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(54) **PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF
1,2,4-OXADIAZOL-3-YL DERIVATIVES OF
CARBOXYLIC ACID**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

The present invention discloses processes for the preparation and isolation of [1,2,4]oxadiazol-3-yl derivatives of carboxylic acids. The derivatives are useful in the treatment of inflammatory diseases and conditions.

**PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF
1,2,4-OXADIAZOL-3-YL DERIVATIVES OF
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CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED
APPLICATION

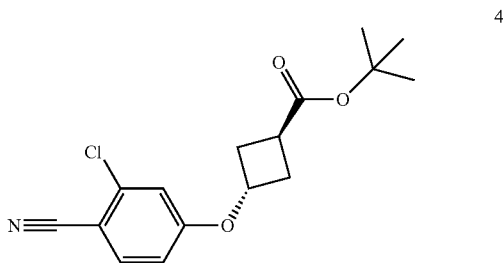
[0001] This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application Ser. No. 61/450,437 filed on Mar. 8, 2011, the contents of which are incorporated herein.

BACKGROUND

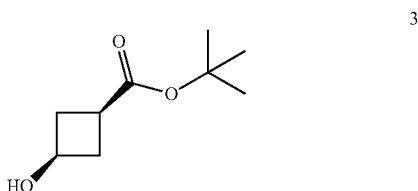
[0002] Alkylcarboxylic acids possessing heterocyclic substituents are important intermediates for the preparation of a useful class of biologically-active molecules. In particular, these biologically active compounds include but are not limited to S1P1 agonists such as those described in WO 2008076356 A1 and other publications. S1P1 agonists are useful, e.g., in the treatment of inflammatory diseases and conditions, and in the treatment of other diseases and conditions.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

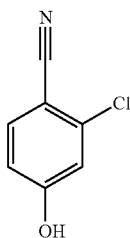
[0003] In a first embodiment the invention provides a process for the preparation of a compound of Formula 4



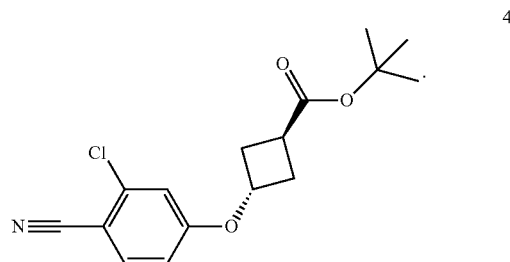
[0004] comprising the step of reacting compound of Formula 3



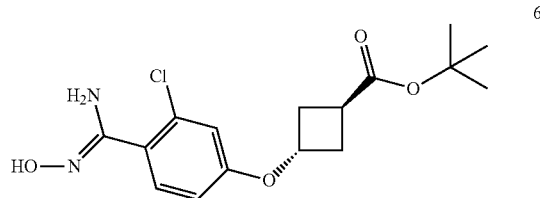
[0005] with a compound of Formula 5



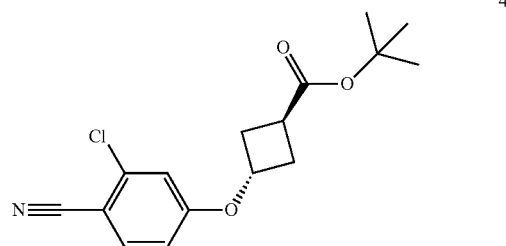
[0006] in the presence of activators such as TPP, DEAD or DIAD until the reaction is substantially complete to form a compound of Formula 4



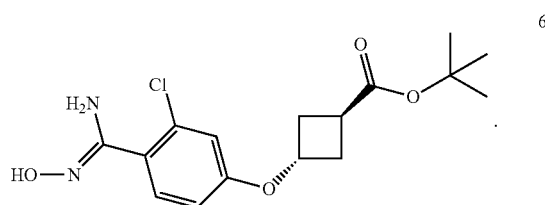
[0007] In a second embodiment the invention provides a process for the preparation of a compound of Formula 6



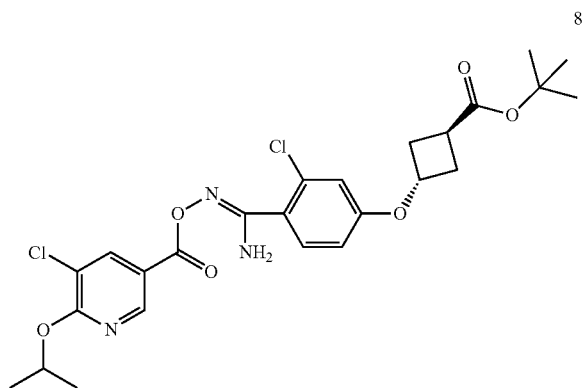
[0008] comprising the steps of reacting hydroxylamine with a compound of Formula 4



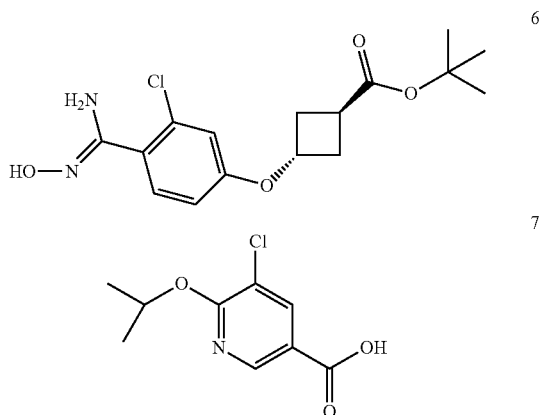
[0009] until the reaction is substantially complete, forming a compound of Formula 6



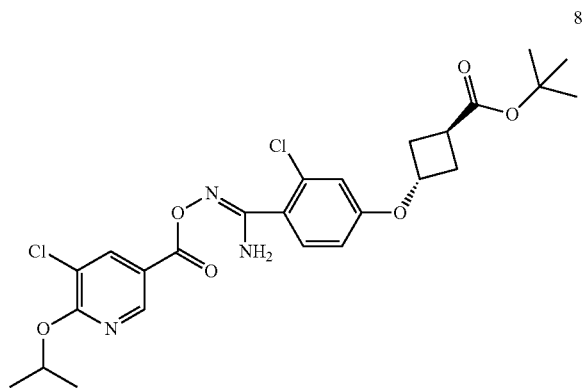
[0010] In a third embodiment the invention provides a process for the preparation of a compound of Formula 8



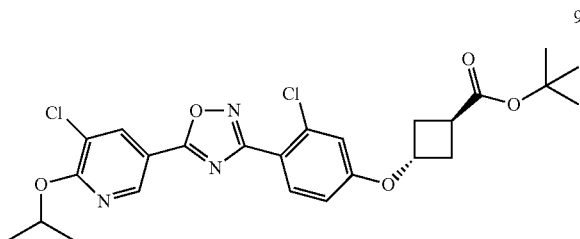
[0011] comprising the step of reacting compounds 6 and 7 in the presence of an activator such as carbonyldiimidazole, HATU or HOBT



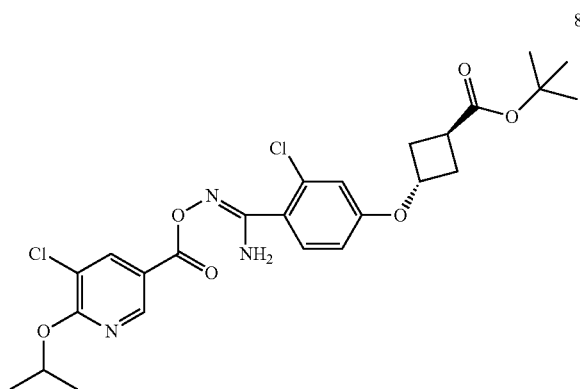
[0012] until the reaction is substantially complete to form a compound of Formula 8



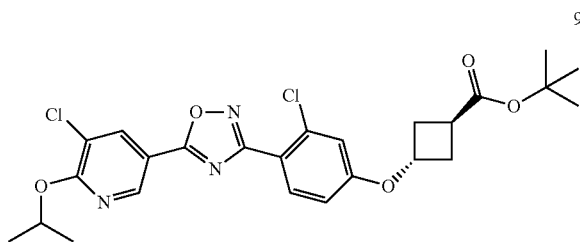
[0013] In a fourth embodiment the invention provides a process for the preparation of a compound of Formula 9



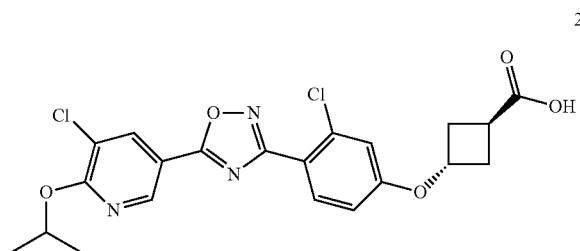
[0014] comprising of the cyclization of a compound of Formula 8



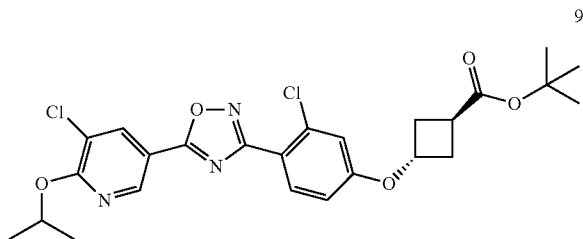
[0015] in the presence of a base such as tetrabutylammonium fluoride, diisopropylethylamine, DBU, or tetramethylguanidine until the reaction is substantially complete to form a compound of Formula 9



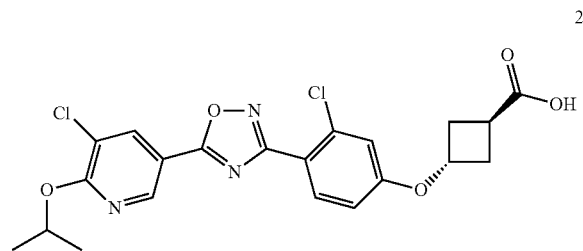
[0016] In a fifth embodiment the invention provides a process for the preparation of a compound of Formula 2



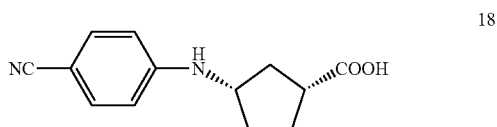
[0017] comprising the steps of reacting a compound of Formula 9



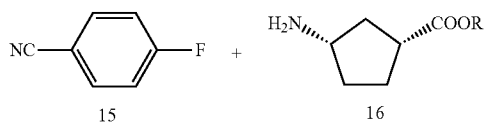
[0018] with triethylamine and trimethylsilyl triflate until the reaction is substantially complete to form a compound of Formula 2



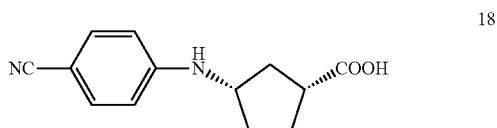
[0019] In a sixth embodiment the invention provides a process for the preparation of a compound of Formula 18



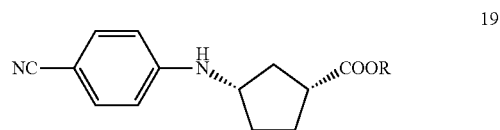
[0020] comprising the step of reacting the compounds of Formula 15 and Formula 16



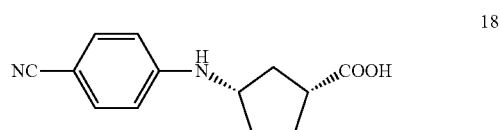
[0021] in the presence of a base such as potassium carbonate until the reaction is substantially complete to form a compound of Formula 18



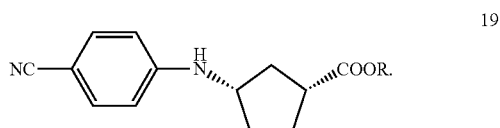
[0022] In a seventh embodiment the invention provides a process for the preparation of a compound of Formula 19



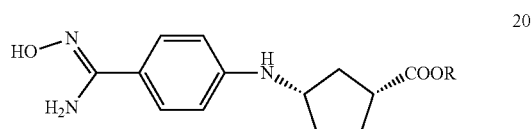
[0023] wherein R is alkyl, comprising the step of reacting a compound of Formula 18



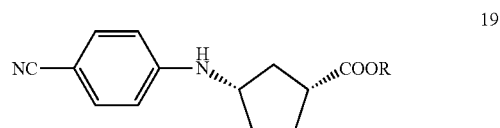
[0024] in a solution of hydrogen chloride gassed into an alcohol until the reaction is substantially complete to form a compound of Formula 19



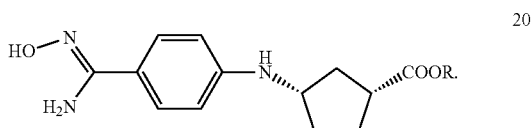
[0025] In an eighth embodiment the invention provides a process for the preparation of a compound of Formula 20



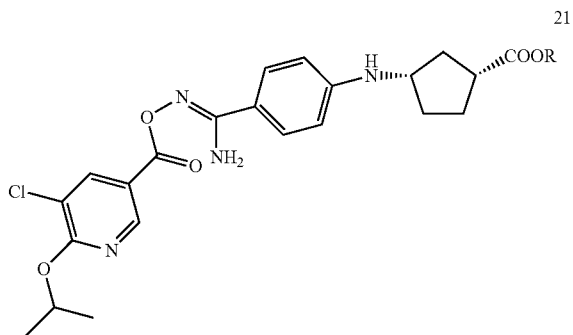
[0026] wherein R is alkyl, comprising the step of reacting a compound of Formula 19



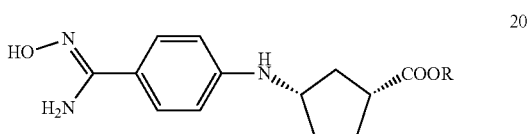
[0027] with hydroxylamine until the reaction is substantially complete to form a compound of Formula 20



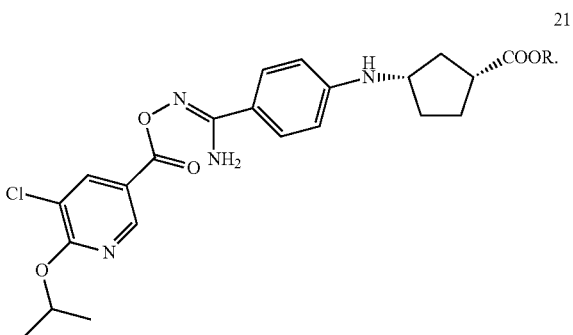
[0028] In a ninth embodiment the invention provides a process for the preparation of a compound of Formula 21



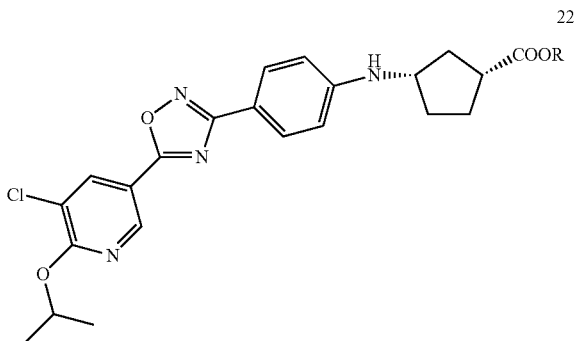
[0029] wherein R is alkyl, comprising the step of reacting a compound of Formula 20



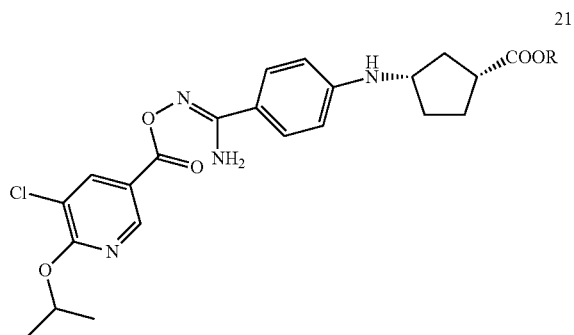
[0030] with DBU in THF until the reaction is substantially complete to form a compound of Formula 21



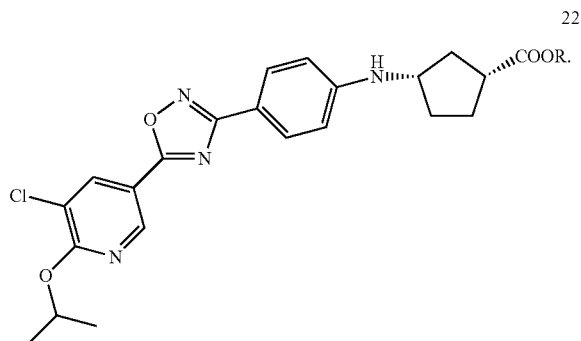
[0031] In a tenth embodiment the invention provides a process for the preparation of a compound of Formula 22



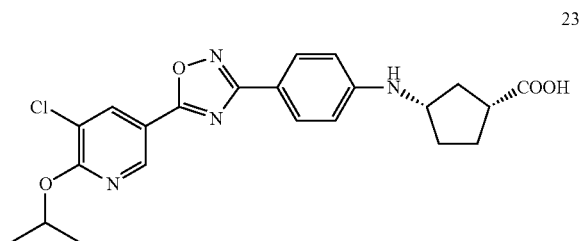
[0032] wherein R is alkyl, comprising the step of reacting a compound of Formula 21



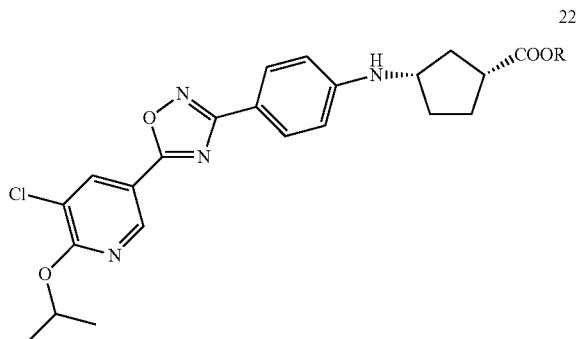
[0033] with DBU in THF until the reaction is substantially complete to form a compound of Formula 22



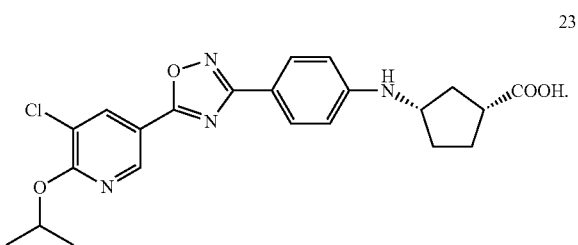
[0034] In an eleventh embodiment the invention provides a process for the preparation of a compound of Formula 23



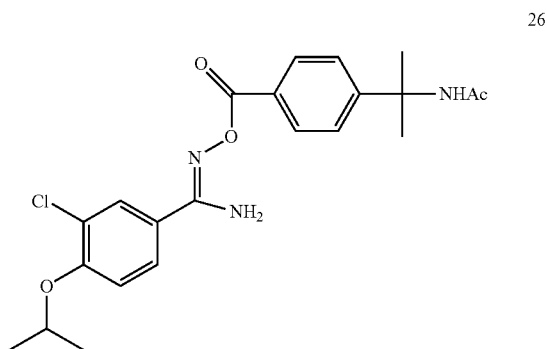
[0035] comprising the step of reacting sodium hydroxide and a compound of Formula 22



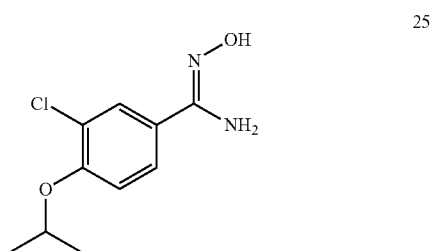
[0036] until the reaction is substantially complete to form a compound of Formula 23



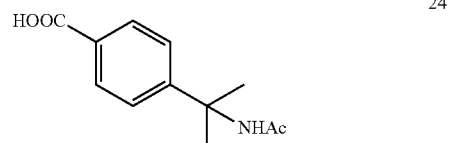
[0037] In a twelfth embodiment the invention provides a process for the preparation of a compound of Formula 26



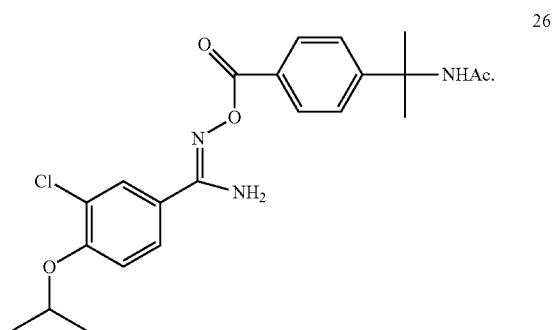
[0038] comprising the step of reacting compounds of Formula 24 and 25



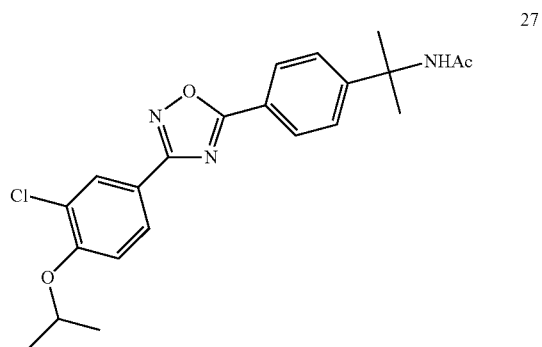
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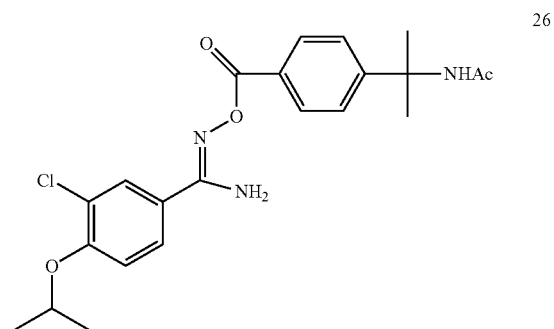
[0039] in the presence of an activator such as carbonyl-diimidazole, HATU or HOBT until the reaction is substantially complete to form a compound of Formula 26



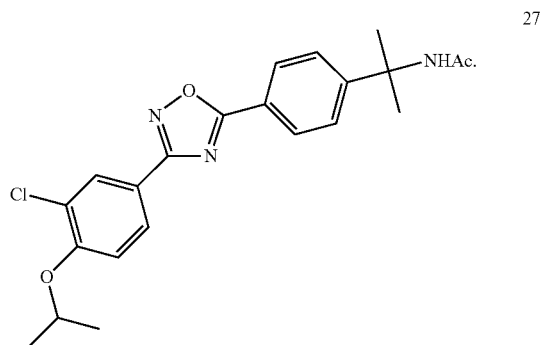
[0040] In a thirteenth embodiment the invention provides a process for the preparation of a compound of Formula 27



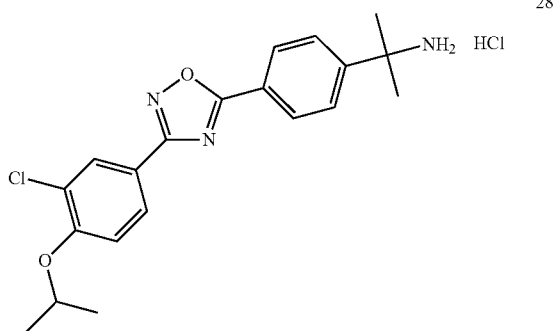
[0041] comprising of cyclization of a compound of Formula 26



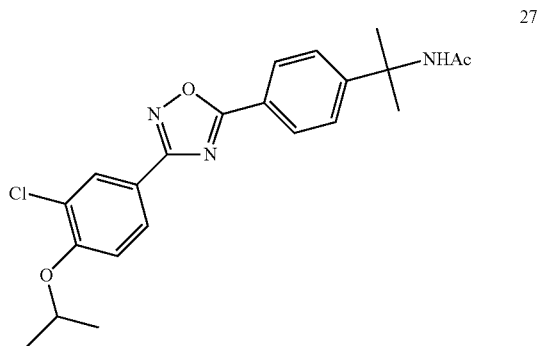
[0042] in the presence of a base such as until the reaction is substantially complete to form a compound of Formula 27



[0043] In a fourteenth embodiment the invention provides a process for the preparation of a compound of Formula 28

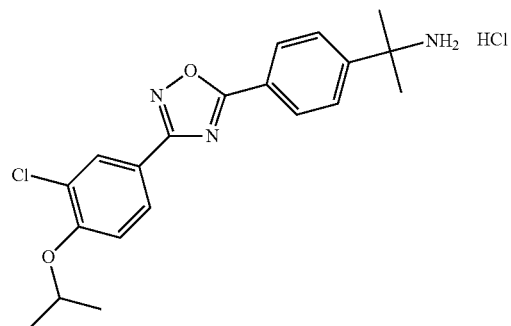


[0044] comprising the step of reacting a compound of Formula 27



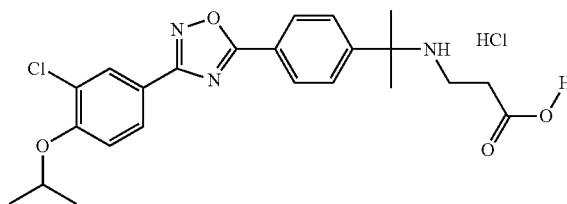
[0045] with pyridine and oxalyl chloride until the reaction is substantially complete to form a compound of Formula 28

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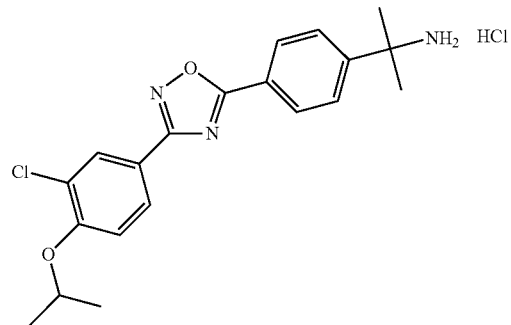
[0046] In a fifteenth embodiment the invention provides a process for the preparation of a compound of Formula 29

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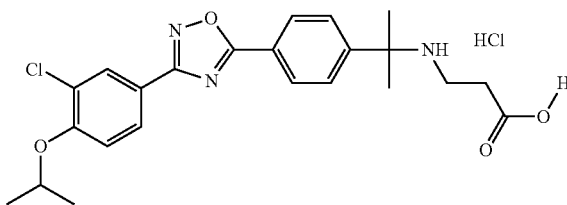
[0047] comprising the step of reacting a compound of Formula 28

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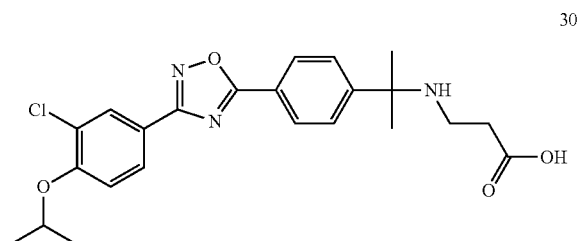


[0048] with alkyl acrylate until the reaction is substantially complete to form a compound of Formula 29

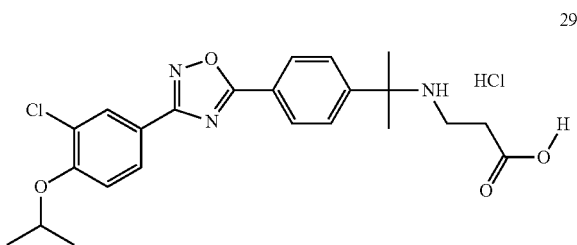
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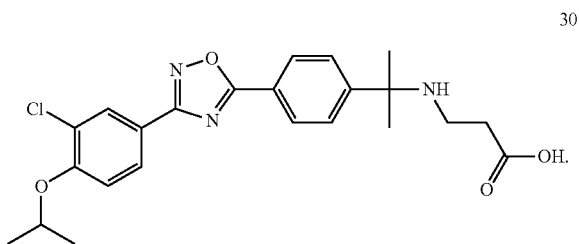
[0049] In a sixteenth embodiment the invention provides a process for the preparation of a compound of Formula 30



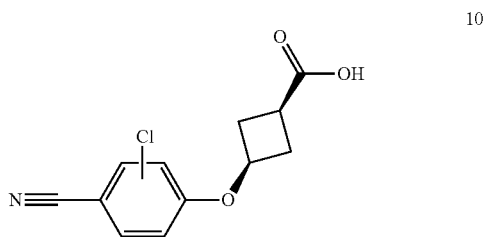
[0050] comprising the steps of reacting a compound of Formula 29



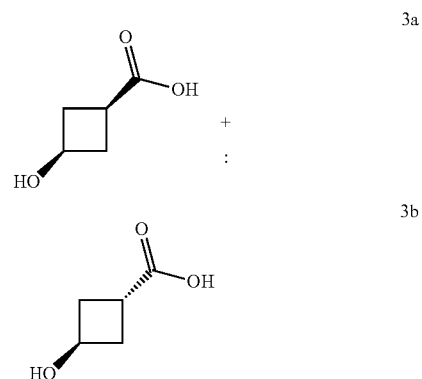
[0051] with sodium hydroxide until the reaction is substantially complete to form a compound of Formula 30



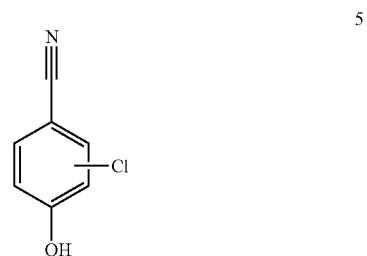
[0052] In a seventeenth embodiment the invention provides a process for the preparation of a compound of Formula 10



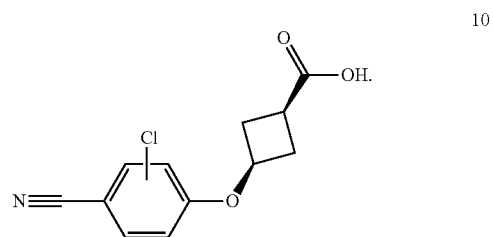
[0053] comprising the step of reacting the mixture of compounds of Formulas 3a and 3b



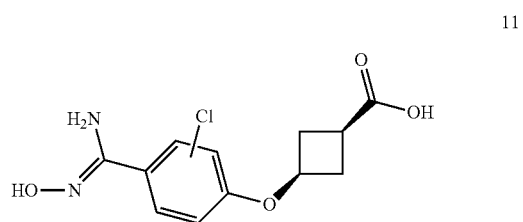
[0054] with a compound of Formula 5



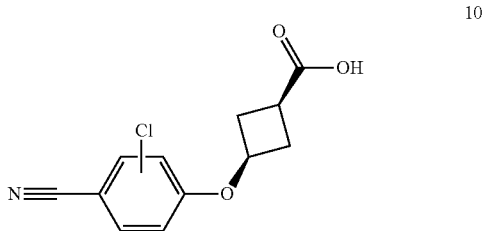
[0055] until the reaction is substantially complete to form a compound of Formula 10



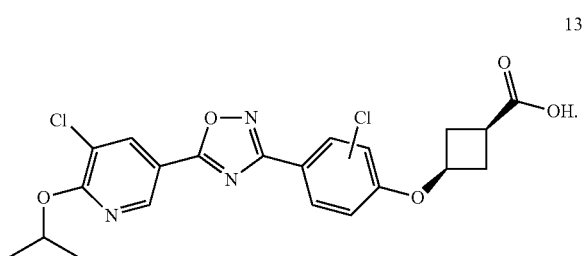
[0056] In an eighteenth embodiment the invention provides a process for the preparation of a compound of Formula 11



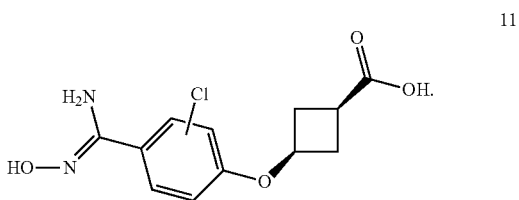
[0057] comprising the steps of reacting hydroxylamine with a compound of Formula 10



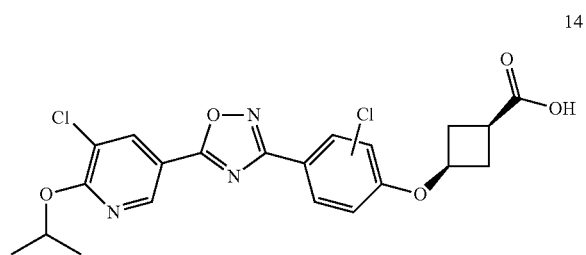
[0061] until the reaction is substantially complete to form a compound of Formula 13



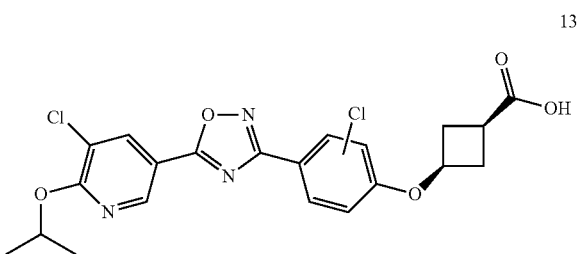
[0058] until the reaction is substantially complete, forming a compound of Formula 11



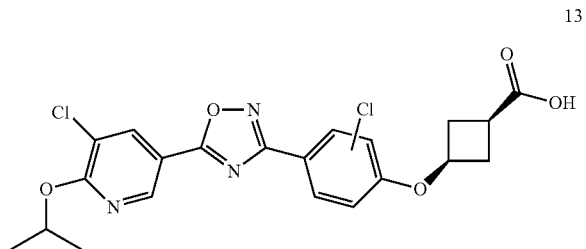
[0062] In a twentieth embodiment the invention provides a process for the preparation of a compound of Formula 14



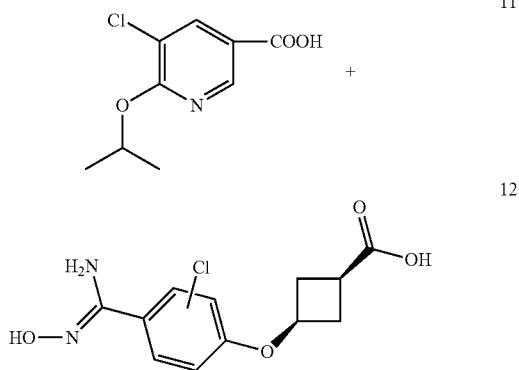
[0059] In a nineteenth embodiment the invention provides a process for the preparation of a compound of Formula 13



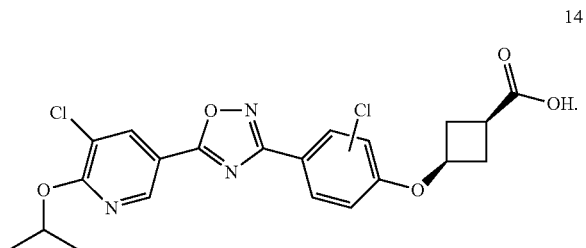
[0063] comprising the step of reacting a compound of Formula 13



[0060] comprising the step of reacting carbonyldiimidazole with compounds 11 and 12



[0064] with sodium hydroxide until the reaction is substantially complete to form a compound of Formula 14



DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Abbreviations

- [0065] ACN Acetonitrile
 [0066] CAN Ceric ammonium nitrate
 [0067] CDI Carbonyldiimidazole
 [0068] DBU 1,8-Diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene
 [0069] DCM Dichloromethane (methylene chloride)
 [0070] DEAD Diethyl azodicarboxylate
 [0071] DIEA N,N-Diisopropylethylamine
 [0072] DMF N,N-Dimethylformamide
 [0073] DMSO Dimethyl sulfoxide
 [0074] EDC N-(3-Dimethylaminopropyl)-N'-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride
 [0075] equiv Equivalent(s)
 [0076] EtOH Ethanol
 [0077] h Hour(s)
 [0078] IPA Isopropyl alcohol
 [0079] MTBE Methyl tert-butyl ether
 [0080] R_t Retention Time
 [0081] TEA Triethylamine
 [0082] THF Tetrahydrofuran
 [0083] TMSOTf Trimethylsilyltrifluoromethane sulfonate
 [0084] TPP Triphenylphosphine
 [0085] TPPO Triphenylphosphine oxide

Analytical Methods

[0086] Analytical data is included within the procedures below. Unless otherwise stated, all ¹H data were collected at 500 MHz; chemical shifts are quoted in parts per million (ppm), mobile phase A was 0.1% phosphoric acid, mobile phase B was HPLC grade acetonitrile. HPLC data are referenced to the table of LC/MS and HPLC conditions using the method number provided in Table 1. High-pressure liquid chromatography (HPLC) analytical data are either detailed within the experimental or referenced to Table 1 of LC/MS and HPLC conditions.

General Synthetic Schemes

[0087] The general synthetic schemes that were utilized to construct the compounds disclosed in this application are described below.

[0088] The process for the synthesis and isolation of derivatives of carboxylic acids is shown in Schemes I-IV.

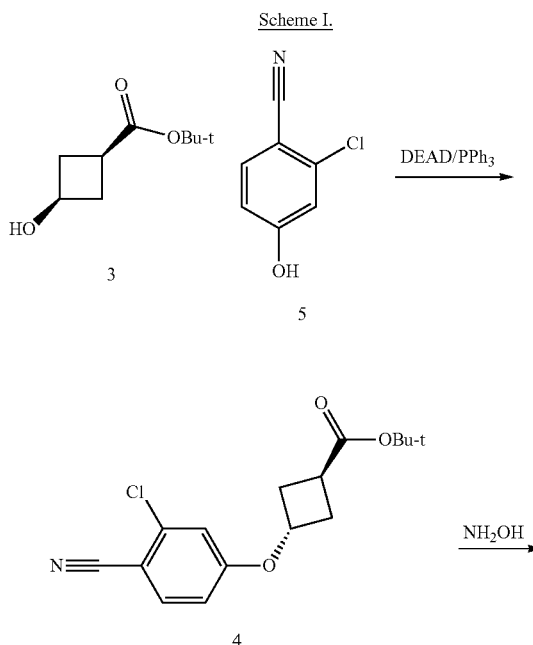
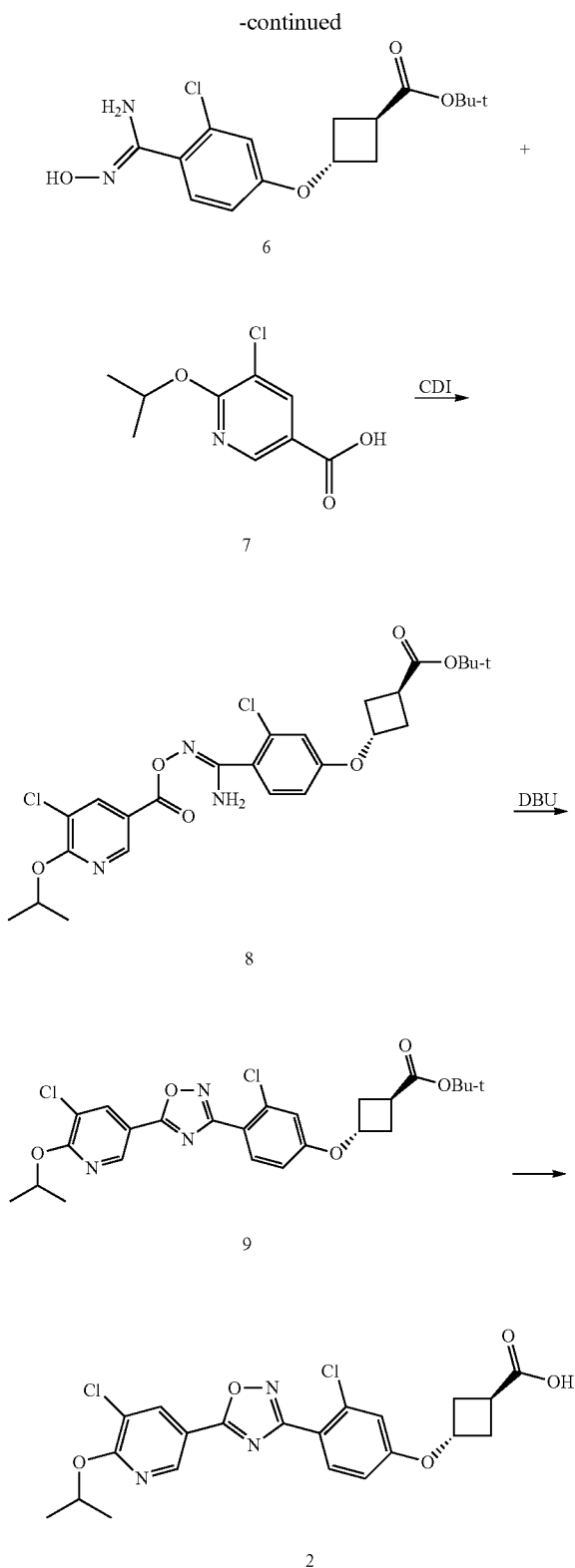


TABLE 1

LC/MS and HPLC methods

Method Conditions

- | Method | Conditions |
|--------|--|
| 1 | Column Eclipse XDB-C18 at 30° C.; detection at 205 nm;
0-5 min 100% A
5-15 min 0 to 100% B
15-20 min 100% B |
| 2 | Halo 4 min method: The gradient was 5-60% B in 1.5 min then 60-95% B to 2.5 min with a hold at 95% B for 1.2 min (1.3 mL/min flow rate). Mobile phase A was 10 mM NH ₄ OAc, mobile phase B was HPLC grade MeCN. The column used for the chromatography was a 4.6 × 50 mm MAC-MOD Halo C8 column (2.7 μm particles). Detection methods are diode array (DAD) and evaporative light scattering (ELSD) detection as well as positive/negative electrospray ionization. |
| 3 | Halo Purity QC method: The gradient was 5-60% B in 1.5 min then 60-95% B to 2.5 min with a hold at 95% B for 1.2 min (1.3 mL/min flow rate). Mobile phase A was 10 mM ammonium acetate, mobile phase B was HPLC grade acetonitrile. The column used for the chromatography was a 4.6 × 50 mm MAC-MOD Halo C8 column (2.7 μm particles). Detection methods are diode array (DAD) and evaporative light scattering (ELSD) detection as well as positive/negative electrospray ionization.) |
| 4 | The column used for the chromatography was an Altima C18 (25 cm) at 30° C.; detection at 205 nm; 0-15 min 5 to 100% B, 15-25 min 100% B. Mobile phase A was 0.1% perchloric acid, mobile phase B was HPLC grade ACN. |
| 5 | Column Zorbax Eclipse XDB C18 (15 cm) at 25° C.; detection at 205 nm;
0-18 min 20 to 95% B
18-22 min 95% B |



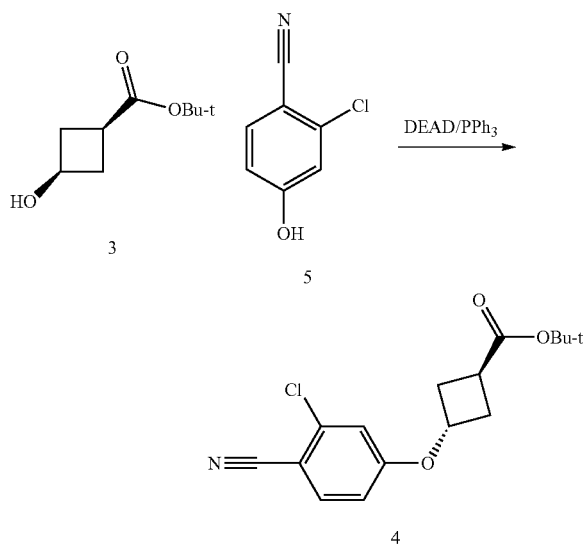
Route to (1R, 3R)-3-(3-chloro-4-[5-(5-chloro-6-isopropoxy)pyridin-3-yl]-[1,2,4]oxadiazol-3-yl)phenoxy)cyclobutanecarboxylic acid.

Example #1

(1R,3R)-3-{3-Chloro-4-[5-(5-chloro-6-isopropoxy-pyridin-3-yl)-[1,2,4]oxadiazol-3-yl]-phenoxy}cyclobutanecarboxylic acid

Step 1. Preparation of (1R,3R)-tert-Butyl 3-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenoxy)cyclobutanecarboxylate

[0089]

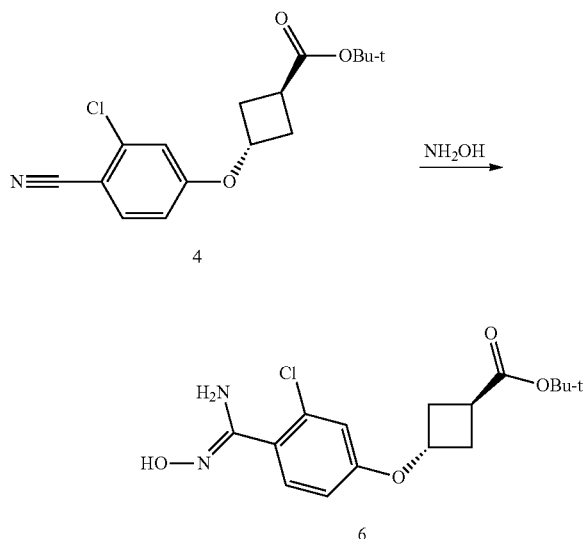


[0090] Alcohol 3 (~50% solution in toluene, 1 equiv), phenol 5 (0.95 equiv) and triphenylphosphine (TPP, 1.2 equiv) in toluene (7 mL/g of 3) was cooled to about 0-5° C. and DEAD (40% solution in toluene, 1.0 equiv) was added while maintaining the internal temperature at no more than 25° C. The reaction mixture was then heated to about 25-30° C. for about 3-4 h. The mixture was cooled to about 20° C. and additional DEAD solution (0.2 equiv) was added while maintaining the internal temperature at about 30° C. The reaction was then continued at about 25-30° C. until completion (in-process sample: no more than 5% phenol vs. product by HPLC, typically about 10 h). Magnesium chloride (325 mesh, 2.5 equiv) was charged and the mixture was heated to about 60° C. The mixture was diluted with heptanes (10 mL/g of 3) and heating was continued until the TTPO concentration in solution was reduced to a target level (in-process test: no more than 5% peak area vs. toluene by HPLC). The mixture was cooled to ambient temperature and filtered to remove the solids. The filter cake was washed with toluene-heptanes (1:1, 10 mL/g of 3) and the combined filtrate containing the product was concentrated in vacuo and chased with IPA (10 mL/g of 3) to approximately 4.5 mL/g of 3 volume. The mixture was diluted with IPA to approximately 6 mL/g of 3 volume and cooled to no more than about 10° C. As product precipitation was observed the mixture was diluted with 2:1 IPA-water (15 mL/g of 3) to precipitate the remaining product. The product was filtered, washed with IPA-water and dried under vacuum at about 50° C. Typical yield of 4 was 75-80% PA.

[0091] ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, δ, ppm) 1.48 (9H), 2.43 (2H), 2.68 (2H), 3.08 (1H), 4.90 (1H), 6.75 (1H), 6.88 (1H), 7.54 (1H). HPLC Method 1, R_t 9.1 min.

Step 2. Preparation of (1R,3R)-tert-Butyl 3-(3-chloro-4-((Z)-N'-hydroxycarbamimidoyl)phenoxy)cyclobutanecarboxylate

[0092]

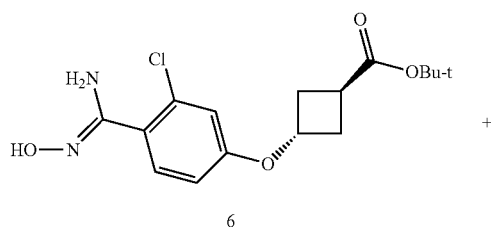


[0093] Hydroxylamine (50% in water, 4.8 equiv) was added to a solution of nitrile 4 in DMSO (6 mL/g of 4). The solution was slowly heated to about 50° C. and mixed at this temperature until the reaction was complete (in-process test: less than 1% starting material about 15 hours). The reaction mixture was cooled to about 20° C. and diluted with ethanol (3.5 mL/g of 4) and water (5.2 mL/g of 4) to precipitate the product. The mixture was agitated until the product concentration in the supernatant was reduced to less than 5 mg/mL). The product was filtered and washed with EtOH-water (1:1.5) (3.6 g/g of 4). The product was dried under vacuum at about 50° C. until residual water by Karl Fisher test—drying time was less than 0.5%. Typical yield of 6 was 90-93%.

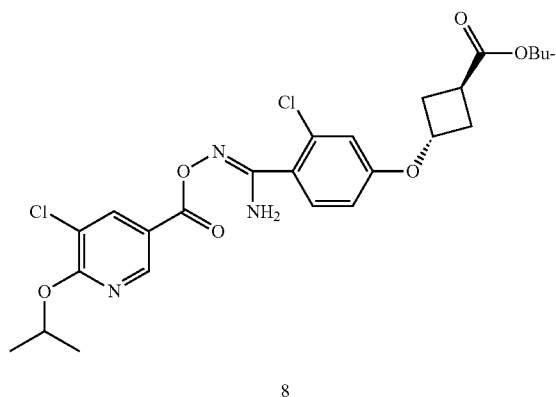
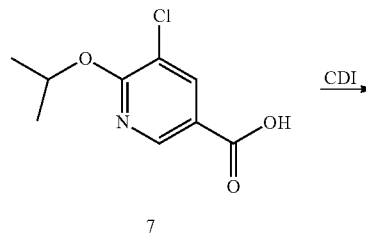
[0094] ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, δ, ppm) 1.43 (9H), 2.32 (2H), 2.62 (2H), 3.05 (1H), 4.85 (1H), 5.72 (2H), 6.80 (1H), 6.87 (1H), 7.28 (1H), 9.37 (1H). HPLC Method 1, R_t 4.1 min.

Step 3. Preparation of (1R,3R)-tert-Butyl 3-(3-chloro-4-((Z)-N'-((5-chloro-6-isopropoxynicotinoyloxy)carbamimidoyl)phenoxy)cyclobutanecarboxylate

[0095]



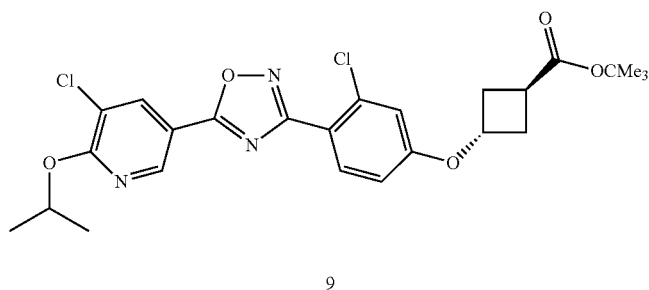
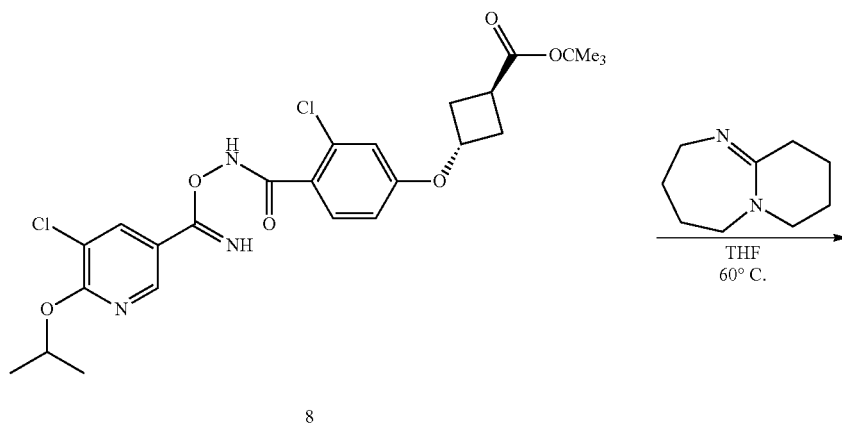
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[0096] CDI (1.05 equiv) was dissolved in ACN (18 mL/g of CDI). The CDI solution in then transferred into a reactor containing nicotinic acid 7 (1.05 equiv) over about 5-10 min to control the carbon dioxide evolution. The vessel used to prepare the CDI solution was rinsed with ACN (2 mL/g CDI) and the rinse was transferred into the reaction mixture. After about 0.5 h the completeness of the imidazolide formation was checked (in-process sample was quenched into 1N DBU in methanol, followed by HPLC analysis; target less than 5% of 7 vs. its methyl ester). The solution of imidazolide was then transferred into a reactor containing imidoxime 6. Within a few minutes the product precipitated from the initially formed clear solution. After about 30 min the mixture was analyzed for the reaction completion (in-process test: less than 5% of 6 by HPLC). Then additional product was precipitated by water addition (9 mL/g of 6). The product was filtered, washed with 1:1 ACN-water (2 mL/g of 6) and dried under vacuum at no more than about 40° C. Typical yield of 8 was 92-97%.

[0097] ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, δ, ppm) 1.36 (6H), 1.43 (9H), 2.33 (2H), 2.63 (2H), 3.07 (1H), 4.90 (1H), 5.40 (1H), 5.72 (2H), 6.88 (1H), 6.97 (1H), 7.40 (1H), 8.59 (1H), 8.86 (1H). HPLC Method 1, R_t 10.0 min.

Step 4. Preparation of (1R,3R)-tert-Butyl 3-(3-chloro-4-(5-(5-chloro-6-isopropoxy-pyridin-3-yl)-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)phenoxy)cyclobutanecarboxylate
[0098]

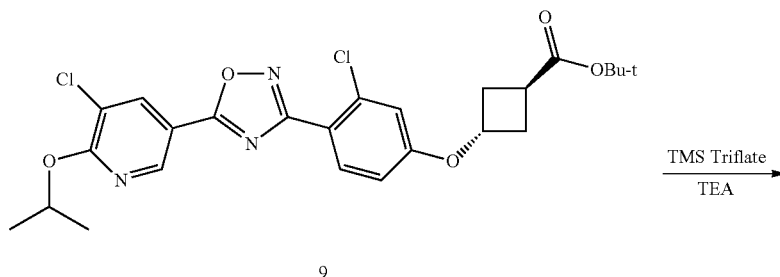


[0099] DBU (2 equiv) was charged to a solution of intermediate 8 in THF (5 mL/g of 8). The solution was heated to about 60° C. and mixed at this temperature until the reaction was complete (in-process test by HPLC<2% starting material, typically less than about 1 h). The reaction mixture was cooled to about 20° C. and the product was precipitated by the addition of water (5 mL/g of 8). The product was filtered, washed with 1:1 THF-water (2 mL/g of 8) and dried under vacuum at no more than about 60° C. Typical product yield was 95-99%.

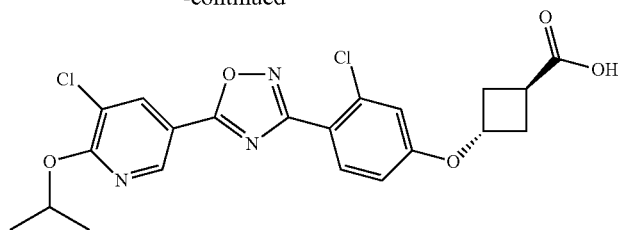
[0100] ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, δ, ppm) 1.44 (6H), 1.49 (9H), 2.45 (2H), 2.72 (2H), 3.09 (1H), 4.93 (1H), 5.47 (1H), 6.82 (1H), 6.92 (1H), 7.84 (1H), 8.36 (1H), 8.84 (1H). HPLC Method 1, R_t 12.9 min

Step 5. Preparation of (1R,3R)-3-{3-Chloro-4-[5-(5-chloro-6-isopropoxy-pyridin-3-yl)-[1,2,4]oxadiazol-3-yl]-phenoxy}-cyclobutanecarboxylic acid

[0101]



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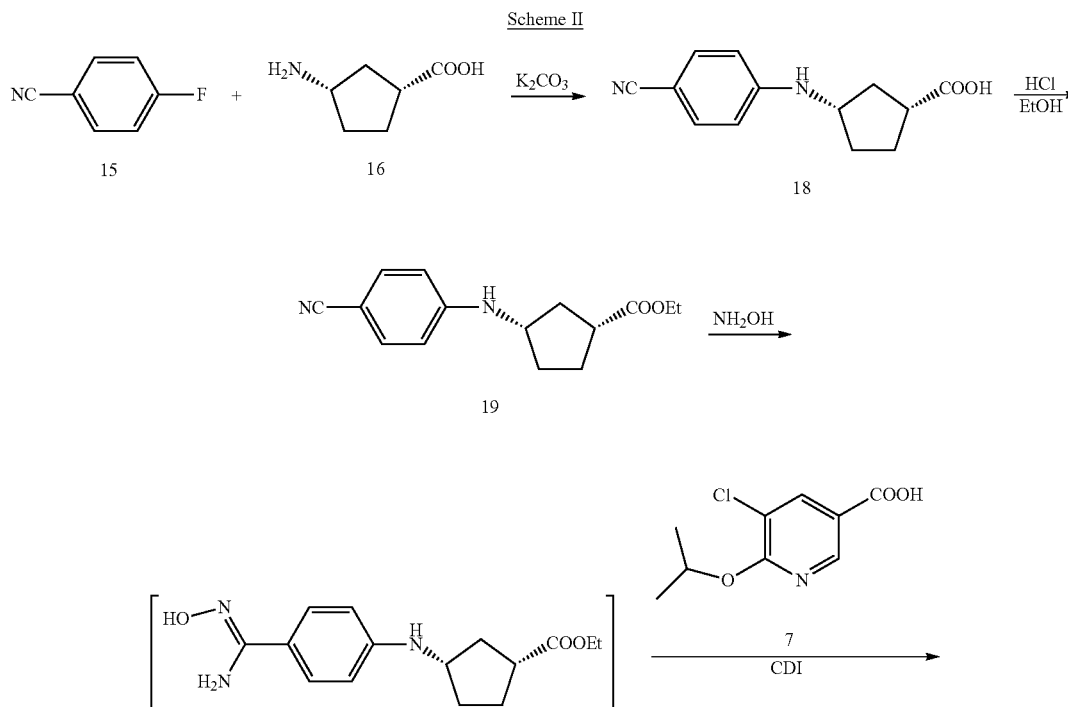
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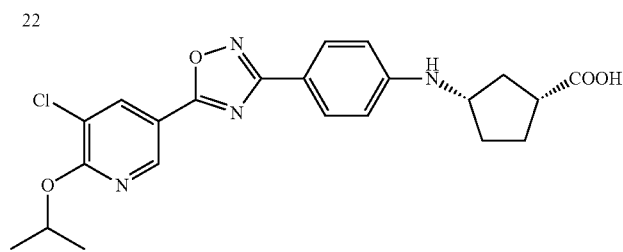
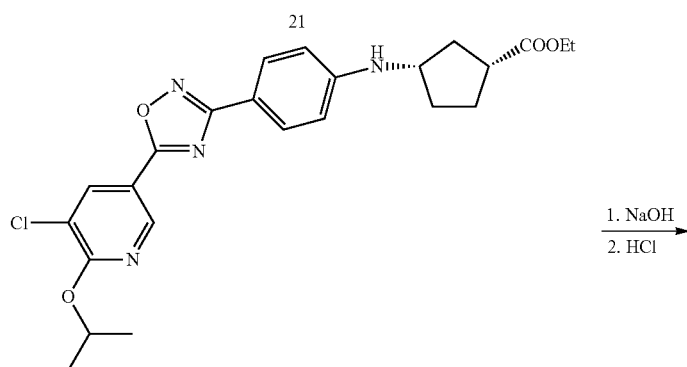
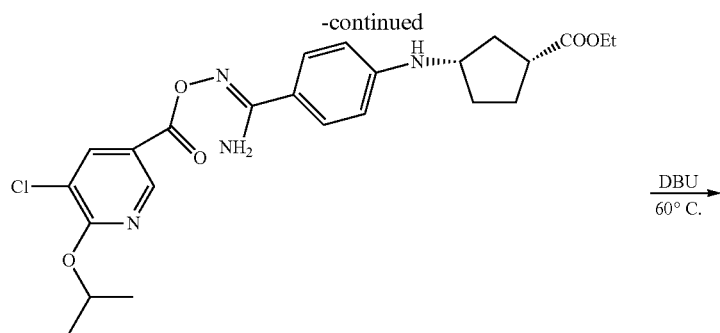
[0102] TEA (1.7 equiv) was added to a mixture of t-butyl ester (9, 1 equiv) in ethyl acetate (10 mL/g of 9) TMSOTf (1.6 equiv) was then added over about 30 min. The reaction mixture was heated to about 70° C. and mixed at this temperature until the reaction was complete. (in-process test by HPLC: <0.5% starting material, about 2 h). The reaction mixture was cooled to about 20° C. and water (1 mL/g of 9) was added. The solvent was removed under vacuum (to about 3 mL volume/g of 9) to give a thick slurry. A mixture of ACN-water (1:2, 3.5 mL/g of 9) was added and the batch concentrated again to about 3 mL volume/g of 9. The residue was diluted with ACN-water (1:2, 17.5 mL/g of 9), and the pH of the mixture was adjusted to about 6. The slurry was mixed until product concentration in the supernatant drops to less than 0.5

mg/mL. The product was filtered and the cake was washed with ACN-water (1:2, 3.5 mL/g of 9). The product was dried under vacuum at about 60° C. until the residual water was reduced to less than 0.5% (Karl Fisher test, about 15 h). A typical yield of 2 was 95-98%.

[0103] ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, δ, ppm) 1.44 (6H), 2.54 (2H), 2.83 (2H), 3.26 (1H), 4.97 (1H), 5.48 (1H), 5.72 (2H), 6.83 (1H), 6.96 (1H), 7.95 (1H), 8.35 (1H), 8.84 (1H). HPLC Method 1, R_t 10.3 min

Scheme II. Route to (1R,3S)-3-(4-(5-(5-chloro-6-isopropoxy)pyridin-3-yl)-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)phenylamino)cyclopentanecarboxylic acid

[0104]



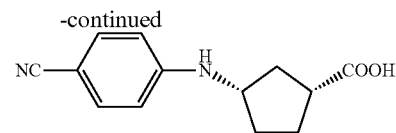
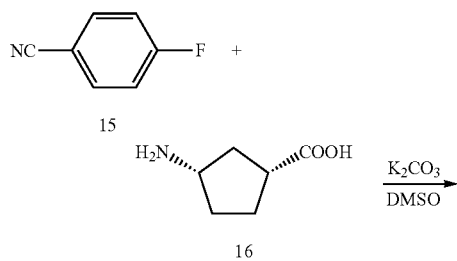
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Example #2

(1R,3S)-3-(4-(5-(5-chloro-6-isopropoxy-pyridin-3-yl)-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)phenylamino)cyclopentanecarboxylic acid

Step 1. Amino Acid Arylation

[0105]



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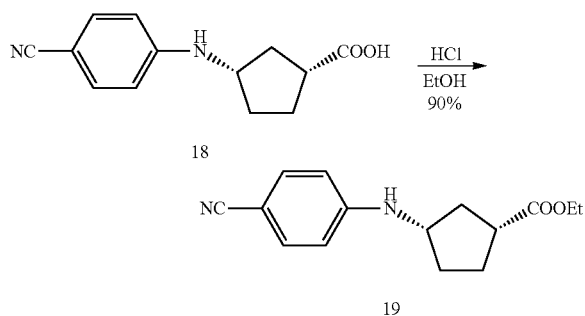
[0106] A mixture of amino acid 16 (1.0 equiv), fluorobenzonitrile 15 (1.0 equiv), and potassium carbonate (milled ~300 mesh, 2.2 equiv) in DMSO-water (20:1; 6 mL/g of 15) was heated to about 105° C. with vigorous agitation until the reaction was complete (in process test by HPLC, typically about 16-20 h). The reaction mixture was cooled, diluted with MTBE (5 mL/g of 16) and water (10 mL/g of 16). The mixture was cooled to about 10° C. and concentrated HCl (0.7 g/g of 16) was added to dissolve solids. The aqueous layer was separated and the organic was extracted with 5% potassium carbonate solution. The product was precipitated via addition

of concentrated HCl to the combined aqueous layer to achieve pH 4-6. The product slurry was then cooled to about 10° C. The product was filtered, washed with water (5 mL/g 12) and dried at 55° C. under vacuum. The yield for the amination step is typically 80%.

[0107] ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, δ, ppm) 1.50 (1H), 1.60 (1H), 1.84 (2H), 1.96 (1H), 2.30 (1H), 2.74 (1H), 3.77 (1H), 6.60 (2H), 6.72 (1H), 7.41 (2H), 12.08 (1H). HPLC Method 4 R_t 12.0 min.

Step 2. Esterification

[0108]

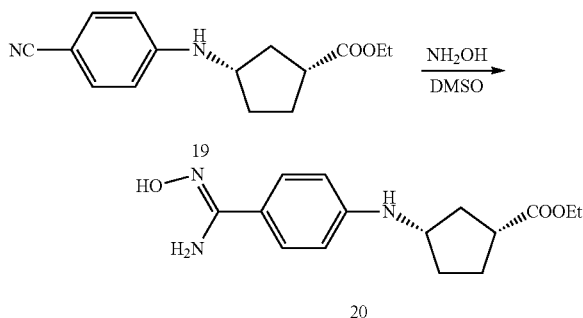


[0109] Hydrogen chloride (2.3 equiv) was gassed into ethanol (8 mL/g 18) while maintaining an internal temperature of not more than 20° C. The solution was then transferred to the acid 18 and the resulting solution was mixed until the reaction was complete (in process test by HPLC < 1%, typically 2 h). The reaction mixture was cooled to about 10° C. and triethylamine was added to achieve pH 7-8. The product was then precipitated by water addition (10 mL/g of 18). The product was filtered, washed with water (5 mL/g 18) and dried at about 55° C. under vacuum. The potency adjusted yield for the esterification is typically 90-95%.

[0110] ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, δ, ppm) 1.15 (3H), 1.51 (1H), 1.63 (1H), 1.86 (2H), 1.97 (1H), 2.30 (1H), 2.81 (1H), 3.77 (1H), 4.04 (2H), 6.60 (2H), 6.71 (1H), 7.41 (2H). HPLC Method 4, R_t 15.7 min.

Step 3. Oximation

[0111]

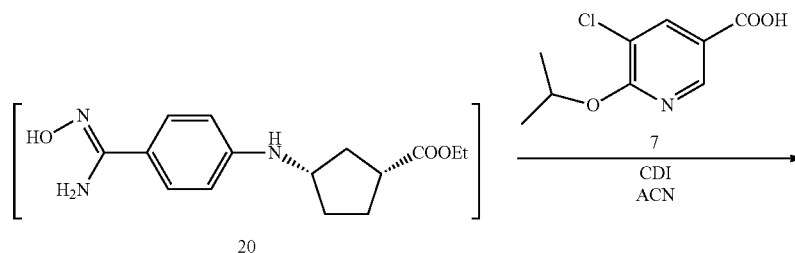


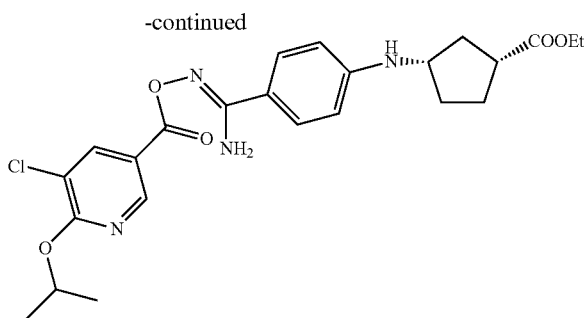
[0112] Hydroxylamine (50% in water, 4 equiv) was added to a solution of nitrile 19 in DMSO (5 mL/g of 19 while maintaining an internal temperature of not more than 20° C. The solution was slowly heated to about 50° C. and mixed until the reaction was complete (in process test by HPLC < 5%, typically 6 h). The reaction mixture was cooled to about 20° C. and transferred into a mixture of water (10 mL/g of 19) and ethyl acetate (5 mL/g of 19). The organic layer was separated and the aqueous is extracted again with ethyl acetate (5 mL/g of 19). The combined organic layers were filtered through a 'FilterAid' cartridge to remove insoluble polymer. The solution was concentrated in vacuo and the solvent was switched to ACN. The ACN solution was concentrated to approximately 4 vol/g of 19. The resulting solution was directly used in the following coupling step. Typical assay yield for this step is 80-85%.

[0113] ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, δ, ppm) 1.16 (3H), 1.51 (1H), 1.60 (1H), 1.86 (2H), 1.97 (1H), 2.30 (1H), 2.81 (1H), 3.74 (1H), 4.04 (2H), 5.51 (2H), 5.82 (1H), 6.50 (2H), 7.36 (2H), 9.17 (1H). HPLC Method 4, R_t 10.6 min.

Step 4. Coupling

[0114]





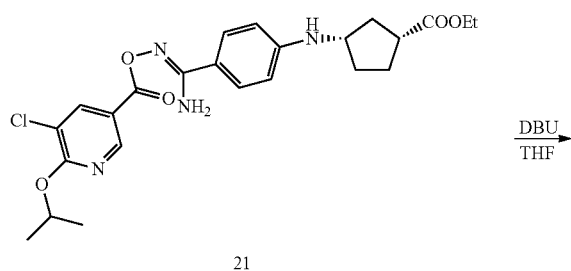
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[0115] Nicotinic acid 7 (1.05 equiv) was slurried in ACN (2 mL/g of 7). In a separate vessel CDI (1.05 equiv) was slurried in CAN (10 mL/g of CDI). The CDI slurry was then transferred to the nicotinic acid slurry over about 10-15 min to control carbon dioxide evolution. The vessel used to prepare the CDI slurry was washed with ACN (2 mL/g CDI) and the wash was transferred into the reaction mixture. After about 0.5 h the in process, a sample was taken to check for the completeness of the imidazolidine formation (quench into MeOH/DBU, followed by HPLC analysis, target less than 5% of the acid vs. methyl ester). The solution of imidoxime 20 was then added to the imidazolidine solution over not less than 15 min resulting in the product precipitation. After about 30 min the mixture was analyzed for the reaction completion (<5% of 20 by HPLC) and additional product was precipitated by addition of water (9 mL/g of 20). The product was filtered, washed with water (2 mL/g of 20) and dried under vacuum at not more than 40° C. Typical product yield is 75-80% for two steps (3-4).

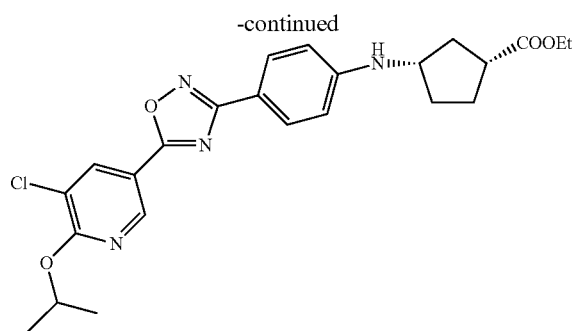
[0116] ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, δ, ppm) 1.16 (3H), 1.36 (6H), 1.51 (1H), 1.60 (1H), 1.86 (2H), 1.96 (1H), 2.30 (1H), 2.82 (1H), 3.78 (1H), 4.04 (2H), 5.40 (1H), 6.10 (1H), 6.57 (2H), 6.72 (2H), 7.48 (2H), 8.54 (1H), 8.84 (1H). HPLC Method 4, R_t 19.0 min.

Step 5. Oxadiazole Formation

[0117]



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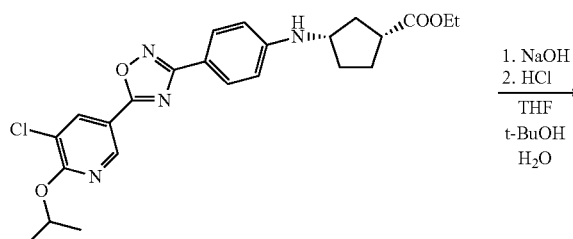
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[0118] DBU (2 equiv) was charged to a slurry of intermediate 21 in THF (5 mL/g of 21). The solution was heated to about 60° C. and mixed at this temperature until the reaction was complete (in process test by HPLC <2%, about 2 h). The reaction mixture was cooled to about 20° C. and pH adjusted to 8-10 with concentrated HCl. The product was precipitated by addition of water (5 mL/g of 21). The product was filtered, washed with water (2 mL/g of 21) and dried under vacuum at not more than 60° C. Typical product yield is 90%.

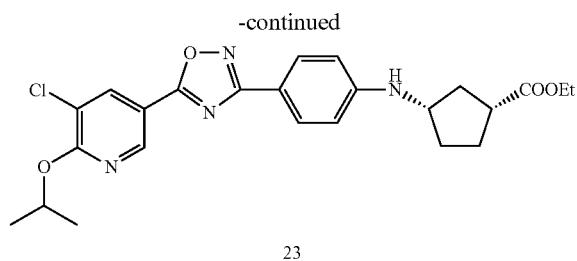
[0119] ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, δ, ppm) 1.16 (3H), 1.38 (6H), 1.51 (1H), 1.60 (1H), 1.88 (2H), 1.98 (1H), 2.33 (1H), 2.84 (1H), 3.81 (1H), 4.04 (2H), 5.43 (1H), 6.41 (1H), 6.68 (2H), 7.77 (2H), 8.47 (1H), 8.85 (1H). HPLC Method 4, R_t 22.1 min.

Step 6. Deprotection

[0120]



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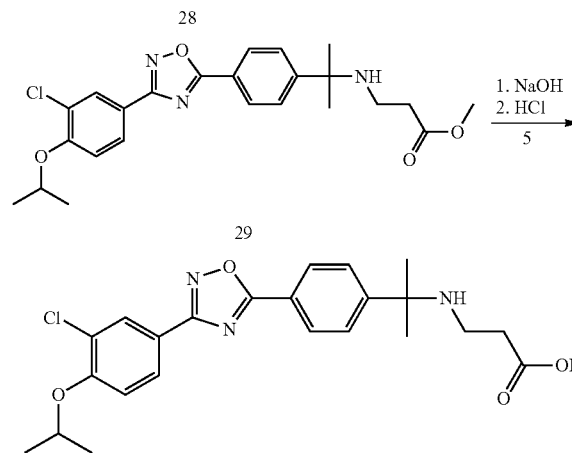
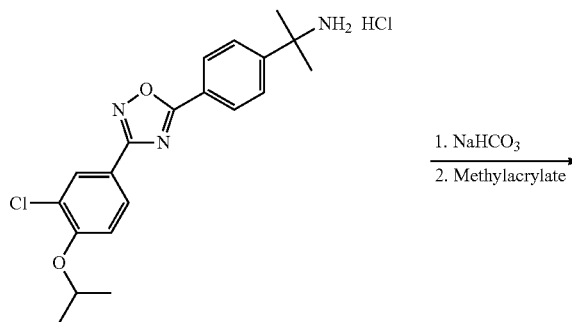
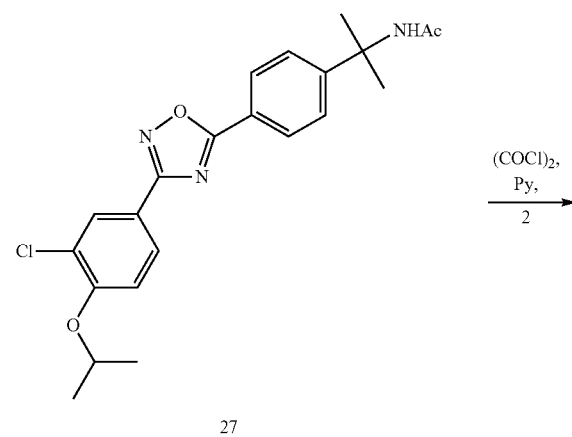
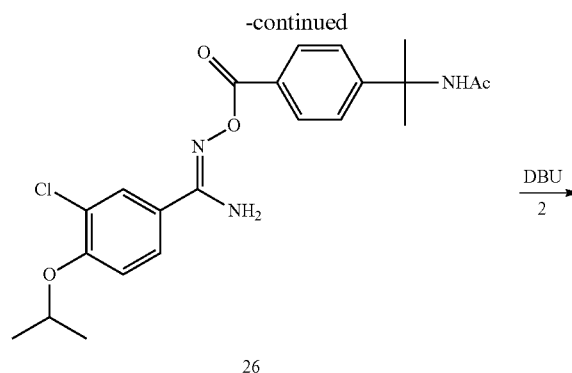
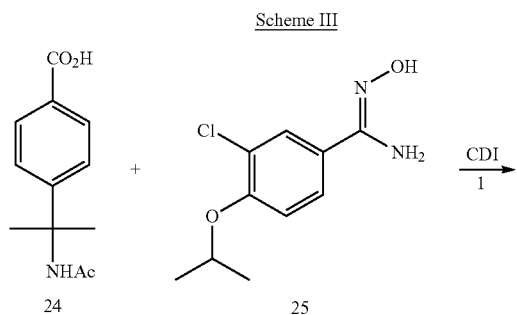
[0121] Sodium hydroxide (6.4% in water, 5 equiv) was charged to a slurry of intermediate 9 in THF (9 mL/g of 22) and t-butanol (3 mL/g of 22). The solution was mixed at about 20° C. until the reaction was complete (in process test by HPLC<0.5%, about 20-22 h). The reaction mixture was cooled to about 10° C. and pH adjusted to 8-10 with concentrated HCl. The mixture was concentrated in vacuo to about 6 mL/g of 22 volume, then chased with ethanol to about 6 mL/g of 22 volume. The mixture was diluted with ethanol (20 mL/g of 22 volume) and heated to about 45° C. The product was then precipitated by pH adjustment with 6N HCl to pH 5-6. Agitation was continued at about 50° C. for not less than 1 h. Then the internal temperature was slowly adjusted to about 15° C. The product was filtered off and washed with 1:1 ethanol/water, then with water.

[0122] The product was dried under vacuum initially at 55° C., then at 80° C. until the ethanol was reduced to less than 0.5 weight %. Typical product yield is 85-90%.

[0123] ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, δ, ppm) 1.38 (6H), 1.52 (1H), 1.60 (1H), 1.86 (2H), 1.98 (1H), 2.31 (1H), 2.75 (1H), 3.76 (1H), 5.43 (1H), 6.45 (1H), 6.68 (2H), 7.76 (2H), 8.48 (1H), 8.85 (1H), 12.15 (1H). HPLC Method 4, R_t 20.0 min.

Scheme III. Route to 3-(2-(4-(3-(3-chloro-4-isopropoxyphenyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5-yl)propane-2-ylamino)propanoic acid

[0124]

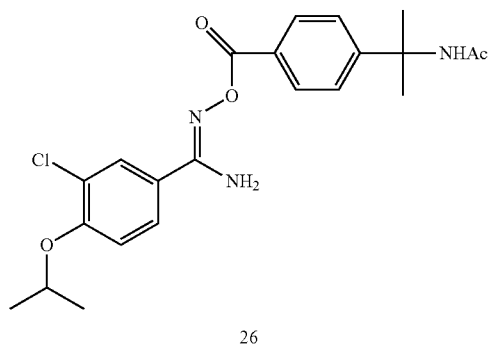
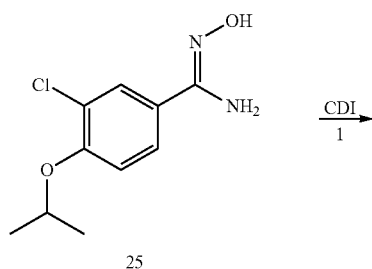
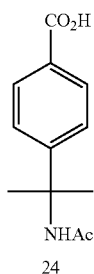


Example #3

3-(2-(4-(3-(3-Chloro-4-isopropoxyphenyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5-yl)propane-2-ylamino)propanoic acid

Step 1. Coupling

[0125]



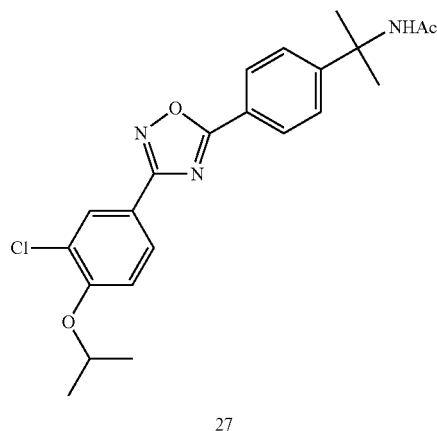
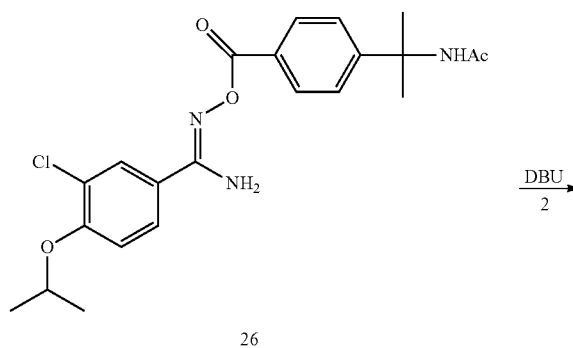
[0126] Benzoic acid 24 (1.03 equiv) was slurried in ACN (4 mL/g of 24). In a separate vessel CDI (1.1 equiv) is slurried in ACN (11 mL/g of CDI). The CDI slurry was then transferred to the benzoic acid slurry over 10-15 min to control carbon dioxide evolution. The vessel used to prepare the CDI slurry was washed with ACN (2 mL/g CDI) and the wash was transferred into the reaction mixture. After about 0.5 h the in process sample was taken to check for the completeness of the imidazolide formation (quench into MeOH/DBU, followed by HPLC analysis, target less than 5% of the acid vs. methyl ester). The solution of imidoxime 25 (1.0 equiv) in ACN (4 mL/g of 25) was then added to the imidazolide solution over not less than about 15 min. After about 1 h the mixture was analyzed for the reaction completion (<5% of 25 by HPLC)

and concentrated in vacuo to about 10 mL/g of 25 volume, resulting in the product precipitation. The mixture was cooled to about 0° C. The product was filtered and dried under vacuum at not more than 45° C. Typical product yield was 95%.

[0127] ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, δ, ppm) 1.31 (6H), 1.54 (6H), 1.83 (3H), 4.76 (1H), 6.90 (2H), 7.24 (1H), 7.43 (2H), 7.70 (1H), 7.81 (1H), 8.04 (2H), 8.17 (1H). HPLC Method 5, R_t 10.3 min.

Step 2. Cyclization

[0128]

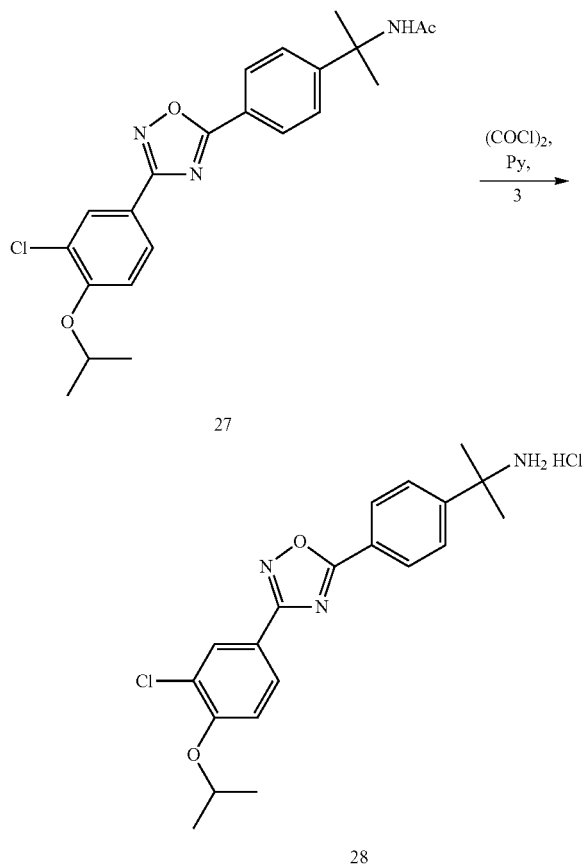


[0129] DBU (1.05 equiv) was charged to a slurry of intermediate 26 in dioxane (15 mL/g of 26). The solution was heated to about 100° C. and mixed at this temperature until the reaction was complete (in process test by HPLC<2%, typically 1 h). The reaction mixture was cooled to about 40° C. and concentrated in vacuo to 5 mL/g of 26 volume. The product was precipitated by addition of water (15 mL/g of 26). The product was filtered, washed with water and dried under vacuum at not more than about 60° C. Typical product yield was 85%.

[0130] ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, δ, ppm) 1.33 (6H), 1.56 (6H), 1.84 (3H), 4.80 (1H), 7.36 (1H), 7.55 (2H), 7.98 (1H), 8.03 (1H), 8.07 (2H), 8.21 (1H). HPLC Method 5, R_t 15.5 min.

Step 3. Deprotection

[0131]

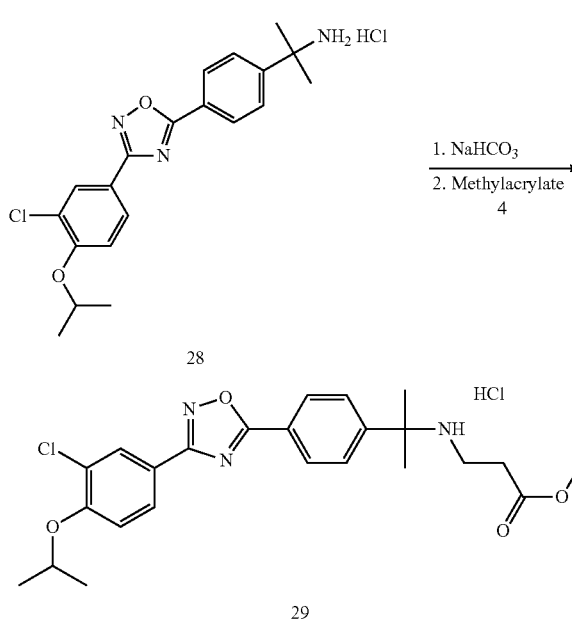


[0132] Pyridine (2 equiv) was charged to a solution of 27 in THF (17 mL/g of 27). The mixture was then cooled to about -5°C . and oxalyl chloride (1.5 equiv) was added slowly while maintaining not more than about 5°C . internal temperature. After mixing for about an additional 45 min at about 0°C . propylene glycol (2.5 equiv) was added slowly while maintaining not more than about 5°C . internal temperature. The reaction mixture was then heated to about $40\text{--}45^\circ\text{C}$. The heating was continued until the reaction is complete (in process test by HPLC). The mixture was quenched with 6N hydrochloric acid (2.5 equiv). After additional 1 h at about $40\text{--}45^\circ\text{C}$. the mixture was cooled to ambient temperature and diluted with water (5.5 mL/g of 27). The mixture was then concentrated in vacuo to remove THF and diluted with methyltetrahydrofuran (13 mL/g 27). The aqueous layer was separated from the resulting biphasic mixture and re-extracted with methyltetrahydrofuran (6 mL/g 27). Combined organic layers were concentrated in vacuo to about 4.5 mL/g of 27 volume, and the product was precipitated by the addition of ACN (10 mL/g of 27). The product was filtered, washed with ACN and dried under vacuum at not more than about 45°C . Typical product yield was 85%.

[0133] $^1\text{H NMR}$ (DMSO- d_6 , δ , ppm) 1.33 (6H), 1.69 (6H), 4.80 (1H), 7.37 (1H), 7.84 (2H), 7.98 (1H), 8.03 (1H), 8.21 (2H), 8.92 (3H). HPLC R_t 9.2 min.

Step 4. Acrylate Addition

[0134]

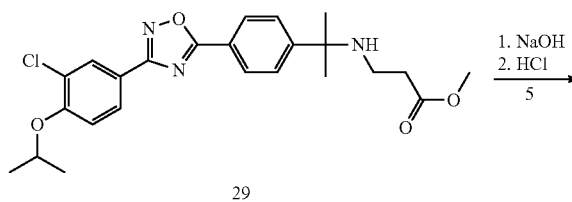


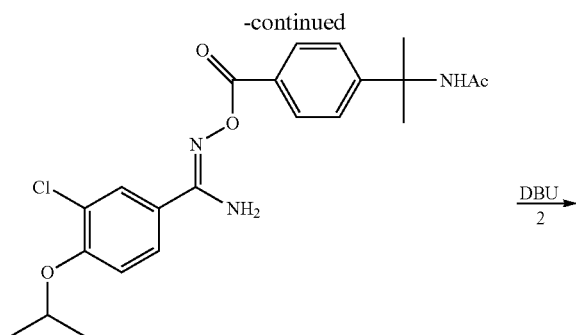
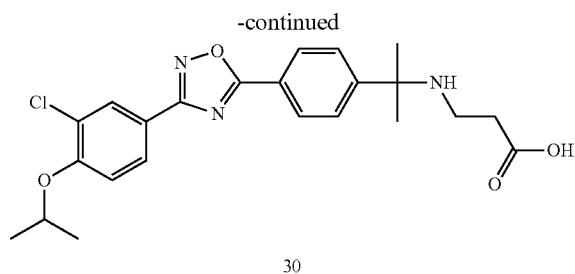
[0135] Amine HCl 28 was suspended in a mixture of Me-THF (15 mL/g 28) and 10% NaHCO_3 (7.5 mL/g 28). The mixing was continued until clear layers were formed. Layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with more Me-THF (2x5 mL/g 28). The combined organic layers were washed with (2x5 mL/g 28) and then concentrated to near dryness in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in methanol (6 mL/g 28) and methyl acrylate (5 equiv) was added. The mixture was refluxed until the reaction was complete (in process test by HPLC <2%, typically 15-17 h). The mixture was then concentrated in vacuo and the residue was dissolved in ACN (17 mL/g of 28). The pH was adjusted to 2 with 4N hydrochloric acid. The resulting precipitate was filtered off and dried under vacuum. Typical product yield was 95%.

[0136] $^1\text{H NMR}$ (DMSO- d_6 , δ , ppm) 1.33 (6H), 1.78 (6H), 2.80 (4H), 3.58 (3H), 4.80 (1H), 7.37 (1H), 7.94 (2H), 7.98 (1H), 8.03 (1H), 8.23 (2H), 9.88 (2H). HPLC R_t 10.5 min.

Step 5. Ester Hydrolysis

[0137]



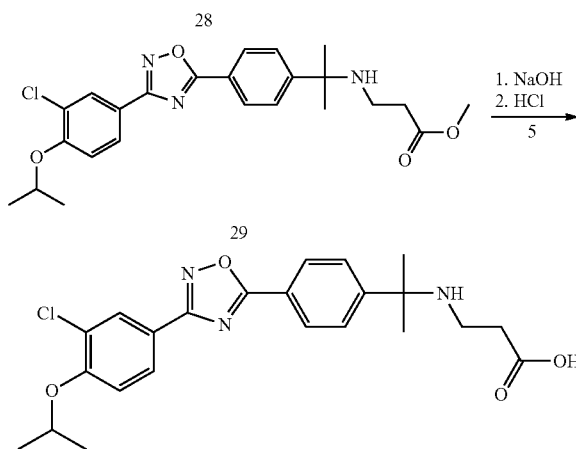
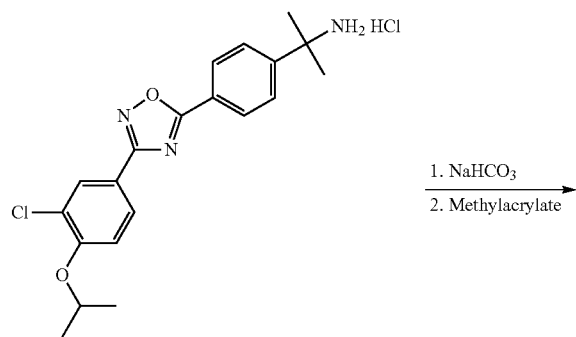
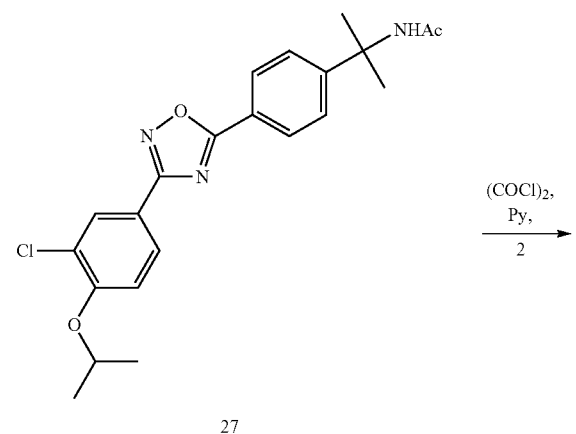
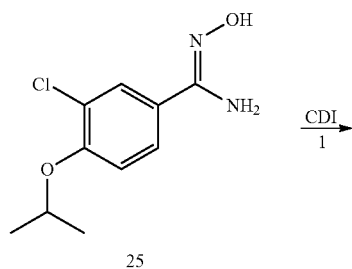
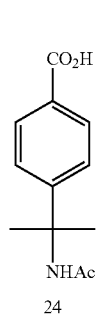


[0138] Sodium hydroxide (4 equiv, as 1N solution in water) was added to the mixture of methyl ester 29 in dioxane (6 mL/g 29). The mixture was heated to about 50° C. until the reaction is complete (in process test by HPLC<1%, typically 1 h). The pH was then adjusted to 6 with 1N hydrochloric acid resulting in the product precipitation. The product was filtered off and dried under vacuum at not more than about 55° C. Typical product yield was 90%.

[0139] ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, δ, ppm) 1.33 (6H), 1.42 (6H), 2.28 (2H), 2.44 (2H), 4.80 (1H), 7.36 (1H), 7.72 (2H), 7.97 (1H), 8.02 (1H), 8.10 (2H). HPLC R_t 9.7 min.

Scheme IV. Route to 3-(2-(4-(3-(3-chloro-4-isopropoxyphenyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5-yl)propane-2-ylamino)propanoic acid

[0140]



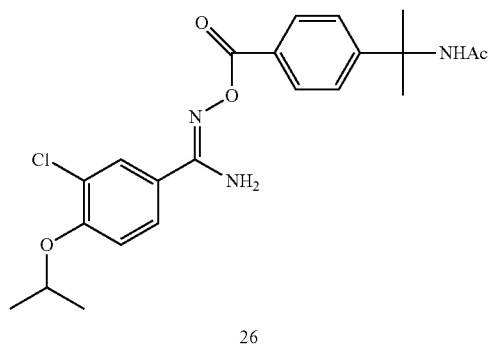
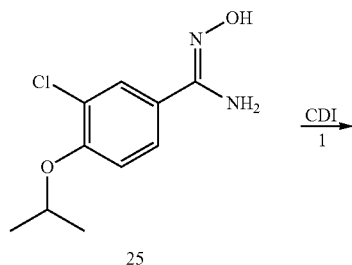
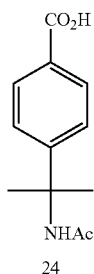
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Example #4

3-(2-(4-(3-(3-Chloro-4-isopropoxyphenyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5-yl)propane-2-ylamino)propanoic acid

Step 1. Coupling

[0141]



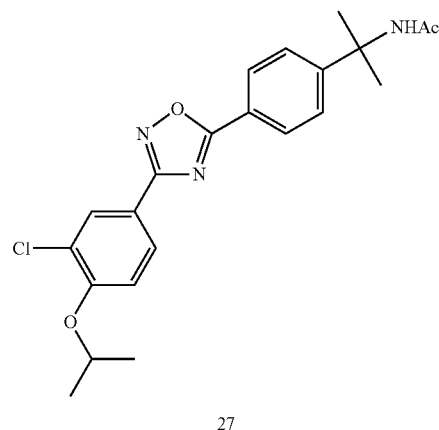
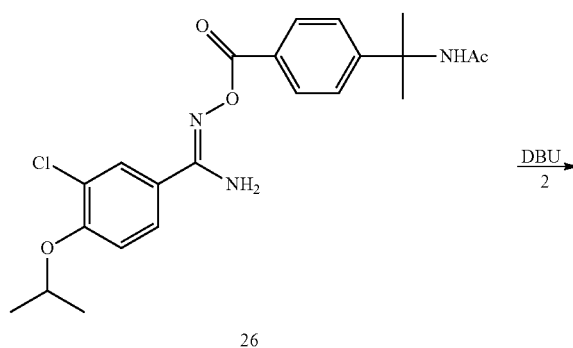
[0142] Benzoic acid 24 (1.03 equiv) was slurried in ACN (4 mL/g of 24). In a separate vessel CDI (1.1 equiv) is slurried in ACN (11 mL/g of CDI). The CDI slurry was then transferred to the benzoic acid slurry over 10-15 min to control carbon dioxide evolution. The vessel used to prepare the CDI slurry was washed with ACN (2 mL/g CDI) and the wash was transferred into the reaction mixture. After about 0.5 h the in process sample was taken to check for the completeness of the imidazole formation (quench into MeOH/DBU, followed by HPLC analysis, target less than 5% of the acid vs. methyl ester). The solution of imidoxime 25 (1.0 equiv) in ACN (4 mL/g of 25) was then added to the imidazole solution over not less than about 15 min. After about 1 h the mixture was analyzed for the reaction completion (<5% of 25 by HPLC) and concentrated in vacuo to about 10 mL/g of 25 volume, resulting in the product precipitation. The mixture was cooled

to about 0° C. The product was filtered and dried under vacuum at not more than 45° C. Typical product yield was 95%.

[0143] ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, δ, ppm) 1.31 (6H), 1.54 (6H), 1.83 (3H), 4.76 (1H), 6.90 (2H), 7.24 (1H), 7.43 (2H), 7.70 (1H), 7.81 (1H), 8.04 (2H), 8.17 (1H). HPLC Method 5, R_t 10.3 min.

Step 2. Cyclization

[0144]

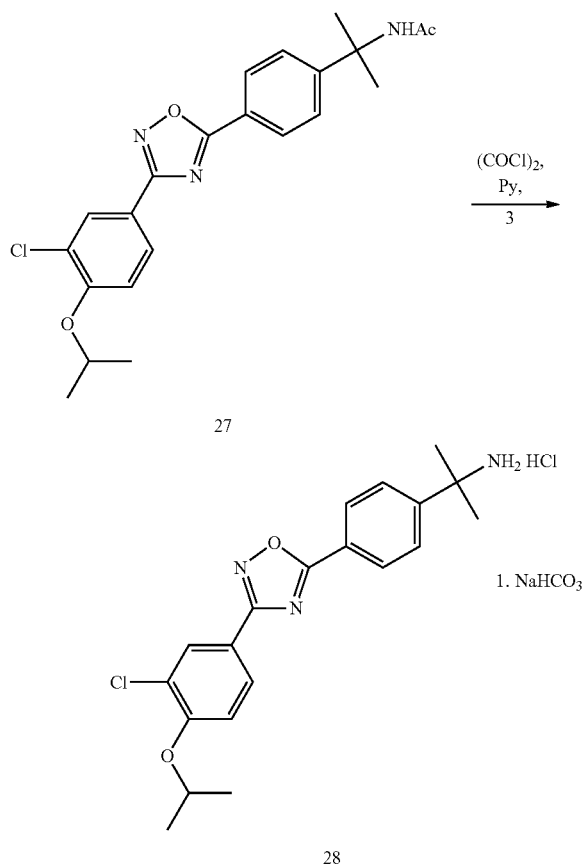


[0145] DBU (1.05 equiv) was charged to a slurry of intermediate 26 in dioxane (15 mL/g of 26). The solution was heated to about 100° C. and mixed at this temperature until the reaction was complete (in process test by HPLC <2%, typically 1 h). The reaction mixture was cooled to about 40° C. and concentrated in vacuo to 5 mL/g of 26 volume. The product was precipitated by addition of water (15 mL/g of 26). The product was filtered, washed with water and dried under vacuum at not more than about 60° C. Typical product yield was 85%.

[0146] ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, δ, ppm) 1.33 (6H), 1.56 (6H), 1.84 (3H), 4.80 (1H), 7.36 (1H), 7.55 (2H), 7.98 (1H), 8.03 (1H), 8.07 (2H), 8.21 (1H). HPLC Method 5, R_t 15.5 min.

Step 3. Deprotection

[0147]

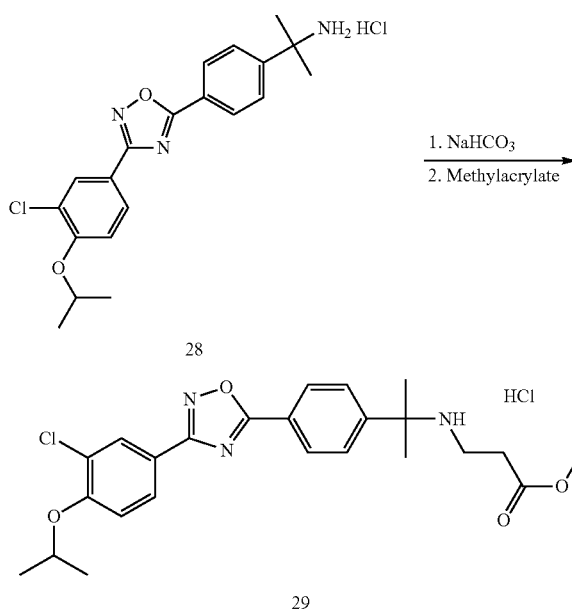


[0148] Pyridine (2 equiv) was charged to a solution of 27 in THF (17 mL/g of 27). The mixture was then cooled to about -5°C . and oxalyl chloride (1.5 equiv) was added slowly while maintaining not more than about 5°C . internal temperature. After mixing for about an additional 45 min at about 0°C . propylene glycol (2.5 equiv) was added slowly while maintaining not more than about 5°C . internal temperature. The reaction mixture was then heated to about $40\text{--}45^\circ\text{C}$. The heating was continued until the reaction is complete (in process test by HPLC). The mixture was quenched with 6N hydrochloric acid (2.5 equiv). After additional 1 h at about $40\text{--}45^\circ\text{C}$. the mixture was cooled to ambient temperature and diluted with water (5.5 mL/g of 27). The mixture was then concentrated in vacuo to remove THF and diluted with methyltetrahydrofuran (13 mL/g 27). The aqueous layer was separated from the resulting biphasic mixture and re-extracted with methyltetrahydrofuran (6 mL/g 27). Combined organic layers were concentrated in vacuo to about 4.5 mL/g of 27 volume, and the product was precipitated by the addition of ACN (10 mL/g of 27). The product was filtered, washed with ACN and dried under vacuum at not more than about 45°C . Typical product yield was 85%.

[0149] $^1\text{H NMR}$ (DMSO- d_6 , δ , ppm) 1.33 (6H), 1.69 (6H), 4.80 (1H), 7.37 (1H), 7.84 (2H), 7.98 (1H), 8.03 (1H), 8.21 (2H), 8.92 (3H). HPLC R_t 9.2 min.

Step 4. Acrylate Addition

[0150]

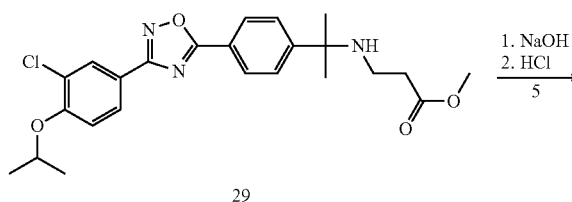


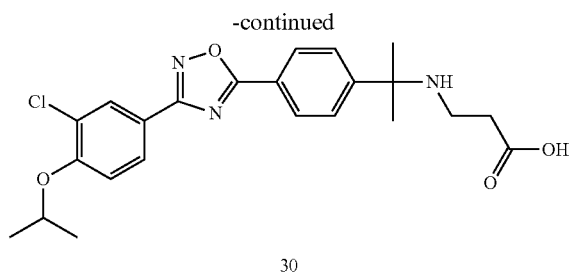
[0151] Amine HCl 28 was suspended in a mixture of Me-THF (15 mL/g 28) and 10% NaHCO_3 (7.5 mL/g 28). The mixing was continued until clear layers were formed. Layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with more Me-THF (2×5 mL/g 28). The combined organic layers were washed with (2×5 mL/g 28) and then concentrated to near dryness in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in methanol (6 mL/g 28) and methyl acrylate (5 equiv) was added. The mixture was refluxed until the reaction was complete (in process test by HPLC <2%, typically 15-17 h). The mixture was then concentrated in vacuo and the residue was dissolved in ACN (17 mL/g of 28). The pH was adjusted to 2 with 4N hydrochloric acid. The resulting precipitate was filtered off and dried under vacuum. Typical product yield was 95%.

[0152] $^1\text{H NMR}$ (DMSO- d_6 , δ , ppm) 1.33 (6H), 1.78 (6H), 2.80 (4H), 3.58 (3H), 4.80 (1H), 7.37 (1H), 7.94 (2H), 7.98 (1H), 8.03 (1H), 8.23 (2H), 9.88 (2H). HPLC R_t 10.5 min.

Step 5. Ester Hydrolysis

[0153]





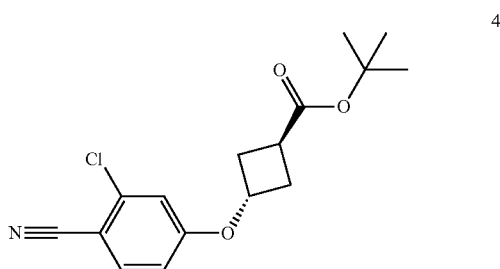
[0154] Sodium hydroxide (4 equiv, as 1N solution in water) was added to the mixture of methyl ester 29 in dioxane (6 mL/g 29). The mixture was heated to about 50° C. until the reaction is complete (in process test by HPLC<1%, typically 1 h). The pH was then adjusted to 6 with 1N hydrochloric acid resulting in the product precipitation. The product was filtered off and dried under vacuum at not more than about 55° C. Typical product yield was 90%.

[0155] ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, δ, ppm) 1.33 (6H), 1.42 (6H), 2.28 (2H), 2.44 (2H), 4.80 (1H), 7.36 (1H), 7.72 (2H), 7.97 (1H), 8.02 (1H), 8.10 (2H). HPLC R_f 9.7 min.

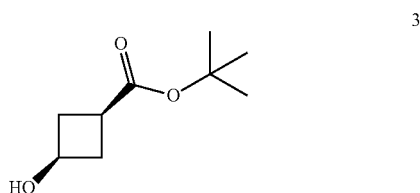
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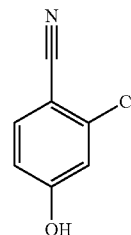
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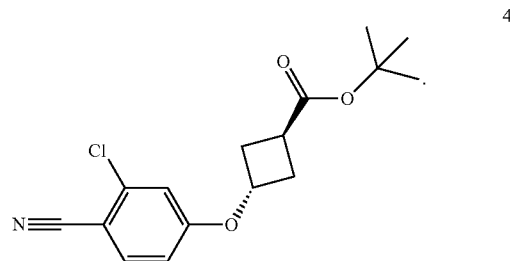
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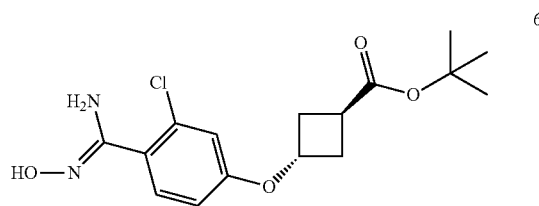
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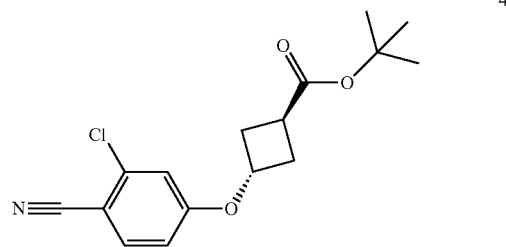
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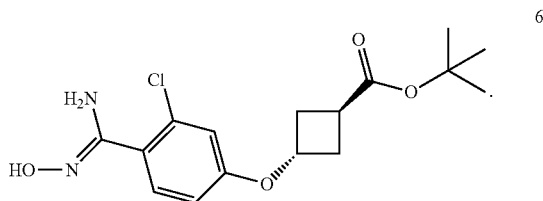
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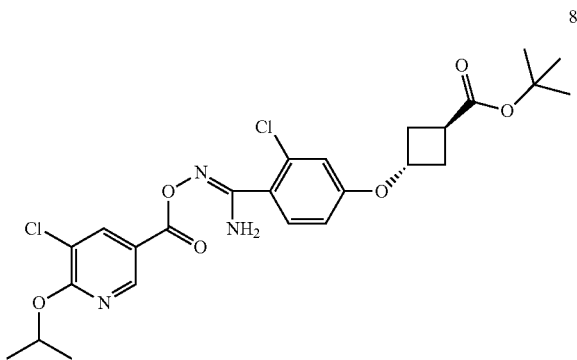
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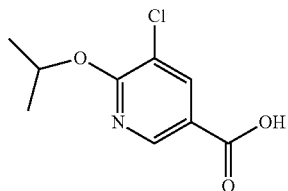
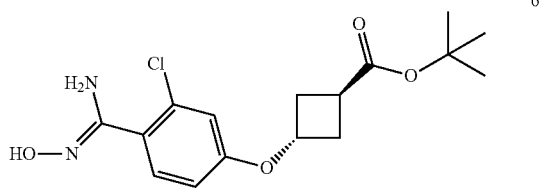
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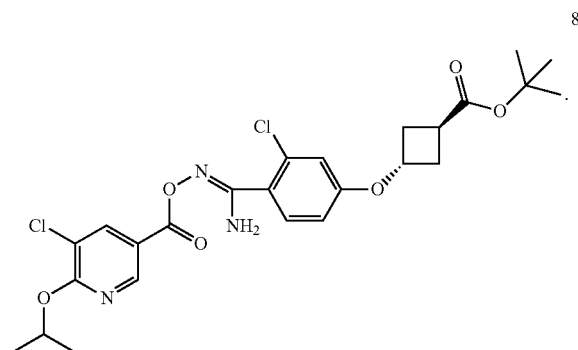
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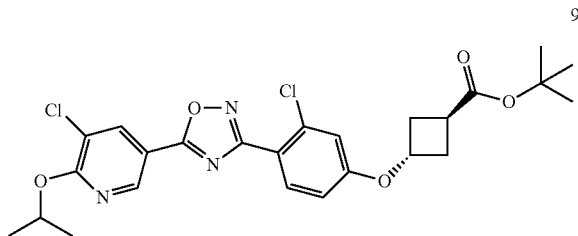
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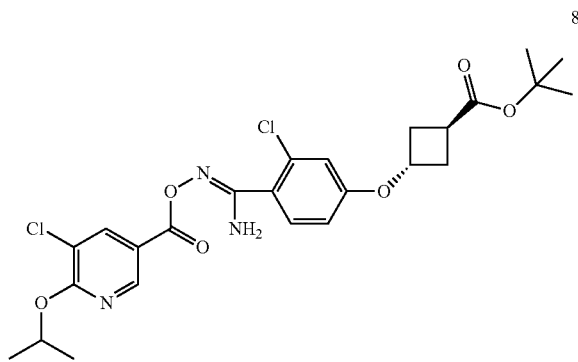
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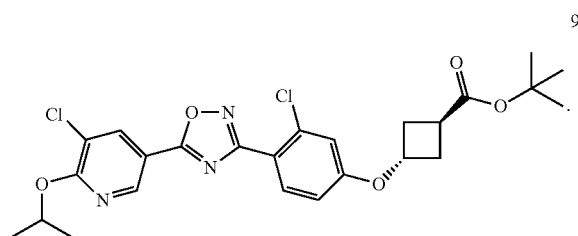
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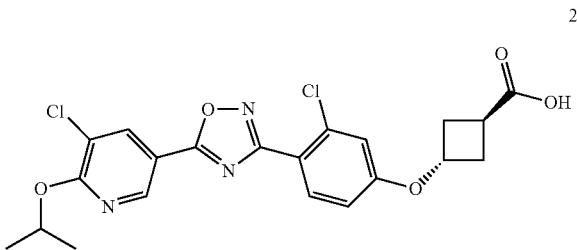
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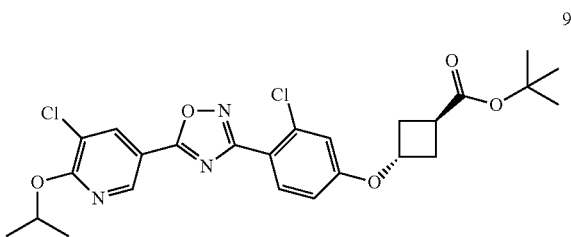
in the presence of a base such as tetrabutylammonium fluoride, diisopropylethylamine, DBU, or tetramethylguanidine until the reaction is substantially complete to form a compound of Formula 9



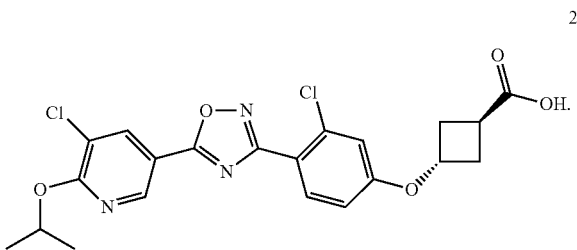
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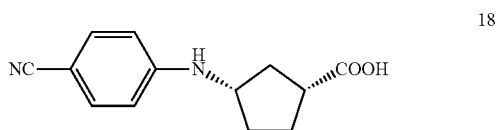
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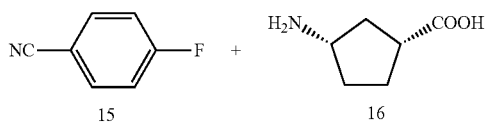
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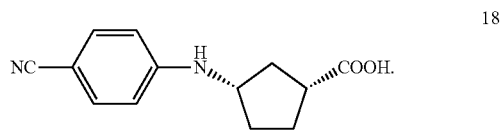
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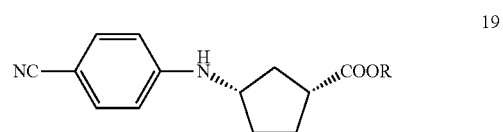
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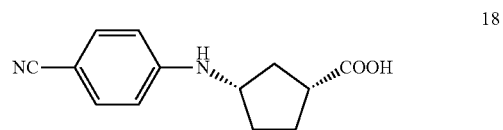
in the presence of a base such as potassium carbonate until the reaction is substantially complete to form a compound of Formula 18



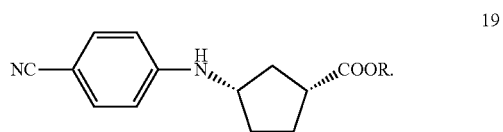
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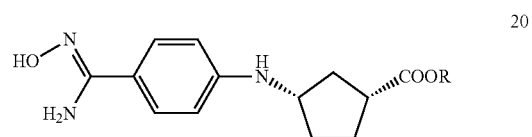
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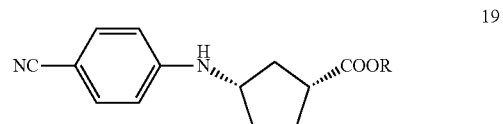
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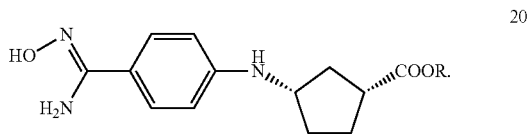
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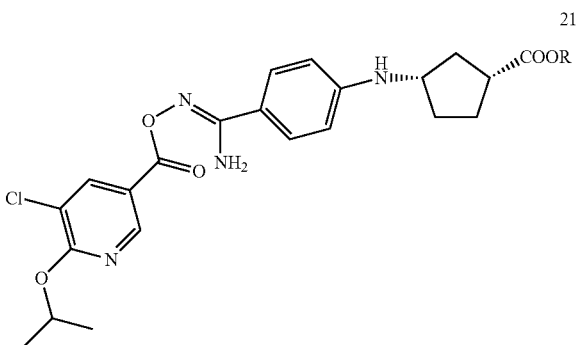
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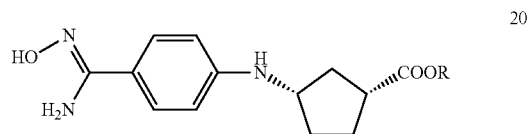
with hydroxylamine until the reaction is substantially complete to form a compound of Formula 20



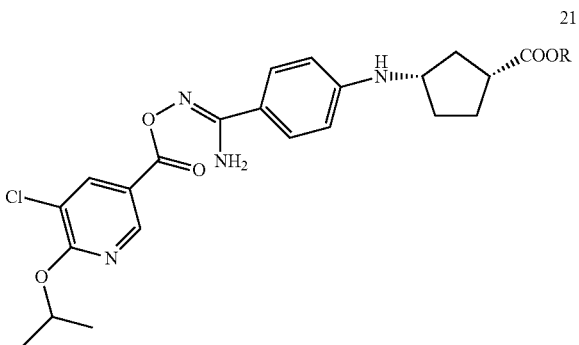
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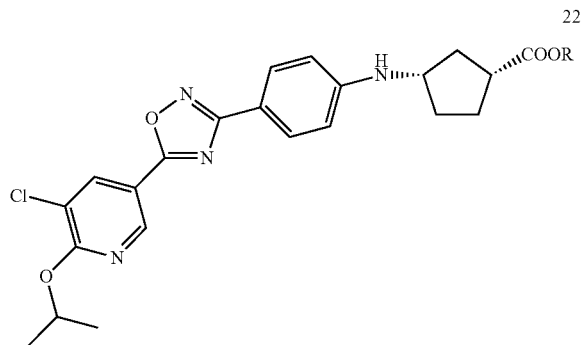
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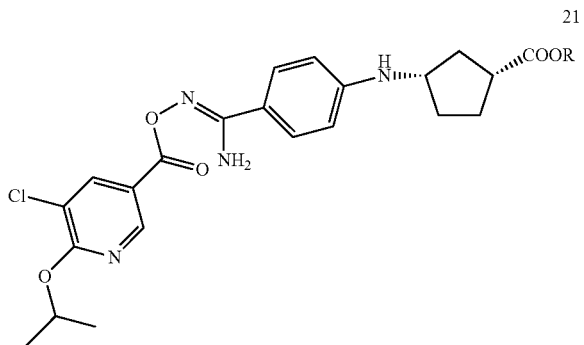
with DBU in THF until the reaction is substantially complete to form a compound of Formula 21



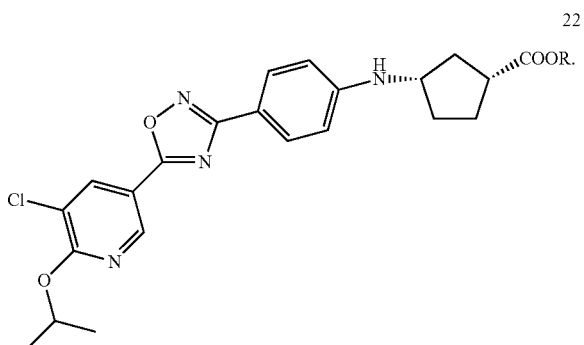
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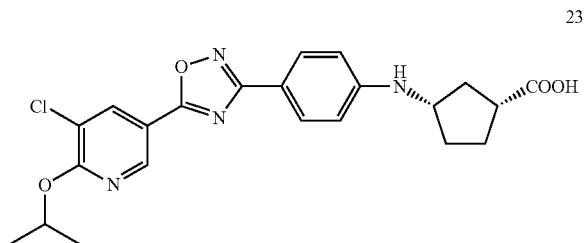
wherein R is alkyl, comprising the step of reacting a compound of Formula 21



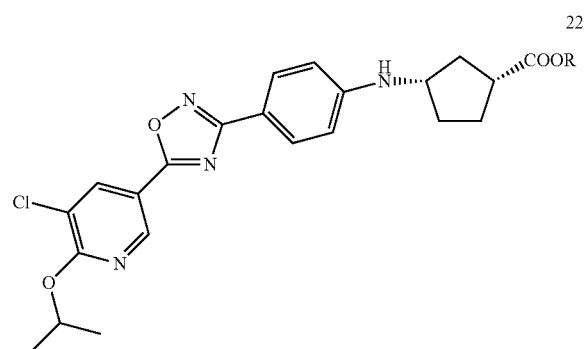
with DBU in THF until the reaction is substantially complete to form a compound of Formula 22



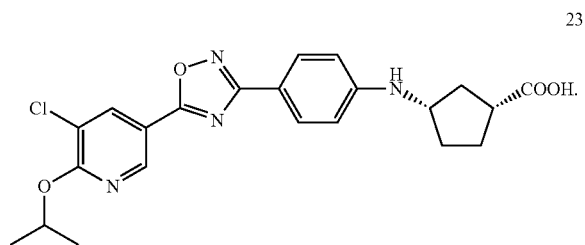
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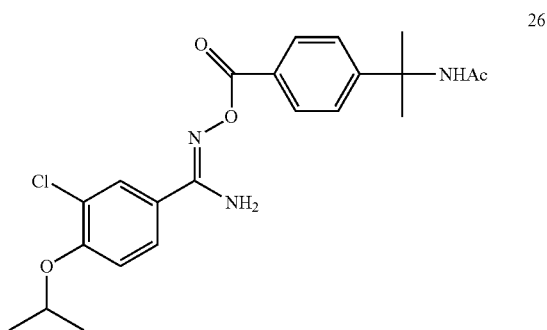
comprising the step of reacting sodium hydroxide and a compound of Formula 22



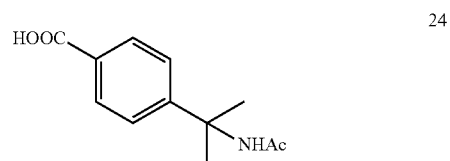
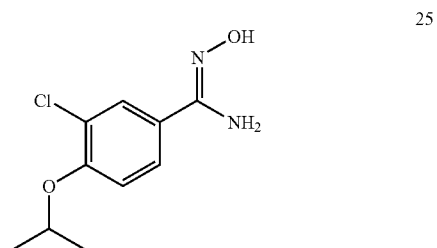
wherein R is alkyl, until the reaction is substantially complete to form a compound of Formula 23



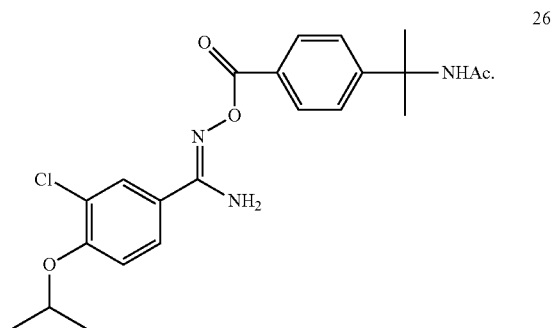
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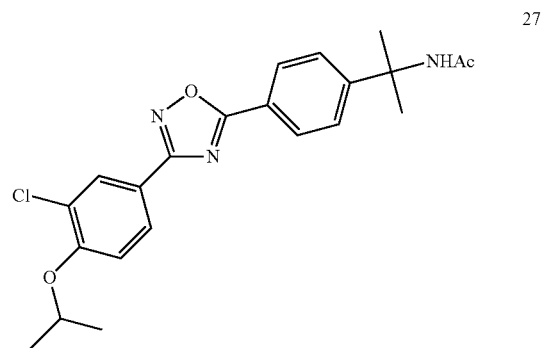
comprising the step of reacting compounds of Formula 24 and 25



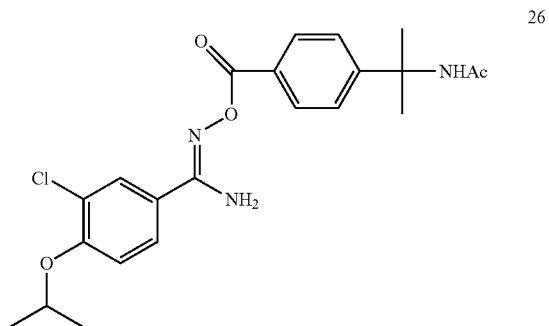
in the presence of an activator such as carbonyldiimidazole, HATU or HOBT until the reaction is substantially complete to form a compound of Formula 26



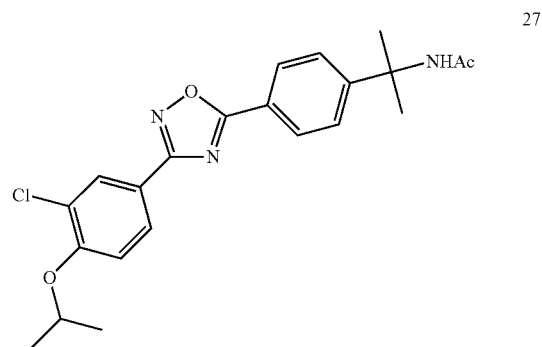
13. A process for the preparation of a compound of Formula 27



comprising of cyclization of a compound of Formula 26

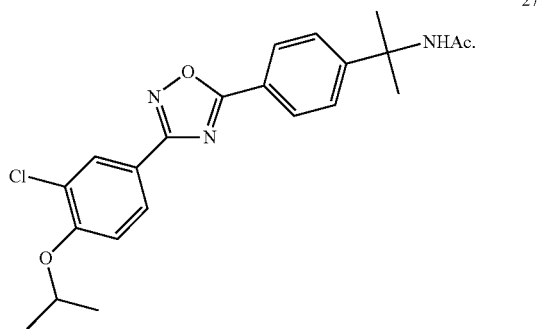


comprising the step of reacting a compound of Formula 27

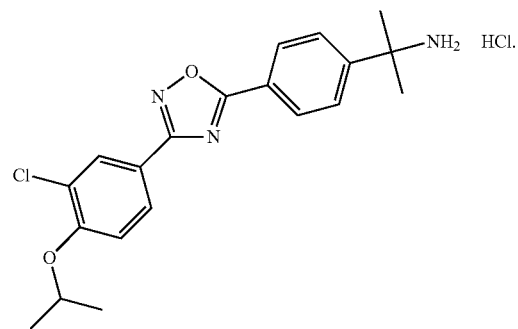


with pyridine and oxalyl chloride until the reaction is substantially complete to form a compound of Formula 28

in the presence of a base such as until the reaction is substantially complete to form a compound of Formula 27

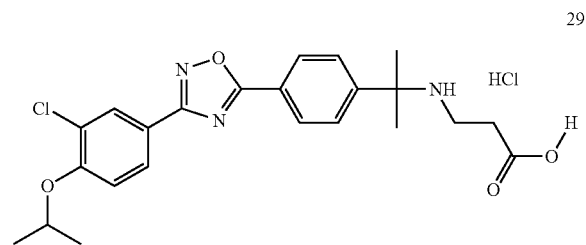
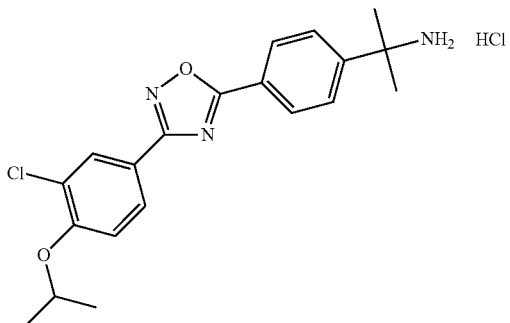


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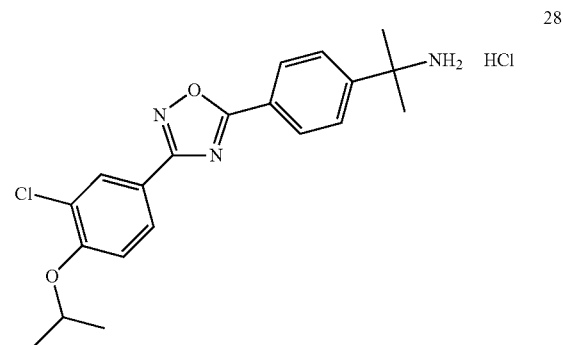


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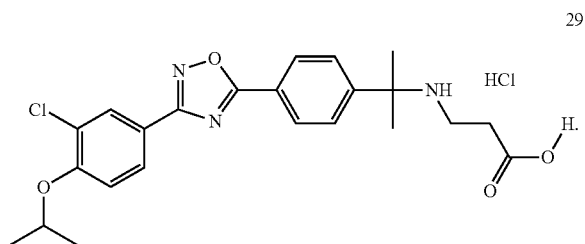
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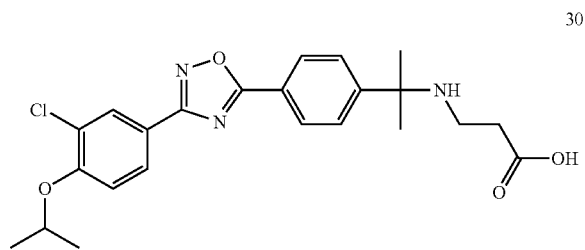
comprising the step of reacting a compound of Formula 28



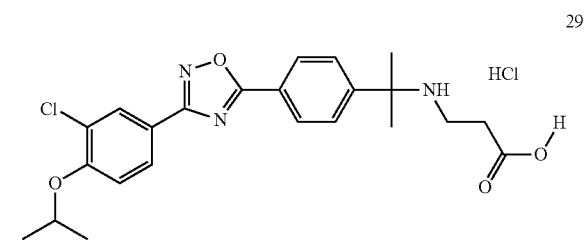
with alkyl acrylate until the reaction is substantially complete to form a compound of Formula 29



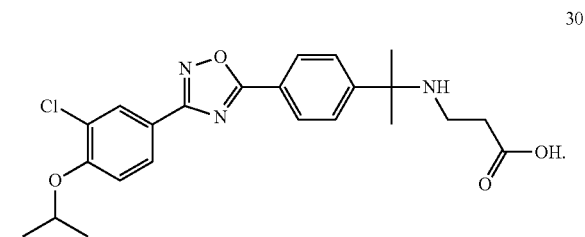
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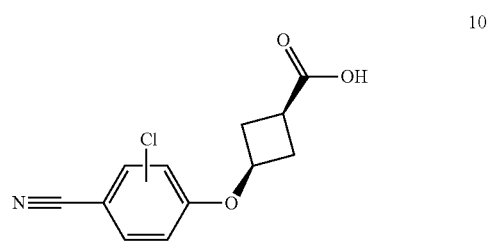
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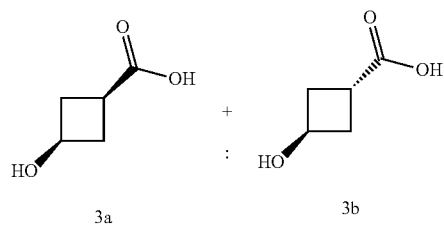
with sodium hydroxide until the reaction is substantially complete to form a compound of Formula 30



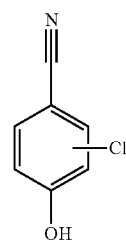
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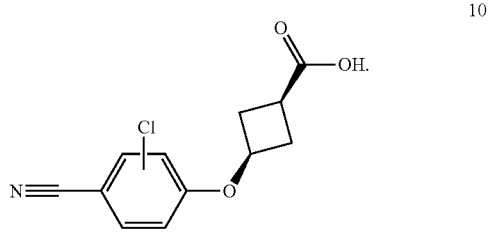
comprising the step of reacting the mixture of compounds of Formulas 3a and 3b



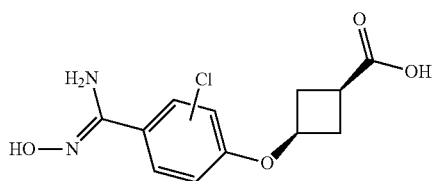
with a compound of Formula 5



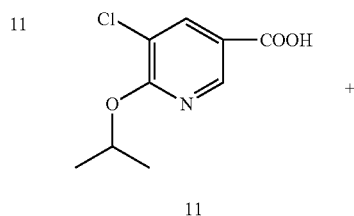
until the reaction is substantially complete to form a compound of Formula 10



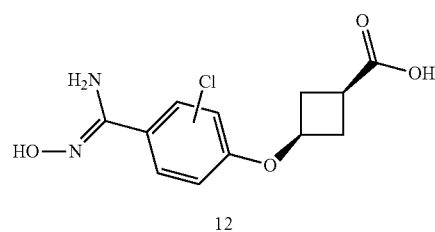
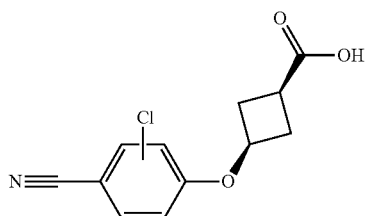
18. A process for the preparation of a compound of Formula 11



comprising the step of reacting carbonyldiimidazole with compounds 11 and 12

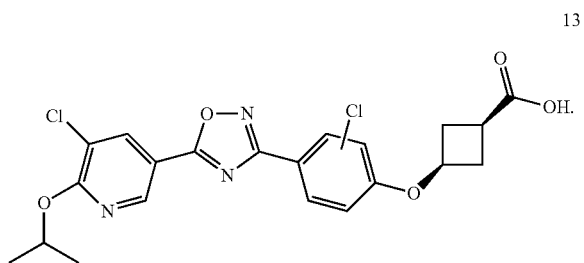
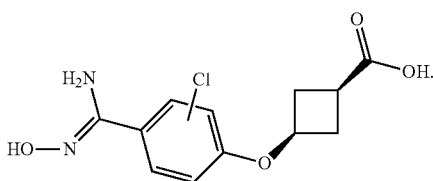


comprising the steps of reacting hydroxylamine with a compound of Formula 10

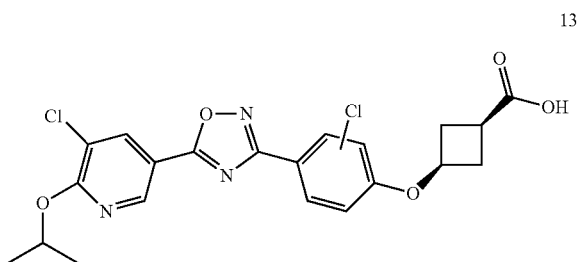


until the reaction is substantially complete to form a compound of Formula 13

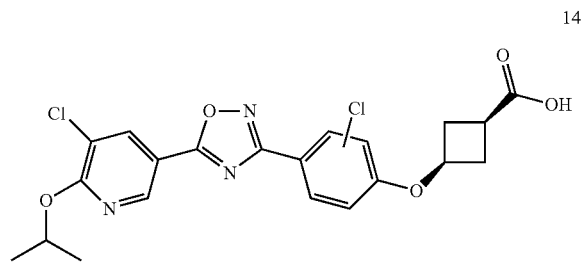
until the reaction is substantially complete, forming a compound of Formula 11



19. A process for the preparation of a compound of Formula 13

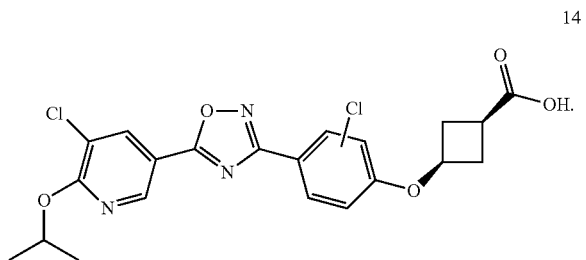
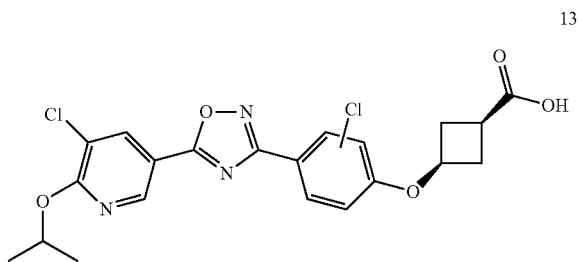


20. A process for the preparation of a compound of Formula 14



comprising the step of reacting a compound of Formula 13

with sodium hydroxide until the reaction is substantially complete to form a compound of Formula 14



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