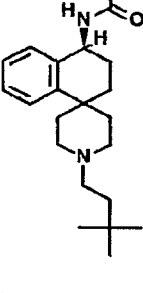
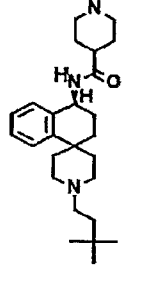
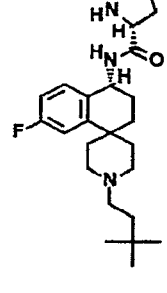
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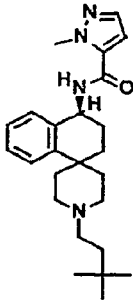
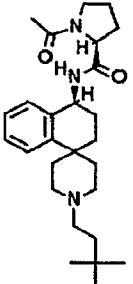
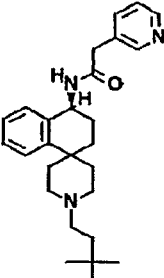
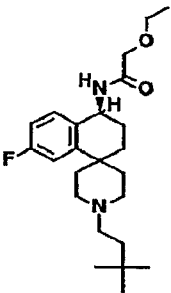
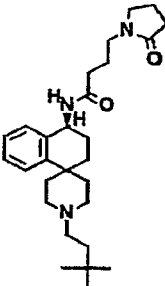
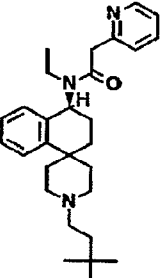
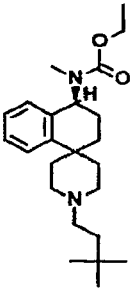
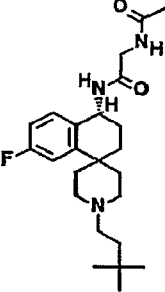
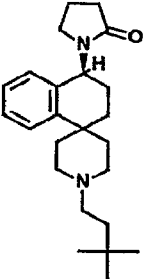
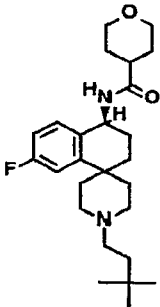
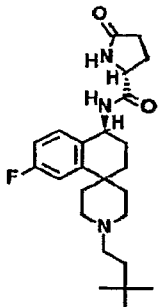
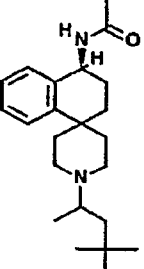
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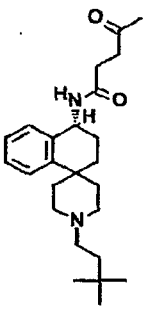
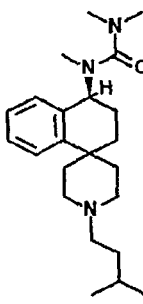
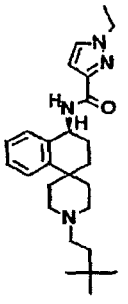
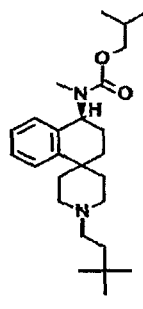
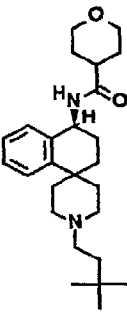
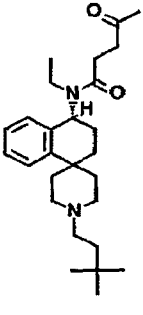
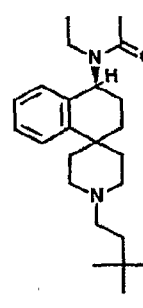
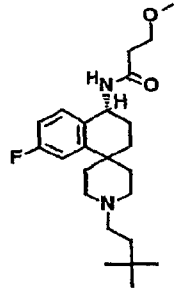
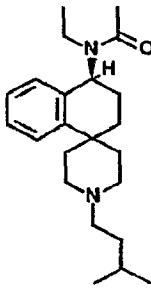
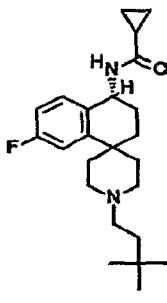
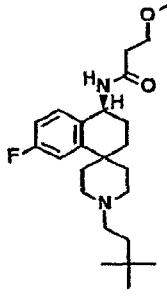
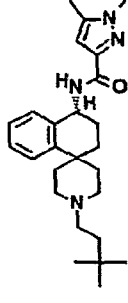
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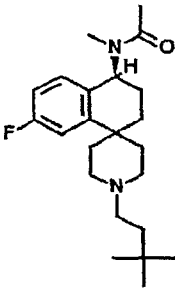
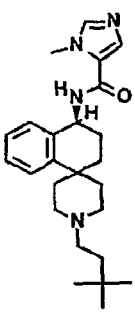
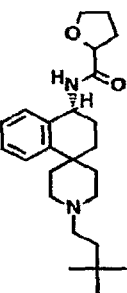
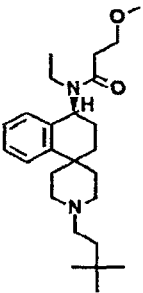
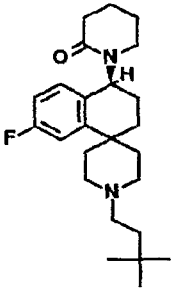
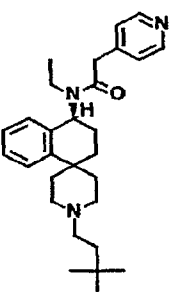
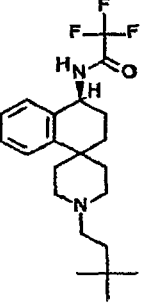
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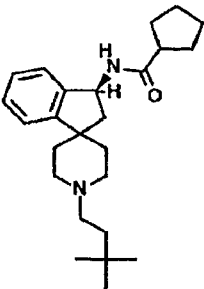
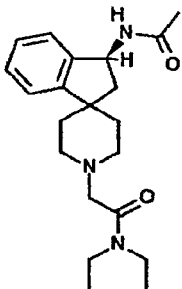
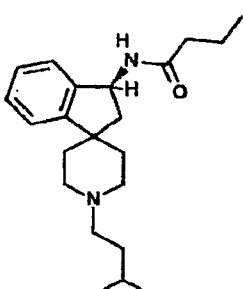
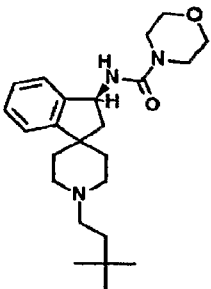
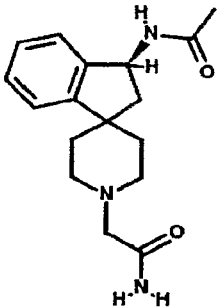
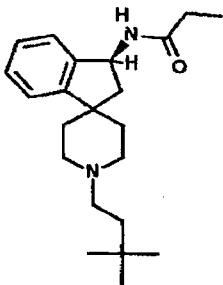
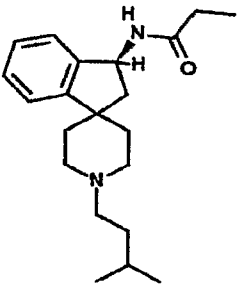
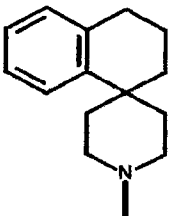
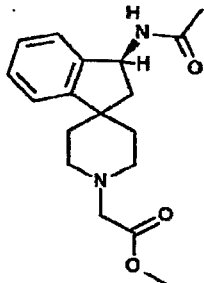
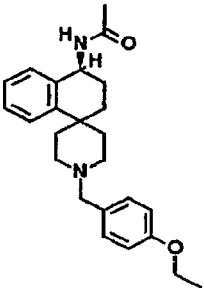
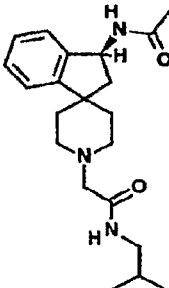
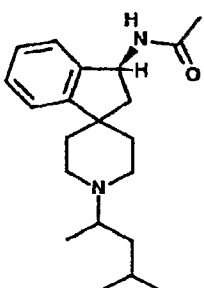
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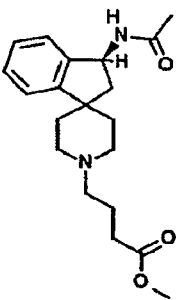
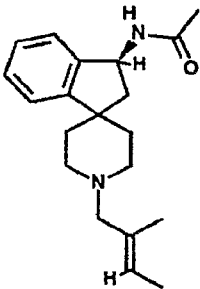
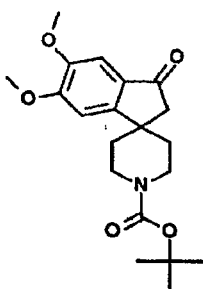
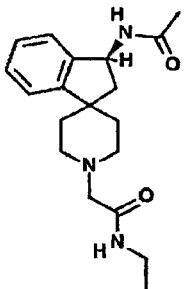
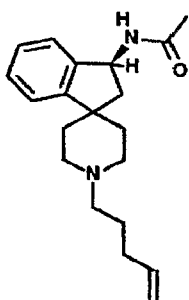
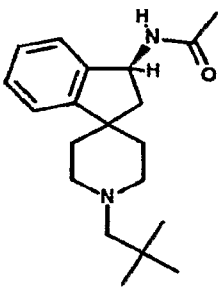
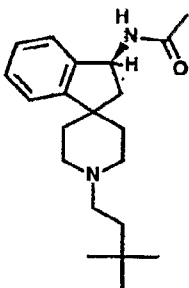
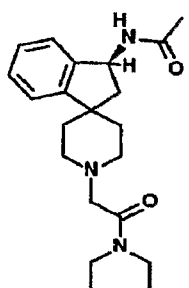
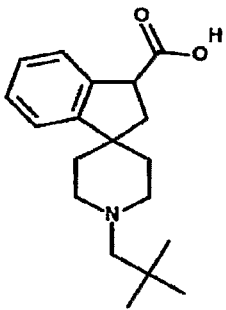
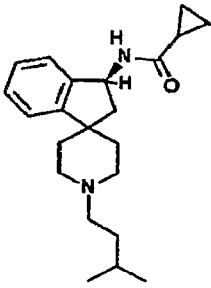
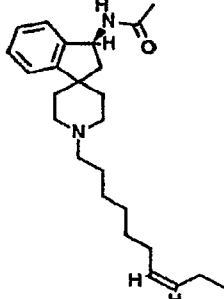
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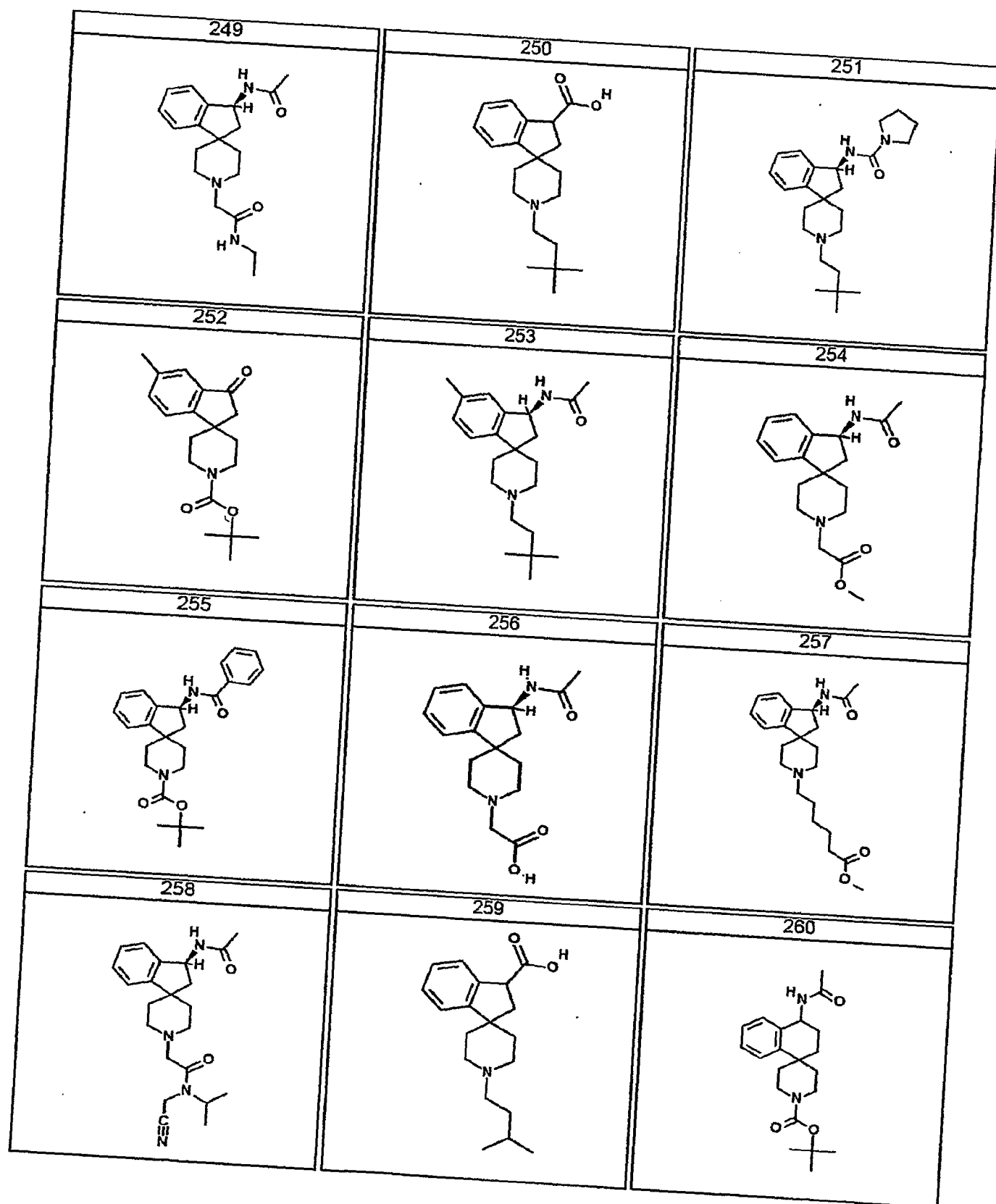
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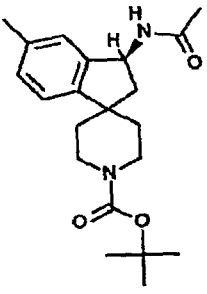
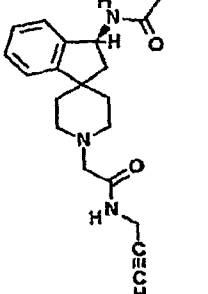
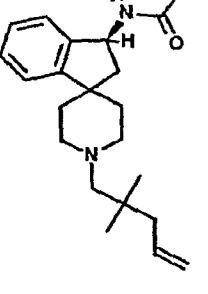
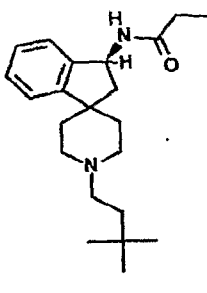
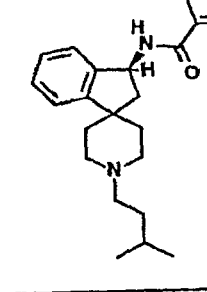
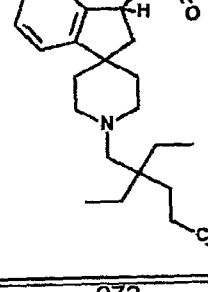
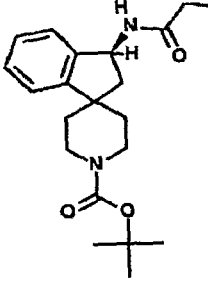
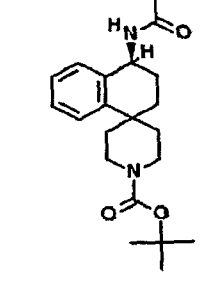
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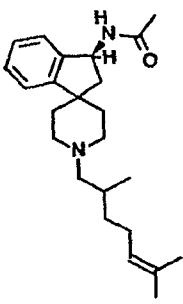
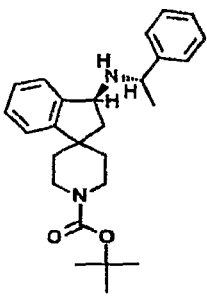
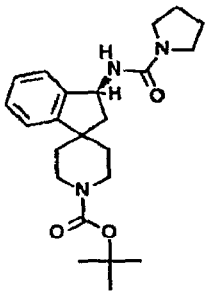
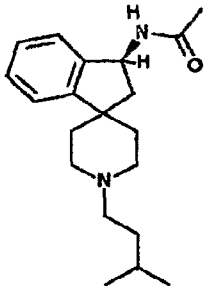
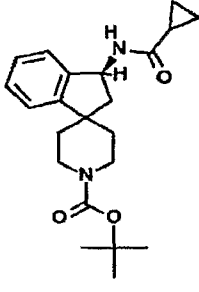
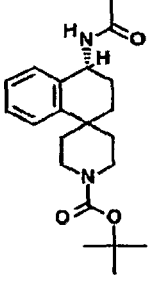
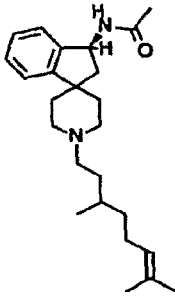
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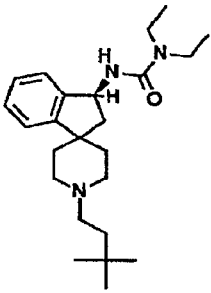
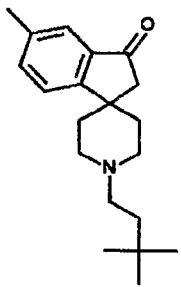
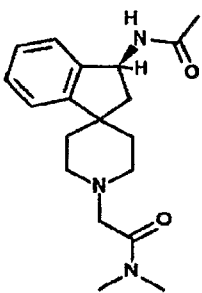
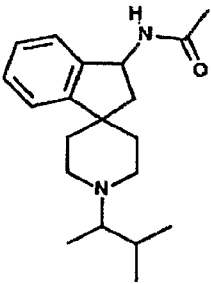
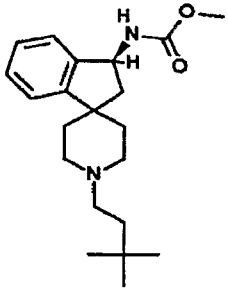
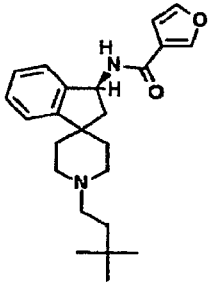
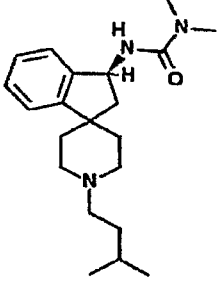
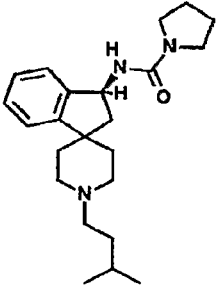
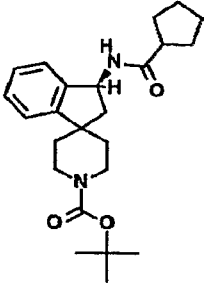
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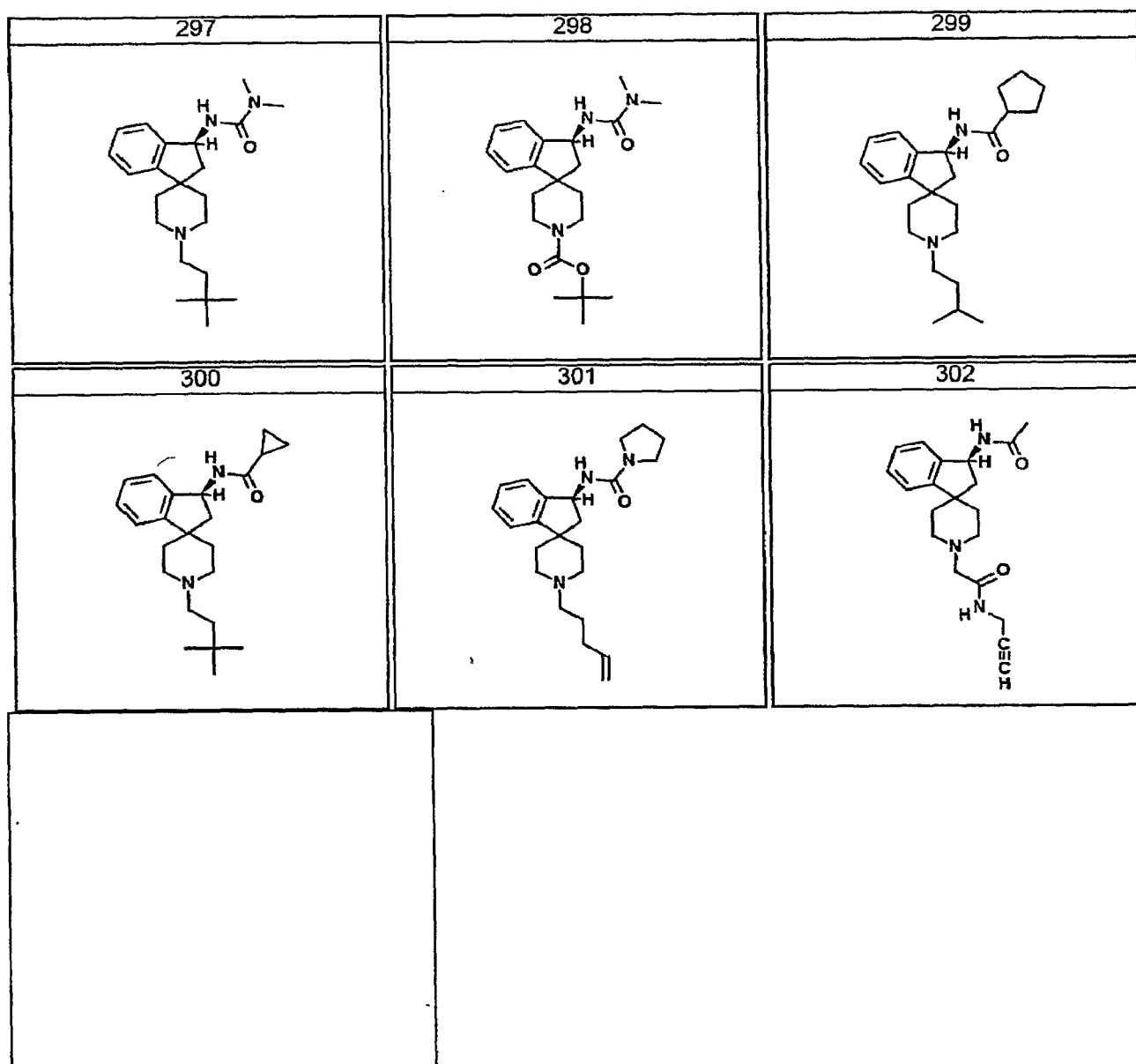
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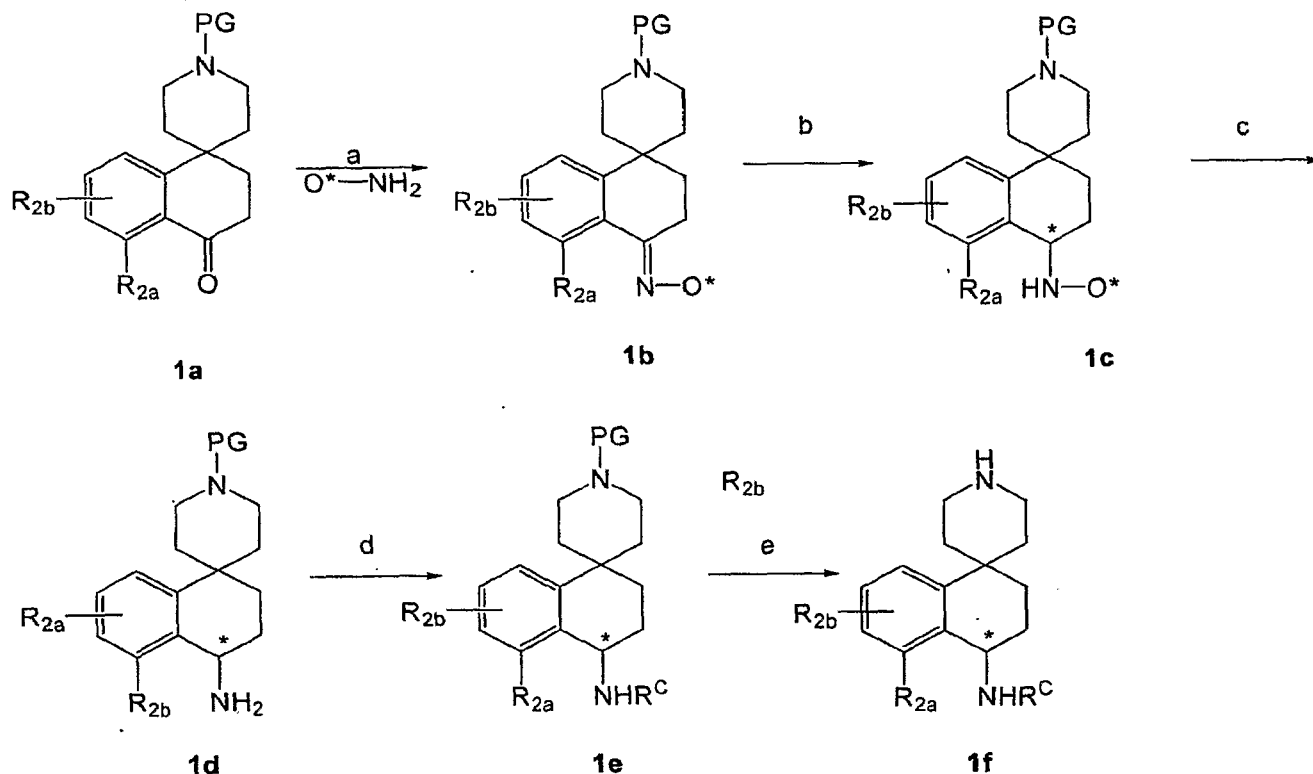
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III. Synthetic Schemes:

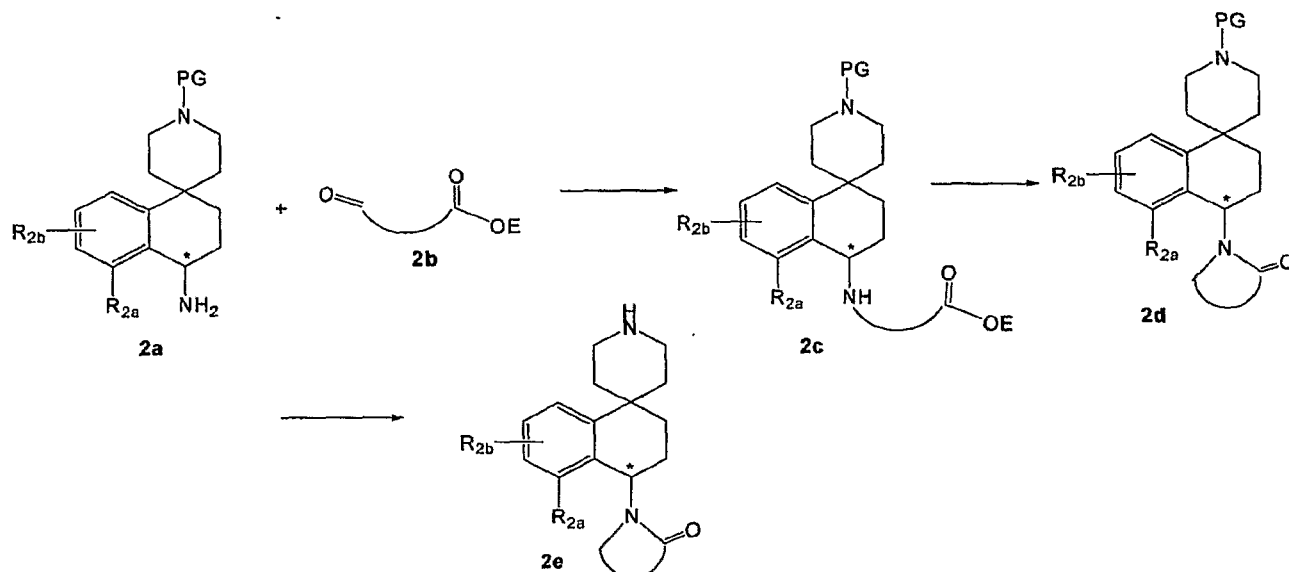
[00153] The compounds of formulae (I, Ia, Ib, Ic, Id, and Ie) may be readily synthesized from commercially available or known starting materials by known methods. Exemplary synthetic routes to produce compounds of formulae (I, Ia, Ib, Ic, Id, and Ie) are provided below in Schemes 1-3 below. In the following generic schemes, for simplicity a single formula is used wherein n is 1, p and m are both 2, and R₄ and R'₄ are both H. However, the generic schemes are not limiting and can be applied to preparation of other compounds having different variables.

[00154] Scheme 1 below depicts general conditions for the synthesis of compounds of formula I.

[00155] Scheme 1:

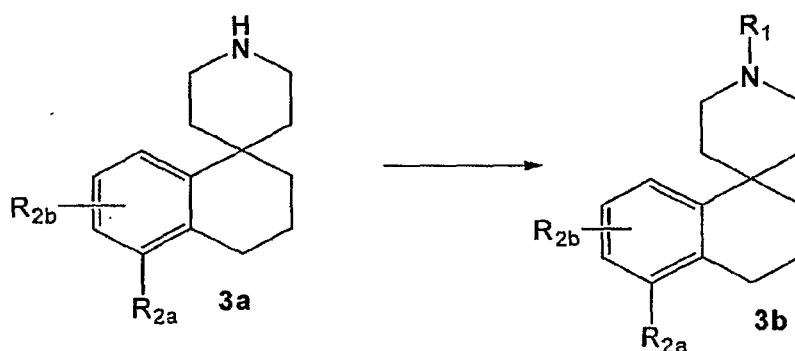
[00156] Referring to Scheme 1 the spirotetralone 1a is reacted with an optically active amine O^*-NH_2 (step a) in the presence of a catalyst such as, for example, boron trifluoride etherate to provide the imine 1b as described in WO 2004/089307, hereby incorporated by reference. Suitable O^*-NH_2 compounds are those wherein O^* is an optically active amine protecting group, such as *R* or *S* (1-phenylethyl)amine, which may be subsequently removed. Reduction of the imine (step b) with, for example, sodium borohydride, provides the optically active amine 1c wherein * represents an optically active carbon. Removal of O^* in (step c) can be achieved using known methods, for example, when O^* is (1-phenylethyl)amine, hydrogenation in the presence of a palladium catalyst provides the amino compound 1d. Acylation of 1d using known methods (step d) provides acylamino compounds of formula 1e. Removal of the protecting group PG in 1e (step e) using known methods provides compounds of formula 1f. Compounds of formula 1f can be further modified to include R_1 functionalities.

[00157] In some embodiments, wherein R^C represents a cycloaliphatic, lactam ring intermediates of formula 2e may be prepared as shown in Scheme 2.

Scheme 2:

[00158] Referring to Scheme 2, the alkylated spiroamine compound of formula **2c** is prepared from **2a** and the aldehyde ester **2b**, where E is a C₁₋₄ aliphatic, by known reductive amination procedures such as reaction in the presence of sodium cyanoborohydride and acetic acid. In some instances, compounds of formula **2c** may spontaneously cyclize to the lactam **2d**. In other instances, the lactam **2d** may be formed from **2c** by heating in an inert solvent (e.g., toluene, NMP, or mixtures thereof) optionally in the presence of a catalyst such as, for example, potassium acetate. Removal of the protecting group from **2d** provides the intermediates **2e**.

[00159] Scheme 3 is another depiction of general conditions for the synthesis of compounds of formula I where R₃ and R'₃ are both hydrogen.

Scheme 3:

[00160] Referring to Scheme 3, the R₁-substituted 3,4-dihydro-2H-spiro[naphthalene-1,4'-piperidine] compound (**3b**) is prepared from the unsubstituted 3,4-dihydro-2H-spiro[naphthalene-1,4'-piperidine] compound (**3a**) using known alkylation procedures.

[00161] Further elaboration of intermediates 1f and 2e may be achieved using known methods and as illustrated in the examples.

IV. Formulations, Administrations, and Uses

A. Pharmaceutically Acceptable Compositions

[00162] The present invention includes within its scope pharmaceutically acceptable prodrugs of the compounds of the present invention. A "pharmaceutically acceptable prodrug" means any pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester, salt of an ester, or other derivative of a compound of the present invention which, upon administration to a recipient, is capable of providing (directly or indirectly) a compound of this invention or an active metabolite or residue thereof. Preferred prodrugs are those that increase the bioavailability of the compounds of this invention when such compounds are administered to a mammal or which enhance delivery of the parent compound to a biological compartment relative to the parent species.

[00163] The term "pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, adjuvant, or vehicle" refers to a non-toxic carrier, adjuvant, or vehicle that does not destroy the pharmacological activity of the compound with which it is formulated. Pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, adjuvants or vehicles that may be used in the compositions of this invention include, but are not limited to, ion exchangers, alumina, aluminum stearate, lecithin, serum proteins, such as human serum albumin, buffer substances such as phosphates, glycine, sorbic acid, potassium sorbate, partial glyceride mixtures of saturated vegetable fatty acids, water, salts or electrolytes, such as protamine sulfate, disodium hydrogen phosphate, potassium hydrogen phosphate, sodium chloride, zinc salts, colloidal silica, magnesium trisilicate, polyvinyl pyrrolidone, cellulose-based substances, polyethylene glycol, sodium carboxymethylcellulose, polyacrylates, waxes, polyethylene-polyoxypropylene-block polymers, polyethylene glycol and wool fat.

[00164] Pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the compounds of this invention include those derived from pharmaceutically acceptable inorganic and organic acids and bases. Examples of suitable acid salts include acetate, adipate, alginate, aspartate, benzoate, benzenesulfonate, bisulfate, butyrate, citrate, camphorate, camphorsulfonate, cyclopentanepropionate, digluconate, dodecylsulfate, ethanesulfonate, formate, fumarate, glucoheptanoate, glycerophosphate, glycolate, hemisulfate, heptanoate, hexanoate, hydrochloride, hydrobromide, hydroiodide, 2-hydroxyethanesulfonate, lactate, maleate, malonate, methanesulfonate, 2-naphthalenesulfonate, nicotinate, nitrate, oxalate, palmoate, pectinate, persulfate, 3-phenylpropionate, phosphate, picrate, pivalate, propionate, salicylate, succinate, sulfate, tartrate, thiocyanate, tosylate and undecanoate. Other acids, such as oxalic, while not

in themselves pharmaceutically acceptable, may be employed in the preparation of salts useful as intermediates in obtaining the compounds of the invention and their pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts.

[00165] Salts derived from appropriate bases include alkali metal (e.g., sodium and potassium), alkaline earth metal (e.g., magnesium), ammonium and $N^+(C_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})_4$ salts. This invention also envisions the quaternization of any basic nitrogen-containing groups of the compounds disclosed herein. Water or oil-soluble or dispersible products may be obtained by such quaternization.

[00166] The compositions of the present invention may be administered orally, parenterally, by inhalation spray, topically, rectally, nasally, buccally, vaginally or via an implanted reservoir. The term "parenteral" as used herein includes subcutaneous, intravenous, intramuscular, intra-articular, intra-synovial, intrasternal, intrathecal, intrahepatic, intralesional and intracranial injection or infusion techniques. Preferably, the compositions are administered orally, intraperitoneally or intravenously. Sterile injectable forms of the compositions of this invention may be aqueous or oleaginous suspension. These suspensions may be formulated according to techniques known in the art using suitable dispersing or wetting agents and suspending agents. The sterile injectable preparation may also be a sterile injectable solution or suspension in a non-toxic parenterally-acceptable diluent or solvent, for example as a solution in 1,3-butanediol. Among the acceptable vehicles and solvents that may be employed are water, Ringer's solution and isotonic sodium chloride solution. In addition, sterile, fixed oils are conventionally employed as a solvent or suspending medium.

[00167] For this purpose, any bland fixed oil may be employed including synthetic mono- or di-glycerides. Fatty acids, such as oleic acid and its glyceride derivatives are useful in the preparation of injectables, as are natural pharmaceutically-acceptable oils, such as olive oil or castor oil, especially in their polyoxyethylated versions. These oil solutions or suspensions may also contain a long-chain alcohol diluent or dispersant, such as carboxymethyl cellulose or similar dispersing agents that are commonly used in the formulation of pharmaceutically acceptable dosage forms including emulsions and suspensions. Other commonly used surfactants, such as Tweens, Spans and other emulsifying agents or bioavailability enhancers which are commonly used in the manufacture of pharmaceutically acceptable solid, liquid, or other dosage forms may also be used for the purposes of formulation.

[00168] The pharmaceutically acceptable compositions of this invention may be orally administered in any orally acceptable dosage form including, but not limited to, capsules, tablets, aqueous suspensions or solutions. In the case of tablets for oral use, carriers

commonly used include lactose and corn starch. Lubricating agents, such as magnesium stearate, are also typically added. For oral administration in a capsule form, useful diluents include lactose and dried cornstarch. When aqueous suspensions are required for oral use, the active ingredient is combined with emulsifying and suspending agents. If desired, certain sweetening, flavoring or coloring agents may also be added.

[00169] Alternatively, the pharmaceutically acceptable compositions of this invention may be administered in the form of suppositories for rectal administration. These can be prepared by mixing the agent with a suitable non-irritating excipient that is solid at room temperature but liquid at rectal temperature and therefore will melt in the rectum to release the drug. Such materials include cocoa butter, beeswax and polyethylene glycols.

[00170] The pharmaceutically acceptable compositions of this invention may also be administered topically, especially when the target of treatment includes areas or organs readily accessible by topical application, including diseases of the eye, the skin, or the lower intestinal tract. Suitable topical formulations are readily prepared for each of these areas or organs.

[00171] Topical application for the lower intestinal tract can be effected in a rectal suppository formulation (see above) or in a suitable enema formulation. Topically-transdermal patches may also be used.

[00172] For topical applications, the pharmaceutically acceptable compositions may be formulated in a suitable ointment containing the active component suspended or dissolved in one or more carriers. Carriers for topical administration of the compounds of this invention include, but are not limited to, mineral oil, liquid petrolatum, white petrolatum, propylene glycol, polyoxyethylene, polyoxypropylene compound, emulsifying wax and water. Alternatively, the pharmaceutically acceptable compositions can be formulated in a suitable lotion or cream containing the active components suspended or dissolved in one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers. Suitable carriers include, but are not limited to, mineral oil, sorbitan monostearate, polysorbate 60, cetyl esters wax, cetearyl alcohol, 2-octyldodecanol, benzyl alcohol and water.

[00173] For ophthalmic use, the pharmaceutically acceptable compositions may be formulated as micronized suspensions in isotonic, pH adjusted sterile saline, or, preferably, as solutions in isotonic, pH adjusted sterile saline, either with or without a preservative such as benzylalkonium chloride. Alternatively, for ophthalmic uses, the pharmaceutically acceptable compositions may be formulated in an ointment such as petrolatum.

[00174] The pharmaceutically acceptable compositions of this invention may also be administered by nasal aerosol or inhalation. Such compositions are prepared according to techniques well-known in the art of pharmaceutical formulation and may be prepared as solutions in saline, employing benzyl alcohol or other suitable preservatives, absorption promoters to enhance bioavailability, fluorocarbons, and/or other conventional solubilizing or dispersing agents.

[00175] Most preferably, the pharmaceutically acceptable compositions of this invention are formulated for oral administration.

[00176] The amount of the compounds of the present invention that may be combined with the carrier materials to produce a composition in a single dosage form will vary depending upon the host treated, the particular mode of administration. Preferably, the compositions should be formulated so that a dosage of between 0.01-100 mg/kg body weight/day of the modulator can be administered to a patient receiving these compositions.

[00177] It should also be understood that a specific dosage and treatment regimen for any particular patient will depend upon a variety of factors, including the activity of the specific compound employed, the age, body weight, general health, sex, diet, time of administration, rate of excretion, drug combination, and the judgment of the treating physician and the severity of the particular disease being treated. The amount of a compound of the present invention in the composition will also depend upon the particular compound in the composition.

[00178] Depending upon the particular condition, or disease, to be treated or prevented, additional therapeutic agents, which are normally administered to treat or prevent that condition, may also be present in the compositions of this invention. As used herein, additional therapeutic agents that are normally administered to treat or prevent a particular disease, or condition, are known as "appropriate for the disease, or condition, being treated."

[00179] According to a preferred embodiment, the compounds of formulae (I, Ia, Ib, Ic, Id, and Ie) are selective modulators of M_1 , M_2 and M_4 . More preferably, the compounds of formulae (I, Ia, Ib, Ic, Id, and Ie) are selective modulators of M_1 and/or M_4 . Yet more preferably, certain compounds of formulae (I, Ia, Ib, Ic, Id, and Ie) are selective modulators of M_1 . Or, preferably, certain compounds of formulae (I, Ia, Ib, Ic, Id, and Ie) are selective modulators of M_4 .

[00180] Applicants believe that the ability of the compounds of the present invention to modulate the activity of muscarinic receptors is derived from the affinity of these compounds

to the muscarinic receptors. Such affinity, applicants believe, activates a muscarinic receptor (i.e., an agonist) or inhibits the activity of a muscarinic receptor.

[00181] The term "selective" as used herein means a measurably greater ability to modulate one muscarinic receptor subtype when compared to the other muscarinic receptor subtypes. E.g., the term "selective M₄ agonist" means a compound that has a measurably greater ability to act as an M₄ agonist when compared to that compound's agonist activity with the other muscarinic receptor subtype(s).

[00182] According to an alternative embodiment, the present invention provides a method of treating a muscarinic receptor mediated disease in a mammal, such as a human, including the step of administering to said mammal a composition comprising a compound of formulae (I, Ia, Ib, Ic, Id, and Ie), or an embodiment thereof as set forth herein.

[00183] According to another embodiment, the present invention provides a method of treating a disease mediated by a muscarinic receptor including the step of administering to said mammal a composition comprising a compound of formulae (I, Ia, Ib, Ic, Id, and Ie), or other embodiments thereof as set forth above. Preferably, said disease is mediated by M₁, or said disease is mediated by M₄.

[00184] According to yet another embodiment, the present invention provides a method of treating or reducing the severity of a disease in a patient, wherein said disease is selected from CNS derived pathologies including cognitive disorders, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), obesity, Alzheimer's disease, various dementias such as vascular dementia, psychosis including schizophrenia, mania, bipolar disorders, pain conditions including acute and chronic syndromes, Huntington's Chorea, Friederich's ataxia, Gilles de la Tourette's Syndrome, Downs Syndrome, Pick disease, clinical depression, sudden infant death syndrome, Parkinson's disease, peripheral disorders such as reduction of intra ocular pressure in Glaucoma and treatment of dry eyes and dry mouth including Sjögren's Syndrome, wherein said method comprises the step of contacting said patient with a compound according to the present invention.

[00185] According to an alternative embodiment, the present invention provides a method of treating or reducing the severity of a disease in a patient, wherein said disease is selected from pain, psychosis (including schizophrenia, hallucinations, and delusions), Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, glaucoma, bradycardia, gastric acid secretion, asthma, or GI disturbances.

[00186] According to a preferred embodiment, the present invention is useful for treating or reducing the severity of psychosis, Alzheimer's disease, pain, or Parkinson's disease.

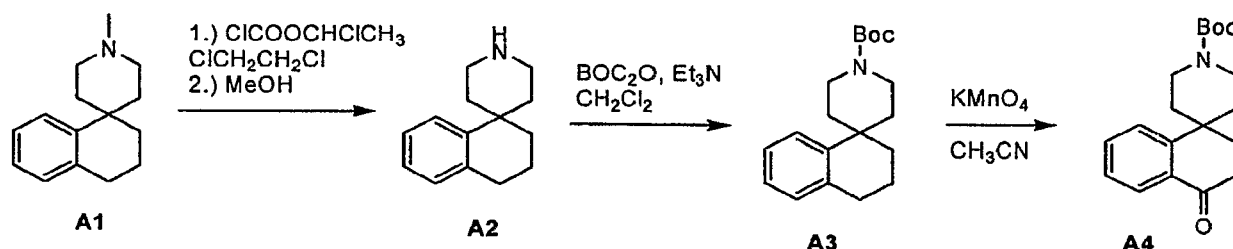
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IV. Preparations and Examples:

[00187] In order that the invention described therein may be more fully understood, the following examples are set forth. It should be understood that these examples are for illustrative purposes only and are not to be construed as limiting this invention in any manner.

[00188] ^1H -NMR spectra were recorded at 500 MHz using a Bruker AMX 500 instrument. Mass spectroscopy samples were analyzed on a MicroMass ZQ or Quattro II mass spectrometer operated in single MS mode with electrospray ionization. Samples were introduced into the mass spectrometer using chromatography, using Zorbax SB C18 column, 3.0 x 150 mm. Flow rate: 1.0 mL/minute. Detection: 254 & 214 nm. Mobile phase for all mass spectroscopy analysis consisted of acetonitrile-water mixtures with 0.2% formic acid as a modifier using 10-90% acetonitrile and water gradient. As used herein, the term " R_t " refers to the HPLC retention time, in minutes, associated with the compound. HPLC purification refers to C-18 reverse phase using Gilson instrument, YMC combiprep ProC18 column, 20 x 100mm. Flow rate is 20 ml/minute. Mobile phase consisted of water with 0.1% TFA and acetonitrile with 0.1% TFA. Running time is 10 minutes.

Preparation A: Synthesis of *tert*-butyl 4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-spiro[naphthalene-1,4'-piperidine]-1'-carboxylate.



[00189] 1'-Methyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-spiro[naphthalene-1,4'-piperidine] (A1) was prepared from commercially available 4-(3-phenylpropyl)pyridine as previously described.

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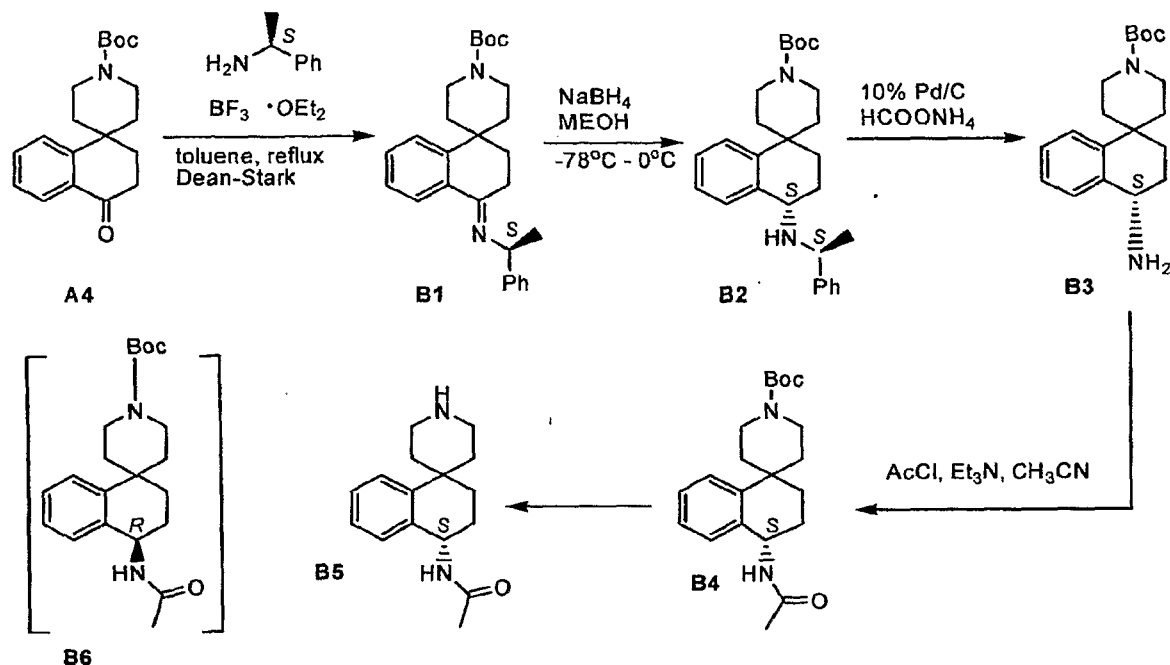
[00190] To a solution of the N-methylpiperidine (A1) (37g, 172 mmol) in 1,2-dichloroethane (250 ml) was added 1-chloroethyl chloroformate (20.7 ml, 190 mmol) at 0°C. The solution turned to a solid. After 0.5 hours at room temperature, the reaction mixture was heated under reflux for 15 hours. After concentration, the residue was dissolved in methanol (250 ml) and heated at 50°C for 2 hours. The mixture was cooled to room temperature, the precipitate was filtered and washed with ether to produce 3,4-dihydro-2H-spiro[naphthalene-1,4'-piperidine] HCl salt (A2). The filtrate was concentrated, suspended in ether, filtered, and the solid

washed with MeOH and ether to give additional 3,4-dihydro-2*H*-spiro[naphthalene-1,4'-piperidine] HCl salt (A2). LC-MS: $m/e = 202.1$ ($M + H$). $R_t = 1.61$ min. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (500MHz, CDCl_3): 9.74 (s, 2H), 7.58 (d, $J = 7.9$, 1H), 7.22 (t, $J = 7.8$, 1H), 7.14 (t, $J = 7.9$, 1H), 7.08 (d, $J = 8.0$, 1H), 3.47 (d, $J = 12.4$, 2H), 3.22 - 3.18 (m, 2H), 2.88 (t, $J = 4.9$, 2H), 2.81 (t, $J = 6.2$, H), 2.60 (td, 2H), 1.93 - 1.89 (m, 2H), 1.83 - 1.77 (m, 2H).

[00191] A solution of the piperidine salt (A2) (2.2g, 9.2 mmol) in dichloromethane (100ml) was treated with Et_3N (4 ml, 28.9 mmol) and di-*tert*-butyldicarbonate (2.5g, 11.4 mmol) at room temperature for 2 hours. The reaction mixture was washed with dilute aqueous HCl, and the organic phase was washed with aqueous sodium bicarbonate, dried (Na_2SO_4), and concentrated to give *tert*-butyl 3,4-dihydro-2*H*-spiro[naphthalene-1,4'-piperidine]-1'-carboxylate (A3) as a white solid. LC-MS: $m/e = 246.0$ ($M + H - \text{tBu}$). $R_t = 4.16$ min. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (500MHz, CDCl_3): 7.27 (d, $J = 7.9$, 1H), 7.10 (td, $J = 7.4$, 1.6, 1H), 7.05 (td, $J = 7.3$, 1.3, 1H), 7.00 (d, $J = 7.6$, 1H), 3.93 (br.d, $J = 13.3$, 2H), 2.92 (td, $J = 13.2$, 2.8, 2H), 2.71 (t, $J = 6.3$, H), 1.90 (td, $J = 13.4$, 5.0, 2 H), 1.82 - 1.80 (m, 2 H), 1.72 - 1.67 (m, 2 H), 1.49 - 1.46 (m, 2H), 1.42 (s, 9H).

[00192] To a solution of the Boc-piperidine (602mg, 2 mmol) in acetonitrile (10 ml) was added potassium permanganate (KMnO_4 , 950mg, 6 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at 70°C for 15 hours, filtered through Celite, and the filter cake was washed with dichloromethane. The filtrate and washings were concentrated and the residue was dissolved in acetonitrile (10 ml) and reacted with KMnO_4 (950 mg, 6 mmol) at 70°C for another 24 hours. After filtration, washing and concentrating, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography ($\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$: 1:0 to 9:1) to provide *tert*-butyl 4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-spiro[naphthalene-1,4'-piperidine]-1'-carboxylate (A4). LC-MS: $m/e = 260.0$ ($M + H - \text{tBu}$). $R_t = 3.46$ min. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (500MHz, CDCl_3): 8.07 (dd, $J = 1.5$, 7.8, 1H), 7.60 - 7.57 (td, $J = 7.9$, 1.2, 1H), 7.50 (d, $J = 7.9$, 1H), 7.36 (t, $J = 7.6$, 1.0, 1H), 4.10 (br.d, $J = 13.2$, 2H), 3.08 (t, $J = 13.8$, 2H), 2.71 (t, $J = 6.7$, 2H), 2.27 (t, $J = 6.9$, 2H), 2.05 (td, $J = 13.4$, 4.7, 2H), 1.73 (br.d, $J = 13.2$, 2H), 1.52 (s, 9H).

Preparation B: Synthesis of (*S*)-*N*-(3,4-dihydro-2*H*-spiro[naphthalene-1,4'-piperidine]-4-yl)acetamide.



[00193] A solution of *tert*-butyl 4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-spiro[naphthalene-1,4'-piperidine]-1'-carboxylate (A4) (5.0 g, 15.8 mmol), (*S*)-1-phenylethanamine (3.0 ml, 23.8 mmol) and boron trifluoride dimethyl etherate (0.5 ml, 5 mmol) in dry toluene (150 ml) was heated at 140°C under a Dean-Stark trap for 24 hours. The solvent was distilled and the residue was cooled with an ice bath, dissolved in ethyl acetate, washed with saturated NaHCO_3 , and water. The organic phase was dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered and concentrated to give (*S*)-*tert*-butyl 4-(1-phenylethylimino)-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-spiro[naphthalene-1,4'-piperidine]-1'-carboxylate (B1) as a gum. LC-MS analysis of the crude indicated that there is trace of starting material (A4). LC-MS: $m/e = 419.37$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}$). $R_t = 2.24$ min.

[00194] At -78°C , NaBH_4 (760 mg, 20 mmol) was added to a solution of the imine (B1) (7.82 g, 20 mmol) in methanol (100 ml). The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 0°C over 2-3 hours then treated with saturated NaHCO_3 (ca. 100 ml), concentrated under reduced pressure at

$< 30^\circ\text{C}$ to remove the solvent. The residue was extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic phase was washed with water, dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated to give (*S*)-*tert*-butyl 4-((*S*)-1-phenylethylamino)-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-spiro[naphthalene-1,4'-piperidine]-1'-carboxylate (B2) as a solid. LC-MS: $m/e = 421.32$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}$). $R_t = 2.20$ min.

[00195] A suspension of the crude protected amine (B2) (7.55, 17.9 mmol), ammonium formate (10 g, 158 mmol) and 10% Pd/C (2.0 g) in methanol (150 ml) was stirred under N_2

for 24 hours. The reaction mixture was filtered through Celite and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate, washed with saturated NaHCO_3 , brine, dried over Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated to give (*S*)-*tert*-butyl 4-amino-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-spiro[naphthalene-1,4'-piperidine]-1'-carboxylate (B3) as a syrup. LC-MS: $m/e = 317.21$ ($M + H$), 244.2 ($M + H - \text{Me}_3\text{CO}$). $R_t = 1.81$ min.

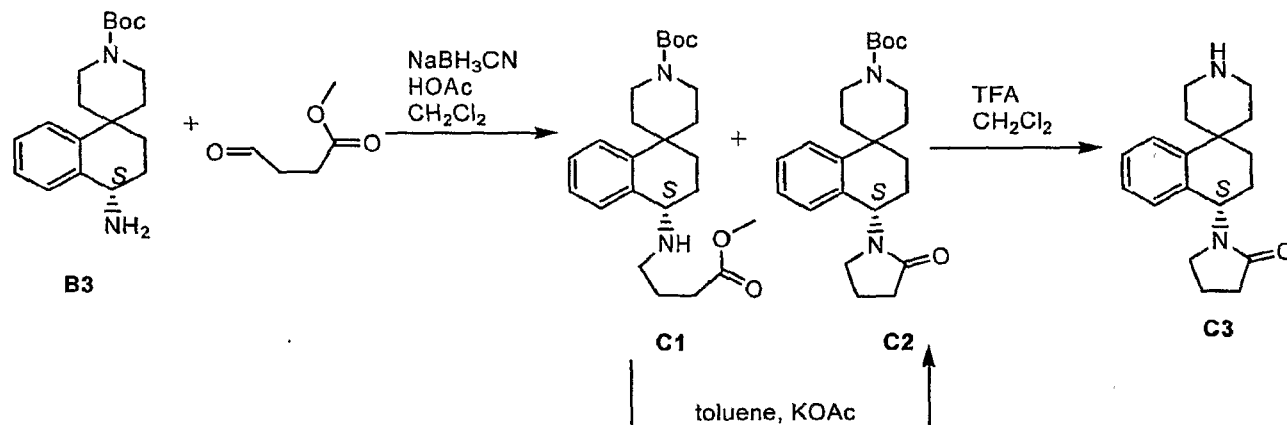
[00196] At -78°C , acetyl chloride (1 ml, 12 mmol) was added to a solution of the amine (B3) (3.2 g, 10 mmol) in dry acetonitrile (100 ml) followed by the dropwise addition of triethylamine. The reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature, stirred for 1 hour then concentrated. The residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate. The solution was washed with saturated NaHCO_3 and brine, dried and concentrated. The crude product was further purified by silica gel chromatography ($\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ 9:1 to 7:3) to give (*S*)-*tert*-butyl 4-acetamido-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-spiro[naphthalene-1,4'-piperidine]-1'-carboxylate (B4). LC-MS: $m/e = 359.3$ ($M + H$), 303.3 ($M + H - \text{Me}_3\text{CO}$). $R_t = 2.94$ min. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (500MHz, DMSO-d_6): 8.17 (d, 1H), 7.36 (d, 1H), 7.22 (ddd, 1H), 7.14 (m, 2H), 4.95 (m, 1H), 3.86 (m, 2H), 2.97 (m, 2H), 2.01 (m, 1H), 1.85 (s, 3H), 1.80 (m, 4H), 1.61 (m, 2H), 1.48 (d, 1H), 1.42 (s, 9H).

[00197] Similarly, the enantiomer of (B4), compound (B6) or its racemate, Racemic (B6), was also synthesized applying the same synthetic route but replacing (*S*)-1-phenylethanamine with (*R*)-1-phenylethanamine or racemic mixture of 1-phenylethanamine.

[00198] The enantiomeric purity was confirmed using analytical chiral HPLC (CHIRALPAK AD column 250 x 4.6 mm, 1.5 mL/min, 7% 2-propanol/hexane, 15 minute run time). For Racemic (B6), there are two peaks at 12.18 min and 12.57 min, corresponding to (B4) and (B6), respectively. The enantiomeric purity was determined greater than 90% for both (B4) and (B6).

[00199] At 0°C , a solution of (B4) (2.2g, 6.1 mmol) in dichloromethane (20 ml) was treated with TFA (10 ml) for 1 hour, concentrated, co-evaporated with acetonitrile and dissolved in dichloromethane. The resulting solution was washed with a mixture of brine (ca. 100 ml) and 6N NaOH (3 ml), dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated to give (*S*)-*N*-(3,4-dihydro-2*H*-spiro[naphthalene-1,4'-piperidine]-4-yl)acetamide (B5) as a white solid. LC-MS: $m/e = 258.9$ ($M + H$). $R_t = 0.96$ min. The crude was used directly for further reactions.

Preparation C: Synthesis of (*S*)-1-(3,4-dihydro-2*H*-spiro[naphthalene-1,4'-piperidine]-4-yl)pyrrolidin-2-one.



[00200] A solution of the amine (B3) (480 mg, 1.24 mmol) and methyl 3-formylpropanoate (232 mg, 2.00 mmol) in dichloromethane (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 1.5 hours. Then methanol (2 ml), sodium cyanoborohydride (200 mg, 3.10 mmol), and acetic acid (0.1 ml) were added, and the mixture was kept overnight. The reaction mixture was diluted with dichloromethane (ca. 100 ml), washed with a mixture of saturated sodium bicarbonate (2 ml), 6*N* sodium hydroxide (2 ml) and brine (ca. 50 ml). The organic phase was separated, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to give a crude mixture of (*S*)-*tert*-butyl 4-(4-methoxy-4-oxobutylamino)-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-spiro[naphthalene-1,4'-piperidine]-1'-carboxylate (C1) and (*S*)-*tert*-butyl 4-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-spiro[naphthalene-1,4'-piperidine]-1'-carboxylate (C2) in 1.6:1 ratio based on analytical HPLC. LC-MS: *m/e* = 417.36 (M_{(S)-7} + H), *R_t* = 2.00 min; *m/e* = 385.30 (M_{(S)-8} + H), *R_t* = 3.25 min.

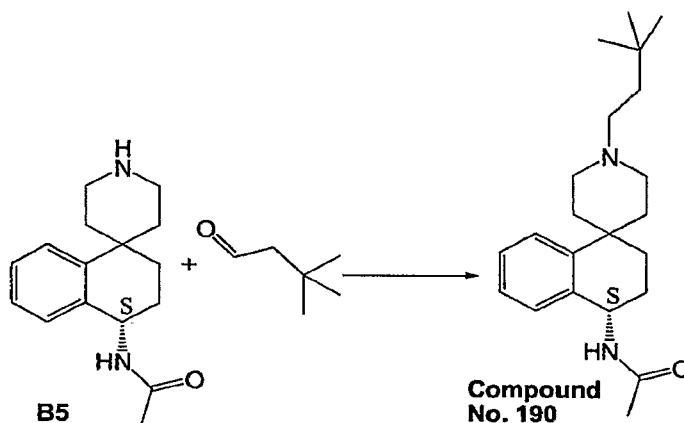
[00201] A solution of the above crude mixture (700 mg) in methanol (20 ml) was heated together with potassium acetate (1.2 g) at 50°C for 4 hours. The analytical HPLC data indicated that there was little conversion of (C1) to (C2). The solvent was evaporated and the residue was suspended in toluene (50 ml) and 1-methyl-2-pyrrolidinone (NMP) (3 ml) and heated at 120°C for 5 days. The mixture was concentrated, and the residue was suspended in ethyl acetate. The solution was washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate, dried and evaporated. The residue was passed through silica gel column to give a crude mixture of (C1) and (C2) with a ratio of 2:1.

[00202] A solution of the mixture of (C1) and (C2) (530 mg) in dichloromethane (10 ml) was treated with TFA (5 ml) at 0°C for 2 hours. The reaction mixture was concentrated. The residue was co-evaporated with acetonitrile, dissolved in dichloromethane (ca. 100 ml),

washed with a mixture of brine (ca. 20 ml) and 6N sodium hydroxide (2 ml). The organic phase was dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated to give a crude product (C3), which was further purified by silica gel chromatography ($\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{MeOH}$ 9:1) to give (*S*)-9 as oil. LC-MS: $m/e = 285.22$ ($M + H$). $R_t = 1.31$ min. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (500 MHz, DMSO-d_6): 8.58 (br. s, 1H), 8.35 (br. s, 1H), 7.40 (d, 1H), 7.30 (t, 1H), 7.20 (t, 1H), 6.93 (d, 1H), 5.14 (dd, 1H), 3.25-3.05 (m, 5H), 2.87 (td, 1H), 2.40-2.29 (m, 4H), 1.98-1.85 (m, 4H), 1.80 (t, 1H), 1.74 (m, 1H), 1.63 (t, 1H), 1.58 (d, 1H).

Method 1: Coupling with Aldehydes

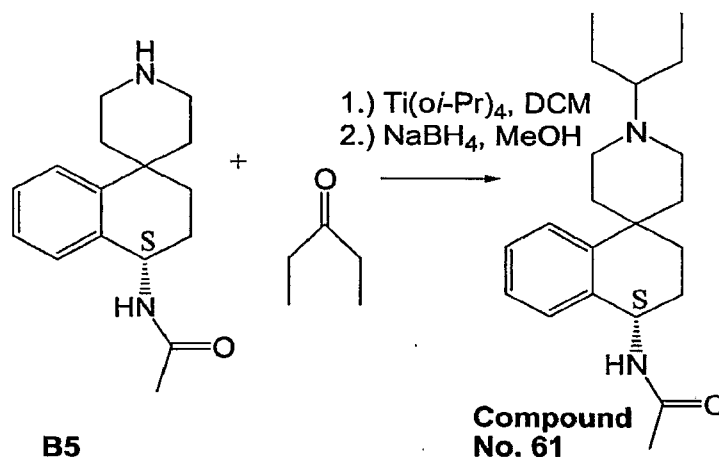
Example 1: Synthesis of (*S*)-*N*-(1'-(3,3-dimethylbutyl)-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-spiro[naphthalene-1,4'-piperidine]-4-yl)acetamide (Compound No.190)



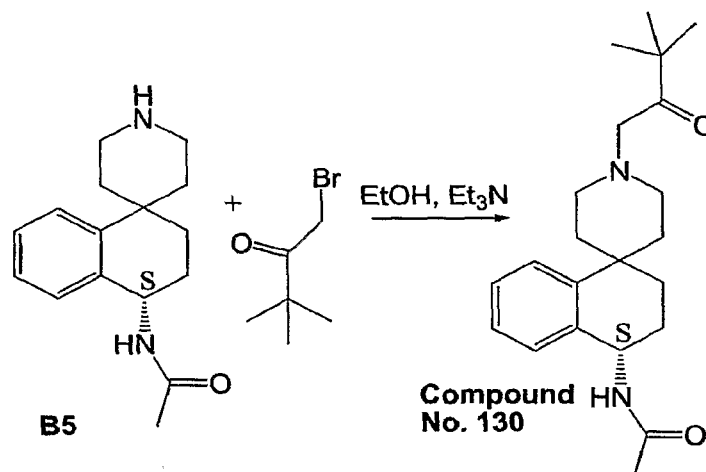
[00203] A solution of 3,3-dimethylbutyraldehyde (13 mg, 0.13 mmol) and the spiro-piperidine (B5) (25 mg, 0.10 mmol) in dry dichloromethane (2 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 30 min, cooled with ice-bath, and treated with sodium triacetoxyborohydride (44 mg, 0.2 mmol), followed by acetic acid (1 drop) and methanol (1 ml). The reaction mixture was stirred for another 5 hours and concentrated under a stream of nitrogen. The residue was dissolved in methanol (1 ml) and purified by reverse phase HPLC to give the title compound no. 17 as a TFA salt. LC-MS: $m/e = 343.30$ ($M + H$). $R_t = 1.63$ min. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (500MHz, DMSO-d_6): 9.28 (br.s, 1H), 8.18 (d, 1H), 7.35 (d, 1H), 7.30 (t, 1H), 7.19 (t, 1H), 7.16 (d, 1H), 4.92 (m, 1H), 3.45 (m, 2H), 3.14 (m, 4H), 2.19 (m, 2H), 2.05 (m, 1H), 1.87 (s, 3H), 1.82 (m, 2H), 1.73 (d, 1H), 1.60 (m, 3H), 0.93 (m, 9H).

Method 2: Coupling with Ketones

EXAMPLE 2: Synthesis of (*S*)-*N*-(1'-(pentan-3-yl)-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-spiro[naphthalene-1,4'-piperidine]-4-yl)acetamide (Compound No. 61)



[00204] A solution of the piperidine (B5) (20 mg, 0.077 mmol) and 3-pentanone (27 mg, 0.31 mmol) in dichloromethane (2 ml) was stirred in a vial for 90 minutes and treated with titanium (IV) isopropoxide (60 μl , 0.21 mmol) for 24 hours. To the reaction mixture was added sodium borohydride (10 mg, 0.27 mmol) and stirred for 5 hours, then treated with methanol (1 ml) and acetic acid (1 drop) for 1 hour. The solvents were evaporated and the residue was dissolved in methanol (1 ml) and acidified with TFA and purified by HPLC to give the title compound no. 56. LC-MS: $m/e = 329.28$ ($M + H$). $R_t = 1.42$ min. ^1H -NMR (500MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): 8.65 (br.s, 1H), 8.18 (d, 1H), 7.42 (d, 1H), 7.31 (t, 1H), 7.20 (t, 1H), 7.16 (d, 1H), 4.92 (m, 1H), 3.45 (m, 1H), 3.35 (m, 1H), 3.28-3.17 (m, 2H), 3.10 (m, 1H), 2.28 (m, 2H), 2.05 (m, 1H), 1.86 (s, 3H), 1.84 (m, 4H), 1.72 (t, 1H), 1.68-1.59 (m, 2H), 1.51 (m, 1H), 1.37 (m, 1H), 0.99 (t, 5H), 0.91 (t, 1H).

Method 3: Coupling with Alkyl Bromides**EXAMPLE 3: Synthesis of (*S*)-*N*-(1'-(3,3-dimethyl-2-oxobutyl)-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-spiro[naphthalene-1,4'-piperidine]-4-yl)acetamide (Compound No. 130)**

[00205] A suspension of the piperidine (B5) (24 mg, 0.09 mmol), 1-bromo-3,3-dimethylbutan-2-one (13.5 mg, 0.08 mmol) and sodium carbonate (32 mg, 0.3 mmol) in DMF (1 ml) was stirred at 50°C in a sealed vial for 16 hours. The mixture was cooled and carefully neutralized with TFA and purified by reverse phase HPLC to give the title compound no. 19 as a TFA salt. LC-MS: $m/e = 357.30$ ($M + H$). $R_t = 1.61$ min. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (500 MHz, DMSO-d_6): 9.60 (br. s, 1H), 8.21 (d, 1H), 7.44 (d, 1H), 7.32 (t, 1H), 7.20 (t, 1H), 7.16 (d, 1H), 4.92 (q, 1H), 4.60 (d, 2H), 3.26 (m, 4H), 2.35 (m, 2H), 2.04 (dd, 1H), 1.87 (s, 3H), 1.80 (m, 3H), 1.71 (d, 1H), 1.63 (m, 1H), 1.16 (s, 9H).

[00206] A person skilled in the chemical arts can use the examples and schemes along with known synthetic methodologies to synthesize compounds of the present invention, including the compounds in Table 2 below.

Table 2: Physical data for exemplary compounds.

Compound No.	LC/MS M+1	LC/RT min	NMR
1	379.36	1.79	DMSO(d_6): 9.17 (br.s, 1H), 7.47 (d, 1H), 7.45 (d, 1H), 7.34 (t, 1H), 7.32 (t, 1H), 4.45 (q, 1H), 3.45 (m, 2H), 3.15 (m, 4H), 3.05 (s, 3H), 2.17 (m, 2H), 2.09 (t, 1H), 1.96 (m, 1H), 1.89-1.74 (m, 3H), 1.71 (d, 1H), 1.59 (m, 2H), 0.93 (s, 9H).

Compound No.	LC/MS M+1	LC/RT min	NMR
2	441.4	1.21	
3	369.3	2.1	
4	315.2	1.38	DMSO(d6): 9.083 (m, 1H), 8.18 (d, 1H), 7.36 (d, 1H), 7.30 (t, 1H), 7.20 (t, 1H), 7.17 (d, 1H), 4.92 (m, 1H), 3.42 (m, 2H), 3.12 (m, 4H), 2.20 (m, 2H), 2.05 (m, 1H), 1.87 (s, 3H), 1.82 (m, 3H), 1.73 (d, 1H), 1.64 (m, 3H), 1.35 (m, 2H), 0.94 (t, 3H).
5	468.3	2.1	
6	401.7	1.8	(300 MZ, CDCl3) 7.15(dd,1H), 6.94(m,2H), 5.93(m,1H), 3.64(m,2H), 2.80-3.05(m,6H), 2.80(m,1H), 2.60(t,2H), 2.30(m,1H), 1.64-1.92(m,12H), 0.95(s,9H)
7	453.3	2.6	
8	414.3	1.7	
9	427.7	1.8	
10	440.6	1.9	
11	375.4	1.01	
12	373.6	2.88	
13	468.3	1.9	
14	414.3	2.75	
15	468.3	1.9	
16	359.3	1.3	DMSO(d6):9.15 (m, 1H), 8.18 (d, 1H), 7.35 (d, 1H), 7.30 (t, 1H), 7.20 (t, 1H), 7.17 (d, 1H), 4.92 (ddd, 1H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 3.43 (m, 2H), 3.15 (m, 4H), 2.47 (m, 2H), 2.20 (m, 2H), 2.05 (dd, 1H), 1.95 (m, 2H), 1.87 (s, 3H), 1.82 (m, 3H), 1.73 (d, 1H), 1.62 (m, 1H).
17	443.4	1.09	
18	399.3	1.9	
19	458.3	2.17	

Compound No.	LC/MS M+1	LC/RT min	NMR
20	432.4	0.86	
21	401.6	1.7	
22	458.4	1.01	
23	482.4	2.2	
24	469.8	2	
25	426.3	1.8	
26	472.6	1.1	
27	417.6	1.13	
28	443.4	1.14	
29	458.4	0.94	
30	469.3	2.2	
31	399.3	2.1	
32	379.6	2.1	
33	418.6	0.92	
34	442.7	1.7	
35	371.2	1.79	
36	516.3	2.1	
37	286.6	2.01	¹ H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO(d ₆)): 9.02 (d, 1H), 7.33 (d, 1H), 7.21 (t, 1H), 7.13 (t, 1H), 7.06 (d, 1H), 3.44 (d, 2H), 3.19 - 3.10 (m, 4H), 2.72 (t, 2H), 2.20 (td, 2H), 1.90 - 1.84 (m, 2H), 1.76 - 1.64 (m, 4H), 1.59 (dd, 2H), 0.94 (s, 9H).
38	454.3	2	
39	427.2	2.4	
40	441.4	1.16	
41	454.7	1.8	
42	429.7	1.9	
43	395.3	2.1	
44	439.8	1.9	
45	385.49	2	DMSO(d ₆): 9.43 (br. s), 8.18 (d, 1H), 7.38 (d, 1H), 7.30 (t, 1H), 7.19 (t, 1H), 7.16 (d, 1H), 4.92 (q, 1H), 3.5 (m, 2H), 3.14 (m, 4H), 2.25 (m, 2H), 2.05 (dd, 1H), 1.87 (s, 3H), 1.81 (m, 3H), 1.72 (d, 1H), 1.69-1.51 (m, 4H), 1.25 (dd, 1H), 1.09 (dd, 1H), 0.95 (d, 3H), 0.90 (s, 9H).

Compound No.	LC/MS M+1	LC/RT min	NMR
46	432.6	0.95	
47	371.4	2.04	
48	383.38	1.9	
49	361.2	1.54	DMSO(d6): 9.28 (m, 1H), 8.18 (d, 1H), 7.35 (d, 1H), 7.30 (t, 1H), 7.20 (t, 1H), 7.17 (d, 1H), 4.92 (m, 1H), 3.44 (m, 2H), 3.21 (m, 4H), 2.80 (m, 1H), 2.20 (m, 2H), 2.06 (m, 1H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.91 (q, 2H), 1.87 (s, 3H), 1.83 (m, 3H), 1.74 (d, 1H), 1.63 (m, 1H), 1.27 (d, 3H).
50	415.7	1.78	
51	386.3	2.02	(500MHz, DMSO-d6): 9.07 (m, 1H), 7.36 (d, 1H), 7.29 (t, 1H), 7.21 (t, 1H), 7.13 (d, 1H), 4.94 (t, 1H), 3.44 (dd, 2H), 3.21-3.11 (m, 4H), 2.78 (s, 6H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.45 (m, 2H), 2.01 (d, 1H), 1.98 (q, 1H), 1.81 (m, 2H), 1.63-1.55 (m, 4H), 0.93 (s, 9H).
52	458.6	1.09	
53	386.2	2.04	
54	427.7	1.8	
55	480.3	2	
56	329.29	1.49	DMSO(d6): 8.90 (br. s), 8.18 (d, 1H), 7.45 (d, 1H), 7.31 (t, 1H), 7.20 (t, 1H), 7.16 (d, 1H), 4.92 (q, 1H), 3.5 (m, 2H), 3.21-3.06 (m, 3H), 2.95 (m, 1H), 2.35 (m, 2H), 2.06 (dd, 1H), 1.87 (s, 3H), 1.92-1.77 (m, 4H), 1.69 (d, 1H), 1.62 (m, 1H), 1.43 (m, 1H), 1.21 (m, 1H), 0.99 (d, 3H), 0.91 (t, 3H).
57	383.6	1.74	
58	409.3	1.9	
59	472.6	1.07	
60	440.3	1.8	

Compound No.	LC/MS M+1	LC/RT min	NMR
62	356.3	2.1	
63	405.4	1.11	
64	343.3	1.55	DMSO(d6): 9.23 (br. s, 1H), 8.18 (d, 1H), 7.35 (d, 1H), 7.30 (t, 1H), 7.20 (t, 1H), 7.16 (d, 1H), 4.92 (q, 1H), 3.45 (m, 2H), 3.21-3.11 (m, 4H), 2.24-2.14 (m, 2H), 2.06 (dd, 1H), 1.87 (s, 3H), 1.82 (m, 3H), 1.73 (d, 1H), 1.67-1.55 (m, 3H), 0.93 (s, 9H).
65	438.4	0.82	
66	329.2	1.5	DMSO(d6): 8.20 (m, 1H), 8.17 (d, 1H), 7.48 (d, 1H), 7.32 (t, 1H), 7.20 (t, 1H), 7.16 (d, 1H), 4.92 (m, 1H), 3.43 (br. t, 3H), 3.32 (m, 2H), 3.05 (d, 2H), 2.42 (ddd, 2H), 2.06 (dd, 1H), 1.87 (s, 3H), 1.83 (m, 2H), 1.75 (d, 1H), 1.65 (m, 1H), 1.09(s, 9H).
67	416.4	0.95	
68	397.3	2.11	DMSO(d6):9.07 (m, 1H), 8.18 (d, 1H), 7.35 (d, 1H), 7.30 (t, 1H), 7.20 (t, 1H), 7.17 (d, 1H), 5.10 (t, 1H), 4.92 (ddd, 1H), 3.41 (m, 2H), 3.15 (m, 4H), 2.19 (m, 2H), 2.05 (dd, 1H), 1.98 (m, 2H), 1.87 (s, 3H), 1.83 (m, 3H), 1.73 (d, 1H), 1.67 (m, 2H), 1.66 (s, 3H), 1.59 (s, 3H), 1.50 (m, 2H), 1.32 (m, 1H), 1.19 (m, 1H), 0.91 (d, 3H).
69	423.3	1.9	
70	387.3	2	
71	454.3	1.9	
72	472.4	1.09	

Compound No.	LC/MS M+1	LC/RT min	NMR
73	343.3	1.59	DMSO(d6): 8.67 (br. s, 1H), 8.18 (d, 1H), 7.41 (d, 1H), 7.31 (t, 1H), 7.20 (t, 1H), 7.17 (d, 1H), 4.93 (q, 1H), 3.42 (m, 2H), 3.16 (t, 2H), 3.05 (t, 2H), 2.30 (qd, 2H), 2.07 (dd, 1H), 1.87 (s, 3H), 1.85-1.67 (m, 5H), 1.62 (m, 1H), 1.38 (m, 4H), 0.87 (t, 6H).
74	406.3	1.9	
75	430.4	0.87	
76	444.4	0.94	
77	389.4	1.21	
78	458.4	1.03	
79	438.4	0.83	
80	365.33	1.68	DMSO(d6): 9.19 (br.s, 1H), 7.47 (d, 1H), 7.45 (d, 1H), 7.35 (t, 1H), 7.23 (t, 1H), 4.45 (q, 1H), 3.43 (m, 2H), 3.14 (m, 4H), 3.05 (s, 3H), 2.18 (m, 2H), 2.08 (dd, 1H), 1.95 (m, 1H), 1.88-1.74 (m, 3H), 1.71 (d, 1H), 1.65-1.53 (m, 3H), 0.93 (d, 6H).
81	472.6	1.04	
82	472.6	1.16	
83	472.6	1.14	
84	440.3	1.8	
85	387.3	1.7	
86	403.6	1.26	
87	441.3	1.8	
88	429.7	2.3	
89	272.5	1.94	¹ H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO(d6)): 9.02 (s, 1H), 7.33 (d, 1H), 7.21 (t, 1H), 7.13 (t, 1H), 7.06 (d, 1H), 3.42 (d, 2H), 3.18 - 3.12 (m, 4H), 2.72 (t, 2H), 2.20 (td, 2H), 1.90-1.86 (m, 2H), 1.76 -1.66 (m, 4H), 1.66-1.63 (m, 1H), 1.63 -1.55 (m, 2H), 0.95 (d, 6H).

Compound No.	LC/MS M+1	LC/RT min	NMR
90	355.35	1.67	DMSO-d6: 9.44(s, 1H), 7.43 (d, 1H), 7.31 (t, 1H), 7.20 (t, 1H), 6.93 (d, 1H), 5.14 (dd, 1H), 3.42 (dd, 2H), 3.24-3.09 (m, 5H), 2.87 (ddd, 1H), 2.41-2.29 (m, 4H), 2.07 (td, 1H), 1.92 (m, 3H), 1.87 (t, 1H), 1.74 (m, 1H), 1.66-1.56 (m, 5H), 0.93 (d, 6H).
91	387.6	1.8	
92	417.6	1.05	
93	445.4	1.04	
94	453.3	1.9	
95	301.2	1.27	DMSO(d6): 9.15 (m, 1H), 8.18 (d, 1H), 7.36 (d, 1H), 7.30 (t, 1H), 7.20 (t, 1H), 7.16 (d, 1H), 4.92 (m, 1H), 3.42 (m, 2H), 3.15 (m, 2H), 3.08 (m, 2H), 2.21 (ddd, 2H), 2.05 (dd, 1H), 1.87 (s, 3H), 1.81 (m, 3H), 1.76-1.58 (m, 4H), 0.94 (t, 3H).
96	432.6	0.93	
97	311.1	1.83	DMSO(d6): 9.17 (br. s, 1H), 7.43 (d, 1H), 7.40 (t, 1H), 7.36 (d, 1H), 7.28 (td, 1H), 4.35 (t, 1H), 3.45 (t, 2H), 3.21-3.12 (m, 4H), 2.24 (td, 1H), 2.16 (td, 1H), 2.10-1.96 (m, 4H), 1.77 (dd, 2H), 1.61-1.57 (m, 2H), 0.93 (s, 9H).
98	409.3	1.8	
99	387.3	2.3	
100	442.7	1.7	
101	437.7	1.4	
102	383.3	1.82	
103	430.4	0.91	

Compound No.	LC/MS M+1	LC/RT min	NMR
104	315.2	1.35	DMSO(d6): 8.78 (m, 1H), 8.18 (d, 1H), 7.41 (d, 1H), 7.31 (t, 1H), 7.20 (t, 1H), 7.16 (d, 1H), 4.92 (m, 1H), 3.41 (br. t, 2H), 3.15 (m, 2H), 3.00 (t, 2H), 2.30 (m, 2H), 2.12 (m 1H), 2.05 (dd, 1H), 1.87 (s, 3H), 1.80 (m, 3H), 1.70 (d, 1H), 1.63 (m, 1H), 0.99 (d, 6H).
105	-	-	
106	458.6	1.09	
107	-	-	
108	406.3	2.1	
109	440.3	1.7	
110	453.6	2.1	
111	434.7	1.7	
112	515.4	2.3	
113	454.4	1.9	
114	414.3	2.4	
115	423.3	2	
116	415.7	1.8	
117	336.6	2	¹ H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) 8.04 (dd, J = 1.4, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.93 - 7.87 (m, 1H), 7.65-7.55 (m, 2H), 3.6 (m, 2H), 3.32 (m, 2H), 3.22 - 3.15 (m, 2H), 3.09-2.98 (t, 2H), 2.50 (qn, J = 1.8 Hz, DMSO-d6), 2.38 (m, 2H), 1.98 (s, 1H), 1.93 (s, 1H), 1.61 (m, 2H), 0.96 (s, 9H)
118	409.3	2	
119	387.2	1.14	
120	338.5	1.7	
121	454.7	1.8	
122	383.7	1.82	

Compound No.	LC/MS M+1	LC/RT min	NMR
123	357.2	1.72	(500 MHz, DMSO-d ₆): 9.14 (br.s, 1H), 7.40 and 7.38 (2d, 1H), 7.33 and 7.29 (2t, 1H), 7.24 and 7.20 (2t, 1H), 6.99 and 6.93 (2d, 1H), 5.67 (dd, 0.65 H), 5.03 (t, 0.33H), 3.43 (dd, 2H), 3.23-3.14 (m, 4H), 2.61 (s, 2H) and 2.43 (s, 1H, CH ₃), 2.45 (m, 2H), 2.17 (s, 1H) and 2.12 (s, 2H, CH ₃), 2.03-1.54 (m, 8H), 0.93 (s, 9H).
124	440.6	2	
125	355.39	1.72	DMSO(d ₆): 9.11 (br.s, 1H), 8.40 (d, 1H), 7.36 (d, 1H), 7.31 (t, 1H), 7.21 (t, 1H), 7.16 (d, 1H), 4.95 (q, 1H), 3.43 (m, 2H), 3.16 (m, 4H), 2.20 (ddd, 2H), 2.08 (m, 1H), 1.83 (m, 3H), 1.73 (d, 1H), 1.68-1.54 (m, 5H), 0.93 (d, 6H), 0.78-0.63 (m, 4H).
126	468.4	1.7	
127	442.3	1.8	
128	437.7	1.4	
129	409.2	1.9	
131	384.6	2.34	300MHz, DMSO-d ₆ : 9.35 (m, 1H), 7.36-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.20 (td, 1H), 4.45 (m, 1H), 3.45(m, 1H), 3.44 (d, 2H), 3.21-3.10 (m, 4H), 2.28-1.46 (m, 15H), 1.36-1.17 (m, 5H), 0.93 (s, 9H).
132	468.8	2.06	
133	417.4	1.06	
134	-	-	
135	427.3	1.9	
136	448.2	1.6	
137	440.3	1.9	
138	458.6	1	
139	-	-	
140	415.7	1.9	

Compound No.	LC/MS M+1	LC/RT min	NMR
141	381.3	2.2	
142	369.6	1.65	300MHz, DMSO-d ₆ : 9.03 (m, 1H), 7.37 (d, 1H), 7.27 (t, 1H), 7.12 (t, 1H), 6.94 (d, 1H), 5.19 (q, 1H), 3.44 (m, 2H), 3.22-3.10 (m, 4H), 2.69 (m, 4H), 2.29 (q, 1H), 2.25 (m, 2H), 2.08-1.92 (m, 2H), 1.65-1.55 (m, 6H), 0.94 (d, 6H).
143	454.3	1.8	
144	426.3	1.7	
145	445.6	1.1	
146	440.4	1.9	
147	387.3	1.9	
148	358.3	1.87	DMSO(d ₆): 9.01 (s, 1H), 7.32 (d, 1H), 7.27 (t, 1H), 7.24 (d, 1H), 7.18 (t, 1H), 6.48 (d, 1H), 4.82 (q, 1H), 3.43 (d, 2H), 3.20-3.12 (m, 4H), 2.82 (s, 6H), 2.30 (td, 1H), 2.22 (dd, 1H), 2.06 (td, 1H), 1.93 (d, 1H), 1.83-1.77 (m, 1H), 1.73-1.55 (m, 6H), 0.93 (d, 6H).
149	472.4	1.11	
150	327.1	1.71	DMSO(d ₆): 9.10 (s, 1H), 8.18 (d, 1H), 7.33 (t, 1H), 7.29 (d, 1H), 7.20 (t, 1H), 7.16 (d, 1H), 5.29 (t, 1H), 4.92 (q, 1H), 3.76 (m, 2H), 3.34 (m, 2H), 3.16 (ddd, 2H), 2.16 (ddd, 2H), 2.07 (m, 1H), 1.87 (s, 3H), 1.81 (s, 3H), 1.75 (s, 3H), 1.86-1.79 (m, 4H), 1.66-1.59 (m, 1H).
151	423.3	2.1	
152	427.3	2.1	

Compound No.	LC/MS M+1	LC/RT min	NMR
153	519.7	2.34	300MHz, DMSO-d6: 9.30 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.28 (m, 8H), 7.20 (td, 1H), 5.07 (s, 2H), 4.95 (t, 1H), 3.83-3.68 (m, 3H), 3.40 (m, 2H), 3.25-3.10 (m, 6H), 2.30-2.00 (m, 3H), 1.93-1.70 (m, 7H), 1.62-1.56 (m, 2H), 1.52-1.37 (m, 2H), 0.93 (s, 9H).
154	385.5	2.13	
155	427.3	1.7	
156	357.3	1.9	
157	440.3	1.8	
158	369.43	1.79	DMSO(d6): 9.09 (br.s, 1H), 8.39 (d, 1H), 7.35 (d, 1H), 7.31 (t, 1H), 7.21 (t, 1H), 7.16 (d, 1H), 4.95 (q, 1H), 3.46 (m, 2H), 3.23-3.11 (m, 4H), 2.19 (ddd, 2H), 2.08 (m, 1H), 1.84 (m, 3H), 1.74 (d, 1H), 1.65 (ddd, 1H), 1.59 (m, 3H), 0.93 (s, 9H), 0.78-0.62 (m, 4H).
159	329.2	1.53	DMSO(d6): 9.23 (m, 1H), 8.18 (d, 1H), 7.36 (d, 1H), 7.30 (t, 1H), 7.20 (t, 1H), 7.17 (d, 1H), 4.92 (m, 1H), 3.43 (m, 2H), 3.14 (m, 4H), 2.20 (m, 2H), 2.04 (m, 1H), 1.87 (s, 3H), 1.81 (m, 3H), 1.72 (d, 1H), 1.59 (m, 4H), 0.92 (d, 6H).
160	440.3	1.8	
161	393.7	2.17	
162	414.3	2.76	
163	432.4	0.89	
164	371.8	2.17	
165	427.4	0.92	
166	498.3	2.1	
167	468.3	1.7	

Compound No.	LC/MS M+1	LC/RT min	NMR
168	387.6	1.8	7.14(d,1H), 6.94(d,2H), 5.35(t,1H), 3.68(m,2H), 2.90-3.30(6H), 2.64(mn,2H), 2.45(m1H), 2.30(m,1H), 1.80-2.05(m,4H), 1.63- 1.75(m,6H), 0.94(s,9H).
169	454.3	1.9	
170	441.3	2	
171	428.7	1.6	
172	327.2	1.49	DMSO(d6):9.19 (m, 1H), 8.18 (d, 1H), 7.36 (d, 1H), 7.30 (t, 1H), 7.20 (t, 1H), 7.16 (d, 1H), 5.84 (m, 1H), 5.11 (dq, 1H), 5.06 (dq, 1H), 4.92 (ddd, 1H), 3.43 (m, 2H), 3.14 (m, 4H), 2.20 (m, 2H), 2.11 (m, 2H), 2.03 (dd, 1H), 1.87 (s, 3H), 1.83 (m, 5H), 1.73 (d, 1H), 1.63 (m, 1H).
173	300.2	1.02	
174	373.7	2.17	
175	372.3	1.95	DMSO(d6): 9.01 (s, 1H), 7.32 (d, 1H), 7.27 (t, 1H), 7.24 (d, 1H), 7.18 (t, 1H), 6.47 (d, 1H), 4.82 (m, 1H), 3.45 (d, 2H), 3.21-3.12 (m, 4H), 2.82 (s, 6H), 2.30 (td, 1H), 2.23 (dd, 1H), 2.05 (td, 1H), 1.93 (d, 1H), 1.83-1.77 (m, 1H), 1.74-1.65 (m, 3H), 1.58 (t, 2H), 0.94 (s, 9H).
176	383.8	2.43	
177	361.4	0.91	
178	411.8	2.34	

Compound No.	LC/MS M+1	LC/RT min	NMR
179	382.39	1.6	DMSO(d6): 9.43 (br. s), 8.18 (d, 1H), 7.39 (d, 1H), 7.30 (t, 1H), 7.20 (t, 1H), 7.16 (d, 1H), 4.92 (q, 1H), 3.5 (m, 2H), 3.15 (m, 4H), 2.25 (m, 2H), 2.05 (dd, 1H), 1.87 (s, 3H), 1.82 (m, 3H), 1.73 (m, 3H), 1.66-1.55 (m, 3H), 1.46 (m, 2H), 1.31 (s, 6H).
180	427.4	0.86	
181	401.7	1.8	
182	482.4	2.2	
183	439.6	2.1	
184	343.1	1.61	(500 MHz, DMSO-d6): 9.13 (br.s, 1H), 7.41 and 7.38 (2d, 1H), 7.33 and 7.29 (2t, 1H), 7.24 and 7.20 (2t, 1H), 6.99 and 6.93 (2d, 1H), 5.67 (dd, 0.65 H), 5.02 (t, 0.33H), 3.42 (dd, 2H), 3.23-3.10 (m, 4H), 2.61 (s, 2H) and 2.43 (s, 1H, CH3), 2.46 (m, 2H), 2.16 (s, 1H) and 2.11 (s, 2H, CH3), 2.03-1.54 (m, 9H), 0.93 and 0.89 (2d, 6H).
185	369.3	1.42	DMSO(d6): 9.41 (br. s, 1H), 8.18 (d, 1H), 7.36 (d, 1H), 7.30 (t, 1H), 7.19 (t, 1H), 7.16 (d, 1H), 4.92 (q, 1H), 3.45 (m, 2H), 3.20 (t, 4H), 2.46-2.35 (m, 2H), 2.27-2.18 (m, 2H), 2.06 (dd, 1H), 1.95 (m, 2H), 1.87 (s, 3H), 1.83 (m, 3H), 1.74 (d, 1H), 1.62 (m, 1H).
186	454.3	1.7	
187	442.8	1.7	
188	413.3	1.9	
189	361.4	0.91	
191	454.3	1.7	
192	430.4	0.87	
193	409.3	2	

Compound No.	LC/MS M+1	LC/RT min	NMR
194	440.3	1.8	
195	420.3	1.9	
196	405.4	1.17	
197	454.3	1.8	
198	448.3	1.7	
199	387.8	2.12	
200	418.4	0.84	
201	369.4	1.74	DMSO-d6: 9.87(s, 1H), 7.45 (d, 1H), 7.30 (t, 1H), 7.20 (t, 1H), 6.93 (d, 1H), 5.14 (dd, 1H), 3.42 (t, 2H), 3.24-3.07 (m, 5H), 2.88 (m, 1H), 2.54 (td, 1H), 2.42-2.29 (m, 3H), 2.13 (td, 1H), 1.95-1.70 (m, 5H), 1.63 (m, 4H), 0.93 (s, 9H).
202	431.6	1.08	
203	430.4	0.91	
204	357.2	1.95	
205	-	-	
206	372.3	1.94	(500MHz, DMSO-d6): 9.00 (m, 1H), 7.37 (d, 1H), 7.29 (t, 1H), 7.21 (t, 1H), 7.13 (d, 1H), 4.94 (t, 1H), 3.44 (dd, 2H), 3.19-3.10 (m, 4H), 2.78 (s, 6H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.45 (m, 2H), 2.01 (d, 1H), 1.98 (q, 1H), 1.83 (m, 2H), 1.65-1.51 (m, 5H), 0.93 (d, 6H).
207	423.3	2.1	
208	415.8	2.63	
209	413.3	1.9	
210	427.7	1.8	
211	371.8	2.39	300MHz, DMSO-d6
212	405.4	0.99	
213	357.5	1.91	
214	387.4	1.08	
215	405.4	1.06	
216	423.3	2	
217	431.4	1.01	
218	375.2	1.09	
219	409.3	1.9	
220	-	-	
221	415.7	1.8	
222	401.6	1.8	

Compound No.	LC/MS M+1	LC/RT min	NMR
223	448.8	1.4	
224	397.6	1.91	300MHz, DMSO-d6:
225	383.5	2.3	¹ H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) 9.02 (s, 1H), 8.12 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.34 - 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.19 - 7.16 (m, 2H), 5.36 (dd, J = 7.8, 15.8 Hz, 1H), 3.67 - 3.02 (m, 4H), 2.70 - 2.58 (m, 2H), 2.42 - 2.28 (m, 2H), 1.83 - 1.51 (m, 15H), 0.93 (s, 9H),
226	358.4	1.3	
227	343.4	1.9	
228	400.2	1.9	
229	302.1	1.67	
230	342.3	1.9	
231	329.2	1.8	
232	216.1	1.54	¹ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl ₃): 7.41 (d, 1H), 7.10 (t, 1H), 7.00 (t, 1H), 6.95 (d, 1H), 2.70 - 2.66 (m, 4H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.20 (t, 2H), 2.11 (td, 2H), 1.76 (m, 2H), 1.71 - 1.64 (m, 2H), 1.53 (dd, 2H),
233	317.09	2.16	
234	393.3	1.74	DMSO(d6): 9.32 (br.s, 1H), 8.19 (d, 1H), 7.43 (d, 2H), 7.34 (d, 1H), 7.28 (t, 1H), 7.18 (t, 1H), 7.15 (d, 1H), 7.02 (d, 2H), 4.92 (m, 1H), 4.30 (m, 2H), 4.06 (q, 2H), 3.23 (m, 4H), 2.17 (m, 2H), 2.05 (m, 1H), 1.86 (s, 3H), 1.82 (m, 3H), 1.73 (d, 1H), 1.62 (m, 1H), 1.33 (t, 3H).
235	358.3	1.5	
236	329.3	1.5	
237	345.4	1.5	
238	313.4	1.7	

Compound No.	LC/MS M+1	LC/RT min	NMR
239	362	3.02	CDCl ₃ : 7.15(s,1H), 6.85(s,1H), 4.25(brm,2H), 3.98(s,3H), 3.91(s,3H), 2.85(brm,2H), 2.59(s,2H), 1.89(m,2H), 1.50(s,9H), 1.47(m,2H)
241	330.2	1.2	
242	313.4	1.6	
243	315.4	1.6	
244	329.4	1.8	
245	358.4	1.3	
246	302.2	1.59	
247	341.2	1.9	
248	383.5	2.3	
249	330.2	1.2	
250	316.2	1.73	
251	384.5	2.1	
252	316.2	3.47	(CDCl ₃ , ppm) 7.52 (s, 1H), 7.44 (d, J = 8Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, J = 8Hz), 1H), 4.18 (br s, 2H), 2.83 (t, J = 13Hz, 2H), 2.60 (s, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.94 (td, J = 4Hz, 13Hz, 2H), 1.48 (s, 9H), 1.44 (m, 2H).
253	343.2	1.92	
254	317.09	2.16	
255	407.3	3.5	
256	303.06	1.63	
257	373.5	1.6	
258	383.3	1.4	
259	302.2	1.56	
260	359.3	2.94	DMS)(d ₆): 8.17 (d, 1H), 7.36 (d, 1H), 7.22 (ddd, 1H), 7.14 (m, 2H), 4.95 (m, 1H), 3.86 (m, 2H), 2.97 (m, 2H), 2.01 (m, 1H), 1.85 (s, 3H), 1.80 (m, 4H), 1.61 (m 2H), 1.48 (d, 1H), 1.42 (s, 9H).

Compound No.	LC/MS M+1	LC/RT min	NMR
261	359.4	3.09	CDCl ₃ (ppm): 7.06 (m, 3H), 5.58 (m, 1H), 5.46 (q, 1H, J = 8 Hz), 4.08 (br s, 2H), 3.72 (m, 1H), 2.85 (m, 2H), 2.74 (m, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 1.98 (m, 1H), 1.82 (m, 1H), 1.60 (m, 2H), 1.48 (s, 9H).
262	340.2	1.3	
263	341.4	1.8	
264	357.5	2	H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) 9.08 (s, 1H), 8.16 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.34 - 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.18 (dd, J = 7.3, 15.3 Hz, 2H), 5.37 (q, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.57 - 3.42 (m, 2H), 3.19 - 3.02 (m, 4H), 2.68 (dd, J = 7.9, 13.1 Hz, 1H), 2.36 - 2.07 (m, 4H), 1.90 - 1.54 (m, 8 H), 1.06 - 0.77 (m, 11H)
267	367.5	2	
269	382.5	1.8	in DMSO-d ₆
271			¹ H NMR (CD ₃ OD) 1.74 - 1.50 (m, 4H), 7.30 - 7.20 (m, 1H), 5.44 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 3.06 - 2.88 (m, 2H), 2.73 (dd, J = 7.8, 13.0 Hz, 1H), 2.32 - 2.21 (m, 2H), 2.08 - 2.00 (m, 1H), 1.74 - 1.50 (m, 4H), 1.48 (s, 9H), 1.18 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H),
272	359.3	2.94	DMSO(d ₆): 8.17 (d, 1H), 7.36 (d, 1H), 7.22 (ddd, 1H), 7.14 (m, 2H), 4.95 (m, 1H), 3.86 (m, 2H), 2.97 (m, 2H), 2.01 (m, 1H), 1.85 (s, 3H), 1.80 (m, 4H), 1.61 (m, 2H), 1.48 (d, 1H), 1.42 (s, 9H).
273	369.5	2.1	
275	407.4	2.69	
276			

Compound No.	LC/MS M+1	LC/RT min	NMR
277	315.4	1.7	performed in DMSO-d6
279	371.3	3.2	
280	359.19	3.02	DMSO(d6): 8.17 (d, 1H), 7.36 (d, 1H), 7.22 (ddd, 1H), 7.13 (m, 2H), 4.91 (td, 1H), 3.86 (m, 2H), 2.98 (m, 2H), 2.01 (dd, 1H), 1.86 (s, 3H), 1.61 (m, 4H), 1.80 (m, 2H), 1.48 (d, 1H), 1.42 (s, 9H).
282	383.5	2.3	
287	386.3	2.2	performed
288	300.2	2.04	(DMSO-d6, ppm) 9.12 (br s, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 8Hz, 1H), 7.45 (m, 2H), 3.59 (d, J = 12Hz, 2H), 3.14 (m, 2H), 3.07 (m, 2H), 2.73 (s, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.15 (td, J = 3Hz, 11Hz, 2H), 1.75 (d, J = 14Hz, 2H), 1.59 (m, 2H), 0.94 (s, 9H).
289	330.2	1.1	
290	315.4	1.6	
291	345.2	2	
292	381.5	2.1	
293	344.4	1.8	
294	370.3	1.9	
295	399.3	3.53	
297	358.5	1.9	H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) 9.08 (s, 1H), 7.33 - 7.14 (m, 4H), 6.55 - 6.48 (m, 1H), 5.32 - 5.24 (m, 2H), 3.54 (t, J = 13.3 Hz, 2H), 3.20 - 3.02 (m, 3H), 2.83 (s, 6H), 2.70 (dd, J = 7.8, 12.9 Hz, 1H), 2.36 - 2.28 (m, 1H), 1.83 - 1.52 (m, 6H), 0.98 - 0.90 (s, 9H),
298	374.3	3	
299	369.5	2.2	

Compound No.	LC/MS M+1	LC/RT min	NMR
300	355.3	2	H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) 9.04 (s, 1H), 8.44 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.35 - 7.17 (m, 4H), 5.36 (q, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.10 - 3.27 (m, 2H partially obscured by solvent), 3.18 - 3.03 (m, 4H), 2.71 - 2.58 (m, 1H), 2.42 - 2.22 (m, 1H), 1.89 - 1.51 (m, 4H), 1.63 - 1.49 (m, 3H), 0.94 (s, 9H), 0.81 - 0.65 (m, 4H),
301	368.5	1.9	
302	340.2	1.3	H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) 9.02 (s, 1H), 8.12 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.34 - 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.19 - 7.16 (m, 2H), 5.36 (dd, J = 7.8, 15.8 Hz, 1H), 3.67 - 3.02 (m, 4H), 2.70 - 2.58 (m, 2H), 2.42 - 2.28 (m, 2H), 1.83 - 1.51 (m, 15H), 0.93 (s, 9H),

V. Assays for Detecting and Measuring Inhibition Properties of Compounds

Functional mobilization of intracellular calcium to determine muscarinic receptor activity:

[00207] CHO cells expressing muscarinic receptors (M₁ to M₅) are grown as monolayers in tissue culture flasks at 37 °C in a humidified atmosphere containing 5% CO₂ and passaged every 3-5 days. The growth media is Dulbecco's modified eagles medium (DMEM, Gibco Cat# 12430-054), containing 25 mM Hepes and supplemented with Fetal Bovine Serum (Hyclone, cat# SH30071.03), 0.1 mM of MEM non-essential amino acids (GIBCO, Cat# 11140-050), 1 mM MEM Sodium Pyruvate (GIBCO Cat# 11360-070) and 100 units/ml of Penicillin G and 100 µg/ml of Streptomycin (GIBCO Cat# 15140-122). The recombinant muscarinic receptor cell lines are grown under antibiotic pressure with media containing 25 µg/ml zeocin and 500 µg/ml G418 (M1-CHO), 4 µg/ml puromycin, 50 µg/ml zeocin and 2.5 µg/ml blasticidin (M2 and M4-CHO) or 50 µg/ml zeocin and 4 µg/ml puromycin (M3 and M5-CHO).

[00208] Cells are harvested at 80-90% confluence using Versene (GIBCO Cat# 15040-066), collected by centrifugation and seeded 18-24 hrs prior to running the calcium assay at a density of 5,000-10,000 cells/well in back-walled, clear-bottomed 384-well plates (BD Biocoat, poly-D-lysine, Cat#356663). The day of the experiment, the cells are washed with a plate washer (Biotek Instruments, ELX 405) using bath1 buffer (140-mM NaCl, 4.5-mM KCl, 2-mM CaCl₂, 1-mM MgCl₂, 10-mM Hepes-Na, 10-mM Glucose, pH 7.4, with NaOH) containing 1 mM Probenecid. Next, the calcium dye Fluo-3 (25 µl/well of Fluo-3 AM at 4 µM, Molecular Probes F-1241, in Bath 1 buffer containing 1 mM Probenecid) is added to the 25 µl of Bath 1 remaining in each well after the plate wash and the dye is loaded at 37 °C in the tissue culture incubator for 60-90 min. The fluorescent dye is removed using the plate washer with Bath 1 containing 1 mM Probenecid, leaving 25 µl/well of this solution after the wash. Alternatively, cells can be loaded with the calcium indicator from Molecular Devices (Calcium 3 Assay Reagents, Cat # R7181) adding 5 µl of a 5X solution dye in Bath 1 containing 1 mM Probenecid (10 ml per dye flask cat# R7182 to generate a solution 20X) to 20 µl of the same buffer. After loading for 60 min, the experiment can be run without having to remove the dye.

[00209] Compounds are prepared at a 2x fold concentration in a 96-well plate (round bottom, Costar Corning cat# 3656), by reconstituting the pre-spotted compounds in bath 1 containing 1 mM probenecid. The final concentration DMSO is 0.5 %, and the amount of DMSO is normalized across the assay plate. To determine an agonist action of the compounds on muscarinic receptors, the reconstituted compounds are added (25 µl compound/well) to the cell assay plate (containing 25 µl/well) using the multi-channel robotic system of the FLIPR 3 Instrument (Molecular Devices, Sunnyvale, CA). To determine a functional inhibitory action of the compounds on muscarinic receptors, the reconstituted compounds are added (25 µl compound/well) to the assay plate and pre-incubated for 15 min prior to adding 25 µl of Carbachol at 3X the EC₈₀ for each muscarinic subtype. Alternatively, the compounds can be co-applied simultaneously with the agonist. In both assay modes, the fluorescence is recorded for 60 sec (excitation wavelength is 488 nm and emission wavelength 540 nm) using the FLIPR 3 instrument.

[00210] The potency, efficacy and selectivity of the muscarinic compounds were evaluated by screening the compound activity across the whole family (M₁ to M₅ cells). Compounds were also screened for activity on other proteins such as other GPCRs and ion channels to determine selectivity on M₄ receptors.

[00211] The compounds of the present invention were found to modulate the M₁ and/or M₄ muscarinic receptors selectively over the other receptor types.

[00212] Examples of activities and efficacies of the muscarinic compounds of formulae (I, Ia, Ib, Ic, Id, and Ie) on modulating M₁ and M₄ receptors are shown below in Table 3. The compound activity for the M₁, M₂, M₃ and M₄ is illustrated with "+++" if activity was measured to be less than 2.0 μ M, "++" if activity was measured to be from 2.0 μ M to 5.0 μ M, "+" if activity was measured to be greater than 5.0 μ M, and "-" if no data was available. The efficacy for M₁ and M₄ modulation is illustrated with "+++" if efficacy was calculated to be greater than 100 %, "++" if efficacy was calculated to be from 100 % to 25 %, "+" if efficacy was calculated to be less than 25 %, and "-" if no data was available. It should be noted that 100 % efficacy is the maximum response obtained with the Carbachol control.

Table 3: Compound activities and efficacies for modulating M₁ and M₄ receptors.

Compound No.	M ₁ Activity	M ₁ Efficacy	M ₂ Activity	M ₂ Efficacy	M ₃ Activity	M ₃ Efficacy	M ₄ Activity	M ₄ Efficacy
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227	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
228	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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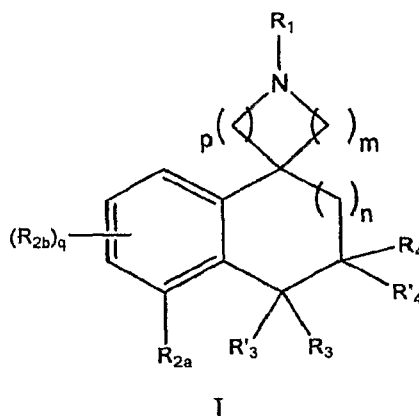
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302	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

VIII. OTHER EMBODIMENTS

[00213] It is to be understood that while the invention has been described in conjunction with the detailed description thereof, the foregoing description is intended to illustrate and not limit the scope of the invention, which is defined by the scope of the appended claims. Other aspects, advantages, and modifications are within the scope of the following claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A method of modulating the activity of a muscarinic receptor comprising the step of contacting said receptor with a compound of formula I:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein

R_1 is a branched or straight C_{1-12} aliphatic optionally substituted with 1-3 of R^A , wherein up to 3 carbon units of R_1 are optionally and independently replaced by $-CO-$, $-CS-$, $-CONR^F-$,

$-CONR^FNR^F-$, $-CO_2-$, $-OCO-$, $-NR^FCO_2-$, $-O-$, $-NR^FCONR^F-$, $-OCONR^F-$, $-NR^FNR^F-$, $-NR^FCO-$, $-S-$, $-S(O)-$, $-S(O)_2-$, $-NR^F-$, $-S(O)_2NR^F-$, $-NR^FSO_2-$, or $-NR^FS(O)_2NR^F-$;

Each R^A is independently halo, $-OH$, $-NH_2$, $-NO_2$, $-CN$, or $-OCF_3$;

Each R^F is hydrogen, or a branched or straight C_{1-8} aliphatic group optionally substituted with 1-3 of R^A ;

R_{2a} is $-Z^BR_5$, wherein each Z^B is independently a bond or an optionally substituted branched or straight C_{1-4} aliphatic chain wherein up to two carbon units of Z^B are optionally and independently replaced by $-CO-$, $-CS-$, $-CONR^B-$, $-CONR^BNR^B-$, $-CO_2-$, $-OCO-$, $-NR^BCO_2-$, $-O-$, $-NR^BCONR^B-$, $-OCONR^B-$, $-NR^BNR^B-$, $-NR^BCO-$, $-S-$, $-S(O)-$, $-S(O)_2-$, $-NR^B-$, $-S(O)_2NR^B-$, $-NR^BS(O)_2-$, or $-NR^BS(O)_2NR^B-$;

Each R_5 is independently R^B , halo, $-OH$, $-CN$, or $-OCF_3$;

Each R^B is independently hydrogen, an optionally substituted C_{1-8} aliphatic group, an optionally substituted cycloaliphatic, an optionally substituted heterocycloaliphatic, an optionally substituted aryl, an optionally substituted heteroaryl, or

R_{2a} and R_3 together with the atoms to which they are attached form a 5-7 membered partially unsaturated optionally substituted cycloaliphatic or a 5-7 membered partially unsaturated optionally substituted heterocycloaliphatic;

Each R_{2b} is independently $-Z^E R_8$, wherein each Z^E is independently a bond or an optionally substituted branched or straight C_{1-4} aliphatic chain wherein up to two carbon units of Z^E are optionally and independently replaced by $-CO-$, $-CS-$, $-CONR^G-$, $-CONR^G NR^G-$, $-CO_2-$, $-OCO-$, $-NR^G CO_2-$, $-O-$, $-NR^G CONR^G-$, $-OCONR^G-$, $-NR^G NR^G-$, $-NR^G CO-$, $-S-$, $-S(O)-$, $-S(O)_2-$, $-NR^G-$, $-S(O)_2 NR^G-$, $-NR^G S(O)_2-$, or $-NR^G S(O)_2 NR^G-$;

Each R_8 is independently R^G , halo, $-OH$, $-CN$, or $-OCF_3$;

Each R^G is independently hydrogen, an optionally substituted C_{1-8} aliphatic group, an optionally substituted cycloaliphatic, an optionally substituted heterocycloaliphatic, an optionally substituted aryl, an optionally substituted heteroaryl, or

R_{2a} and one R_{2b} together with the atoms to which they are attached form a 5-7 membered partially unsaturated optionally substituted cyclic group optionally having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from N, O, and S, wherein R_{2b} is attached to a carbon atom vicinal to the carbon atom to which R_{2a} is attached on the fused phenyl of formula I, or

Two of R_{2b} together with the atoms to which they are attached form a 5-7 membered partially unsaturated optionally substituted cyclic group optionally having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from N, O and S, wherein each R_{2b} is attached to a vicinal carbon atom on the fused phenyl of formula I;

R_3 and R'_3 together form an oxo group, or each is independently $-Z^C R_6$, wherein each Z^C is independently a bond or an optionally substituted branched or straight C_{1-4} aliphatic chain wherein up to two carbon units of Z^C are optionally and independently replaced by $-CO-$, $-CS-$, $-CONR^C-$, $-CONR^C NR^C-$, $-CO_2-$, $-OCO-$, $-NR^C CO_2-$, $-O-$, $-NR^C CONR^C-$, $-OCONR^C-$, $-NR^C NR^C-$, $-NR^C CO-$, $-S-$, $-S(O)-$, $-S(O)_2-$, $-NR^C-$, $-S(O)_2 NR^C-$, $-NR^C S(O)_2-$, or $-NR^C S(O)_2 NR^C-$;

Each R_6 is independently R^C , halo, $-OH$, $-NH_2$, $-NO_2$, $-CN$, or $-OCF_3$;

Each R^C is independently hydrogen, an optionally substituted C_{1-8} aliphatic group; an optionally substituted cycloaliphatic, an optionally substituted heterocycloaliphatic, an optionally substituted aryl, or an optionally substituted heteroaryl, or

R_3 and R_4 together with the atoms to which they are attached form a 5-7 membered optionally substituted cycloaliphatic or a 5-7 membered optionally substituted heterocycloaliphatic;

R_4 and R'_4 together form an oxo group, or each is independently $-Z^D R_7$, wherein each Z^D is independently a bond or an optionally substituted branched or straight C_{1-4} aliphatic

chain wherein up to two carbon units of Z^D are optionally and independently replaced by -CO-, -CS-,
 -CONR^D-, -CONR^DNR^D-, -CO₂-, -OCO-, -NR^DCO₂-, -O-, -NR^DCONR^D-, -OCONR^D-,
 -NR^DNR^D-, -NR^DCO-, -S-, -S(O)-, -S(O)₂-, -NR^D-, -S(O)₂NR^D-, -NR^DS(O)₂-, or
 -NR^DS(O)₂NR^D-;

Each R₇ is independently R^D, halo, -OH, -NH₂, -NO₂, -CN, or -OCF₃;

Each R^D is independently hydrogen, an optionally substituted C₁₋₈ aliphatic group; an optionally substituted cycloaliphatic, an optionally substituted heterocycloaliphatic, an optionally substituted aryl, or an optionally substituted heteroaryl;

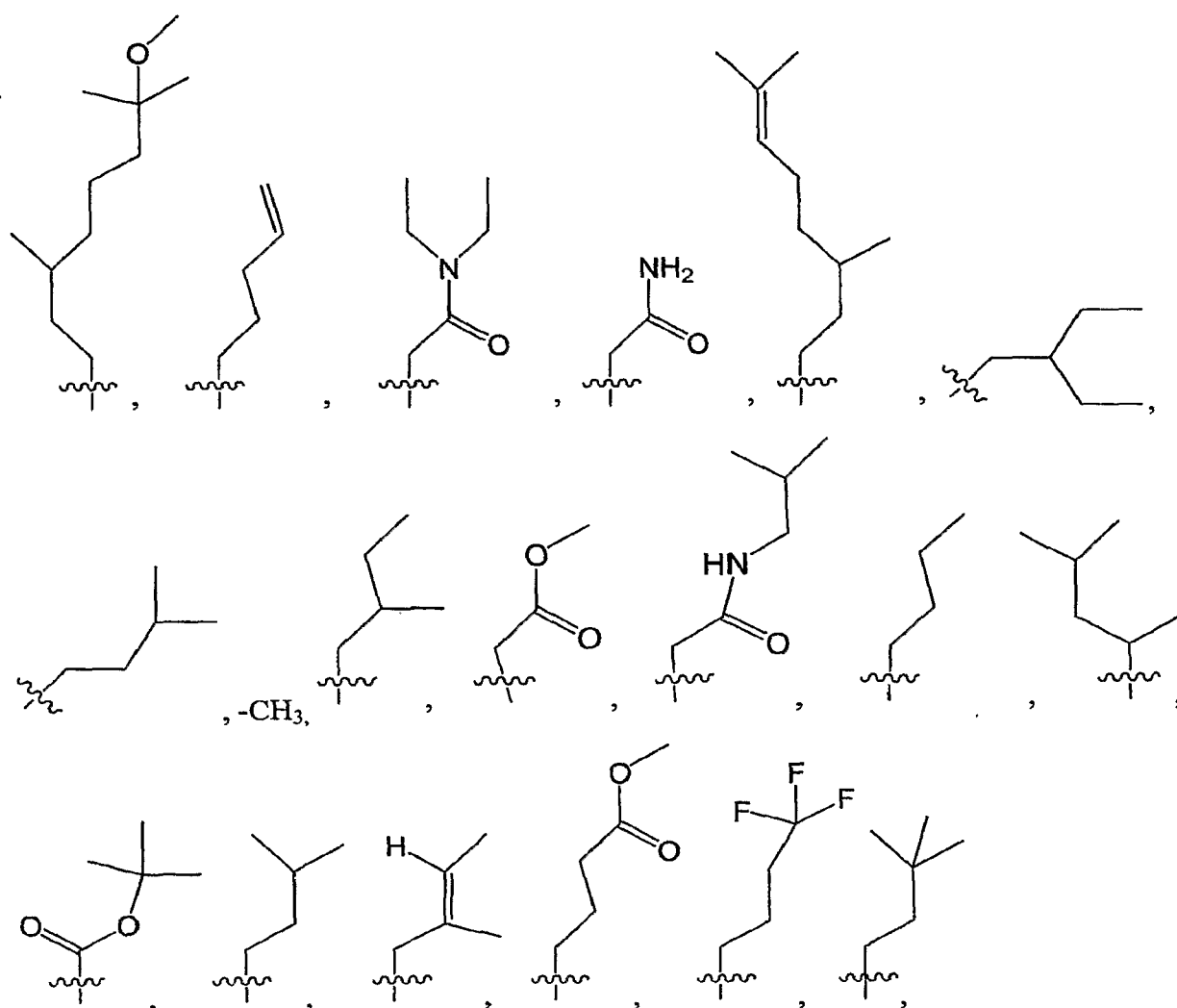
m is 0-3, p is 0-3, and m + p is 3, 4, 5, or 6;

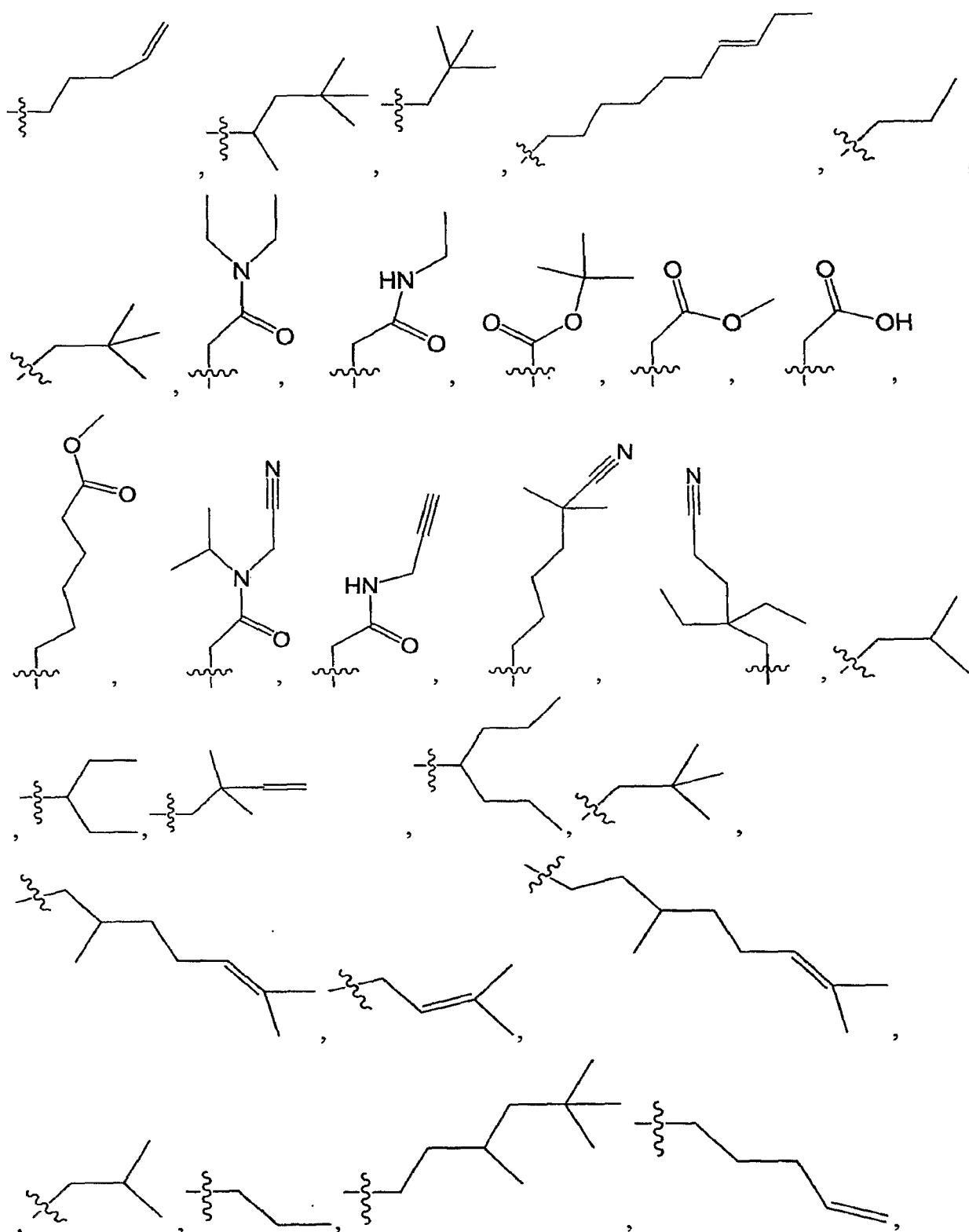
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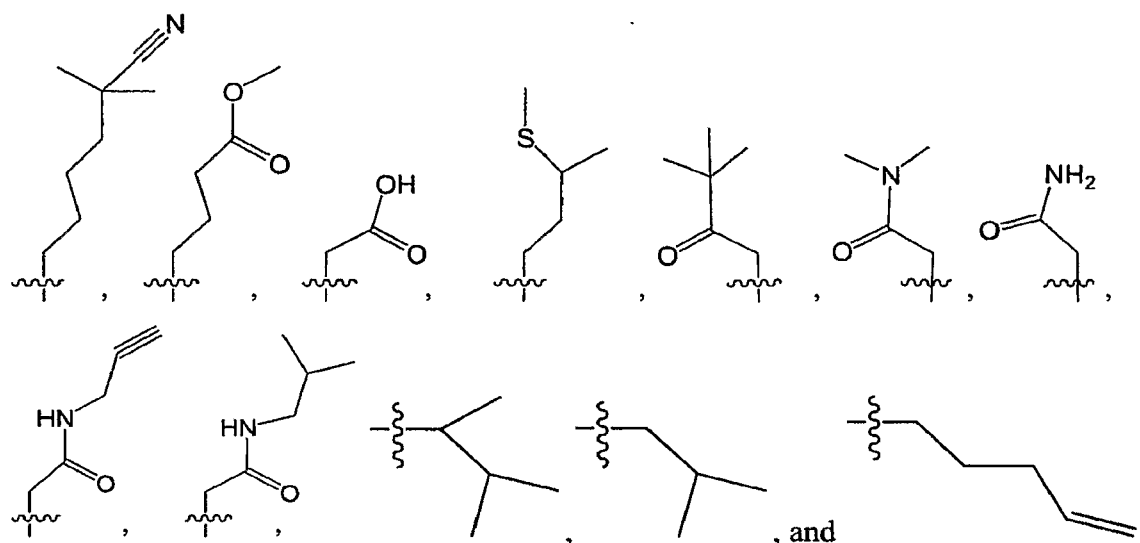
q is 0-3.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein up to 2 carbon units of R₁ are optionally and independently replaced with -NR^F-, -C(O)-, -S(O)₂-, -S-, -O-, or combinations thereof, wherein R^F is hydrogen, or a branched or straight C₁₋₈ aliphatic group optionally substituted with 1-3 of R^A; and each R^A is independently halo, -OH, -NH₂, -NO₂, -CN, or -OCF₃;
3. The method of either of claims 1 or 2, wherein R₁ is a straight C₁₋₁₀ aliphatic or a branched C₃₋₁₂ aliphatic, each of which is optionally substituted with 1-3 of halo, hydroxy, cyano, or combinations thereof.
4. The method of any of claims 1-3, wherein R₁ is a straight C₂₋₁₀ alkenyl having 1-2 C-C double bonds or a branched C₃₋₁₂ alkenyl having 1-2 C-C double bonds, each of which is optionally substituted.
5. The method of any of claims 1-4, wherein R₁ is a straight C₁₋₁₀ alkyl, straight C₂₋₁₀ alkenyl, straight C₂₋₁₀ alkynyl, branched C₃₋₁₂ alkyl, branched C₃₋₁₂ alkenyl, or branched C₃₋₁₂ alkynyl, each of which is optionally substituted with 1-3 of R^A; and each R^A is independently halo, -OH, -NH₂, -NO₂, -CN, or -OCF₃.
6. The method of any of claims 1-5, wherein R₁ is an optionally substituted straight or branched C₁₋₁₂ aliphatic wherein 1-2 of the carbon units have been optionally replaced with -S-.

7. The method of any of claims 1-6, wherein R₁ is an aliphatic-S-aliphatic that is optionally substituted with 1-3 of halo, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, trifluoromethoxy, or combinations thereof.
8. The method of any of claims 1-7, wherein R₁ is an optionally substituted straight or branched aliphatic wherein 1-2 of the carbon units have been optionally replaced with -C(O)-, -O-, or -CO₂.
9. The method of any of claims 1-8, wherein R₁ is an (aliphatic)carbonyl, (aliphatic(carbonyl))aliphatic, (aliphaticoxy(carbonyl))aliphatic, or (aliphaticoxy)carbonyl, each of which is optionally substituted with 1-3 of halo, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, or combinations thereof.
10. The method of any of claims 1-9, wherein R₁ is one selected from:



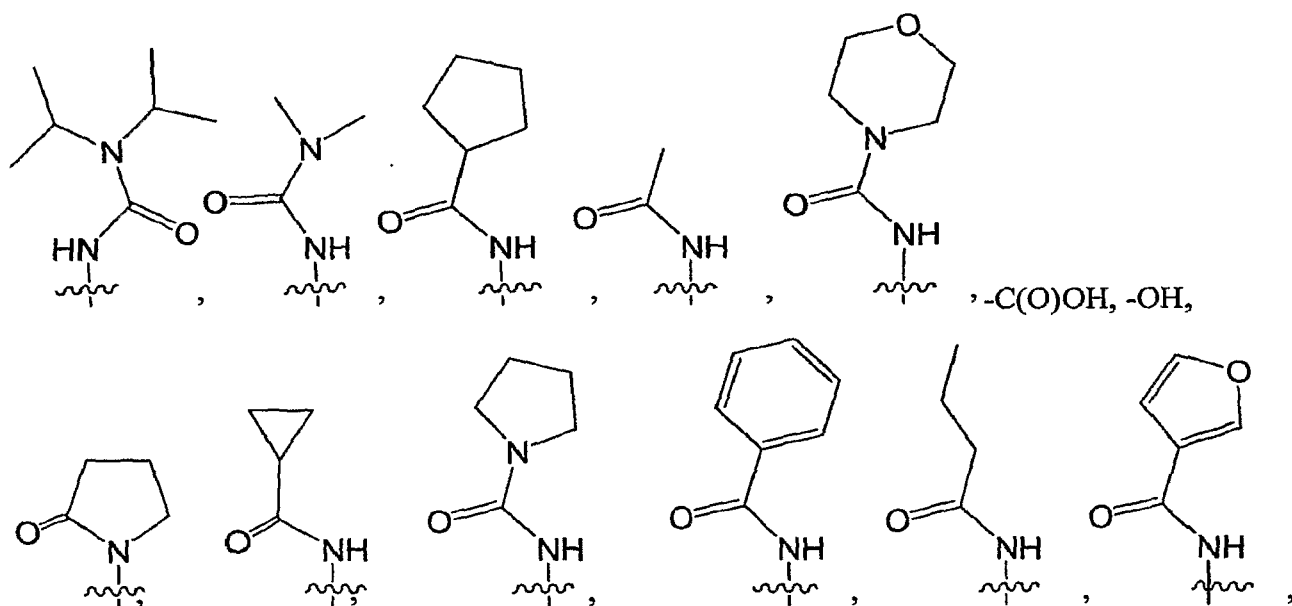


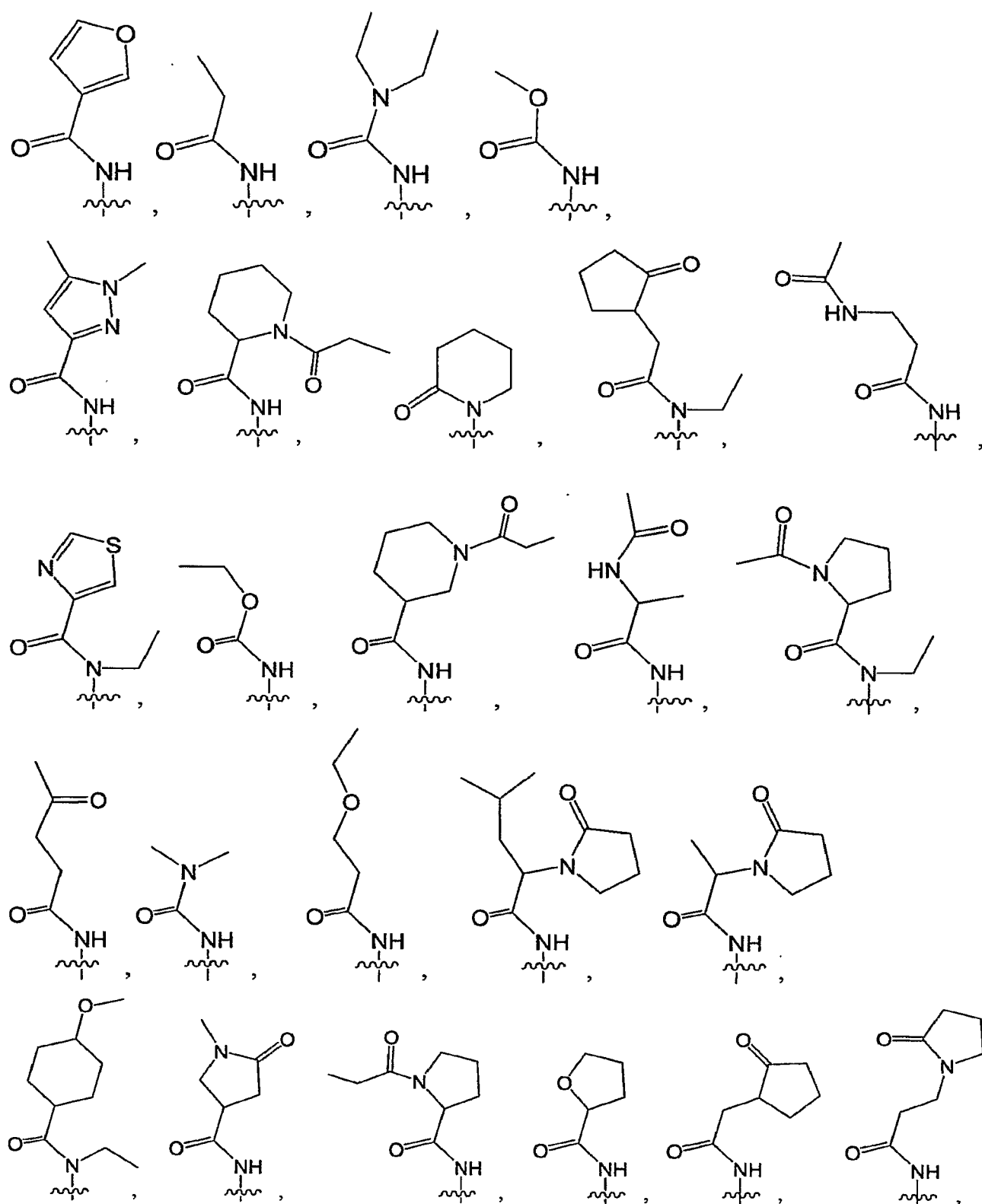


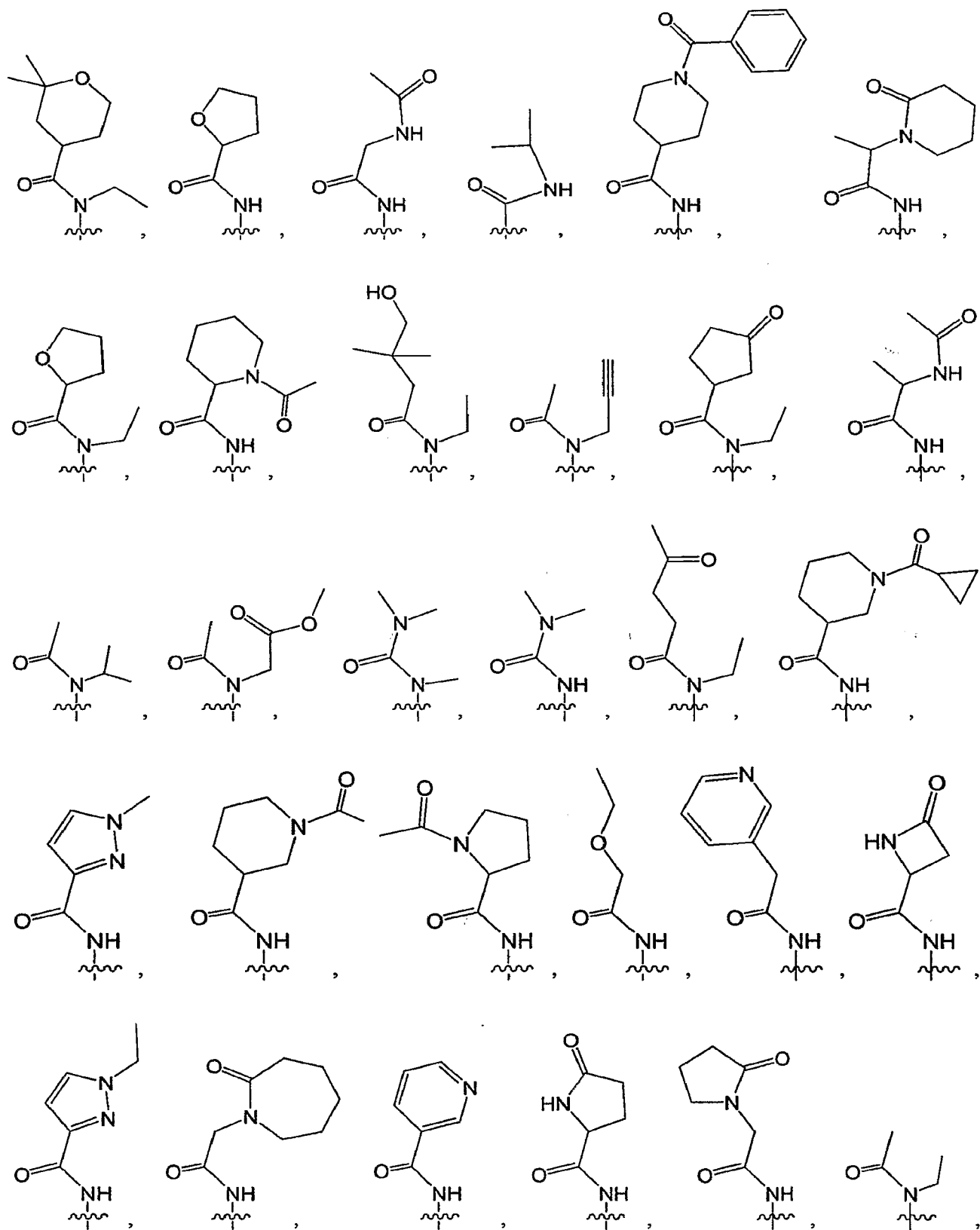
11. The method of any of claims 1-10, wherein q is 0 and R_{2a} is hydrogen.
12. The method of any of claims 1-11, wherein R_{2a} and R_3 taken together with the atoms to which they are attached form a 5-7 membered partially unsaturated optionally substituted heterocycloaliphatic.
13. The method of any of claims 1-12, wherein q is 0; and R_{2a} and R_3 taken together with the atoms to which they are attached form optionally substituted 1H-pyrrol-2(5H)-onyl.
14. The method of any of claims 1-13, wherein q is 1 or 2, and each R_{2b} is halo or methoxy.
15. The method of any of claims 1-14, wherein one of R_3 and R'_3 is a branched or straight optionally substituted C_{1-4} aliphatic wherein up to two carbon units of R_3 or R'_3 is optionally and independently replaced by $-C(O)-$, $-NH-$, $-S(O)_2-$, or combinations thereof; and the remaining R_3 or R'_3 is hydrogen.
16. The method of any of claims 1-15, wherein one of R_3 and R'_3 is a straight optionally substituted C_{2-4} aliphatic wherein a first carbon unit is optionally and independently replaced by $-NH-$, and a second carbon unit is optionally and independently replaced by $-C(O)-$, and the remaining R_3 or R'_3 is hydrogen.
17. The method of any of claims 1-16, wherein each of R_3 and R'_3 is independently, hydrogen or a methylcarbonylamino, N,N-dimethylaminocarbonylamino, ethylcarbonylamino, pyrrolidine-2,5-dione-1-yl, piperidin-2-one-1-yl, methylaminocarbonyl, N,N-

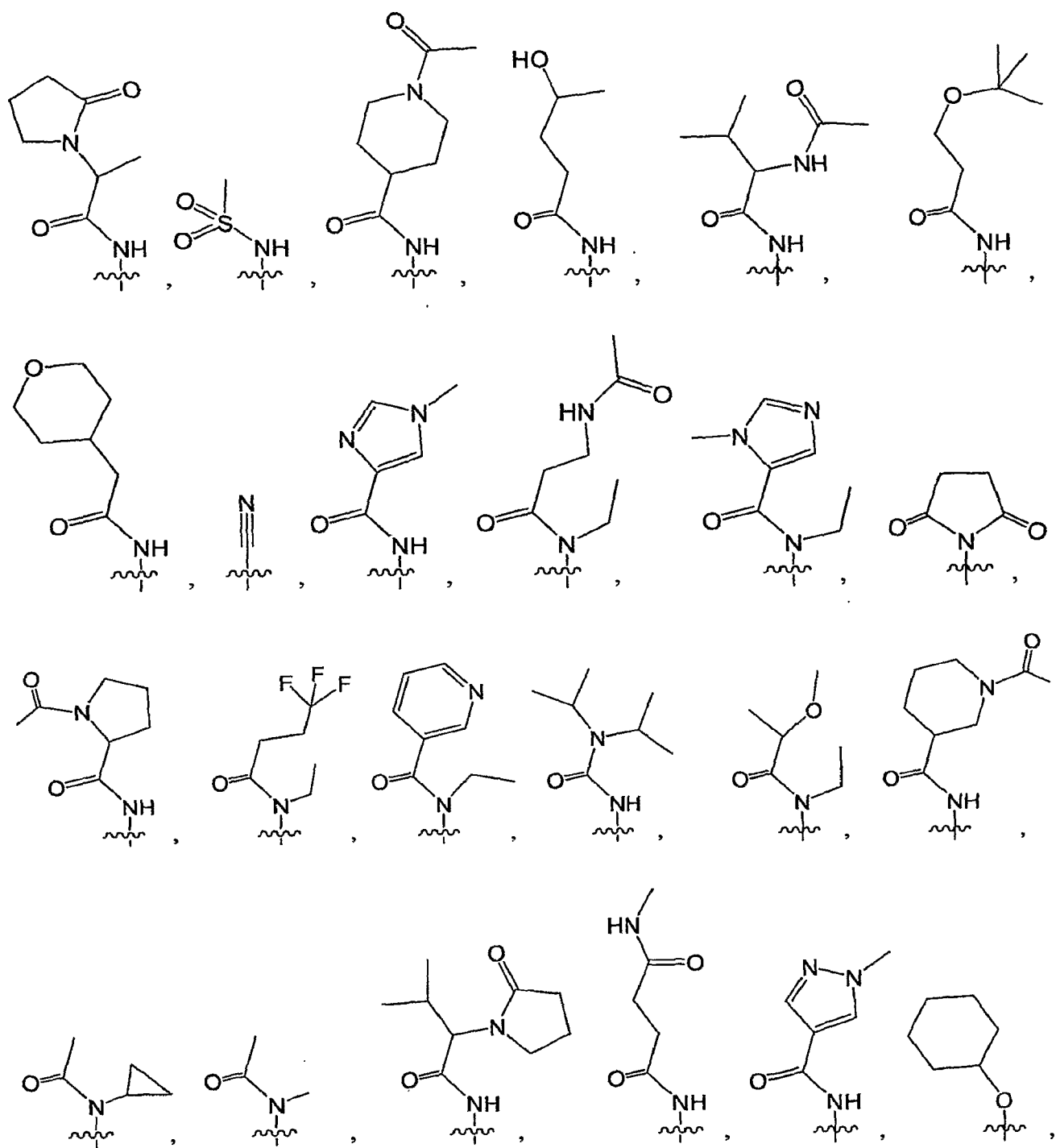
dimethylaminocarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, cyano, or methoxycarbonylamino, each of which is optionally substituted.

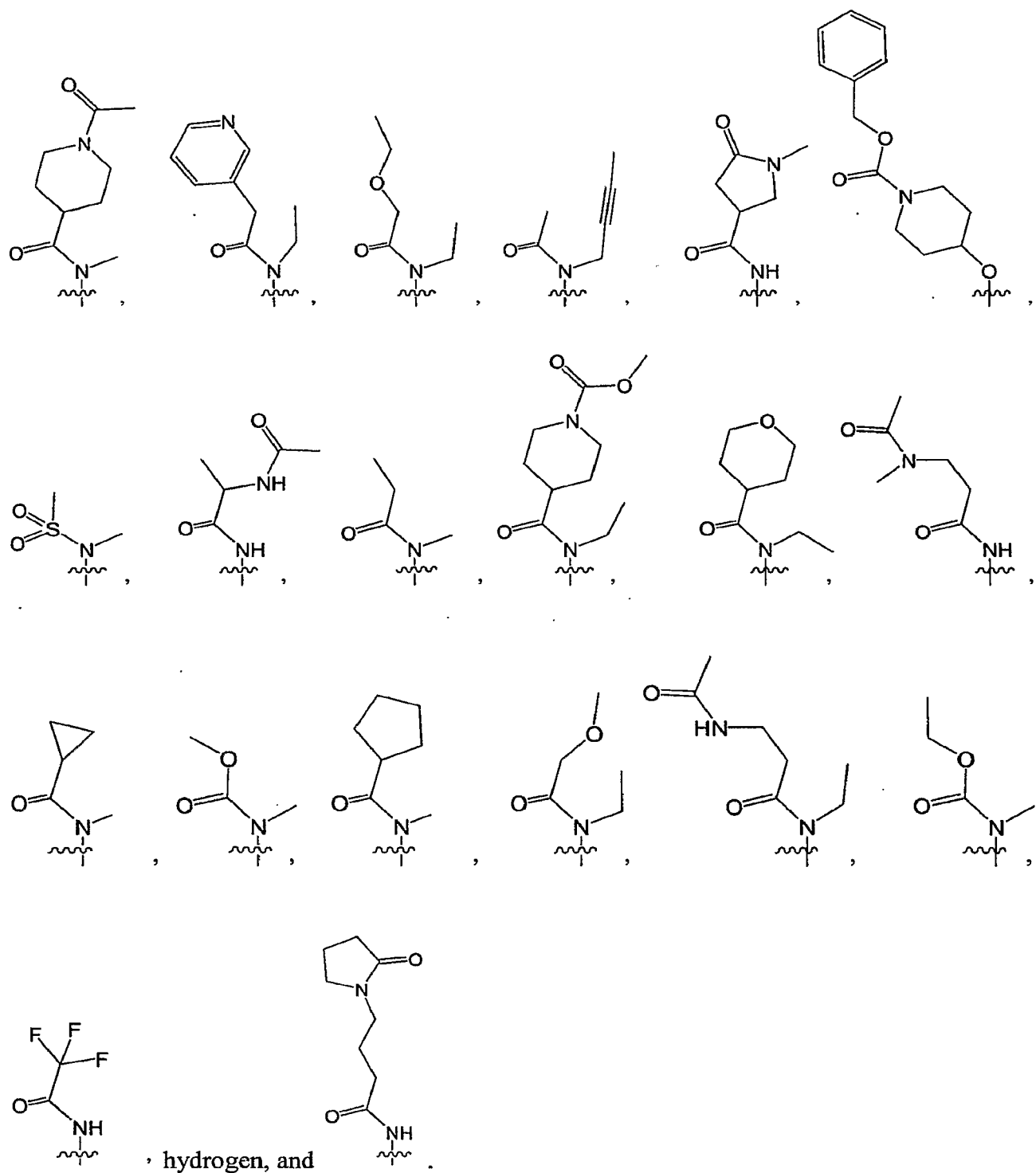
18. The method of any of claims 1-17, wherein one of R_3 or R'_3 is an optionally substituted heterocycloaliphatic and the remaining R_3 or R'_3 is hydrogen.
19. The method of any of claims 1-18, wherein one of R_3 or R'_3 is an optionally substituted 5-7 membered heterocycloaliphatic optionally substituted with 1-2 oxo groups, and the remaining R_3 or R'_3 is hydrogen.
20. The method of any of claims 1-19, wherein one of R_3 or R'_3 is pyrrolidinyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, 1,3-dioxolanyl, pyrazolidinyl, tetrahydropyranyl, thiomorpholinyl, morpholinyl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl, 1,4-dioxanyl, or 1,4-dithianyl, each of which is optionally substituted with 1-3 of halo, hydroxy, cyano, aryl, heteroaryl, cycloaliphatic, heterocycloaliphatic, aliphatic, alkoxy, oxo, or combinations thereof; and the remaining R_3 or R'_3 is hydrogen.
21. The method of any of claims 1-20, wherein R_3 and R'_3 are independently hydrogen or halo.
22. The method of any of claims 1-21, wherein R_3 and R'_3 together form an oxo group, or each of R_3 and R'_3 is independently selected from:







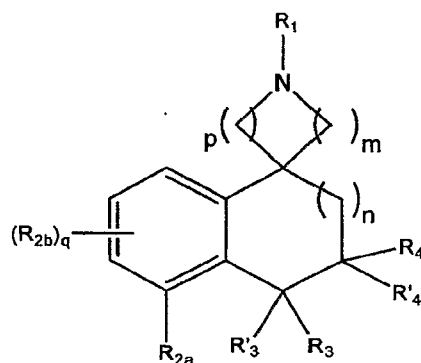




23. The method of any of claims 1-22, wherein R_3 and R_4 together with the atoms to which they are attached form a 5-6 membered optionally substituted heterocycloaliphatic.

24. The method of any of claims 1-23, wherein R_3 and R_4 taken together with the atoms to which they are attached form an optionally substituted 5-6 membered heterocycloaliphatic optionally substituted with 1-2 oxo groups.

25. The method of any of claims 1-24, wherein R_3 and R_4 together with the atoms to which they are attached form pyrrolidin-2-onyl, imidazolidin-2-onyl, or oxazolidin-2-onyl, each of which is optionally substituted.
26. The method of any of claims 1-25, wherein R_4 and R'_4 are each independently hydrogen or fluoro.
27. The method of claim 1, wherein the compound is one selected from compounds 1-239, 241-264, 267, 269-273, 275-277, 279, 280, 282, 287-295, and 297-302 as shown in Table 1.
28. A compound of formula Ie:



Ie

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

R_1 is a branched or straight C_{1-12} aliphatic optionally substituted with 1-3 of R^A , wherein up to 3 carbon units of R_1 are optionally and independently replaced by $-CS-$, $-CONR^F-$,

$-CONR^FNR^F-$, $-CO_2-$, $-OCO-$, $-NR^FCO_2-$, $-O-$, $-NR^FCONR^F-$, $-OCONR^F-$, $-NR^FNR^F-$, $-NR^FCO-$, $-S-$, $-SO-$, $-SO_2-$, $-NR^F-$, $-SO_2NR^F-$, $-NR^FSO_2-$, or $-NR^BSO_2NR^F-$;

Each R^A is halo, R^F , $-OH$, $-NH_2$, $-NO_2$, $-CN$, or $-OCF_3$;

Each R^F is hydrogen, or a branched or straight C_{1-8} aliphatic group optionally substituted with 1-3 of R^A ;

R_{2a} is $-Z^BR_5$, wherein each Z^B is independently a bond or an optionally substituted branched or straight C_{1-4} aliphatic chain wherein up to two carbon units of Z^B are optionally and independently replaced by $-CO-$, $-CS-$, $-CONR^B-$, $-CONR^BNR^B-$, $-CO_2-$, $-OCO-$, $-NR^BCO_2-$, $-O-$, $-NR^BCONR^B-$, $-OCONR^B-$, $-NR^BNR^B-$, $-NR^BCO-$, $-S-$, $-SO-$, $-SO_2-$, $-NR^B-$, $-SO_2NR^B-$, $-NR^BSO_2-$, or $-NR^BSO_2NR^B-$;

Each R_5 is independently R^B , halo, -OH, -CN, or -OCF₃;

Each R^B is independently hydrogen, an optionally substituted C₁₋₈ aliphatic group, an optionally substituted cycloaliphatic, an optionally substituted heterocycloaliphatic, an optionally substituted aryl, an optionally substituted heteroaryl, or

R_{2a} and R_3 together with the atoms to which they are attached form a 5-7 membered partially unsaturated optionally substituted cyclic group optionally having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from N, O, and S;

Each R_{2b} is independently $-Z^E R_8$, wherein each Z^E is independently a bond or an optionally substituted branched or straight C₁₋₄ aliphatic chain wherein up to two carbon units of Z^E are optionally and independently replaced by -CO-, -CS-, -CONR^G-, -CONR^GNR^G-, -CO₂-, -OCO-, -NR^GCO₂-, -O-, -NR^GCONR^G-, -OCONR^G-, -NR^GNR^G-, -NR^GCO-, -S-, -SO-, -SO₂-, -NR^G-, -SO₂NR^G-, -NR^GSO₂-, or -NR^GSO₂NR^G-;

Each R_8 is independently R^G , halo, -OH, -CN, or -OCF₃;

Each R^G is independently hydrogen, an optionally substituted C₁₋₈ aliphatic group, an optionally substituted cycloaliphatic, an optionally substituted heterocycloaliphatic, an optionally substituted aryl, an optionally substituted heteroaryl, or

R_{2a} and one R_{2b} together with the atoms to which they are attached form a 5-7 membered partially unsaturated optionally substituted cyclic group optionally having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from N, O, and S, wherein R_{2b} is attached to a carbon atom vicinal to the carbon atom to which R_{2a} is attached on the fused phenyl of formula I, or

Two of R_{2b} together with the atoms to which they are attached form a 5-7 membered partially unsaturated optionally substituted cyclic group optionally having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from N, O, and S, wherein each R_{2b} is attached to a vicinal carbon atom on the fused phenyl of formula Ie;

Each R_3 and R'_3 is independently $-Z^C R_6$, wherein each Z^C is independently a bond or an optionally substituted branched or straight C₁₋₄ aliphatic chain wherein up to two carbon units of Z^C are optionally and independently replaced by -CO-, -CS-, -CONR^C-, -CONR^CNR^C-, -CO₂-, -OCO-, -NR^CCO₂-, -O-, -NR^CCONR^C-, -OCONR^C-, -NR^CNR^C-, -NR^CCO-, -S-, -SO-, -SO₂-, -SO₂NR^C-, -NR^CSO₂-, or -NR^CSO₂NR^C-, or

Each R_6 is independently R^C , halo, -OH, -NH₂, -NO₂, -CN, or -OCF₃;

Each R^C is independently hydrogen, an optionally substituted C_{1-8} aliphatic group; an optionally substituted cycloaliphatic, an optionally substituted heterocycloaliphatic, an optionally substituted aryl, or an optionally substituted heteroaryl having 1-3 heteroatoms, or

R_3 and R_4 together with the atoms to which they are attached form a 5-7 membered optionally substituted cycloaliphatic or a 5-7 membered optionally substituted heterocycloaliphatic, or

R_3 and R'_3 together form an oxo group;

R_4 and R'_4 together form an oxo group, or each is independently $-Z^D R_7$, wherein each Z^D is independently a bond or an optionally substituted branched or straight C_{1-4} aliphatic chain wherein up to two carbon units of Z^D are optionally and independently replaced by $-CO-$, $-CS-$, $-CONR^D-$, $-CONR^D NR^D-$, $-CO_2-$, $-OCO-$, $-NR^D CO_2-$, $-O-$, $-NR^D CONR^D-$, $-OCONR^D-$, $-NR^D NR^D-$, $-NR^D CO-$, $-S-$, $-SO-$, $-SO_2-$, $-NR^D-$, $-SO_2 NR^D-$, $-NR^D SO_2-$, or $-NR^D SO_2 NR^D-$;

Each R_7 is R^D , halo, $-OH$, $-NH_2$, $-NO_2$, $-CN$, or $-OCF_3$;

Each R^D is independently hydrogen, an optionally substituted C_{1-8} aliphatic group; an optionally substituted cycloaliphatic, an optionally substituted heterocycloaliphatic, an optionally substituted aryl, or an optionally substituted heteroaryl;

m is 0-3, p is 0-3, and $m + p$ is 3, 4, 5, or 6;

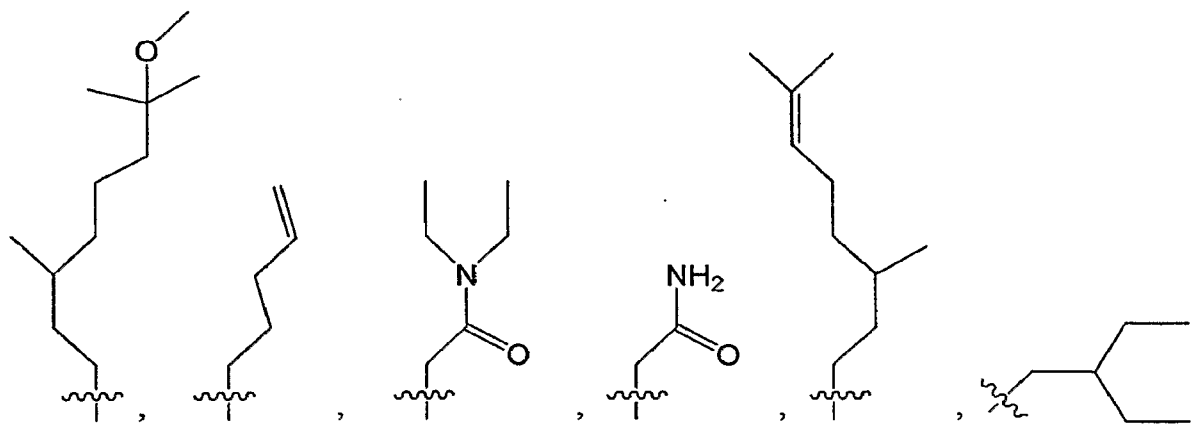
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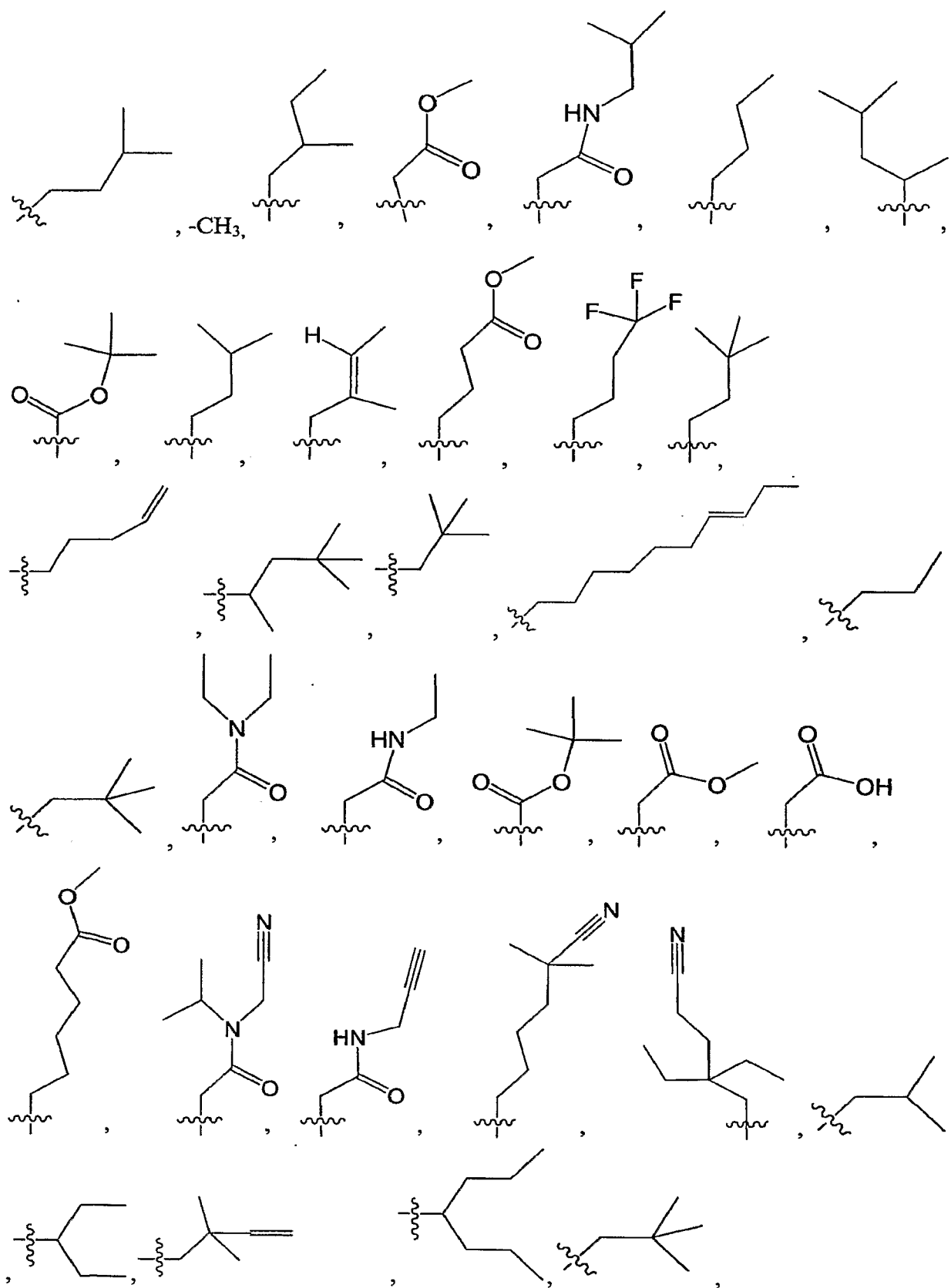
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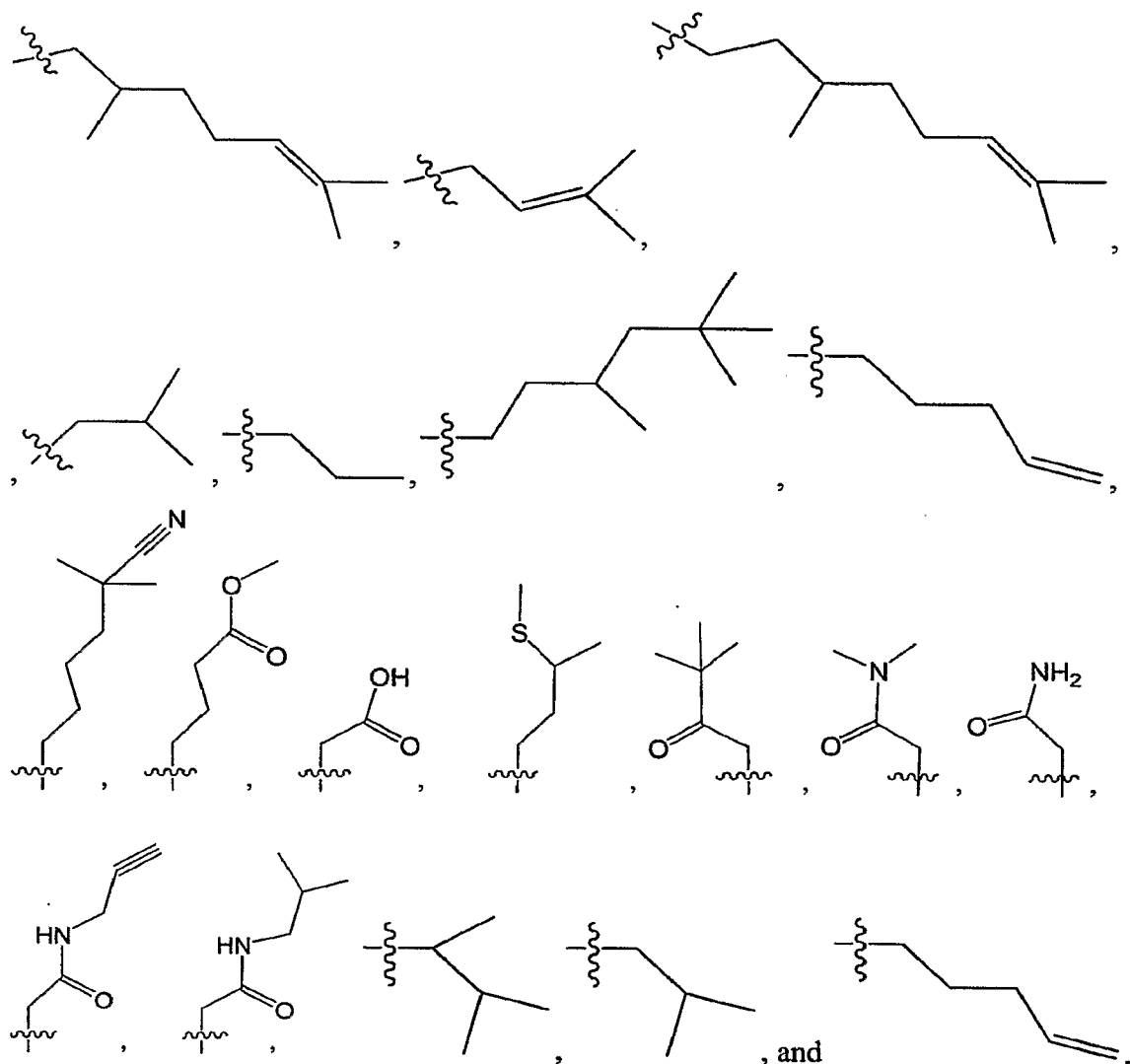
Provided that when R_1 is methyl or hydrogen, neither R_3 nor R'_3 are 1-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)tetrazol-5-yl-amino.

29. The compound of claim 28, wherein up to 2 carbon units of R_1 are optionally and independently replaced with $-O-$, $-NR^F-$, $-C(O)O-$, $-S(O)_2-$, $-S-$, or combinations thereof, wherein R^F is hydrogen, or a branched or straight C_{1-8} aliphatic group optionally substituted with 1-3 of R^A , and each R^A is independently halo, $-OH$, $-NH_2$, $-NO_2$, $-CN$, or $-OCF_3$.
30. The compound of either of claims 28 or 29, wherein R_1 is a straight C_{1-10} aliphatic or a branched C_{3-12} aliphatic, each of which is optionally substituted with 1-3 of halo, hydroxy, cyano, or combinations thereof.

31. The compound of any of claims 28-30, wherein R_1 is an optionally substituted C_{2-12} alkenyl.
32. The compound of any of claims 28-31, wherein R_1 is a straight C_{1-10} alkyl, straight C_{2-10} alkenyl, straight C_{2-10} alkynyl, branched C_{3-12} alkyl, branched C_{3-12} alkenyl, or branched C_{3-12} alkynyl, each of which is optionally substituted with 1-3 of R^A ; and each R^A is independently halo, -OH, -NH₂, -NO₂, -CN, or -OCF₃.
33. The compound of any of claims 28-32, wherein R_1 is an optionally substituted straight or branched C_{1-12} aliphatic wherein 1-2 of the carbon units have been optionally replaced with -S-.
34. The compound of any of claims 28-33, wherein R_1 is aliphatic-S-aliphatic that is optionally substituted with 1-3 of halo, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, trifluoromethoxy, or combinations thereof.
35. The compound of any of claims 28-34, wherein R_1 is an optionally substituted straight or branched C_{1-12} aliphatic wherein 1-2 of the carbon units have been optionally replaced with -C(O)O-.
36. The compound of any of claims 28-35, wherein R_1 is an (aliphaticoxy(carbonyl))aliphatic, or (aliphaticoxy)carbonyl, each of which is optionally substituted with 1-3 of halo, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, or combinations thereof.
37. The compound of any of claims 28-36, wherein R_1 is one selected from:





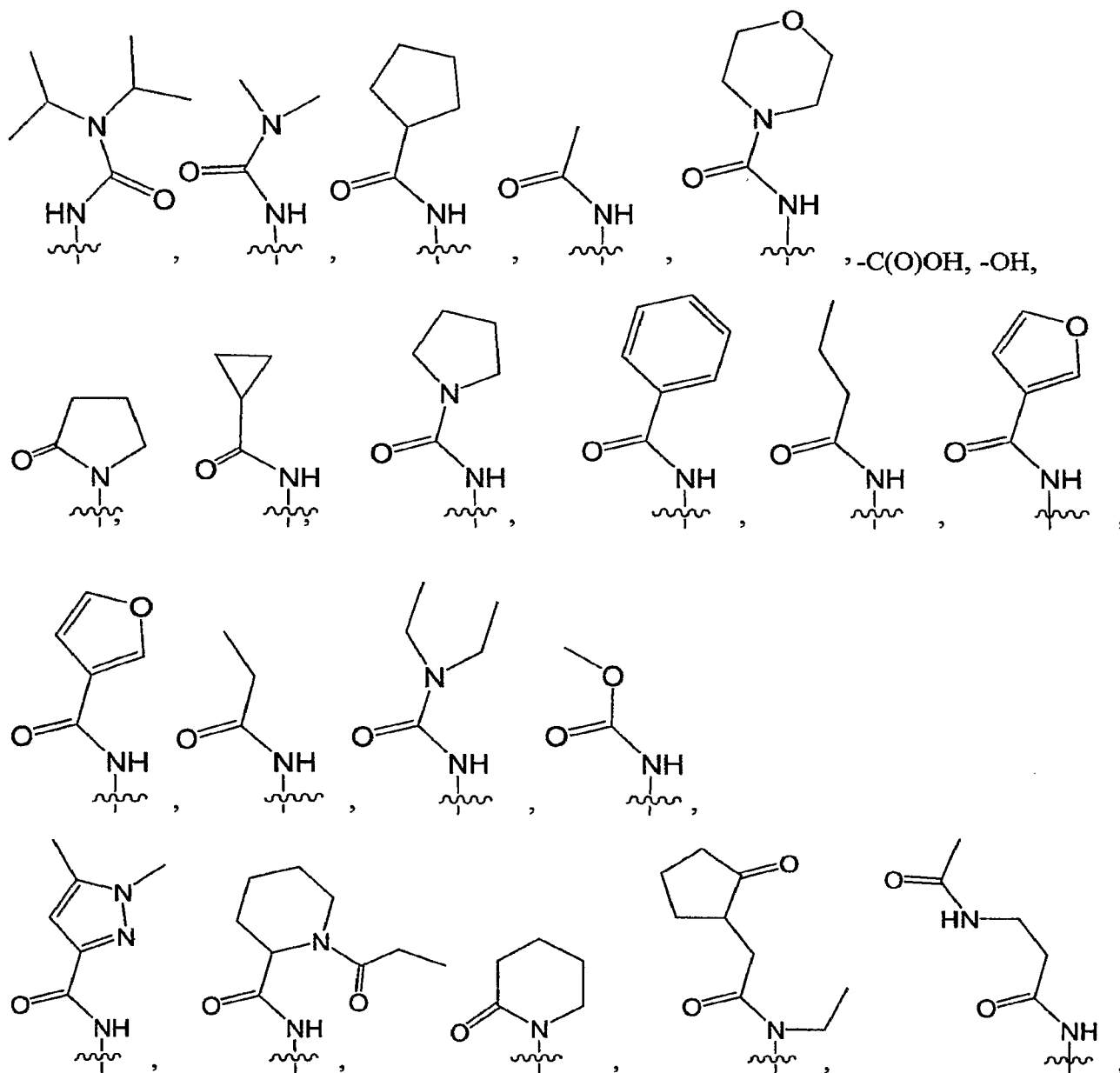


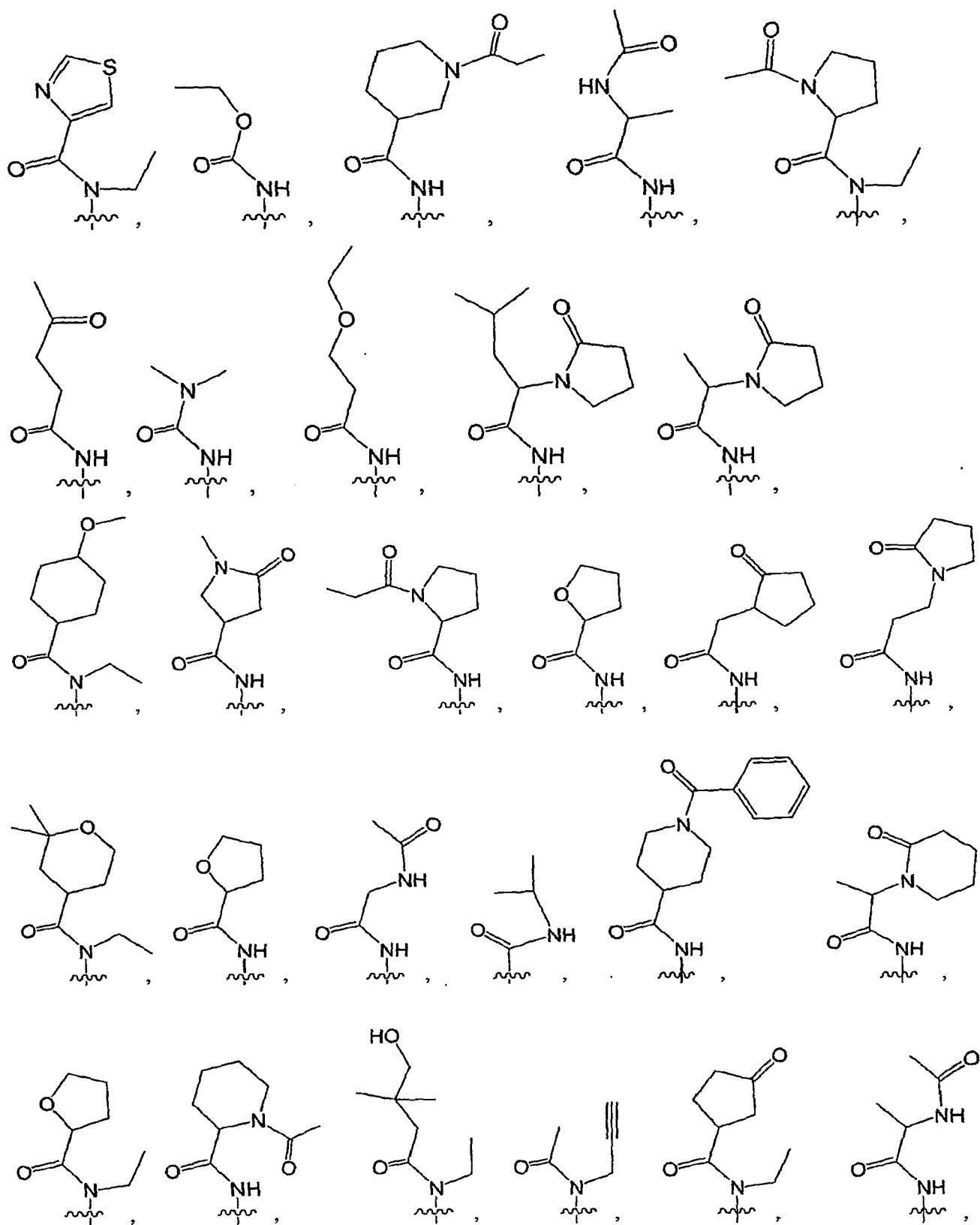
38. The compound of any of claims 28-37, wherein q is 0 and R_{2a} is hydrogen.
39. The compound of any of claims 28-38, wherein R_{2a} and R_3 taken together with the atoms to which they are attached form a 5-7 membered partially unsaturated optionally substituted heterocycloaliphatic.
40. The compound of any of claims 28-39, wherein R_{2a} and R_3 taken together with the atoms to which they are attached form optionally substituted 1H-pyrrol-2(5H)-onyl.
41. The compound of any of claims 28-40, wherein q is 1 or 2 and R_{2b} is independently halo or methoxy.
42. The compound of any of claims 28-41, wherein one of R_3 and R'_3 is a branched or straight optionally substituted C_{1-4} aliphatic wherein up to two carbon units of R_3 or R'_3 are

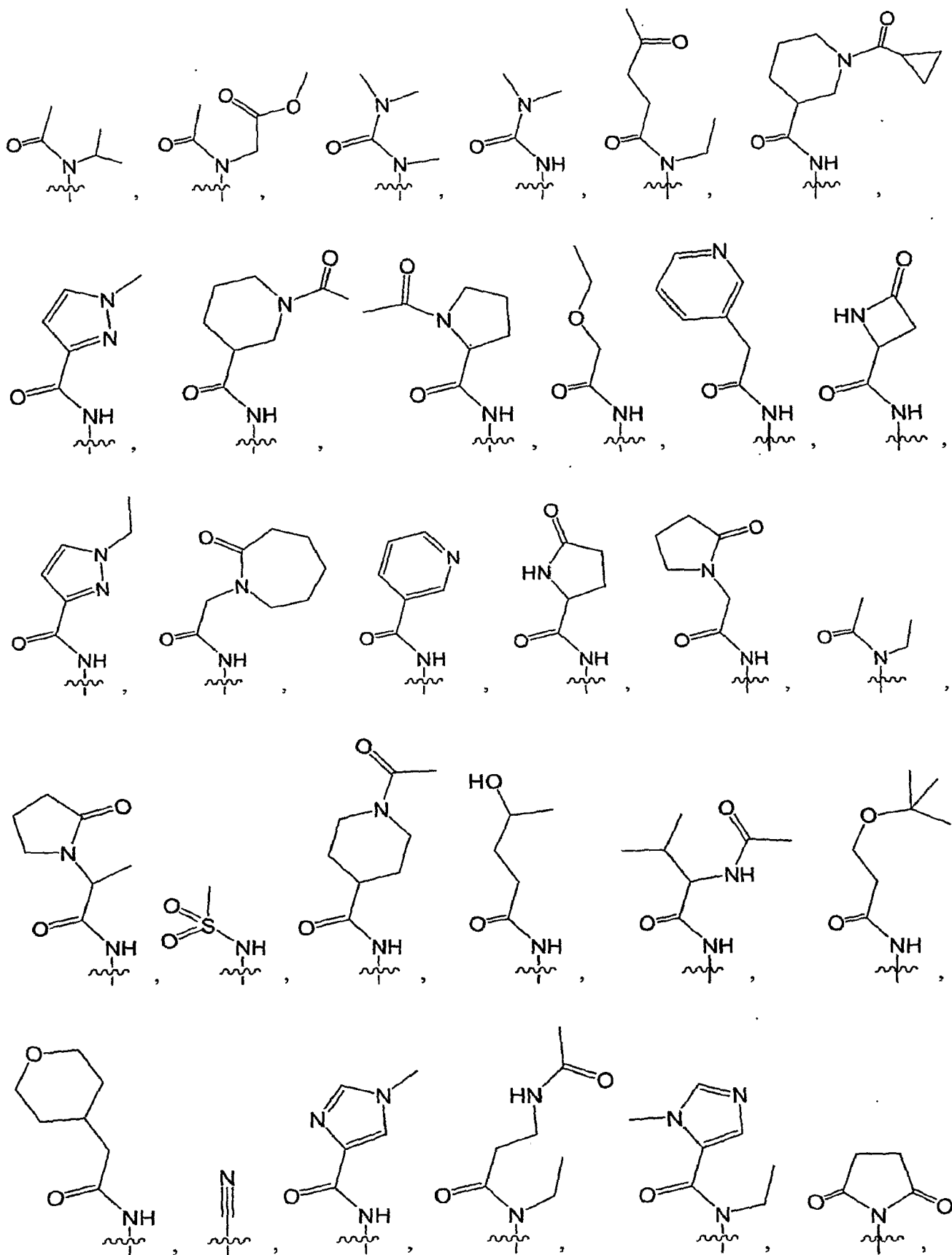
optionally and independently replaced by -C(O)-, -NH-, or -S(O)₂-, and the remaining R₃ or R'₃ is hydrogen.

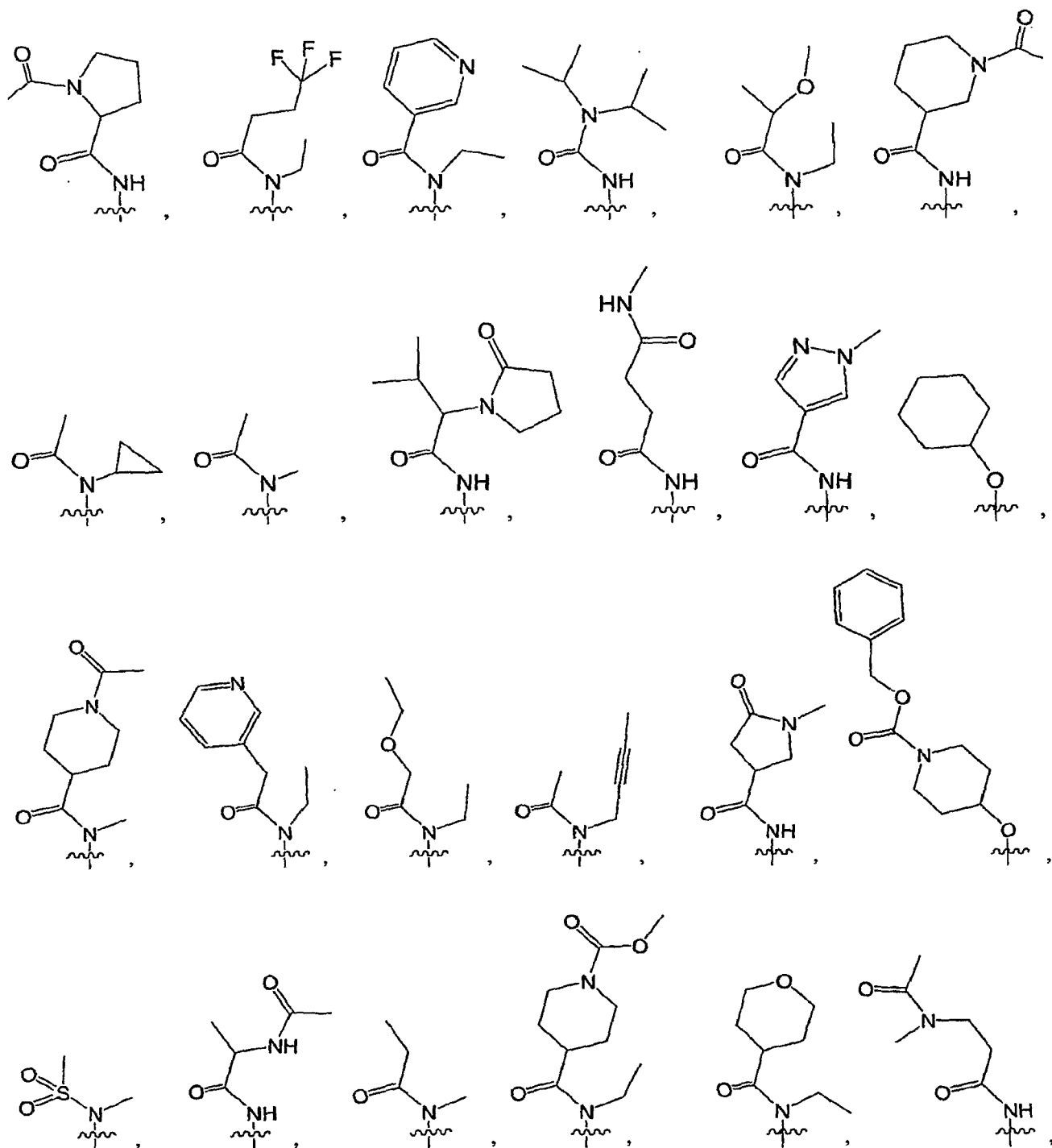
43. The compound of any of claims 28-42, wherein one of R₃ and R'₃ is straight optionally substituted C₂₋₄ aliphatic wherein a first carbon unit is optionally and independently replaced by -NH-, and a second carbon unit is optionally and independently replaced by -C(O)-.
44. The compound of any of claims 28-43, wherein one of R₃ and R'₃ is an optionally substituted (methylcarbonyl)amino, and the remaining R₃ or R'₃ is hydrogen..
45. The compound of any of claims 28-44, wherein one of R₃ and R'₃ is an optionally substituted heterocycloaliphatic, and the remaining R₃ or R'₃ is hydrogen.
46. The compound of any of claims 28-45, wherein one of R₃ and R'₃ is a 5-7 membered heterocycloaliphatic optionally substituted with 1-3 of halo, hydroxy, cyano, aryl, heteroaryl, cycloaliphatic, heterocycloaliphatic, aliphatic, alkoxy, oxo, or combinations thereof; and the remaining R₃ or R'₃ is hydrogen.
47. The compound of any of claims 28-46, wherein one of R₃ and R'₃ is pyrrolidinyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, 1,3-dioxolanyl, pyrazolidinyl, tetrahydropyranyl, thiomorpholinyl, morpholinyl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl, 1,4-dioxanyl, or 1,4-dithianyl, each of which is optionally substituted with 1-3 of halo, hydroxy, cyano, aryl, heteroaryl, cycloaliphatic, heterocycloaliphatic, aliphatic, alkoxy, oxo, or combinations thereof, and the remaining R₃ or R'₃ is hydrogen.
48. The compound of any of claims 28-47, wherein R₃ and R'₃ are independently hydrogen or halo.
49. The compound of any of claims 28-48, wherein R₃ and R₄ together with the atoms to which they are attached form a 5-6 membered optionally substituted heterocycloaliphatic.
50. The compound of any of claims 28-49, wherein R₃ and R₄ taken together with the atoms to which they are attached form a 5-6 membered heterocycloaliphatic that is optionally substituted with 1-2 oxo groups.

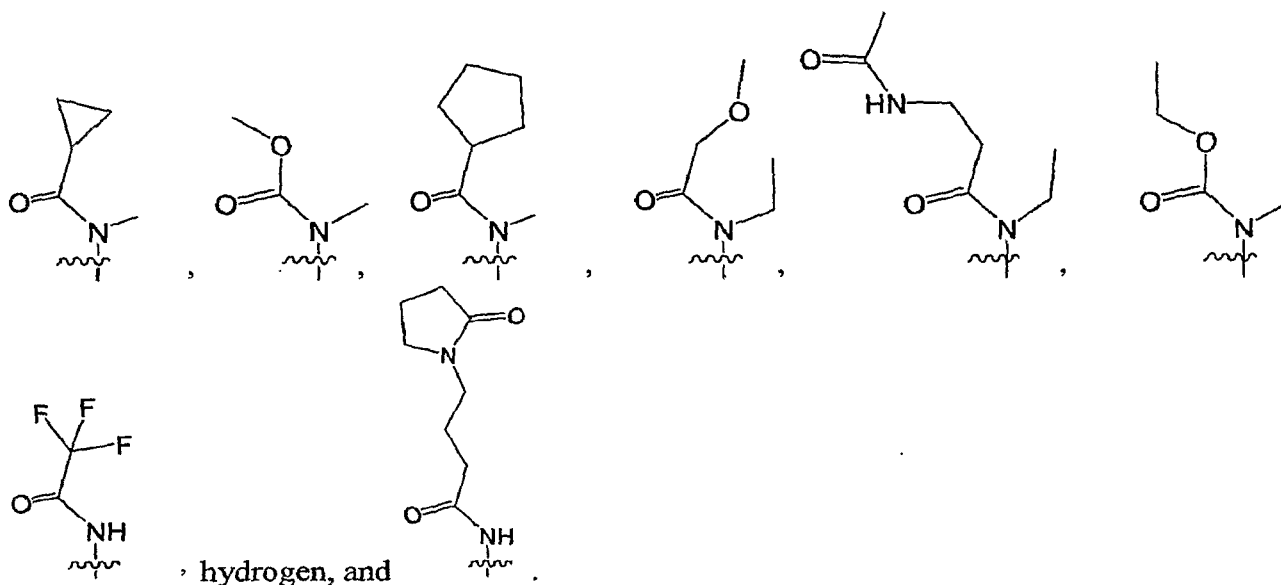
51. The compound of any of claims 28-50, wherein R_3 and R_4 together with the atoms to which they are attached form pyrrolidin-2-onyl, imidazolidin-2-onyl, or oxazolidin-2-onyl, each of which is optionally substituted.
52. The compound of any of claims 28-51, wherein R_3 and R'_3 together form an oxo group, or R_3 and R'_3 are each independently selected from:











53. The compound of any of claims 28-52, wherein R_4 and R'_4 are each independently hydrogen or fluoro.
54. A compound selected from compounds 1-239, 241-264, 267, 269-273, 275-277, 279, 280, 282, 287-295, and 297-302 as shown in Table 1.
55. A method of treating or reducing the severity of a muscarinic receptor mediated disease in a mammal, comprising the step of administering to said mammal a compound as described in claim 1 or a compound according to claim 28.
56. The method according to claim 55, wherein said muscarinic receptor is M_4 .
57. The method according to claim 56, wherein said muscarinic receptor is M_1 .
58. A method of treating or reducing the severity of a disease in a patient, wherein said disease is selected from CNS derived pathologies including cognitive disorders, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), obesity, Alzheimer's disease, various dementias such as vascular dementia, psychosis associated with CNS disorders including schizophrenia, mania, bipolar disorders, pain conditions including acute and chronic syndromes, Huntington's Chorea, Friederich's ataxia, Gilles de la Tourette's Syndrome, Downs Syndrome, Pick disease, clinical depression, Parkinson's disease, peripheral disorders such as reduction of intra ocular pressure in Glaucoma and treatment of dry eyes and dry mouth including Sjögren's Syndrome, bradycardia, gastric acid secretion, asthma, GI disturbances, and wound healing, wherein said method comprises the step of

contacting said patient with a compound as described in claim 1 or a compound according to claim 28.

59. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claims 28-54 and a pharmaceutical carrier.