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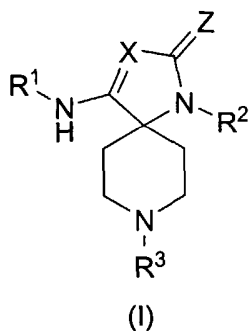
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(54) Title: SPIROPIPERIDINE COMPOUNDS USEFUL AS BETA-SECRETASE INHIBITORS FOR THE TREATMENT OF ALZHERMER'S DISEASE



(57) Abstract: The present invention is directed to spiroperidone compounds of formula (I) which are inhibitors of the beta-secretase enzyme and that are useful in the treatment of diseases in which the beta-secretase enzyme is involved, such as Alzheimer's disease. The invention is also directed to pharmaceutical compositions comprising these compounds and the use of these compounds and compositions in the treatment of such diseases in which the beta-secretase enzyme is involved.

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TITLE OF THE INVENTION

SPIROPIPERIDINE COMPOUNDS USEFUL AS BETA-SECRETASE INHIBITORS FOR THE TREATMENT OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

5 CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of U.S. provisional application serial no. 60/618,420, filed October 13, 2004.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

10 The invention is directed to compounds useful as inhibitors of the beta secretase enzyme, and useful in the treatment of diseases in which the beta secretase enzyme is involved, such as Alzheimer's Disease.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

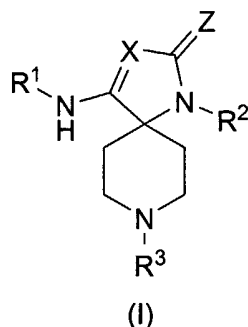
15 Alzheimer's disease is characterized by the abnormal deposition of amyloid in the brain in the form of extra-cellular plaques and intra-cellular neurofibrillary tangles. The rate of amyloid accumulation is a combination of the rates of formation, aggregation and egress from the brain. It is generally accepted that the main constituent of amyloid plaques is the 4kD amyloid protein (β A4, also referred to as A β , β -protein and β AP) which is a proteolytic product of a precursor protein of much
20 larger size. The amyloid precursor protein (APP or A β PP) has a receptor-like structure with a large ectodomain, a membrane spanning region and a short cytoplasmic tail. The A β domain encompasses parts of both extra-cellular and transmembrane domains of APP, thus its release implies the existence of two distinct proteolytic events to generate its NH₂- and COOH-termini. At least two secretory mechanisms exist which release APP from the membrane and generate soluble, COOH-truncated forms
25 of APP (APP_s). Proteases that release APP and its fragments from the membrane are termed "secretases." Most APP_s is released by a putative α -secretase which cleaves within the A β protein to release α -APP_s and precludes the release of intact A β . A minor portion of APP_s is released by a β -secretase (" β -secretase"), which cleaves near the NH₂-terminus of APP and produces COOH-terminal fragments (CTFs) which contain the whole A β domain.

30 Thus, the activity of β -secretase or β -site amyloid precursor protein-cleaving enzyme ("BACE") leads to the cleavage of APP, production of A β , and accumulation of β amyloid plaques in the brain, which is characteristic of Alzheimer's disease (see R. N. Rosenberg, *Arch. Neurol.*, vol. 59, Sep 2002, pp. 1367-1368; H. Fukumoto et al, *Arch. Neurol.*, vol. 59, Sep 2002, pp. 1381-1389; J.T. Huse et al, *J. Biol. Chem.*, vol 277, No. 18, issue of May 3, 2002, pp. 16278-16284; K.C. Chen and W.J. Howe,
35 *Biochem. Biophys. Res. Comm.*, vol. 292, pp 702-708, 2002). Therefore, therapeutic agents that can inhibit β -secretase or BACE may be useful for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease.

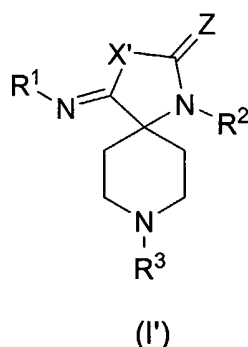
The compounds of the present invention are useful for treating Alzheimer's disease by inhibiting the activity of β -secretase or BACE, thus preventing the formation of insoluble $A\beta$ and arresting the production of $A\beta$.

5 SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention is directed to novel spiro piperidine compounds represented by general formula (I)



or its tautomer (I')



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and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, which are useful as inhibitors of the β -secretase enzyme.

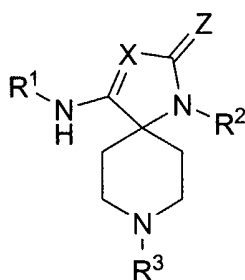
The invention is also directed to pharmaceutical compositions which include an effective amount of a compound of formula (I), or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. The invention is also directed to methods of treating mammals for diseases in which the β -secretase enzyme is involved, such as Alzheimer's disease, and the use of the compounds and pharmaceutical compositions of the invention in the treatment of such diseases.

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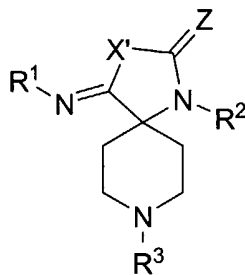
DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

In one embodiment, the present invention is directed to methods of treating mammals for diseases in which the β -secretase enzyme is involved, such as Alzheimer's disease, by administering a compound of formula (I)

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or its tautomer (I')



(I')

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, and individual enantiomers and diastereomers thereof,
 5 wherein:

X is CR⁵ or N;

X' is CR⁵H or NH;

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Z is O or S;

R¹ is selected from the group consisting of

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- (1) hydrogen,
- (2) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,
- (3) -C₀₋₆ alkyl-C₆₋₁₀ aryl,
- (4) -C₀₋₆ alkyl-C₅₋₁₂ heteroaryl,
- (5) -C₀₋₆ alkyl-C₃₋₁₂ carbocyclic, wherein the carbocyclic group optionally has
 20 from one to three ring heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of S, N
 and O,
- (6) -O-R⁶, and
- (7) -C₀₋₆ alkyl-Q¹-R⁶,

wherein said R¹ alkyl moiety is optionally substituted with one or more

- (a) -OR⁴,
- (b) halogen,
- (c) cyano, and
- (d) -NR⁴R^{4'},

said R¹ carbocyclic moiety is optionally substituted with one or more

- (a) -OR⁴,
- (b) =O,
- (c) halogen,
- (d) cyano,
- (e) -C(=O)-NR⁴R^{4'},
- (f) -C₁₋₆ alkyl, wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted with one or

more

- (I) halogen,
- (II) -OH, and
- (III) -C₆₋₁₀ aryl,
- (g) -NR⁴-SO₂-R^{4'},
- (h) -SO₂-R⁴,
- (i) -NR⁴-C(=O)-R^{4'},
- (j) -C(=O)-OR⁴,
- (k) -NR⁴R^{4'},
- (l) -C(=O)-R⁴, and
- (m) -SO₂-NR⁴R^{4'},

and said R¹ aryl and heteroaryl moieties are optionally substituted with one or more

- (a) halogen,
- (b) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,
- (c) -C₂₋₆ alkenyl,
- (d) -C₂₋₆ alkynyl,
- (e) -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₆₋₁₀ aryl,
- (f) cyano,
- (g) -O-C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₆₋₁₀ aryl,
- (h) -O-R⁴,
- (i) -C(=O)-NR⁴R^{4'},

- (j) $-NR^4R^4$,
- (k) $-Q^2-R^7$, and
- (l) $-C_{0-3}$ alkyl- C_{5-12} heteroaryl,

5 Q^1 and Q^2 are selected from the group consisting of

- (a) $-C(=O)-$,
- (b) $-C(=O)-O-$,
- (c) $-C(=O)-NR^8-$,
- (d) $-NR^8-C(=O)-$,
- 10 (e) $-S(=O)_n-$,
- (f) $-Si(R^8R^9)-$,
- (g) $-S(=O)_2-R^8-$,
- (h) $-R^8-S(=O)_2-$,
- (i) $-O-C(=O)-$,
- 15 (j) $-NR^8-C(=O)-O-$,
- (k) $-SO_2-NR^4-$,
- (l) $-NR^4SO_2-$,
- (m) $-NR^4-$

20 wherein n is 0, 1 or 2;

R^2 is selected from the group consisting of

- (1) hydrogen,
 - (2) $-C_{1-6}$ alkyl,
 - 25 (3) $-C_{0-6}$ alkyl- C_{3-12} carbocyclic, wherein the carbocyclic group optionally has from one to three ring heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of S, N and O,
 - (4) $-C_{0-6}$ alkyl- C_{6-10} aryl,
 - (5) $-C_{0-6}$ alkyl- Q^3-C_{1-6} alkyl,
 - 30 (6) $-C_{0-6}$ alkyl- C_{5-12} heteroaryl,
- wherein said R^2 alkyl moiety is optionally substituted with one or more

- (a) halogen
- (b) cyano
- 35 (c) $-C_{3-8}$ cycloalkyl
- (d) $-O-C_{1-6}$ alkyl,
- (e) OH,

and said R² cycloalkyl moiety is optionally substituted with one or more -C₁₋₆ alkyl,

5 and said R² aryl or heteroaryl moiety is optionally substituted with one or more

- (a) -OR¹⁰,
- (b) halogen,
- (c) -cyano,
- 10 (d) -NO₂,
- (e) -Q⁴-C₁₋₆ alkyl,
- (f) -C₁₋₆ alkyl, wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more

- (I) halogen, and
- 15 (II) cyano,
- (g) -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₆₋₁₀ aryl, wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or more

- (I) halogen,
- (II) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,
- 20 (III) -C₂₋₆ alkenyl,
- (IV) -C₂₋₆ alkynyl,
- (V) -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl,
- (VI) -SO₂-C₁₋₆ alkyl,
- (VII) cyano,
- 25 (VIII) -C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl,
- (IX) -NO₂,
- (X) -SO₂-NR⁴R^{4'}

- (h) -SO₂-C₁₋₆ alkyl,
- (i) -SO₂-NR⁴R^{4'},
- 30 (j) -NR⁴R^{4'},
- (k) -C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl,
- (l) -C₂₋₆ alkenyl,
- (m) -NHC(=O)-C₁₋₆ alkyl, wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more

- 35 (I) -NR⁴R^{4'}
- (II) OH
- (III) -SO₂R⁴, and

(IV) $-\text{NHSO}_2\text{R}^4$,

(n) $-\text{NHC}(=\text{O})-\text{C}_{0-3}$ alkyl- C_{6-10} aryl, wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or more

(I) $\text{NR}^4\text{R}^{4'}$,

(II) OH,

(III) $-\text{SO}_2\text{R}^4$, and

(IV) $-\text{NHSO}_2\text{R}^4$,

(o) $-\text{C}_{0-3}$ alkyl- C_{5-12} heteroaryl, wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted with one or more

(I) halogen,

(II) $-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl, and

(III) $=\text{O}$,

(p) $-\text{S}(=\text{O})_m-\text{C}_{0-6}$ alkyl- C_{6-10} aryl,

(q) $-\text{CO}_2-\text{R}^4$,

(r) $-\text{C}(=\text{O})-\text{NR}^4\text{R}^{4'}$,

(s) $-\text{C}_{0-6}$ alkyl- $\text{NR}^4\text{SO}_2-\text{R}^4$,

(t) $-\text{O}-\text{C}_{2-6}$ alkenyl,

and m is 0, 1 or 2;

and Q^3 and Q^4 are selected from the same group as Q^1 and Q^2 ;

R^3 is selected from the group consisting of

(1) hydrogen,

(2) $-\text{C}_{0-3}$ alkyl- C_{6-10} aryl,

(3) $-\text{C}_{0-3}$ alkyl- C_{5-12} heteroaryl,

(4) $-\text{C}_{0-3}$ alkyl- C_{3-10} carbocyclic, wherein the carbocyclic group optionally has

from one to three ring heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of S, N and O,

wherein said R^3 alkyl moiety is optionally substituted with one or more

(a) $-\text{OR}^{11}$,

(b) halogen,

(c) cyano,

(d) $-\text{C}(=\text{O})-\text{NR}^4\text{R}^{4'}$,

(e) $-\text{Q}^5-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl,

(f) $-\text{Q}^5-\text{H}$;

and said R³ cycloalkyl moiety is optionally substituted with one or more

- (a) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,
- (b) -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₆₋₁₀ aryl,

5 and said R³ aryl and heteroaryl moiety is optionally substituted with one or more

- (a) -OR¹²,
- (b) -NR⁴R^{4'},
- (c) halogen,
- (d) cyano,
- 10 (f) -NO₂,
- (g) -Q⁶-R⁴, and
- (h) -C₁₋₆ alkyl, wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more

- (I) halogen,
- (II) cyano,
- 15 (III) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,
- (IV) -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl,
- (V) -C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl,
- (VI) -C(=O)-C₁₋₆ alkyl,

- (i) -C₂₋₆ alkenyl,
- 20 (j) -C₂₋₆ alkynyl,
- (k) -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₅₋₁₂ heteroaryl,
- (l) -O-C₂₋₆ alkenyl,
- (m) -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₆₋₁₀ aryl, wherein said aryl moiety is

optionally substituted with one or more

- 25 (I) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,
- (II) -C₂₋₆ alkenyl,
- (III) -C₂₋₆ alkynyl,
- (IV) halogen,
- (V) cyano,
- 30 (VI) -C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl, and
- (VII) NO₂,

and R¹² is selected from the group consisting of

- 35 (I) hydrogen,
- (II) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,
- (III) -C₂₋₆ alkenyl,
- (IV) -C₂₋₆ alkynyl,

(V) -C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl, and
 (VI) -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₆₋₁₀ aryl,

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and said R¹² alkyl, alkenyl and alkynyl moiety is optionally substituted with one or more

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(A) halogen,
 (B) hydroxyl,
 (C) cyano,
 (D) -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more halogen,

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(E) -NR⁴R^{4'},
 (F) -NR⁴-S(=O)₂-R^{4'},
 (G) -NR⁴-C(=O)-R^{4'},
 (H) -NR⁴-C(=O)-OR^{4'},
 (I) -S(=O)₂-NR⁴-,

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and said R¹⁰ cycloalkyl moiety is optionally substituted with one or more

(A) halogen,
 (B) hydroxyl,
 (C) -cyano,
 (D) -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, and
 (E) -C₁₋₆ alkyl, wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted one or more halogen;

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and said R¹² aryl moiety is optionally substituted with one or more

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(A) halogen,
 (B) cyano,
 (C) -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, and
 (D) -C₁₋₆ alkyl, wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted one or more halogen;

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Q⁵ and Q⁶ are selected from the same group as Q¹ and Q²;

R⁴ and R^{4'} are selected from the group consisting of

(1) hydrogen,

(2) -C₁₋₈ alkyl, wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted with

(a) halogen,

(b) -C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl

(c) -CO₂C₁₋₆ alkyl

5 (d) -OC₁₋₆ alkyl, wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more

(I) halogen, or

(II) cyano,

(3) -C₂₋₈ alkenyl, and

(4) -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₆₋₁₀aryl;

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R⁵ is selected from the group consisting of

(1) hydrogen,

(2) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,

(3) halogen, and

15 (4) -CO₂-R⁴,

R⁶, R⁷, R⁸, R⁹, R¹⁰ and R¹¹ are independently selected from the group consisting of:

(1) hydrogen,

(2) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,

20 (3) -C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl,

(4) -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₆₋₁₀ aryl,

wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more

(A) halogen,

(B) hydroxyl,

25 (C) cyano,

(D) -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more halogen,

and said cycloalkyl and aryl are optionally substituted with one or more

(A) halogen,

30 (B) hydroxyl,

(C) cyano,

(D) -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, and

(E) -C₁₋₆ alkyl, wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted one or more halogen.

35 The invention is also directed to pharmaceutical compositions which include an effective amount of a compound of formula (I), or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

The present invention is further directed to a method for the manufacture of a medicament or a composition for inhibiting β -secretase enzyme activity in humans and animals. The invention is also directed to a method for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of Alzheimer's Disease in humans, comprising combining a compound of the present invention with a pharmaceutical carrier or diluent.

In another embodiment, the invention is directed to novel spiro piperidine compounds of formula (I) above, provided that when X is N; Z is O; R¹ is unsubstituted cyclohexyl; and R² is unsubstituted phenyl, then R³ is not unsubstituted benzyl.

In a preferred embodiment, Z is O.

In one sub-genus of this embodiment, the invention is directed to compounds of formula (I) wherein X is N and X' is NH. In another embodiment, X is CR⁵, wherein R⁵ is preferably hydrogen, and X' is CR⁵H, wherein R⁵ is preferably hydrogen.

In another embodiment of the compounds of formula (I), R¹ is -C₁₋₆ alkyl or -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₃₋₁₂ carbocyclic wherein said alkyl or carbocyclic is optionally substituted with one or more

- (a) -OR⁴,
- (b) halogen,
- (c) cyano,
- (d) -NR⁴R^{4'}, and
- (e) -C₁₋₆ alkyl.

Preferred R¹ carbocyclic groups include -C₃₋₈ carbocyclic groups, including cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, morpholinyl, tetrahydropyran and pyrrolidinyl.

In another embodiment of the compounds of formula (I), R¹ is -C₀₋₃ alkyl -C₆₋₁₀ aryl, preferably phenyl or benzyl. Preferably, the R¹ aryl moiety is optionally substituted with one or more

- (a) halogen, or
- (b) -C₁₋₆ alkyl.

In another embodiment, R¹ is C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₅₋₁₂ heteroaryl, wherein the heteroaryl moiety is optionally substituted with one or more

- (a) halogen, or
- (b) -C₁₋₆ alkyl.

Preferred R¹ heteroaryl groups include pyridinyl, thienyl, furanyl and imidazolyl.

In another embodiment, R² is selected from the group consisting of

- (1) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,
- (2) -C₀₋₆ alkyl-C₃₋₈ carbocyclic, and
- (3) -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₆₋₁₀ aryl, which are optionally substituted as described above.

Preferably, R² is selected from -C₁₋₆ alkyl, phenyl, benzyl, or -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₃₋₈ carbocyclic, optionally substituted as described above.

When R² is -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₆₋₁₀ aryl, preferably the aryl moiety is optionally substituted with one or more

- (a) -OR¹⁰,
 (b) halogen,
 (c) -C₁₋₆ alkyl, wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more

- (I) halogen,
 (II) cyano,
 (III) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,
 (IV) -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl,
 (V) -C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl,
 (VI) -C(=O) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,

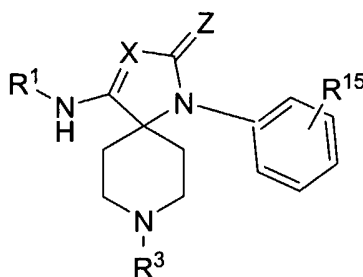
- (d) -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₆₋₁₀ aryl, wherein said aryl moiety is optionally substituted with one or more

- (I) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,
 (II) -C₂₋₆ alkenyl,
 (III) -C₂₋₆ alkynyl,
 (IV) halogen,
 (V) cyano,
 (VI) -C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl,
 (VII) NO₂,

- (e) -SO₂-C₁₋₆ alkyl, and
 (f) -NHC(=O) -C₁₋₆ alkyl, wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more

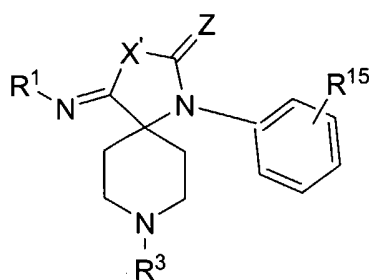
- (I) -NR⁴R^{4'}, and
 (II) -OH.

Within this embodiment, there is a sub-genus of compounds of formula (II)



(II)

or its tautomer (II')



(II')

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, and individual enantiomers and diastereomers thereof, wherein X, X', Z, R¹ and R³ are as defined above, and R¹⁵ is selected from the group consisting of

- 5 (a) -OR¹⁰,
 (b) halogen,
 (c) -cyano,
 (d) -Q⁴-C₁₋₆ alkyl,
 (e) -C₁₋₆ alkyl, wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted with one or
 more
 10 (I) halogen, and
 (II) cyano,
 (f) -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₆₋₁₀ aryl, wherein said aryl is optionally substituted
 with one or more
 15 (I) halogen,
 (II) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,
 (V) -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl,
 (VI) -SO₂-C₁₋₆ alkyl,
 (VII) cyano,
 (VIII) -C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl,
 20 (X) -SO₂-NR⁴R^{4'}
 (g) -SO₂-C₁₋₆ alkyl,
 (h) -SO₂-NR⁴R^{4'},
 (i) -C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl,
 (j) -NHC(=O)-C₁₋₆ alkyl, wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted
 25 with one or more
 (I) -NR⁴R^{4'}
 (II) OH
 (III) -SO₂R⁴, and
 (IV) -NHSO₂R⁴,

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(k) -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₅₋₁₂ heteroaryl, wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted with one or more

(I) halogen,

(II) -C₁₋₆ alkyl, and

(III) =O,

(l) -S(=O)_m-C₀₋₆ alkyl-C₆₋₁₀ aryl,

(m) -CO₂-R⁴,

(n) -C(=O)-NR⁴R^{4'},

(o) -C₀₋₆ alkyl-NR⁴ SO₂-R⁴.

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Within this sub-genus of compounds of formula (II), R³ is preferably

(1) -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₆₋₁₀ aryl, or

(2) -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₅₋₁₂ heteroaryl,

and said aryl and heteroaryl are optionally substituted with one or more

(a) -OR¹²,

(b) -NR⁴R^{4'},

(c) halogen,

(d) cyano,

(f) -NO₂,

(g) -Q⁶-R⁴, and

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(h) -C₁₋₆ alkyl, wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more

(I) halogen,

(II) cyano,

(III) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,

(IV) -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl,

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(V) -C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl,

(VI) -C(=O)-C₁₋₆ alkyl,

(i) -C₂₋₆ alkenyl,

(j) -C₂₋₆ alkynyl,

(k) -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₅₋₁₂ heteroaryl,

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(l) -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₆₋₁₀ aryl, and said aryl moiety is optionally substituted with one or more

(I) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,

(II) -C₂₋₆ alkenyl,

(III) -C₂₋₆ alkynyl,

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(IV) halogen,

(V) cyano,

(VI) -C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl, and

(VII) NO₂.

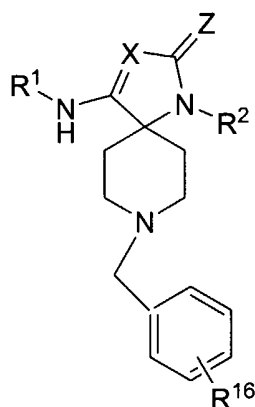
When R³ is -C₀₋₃ alkyl-heteroaryl, preferably the heteroaryl is selected from the group consisting of pyridyl, pyrrolyl, furanyl, thienyl, dihydrobenzofuran, indolyl, isoquinolinyl, imidazolyl, isoxazolyl, quinolinyl, tetrahydroquinolinyl, dihydroindolyl and pyridyl. Preferably, when R³ is -C₀₋₃ alkyl-

5 heteroaryl, the heteroaryl is substituted with one or more

- (a) -OR¹²,
- (b) halogen,
- (c) cyano,
- (d) -C(=O)-NR⁴R^{4'},
- 10 (e) -C₁₋₆ alkyl, and
- (f) -NR⁴R^{4'}.

In preferred embodiments of compounds of formula (II), X is N and Z is O.

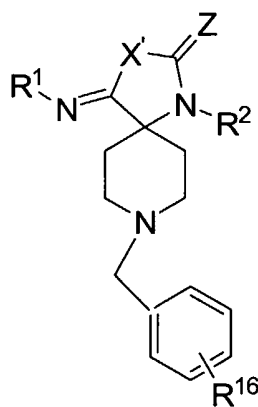
In another sub-genus of the embodiment of compounds of formula (I), the invention is directed to compounds of formula (III):



(III)

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or its tautomer (III')



(III')

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, and individual enantiomers and diastereomers thereof, wherein X, X', Z, R¹, and R² are as defined above, and R¹⁶ is selected from the group consisting of

- 5 (a) -OR¹²,
 (b) NR⁴R^{4'},
 (c) halogen,
 (d) cyano,
 (f) -NO₂,
 (g) -Q⁶-R⁴, and
 10 (h) -C₁₋₆ alkyl, wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more
 (I) halogen,
 (II) cyano,
 (III) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,
 (IV) -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl,
 15 (V) -C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl,
 (VI) -C(=O) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,
 (i) -C₂₋₆ alkenyl,
 (j) -C₂₋₆ alkynyl,
 (k) -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₅₋₁₂ heteroaryl, and
 20 (l) -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₆₋₁₀ aryl, wherein said aryl moiety is
 optionally substituted with one or more
 (I) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,
 (II) -C₂₋₆ alkenyl,
 (III) -C₂₋₆ alkynyl,
 25 (IV) halogen,
 (V) cyano,
 (VI) -C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl, and
 (VII) NO₂.

In preferred embodiments of compounds of formula (III), X is N and Z is O.

30 As used herein, the term "alkyl," by itself or as part of another substituent, means a saturated straight or branched chain hydrocarbon radical having the number of carbon atoms designated (e.g., C₁₋₁₀ alkyl means an alkyl group having from one to ten carbon atoms). Preferred alkyl groups for use in the invention are C₁₋₆ alkyl groups, having from one to six carbon atoms. Exemplary alkyl groups include methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, isobutyl, tert-butyl, pentyl, hexyl, and the like. C₀
 35 alkyl means a bond.

As used herein, the term "alkoxy," by itself or as part of another substituent, means the group -O-alkyl, wherein alkyl is defined above, having the number of carbon atoms designated (e.g., C₁₋₁₀

alkoxy means an alkoxy group having from one to ten carbon atoms. Preferred alkoxy groups for use in the invention are C₁₋₆ alkoxy groups, having from one to six carbon atoms. Exemplary preferred alkoxy groups include methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, butoxy, sec-butoxy and pentoxy. Especially preferred alkoxy groups are C₁₋₃ alkoxy.

5 As used herein, the term "alkenyl," by itself or as part of another substituent, means a straight or branched chain hydrocarbon radical having a single carbon-carbon double bond and the number of carbon atoms designated (*e.g.*, C₂₋₁₀ alkenyl means an alkenyl group having from two to ten carbon atoms). Preferred alkenyl groups for use in the invention are C₂₋₆ alkenyl groups, having from two to six carbon atoms. Exemplary alkenyl groups include ethenyl and propenyl.

10 As used herein, the term "alkynyl," by itself or as part of another substituent, means a straight or branched chain hydrocarbon radical having a single carbon-carbon triple bond and the number of carbon atoms designated (*e.g.*, C₂₋₁₀ alkynyl means an alkynyl group having from two to ten carbon atoms). Preferred alkynyl groups for use in the invention are C₂₋₆ alkynyl groups, having from two to six carbon atoms. Exemplary alkynyl groups include ethynyl and propynyl.

15 As used herein, the term "cycloalkyl," by itself or as part of another substituent, means a saturated cyclic hydrocarbon radical having the number of carbon atoms designated (*e.g.*, C₃₋₁₂ cycloalkyl means a cycloalkyl group having from three to twelve carbon atoms). The term cycloalkyl as used herein includes mono-, bi- and tricyclic saturated carbocycles, as well as bridged and fused ring carbocycles, such as spiro fused ring systems.

20 Preferred cycloalkyl groups for use in the invention are monocyclic C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl groups, having from three to eight carbon atoms. Exemplary monocyclic cycloalkyl groups include cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl and the like. Exemplary bridged cycloalkyl groups include adamantyl and norbornyl. Exemplary fused cycloalkyl groups include decahydronaphthalene.

As used herein, the term "carbocyclic," by itself or as part of another substituent, means a
25 cycloalkyl group as defined above, or a non-aromatic heterocyclic group. A non-aromatic heterocyclic group, by itself or as part of another substituent, means a cycloalkyl group as defined above in which one or more of the ring carbon atoms is replaced with a heteroatom (such as N, S or O). Suitable non-aromatic heterocyclic groups for use in the invention include piperidinyl, piperazinyl, morpholinyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, tetrahydrothienyl, pyrrolidinyl, pyrazolidinyl, azetidiny, tetrahydropyranyl and
30 imidazolildinyl. Preferred non-aromatic heterocyclic groups are piperidinyl, piperazinyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, tetrahydropyranyl, pyrrolidinyl, morpholinyl and azetidinyl.

When a non-aromatic heterocyclic group as defined herein is substituted, the substituent may be bonded to a ring carbon atom of the heterocyclic group, or on a ring heteroatom (*i.e.*, a nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur), which has a valence which permits substitution. Preferably, the substituent is bonded to a ring
35 carbon atom. Similarly, when a non-aromatic heterocyclic group is defined as a substituent herein, the point of attachment may be at a ring carbon atom of the heterocyclic group or on a ring heteroatom (*i.e.*,

a nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur), which has a valence which permits substitution. Preferably, the attachment is at a ring carbon atom.

As used herein, the term "aryl," by itself or as part of another substituent, means an aromatic cyclic hydrocarbon radical having the number of carbon atoms designated (e.g., C₆₋₁₀ aryl means an aryl group having from six to ten carbons atoms). The term "aryl" includes multiple ring systems as well as single ring systems. Preferred aryl groups for use in the invention include phenyl and naphthyl.

The term "aryl" also includes fused cyclic hydrocarbon rings which are partially aromatic (*i.e.*, one of the fused rings is aromatic and the other is non-aromatic). An exemplary aryl group which is partially aromatic is indanyl.

The term "halo" or "halogen" includes fluoro, chloro, bromo and iodo.

As used herein, the term "heteroaryl," by itself or as part of another substituent, means an aromatic cyclic group having at least one ring heteroatom (O, N or S). The term "heteroaryl" includes multiple ring systems as well as single ring systems. Exemplary heteroaryl groups for use in the invention include furyl, pyranyl, benzofuranyl, isobenzofuranyl, chromenyl, thienyl, benzothiophenyl, pyrrolyl, pyrazolyl, imidazolyl, pyridyl, pyrazinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyridazinyl, indolyl, benzimidazolyl, quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl, tetrazolyl, indazolyl, naphthyridinyl, triazolyl, oxazolyl, oxadiazolyl, thiazolyl, thiadiazolyl, isoxazolyl, tetrahydroquinolinyl, tetrahydroisoquinolinyl and dihydroindolyl.

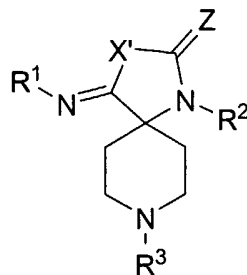
The term "heteroaryl" also includes fused aromatic cyclic groups which are partially aromatic (*i.e.*, one of the fused rings is aromatic and the other is non-aromatic). Exemplary heteroaryl groups which are partially aromatic include tetrahydroquinolyl, dihydrobenzofuran and dihydroindolyl.

When a heteroaryl group as defined herein is substituted, the substituent may be bonded to a ring carbon atom of the heteroaryl group, or on a ring heteroatom (*i.e.*, a nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur), which has a valence which permits substitution. Preferably, the substituent is bonded to a ring carbon atom. Similarly, when a heteroaryl group is defined as a substituent herein, the point of attachment may be at a ring carbon atom of the heteroaryl group, or on a ring heteroatom (*i.e.*, a nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur), which has a valence which permits attachment. Preferably, the attachment is at a ring carbon atom.

Some of the compounds of the instant invention have at least one asymmetric center. Additional asymmetric centers may be present depending upon the nature of the various substituents on the molecule. Compounds with asymmetric centers give rise to enantiomers (optical isomers), diastereomers (configurational isomers) or both, and it is intended that all of the possible enantiomers and diastereomers in mixtures and as pure or partially purified compounds are included within the scope of this invention. The present invention is meant to encompass all such isomeric forms of these compounds.

As used herein, the term "tautomer" refers to a compound which exists in an equilibrium mixture and which can be isolated in either form and react through either form. The tautomers may differ in linkage, bond, or connections between atoms, and the position or distribution of the atoms in the molecule. One common form of tautomerism occurs when an enamine group, for example a group

$R_2C=CR-NHR$, exists in equilibrium with its tautomeric imine form, for example $R_2CH-CR=NR$. In the context of this invention, compounds of formula (I) may be present in the enamine form depicted above, or in the tautomeric imine form (I'), as shown below:



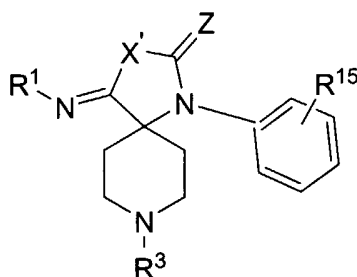
(I')

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and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, and individual enantiomers and diastereomers thereof, wherein X' , Z , R^1 , R^2 and R^3 are as defined above.

Additionally, compounds of formula (II) may be present in the enamine form depicted above, or in the tautomeric imine form (II'), as shown below:

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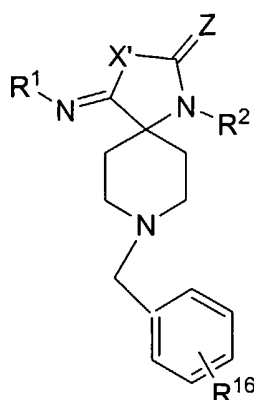


(II')

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, and individual enantiomers and diastereomers thereof, wherein X' , Z , R^1 , R^3 and R^{15} are as defined above.

Compounds of formula (III) may be present in the enamine form depicted above, or in the tautomeric imine form (III'), as shown below:

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(III')

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, and individual enantiomers and diastereomers thereof, wherein X', Z, R¹, R² and R¹⁶ are as defined above.

Compounds described herein may contain one or more double bonds, and may thus give rise to *cis/trans* isomers as well as other conformational isomers. The present invention includes all such possible isomers as well as mixtures of such isomers.

Formulas (I) to (III) are shown above without a definite stereochemistry at certain positions. The present invention includes all stereoisomers of Formulas (I) to (III) and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

The independent syntheses of the enantiomerically or diastereomerically enriched compounds, or their chromatographic separations, may be achieved as known in the art by appropriate modification of the methodology disclosed herein. Their absolute stereochemistry may be determined by the x-ray crystallography of crystalline products or crystalline intermediates that are derivatized, if necessary, with a reagent containing an asymmetric center of known absolute configuration.

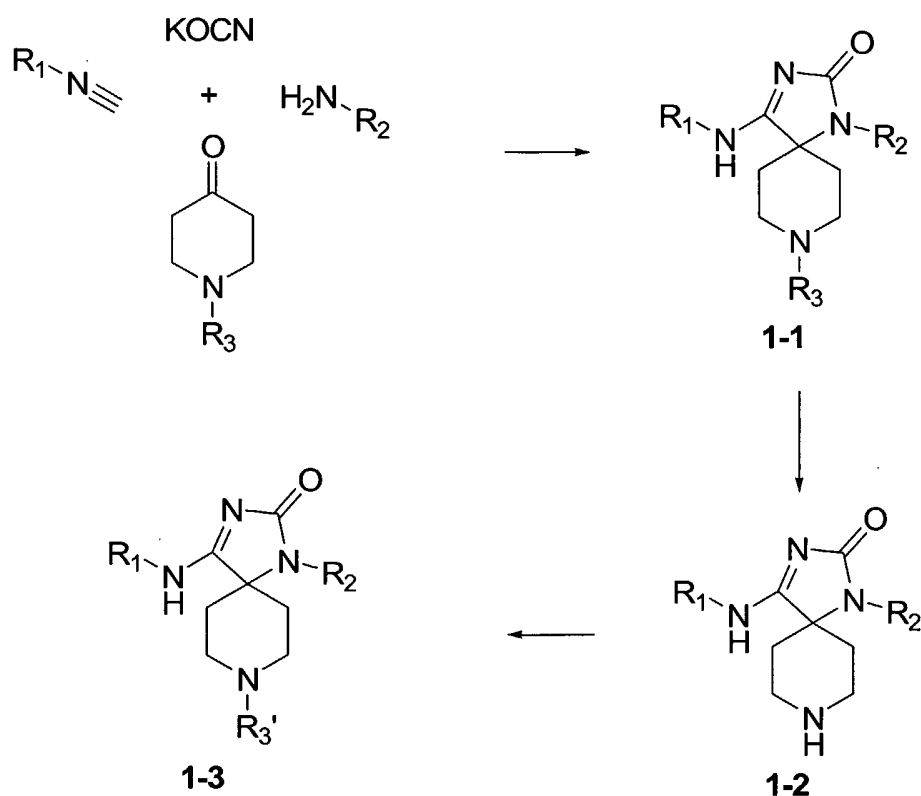
If desired, racemic mixtures of the compounds may be separated so that the individual enantiomers are isolated. The separation can be carried out by methods well known in the art, such as the coupling of a racemic mixture of compounds to an enantiomerically pure compound to form a diastereomeric mixture, followed by separation of the individual diastereomers by standard methods, such as fractional crystallization or chromatography. The coupling reaction is often the formation of salts using an enantiomerically pure acid or base. The diastereomeric derivatives may then be converted to the pure enantiomers by cleavage of the added chiral residue. The racemic mixture of the compounds can also be separated directly by chromatographic methods using chiral stationary phases, which methods are well known in the art.

Alternatively, any enantiomer of a compound may be obtained by stereoselective synthesis using optically pure starting materials or reagents of known configuration by methods well known in the art.

The compounds claimed in this invention can be prepared according to the following general procedure methods (Schemes 1 and 2).

Scheme 1 below depicts an Ugi four-component coupling reaction between a piperidone derivative, amine, isonitrile, and cyanate, which assembles the core structure **1-1**. Further elaboration of **1-1** is possible, for example, removal of a temporary R³ group to give **1-2**, followed by alkylation with a different R³ to give new structures **1-3**.

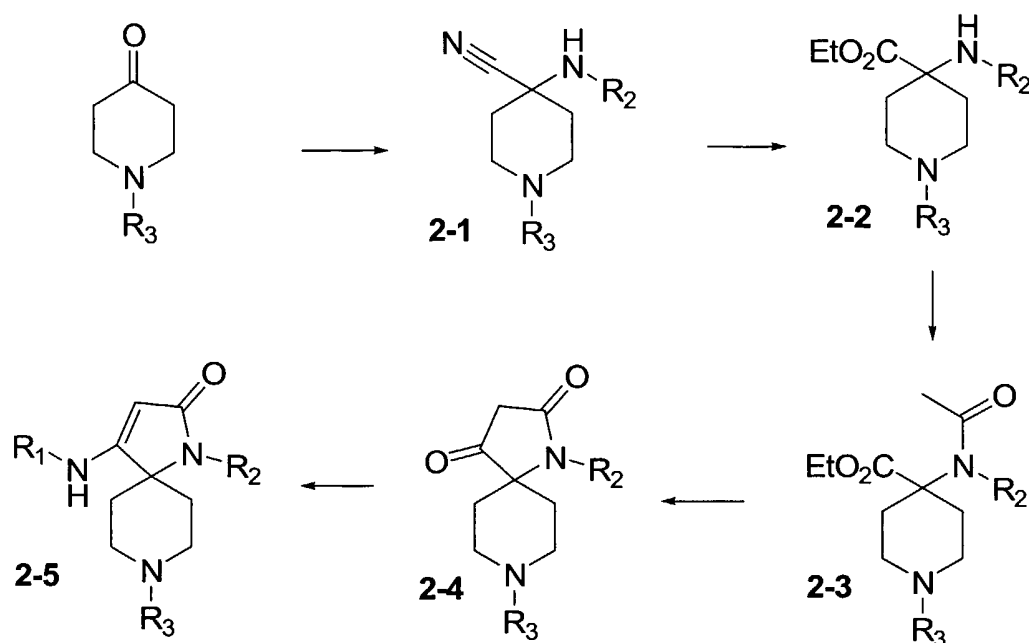
Scheme 1



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Alternatively, compounds of the invention where X=C may be prepared as shown in Scheme 2, below. Strecker reaction on a suitably configured piperidone gives nitrile **2-1** which can be hydrolyzed and esterified to **2-2**. Acylation to **2-3** and ring closure to **2-4** followed by condensation with amines gives compounds **2-5**.

Scheme 2



Specific embodiments of the compounds of the invention, and methods of making them, are described in Examples (3-1)- (15-45) herein, and in Schemes 3-15.

The term "substantially pure" means that the isolated material is at least 90% pure, and preferably 95% pure, and even more preferably 99% pure as assayed by analytical techniques known in the art.

The term "pharmaceutically acceptable salts" refers to salts prepared from pharmaceutically acceptable non-toxic bases or acids including inorganic or organic bases and inorganic or organic acids. The compounds of the invention may be mono, di or tris salts, depending on the number of acid functionalities present in the free base form of the compound. Free bases and salts derived from inorganic bases include aluminum, ammonium, calcium, copper, ferric, ferrous, lithium, magnesium, manganese salts, manganous, potassium, sodium, zinc, and the like. Particularly preferred are the ammonium, calcium, magnesium, potassium, and sodium salts. Salts in the solid form may exist in more than one crystal structure, and may also be in the form of hydrates. Salts derived from pharmaceutically acceptable organic non-toxic bases include salts of primary, secondary, and tertiary amines, substituted amines including naturally occurring substituted amines, cyclic amines, and basic ion exchange resins, such as arginine, betaine, caffeine, choline, $\text{N,N}'$ -dibenzylethylene-diamine, diethylamine, 2-diethylaminoethanol, 2-dimethylaminoethanol, ethanolamine, ethylenediamine, N -ethyl-morpholine, N -ethylpiperidine, glucamine, glucosamine, histidine, hydrabamine, isopropylamine, lysine, methylglucamine, morpholine, piperazine, piperidine, polyamine resins, procaine, purines, theobromine, triethylamine, trimethylamine, tripropylamine, tromethamine, and the like. When the compound of the present invention is basic, salts may be prepared from pharmaceutically acceptable non-toxic acids, including inorganic and organic acids. Such acids include acetic, trifluoroacetic, benzenesulfonic,

benzoic, camphorsulfonic, citric, ethanesulfonic, fumaric, gluconic, glutamic, hydrobromic, hydrochloric, isethionic, lactic, maleic, malic, mandelic, methanesulfonic, mucic, nitric, pamoic, pantothenic, phosphoric, succinic, sulfuric, tartaric, p-toluenesulfonic acid, and the like. Particularly preferred are citric, hydrobromic, hydrochloric, trifluoroacetic, maleic, phosphoric, sulfuric, fumaric, and tartaric acids.

The present invention is directed to the use of the compounds of formulas (I) to (III) disclosed herein as inhibitors of β -secretase enzyme activity or β -site amyloid precursor protein-cleaving enzyme ("BACE") activity, in a patient or subject such as a mammal in need of such inhibition, comprising the administration of an effective amount of the compound. The terms " β -secretase enzyme," " β -site amyloid precursor protein-cleaving enzyme," and "BACE" are used interchangeably in this specification. In addition to humans, a variety of other mammals can be treated according to the method of the present invention.

The compounds of the present invention have utility in treating, ameliorating, controlling or reducing the risk of Alzheimer's disease. For example, the compounds may be useful for the prevention of dementia of the Alzheimer's type, as well as for the treatment of early stage, intermediate stage or late stage dementia of the Alzheimer's type. The compounds may also be useful in treating, ameliorating, controlling or reducing the risk of diseases mediated by abnormal cleavage of amyloid precursor protein (also referred to as APP), and other conditions that may be treated or prevented by inhibition of β -secretase. Such conditions include mild cognitive impairment, Trisomy 21 (Down Syndrome), cerebral amyloid angiopathy, degenerative dementia, Hereditary Cerebral Hemorrhage with Amyloidosis of the Dutch-Type (HCHWA-D), Creutzfeld-Jakob disease, prion disorders, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, progressive supranuclear palsy, head trauma, stroke, pancreatitis, inclusion body myositis, other peripheral amyloidoses, diabetes and atherosclerosis.

The subject or patient to whom the compounds of the present invention is administered is generally a human being, male or female, in whom inhibition of β -secretase enzyme activity is desired, but may also encompass other mammals, such as dogs, cats, mice, rats, cattle, horses, sheep, rabbits, monkeys, chimpanzees or other apes or primates, for which inhibition of β -secretase enzyme activity or treatment of the above noted disorders is desired.

The compounds of the present invention may be used in combination with one or more other drugs in the treatment of diseases or conditions for which the compounds of the present invention have utility, where the combination of the drugs together are safer or more effective than either drug alone. Additionally, the compounds of the present invention may be used in combination with one or more other drugs that treat, prevent, control, ameliorate, or reduce the risk of side effects or toxicity of the compounds of the present invention. Such other drugs may be administered, by a route and in an amount commonly used therefor, contemporaneously or sequentially with the compounds of the present invention. Accordingly, the pharmaceutical compositions of the present invention include those that contain one or more other active ingredients, in addition to the compounds of the present invention. The

combinations may be administered as part of a unit dosage form combination product, or as a kit or treatment protocol wherein one or more additional drugs are administered in separate dosage forms as part of a treatment regimen.

5 Examples of combinations of the compounds of the present invention with other drugs in either unit dose or kit form include combinations with anti-Alzheimer's agents, for example other beta-secretase inhibitors or gamma-secretase inhibitors; tau phosphorylation inhibitors; M1 receptor positive allosteric modulators; blockers of A β oligomer formation; 5-HT modulators, such as PRX-03140, GSK 742467, SGS-518, FK-962, SL-65.0155, SRA-333 and xaliproden; p25/CDK5 inhibitors; NK1/NK3 receptor antagonists; COX-2 inhibitors; HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors; NSAIDs including ibuprofen; vitamin E;
10 anti-amyloid antibodies, including anti-amyloid humanized monoclonal antibodies; anti-inflammatory compounds such as (R)-flurbiprofen, nitroflurbiprofen, rosiglitazone, ND-1251, VP-025, HT-0712 and EHT-202; CB-1 receptor antagonists or CB-1 receptor inverse agonists; antibiotics such as doxycycline and rifampin; N-methyl-D-aspartate (NMDA) receptor antagonists, such as memantine and neramexane; cholinesterase inhibitors such as galantamine, rivastigmine, donepezil, tacrine, phenserine, ladostigil and
15 ABT-089; growth hormone secretagogues such as ibutamoren, ibutamoren mesylate, and capromorelin; histamine H₃ antagonists such as ABT-834, ABT 829 and GSK 189254; AMPA agonists or AMPA modulators, such as CX-717, LY 451395 and S-18986; PDE IV inhibitors; GABA_A inverse agonists; neuronal nicotinic agonists; selective M1 agonists; microtubule affinity regulating kinase (MARK) ligands; P-450 inhibitors, such as ritonavir, or other drugs that affect receptors or enzymes that either
20 increase the efficacy, safety, convenience, or reduce unwanted side effects or toxicity of the compounds of the present invention. The foregoing list of combinations is illustrative only and not intended to be limiting in any way.

The term "composition" as used herein is intended to encompass a product comprising specified ingredients in predetermined amounts or proportions, as well as any product which results, directly or
25 indirectly, from combination of the specified ingredients in the specified amounts. This term in relation to pharmaceutical compositions is intended to encompass a product comprising one or more active ingredients, and an optional carrier comprising inert ingredients, as well as any product which results, directly or indirectly, from combination, complexation or aggregation of any two or more of the ingredients, or from dissociation of one or more of the ingredients, or from other types of reactions or
30 interactions of one or more of the ingredients.

In general, pharmaceutical compositions are prepared by uniformly and intimately bringing the active ingredient into association with a liquid carrier or a finely divided solid carrier or both, and then, if necessary, shaping the product into the desired formulation. In the pharmaceutical composition the active compound, which is a compound of formulas (I) to (III), is included in an amount sufficient to
35 produce the desired effect upon the process or condition of diseases. Accordingly, the pharmaceutical compositions of the present invention encompass any composition made by admixing a compound of the present invention and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

The carrier may take a wide variety of forms depending on the form of preparation desired for administration, e.g., oral or parenteral (including intravenous). Thus, the pharmaceutical compositions of the present invention can be presented as discrete units suitable for oral administration such as capsules, cachets or tablets each containing a predetermined amount of the active ingredient. Further, the
5 compositions can be presented as a powder, as granules, as a solution, as a suspension in an aqueous liquid, as a non-aqueous liquid, as an oil-in-water emulsion or as a water-in-oil liquid emulsion. In addition to the common dosage forms set out above, the compounds represented by Formulas (I) to (VII), or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, may also be administered by controlled release means and/or delivery devices.

10 Pharmaceutical compositions intended for oral use may be prepared according to any method known to the art for the manufacture of pharmaceutical compositions and such compositions may contain one or more agents selected from the group consisting of sweetening agents, flavoring agents, coloring agents and preserving agents in order to provide pharmaceutically elegant and palatable preparations. Tablets may contain the active ingredient in admixture with non-toxic pharmaceutically acceptable
15 excipients which are suitable for the manufacture of tablets. These excipients may be, for example, inert diluents, such as calcium carbonate, sodium carbonate, lactose, calcium phosphate or sodium phosphate; granulating and disintegrating agents, for example, corn starch, or alginic acid; binding agents, for example starch, gelatin or acacia, and lubricating agents, for example magnesium stearate, stearic acid or talc. The tablets may be uncoated or they may be coated by known techniques to delay disintegration
20 and absorption in the gastrointestinal tract and thereby provide a sustained action over a longer period.

A tablet containing the composition of this invention may be prepared by compression or molding, optionally with one or more accessory ingredients or adjuvants. Compressed tablets may be prepared by compressing, in a suitable machine, the active ingredient in a free-flowing form such as powder or granules, optionally mixed with a binder, lubricant, inert diluent, surface active or dispersing
25 agent. Molded tablets may be made by molding in a suitable machine, a mixture of the powdered compound moistened with an inert liquid diluent. Each tablet preferably contains from about 0.1 mg to about 500 mg of the active ingredient and each cachet or capsule preferably containing from about 0.1 mg to about 500 mg of the active ingredient.

30 Compositions for oral use may also be presented as hard gelatin capsules wherein the active ingredient is mixed with an inert solid diluent, for example, calcium carbonate, calcium phosphate or kaolin, or as soft gelatin capsules wherein the active ingredient is mixed with water or an oil medium, for example peanut oil, liquid paraffin, or olive oil.

35 Other pharmaceutical compositions include aqueous suspensions, which contain the active materials in admixture with excipients suitable for the manufacture of aqueous suspensions. In addition, oily suspensions may be formulated by suspending the active ingredient in a vegetable oil, for example arachis oil, olive oil, sesame oil or coconut oil, or in a mineral oil such as liquid paraffin. Oily suspensions may also contain various excipients. The pharmaceutical compositions of the invention may

also be in the form of oil-in-water emulsions, which may also contain excipients such as sweetening and flavoring agents.

The pharmaceutical compositions may be in the form of a sterile injectable aqueous or oleaginous suspension, or in the form of sterile powders for the extemporaneous preparation of such sterile injectable solutions or dispersions. In all cases, the final injectable form must be sterile and must be effectively fluid for easy syringability. The pharmaceutical compositions must be stable under the conditions of manufacture and storage; thus, preferably should be preserved against the contaminating action of microorganisms such as bacteria and fungi.

Pharmaceutical compositions of the present invention can be in a form suitable for topical use such as, for example, an aerosol, cream, ointment, lotion, dusting powder, or the like. Further, the compositions can be in a form suitable for use in transdermal devices. These formulations may be prepared via conventional processing methods. As an example, a cream or ointment is prepared by mixing hydrophilic material and water, together with about 5wt% to about 10wt% of the compound, to produce a cream or ointment having a desired consistency.

Pharmaceutical compositions of this invention can also be in a form suitable for rectal administration wherein the carrier is a solid. It is preferable that the mixture forms unit dose suppositories. Suitable carriers include cocoa butter and other materials commonly used in the art.

By "pharmaceutically acceptable" it is meant the carrier, diluent or excipient must be compatible with the other ingredients of the formulation and not deleterious to the recipient thereof.

The terms "administration of" or "administering a" compound should be understood to mean providing a compound of the invention to the individual in need of treatment in a form that can be introduced into that individual's body in a therapeutically useful form and therapeutically useful amount, including, but not limited to: oral dosage forms, such as tablets, capsules, syrups, suspensions, and the like; injectable dosage forms, such as IV, IM, or IP, and the like; transdermal dosage forms, including creams, jellies, powders, or patches; buccal dosage forms; inhalation powders, sprays, suspensions, and the like; and rectal suppositories.

The terms "effective amount" or "therapeutically effective amount" means the amount of the subject compound that will elicit the biological or medical response of a tissue, system, animal or human that is being sought by the researcher, veterinarian, medical doctor or other clinician.

As used herein, the term "treatment" or "treating" means any administration of a compound of the present invention and includes (1) inhibiting the disease in an animal that is experiencing or displaying the pathology or symptomatology of the disease (i.e., arresting further development of the pathology and/or symptomatology), or (2) ameliorating the disease in an animal that is experiencing or displaying the pathology or symptomatology of the disease (i.e., reversing the pathology and/or symptomatology). The term "controlling" includes preventing treating, eradicating, ameliorating or otherwise reducing the severity of the condition being controlled.

The compositions containing compounds of the present invention may conveniently be presented in unit dosage form and may be prepared by any of the methods well known in the art of pharmacy. The term "unit dosage form" is taken to mean a single dose wherein all active and inactive ingredients are combined in a suitable system, such that the patient or person administering the drug to the patient can
5 open a single container or package with the entire dose contained therein, and does not have to mix any components together from two or more containers or packages. Typical examples of unit dosage forms are tablets or capsules for oral administration, single dose vials for injection, or suppositories for rectal administration. This list of unit dosage forms is not intended to be limiting in any way, but merely to represent typical examples of unit dosage forms.

10 The compositions containing compounds of the present invention may conveniently be presented as a kit, whereby two or more components, which may be active or inactive ingredients, carriers, diluents, and the like, are provided with instructions for preparation of the actual dosage form by the patient or person administering the drug to the patient. Such kits may be provided with all necessary materials and ingredients contained therein, or they may contain instructions for using or making
15 materials or components that must be obtained independently by the patient or person administering the drug to the patient.

When treating, ameliorating, controlling or reducing the risk of Alzheimer's disease or other diseases for which compounds of the present invention are indicated, generally satisfactory results are obtained when the compounds of the present invention are administered at a daily dosage of from about
20 0.1 mg to about 100 mg per kg of animal body weight, preferably given as a single daily dose or in divided doses two to six times a day, or in sustained release form. The total daily dosage is from about 1.0 mg to about 2000 mg, preferably from about 0.1 mg to about 20 mg per kg of body weight. In the case of a 70 kg adult human, the total daily dose will generally be from about 7 mg to about 1,400 mg. This dosage regimen may be adjusted to provide the optimal therapeutic response. The compounds may
25 be administered on a regimen of 1 to 4 times per day, preferably once or twice per day.

The amount of active ingredient that may be combined with the carrier materials to produce a single dosage form will vary depending upon the host treated and the particular mode of administration. For example, a formulation intended for the oral administration to humans may conveniently contain
30 from about 0.005 mg to about 2.5 g of active agent, compounded with an appropriate and convenient amount of carrier materia. Unit dosage forms will generally contain between from about 0.005 mg to about 1000 mg of the active ingredient, typically 0.005, 0.01 mg, 0.05 mg, 0.25 mg, 1 mg, 5 mg, 25 mg, 50 mg, 100 mg, 200 mg, 300 mg, 400 mg, 500 mg, 600 mg, 800 mg or 1000 mg, administered once, twice or three times a day.

It will be understood, however, that the specific dose level and frequency of dosage for any
35 particular patient may be varied and will depend upon a variety of factors including the activity of the specific compound employed, the metabolic stability and length of action of that compound, the age,

body weight, general health, sex, diet, mode and time of administration, rate of excretion, drug combination, the severity of the particular condition, and the host undergoing therapy.

The utility of the compounds in accordance with the present invention as inhibitors of β -secretase enzyme activity may be demonstrated by methodology known in the art. Enzyme inhibition is
5 determined as follows.

ECL Assay: A homogeneous end point electrochemiluminescence (ECL) assay is employed using a biotinylated BACE substrate. The K_m of the substrate is greater than 100 μM and can not be determined due to the limit of solubility of the substrate. A typical reaction contains approximately 0.1 nM enzyme, 0.25 μM of the substrate, and buffer (50 mM NaOAc, pH 4.5 or 6.5, 0.1 mg/ml BSA, 0.2%
10 CHAPS, 15 mM EDTA and 1 mM deferoxamine) in a total reaction volume of 100 μl . The reaction proceeds for 30 min and is then stopped by the addition of 25 μL of 1 M Tris-HCl, pH 8.0. The resulting enzymatic product is assayed by adding a ruthenylated antibody which specifically recognizes the C-terminal residue of the product. Streptavidin coated magnetic beads are added into the solution and the samples are subjected to M-384 (Igen Inc., Gaithersburg, MD) analysis. Under these conditions, less
15 than 10% of substrate is processed by BACE 1. The enzyme used in these studies is soluble (transmembrane domain and cytoplasmic extension excluded) human protein produced in a baculovirus expression system. To measure the inhibitory potency for compounds, 12 concentrations of inhibitors are prepared starting from 100 μM with three fold series dilution. Solutions of the inhibitor in DMSO are included in the reaction mixture (final DMSO concentration is 10 %). All experiments are conducted
20 at rt using the standard reaction conditions described above. To determine the IC_{50} of the compound, a four parameter equation is used for curve fitting. The errors in reproducing the dissociation constants are typically less than two-fold.

HPLC assay: A homogeneous end point HPLC assay is used with the substrate (coumarin-CO-REVNFEVEFR), which is cleaved by BACE 1 to release the N-terminal fragment attached with
25 coumarin. The K_m of the substrate is greater than 100 μM and can not be determined due to the limit of solubility of the substrate. A typical reaction contains approximately 2 nM enzyme, 1.0 μM of the substrate, and buffer (50 mM NaOAc, pH 4.5 or 6.5, 0.1 mg/ml BSA, 0.2% CHAPS, 15 mM EDTA and 1 mM deferoxamine) in a total reaction volume of 100 μl . The reaction is proceeded for 30 min and the reaction is stopped by the addition of 25 μL of 1 M Tris-HCl, pH 8.0. The resulting reaction mixture is
30 loaded on the HPLC and the product is separated from substrate with 5 min linear gradient. Under these conditions, less than 10% of substrate is processed by BACE 1. The enzyme used in these studies is soluble (transmembrane domain and cytoplasmic extension excluded) human protein produced in a baculovirus expression system. To measure the inhibitory potency for compounds, 12 concentrations of inhibitors are prepared, and the concentration range is dependent on the potency predicted by ECL.
35 Solutions of inhibitor in DMSO are included in the reaction mixture (final DMSO concentration is 10 %). All experiments are conducted at rt using the standard reaction conditions described above. To

determine the IC₅₀ of the compound, four parameters equation is employed for curve fitting. The errors in reproducing the dissociation constants are typically less than two-fold.

In particular, the compounds of the following examples had activity in inhibiting the beta-secretase enzyme in the aforementioned assays, generally with an IC₅₀ from about 1 nM to 500 μM, preferably 1 nM to 100 μM. Such a result is indicative of the intrinsic activity of the compounds in use as inhibitors of beta-secretase enzyme activity.

Several methods for preparing the compounds of this invention are illustrated in the schemes and examples herein. Starting materials are made according to procedures known in the art or as illustrated herein. The following examples are provided so that the invention might be more fully understood.

These examples are illustrative only and should not be construed as limiting the invention in any way.

The following abbreviations are used throughout the text:

Me: methyl

Et: ethyl

t-Bu: *tert*-butyl

Ar: aryl

Ph: phenyl

Bn: benzyl

Ac: acetyl

THF: tetrahydrofuran

DMSO: dimethylsulfoxide

EDTA: ethylene diamine tetraacetic acid

Boc: *tert*-butyloxy carbonyl

CHAPS: 3-[(3-cholamidopropyl)dimethylammonio]-2-hydroxy-1-propanesulfonate

DCM: dichloromethane

DCE: dichloroethane

BSA: bovine serum albumin

TFA: trifluoroacetic acid

DMF: N,N-dimethylformamide

TMSCN: trimethylsilylnitrile

PS-DIEA: N,N (diisopropyl) aminomethylpolystyrene

DEA: diethylamine

DMA: N,N dimethylacetamide

LDA: lithium diisopropylamide

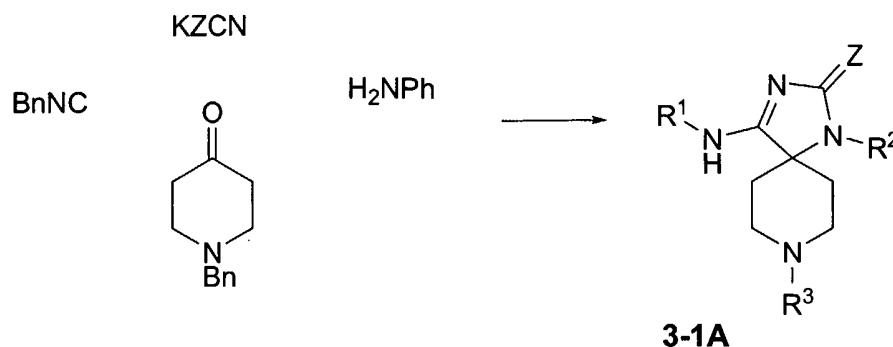
DEAD: diethylazole dicarboxylate

rt: room temperature

HPLC: high performance liquid chromatography

A representative procedure for the Ugi four-component coupling, as depicted in Scheme 3 below, can be used in the synthesis of various compounds of the invention, including Examples (3-1) – (3-46) below. Examples (3-1) – (3-46) are depicted below in enamine form, but may also exist in tautomeric imine form, as described above.

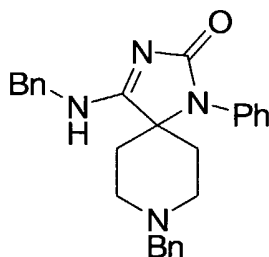
Scheme 3



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EXAMPLE 3-1

8-benzyl-4-(benzylamino)-1-phenyl-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one (3-1)

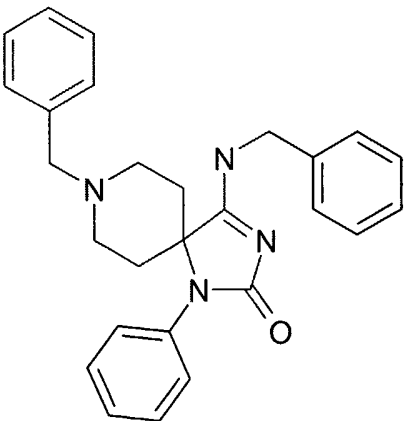
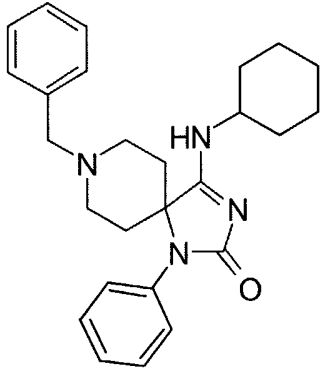
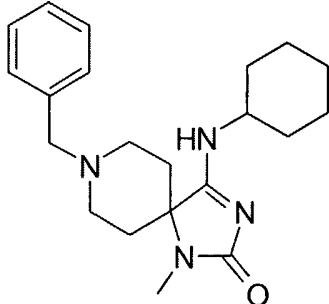


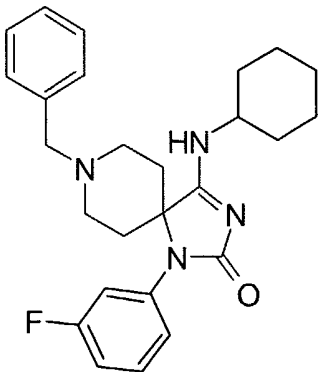
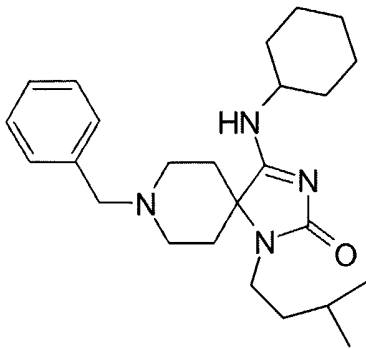
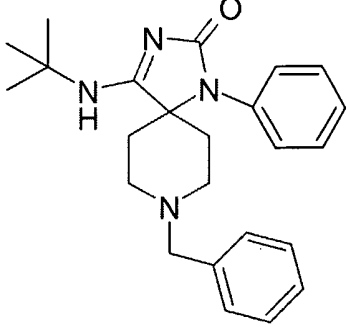
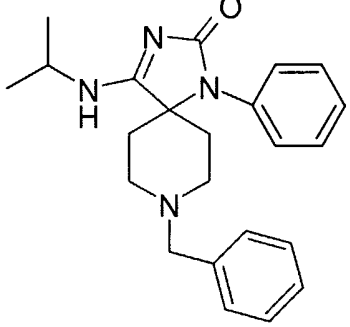
- 10 In a 10 mL flask *N*-benzyl piperidinone (833 mg, 4.41 mmol) and benzyl isocyanide (500 mg, 4.2 mmol) were dissolved in MeOH (2.2mL). A solution of KOCN (313 mg, 4.41 mmol) in H₂O (0.9mL) was added in one portion with stirring. Aniline hydrochloride was added in portions over 5 min. After stirring for 1h the crude product precipitated from solution. The resulting solid was isolated via vacuum filtration, rinsed with H₂O followed by Et₂O, and dried in vacuo to give 150 mg of a white solid. A
- 15 portion of this solid was further purified by RP-HPLC. Product containing fractions were poured onto a biphasic mixture of aq. NaHCO₃ and EtOAc. The layers were separated and the organic layer washed with brine. Upon drying the organic layer over Na₂SO₄ and solvent removal under reduced pressure, the target compound, 8-benzyl-4-(benzylamino)-1-phenyl-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one, was obtained as a white solid: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.05 (br s, 1H), 7.4-7.2 (m, 8H), 6.88 (d, J = 6.9 Hz,
- 20 2H), 4.66 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.37 (s, 2H), 2.75 (overlapping t's, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (overlapping t's, J = 7.2 Hz, 2), 2.03 (m, 4H); LC-MS (M+H) = 425.03; HPLC = 98.6% (215nm); 100% (254 nM).

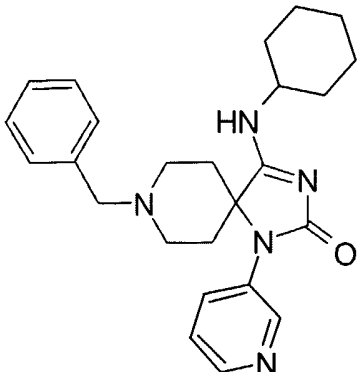
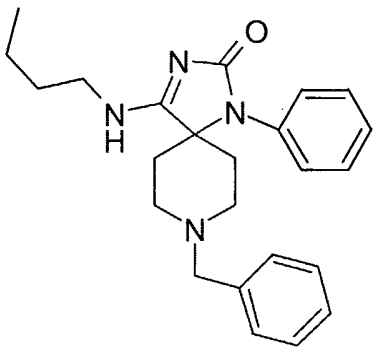
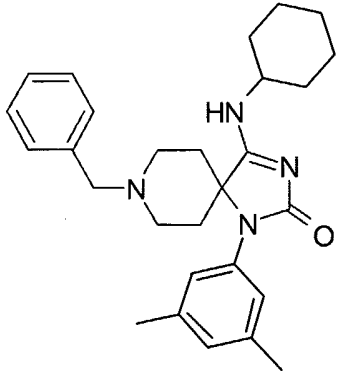
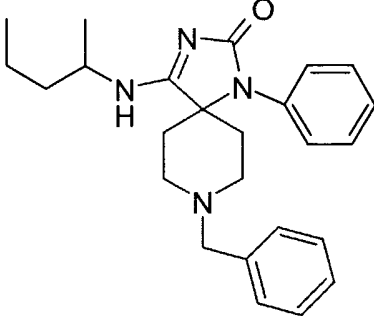
The following examples were prepared in a similar manner, substituting the appropriately substituted isocyanide and/or the amine, to give the products in Table 1. For example 3-45, potassium thiocyanate was substituted for potassium cyanate. Examples (3-37)- (3-40) were prepared using 4-Boc amino aniline followed by deprotection and acylation with an appropriate acylating reagent.

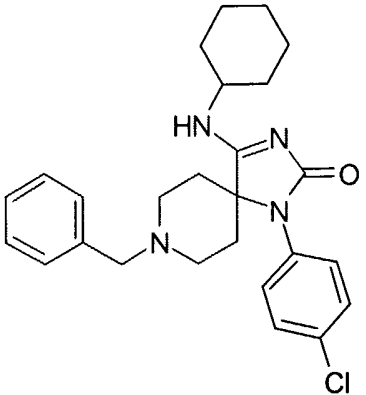
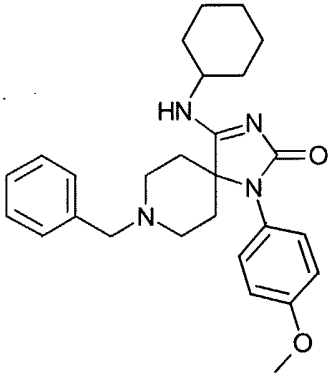
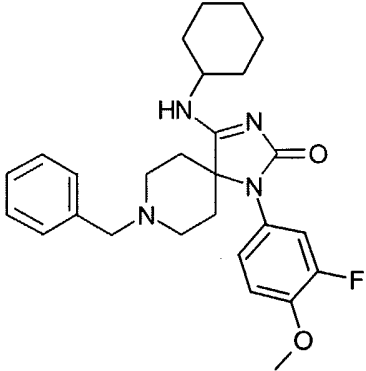
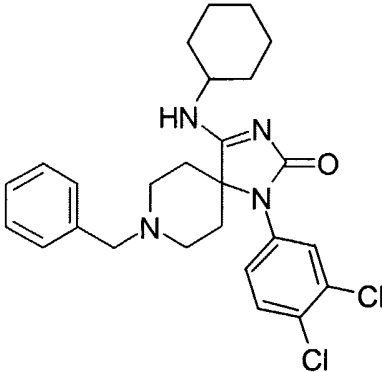
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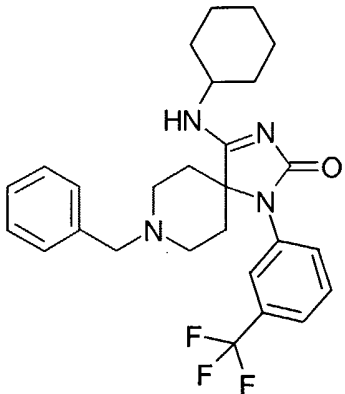
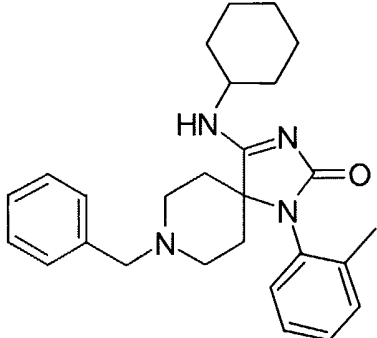
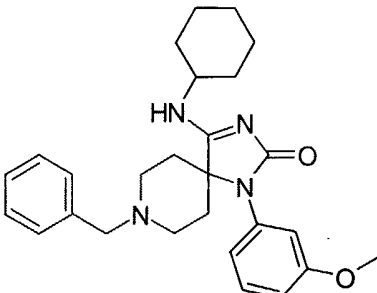
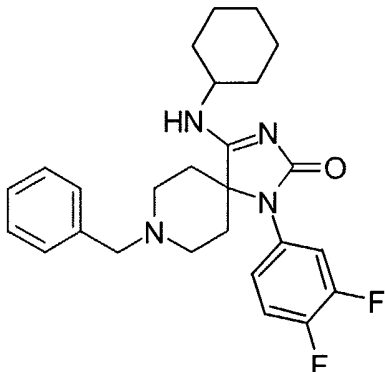
TABLE 1 – Compounds (or salts thereof) Synthesized According to Scheme 3

EX	Structure	Chemical Name	Mass spec
3-1		8-benzyl-4-(benzylamino)-1-phenyl-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	425
3-2		8-benzyl-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-phenyl-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	417
3-3		8-benzyl-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-methyl-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	355

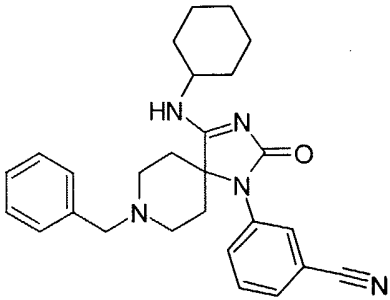
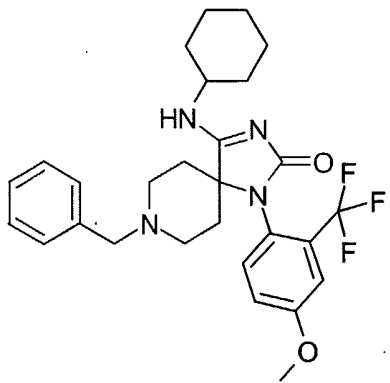
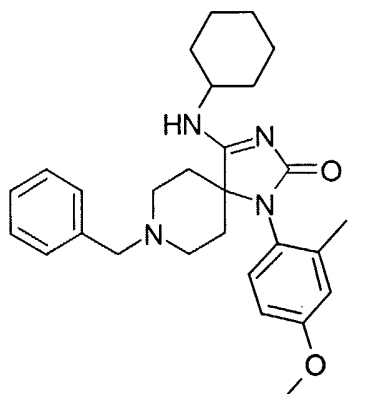
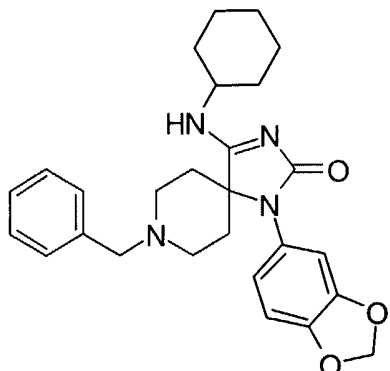
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3-5		8-benzyl-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-methylbutyl)-2-oxo-1,3-diaza-8-azoniaspiro[4.5]dec-3-ene trifluoroacetate	411.2
3-8		8-benzyl-4-(tert-butylamino)-1-phenyl-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	391.2
3-9		8-benzyl-4-(isopropylamino)-1-phenyl-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	377.2

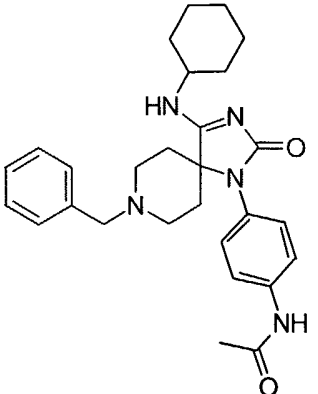
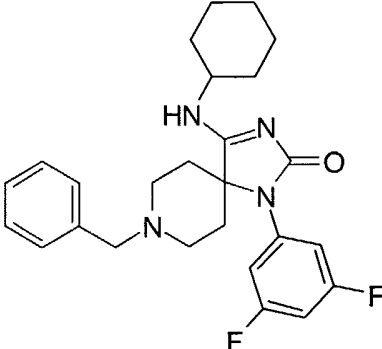
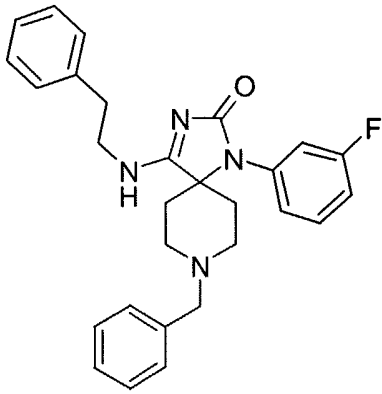
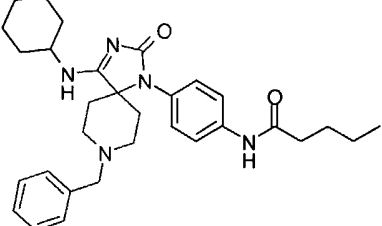
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3-13		8-benzyl-4-(butylamino)-1-phenyl-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	388.2
3-14		8-benzyl-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3,5-dimethylphenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	445.2
3-15		8-benzyl-4-(1-methylbutylamino)-1-phenyl-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	405.2

EX	Structure	Chemical Name	Mass spec
3-16		8-benzyl-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	451.1
3-17		8-benzyl-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	447.2
3-18		8-benzyl-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(4-methoxy-3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	465.1
3-19		8-benzyl-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3,4-difluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	485.1

EX	Structure	Chemical Name	Mass spec
3-20		8-benzyl-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-trifluoromethylphenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	485.2
3-23		8-benzyl-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(2-methylphenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	431.2
3-24		8-benzyl-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-methoxyphenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	447.3
3-25		8-benzyl-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	453.2

EX	Structure	Chemical Name	Mass spec
3-26		8-benzyl-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	485.2
3-27		8-benzyl-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-chlorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	451.2
3-28		8-benzyl-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(2-chlorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	451.2
3-29		8-benzyl-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	485.1

EX	Structure	Chemical Name	Mass spec
3-30		8-benzyl-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-cyanophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	442.3
3-31		8-benzyl-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(2-trifluoromethyl-4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	515.2
3-32		8-benzyl-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(2-methyl-4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	461.2
3-33		8-benzyl-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(1,3-benzodioxo-5-yl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	461.2

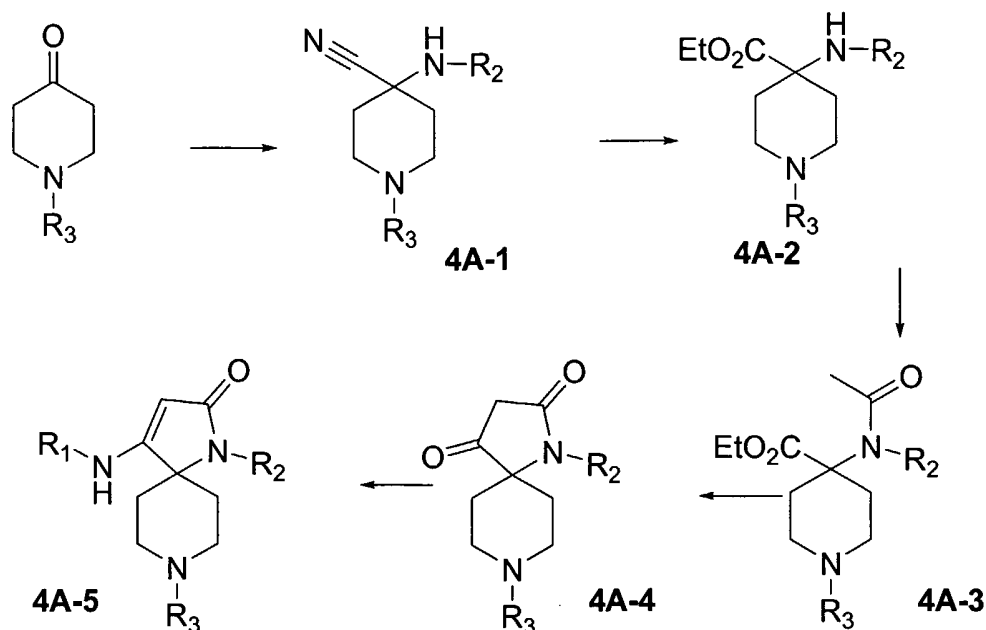
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3-36		8-benzyl-4-((2-phenethyl)amino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	457.2
3-37		8-benzyl-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(4-pentanoylamino-phenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	516.3

EX	Structure	Chemical Name	Mass spec
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3-39		<i>N</i> -{4-[8-benzyl-4-(cyclohexylamino)-2-oxo-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-1-yl]phenyl}butanamide	502.4
3-40		<i>N</i> -{4-[8-benzyl-4-(cyclohexylamino)-2-oxo-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-1-yl]phenyl}-3-hydroxypropanamide	504.3
3-42		ethyl <i>N</i> -[8-benzyl-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-2-oxo-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-4-yl]-beta-alaninate	453.3

EX	Structure	Chemical Name	Mass spec
3-43		8-benzyl-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-[3'-(methylsulfonyl)biphenyl-2-yl]-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	571.3
3-44		8-benzyl-4-(isopropylamino)-1-phenyl-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	395.2
3-45		8-benzyl-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-ene-2-thione	451.2360
3-46		N-{4-[8-benzyl-4-(cyclohexylamino)-2-oxo-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-1-yl]-2-chlorophenyl}acetamide	510.0

Scheme 4A, which depicts a method for preparing compounds of the invention wherein X=CH, can be used in the synthesis of various compounds of the invention, including Example 4A-6 below (Example 4A-6 is depicted in enamine form, but may also exist in tautomeric form).

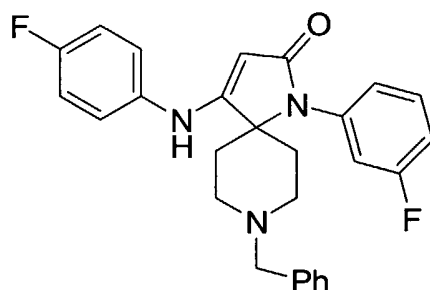
Scheme 4A



EXAMPLE 4A-6

8-benzyl-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-4-[(4-fluorophenyl)amino]-1,8-diazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one

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Step 1: 1-benzyl-4-[(3-fluorophenyl)amino]piperidine-4-carbonitrile (4A-1)

To a 0 °C solution of 15g (79mmol) N-benzyl piperidone in 80 mL acetic acid was added 7.6 mL (79 mmol) 3-fluoro aniline followed by dropwise addition of 10.5 mL (79 mmol) trimethylsilylnitrile (TMSCN). The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to rt and stirred for 1 hr, then poured onto a mixture of 120g ice and 120g concentrated NH₄OH. The resulting mixture was extracted 2 x 300 mL CH₂Cl₂ and the combined extracts washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was suspended in 100 mL diisopropylether and stirred 30 min and filtered to give 1-benzyl-4-[(3-fluorophenyl)amino]piperidine-4-carbonitrile. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400MHz) δ 7.26-7.35 (m, 5H); 7.19 (app q, J= 8.06 Hz, 1H); 6.55-6.66 (m, 3H); 3.78 (s, 1H); 3.56 (s, 2H); 2.80 (br m, 2H); 2.48 (ddd, J=12.5, 12.5, 2.2 Hz, 2H); 2.35 (ddd, J=13.4, 2.56, 2.56 Hz, 2H); 1.92 (ddd, J=13.2, 13.2, 3.1 Hz, 2H) High resolution mass spec (FT/ICR) calc M+H=310.1714 found 310.1749.

Step 2: ethyl 1-benzyl-4-[(3-fluorophenyl)amino]piperidine-4-carboxylate (4A-2)

A solution of 5g (16 mmol) 1-benzyl-4-[(3-fluorophenyl)amino]piperidine-4-carbonitrile in 20 mL concentrated H₂SO₄ was stirred vigorously for 18 hr, then cooled in an ice bath. The mixture was neutralized by slow addition of concentrated NaOH and ice chips, and the resulting heterogeneous mixture extracted with 500 mL CH₂Cl₂. The organic extract was dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated to give 4.6g 1-benzyl-4-[(3-fluorophenyl)amino]piperidine-4-carbonitrile as a tan solid, of which 3.5g (10.7 mmol) was dissolved in 25 mL ethylene glycol. To this was added 2.4g solid KOH and the mixture was heated to 190 °C for 4 hr then cooled to 0 °C. Water (100 mL) was added followed by acetic acid until the pH was neutral. The precipitate that formed was filtered, and a second crop was obtained and each crop was dissolved in 75 mL EtOH and 1.5 mL concentrated H₂SO₄ was added and the mixture was heated to reflux for 2 days, cooled and concentrated. Purification by automated flash chromatography (40g silica gel cartridge 0-5% MeOH/ CH₂Cl₂/(10%NH₄OH) over 15 min) afforded ethyl 1-benzyl-4-[(3-fluorophenyl)amino]piperidine-4-carboxylate as a thick oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400MHz) δ 7.31 (m, 4H); 7.25 (m, 1H); 7.05 (app q, J= 8.24 Hz, 1H); 6.41 (app dt, J= 8.42 and 2.38 Hz, 1H); 6.33 (dd, J=8.24 and 2.20 Hz, 1H); 6.27 (app dt, J=11.5 and 2.20 Hz, 1H); 4.16 (q, J=7.14 Hz, 2H); 3.96 (s, 1H); 3.51 (s, 2H); 2.63 (br m, 2H); 2.38 (ddd, J=12.3, 12.3, 2.01 Hz, 2H); 2.24 (ddd, J=13.7, 3.67, 3.67 Hz, 2H); 2.00 (br d, J=11.3 Hz, 2H); 1.16 (t, J=7.14, 3H). Electrospray mass spectrum M+H=357.1.

Step 3: ethyl 4-[acetyl(3-fluorophenyl)amino]-1-benzylpiperidine-4-carboxylate (4A-3)

A solution of 0.2g (0.56 mmol) ethyl 1-benzyl-4-[(3-fluorophenyl)amino]piperidine-4-carboxylate in 2.6 mL (28 mmol) acetic anhydride (neat) was heated to 120 °C for 20 hr, then poured into 50 mL of a 1:1 mixture of water and concentrated NH₄OH, extracted with 100 mL EtOAc, washed with water then brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated. Purification by automated flash chromatography (40g silica gel cartridge 0-5% MeOH/ CH₂Cl₂) over 15 min) afforded ethyl 4-[acetyl(3-fluorophenyl)amino]-1-benzylpiperidine-4-carboxylate. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400MHz) δ 7.39 (m, 1H); 7.20-7.31 (m, 4H); 7.06-7.15 (m, 4H); 4.25 (q, J=7.14 Hz, 2H); 3.46 (s, 2H); 2.59 (br m, 2H); 2.30-2.48 (m, 3H); 2.22 (m, 2H); 1.72 (s, 3H) 1.63 (m, 2H); 1.31 (t, J=7.15, 3H). Electrospray mass spectrum M+H=399.2

Step 4: 8-benzyl-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,8-diazaspiro[4.5]decane-2,4-dione (4A-4)

To a 0 °C solution of 0.86g (2.2 mmol) ethyl 4-[acetyl(3-fluorophenyl)amino]-1-benzylpiperidine-4-carboxylate in 1 mL THF was added 3.2 mL (6.5mmol, 2M solution in heptane, THF, ethylbenzene) lithium diisopropylamide solution and the reaction mixture was allowed to slowly warm to rt and stirred for an additional 14 hr. To this mixture was added 50 mL water and 50 mL EtOAc and the pH was adjusted to pH=6 with 1N HCl (approx 11mL). The aqueous layer was extracted 3x100mL EtOAc and

the combined extracts washed with 100mL brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated to give 8-benzyl-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,8-diazaspiro[4.5]decane-2,4-dione as a solid. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400MHz) δ 7.44 (ddd, *J*=8.06, 8.06 and 6.23 Hz, 1H); 7.14-7.30 (m, 6H); 6.95 (br d, *J*=7.88Hz, 1H); 6.89 (ddd, *J*=9.16, 2.02, and 2.02 Hz, 1H); 3.52 (s, 2H); 3.26 (s, 2H); 2.73 (m, 2H); 2.65 (m, 2H); 1.85 (br m, 4H).

5 Electrospray mass spectrum M+H=353.1

Step 6 to give 8-benzyl-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-4-[(4-fluorophenyl)amino]-1,8-diazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one. (4A-6)

To a solution of 55 mg (0.156 mmol) 8-benzyl-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,8-diazaspiro[4.5]decane-2,4-dione in 10 2 mL dry toluene was added 36 mg (0.187 mmol) *p*-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate and 0.030 mL (0.312 mmol) 4-fluoroaniline. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 24 hrs. The solvent was then removed by concentration in vacuum. The residue was purified by preparative HPLC (5 → 95% CH₃CN/H₂O over 30min, 0.05% added TFA, C18 PRO YMC 20x150 mm) to afford 8-benzyl-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-4-[(4-fluorophenyl)amino]-1,8-diazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one 15 as a white solid. ¹H NMR (CD₃OD, 400MHz): δ 7.50-7.20 (m, 7H), 7.20-6.98 (m 6H), 5.24 (s, 1H), 3.60 (s, 2H), 2.99-2.80 (m, 2H), 2.36-2.43 (m, 2H), 2.24-1.98 (m, 2H), 2.10 (m, 1H), 1.00 (m, 2H). High resolution mass spec (FT/ICR): calc M+H=446.2039 found 446.2035.

Scheme 4B depicts an alternative procedure for the preparation of compounds of the invention 20 wherein X=CR⁴ or X'=CR⁴R^{4'}, including Example 4B-7 below (Example 4B-7 is depicted in enamine form, but may also exist in tautomeric form). Strecker adduct 4A-1 is first acylated to give 4B-2 and then cyclized to 4B-3 using a base such as NaOMe. Structures of type 4B-3 and derivatives thereof are also of use for the intended invention described herein. Decarboxylation of structures of type 4B-3 using 25 a strong acid, such as aqueous 6N HCl, gives initially structures of type 4B-4a, which are also claimed for use in the invention. Upon prolonged heating in acid intermediate 4B-4b (same as 4A-4 in scheme 4A) is generated. 4B-4b may then be treated with a suitable amine to give final compounds of type 4B-5 (4A-4). Additionally, for cases wherein X=CR⁴ and R⁴ = fluorine, penultimate compounds from either route 4A or 4B, for example 4B-5 can be treated with a fluorinating agent to give compounds of type 4B- 6.

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brine. The organic portion was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo to afford ethyl 3-[(1-benzyl-4-cyanopiperidin-4-yl)(3-fluorophenyl)amino]-3-oxopropanoate. LC/MS [M+H] = 424.0.

Step 2. Intermediate of type 4B-3: 8-benzyl-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,8-diazaspiro[4.5]decane-2,4-dione

5 To a rt solution of 14.9 g (35.2 mmol) ethyl 3-[(1-benzyl-4-cyanopiperidin-4-yl)(3-fluorophenyl)amino]-3-oxopropanoate in 20 mL methanol was added 7.6 mL (42.2 mmol) 30% w/v sodium methoxide in methanol. After 1 h, the reaction was concentrated to yield a mixture of ethyl 4-amino-8-benzyl-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-2-oxo-1,8-diazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-ene-3-carboxylate and methyl 4-amino-8-benzyl-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-2-oxo-1,8-diazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-ene-3-carboxylate, which was suspended in 200 mL 6N
10 HCl and heated to 80°C. After 18h the reaction was cooled to 0°C, adjusted to pH=10 with concentrated NaOH, and extracted 9x200 mL EtOAc. The combined extracts were washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated to give a red foam. Crystallization from CH₂Cl₂ afforded ketoamide intermediate 8-benzyl-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,8-diazaspiro[4.5]decane-2,4-dione. LC/MS [M+H] = 353.1.

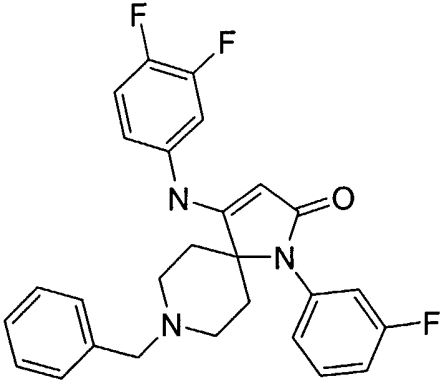
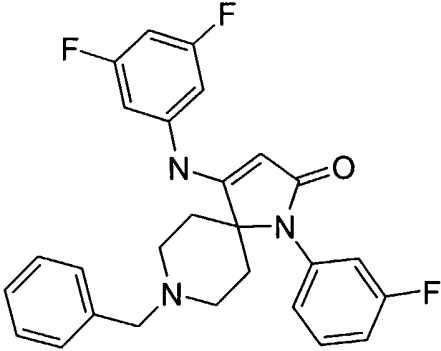
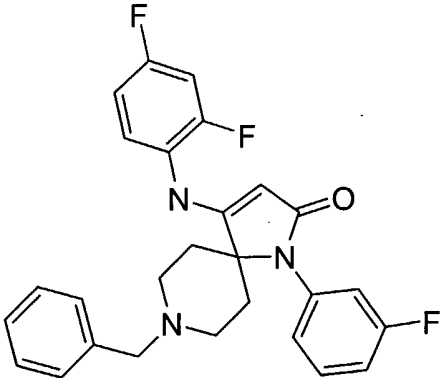
15 Step C. Condensation with amine to give structures of type 4B-4. 8-benzyl-4-[(2-ethylphenyl)amino]-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,8-diazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one (4B-7)

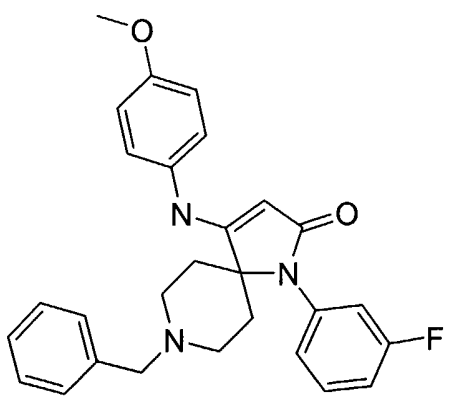
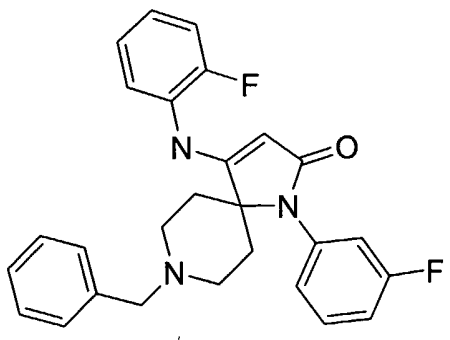
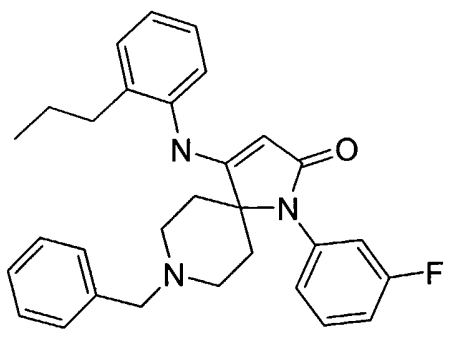
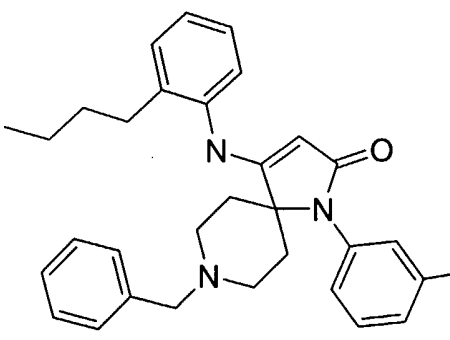
To a solution of 100 mg (0.28 mmol) 8-benzyl-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,8-diazaspiro[4.5]decane-2,4-dione in 0.71 mL dry toluene was added 70 mg (0.37 mmol) *p*-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate and 61 μL (0.50 mmol) 2-ethylaniline. The reaction was heated to reflux for 18 h and then diluted with EtOAc, washed
20 with 1N NaOH, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude material was purified on silica gel with 20-60% EtOAc/hexanes to afford title example 8-benzyl-4-[(2-ethylphenyl)amino]-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,8-diazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one as a tan foam. ¹H NMR (CD₃OD, 400 MHz) δ 7.43 (q, *J*=7.38 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.24 (m, 6H), 7.16 (m, 3H), 7.08 (m, 2H), 4.55 (s, 1H), 3.41 (s, 2H), 2.80 (m, 2H), 2.64 (q, *J*=7.51 Hz, 2H), 2.38 (m, 2H), 2.19 (m, 2H), 2.10 (dt, *J*=11.5 and 3.85 Hz, 2H),
25 1.18 (t, *J*=7.51 Hz, 3H); LC/MS [M+H] = 456.1.

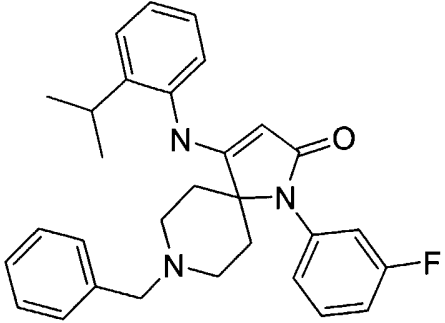
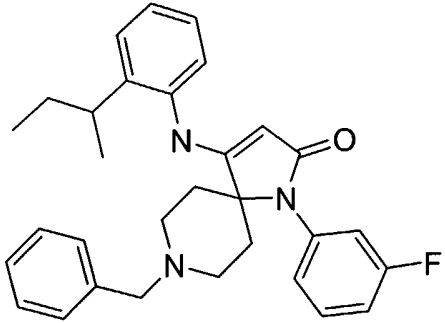
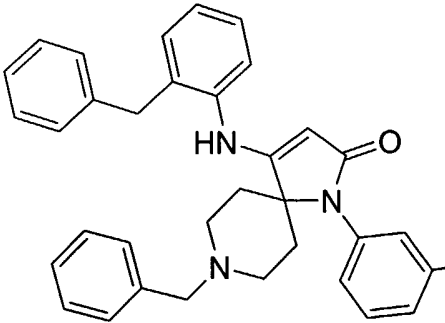
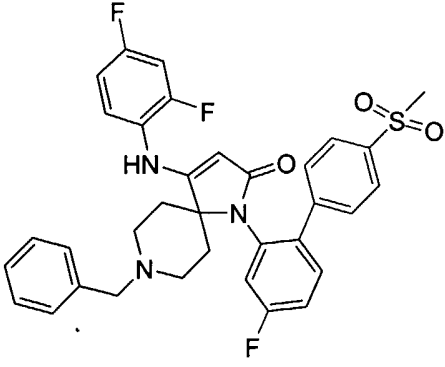
The compounds (or salts thereof) of the following type in Table 1a can be prepared in a manner similar to one of the above mentioned methods described in Schemes 4A and 4B.

Table 1a.

EX	Name	Structure	ES M+1
4B-8	4-anilino-8-benzyl-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,8-diazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one		428.2
4B-9	8-benzyl-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-4-[(3-fluorophenyl)amino]-1,8-diazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one		446.2
4B-10	8-benzyl-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,8-diazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one		434.3
4B-12	4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-8-(3-isopropoxybenzyl)-1,8-diazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one		492.4

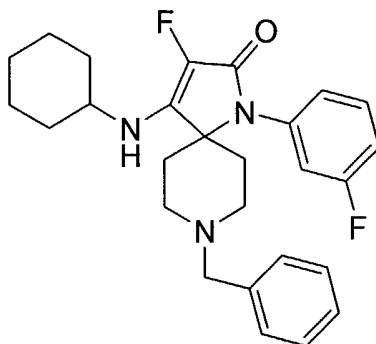
4B-13	8-benzyl-4-[(3,4-difluorophenyl)amino]-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,8-diazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one		464.2
4B-14	8-benzyl-4-[(3,5-difluorophenyl)amino]-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,8-diazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one		464.2
4B-15	8-benzyl-4-[(2,4-difluorophenyl)amino]-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,8-diazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one		464.2

4B-16	8-benzyl-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-4-[(4-methoxyphenyl)amino]-1,8-diazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one		458.3
4B-17	8-benzyl-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-4-[(2-fluorophenyl)amino]-1,8-diazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one		446.2
4B-18	8-benzyl-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-4-[(2-propylphenyl)amino]-1,8-diazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one		484.3
4B-19	8-benzyl-4-[(2-butylphenyl)amino]-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,8-diazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one		470.3

4B-20	8-benzyl-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-4-[(2-isopropylphenyl)amino]-1,8-diazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one		484.1
4B-21	8-benzyl-4-[(2-sec-butylphenyl)amino]-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,8-diazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one		518.3
4B-22	8-benzyl-4-[(2-benzylphenyl)amino]-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,8-diazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one		618.2
4B-23	8-benzyl-4-[(2,4-difluorophenyl)amino]-1-[4-fluoro-4'-(methylsulfonyl)biphenyl-2-yl]-1,8-diazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one		618.4

EXAMPLE 4B-24

8-benzyl-4-(cyclohexylamine)-3-fluoro-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,8-diazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one (4B-24)

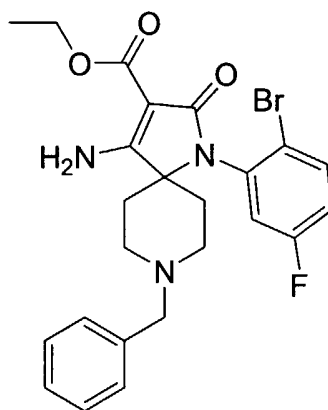


To a solution of vinylgous amide 8-benzyl-4-(cyclohexylamine)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,8-diazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one (11 mg 0.025 mmol) in anhydrous DMA was added Selectfluor (9 mg, 0.025 mmol). The solution stirred overnight at rt. Purification by preparative HPLC (5 -> 95% CH₃CN/H₂O over 30min, 0.05% added TFA, C18 PRO YMC 20x150 mm) yielded the product as a solid.
¹H NMR (CD₃OD, 400MHz) δ 7.51-7.11 (m, 9H), 4.17 (s, 2H), 3.51-3.41 (m, 3H), 2.54 (m, 3H), 2.34-2.30 (m, 2H), 1.80 (m, 2H), 1.60 (m, 2H), 1.40 (m, 3H), 1.37-1.12 (m, 5H). HRMS (FT/ICR): calc M+H=452.2508, found 452.2513.

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EXAMPLE 4B-25

Ethyl 4-amino-8-benzyl-1-(5-bromo-2-fluorophenyl)-2-oxo-1,8-diazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-ene-3-carboxylate

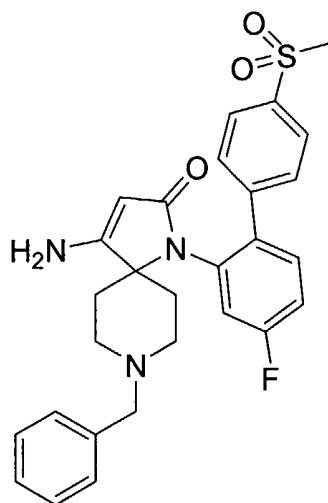


To a solution of 1-benzyl-4-[(2-bromo-5-fluorophenyl)amino]piperidine-4-carbonitrile (100 mg, 0.258 mmol, prepared from Strecker reaction using 2-bromo-4-fluoroaniline) in 2 mL dichloromethane was added ethyl malonyl chloride (43 μL, 0.335 mmol). The solution stirred for 1 hr at rt. The solvent was removed in vacuo and the residue purified by preparative HPLC (5 -> 95% CH₃CN/H₂O over 30min, 0.05% added TFA, C18 PRO YMC 20x150 mm) to afford the product as a white solid. ¹H NMR (CD₃OD, 400MHz): δ 7.60-7.05 (m, 8H), 4.29-4.15 (m, 4H), 3.53-3.50 (m, 2H), 2.69-2.53 (m, 4H), 1.30 (m, 3H). LC/MS [M+1]=502.0

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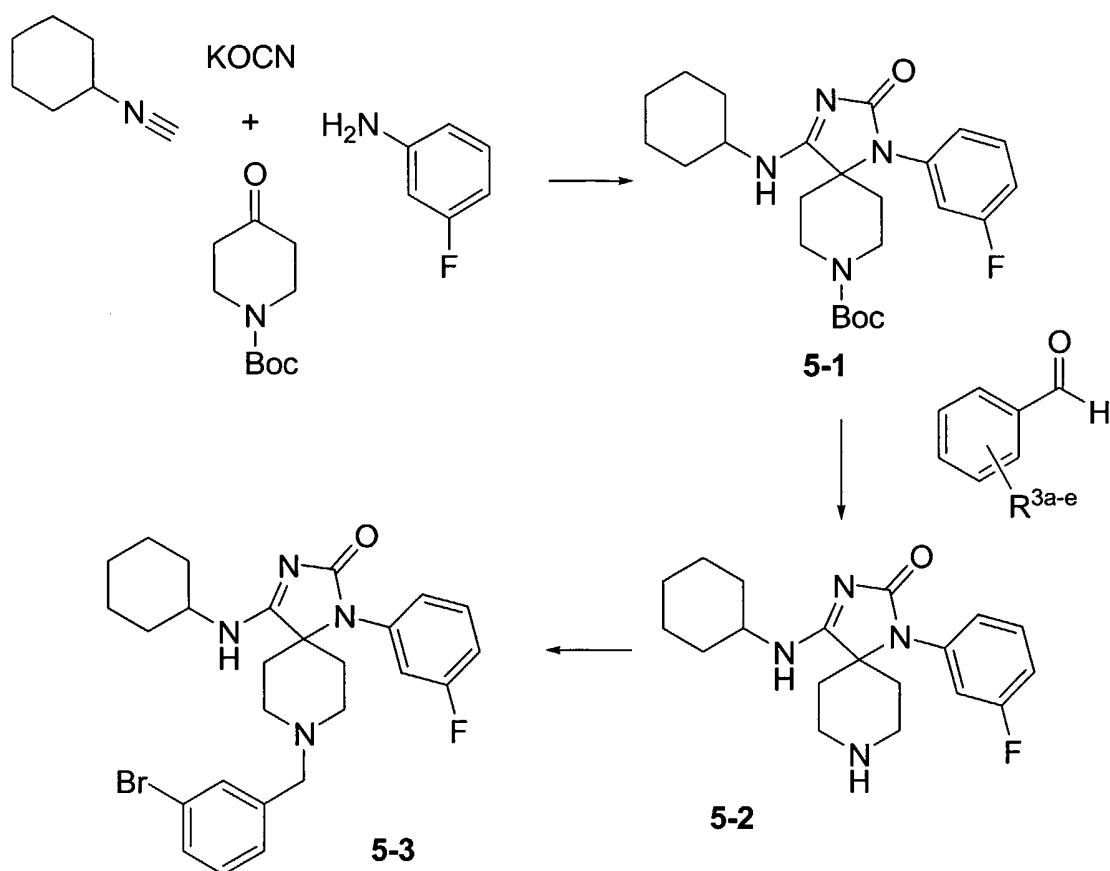
4-amino-8-benzyl-1-[4-fluoro-4'-(methylsulfonyl)biphenyl-2-yl]-1,8-diazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one



- 5 Decarboxylation of 4B-25 and isolation using conditions similar to example 4B-1 followed by Suzuki coupling using [4(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]boronic acid as described for example 15-2 and purification using RP-HPLC provided title compound as a white solid. LC/MS [M+H] = 506.3.

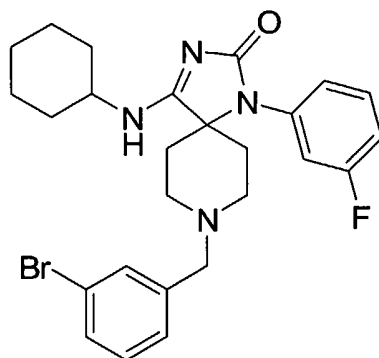
- 10 Scheme 5 depicts a method for synthesizing compounds with alternative R³ groups, such as Example (5-3) below (Example (5-3) is depicted in enamine form, but may also exist in tautomeric imine form).

Scheme 5



EXAMPLE 5-3

8-(3-Bromobenzyl)-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one



- 5 Step1: tert-Butyl 4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-2-oxo-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-ene-8-carboxylate (5-1)

To a 10 mL MeOH suspension of 4.05g (20.3 mmol) *N*-boc piperidinone and 2.11g (19.3 mmol) cyclohexyl isocyanide was added a solution of 2.06g (25.4 mmol) potassium isocyanate in 2.8 mL H₂O in one portion with stirring followed by 3.0g (20.3mmol) 3-fluoroaniline hydrochloride in portions over 5m.

After stirring for 2h the reaction was treated with 250 ml CH₂Cl₂. The organic layer was washed with water (2x50 ml), brine (1x50 ml), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated to dryness in vacuo to give a crude oil (9.68 g). Purification by automated flash chromatography (0-5.5% MeOH in CH₂Cl₂ over 28m) afforded tert-butyl 4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-2-oxo-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-ene-8-carboxylate as a white solid. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400MHz): δ 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.11 (m, 1H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 7.88 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (m, 1H), 5.40 (br s, 1H), 4.02 (m, 1H), 3.58 (m, 2H), 3.27 (m, 2H), 2.05 (m, 4H), 1.92 (m, 2H), 1.71 (m, 4H), 1.44 (m, 12H), 1.24 (m, 2H). Electrospray mass spectrum: M+H = 445.2

Step 2: 2: 4-(Cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-2-oxo-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-ene dihydrochloride 5-2

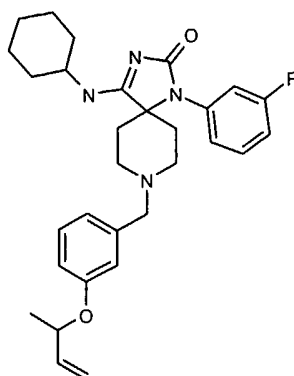
To a suspension of 2.74g (6.16 mmol) tert-butyl 4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-2-oxo-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-ene-8-carboxylate in 50 mL EtOAc at 0 °C was bubbled in HCl gas until the solvent was saturated. The reaction was stirred in the cold for 30m and concentrated in vacuo. The solid residue was reconcentrated to dryness (2x ethyl ether) and dried under high vacuum to give 4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-2-oxo-1,3-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-ene as its dihydrochloride salt as a fine white solid. ¹H NMR (DMSO, 400MHz): δ 10.73 (br s, 1H), 9.58 (br s, 1H), 9.21 (s, 1H), 8.36 (br s, 1H), 7.46 (m, 4H), 3.82 (br m, 1H), 3.36 (br s, 2H), 2.92 (br s, 2H), 2.55 (m, 2H), 2.33 (br m, 2H), 1.87 (br s, 2H), 1.75 (br s, 2H), 1.52 (br m, 3H), 1.29 (br m, 2H), 1.16 (m, 1H). Electrospray mass spectrum: M+H = 345.2

Step 3: 8-(3-Bromobenzyl)-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one (5-3)

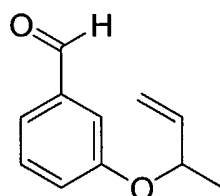
To a suspension of 600 mg (1.44 mmol) 4-(cyclohexylammonio)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-2-oxo-1,3-diaza-8-azoniaspiro[4.5]dec-3-ene dihydrochloride, 376 μL (2.16 mmol) diisopropylethylamine, and 427 mg (2.01 mmol) triacetoxy sodium borohydride in 20 mL DCE was added dropwise a 4mL DCE solution of 251 μL (2.16 mmol) 3-bromobenzaldehyde and the resulting heterogeneous mixture was stirred at rt overnight under a nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was treated with 50mL CH₂Cl₂ and washed with 20mL saturated NaHCO₃ (aq), 20mL brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. Purification by automated flash chromatography (0-5% MeOH in CH₂Cl₂ over 25m) afforded the product as a white solid. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.15 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 7.69 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (m, 3H), 3.97 (m, 1H), 3.50 (s, 2H), 2.76 (m, 2H), 2.43 (m, 2H), 2.09 (m, 4H), 1.95 (m, 2H), 1.75 (m, 2H), 1.68 (m, 1H), 1.41 (m, 2H), 1.23 (m, 3H). High resolution mass spec (FT/ICR): calc M+H = 513.1660, found 513.1697

EXAMPLE (5-4)

4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-8-{3-[(1-methylprop-2-enyl)oxy]benzyl}-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one



Step 1



5 Step 1: 3-[(1-methylprop-2-enyl)oxy]benzaldehyde

Added DEAD (0.964 mL, 6.142 mmole) dropwise to a solution of triphenylphosphine (0.1.611g, 6.142 mmole), 3-buten-2-ol (Fluka, 0.423 mL, 4.91 mmole), and 3-hydroxy benzaldehyde (0.5g, 4.09 mmole) in 10 mL dry THF, at rt, under Argon. After 10 min, the reaction was concentrated in vacuo and was purified on a 35g Redisep column eluting with a gradient of 5%-30% EtOAc in hexanes.

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Step 2: 4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-8-{3-[(1-methylprop-2-enyl)oxy]benzyl}-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one

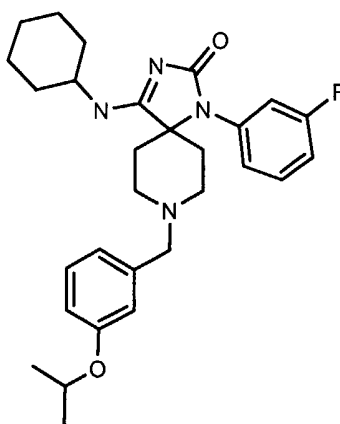
The compound was prepared as described for Example (5-3) using the above aldehyde.

15 ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 Mh), δ 8.07 (d, J=7.9 Hz, 1H); 7.34 (m, 1H); 7.23 (t, J=8.24, 8.06 Hz, 1H); 7.00 (m, 3H); 6.84 (m, 3H); 5.89 (ddd, J=6.4, 5.9, 11.0, 21.9 Hz, 1H); 5.25 (dd, J=1.1, 17.4 Hz, 1H); 5.17 (d, J=10.6 Hz, 1H); 4.80 (m, 1H); 3.95 (m, 1H); 3.49 (s, 2H); 2.78 (m, 2H); 2.44 (m, 2H); 2.12 (m, 2H); 2.07 (m, 2H); 1.94 (m, 2H); 1.74 (m, 2H); 1.67 (m, 2H); 1.43 (d, J=6.5 Hz, 3H); 1.39 (m, 1H); 1.22 (m, 3H).
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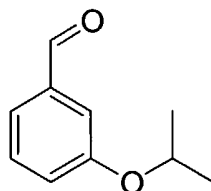
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EXAMPLE (5-5)

4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-8-(3-isopropoxybenzyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one



Step 1: 3- isopropoxybenzaldehyde



This method of alkylation is similar to that described in *J Med Chem* (2002), 45(18), 3891-3904.

- 5 Dissolved 3-Hydroxy benzaldehyde (0.500g, 4.094 mmole) in 10 mL EtOH at rt, under Argon, and magnetically stirred. Added K_2CO_3 . (1.132g, 8.189mmole), then 2-iodopropane (0.819 mL, 8.819 mmole). Warmed to 60°C. After 18 hr, added a second equivalent of alkyl iodide of (0.819 mL, 8.189 mmole) and continued heating at 60°C. After 4 hr, cooled to rt and concentrated in vacuo. Partitioned residue between EtOAc, and H_2O . Washed organic layer with 1 M NaOH, 2x 20mL , dried organic
- 10 layer over $MgSO_4$, filtered and concentrated in vacuo to give the aldehyde.

Step 2: 4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-8-(3-isopropoxybenzyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one (5-6)

- 15 Suspended 4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-2-oxo-1,3-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-ene dihydrochloride salt (5-2, 0.500g, 1.198 mMole) and 3-isopropoxyaldehyde (0.197g, 1.198 mmole)in 5 mL of $CHCl_3$. Added Hunigs Base (0.313 mL, 1.795 mmole). Let stir for 0.5 hr, then added cyanoborohydride silica bound (1 mmole/g, 1.318g, 1.318mmole) (Aldrich), then 0.034mL HOAc. Let sit for 1 hr, then heated in microwave for 20 min at 150°C. Filtered off silica gel and concentrated in vacuo. Purified using a Redi-
- 20 sep 40g silica gel column eluting with 0-5% methanol / CH_2Cl_2 saturated with NH_3 and collected impure product as a solid. Rinsed solid with EtOAc, and collected purified solids to give product.

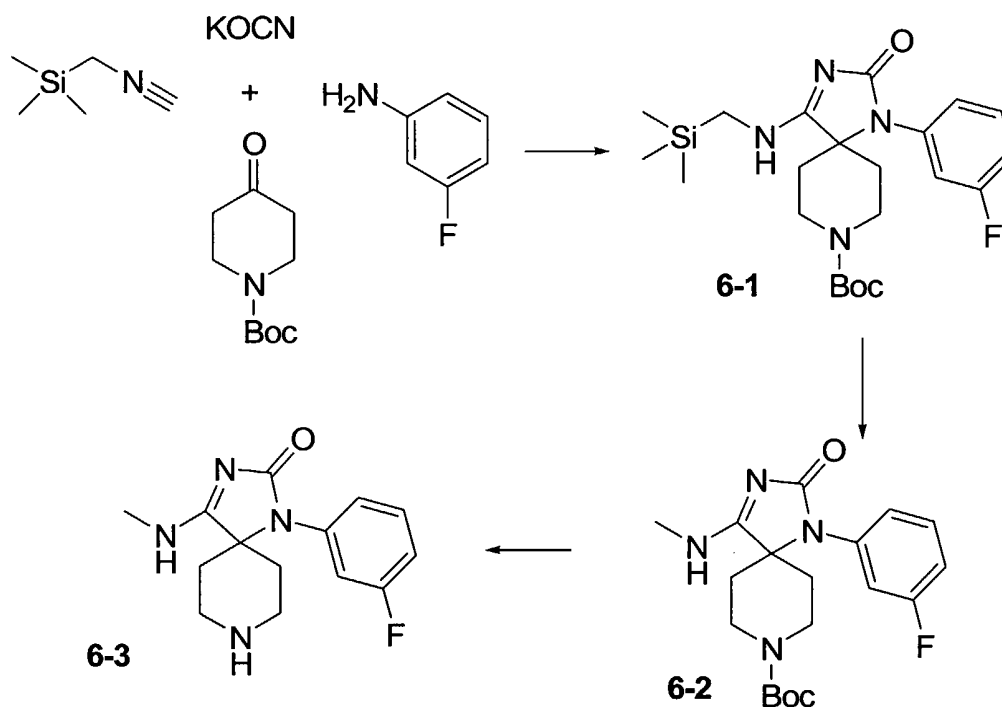
1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 400 Mh), δ 8.11 (d, $J=7.4$ Hz, 1H); 7.40 (m, 1H); 7.24 (m, 1H); 7.02 (m, 3H); 6.80 (m, 3H); 4.55 (quintet, $J=6.04$ Hz, 1H); 3.98 (m, 1H); 3.50 (s, 2H); 2.79 (m, 2H); 2.43 (m, 2H); 2.10 (m, 2H);

2.02 (m, 2H); 1.97 (m, 2H); 1.74 (m, 2H); 1.64 (m, 2H); 1.38 (m, 1H); 1.33(d, J=6.0 Hz, 6H); 1.23 (m, 3H).

Mass Spec (m+1) = 493.

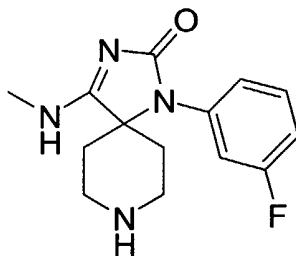
- 5 Scheme 6 depicts a method for preparing compounds wherein R¹ is methyl, such as Examples (6-3) – (6-6) below. Examples (6-3)-(6-6) are depicted in enamine form, but may also exist in tautomeric imine form as described above.

Scheme 6



EXAMPLE 6-3

- 10 4-methyl-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-2-oxo-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-ene (6-3)



Intermediate 6-1: tert-Butyl 1-(3-fluorophenyl)-2-oxo-4-[(trimethylsilyl)methyl] amino-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-ene-8-carboxylate

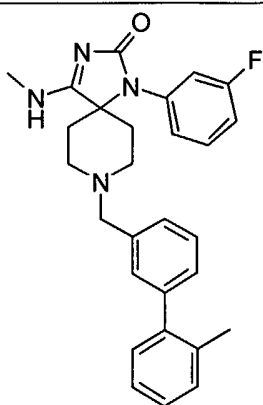
Intermediate 6-1 was prepared in the same manner as Intermediate 5-1 above.

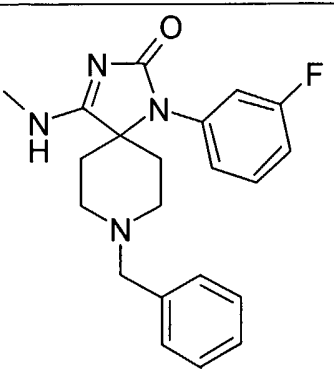
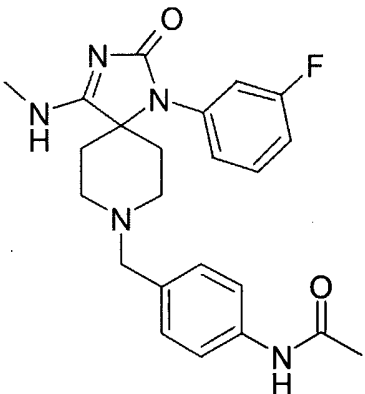
Intermediate 6-2: tert-Butyl 1-(3-fluorophenyl)-4-(methylamino)-2-oxo-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-ene-8-carboxylate

To a 50 ml THF solution of 1.04g (2.41 mmol) tert-butyl 1-(3-fluorophenyl)-2-oxo-4-
 5 {[(trimethylsilyl)methyl]amino}-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-ene-8-carboxylate (prepared in the same
 manner as Intermediate 5-1 above) was added 3.61mL (3.61 mmol) of a 1.0M tetrabutylammonium
 fluoride in THF solution over 5m and the reaction warmed to 60 °C overnight. The reaction was
 concentrated to dryness in vacuo and the residue treated with 100mL CH₂Cl₂. The organic layer was
 washed with water (1x25mL), brine (1x25mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated to dryness
 in vacuo to give a crude oil (1.6 g). Purification by flash chromatography (0-7.5% MeOH in CH₂Cl₂ over
 10 25 m) afforded tert-butyl 1-(3-fluorophenyl)-4-(methylamino)-2-oxo-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-ene-8-
 carboxylate 6-2 as a white solid. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400MHz) δ 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.12 (m, 1H), 7.03 (d, J =
 7.95 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (m, 1H), 5.70 (br s, 1H), 3.54 (m, 2H), 3.11 (d, J = 4.76 Hz, 3H), 2.02 (m, 2H), 1.92
 (m, 2H), 1.42 (s, 9H). High resolution mass spec (FT/ICR): calc M+H = 377.1984, found 377.2010

15 4-methyl-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-2-oxo-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-ene (6-3) was prepared in analogy to
 Intermediate 5-2 and the following examples in Table 2 and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts were
 prepared according to Scheme 6 and in analogy to Intermediate 5-3.

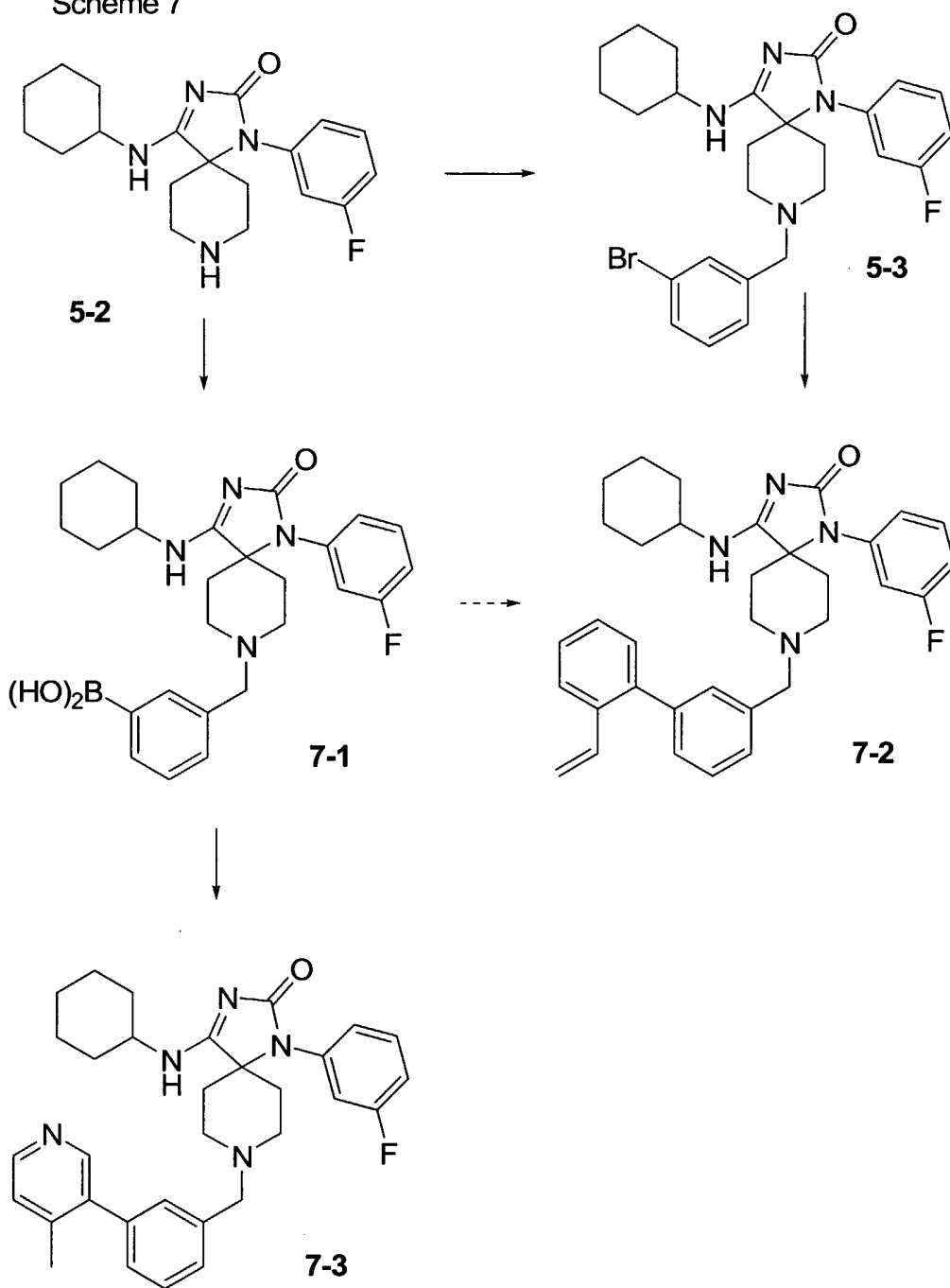
20 Table 2 – Compounds (or salts thereof) Synthesized According to a manner similar to that described in
 Scheme 6

EX	Structure	Chemical Name	Mass spec
6-4		1-(3-fluorophenyl)-4-(methylamino)-8- [(2'-methylbiphenyl-3-yl)methyl]-1,3,8- triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	457.2

EX	Structure	Chemical Name	Mass spec
6-5		8-benzyl-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-4-(methylamino)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	367.1
6-6		N-(4-([1-(3-fluorophenyl)-4-(methylamino)-2-oxo-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-8-yl)methyl]phenyl)acetamide	424.2

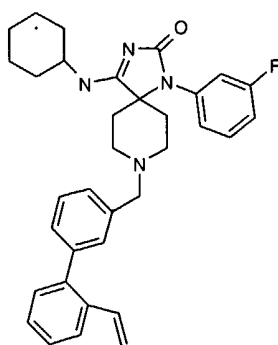
Scheme 7 demonstrates another method for preparing compounds with alternate R³ groups (such as Example (7-2) and (7-3)). Example (7-2) and (7-3) are depicted in enamine form but may also exist in tautomeric imine form.

Scheme 7



EXAMPLE (7-2)

4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-8-[(2'-vinyl-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl)methyl]-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-
 5 3-en-2-one (7-2)

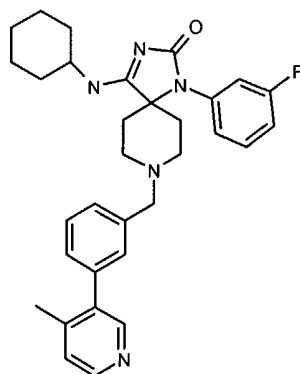


To a solution of 0.020g (0.039mmol) 8-(3-bromobenzyl)-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one (5-3) in 0.5 mL degassed DMF:H₂O (4:1) was added 0.006 g (0.039mmol) (2-vinylphenyl) boronic acid and 0.003g (0.006mmol) 3,3',3''-Phosphinidynetris(benzene sulfonic acid) and 0.001g (0.002mmol) palladium II acetate and 16μL (.117mmol) diisopropylamine. The reaction was heated in the microwave at 100 °C for 10 mins. Purification by preparative HPLC (5-95% CH₃CN/H₂O over 30min, 0.05% added TFA, C18 PRO YMC 20x150 mm) afforded 4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-8-[(2'-vinyl-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl)methyl]-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one as a white solid. NMR ¹H NMR (CD₃OD) δ 7.65 (dd, *J*= 6.8 Hz, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (dt, *J*= 7.96 Hz, 6.32 Hz, 1H), 7.34(m, 3H) 7.17 (m, 7H), 6.61 (dd, *J*= 17.49 Hz, 10.99 Hz, 1H), 5.70 (d, *J*= 17.58, 1H), 5.15 (d, *J*= 10.99 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (m, 1H), 3.46 (s, 1H), 2.78 (m, 2H), 2.14 (m, 6H), 1.93 (m, 2H), 1.74 (m, 2H), 1.63 (m, 1H), 1.34 (m, 4H), 1.17 (m, 1H). High resolution mass spec (FT/ICR) calc M+H=537.3024 found 537.3038.

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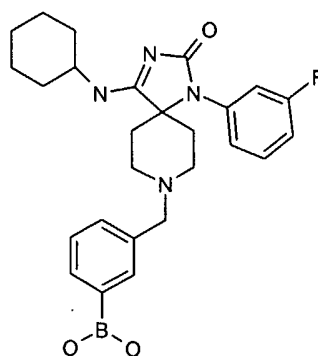
EXAMPLE (7-3)

4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-8-[3-(4-methylpyridin-3-yl)benzyl]-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one (7-3)



Step 1: 3-{[4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-2-oxo-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-8-yl]methyl}phenylboronic acid (7-1)

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To a solution of 3.0g (7.188mmol) 4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-2-oxo-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene dihydrochloride in 30 mL THF:AcOH (9:1) was added 1.8 g (12.005mmol) 3-formylphenylboronic acid and 5.53g (21.567mmol) PS-DIEA resin and 5.97g (14.388mmol) MP-cyanoborohydride resin. The heterogeneous reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 24 hrs, then filtered, washed with 100mL methanol, and concentrated. Purification by automated flash chromatography (8-30% CH₃CN/H₂O over 41 min, 0.05% added TFA reverse phase YMC ODSA 120Å, 15-30µM particle size,) afforded 3-{[4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-2-oxo-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-8-yl]methyl}phenylboronic acid as a solid. ¹H NMR (CD₃OD, 400MHz) δ 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J*=7.32 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (s, 1H), 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.09 (m, 3H) 6.93 (m, 1H), 3.75 (m, 1H), 3.31 (s, 2H), 2.78 (m, 2H), 2.12 (m, 4H), 1.97 (m, 4H), 1.78 (m, 2H), 1.65 (m, 1H), 1.35 (m, 5H). High resolution mass spec (FT/ICR) calc M+H=478.2661 found 478.2709.

Step 2: 4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-8-[3-(4-methylpyridin-3-yl)benzyl]-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one (7-3)

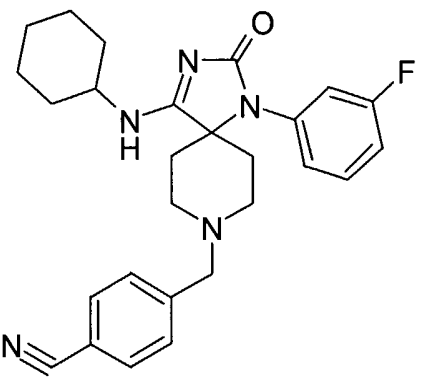
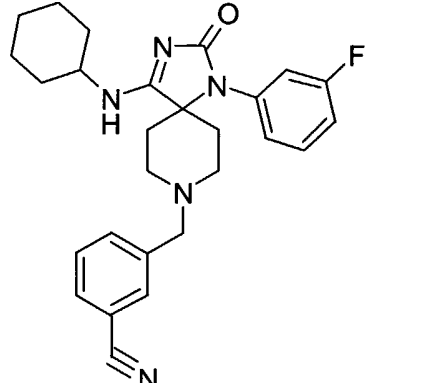
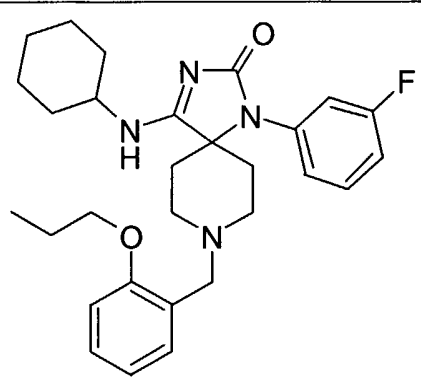
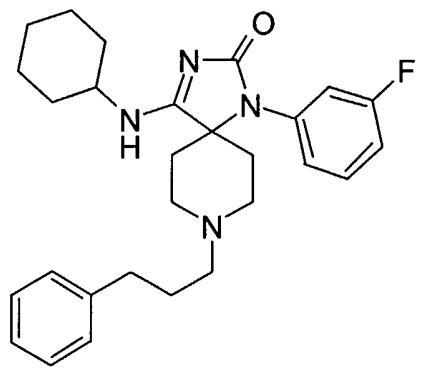
To a solution of 0.100g (0.209mmol) 3-{[4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-2-oxo-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-8-yl]methyl}phenylboronic acid (7-1) in 1 mL CH₃CN:H₂O was added 0.030 g (0.174mmol) 3-bromo-4-methylpyridine and 0.007g (0.011mmol) Tris(4,6-dimethyl-3sulfanatophenyl)phosphine and 0.001g (0.004mmol) palladium II acetate and 0.037g (0.349mmol) sodium carbonate. The reaction was heated in the microwave at 120 °C for 20 mins. Purification by preparative HPLC (5-95% CH₃CN/H₂O over 30min, 0.05% added TFA, C18 PRO YMC 20x150 mm) afforded 4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-8-[3-(4-methylpyridin-3-yl)benzyl]-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one as a white solid. NMR ¹H NMR (CD₃OD) δ 8.37 (d, *J*= 5.04 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (s, 1H), 7.42 (m, 3H) 7.19 (m, 6H), 3.76 (m, 1H), 3.47 (s, 2H), 2.77 (m, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.14 (m, 6H), 1.95 (m, 2H), 1.77 (m, 2H), 1.66 (m, 1H), 1.36 (m, 4H), 1.18 (m, 1H). High resolution mass spec (FT/ICR) calc M+H=526.2977 found 526.3012.

Examples (7-4)– (7-109) listed below in Table 3 were prepared in a manner similar to that described in Schemes 3, 5 and 7. Examples (7-4) – (7-109) and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts are depicted in enamine form, but may also exist in tautomeric imine form.

Table 3- Compounds (or salts thereof) Synthesized According to Schemes 5 and 7, using methods similar to that described for Examples (5-3) – (5-5) and (7-2) – (7-3).

EX	Structure	Chemical Name	Mass spec
7-4		8-benzyl-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	435.2
7-5		8-(2-trifluoromethoxybenzyl)-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	519.2
7-6		4-(cyclohexylamino)-8-[2-(difluoromethoxy)benzyl]-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	501.2

EX	Structure	Chemical Name	Mass spec
7-7		8-[2-(<i>tert</i> -butylthio)benzyl]-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	523.2
7-8		8-[2-methylbenzyl]-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	449.2
7-9		8-[2-nitrobenzyl]-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	480.2
7-10		<i>N</i> -(4-{[4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-2-oxo-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-8-yl]methyl}phenyl)acetamide	492.3

EX	Structure	Chemical Name	Mass spec
7-11		8-[4-cyanobenzyl]-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	460.2
7-12		8-[3-cyanobenzyl]-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	460.2
7-13		8-[2-propoxybenzyl]-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	493.2
7-14		8-[3-phenylpropyl]-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	463.3

EX	Structure	Chemical Name	Mass spec
7-15		8-[3-fluorobenzyl]-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	453.3
7-16		8-[2-cyanobenzyl]-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	460.2
7-17		4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-8-(2-thienylmethyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	441.2
7-18		4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-8-(1-phenylethyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	449.2

EX	Structure	Chemical Name	Mass spec
7-19		8-[(2-benzyl-1 <i>H</i> -indol-7-yl)methyl]-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	564.3
7-20		8-[(2-benzyl-2,3-dihydro-1 <i>H</i> -indol-7-yl)methyl]-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	566.3
7-21		4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-8-(1 <i>H</i> -pyrrol-2-ylmethyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	424.2
7-22		4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-8-(1 <i>H</i> -indol-2-ylmethyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	474.2

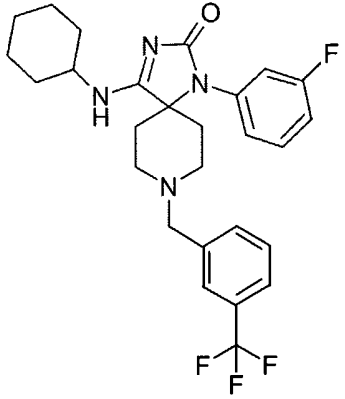
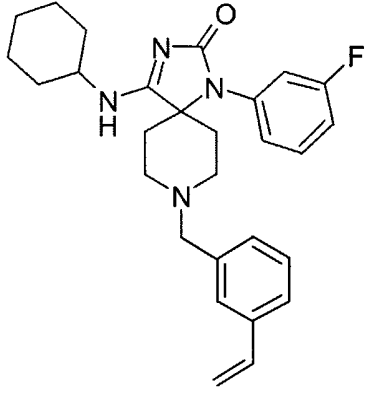
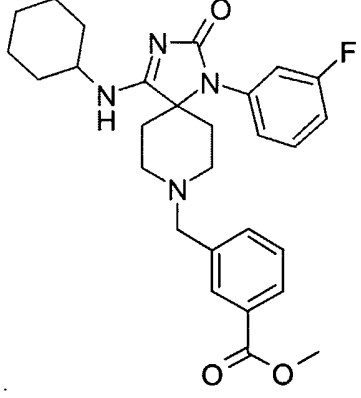
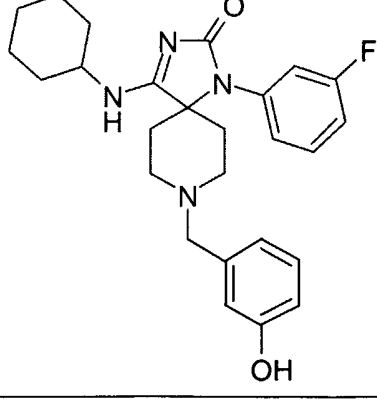
EX	Structure	Chemical Name	Mass spec
7-23		8-[(3-aminopyridin-4-yl)methyl]-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	451.2
7-24		4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-8-(quinolin-6-ylmethyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	486.2
7-25		4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-8-(1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-6-ylmethyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	490.3
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7-28		4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-8-(1 <i>H</i> -indol-5-ylmethyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	474.2
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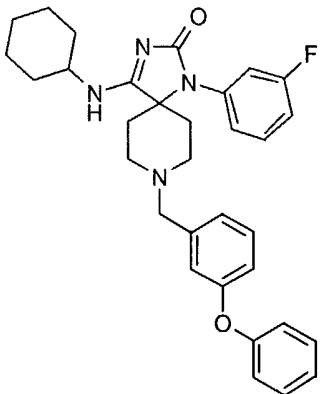
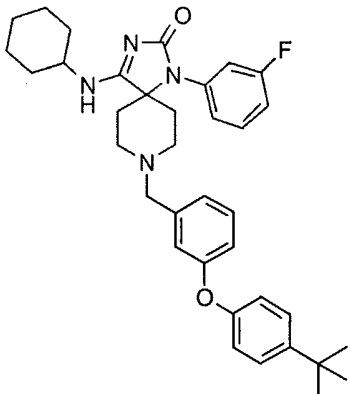
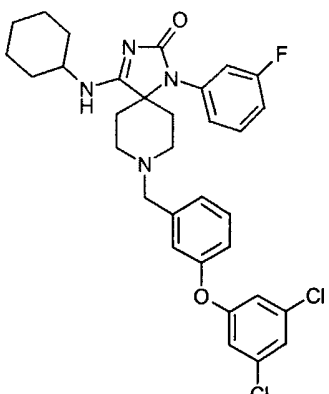
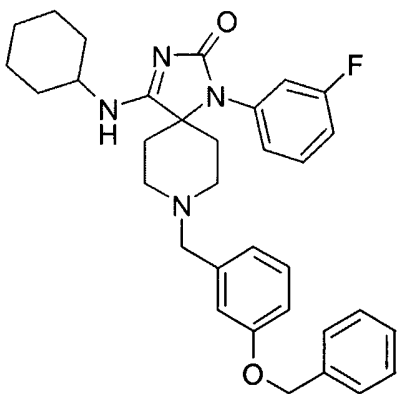
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7-33		4-(cyclohexylamino)-8-(2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-2-yl)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	461.2
7-34		4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-8-(3-phenylcyclohexyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	503.4
7-35		4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-8-(1-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-2-yl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	537.3

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7-41		8-(3-chlorobenzyl)-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	469.2
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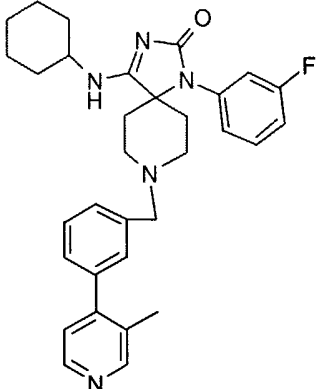
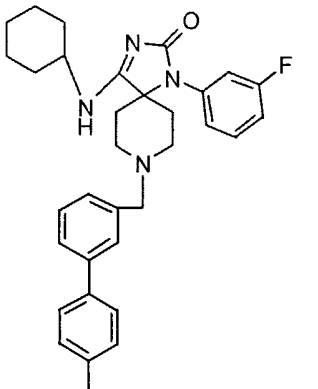
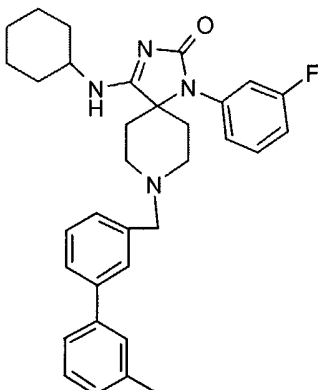
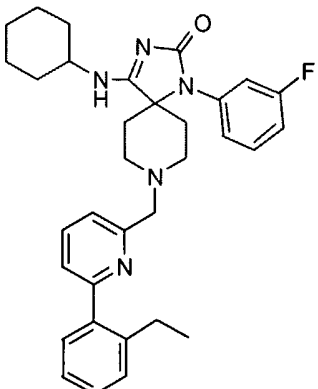
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7-49		4-(cyclohexylamino)-8-[3-(cyclopentyloxy)benzyl]-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	519.3
7-50		4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-8-[3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)benzyl]-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	551.2

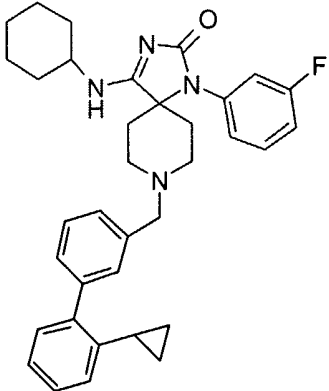
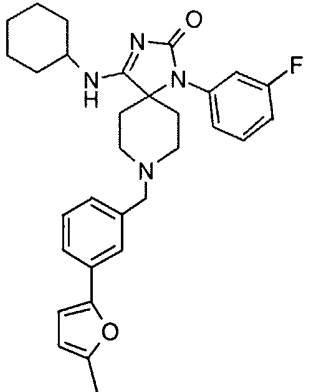
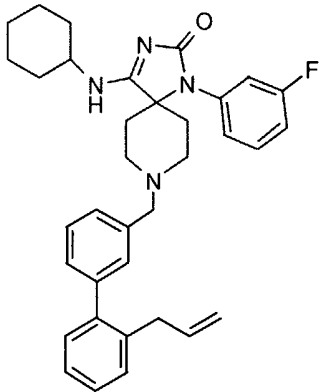
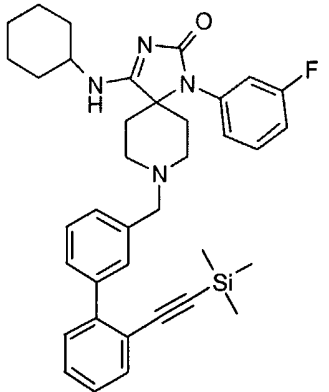
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7-53		4-(cyclohexylamino)-8-[3-(3,5-dichlorophenoxy)benzyl]-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	595.2
7-54		8-[3-(benzyloxy)benzyl]-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	541.3

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7-58		4-(cyclohexylamino)-8-[3-(2-ethyl-1H-imidazol-1-yl)benzyl]-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	529.3

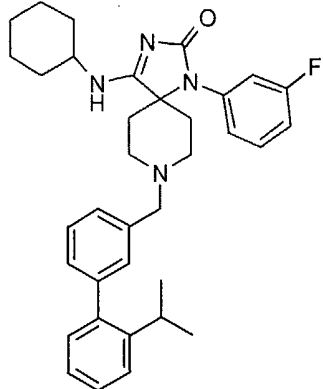
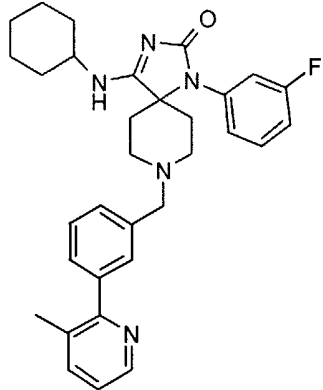
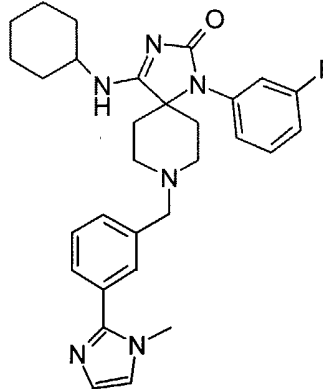
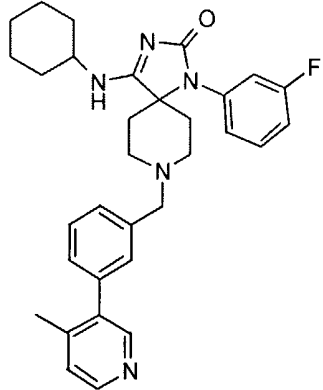
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7-60		4-(cyclohexylamino)-8-[(2'-ethylbiphenyl-3-yl)methyl]-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	539.3
7-61		4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-8-[[2'-(methoxymethyl)biphenyl-3-yl]methyl]-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	555.3
7-62		4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-8-[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)biphenyl-3-yl]methyl]-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	579.2

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7-64		4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-8-[(2'-methoxybiphenyl-3-yl)methyl]-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	541.3
7-65		(3'-{[4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-2-oxo-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-8-yl]methyl}biphenyl-2-yl)acetonitrile	550.3
7-66		4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-8-[3-(2-fluoropyridin-3-yl)benzyl]-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	530.2

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7-69		4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-8-[(3'-methylbiphenyl-3-yl)methyl]-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	525.3
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7-73		8-[(2'-allylbiphenyl-3-yl)methyl]-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	551.3
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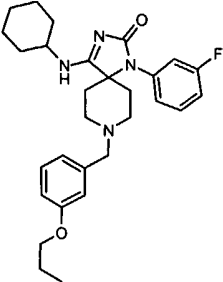
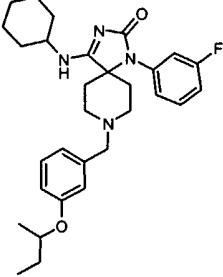
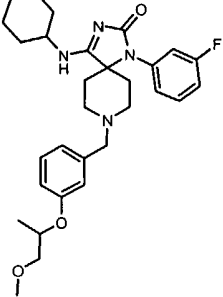
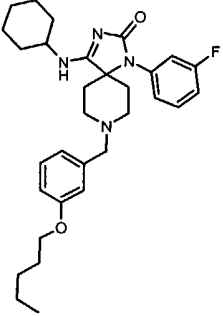
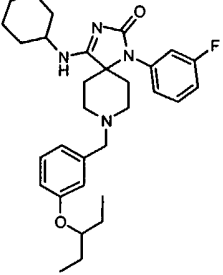
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7-85		4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-8-[3-(4-methyl-1-oxidopyridin-3-yl)benzyl]-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	542.3
7-86		4-(cyclohexylamino)-8-[(2',4'-dimethoxy-6'-methylbiphenyl-3-yl)methyl]-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	585.3

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7-88		4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-8-([2'-methyl-5'-nitrobiphenyl-3-yl]methyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	570.3
7-89		4-(cyclohexylamino)-8-([5'-fluoro-2'-methylbiphenyl-3-yl]methyl)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	543.2

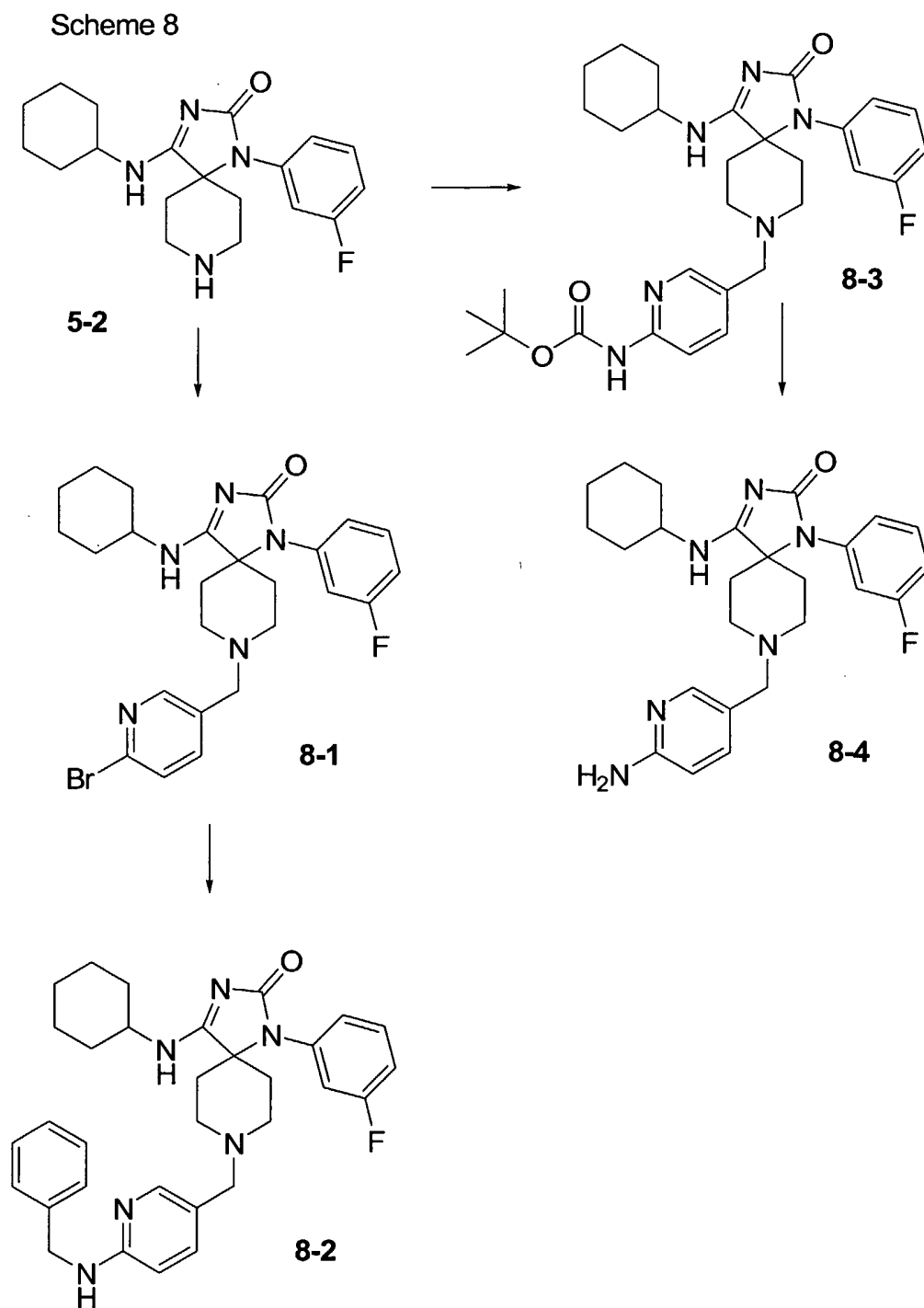
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7-93		8-(3-tert-butoxybenzyl)-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	507
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7-97		8-[3-(allyloxy)benzyl]-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-phenyl-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	473
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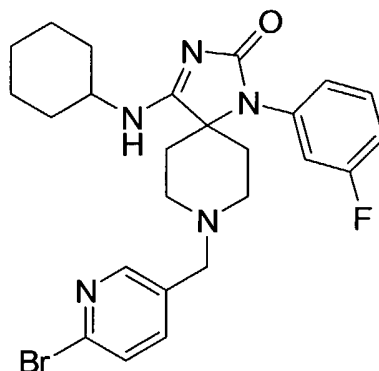
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7-108		4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-8-(2-furylmethyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	425.1
7-109		1-(3-fluorophenyl)-8-(3-isopropoxybenzyl)-4-(isopropylamino)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	453.2

Scheme 8 describes a method for preparation of compounds containing an aminopyridine R³ substituent, such as Examples (8-1) – (8-4). Examples (8-1) – (8-4) are depicted in enamine form, but may also exist in tautomeric imine form.



EXAMPLE (8-1)

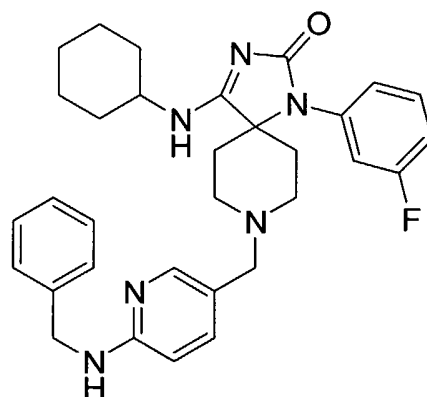
8-[(6-bromopyridin-3-yl)methyl]-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one (8-1)



- 5 Example (8-1) was prepared in the same manner as Intermediate 5-3, electrospray mass spectrum M+H=418.2.

EXAMPLE (8-2)

8-[[6-(Benzylamino)pyridin-3-yl]methyl]-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one (8-2)



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To a 600 μ L dried degassed toluene suspension of 27 mg (0.052 mmol) 8-[(6-bromopyridin-3-yl)methyl]-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one (8-1, prepared in the same manner as Intermediate 5-3), 9 mg (0.094 mmol) sodium t-butoxide, 2 mg (0.003 mmol) racemic-2,2'-bis(diphenylphosphino)-1,1'-binaphthyl (BINAP), and 2 mg (0.003 mmol)

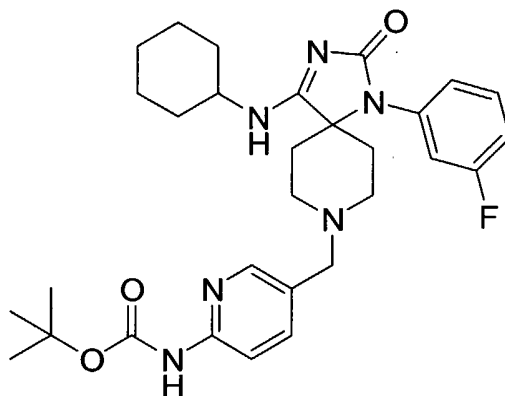
- 15 tris(dibenzylideneacetone)dipalladium (0) was added 29 μ L (0.262 mmol) benzylamine. The reaction vessel was capped and warmed to 110 $^{\circ}$ C overnight. The clear toluene layer was decanted and the residue extracted (2x hot toluene). The combined organic extracts were concentrated to dryness in vacuo, the residue dissolved in 900 μ L DMF and purified by preparative HPLC (5->95% CH₃CN/H₂O over 30m, 0.05% added TFA, C18 PRO YMC 20x150 mm) to afford, after lyophilization, 8-[[6-(benzylamino)pyridin-3-yl]methyl]-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-2-oxo-1,3-diaza-8-
20 azoniaspiro[4.5]dec-3-ene bis(trifluoroacetate) as a white fluffy solid. ¹H NMR (CD₃OD with K₂CO₃,

400MHz): δ 7.70 (s, 1H), 7.34 (m, 5H), 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.08 (m, 3H), 6.47 (d, J = 8.60 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (s, 2H), 3.77 (m, 1H), 3.28 (s, 2H), 2.68 (m, 2H), 2.12 (m, 4H), 2.00 (m, 4H), 1.80 (m, 2H), 1.68 (m, 1H), 1.33 (m, 5H). High resolution mass spec (FT/ICR): calc M+H = 541.3086, found 541.3103

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EXAMPLE (8-3)

tert-Butyl 5-{{4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-2-oxo-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-8-yl)methyl}pyridin-2-ylcarbamate(8-3)

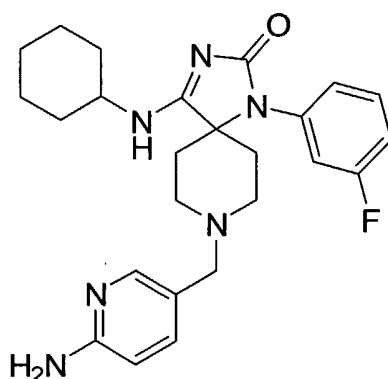


To a solution of 188 mg (0.45 mmol) 4-(cyclohexylammonio)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-2-oxo-1,3-diaza-8-
 10 azoniaspiro[4.5]dec-3-ene dihydrochloride (**5-2**) and 136 mg (0.473 mmol) tert-butyl 5-(bromomethyl)pyridin-2-ylcarbamate (prepared in a manner similar to that described in PCT application WO 00/0665570, substituting Methanesulfonicanhydredl/lutidine/LiBr/THF 0-55° C in the bromination step) in 2.5mL DMF was added 399 mg (2.89 mmol) granular potassium carbonate and the mixture stirred vigorously at 55 °C overnight. The reaction mixture was treated with 30mL H₂O and extracted
 15 with EtOAc (3x25mL). The combined extracts were washed with H₂O (1x20mL), brine (1x20mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated to dryness in vacuo to give a crude oily solid (390 mg). Purification by automated flash chromatography (0-6% MeOH in CH₂Cl₂ over 20m) afforded tert-butyl 5-{{4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-2-oxo-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-8-yl)methyl}pyridin-2-ylcarbamate as a white solid. ¹H NMR (DMSO, 400 MHz): δ 9.67 (s, 1H), 8.09 (d, J = 7.78 Hz, 1H),
 20 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.69 (d, J = 8.42 Hz 1H), 7.46 (dd, J = 8.52, 2.10 Hz 1H), 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.14 (m, 2H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.15 Hz 1H), 3.68 (m, 1H), 3.22 (s, 2H), 2.53 (m, 2H), 2.09 (m, 2H), 1.82 (m, 4H), 1.73 (m, 1H), 1.61 (m, 1H), 1.47 (s, 9H), 1.29 (m, 5H), 1.12 (m, 1H). High resolution mass spec (FT/ICR): calc M+H = 551.3141, found 551.3157

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EXAMPLE (8-4)

8-{{(6-aminopyridin-3-yl)methyl}-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-2-oxo-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-ene (8-4)

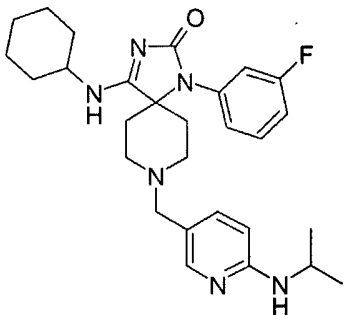
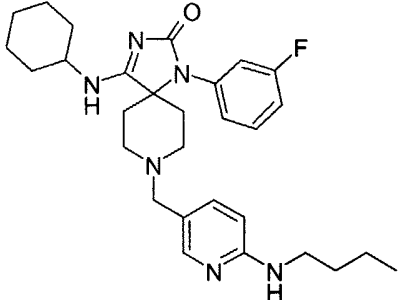
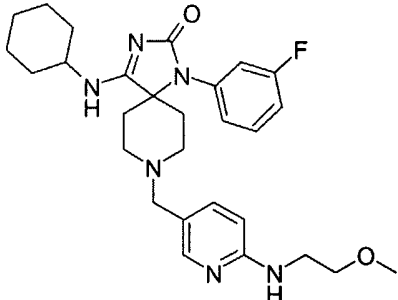
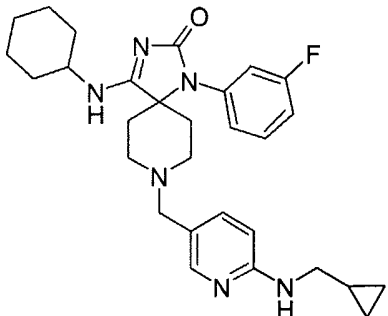


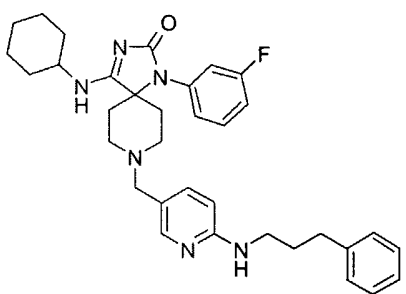
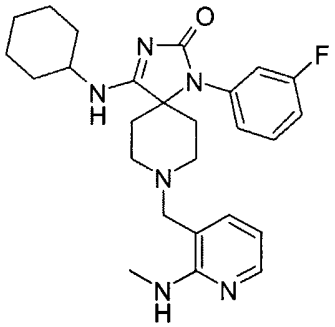
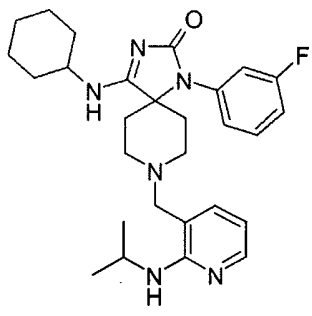
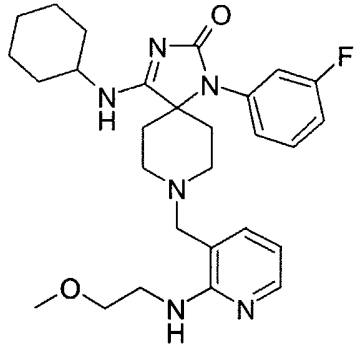
To a suspension of 64 mg (0.116 mmol) tert-butyl 5-[[4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-2-oxo-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-8-yl]methyl]pyridin-2-ylcarbamate in 1.5 mL EtOAc at 0 °C was bubbled in HCl gas until the solvent was saturated. The reaction was stirred in the cold for 30 min and
 5 concentrated in vacuo. The solid residue was reconcentrated to dryness (2x ethyl ether) and dried under high vacuum to give 8-[(6-aminopyridin-3-yl)methyl]-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-2-oxo-1,3-diaza-8-azoniaspiro[4.5]dec-3-ene dichloride dichloride as a fine white solid. ¹H NMR (CD₃OD with K₂CO₃, 400MHz): δ 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.27 (dd, *J* = 8.48, 2.34 Hz 1H), 7.16 (m 1H), 7.07 (m, 2H), 6.51 (d, *J* = 8.52 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (m, 1H), 3.28 (s, 2H), 2.68 (m, 2H), 2.13 (m, 4H), 1.99 (m, 4H),
 10 1.80 (m, 2H), 1.68 (m, 1H), 1.34 (m, 5H). High resolution mass spec (FT/ICR) calc M+H = 451.2616, found 451.2617.

The aminopyridine Examples (8-5) – (8-25) listed below in Table 4 were prepared in a manner similar to that described in Scheme 8. Examples (8-5) – (8-25) and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts are depicted in enamine form, but may also exist in tautomeric imine form. Example (8-26) was
 15 prepared in the same manner as (8-5)-(8-25) starting with 8-[(6-bromophenyl)methyl]-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one.

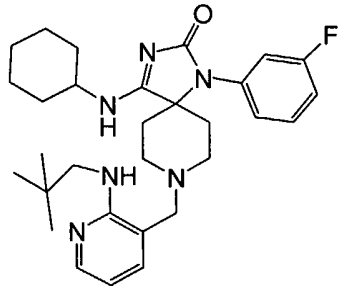
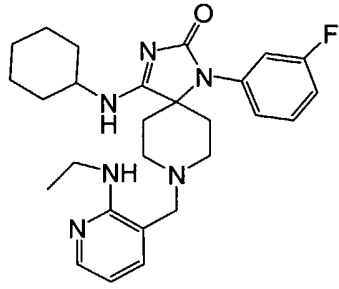
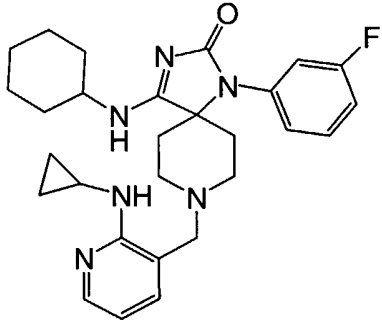
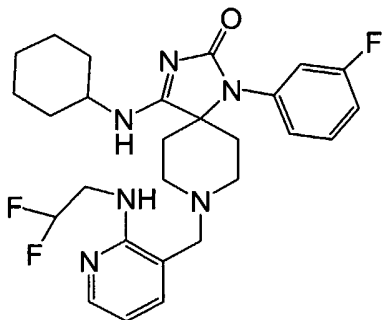
Table 4- Compounds (or salts thereof) Synthesized According to Scheme 8

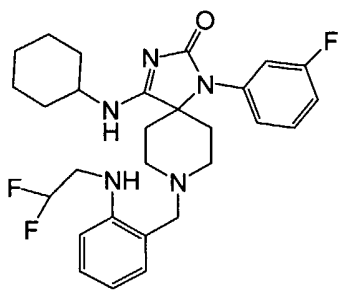
EX	Structure	Chemical Name	Mass spec
8-5		4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-8-[(6-(isobutylamino)pyridin-3-yl)methyl]-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	507.4

EX	Structure	Chemical Name	Mass spec
8-6		4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-8-{{6-(isopropylamino)pyridin-3-yl}methyl}-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	493.2
8-7		8-{{6-(butylamino)pyridin-3-yl}methyl}-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	507.4
8-8		4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-8-({6-[(2-methoxyethyl)amino]pyridin-3-yl}methyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	509.3
8-9		4-(cyclohexylamino)-8-({6-[(cyclopropylmethyl)amino]pyridin-3-yl}methyl)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	505.3

EX	Structure	Chemical Name	Mass spec
8-10		4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-8-({6-[(3-phenylpropyl)amino]pyridin-3-yl}methyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	569.3
8-12		4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-8-{{2-(methylamino)pyridin-3-yl}methyl}-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	465.2
8-13		4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-8-{{2-(isopropylamino)pyridin-3-yl}methyl}-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	493.3
8-15		4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-8-({2-[(2-methoxyethyl)amino]pyridin-3-yl}methyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	509.2

EX	Structure	Chemical Name	Mass spec
8-16		4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-8-{{2-(isobutylamino)pyridin-3-yl}methyl}-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	507.3
8-17		4-(cyclohexylamino)-8-{{2-((cyclopropylmethyl)amino)pyridin-3-yl}methyl}-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	505.3
8-18		4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-8-{{2-((3-phenylpropyl)amino)pyridin-3-yl}methyl}-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	569.3
8-19		8-{{2-((sec-butylamino)pyridin-3-yl}methyl)}-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	507.3

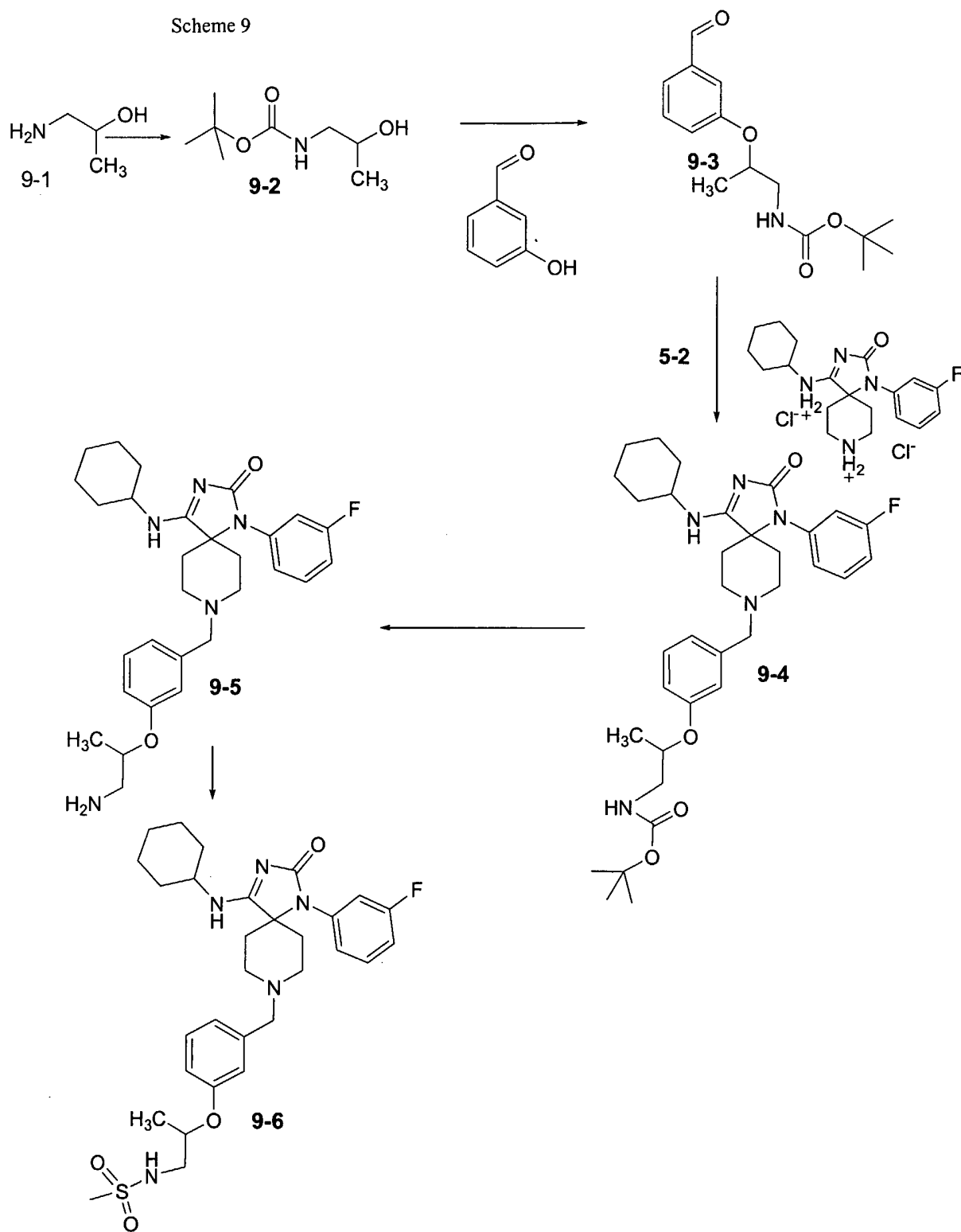
EX	Structure	Chemical Name	Mass spec
8-20		4-(cyclohexylamino)-8-({2-[(2,2-dimethylpropyl)amino]pyridin-3-yl}methyl)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	521.1
8-21		4-(cyclohexylamino)-8-{{2-(ethylamino)pyridin-3-yl}methyl}-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	479.3
8-22		4-(cyclohexylamino)-8-{{2-(cyclopropylamino)pyridin-3-yl}methyl}-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	491.3
8-23		4-(cyclohexylamino)-8-({2-[(2,2-difluoroethyl)amino]pyridin-3-yl}methyl)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	515.4

EX	Structure	Chemical Name	Mass spec
8-24		4-(cyclohexylamino)-8-{2-[(2,2-difluoroethyl)amino]benzyl}-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	514.1

A representative procedure for elaboration of the R³ substituent, as depicted in Scheme 3 below, can be used in the synthesis of various compounds of the invention, including Examples (9-4) – (9-11) below. Examples (9-4) – (9-11) are depicted below in enamine form, but may also exist in tautomeric imine form, as described above

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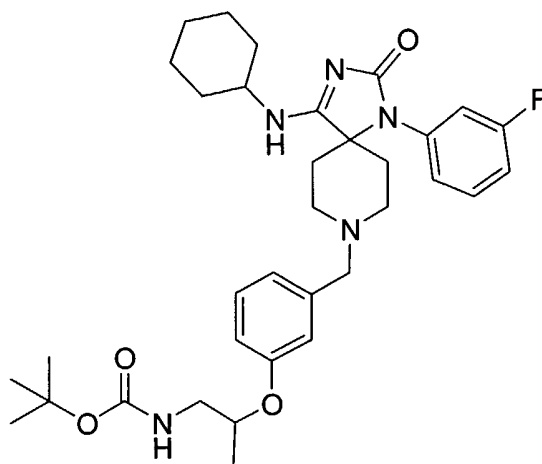
Scheme 9



EXAMPLE 9-4

tert-Butyl 2-(3-{[4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-2-oxo-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-8-yl]methyl}phenoxy)propylcarbamate

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Step 1: tert-Butyl 2-hydroxypropylcarbamate (9-2):

tert-Butyl 2-hydroxypropylcarbamate (2): *Biorg. Med Chem.*, 6, 1998 2405-2419

Added Boc anhydride (8.19g, 37.4 mmole) in CH_2Cl_2 (30mL) to a solution of 1-amino-2-propanol in 77
 5 mL of 10% Et₃N in MeOH. Let stir at rt under Argon. After 6 hr, concentrated in vacuo. Purified on a
 120g redisepp column eluting with 1-1 EtOAc Hex. Concentrated clean fractions in vacuo.

Step 2: t-Butyl 2,3-(formylphenoxy)propylcarbamate (9-3)

t-Butyl 2,3-(formylphenoxy)propylcarbamate

10 Dissolved triphenylphosphine (0.805g, 3.07 mmole), 3-hydroxybenzaldehyde (0.25g, 2.047 mmole) and
 t-butyl 2-hydroxypropylcarbamate(0.395g, 2.25 mmole,) in dry toluene (5 mL) at rt. Added ADDP
 (azodicarbonyldipiperidine) (0.755g, 3.07 mmole) at once. Warmed quickly to 80°C. After 5 hr, cooled to
 rt. Diluted with CH_2Cl_2 and filtered off solids, washing with CH_2Cl_2 . Concentrated filtrate in vacuo.
 Dissolved in 50 mL CH_2Cl_2 . Washed with 1 N NaOH (2x20 mL), and then with brine. Dried over
 15 Na_2SO_4 , filtered and conc in vacuo. Purified using a 120g isco redisepp column eluting with 5% EtOAc
 to 25 % EtOAc in hexanes to give the aldehyde.

tert-Butyl 2-(3-{[4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-2-oxo-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-8-
 yl]methyl}phenoxy)propylcarbamate (9-4):

20 t-Butyl 2,3-(formylphenoxy)propylcarbamate and 4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-2-oxo-1,3-
 triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-ene dihydrochloride salt (5-2) were coupled using a procedure similar to that
 described for Example (5-6).

¹H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 Mh), δ 7.98 (bd, J=8.05 Hz, 1H); 7.35 (m, 1H); 7.24 (m, 1H); 7.03 (m, 2H); 6.97
 (m, 1H); 6.82 (m, 3H); 4.88 (bs, 1H); 4.50 (bs, 1H); 3.97 (m, 1H); 3.49 (s, 2H); 3.44 (m, 2H); 3.25 (m,

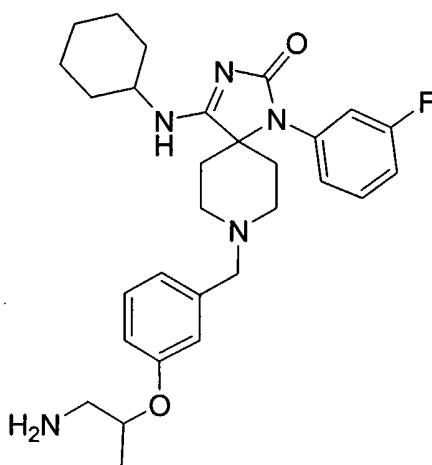
1H); 2.78 (m, 2H); 2.44 (m, 2H); 2.07 (m, 4H); 1.95 (m, 2H); 1.72 (m, 3H); 1.44 (s, 9H); 1.39 (m, 2H); 1.27 (d, J=6.0 Hz, 3H); 1.19 (m, 3H).

Mass Spec (m+1) = 608.

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EXAMPLE 9-5

8-[3-(2-amino-1-methylethoxy)benzyl]-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one(9-5)



10 Added 2 mL of TFA to an ice cold solution of (4) (0.103g, 0.169 mmole) in 5 mL CH₂Cl₂ at rt while magnetically stirring. After 15 min the reaction was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in CH₃CN, then purified on the Gilson reverse phase 100x30 mm YMC J-sphere column, eluting with 10-60% CH₃CN in H₂O with 0.1% TFA. Concentrated appropriate fractions in vacuo on the Genie vac. The dry fractions were partitioned between NaHCO₃(aq), and CH₂Cl₂, separated, and the aqueous layer was washed with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄,
15 filtered and concentrated in vacuo to yield 0.123 mg. NMR in CDCl₃ showed an impurity present. Repeated the above purification until there were no impurities present to yield the product.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 Mh), δ 8.01 (bd, J=8.5 Hz, 1H); 7.35 (m, 1H); 7.25 (m, 1H); 7.01 (m, 3H); 6.86 (d, J=9.3 Hz, 1H); 6.81 (m, 2H); 4.37 (q, J=5.8, 5.4, 1H); 3.97 (m, 1H); 3.51 (d, J=2.4 Hz, 2H); 2.9 (m, 2H); 2.79 (m, 4H); 2.41 (m, 2H); 2.13 (m, 2H); 2.03 (m, 4H); 1.72 (m, 2H); 1.65 (m, 1H); 1.45 (m, 2H); 1.28
20 (d, J=6.0 Hz, 3H); 1.24 (m, 3H).

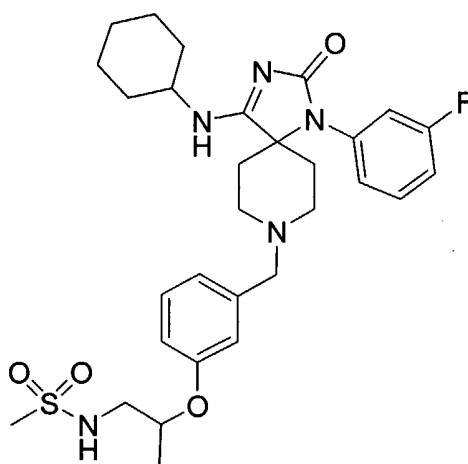
Mass spec (m+1) = 508

8-[3-(2-amino-1-(R)- methylethoxy)benzyl]-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one and 8-[3-(2-amino-1-(S)- methylethoxy)benzyl]-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one (9-5 and 9-5)

The racemic mixture of 8-[3-(2-amino-1-methylethoxy) benzyl]-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one (100 mg) was submitted for separation via chiral chromatography. The compound was eluted with 20% EtOH in Hexanes with 1 mL/L of DEA on a Chiral Pak AD column. Mass spec (m+1) = 508

EXAMPLE 9-6

10 N-[4-(3-{{4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-2-oxo-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-8-yl)methyl}phenoxy)butyl]methanesulfonamide. (9-6).



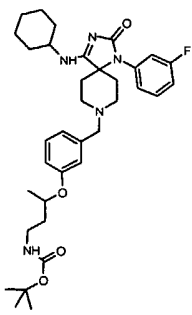
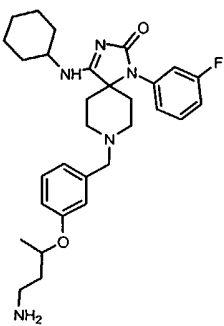
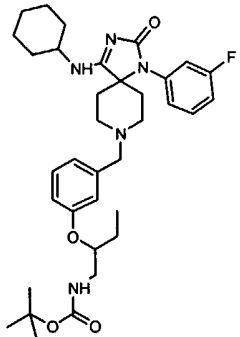
Methanesulfonyl chloride(.019 mL, 0.245 mmole) was added dropwise to a solution of 8-{{3-[[6-aminohexyl)oxy]benzyl}-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one (0.116 mg, 0.222 mmole)in 5 mL CH₂Cl₂ at rt, and Et₃N (0.034 mL, 0.245 mmole). After stirring for 0.5 hr at rt, the reaction was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was redissolved in CH₂Cl₂, washed with H₂O, and then brine. Dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and conc in vacuo. The residue was purified on a 40 g silica gel column eluting with 100% CH₂Cl₂ saturated with ammonia to 4% MeOH in CH₂Cl₂ saturated with ammonia. The clean fractions were combined and concentrated in vacuo to yield the product.

20 ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 Mh), δ 7.73 (bd, J=8.0 Hz, 1H); 7.35 (dd, J=8.1, 14.6 Hz, 1H); 7.23 (m, 1H); 7.01 (m, 3H); 6.83 (m, 3H); 4.70 (m, 1H); 4.55 (m, 1H); 3.97 (m, 1H); 3.49 (d, J=3.8 Hz, 2H); 3.41 (m, 1H); 3.27 (m, 1H); 2.99 (s, 3H); 2.74 (m, 2H); 2.40 (m, 2H); 2.09 (m, 4H); 1.97 (m, 2H); 1.72 (m, 3H); 1.41 (m, 2H); 1.30 (d, J=6.1 Hz, 3H); 1.24 (m, 3H).

Mass spec (m+1) = 600

Table 5: The following compounds (or salts thereof) of Table 5 were prepared by methods similar to that described for 9-4, 9-5, and 9-6, utilizing the appropriate reagents.

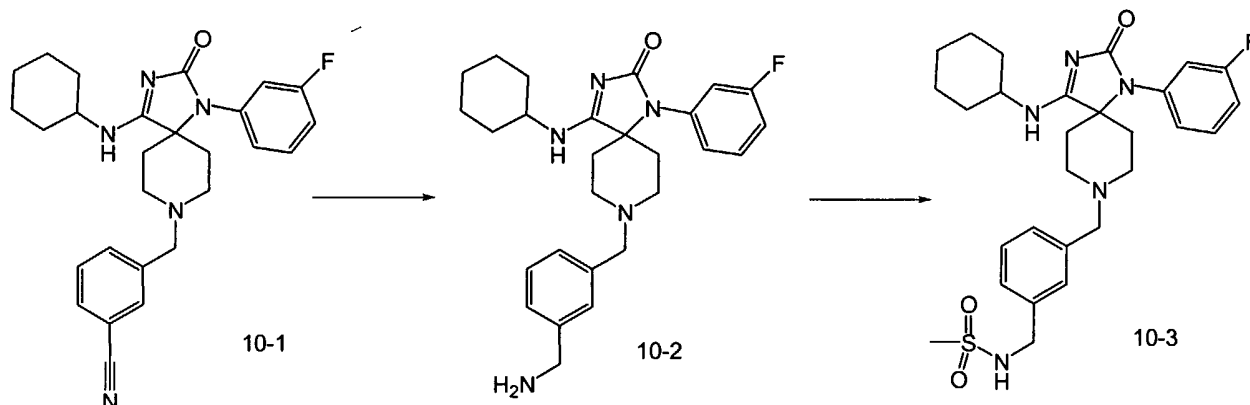
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Ex #	Structure	Chemical Name	Mass Spec
9-7		tert-butyl 3-(3-{[4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-2-oxo-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-8-yl]methyl}phenoxy)butylcarbamate	622
9-8		8-[3-(3-amino-1-methylpropoxy)benzyl]-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	522
9-9		tert-butyl 2-(3-{[4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-2-oxo-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-8-yl]methyl}phenoxy)butylcarbamate	622

Ex #	Structure	Chemical Name	Mass Spec
9-10		8-{3-[1-(aminomethyl)propoxy]benzyl}-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	522
9-11		8-[3-(2-aminoethoxy)benzyl]-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	494

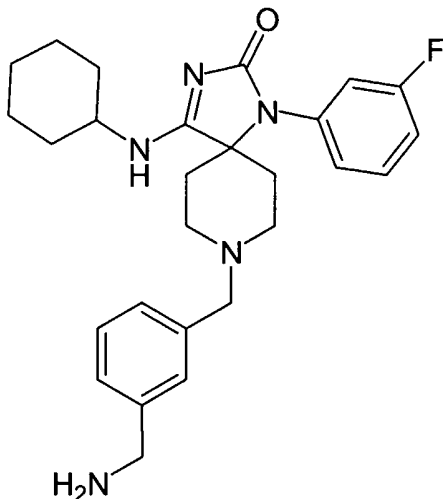
A representative procedure for elaboration of the R³ substituent, as depicted in Scheme 10 below, can be used in the synthesis of various compounds of the invention, including Examples (10-1) – (10-3) below. Examples (10-1) – (10-3) are depicted below in enamine form, but may also exist in tautomeric imine form, as described above

Scheme 10



EXAMPLE 10-2

8-[3-(aminomethyl)benzyl]-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one.



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A 50mL EtOH suspension of 0.470g(1.02mmol) 8-[3-cyanobenzyl]-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one (Example (7-12)) and a small amount of Raney Nickel (in water) was first evacuated and flushed with N₂ 3 times then put under a H₂ balloon and allowed to stir overnight. The catalyst was filtered and the filtrate concentrated in vacuo to pure product.

¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.98-8.0 (m, 1H), 7.28-7.52 (m, 4H), 7.20-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.12-7.14 (m, 1H), 6.97-7.04 (m, 2H), 4.70 (s, 2H), 3.95-4.05 (m, 1H), 3.69-3.73 (m, 1H), 2.74-2.81 (m, 2H), 2.4-2.46 (m, 2H), 2.05-2.14 (m, 4H), 1.92-2.03 (m, 2H), 1.35-1.75 (m, 9H).

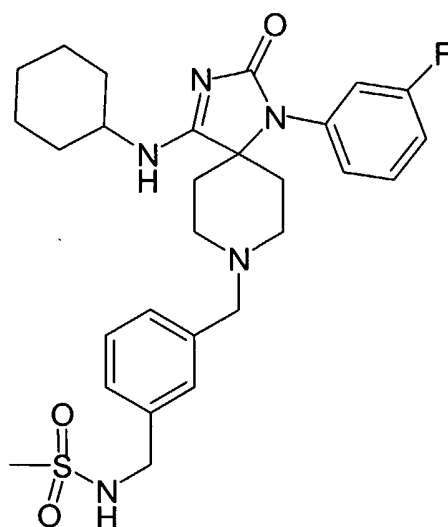
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EXAMPLE 10-3

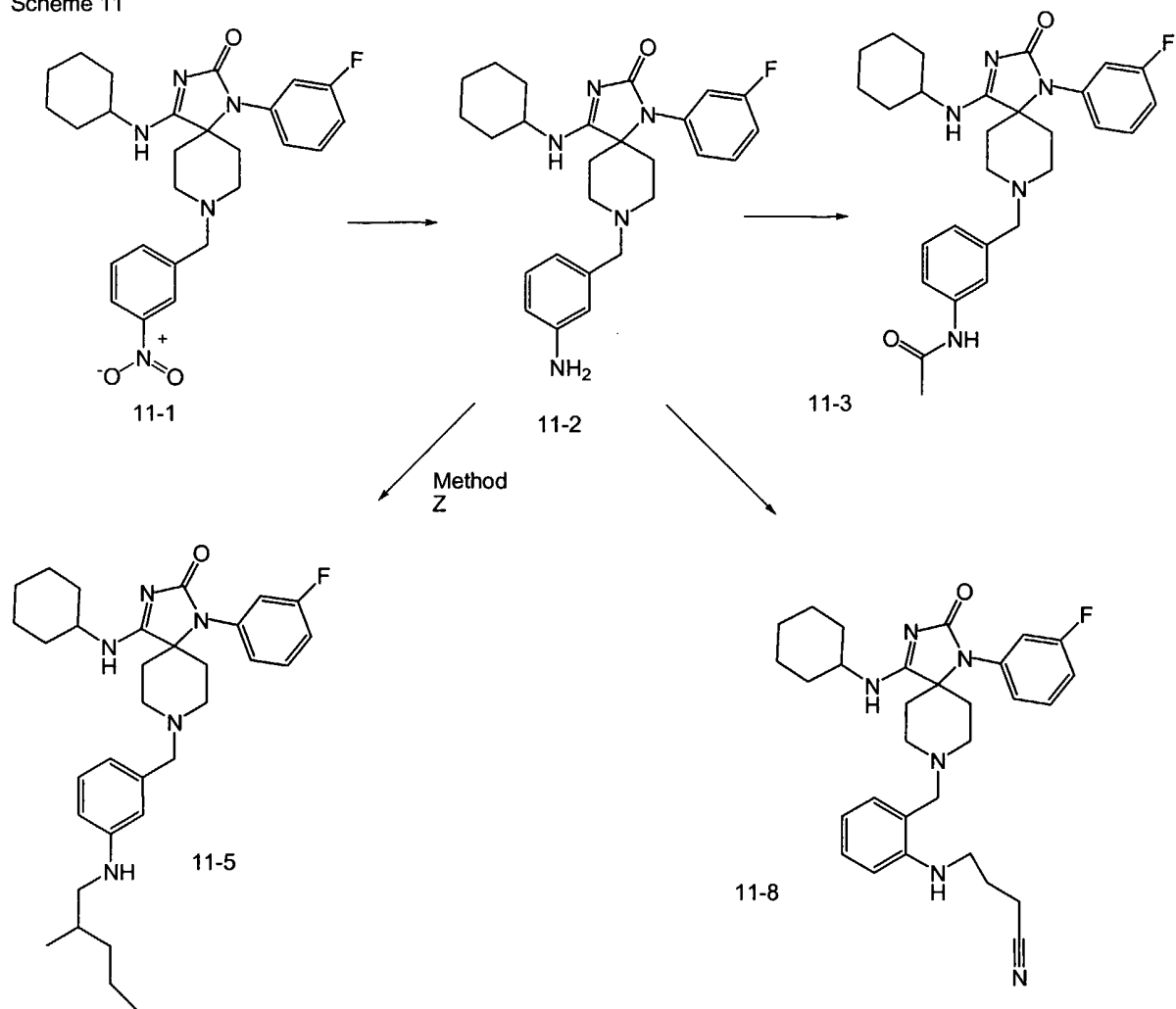
N-(3-([4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-2-oxo-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-8-yl]methyl}benzyl)methanesulfonamide.



A 2mL CH₂Cl₂ suspension of 0.05g(0.11mmol) 4-(cyclohexylamino)-8-[3-(aminomethyl)benzyl]-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one (Example (7-12)), 0.02mL(0.22mmol) methanesulfonyl chloride and excess K₂CO₃ was allowed to stir at rt overnight. The reaction was filtered
 5 and concentrated. The remaining oil was dissolved in 0.5mL CH₂Cl₂ and purified on an Isco automated system affixed with a Biotage Flash 25(S) cartridge eluted at 20mL/min with 0-5% MeOH in CH₂Cl₂ over 15min and hold at 5% MeOH for 30 min. The product eluted second, pure by HPLC/MS and NMR. ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.79-7.83 (m, 1H), 7.45-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.4 (m, 2H), 7.12-7.14 (m, 1H), 6.96-7.05 (m, 3H), 4.31-4.39 (m, 1H), 3.92-4.05 (m, 1H), 3.48-3.52 (m, 1H), 2.65-2.80 (m, 2H), 2.4-
 10 2.50 (m, 2H), 1.90-2.20 (m, 6H), 1.62-1.8 (m, 4H), 1.55 (s, 3H), 1.30-1.50 (m, 2H), 1.15-1.30(m, 4H). MS 542.4

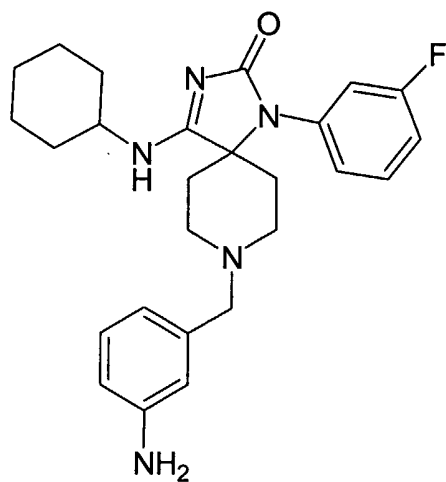
A representative procedure for elaboration of the R³ substituent, as depicted in Scheme 11 below, can be used in the synthesis of various compounds of the invention, including Examples (11-2) –
 15 (11-8) below. Examples (11-2) – (11-8) are depicted below in enamine form, but may also exist in tautomeric imine form, as described above

Scheme 11



EXAMPLE 11-2

8-(3-aminobenzyl)-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one



A 100mL EtOH solution of 1.0g (2.1mmol) 8-(3-nitrobenzyl)-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one (example 104) and 0.57g(2.5mmol) SnCl₂ dihydrate was heated to reflux and allowed to stir overnight. HPLC/MS showed complete conversion so the reaction mixture was filtered through celite washed with EtOH then the filtrate was concentrated. The remaining oil was

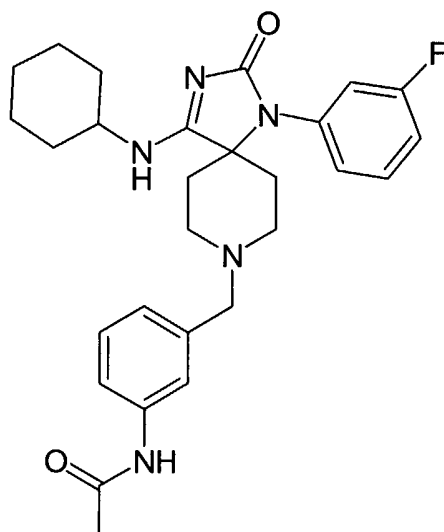
partitioned between 3N NaOH and EtOAc. A thick white precipitate formed in the aqueous layer. The organic layer was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated to pure product.

¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.09-8.11 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.10-7.13 (m, 1H), 6.96-7.03 (m, 3H), 6.60-6.63 (m, 2H), 6.53 (s, 1H), 3.95-4.0 (m, 1H), 3.43 (s, 2H), 2.75-2.80 (m, 2H), 2.37-2.42 (m, 2H), 1.93-2.12 (m, 5H), 1.64-1.75 (m, 3H), 1.35-1.41 (m, 2H), 1.16-1.27 (m, 4H).

MS 450.4

EXAMPLE 11-3

N-(3-{[4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-2-oxo-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-8-yl]methyl}phenyl)acetamide

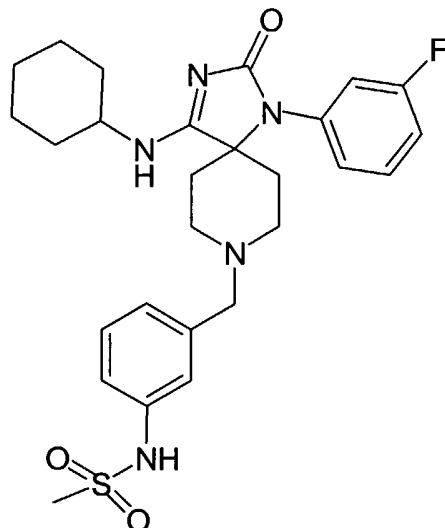


A 2mL CH₂Cl₂ suspension of 0.05g(0.11mmol) 4-(cyclohexylamino)-8-[3-aminobenzyl]-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one, 0.1mL(0.11mmol) acetyl chloride and excess K₂CO₃ was allowed to stir at rt overnight. The reaction was filtered and concentrated then the remaining oil was dissolved in 1mL CH₂Cl₂ and purified on an Isco automated system affixed with a Biotage Flash 25(S) cartridge eluted at 20mL/min with 0-5% MeOH in CH₂Cl₂ over 15min and hold at 5% MeOH for 30 min. The product eluted second, pure by HPLC/MS and NMR.

¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88-7.90 (m, 1H), 7.63-7.70 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.35 (m, 1H), 7.19-7.24 (m, 1H), 6.92-7.04 (m, 4H), 3.90-3.94 (m, 1H), 3.47 (s, 2H), 2.72-2.78 (m, 2H), 2.29-2.36 (m, 4H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 1.98-2.1 (m, 6H), 1.62-1.73 (m, 2H), 1.13-1.41 (m, 4H).MS 492.4

EXAMPLE 11-4

N-(3-{[4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-2-oxo-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-8-yl]methyl}phenyl)methanesulfonamide



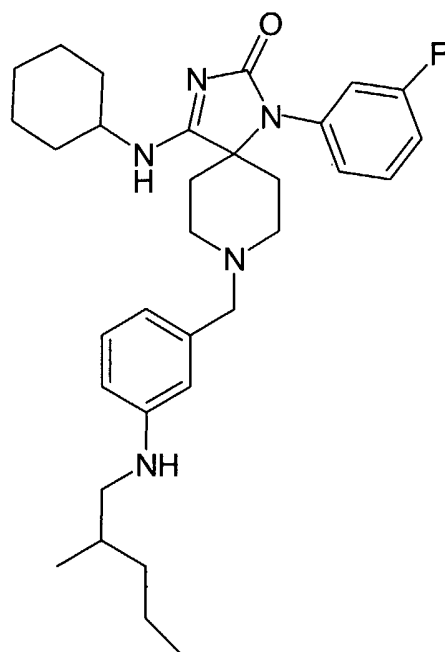
- 5 Produced by the method for Example 11-3 above but substituting sulfonyl chloride for acetyl chloride.
 $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.60-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.30-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.20 (s, 1H), 7.12-7.14 (m, 1H), 6.96-7.07 (m, 4H), 3.92-3.96 (m, 1H), 3.51 (s, 2H), 3.00 (s, 3H), 2.69-2.75 (m, 2H), 2.36-2.43 (m, 2H), 1.97-2.14 (m, 6H), 1.68-1.74 (m, 2H), 1.16-1.42 (m, 6H).

MS 528.1

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EXAMPLE 11-5

4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-8-{3-[(2-methylpentyl)amino]benzyl}-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one



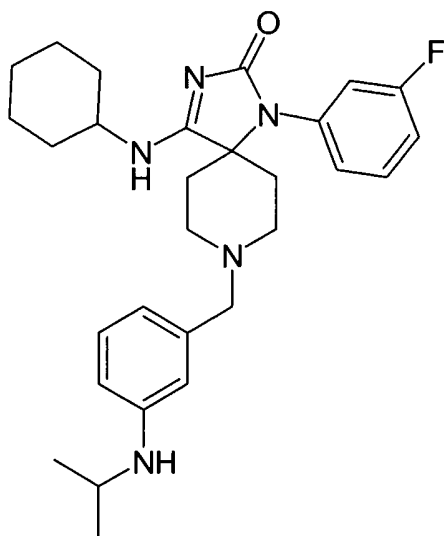
Method Z: A 5ml dichloroethane suspension of 0.05g(0.11mmol) 4-(cyclohexylamino)-8-[3-aminobenzyl]-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one (Example 11-2), 0.01mL(0.13mmol) 2-methylpentan-1-al, 0.05mL HOAc, and 0.05g (0.22mmol) sodium triacetoxymethylborohydride was allowed to stir at rt overnight. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃, diluted with CH₂Cl₂ and allowed to stir vigorously for 15 min. The organic layer was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated. The remaining oil was purified on an Isco automated system affixed with a Biotage Flash 25(S) cartridge eluted with 5% MeOH in CH₂Cl₂ at 20mL/min for 30 min. The product eluted second.

¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.22-8.24 (m, 1H), 7.31-7.37 (m, 1H), 7.11-7.15 (m, 1H), 6.94-7.02 (m, 3H), 6.52-6.56 (m, 2H), 6.43 (s, 1H), 3.94-3.97 (m, 1H), 3.65-3.70 (m, 1H), 3.45 (s, 2H), 3.00-3.06 (m, 1H), 2.77-2.90 (m, 3H), 2.39-2.45 (m, 2H), 1.87-2.14 (m, 7H), 1.64-1.74 (m, 3H), 1.13-1.44 (m, 8H), 0.89-0.97 (m, 6H).MS 534.3

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EXAMPLE 11-6

4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-8-[3-(isopropylamino)benzyl]-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one

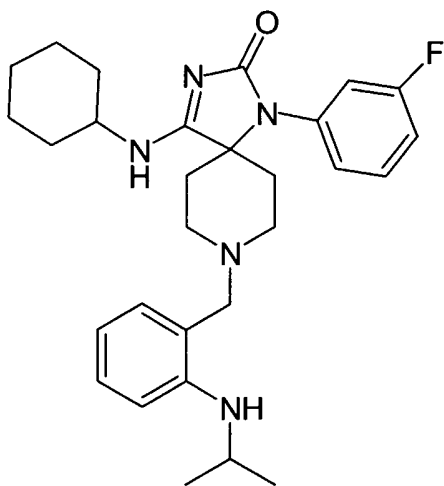


This compound was produced using Method Z substituting acetone for the aldehyde. ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.18-8.2 (m, 1H), 7.31-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.11-7.14 (m, 1H), 6.96-7.03 (m, 3H), 6.50-6.54 (m, 2H), 6.41 (s, 1H), 3.94-3.97 (m, 1H), 3.59-3.65 (m, 1H), 3.45 (s, 2H), 2.77-2.83 (m, 2H), 2.38-2.44 (m, 2H), 1.91-2.13 (m, 3H), 1.63-1.75 (m, 3H), 1.34-1.43 (m, 2H), 1.14-1.25 (m, 6H).

MS 492.4

EXAMPLE 11-7

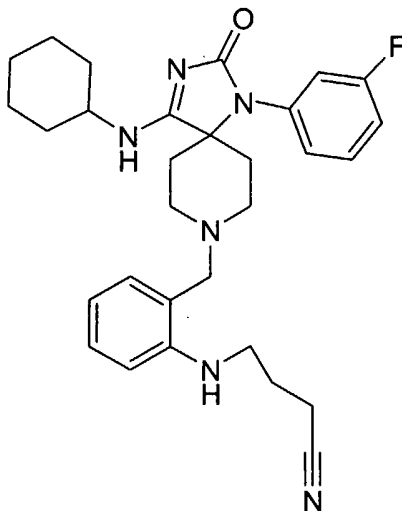
4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-8-[2-(isopropylamino)benzyl]-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one.



Produced using Method Z substituting acetone for the aldehyde and 8-(2-aminobenzyl)-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one (example 80) for the substrate. MS 492.4

EXAMPLE 11-8

4-[(2-{[4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-2-oxo-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-8-yl]methyl}phenyl)amino]butanenitrile



- 5 A 2mL CH₃CN suspension of 0.05g(0.11 mmol) 8-(2-aminobenzyl)-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one(example 80), excess 4-bromobutyronitrile and Cs₂CO₃ was heated to 60°C and allowed to stir for 2 days. HPLC/MS showed a small amount of product so the reaction was filtered and concentrated. The remaining oil was purified on an Isco automated system affixed with a Biotage Flash 25(M) cartridge eluted with 0-5% MeOH + 0.5M NH₃ in CH₂Cl₂ over 30 min at 20mL/min. The product eluted last.

¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.31-7.42 (m, 1H), 6.83-7.18 (m, 5H), 6.57-6.70 (m, 2H), 4.6-4.8 (br m, 1H), 3.57-3.97 (m, 6H), 3.28 (m, 1H), 2.65-2.70 (m, 1H), 2.39-2.58 (m, 4H), 2.21-2.25 (m, 1H), 1.67-2.08 (m, 9H), 1.26-1.43 (m, 4H).

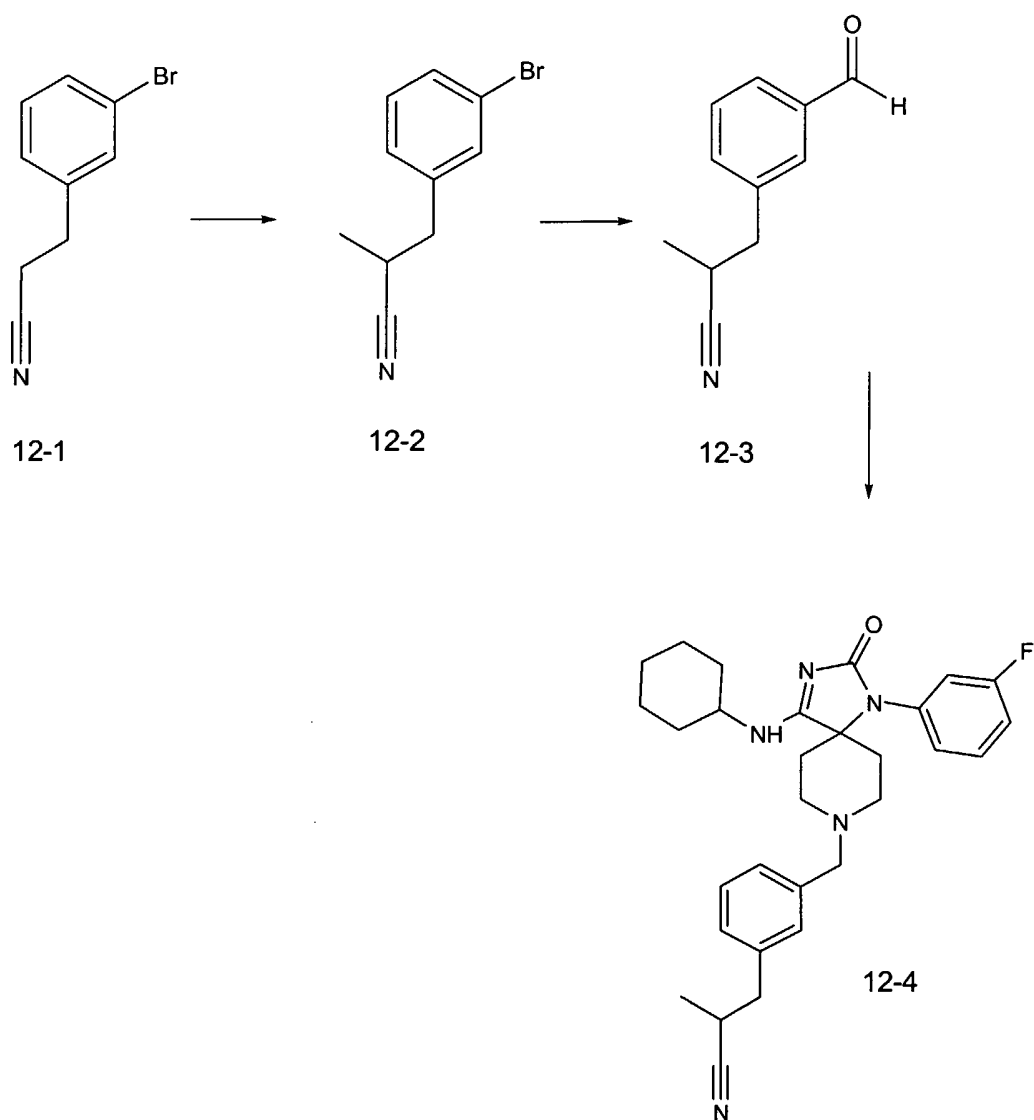
MS 517.1

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A representative procedure for elaboration of the R³ substituent, as depicted in Scheme 12 below, can be used in the synthesis of various compounds of the invention, including Example (12-4) below. Example (12-4) is depicted below in enamine form, but may also exist in tautomeric imine form, as described above

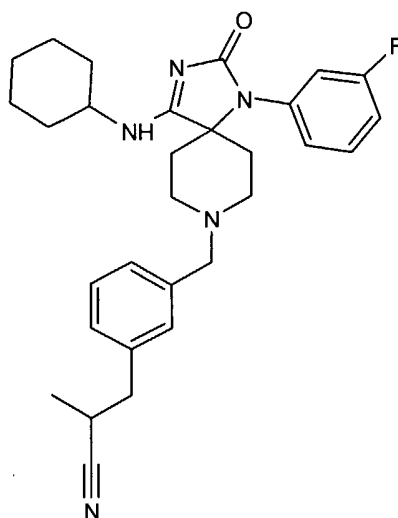
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Scheme 12



EXAMPLE 12-4

3-(3-{[4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-2-oxo-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-8-yl]methyl}phenyl)-2-methylpropanenitrile (12-4).



Step 1: 3-(3-bromophenyl)-2-methylpropanenitrile (12-2).

To a 10mL THF solution of 2.5mL (5mmol) LDA (2M in THF) on a dry ice - acetone bath went 0.7mL (4.76mmol) 3-bromopropionitrile(9-1) dropwise. The solution was allowed to stir for 15min, then
 5 transferred by cannula to a 10mL THF solution of 0.31mL(5mmol) MeI also cooled to -78°C. The bath was removed and the reaction was allowed to warm to rt and stir for 30min. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl and the product was extracted into EtOAc. The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated. The remaining oil was dissolved in 1mL CH₂Cl₂ and purified on an Isco automated system affixed with a Biotage Flash 40(M) cartridge eluted with 50-100% EtOAc in
 10 hexane. The product eluted last. MS 224.0 NB#212867-102

Step 2: 3-(3-formylphenyl)-2-methylpropanenitrile (12-3).

A 3-neck flask equipped with a condenser and 2 septa was flushed with N₂, then the flask was charged with 0.6g(2.7mmol) 3-(3-bromophenyl)-2-methylpropanenitrile(9-2), 0.275g(4mmol) sodium formate,
 15 0.155g(0.13mmol) tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)Palladium and flushed with CO from a balloon for 5 min. The solids were suspended in 10mL DMF and CO continued to bubble into the liquid. The flask was heated in an oil bath at 100' for 20min then 110' while stirring. The color changed from yellow to a deep orange color after 1.5 h, and HPLC/MS analysis showed no starting material and one major product. The reaction was cooled and quenched with brine. The product was extracted into EtOAc, dried over
 20 Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated. The product was dissolved in 1mL CH₂Cl₂ and purified on an Isco automated system affixed with a Biotage Flash 25(M) cartridge eluted with 0-50% EtOAc in hexane at 25mL/min over 15 min and hold for 30 min. The product eluted last. MS 174.1 NB#212867-104

Step 3: 3-(3-{{[4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-2-oxo-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-8-yl]methyl}phenyl)-2-methylpropanenitrile (12-4).
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To a 20mL dichloroethane solution of 0.35g(0.92mmol) 4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one and 0.25mL(1.4mmol) DIEA went 0.16g(0.92mmol) 3-(3-formylphenyl)-2-methylpropanenitrile(9-3). The suspension was allowed to stir for 10 min then 0.4g(1.9mmol) sodium triacetoxyborohydride was added and the reaction was allowed to stir at rt overnight. HPLC/MS showed

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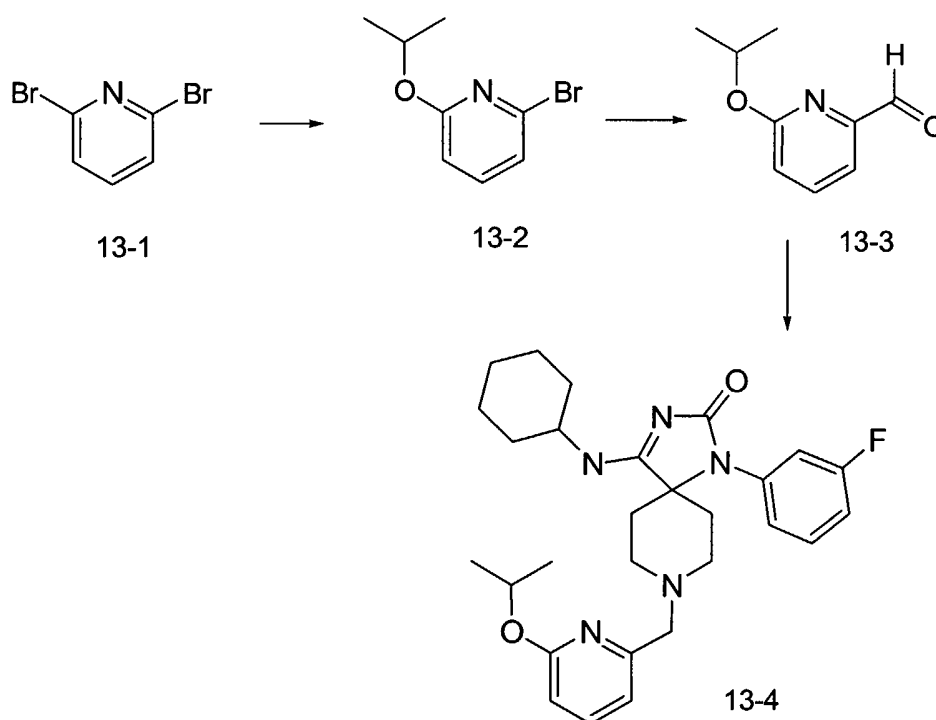
no starting material so the reaction was quenched with 100mL sat NaHCO₃ and diluted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic layer was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated. The remaining oil was purified on an Isco automated system affixed with a Biotage Flash 25(M) cartridge eluted with 5% MeOH + 0.5M NH₃ in CH₂Cl₂ at 25mL/min over 30min. The product eluted second.

¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80-7.82 (d, 1H *J*=8Hz), 7.28-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.14-7.19 (m, 3H), 6.96-7.04 (m, 3H), 3.94-3.97 (m, 1H), 3.51 (s, 2H), 2.84-2.87 (m, 3H), 2.71-2.78 (m, 2H), 2.34-2.41 (m, 2H), 1.97-2.11 (m, 6H), 1.65-1.75 (m, 3H), 1.33-1.41 (m, 5H), 1.17-1.25 (m, 3H).

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MS 502.0

Scheme 13



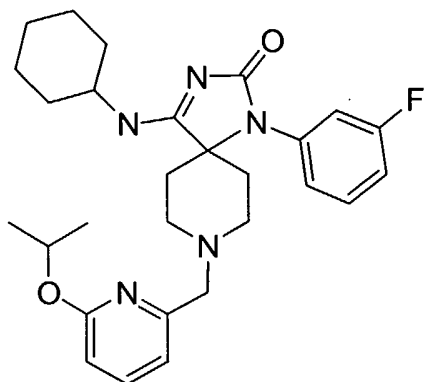
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A representative procedure for elaboration of the R³ substituent, as depicted in Scheme 13 below, can be used in the synthesis of various compounds of the invention, including Examples (13-4) – (13-5) below. Examples (13-4) – (13-5) are depicted below in enamine form, but may also exist in tautomeric imine form, as described above

EXAMPLE 13-4

4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-8-[(6-isopropoxyppyridin-2-yl)methyl]-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one

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Step 1: 2-bromo-6-isopropoxyppyridine

The compound was prepared in a manner similar to that described in WO 02/076983 (page 80). Dry isopropanol (25 mL, 42.2 mmole) was placed in an oven-dried 250 ml 3 necked flask under nitrogen, sodium spheres (0.5g, 21.1 mmol) were added and the reaction was heated to 80° C to dissolve the sodium. 2,6 dibromopyridine (10g, 42.2 mmole) was added as a solid and the reaction was heated at 95 °C . After heating for ~2.5 hr the reaction was cooled and partitioned between ether and water. The organic layer was evaporated to give a solid plus oil, the mixture was suspended in hexanes, cooled, and filtered to remove the solid. The filtrate was evaporated carefully and chromatographed on silica eluting with hexanes to give the product as a clear, colorless oil.

¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.23 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 14.7 Hz, 1H), 7.0 (m, 3H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 5.22 (m, 1H), 3.93 (m, 1H), 3.59 (s, 2H), 2.90 (m, 2H), 2.55 (m, 2H), 2.12 (m, 2H), 2.0 (m, 4H), 1.7-1.5 (m, 4H), 1.4-1.3 (m, 2H), 1.33 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 6H), 1.15 (m, 3H).

LCMS (m+1) = 215.1, 217.1

Step 2: 6-isopropoxyppyridine-2-carbaldehyde

6-isopropoxyppyridine-2-carbaldehyde was prepared in a manner similar to that described in D. L Comins, M.O. Killpack, *J. Org. Chem.* 1990 55 69-73 for the methoxy analog. 2-bromo-6-isopropoxyppyridine (1g, 4.6 mmole) was dissolved in 10ml dry THF under argon, cooled to -78° C and treated with added 2.5 M n-Butyl lithium (1.9 mL, 4.8 mmole) keeping the temperature of the reaction below -65° C. After the reaction had stirred 45 min DMF (0.717 mL, 9.25 mmole) was added, again keeping temp below

-60° C, the reaction was stirred for 15 min, then quenched with saturated bicarbonate solution. The layers were separated, the aqueous extracted with CHCl₃, the organic layers dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and evap carefully, and the residue chromatographed in 0-50% Ether / hexanes to give the product as an oil. LCMS (m+1) = 165.2

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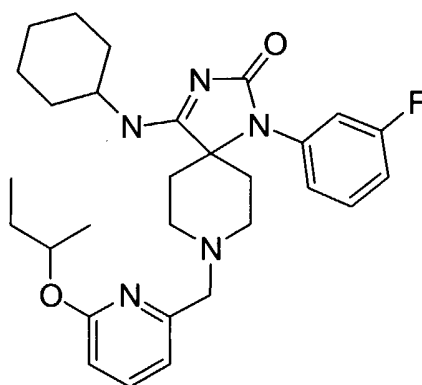
Step 3: 4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-8-[(6-isopropoxy-pyridin-2-yl)methyl]-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one. This compound was prepared in a manner similar to that described for example (5-6) using the intermediate from scheme 13 step 2 and compound (5-2).

LCMS (m+1) = 494.1

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EXAMPLE 13-5

8-[(6-sec-butoxypyridin-2-yl)methyl]-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one



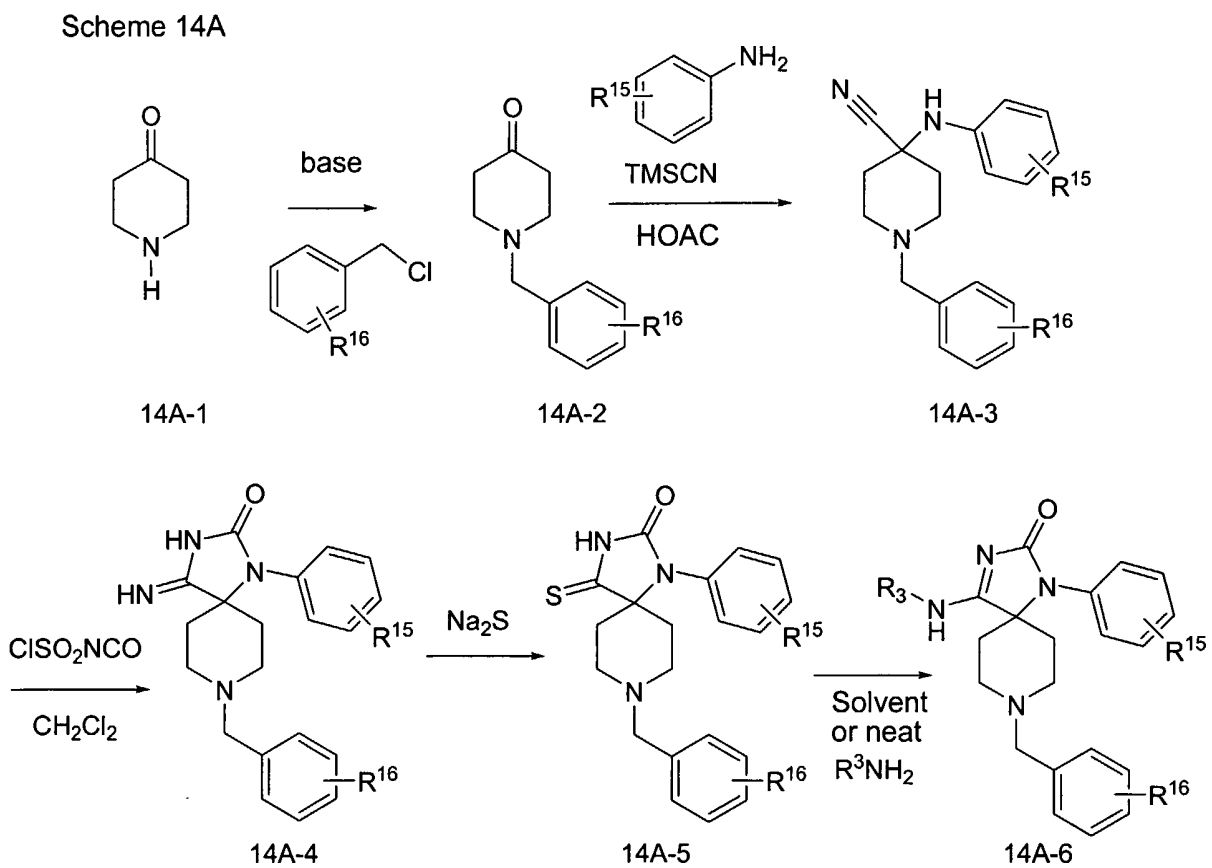
15 8-[(6-sec-butoxypyridin-2-yl)methyl]-4-(cyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one was prepared in a manner similar to that described for Example 13-4 except that dichloroethane was used in the final step.

LCMS (m+1) = 508.1

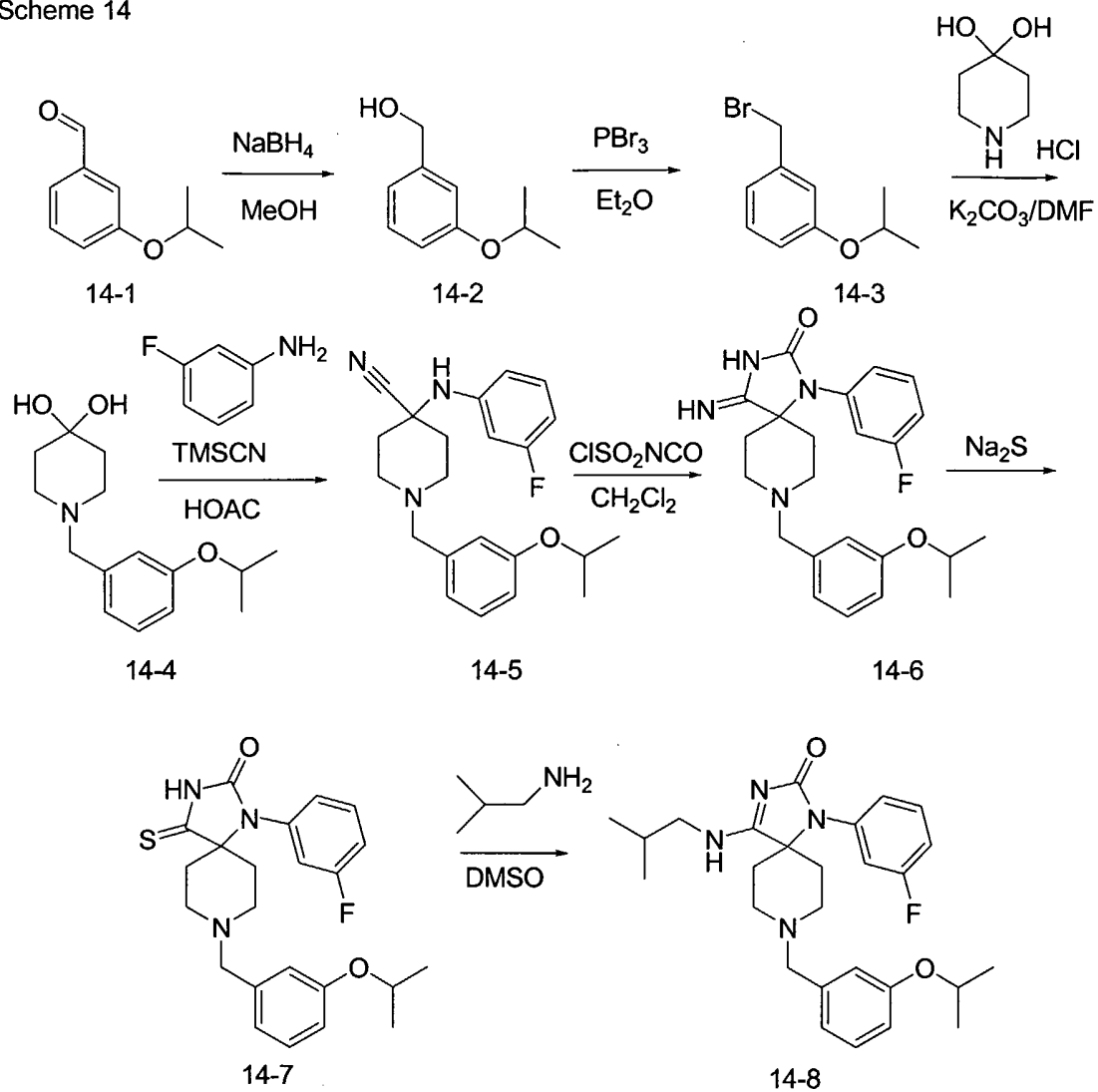
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Scheme 14A depicts a method for preparing 8-Benzyl-1-phenyl-4-thioxo-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]decan-2-one **14A-5** intermediates useful for making compounds of the invention. The commercially available **14A-1** may be alkylated with an appropriate alkyl halide like benzyl chloride using a suitable base like potassium carbonate in a suitable solvent like acetonitrile to afford **14A-2**. A similar method is described by M. E. Kopach et. al. *J. Org. Chem.* **2003** *68* 5739-5741. A modified
25 Strecker reaction of **A-2** yields **14A-3**; and followed by the treatment of chlorosulfonyl isocyanate in methylene chloride to afford **14A-4**. A similar method is described by P.L. Feldman and M. F. Brackeen *J. Org. Chem.* **1990**, *55*, 4207-4209 at reference therein. **14A-5** is obtained by the thiolation of **14A-4** by

Na_2S . The treatment of the intermediates **14A-5** with various amines in a suitable solvent like in DMSO or DMF with heat yields the invention compounds **14A-6**.

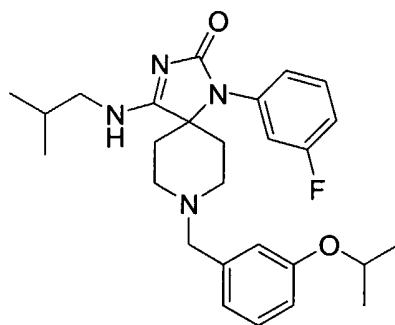


Scheme 14



EXAMPLE 14

1-(3-Fluorophenyl)-4-isobutylamino-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-1,3,8-triaza-spiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one (14-8).



Step 1: 3-Isopropoxy-benzylbromide (14-3)

To a solution of 3-Isopropoxy-benzaldehyde **14-1** (20 g, 122 mmol) in methanol (400 mL), sodium borohydride (5g) is added in several portions at 0° C. The resulting mixture is then stirred at rt for 3 h.

5 The reaction is quenched by addition of saturated NH₄OH. Extracted (EtOAc), concentrated, a colorless oil **14-2** (MH+, 166) is obtained and use without purification. Re- dissolve (3-Isopropoxy-phenyl)-methanol **14-2** in ether (244 mL) PBr₃ (11.5 mL, 122 mmol) is added dropwise at 0 °C. The reaction mixture is stirred at 0 °C then rt for 3 h, quenched (MeOH), extracted (EtOAc), concentrated, a colorless oil **14-3** is obtained. (MH+, 288)

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Step 2: 1-(3-Isopropoxy-benzyl)-piperidin-4-one monohydrate (14-4)

A mixture of 4-piperidone hydrochloride monohydrate (19.52g, 127.12 mmol), 1-Bromomethyl-3-isopropoxy-benzene (19.41g, 84.76 mmol) and K₂CO₃ in DMF (150 mL) is stirred at rt for 16 hr. Solvent is removed in vacuo, the residue is extract (EtOAc/ Brine), dried (Na₂SO₄), concentrated, and

15 purified by chromatography (silica gel, EtoAc / hexanes, 2/3) to afford **14-4**. (MH+, 266)

Step 3: 4-(3-Fluoro-phenyl)-1-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-piperidine-4-carbonitrile (14-5)

To a solution of 1-(3-Isopropoxy-benzyl)-piperidin-4-one monohydrate **14-4** (7.98g, 30 mmol) and aniline (3.67g, 33mmol) in glacial acetic acid (30 mL) is added TMSCN (2.98g, 30 mmol) dropwise over

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a 10 min period, maintaining the temperature below 40 °C. The reaction mixture is stirred an additional 30 min and than poured into a cold NH₄OH mixture (30 mL NH₄OH and 30 g of ice). Additional of NH₄OH is slowly added until pH =10 is reach. Extracted (CHCl₃), Dried (Na₂SO₄), Concentrated, and Purified by silica gel to afford **14-5**. LCMS (MH+ 368.3)

25 Step 4: 1-(3-Fluoro-phenyl)-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-4-thioxo-1,3,8-triaza-spiro[4.5]decan-2-one (14-7)

The 4-(3-Fluoro-phenyl)-1-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-piperidine-4-carbonitrile **14-5** (5.28 g, 15.0 mmole) was dissolved into chloroform (15 mL). The solution was stirred and cooled to 0° C, at which point chlorosulfonyl isocyanate (Acros, 1.75 mL, 20.1 mmole, 1.25 eq) was added dropwise, causing formation of a large amount of white precipitate. The ice bath was removed, and the slurry was stirred hard with a

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Water (15 mL) was added, and the heterogeneous mixture was stirred hard at rt for 1 hr. In a 500 mL Erlenmeyer flask (used to accommodate a large stir bar), sodium sulfide (anhydrous, Aldrich, 22.5 g, 288 mmole) was dissolved into water (200 mL) and cooled to an internal temperature below 0° C with an ice/isopropanol bath. Acetic acid (approx 28 mL) was added dropwise to the stirred solution, over a

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period of about 10 min, ensuring that the internal temperature stayed close to 0° C. (During the addition, there is a formation of a large amount of light-colored precipitate and the mixture becomes thick. The thickness diminishes as the addition of acetic acid nears completion.) The addition was stopped when

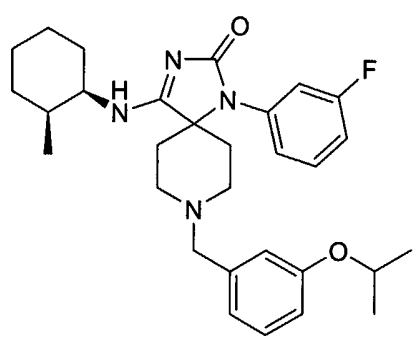
pH paper indicated that the pH was ~ 6, and the solution had assumed a slight greenish color. At this point, the above slurry of imine was added to the sulfide solution, using dichloromethane (~ 30 mL) to assist the transfer. Isopropanol (50 mL) was added, and the flask was sealed with a balloon, removed from the ice bath, and stirred hard for 16 hr. The reaction was then diluted with dichloromethane, and washed with water plus sufficient saturated sodium bicarbonate solution to ensure basic pH. The organic layer was then removed, and the aqueous layer was extracted with 2X dichloromethane. The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated to a yellow solid. The solid was resuspended into dichloromethane, and deposited onto silica gel for chromatography. The sample was purified by flash chromatography over silica gel using a Combiflash system (80 g column), with 50% ethyl acetate/hexanes as the eluent (product Rf~ 0.25), providing the product 14-7. LCMS (MH+ 428.2).

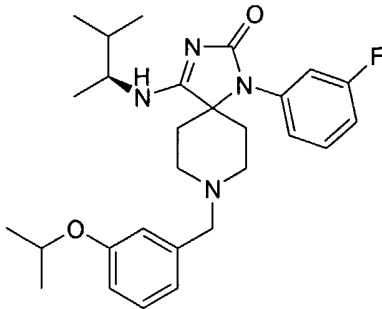
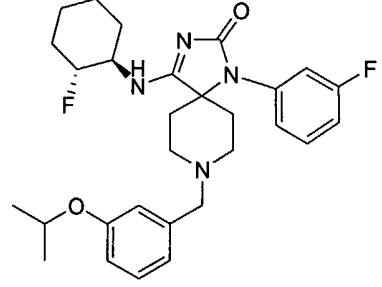
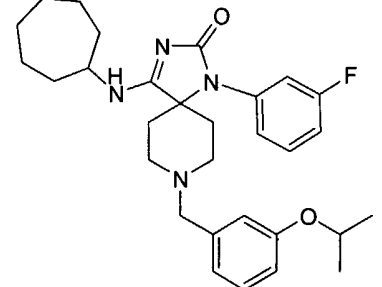
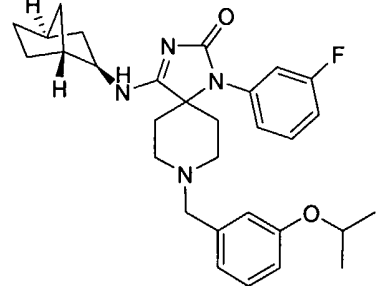
Step 6: 1-(3-Fluorophenyl)-4-isobutylamino-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-1,3,8-triaza-spiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one (14-8).

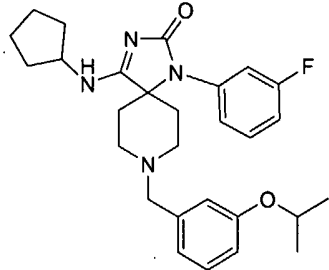
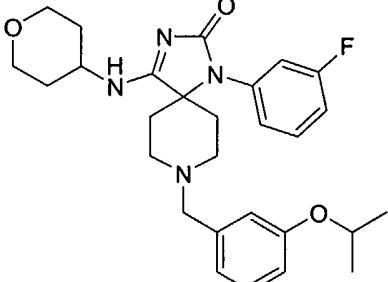
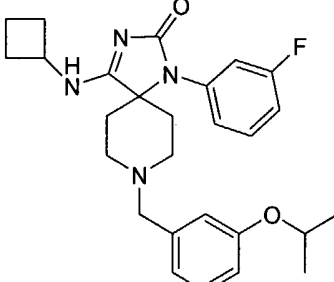
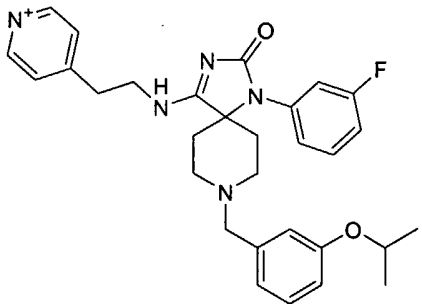
To a solution of 1-(3-Fluoro-phenyl)-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-4-thioxo-1,3,8-triaza-spiro[4.5]decan-2-one SNS-1 (21.4 mg, 0.05mmol) in DMSO (1 mL) was added isobutyl amine (36.5 mg, 0.5 mmol). The reaction mixture was heated at 110°C for 12 hr. The crude was purified by preparative HPLC to provide (14-8).

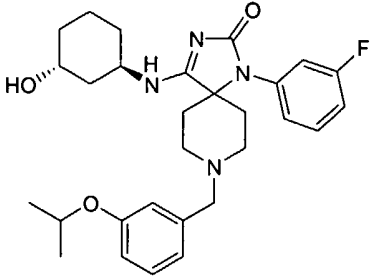
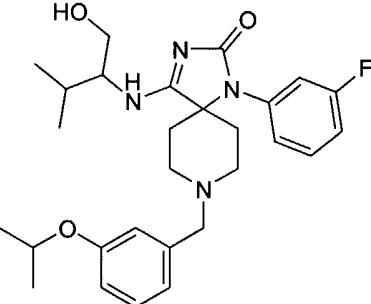
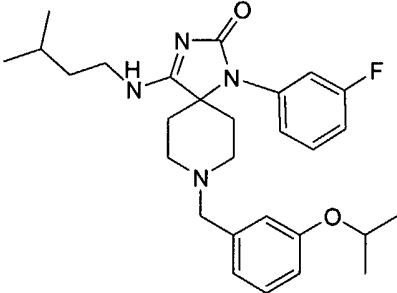
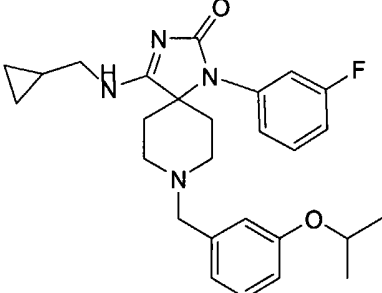
¹H NMR (CD₃OD): δ 7.29 (br s, 1H), 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.05 (m, 3H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.31Hz, 1H), 6.76 (br m, 2H), 4.50 (m, 1H), 4.06 (br s, 2H), 3.00-3.20 (br, 2H), 2.2-2.8 (br, 4H), 1.92 (br, 1H), 1.19 (d, *J* = 5.87Hz), 0.86 (m, 6H). EI-MS *m/z*: 467.25 (MH+).

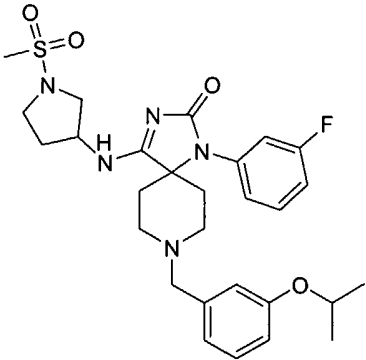
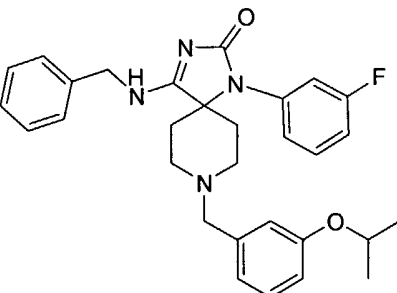
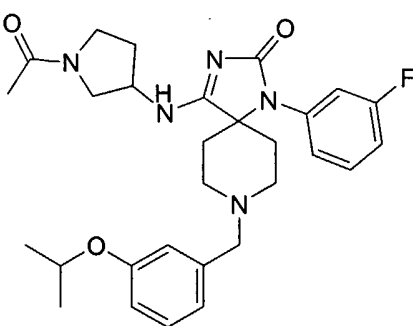
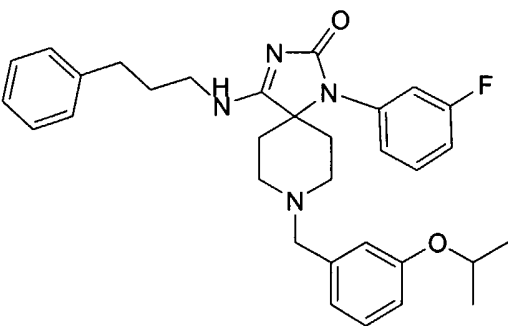
Table 6: The following compounds (or salts thereof) of table 6 were prepared in a manner similar to that described for scheme 14.

Example #	Structure	Chemical Name	Mass Spec
14-9		1-(3-Fluoro-phenyl)-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-4-(2-methyl-cyclohexylamino)-2-oxo-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene	507.3

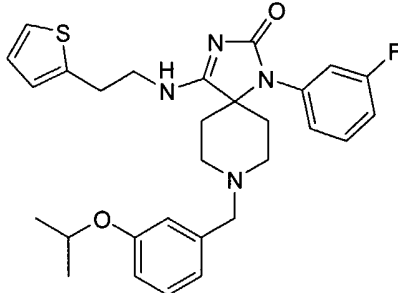
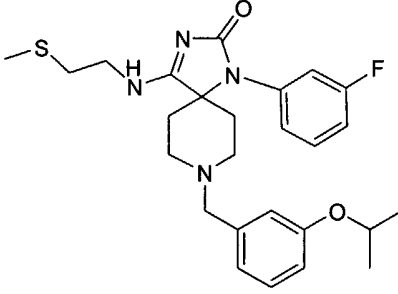
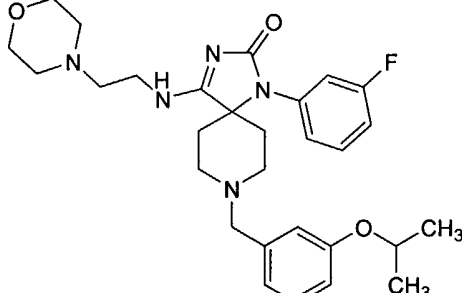
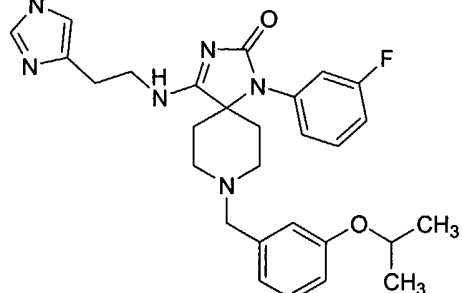
14-10		4-(1,2-Dimethylpropylamino)-1-(3-fluoro-phenyl)-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-2-oxo-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene	481.25
14-11		4-(2-Fluorocyclohexylamino)-1-(3-fluoro-phenyl)-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-2-oxo-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene	511.2
14-12		4-Cycloheptylamino-1-(3-fluoro-phenyl)-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-2-oxo-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene	507.3
14-13		4-(Bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-ylamino)-1-(3-fluoro-phenyl)-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-2-oxo-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene	505.3

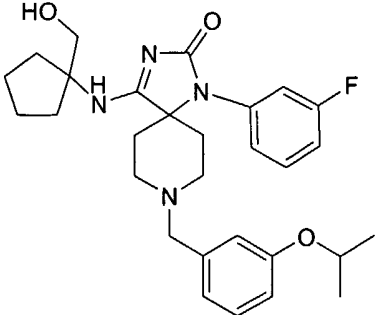
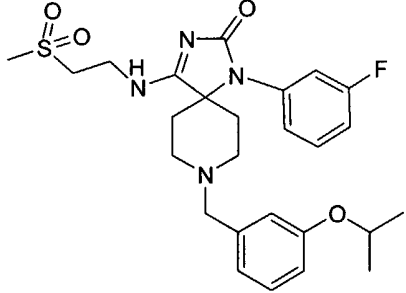
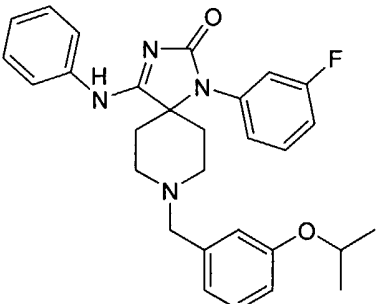
14-14		4-Cyclopentylamino-1-(3-fluoro-phenyl)-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-2-oxo-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene	479.25
14-15		1-(3-Fluoro-phenyl)-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-2-oxo-4-(tetrahydropyran-4-ylamino)-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene	495.25
14-16		4-Cyclobutylamino-1-(3-fluoro-phenyl)-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-2-oxo-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene	465.3
14-17		1-(3-Fluoro-phenyl)-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-2-oxo-4-(2-pyridin-4-yl-ethylamino)-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene	516.3

14-18		1-(3-Fluoro-phenyl)-4-(3-hydroxy-cyclohexylamino)-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-2-oxo-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene	509.35
14-19		1-(3-Fluoro-phenyl)-4-(1-hydroxymethyl-2-methyl-propylamino)-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-2-oxo-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene	497.25
14-20		1-(3-Fluoro-phenyl)-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-4-(3-methyl-butylamino)-2-oxo-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene	481.3
14-21		4-(Cyclopropylmethyl-amino)-1-(3-fluoro-phenyl)-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-2-oxo-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-en	465.3

14-22		1-(3-Fluoro-phenyl)-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-4-(1-methanesulfonyl-pyrrolidin-3-ylamino)-2-oxo-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene	558.3
14-23		4-Benzylamino-1-(3-fluoro-phenyl)-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-2-oxo-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene	501.3
14-24		4-(1-Acetyl-pyrrolidin-3-ylamino)-1-(3-fluoro-phenyl)-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-2-oxo-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene	522.3
14-25		1-(3-Fluoro-phenyl)-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-2-oxo-4-(3-phenyl-propylamino)-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene	529.3

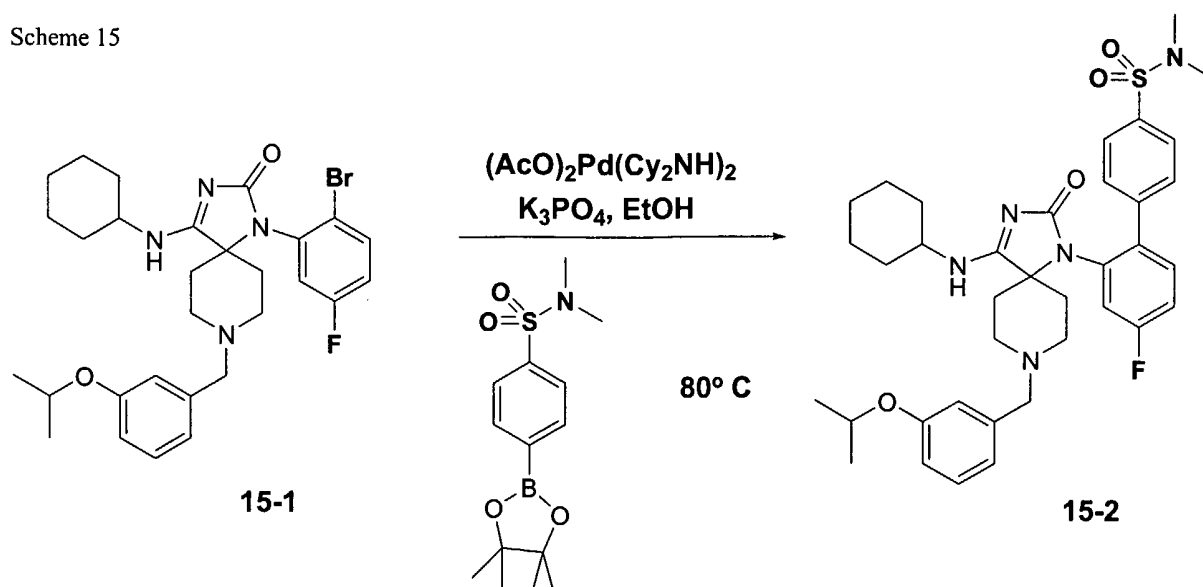
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14-27		4-(2-Dimethylcarbamoyl-ethylamino)-1-(3-fluoro-phenyl)-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-2-oxo-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene	510.3
14-28		4-(2-Fluoro-ethylamino)-1-(3-fluoro-phenyl)-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-2-oxo-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene	457
14-29		1-(3-Fluoro-phenyl)-4-[(furan-2-ylmethyl)-amino]-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-2-oxo-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene	491.2

14-30		1-(3-Fluoro-phenyl)-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-2-oxo-4-(2-thiophen-2-yl-ethylamino)-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene	521
14-31		1-(3-Fluoro-phenyl)-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-4-(2-methylsulfanyl-ethylamino)-2-oxo-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene	485.2
14-32		1-(3-Fluoro-phenyl)-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-4-(2-morpholin-4-yl-ethylamino)-2-oxo-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene	524.35
14-33		1-(3-Fluoro-phenyl)-4-[2-(1H-imidazol-4-yl)-ethylamino]-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-2-oxo-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene	504.6

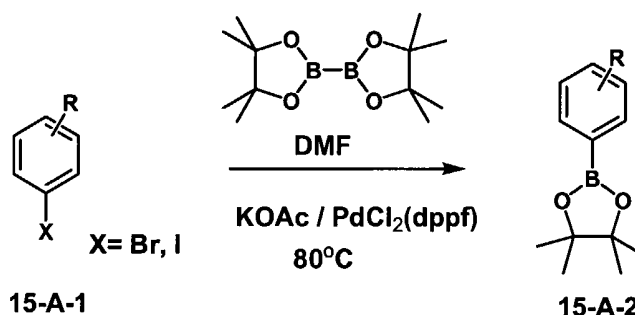
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14-35		1-(3-Fluoro-phenyl)-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-4-(2-methanesulfonyl-ethylamino)-2-oxo-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene	517.25
14-36		1-(3-Fluoro-phenyl)-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-2-oxo-4-phenylamino-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene	487.2

R^2 elaboration can be prepared by the methods described in Scheme 3, Scheme 14-A with various substituted aniline or by Suzuki coupling of 15-1 with a various of boronic acid or boronate ester. A representative procedure for elaboration of the R^2 substituent, as depicted in Scheme 15 below, can be used in the synthesis of various compounds of the invention, including Examples (15-2) – (15-42) below. The boronate ester can be prepared as describe in Scheme 15-A. Examples (15-2) – (15-42) are depicted below in enamine form, but may also exist in tautomeric imine form, as described above.

Scheme 15



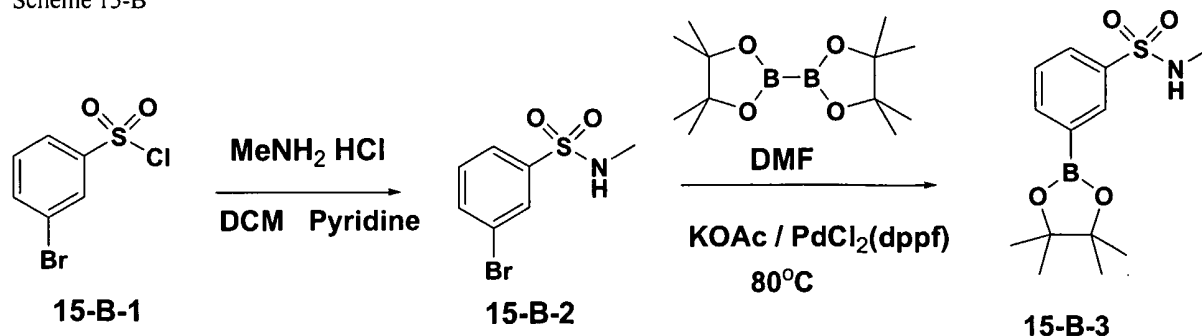
Scheme 15-A: General Procedure for Synthesis of Boronate Esters from Aryl Halides



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This procedure is based on conditions developed by Miyaura *et. al.* (*J. Org. Chem.* **1995**, *60*, 7508-7510). The aryl halide **15-A-1** (0.20 mmol, 1eq), potassium acetate (0.60mmol, 3 eq.), bis(pinacolato)diboron (0.18 mmol, 0.9 eq.) and $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{dppf})$ (0.020mmol, 0.1 eq.) were added to a round bottom flask. Dry DMF (3 ml) was added, and the flask was flushed with nitrogen, then capped. The resultant mixture was stirred and placed into an 80°C oil bath. The reaction was followed by LCMS. Upon consumption of aryl bromide (several hours), the reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate / water 3-4 times, then washed with brine twice. The resultant organic solution was dried over MgSO_4 and concentrated to afford crude boronate ester **15-A-2**, which was used directly for the subsequent Suzuki coupling reactions. A series of representative Procedure for Synthesis of Boronate Esters from Aryl Halides is described in Scheme 15-B-E

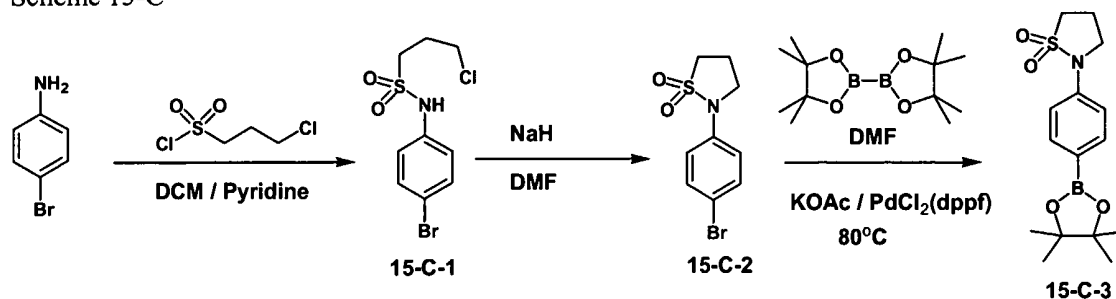
Scheme 15-B



Compound 15-B-1 (0.230g 0.90mmol) was added to a stirred solution of methylamine hydrochloride (0.091g 1.35mmol) and pyridine (0.364ml 4.50 mmol) in dichloromethane (10 ml) at 0°C. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and the reaction was followed by LCMS. Upon consumption of starting material (about 3hrs), the mixture was extracted twice with diethyl ether / saturated sodium bicarbonate solution. The organic solution was washed twice with an aqueous sodium dihydrogen phosphate (pH=3-4) solution, twice with brine, and then the organic solution was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated to afford the crude sulfonamide 15-B-2.

The crude 15-B-2 (0.050g, 0.20 mmol), potassium acetate (0.059g 0.60mmol), bis(pinacolato)diboron (0.046g, 0.18 mmol) and PdCl₂(dppf) (0.016g 0.020mmol) were added to a round bottom flask. Dry DMF (3 ml) was then added, and the flask was flushed with nitrogen, then capped. The resultant mixture was stirred and placed into an 80°C oil bath. The reaction was followed by LCMS. Upon consumption of starting material, the reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate / water 3-4 times, then washed with brine twice. The resultant organic solution was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated to afford crude boronate ester 15-B-3 which was used directly for the Suzuki coupling without further purification, to provide Example 15-35. The Suzuki coupling was carried out using the standard conditions already described with the Boykin catalyst.

20 Scheme 15-C



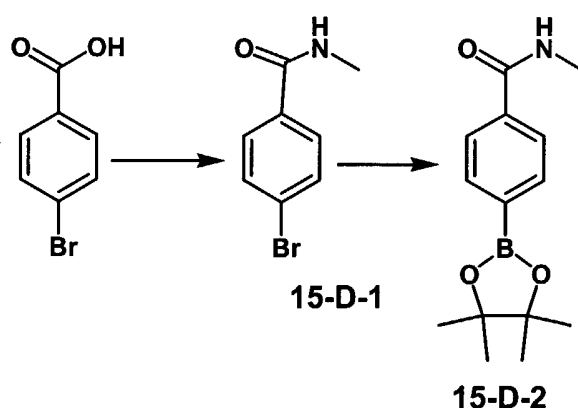
3-Chloropropylsulfonyl chloride (1.200g, 0.00678mol) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of p-bromoaniline (1.032g 0.00600mol) and pyridine (5ml) in dichloromethane (90ml) at 0°C under

nitrogen. The mixture was allowed to warm to rt and stirred overnight. The resultant mixture was concentrated and extracted with Et₂O / aqueous sodium dihydrogen phosphate (pH=3-4) solution. The organic solution was then washed twice with saturated sodium bicarbonate solution, twice with brine, then dried with MgSO₄ and concentrated to afford crude **15-C-1** (1.630g 87%).

5 Crude **15-C-1** (1.630g, 0.0052mol) was dissolved in 10ml DMF. The resultant solution was added dropwise to a stirred mixture of NaH 60% dispersion in mineral oil (0.480g, 0.0104mol) and DMF (30ml) at 0°C. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm up to rt and stirred overnight. Upon completion, the reaction was quenched with saturated NH₄Cl aqueous solution and extracted twice with diethyl ether. The resultant ethereal solution was washed twice with an aqueous sodium dihydrogen
10 phosphate (pH=3-4) solution, then twice with a saturated NaHCO₃ aqueous solution, then twice with brine. The organic solution was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated to afford crude **15-C-2** (1.295g, 90%).

Crude **15-C-2** (0.156g, 0.566 mmol), potassium acetate (0.167g, 1.698mmol),
bis(pinacolato)diboron (0.144g, 0.509 mmol), and PdCl₂(dppf) (0.046g, 0.0566mmol) were added to a
15 round bottom flask. Dry DMF (10 ml) was then added and the flask was flushed with nitrogen. The resultant mixture was stirred and placed into an 80°C oil bath. The reaction was followed by LCMS. Upon consumption of starting material (1-2hr), the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate, washed twice with water and twice with brine. The resultant organic solution was then dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated to afford the crude boronate ester **15-c-3**, which was used directly for the next
20 step without further purification. The Suzuki coupling was carried out using the standard conditions already described with the Boykin catalyst. See **example 15-36** as product.

Scheme 15-D

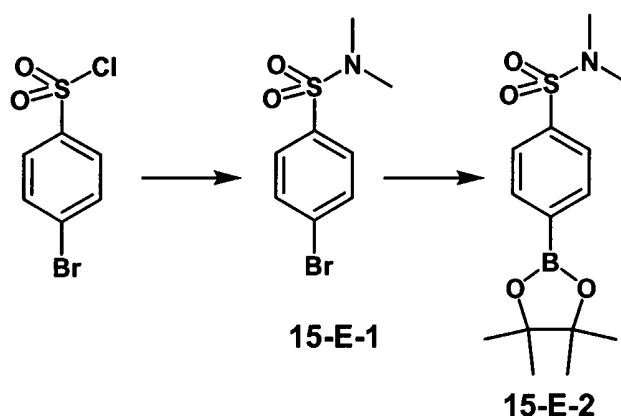


25 To a solution of 4-bromobenzoic acid (402.0mg, 2mmol) in DMF (10 mL), was added HATU (836.5mg, 2.2 mmol) and DIEA (697.0μL, 4mmol). After stirring for 5 minutes at room temperature, methylamine hydrochloride salt (135.0mg, 2mmol) was added. The solution was stirred at rt overnight.

The reaction mixture was diluted with water and extracted two times with ethyl acetate. The combined extract was washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate, 1M HCl and brine, dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated to dryness to provide **15-D-1** (181.1mg, 42.0%) as white crystals.

A solution of **15-D-1** (107.0mg, 0.5mmol), bis(pinacolato)diboron (139.7mg, 0.55mmol) and
5 potassium acetate (245.4mg, 2.5mmol) in 2.5mL DMF, was purged with nitrogen gas, then PdCl₂(dppf)
(11.0mg, 0.015mmol) was added. The solution was heated at 80°C for two hr, then cooled to rt. The
reaction was quenched with water, then extracted twice with ethyl acetate. The organic solution was
washed with water, then with saturated sodium bicarbonate, then with brine. The organic solution was
then dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated to dryness to provide boronate ester **15-D-2**
10 (91.1 mg, 61.0%). The final compound, **example 15-14**, was prepared from the boronate ester **15-D-2**
using the representative Suzuki coupling conditions and the Boykin catalyst.

Scheme 15-E



15 4-Bromophenylsulfonyl chloride (3.33 g, 13.0 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and dimethylamine hydrochloride (1.58g,
19.4 mmol, 1.49 eq.) were weighed into a flask. THF (25 mL) was added, followed by DIEA (5.2 mL,
29.9 mmol, 2.3 eq.). The reaction was stirred hard at rt for 5.5 h, then diluted with diethyl ether, washed
with 1N hydrochloric acid, then with saturated sodium bicarbonate solution. The resulting solution was
dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated to provide the crude product. The crude material
20 was purified by recrystallization from methylene chloride:hexanes to provide the sulfonamide **15-E-1**
(1.1788 g, 34%).

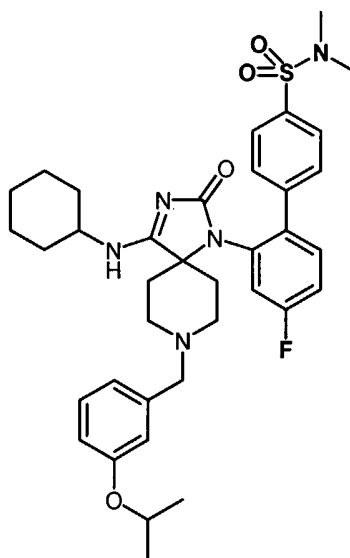
The N,N-dimethyl-4-bromophenyl sulfonamide above (0.486 g, 1.84 mmol, 1.0 eq.), the
bis(pinacolato)diboron (538.5 mg, 2.12 mmol, 1.15 eq.), potassium acetate (881.2 mg, 8.98 mmol, 4.88
eq.), and the PdCl₂(dppf) (11.0mg, 0.015mmol) were weighed into a 20 mL scintillation vial. DMF (6
25 mL) was added, the vial was flushed with nitrogen, capped, and placed to stir in an 80 deg C aluminum
block. After 2 hr, the reaction was cooled to rt, diluted with diethyl ether, and washed with water. The
organic solution was dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated. The crude product was

purified by flash chromatography over silica gel (20% ethyl acetate/ hexanes) to provide the desired boronate ester **15-E-2** (256.2 mg, 45%), which was used in preparation of example 15-2 describe in below.

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EXAMPLE 15

2'-[4-Cyclohexylamino-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-2-oxo-1,3,8-triaza-spiro[4.5]dec-3-en-1-yl]-4'-fluoro-biphenyl-4-sulfonic acid dimethylamide (15-2)



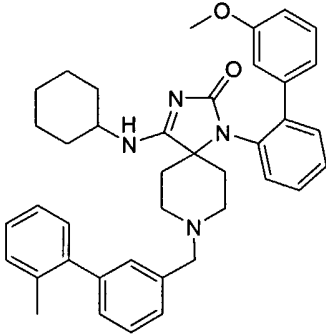
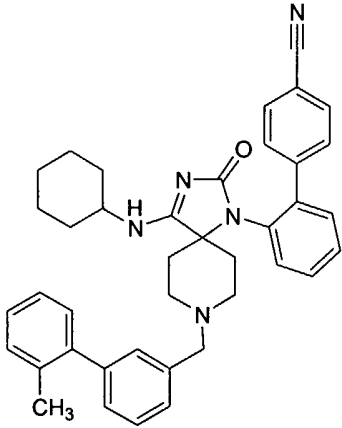
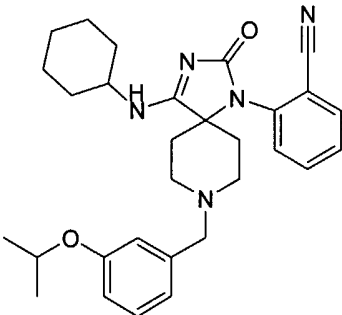
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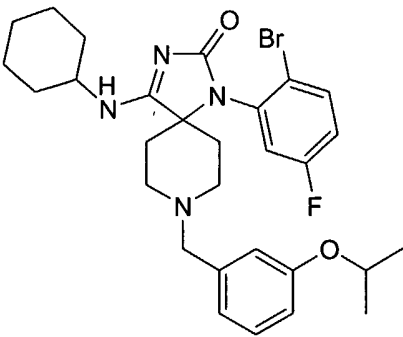
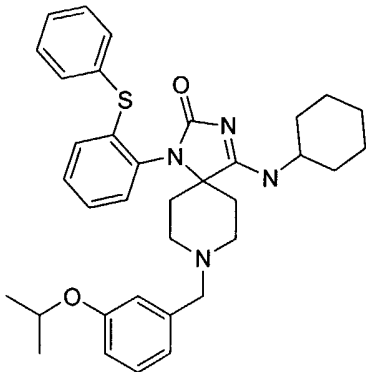
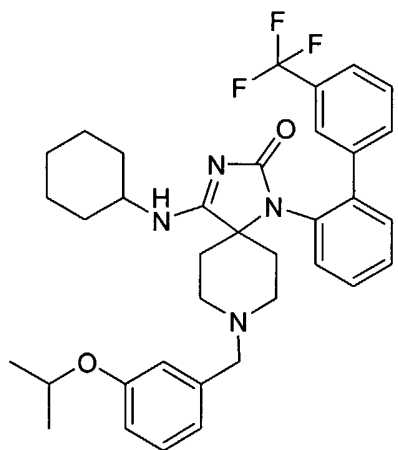
10 Step 2: 2'-[4-Cyclohexylamino-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-2-oxo-1,3,8-triaza-spiro[4.5]dec-3-en-1-yl]-4'-fluoro-biphenyl-4-sulfonic acid dimethylamide (15-2)

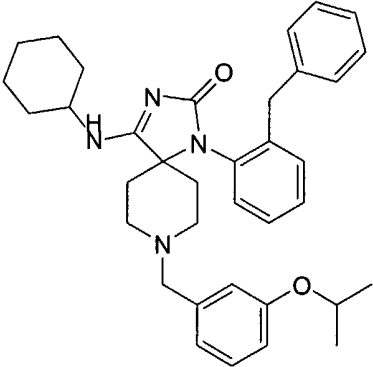
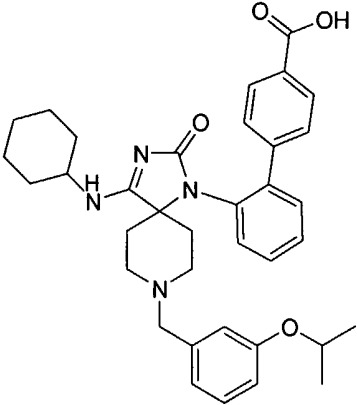
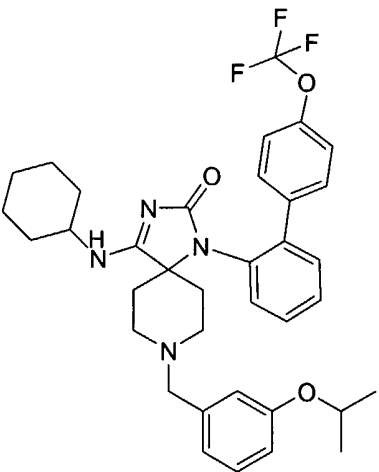
The bromide (15-1, prepared in a manner similar to that described for Example 14) (60.4 mg, 0.106 mmol, 1.0 eq.), the boronic acid (51.8 mg, 0.166 mmol, 1.57 eq.), the palladium catalyst (26.7 mg, 0.045 mmol, 0.43 eq. For catalyst preparation, see Boykin *et. al.*, *J. Org. Chem.* **2004**, *69*, 13, 4330-4335), and the tribasic potassium phosphate (70.6 mg, 0.333 mmol, 3.1 eq.) were weighed into a 1 dram vial. A magnetic stir bar was added, followed by absolute ethanol (1 mL). The vial was capped, and placed to stir in a 90° C aluminum block over a hot plate. When the reaction showed black palladium precipitate (approximately 3 hr), the reaction was cooled to rt. The reaction was then filtered through celite, and the resulting solution was purified directly by reverse phase HPLC in acetonitrile: water with 0.1% TFA, to provide the desired diaryl product as the TFA salt. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, MeOH-*d*₄): δ 7.83 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.33 (m, 4H), 7.11 (br s, 1H), 6.84 (m, 2H), 4.75-4.50 (m, 1H), 4.14 (s, 2H), 2.68 (s, 6H), 2.50-2.00 (m, 2H), 2.00-1.60 (m, 6H), 1.50-1.20 (m, 10H). EI-MS *m/z*: 676 (M + H)⁺.

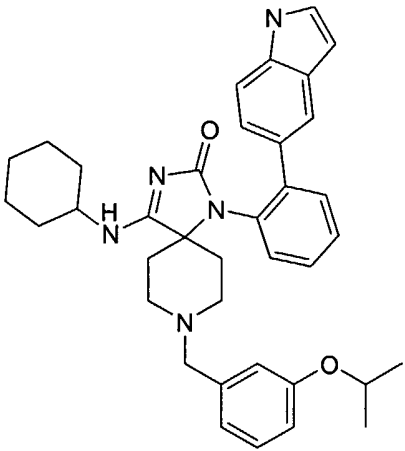
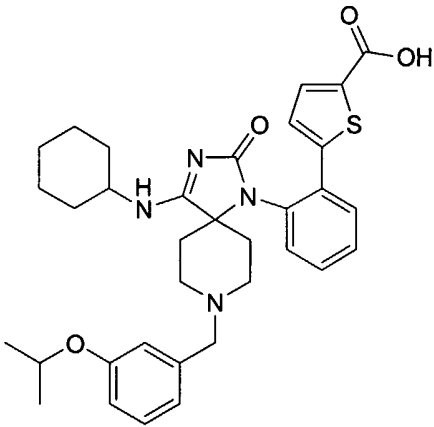
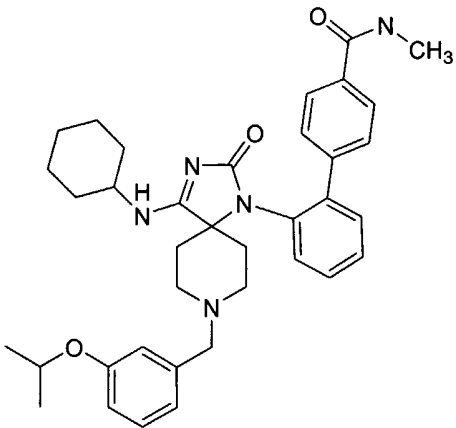
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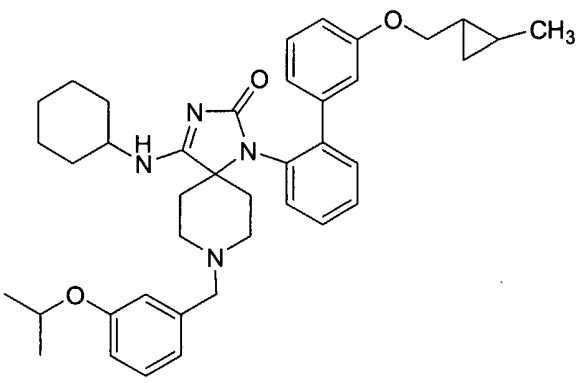
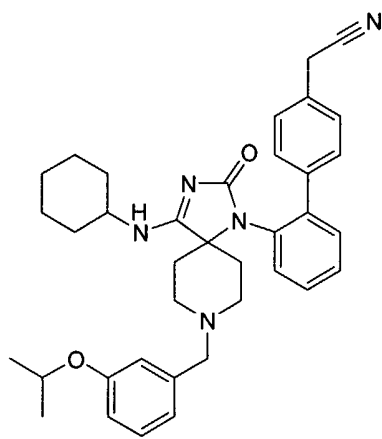
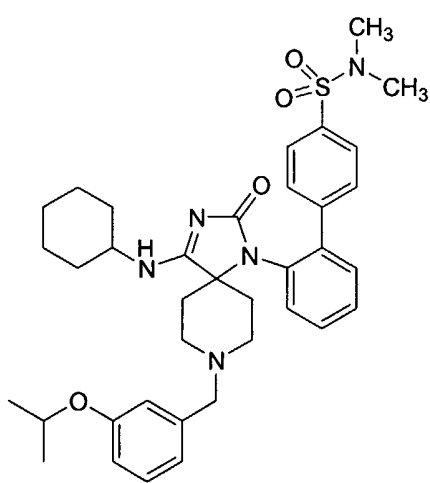
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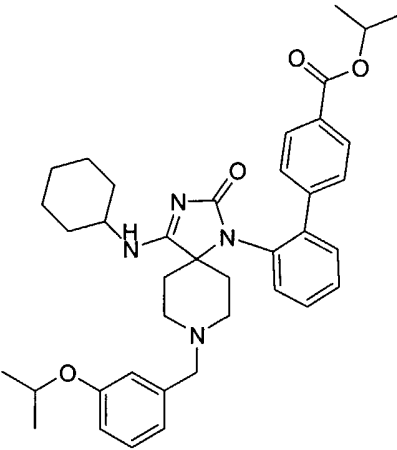
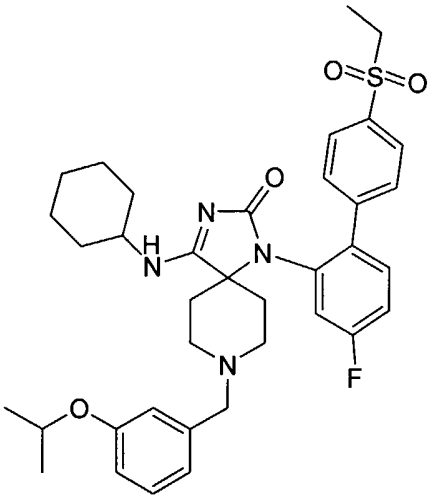
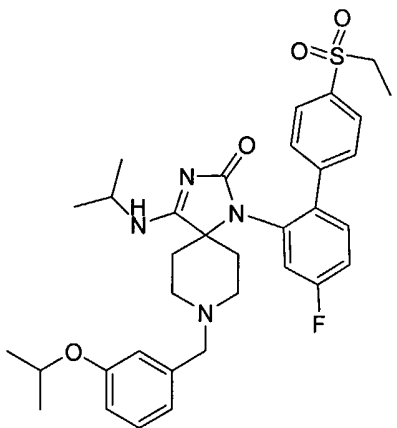
Example #	Structure	Chemical Name	Mass Spec
15-3		4-Cyclohexylamino-1-(3'-methoxy-biphenyl-2-yl)-8-(2'-methyl-biphenyl-3-ylmethyl)-2-oxo-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene	613.3
15-4		1-(4'-Cyano-biphenyl-2-yl)-4-cyclohexylamino-8-(2'-methyl-biphenyl-3-ylmethyl)-2-oxo-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene	608.3 5
15-5		1-(2-Cyano-phenyl)-4-cyclohexylamino-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-2-oxo-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene	500.1

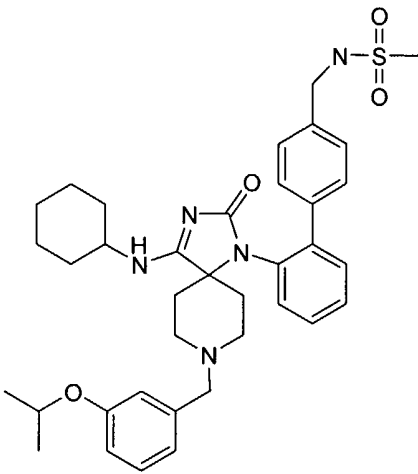
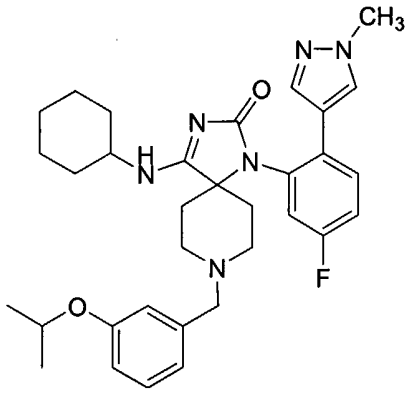
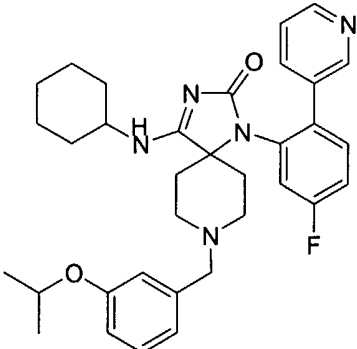
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15-7		4-Cyclohexylamino-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-2-oxo-1-(2-phenylsulfanyl-phenyl)-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene	583.35
15-8		4-Cyclohexylamino-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-2-oxo-1-(3'-trifluoromethyl-biphenyl-2-yl)-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene	619.35

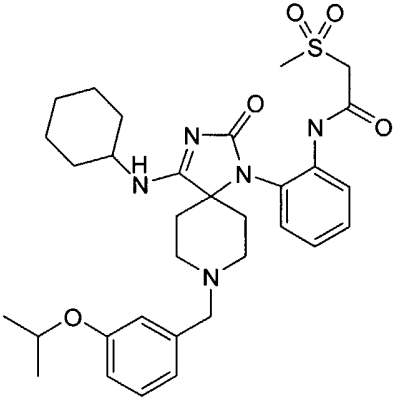
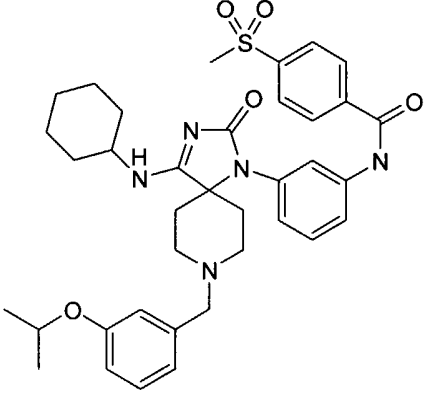
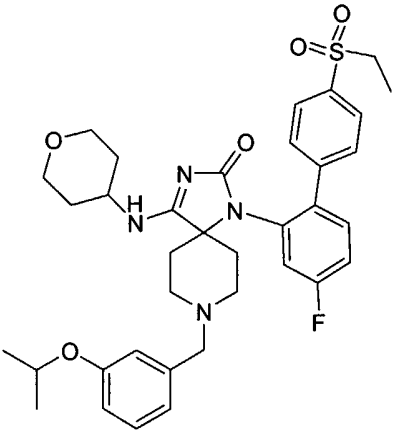
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15-10		1-(4'-Carboxy-biphenyl-2-yl)-4-cyclohexylamino-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-2-oxo-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene	595.35
15-11		4-Cyclohexylamino-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-2-oxo-1-(4'-trifluoromethoxy-biphenyl-2-yl)-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene	635.25

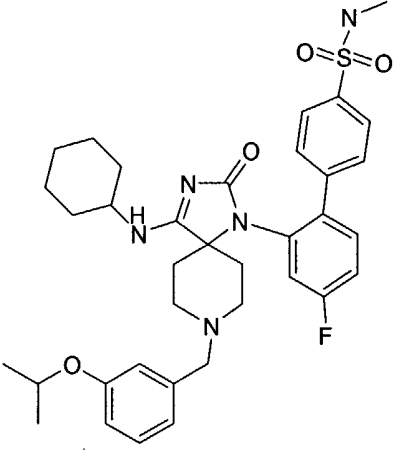
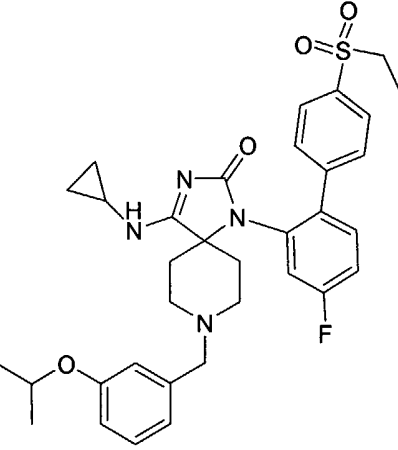
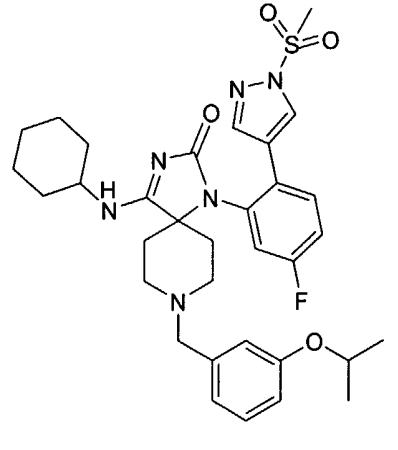
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15-13		1-[2-(5-Carboxy-thiophen-2-yl)-phenyl]-4-cyclohexylamino-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-2-oxo-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene	601.3
15-14		4-Cyclohexylamino-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-1-(4'-methylcarbamoyl-biphenyl-2-yl)-2-oxo-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene	608.35

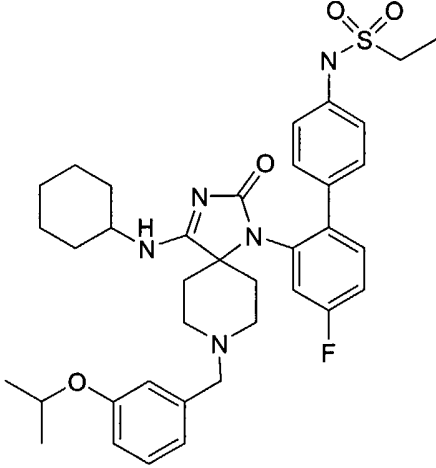
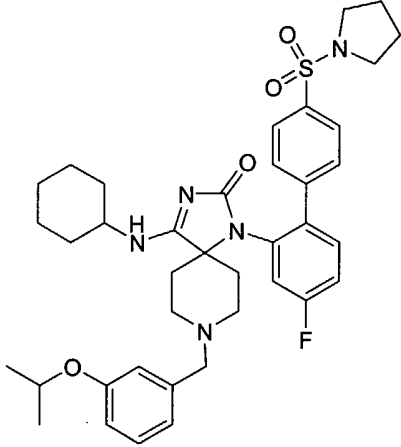
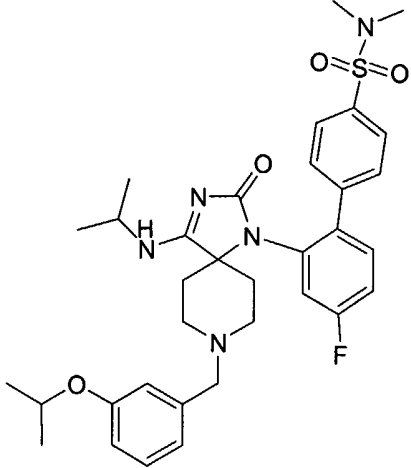
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15-16		1-(4'-Cyanomethyl-biphenyl-2-yl)-4-cyclohexylamino-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-2-oxo-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene	590.25
15-17		4-Cyclohexylamino-1-(4'-dimethylsulfamoyl-biphenyl-2-yl)-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-2-oxo-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene	658.35

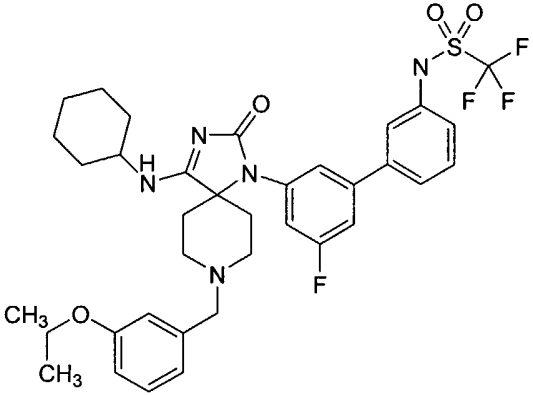
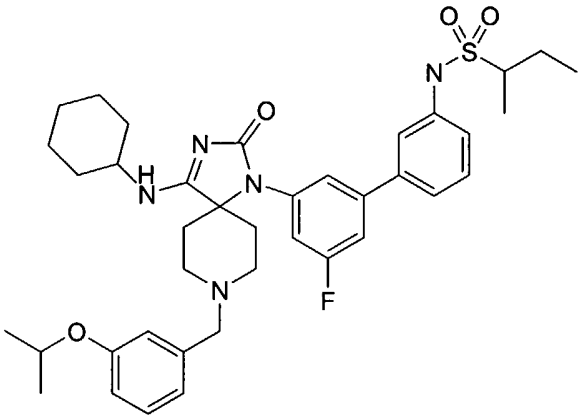
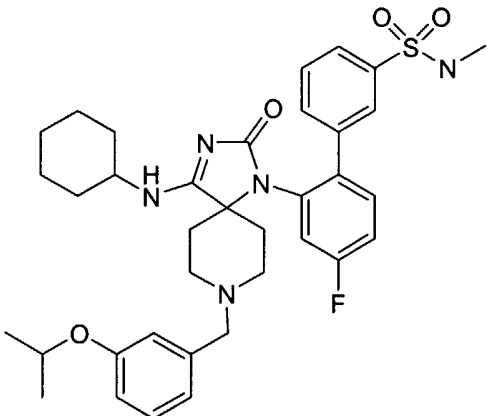
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15-19		4-Cyclohexylamino-1-(4'-ethanesulfonyl-4-fluoro-biphenyl-2-yl)-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-2-oxo-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene	661.35
15-20		1-(4'-Ethanesulfonyl-4-fluoro-biphenyl-2-yl)-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-4-isopropylamino-2-oxo-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene	621.3

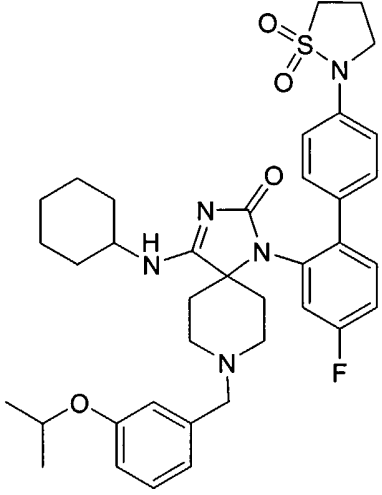
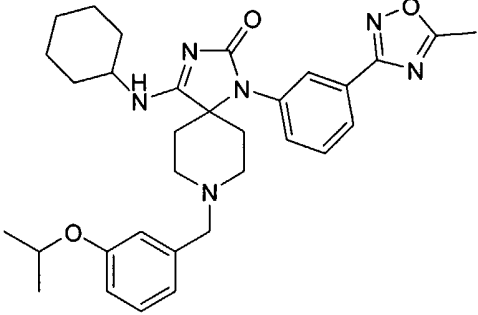
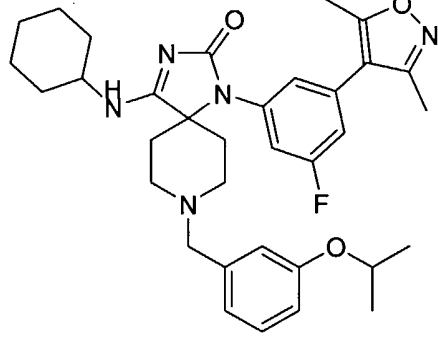
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15-22		4-Cyclohexylamino-1-[5-fluoro-2-(1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)-phenyl]-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-1,3,8-triaza-spiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	573.3
15-23		4-Cyclohexylamino-1-(5-fluoro-2-pyridin-3-yl-phenyl)-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-2-oxo-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene	570.3

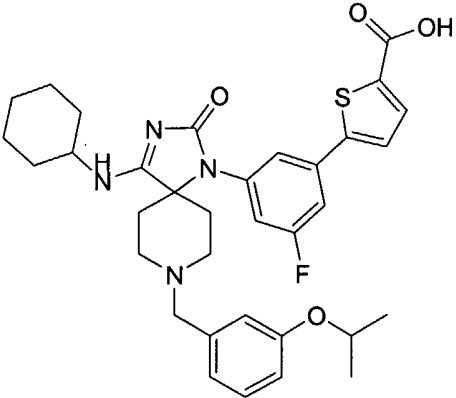
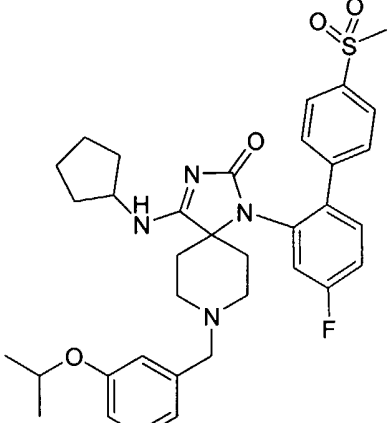
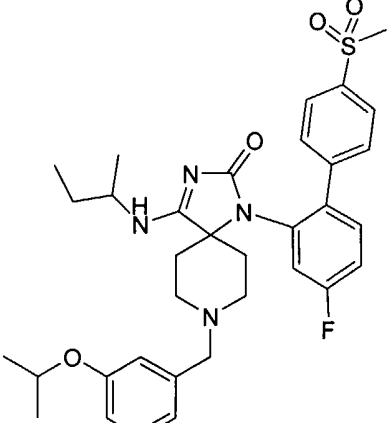
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15-25		4-Cyclohexylamino-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-1-[3-(4-methanesulfonyl-benzoylamino)-phenyl]-2-oxo-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene	672.3
15-26		1-(4'-Ethanesulfonyl-4-fluoro-biphenyl-2-yl)-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-2-oxo-4-(tetrahydro-pyran-4-ylamino)-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene	663.3

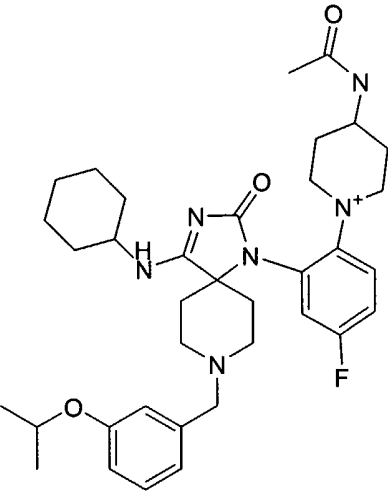
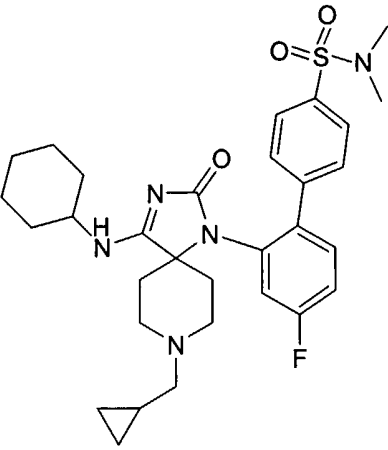
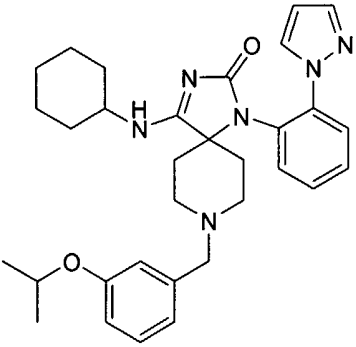
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15-28		4-Cyclopropylamino-1-(4'-ethanesulfonyl-4-fluoro-biphenyl-2-yl)-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-2-oxo-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene	619.2
15-29		4-Cyclohexylamino-1-[5-fluoro-2-(1-methanesulfonyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)-phenyl]-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-2-oxo-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene	637.3

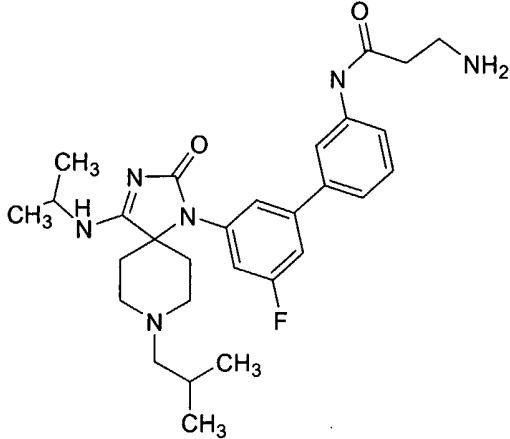
Example #	Structure	Chemical Name	Mass Spec
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15-31		4-Cyclohexylamino-1-[4-fluoro-4'-(pyrrolidine-1-sulfonyl)-biphenyl-2-yl]-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-2-oxo-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene	702.3
15-32		1-(4'-Dimethylsulfamoyl-4-fluoro-biphenyl-2-yl)-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-4-isopropylamino-2-oxo-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene	636.3

Example #	Structure	Chemical Name	Mass Spec
15-33		4-Cyclohexylamino-1-(5-fluoro-3'-trifluoromethanesulfonylamino-biphenyl-3-yl)-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-2-oxo-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene	716.3
15-34		1-[3'-(Butane-2-sulfonylamino)-5-fluoro-biphenyl-3-yl]-4-cyclohexylamino-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-2-oxo-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene	704.3
15-35		2'-[4-Cyclohexylamino-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-2-oxo-1,3,8-triaza-spiro[4.5]dec-3-en-1-yl]-4'-fluoro-biphenyl-3-sulfonic acid methylamide	662.25

Example #	Structure	Chemical Name	Mass Spec
15-36		4-Cyclohexylamino-1-[4'-(1,1-dioxo-116-isothiazolidin-2-yl)-4-fluoro-biphenyl-2-yl]-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-1,3,8-triaza-spiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	688.3
15-37		4-Cyclohexylamino-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-1-[3-(5-methyl-[1,2,4]oxadiazol-3-yl)-phenyl]-2-oxo-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene	577.25
15-38		4-Cyclohexylamino-1-[3-(3,5-dimethyl-isoxazol-4-yl)-5-fluoro-phenyl]-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-2-oxo-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene	588.35

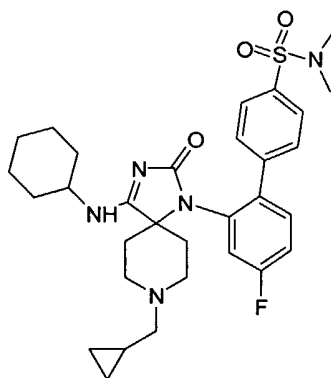
Example #	Structure	Chemical Name	Mass Spec
15-39		1-[3-(5-Carboxy-thiophen-2-yl)-5-fluoro-phenyl]-4-cyclohexylamino-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-2-oxo-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene	619.3
15-40		4-Cyclopentylamino-1-(4-fluoro-4'-methanesulfonyl-biphenyl-2-yl)-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-2-oxo-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene	633.3
15-41		4-sec-Butylamino-1-(4-fluoro-4'-methanesulfonyl-biphenyl-2-yl)-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-2-oxo-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene	621.3

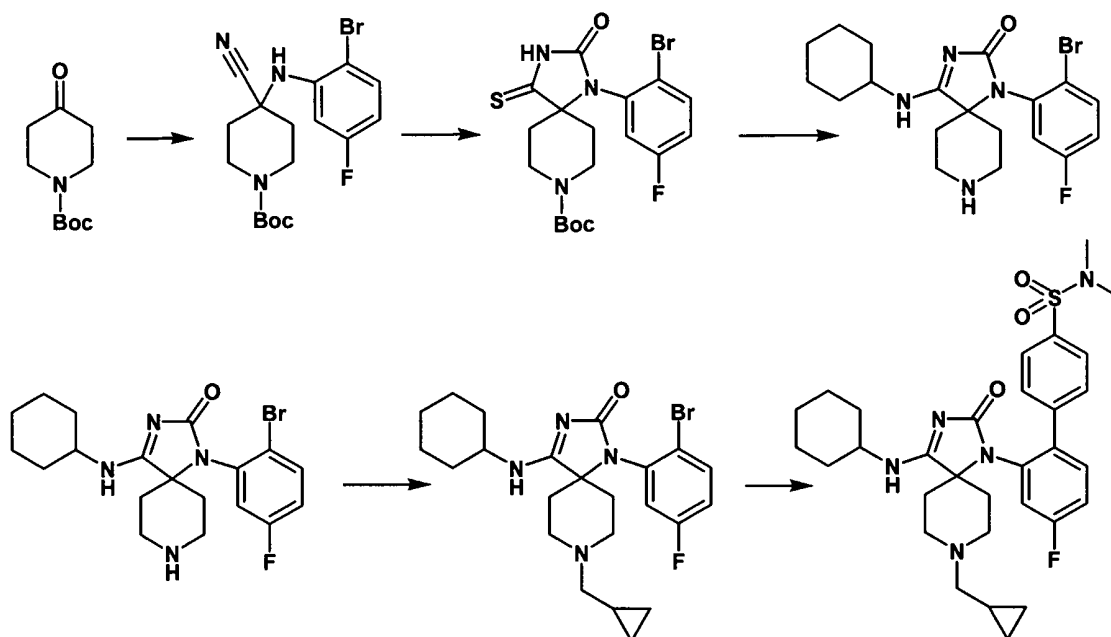
Example #	Structure	Chemical Name	Mass Spec
15-42		1-[2-(4-Acetylaminopiperidin-1-yl)-5-fluoro-phenyl]-4-cyclohexylamino-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-2-oxo-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene	633.3
15-43		4-Cyclohexylamino-8-cyclopropylmethyl-1-(4'-dimethylsulfamoyl-4-fluorobiphenyl-2-yl)-2-oxo-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene	582.3
15-44		4-Cyclohexylamino-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-1-(2-pyrazol-1-yl-phenyl)-1,3,8-triaza-spiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one	541.35

Example #	Structure	Chemical Name	Mass Spec
15-45		1-[3'-(3-Amino-propionylamino)-5-fluoro-biphenyl-3-yl]-8-isobutyl-4-isopropylamino-2-oxo-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene hydrochloride	523.3

EXAMPLE 15-46

4-Cyclohexylamino-8-cyclopropylmethyl-1-(4'-dimethylsulfamoyl-4-fluoro-biphenyl-2-yl)-2-oxo-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene trifluoroacetate





The N-(t-butyloxycarbonyl)-4-piperidone (10.13 g, 50.8 mmol, 1.0 eq) and the 2-bromo-5-fluoroaniline (11.60g, 61.0 mmol, 1.2 eq.) were weighed into a flask. Acetic acid (75 mL) was added, followed by trimethylsilyl cyanide (7.75 mL, 58.1 mmol, 1.14 eq.). The mixture was stirred at rt for 24 hr, and was then added to a mixture of 200 mL ice and 200 mL saturated ammonium hydroxide solution. The resulting mixture was extracted twice with methylene chloride, and the organic solution was dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated to provide 22.57g of crude product.

This amino nitrile was converted to the thiohydantoin *via* the standard procedure already described.

Crude thiol from the standard thiolation conditions (8.47g, 17.5 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and cyclohexylamine (8.0mL, 70 mmol, 4.0 eq.) were dissolved into DMSO (32 mL). The solution was stirred and heated to 115° C in an oil bath for 24 hr, then cooled to rt. The resulting solution was diluted with diethyl ether, and washed with 1 N hydrochloric acid, then dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated. The crude aminohydantoin was purified by filtration through a 600 mL silica plug in 2 L fritted funnel, using 70% ethyl acetate in hexanes, followed by 100% ethyl acetate, as the elution solvents. This procedure yielded (2.0971g, 23%) of the desired product as a dark green semi-solid.

A portion of the aminohydantoin (528.6mg) was dissolved into dioxane (4 mL). A 4N solution of hydrogen chloride in dioxane (5 mL) was added, and the reaction was left to sit for 3 hr, then concentrated. The crude product was treated with dichloromethane, and washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate solution. The organic solution was dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated.

The crude free base was then purified by flash chromatography over silica gel using 5% of 2N ammonia(methanol) : 95% dichloromethane to provide the desired, deprotected piperidine (241mg, 56%).

To the deprotected piperidine (127.0mg, 0.3mmol) in DMF (3 mL) was added potassium carbonate (45.6mg, 0.33mmol), followed by cyclopropane methyl bromide (32.3μL, 0.33mmol). The solution was

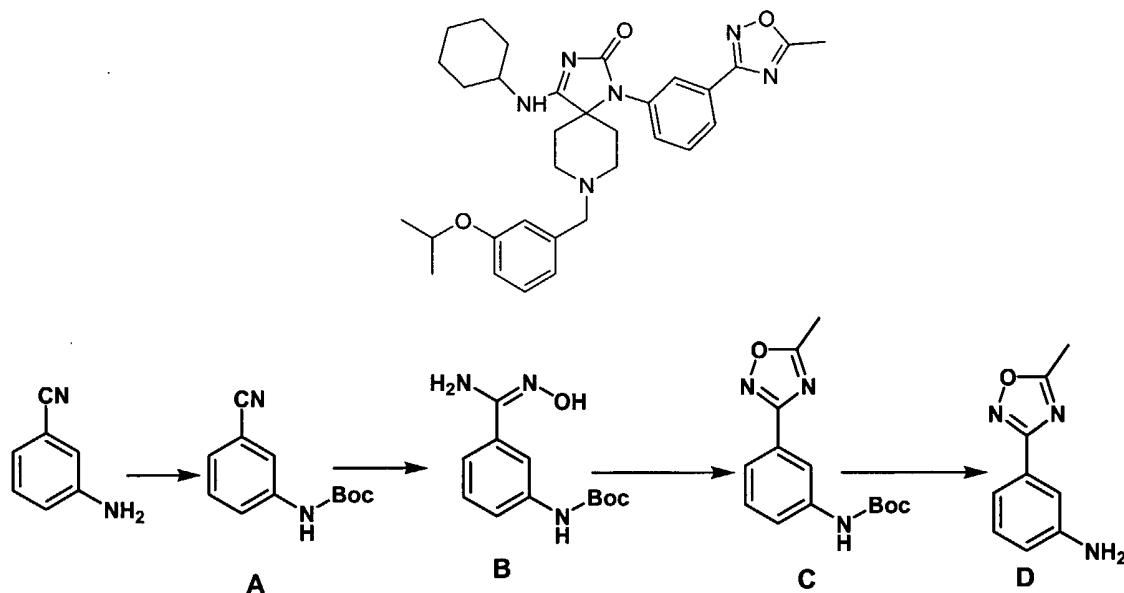
heated at 80°C for 15 hours, cooled to rt and then quenched with water. The product was extracted three times with ethyl acetate, washed with water, then with aqueous 1M HCl, and then with brine. The organic solution was dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated to dryness. The product was purified using prep-TLC (elution with 1% methanol/99% ethyl acetate) to provide the

5 cyclopropylmethyl piperidine aryl bromide (52.6mg, 36.8%).

The final compound example 15-43 MS (MH⁺) 582.3 was prepared from the above aryl bromide *via* the standard Suzuki coupling conditions already described, using the Boykin catalyst.

EXAMPLE 15-47

10 4-Cyclohexylamino-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-1-[3-(5-methyl-[1,2,4]oxadiazol-3-yl)-phenyl]-2-oxo-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene trifluoroacetate



To a solution of 3-amino-benzonitrile (4.7g, 40.0 mmol) in 200mL THF, was added triethylamine (5.6mL, 40.0 mmol), followed by di-*tert*-butyl dicarbonate (8.7g, 40.0 mmol). After two days of heating at reflux, the solution was cooled, then partitioned between water and ethyl acetate. The product was extracted three times with ethyl acetate, washed with aqueous 1M HCl and brine, dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated to dryness. The product was purified using silica gel chromatography (elution with 10% hexane/90% ethyl acetate) to provide **A** (8.31g, 93.2%).

20 A combined solution of **A** (6.54g, 30mmol), 50% w/w aqueous hydroxylamine (3.6mL, 60mmol), and 60mL ethanol was refluxed for three hours. Ethanol was removed under high vacuum to yield **B** (7.3g, 96.9%) as a brittle foam.

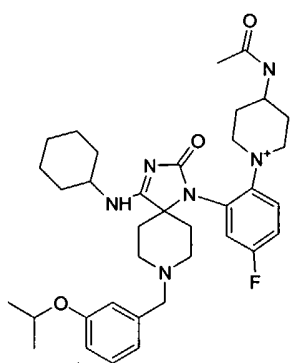
A solution of **B** (1.7g, 7.0mmol), acetyl chloride (746.5μL, 10.5mmol) in 35.0mL pyridine was refluxed for one day. Pyridine was removed under high vacuum. The crude material was partitioned

25 between ethyl acetate and water. The product was extracted three times with ethyl acetate, washed with aqueous 1M HCl, then with brine, and then dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated to

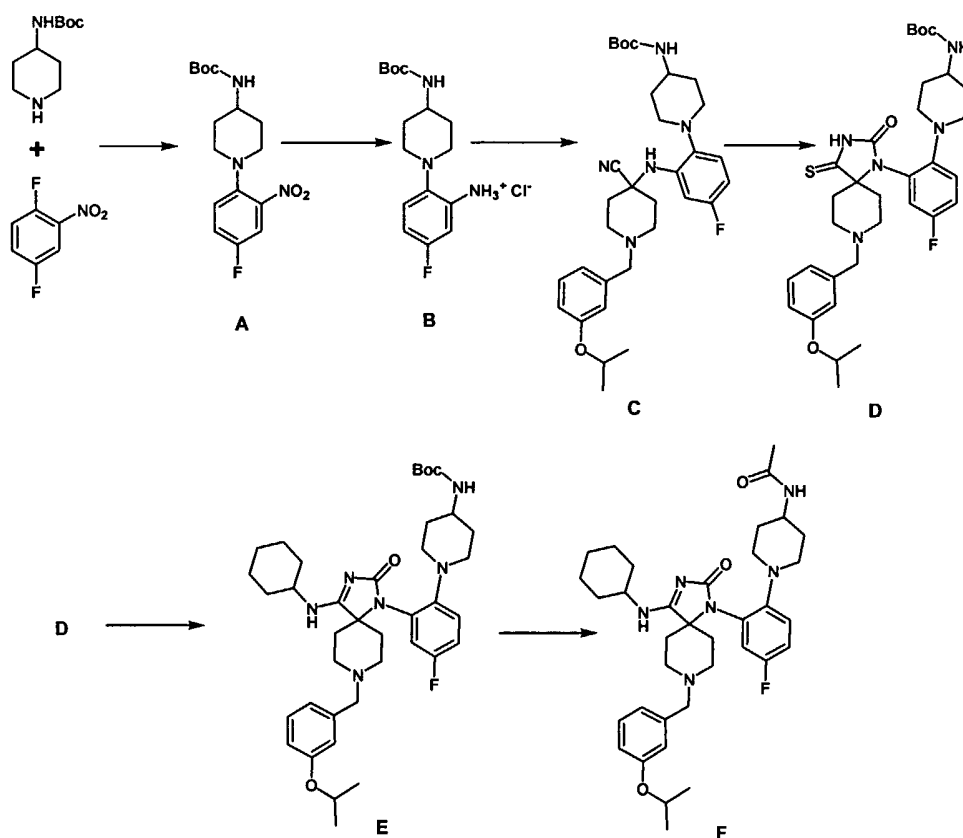
dryness. The product was purified using silica gel chromatography (elution with 15% hexane/85% ethyl acetate) to provide **C**. Removal of the Boc protecting group was accomplished by stirring a solution of **C** in 50mL of 4M HCl/dioxane for 30 minutes at rt. Dioxane was evaporated *in vacuo* to yield the aniline hydrochloric salt **D** (944.8mg, 64.3%) as an off-white solid. The aniline was converted to the desired product Example 15-47 MS (MH⁺) 577.25 using the standard Ugi reaction conditions as described in Scheme 3.

EXAMPLE 15-48

1-[2-(4-Acetylamino-piperidin-1-yl)-5-fluoro-phenyl]-4-cyclohexylamino-8-(3-isopropoxy-benzyl)-2-oxo-1,3-diaza-8-azonia-spiro[4.5]dec-3-ene trifluoroacetate



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4-t-butoxycarbonylamino-piperidine (804.4 mg, 4.02 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and 2,5-difluoronitrobenzene (679.5 mg, 4.27 mmol, 1.06 eq.) were dissolved into DMSO (4mL) in a 20 mL scintillation vial with a stir bar. Diisopropylethylamine (DIEA, 1mL, 7.75 mmol, 1.93 eq.) was added, and the vial was capped and placed to stir in a 70° C aluminum block for 3.5h. The solution was then cooled to rt, diluted with diethyl ether, and washed with 1N hydrochloric acid. The organic solution was dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated to provide the aryl piperidine **A** (1.5261 g, 112%), which was carried on directly to the next step.

To a solution of **A** (339.36mg, 1.0 mmol) in 2.5mL methanol and 2.5 mL water, was added ammonium chloride (266.5mg, 5mmol), followed by zinc dust (327mg, 5mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for one hour, then filtered through a celite plug. Hydrochloric acid (1 mmol) was added to the free amine to obtain the amine hydrochloride salt. The filtrate was concentrated to yield **B** (307.5 mg, 89.0%) as a white solid.

To an ice-cold solution of 1-(3-Isopropoxy-benzyl)-piperidine-4,4-diol (132.5mg, 0.5mmol) and **B** (169.9mg, 0.55mmol) in glacial acetic acid (0.5mL), was added slowly trimethylsilyl cyanide (73.4μL, 0.55mmol). The reaction mixture was kept at 0°C for 5 min then allowed to warm to rt over 30 min. The resulting mixture was quenched with a saturated ammonium hydroxide:ice mixture until the pH reached 10, and was then extracted twice with dichloromethane. The combined dichloromethane extracts were washed with brine, dried over magnesium sulfate and concentrated. The crude material was purified by preparative TLC (20% ethyl acetate/60% hexanes) to provide **C** (234.5mg, 83.0%) as an oily residue.

To an ice cold solution of **C** (234.5mg, 0.415mmol) in 1.5mL chloroform, was added dropwise chlorosulfonyl isocyanate (39.7μL, 0.46mmol). The reaction was stirred at rt for 30 min, then quenched by addition of 830μL of water. The reaction mixture was stirred for another one hr at rt, then added to a 0° C aqueous solution of H₂S (622.5mg Na₂S + 313.0mL H₂O + 622.5-650.0μL acetic acid), which was prepared immediately before use. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 hr, then made alkaline with saturated sodium bicarbonate solution until pH>7, then extracted two times with ethyl acetate. The combined extracts was washed with brine, dried over magnesium sulfate and concentrated. The crude material was purified by preparative TLC (40% ethylacetate/60% hexane) to provide **D** (98.8mg, 38.0%) as an oil residue.

To a solution of **D** (98.8mg, 0.158mmol) in 2mL DMSO was added cyclohexyl amine (200μL, 1.58mmol). The reaction mixture was heated at 110°C for two days. The crude product was purified by preparative reverse phase HPLC to provide **E** (59.7mg, 54.7%) as the TFA salt, a fine yellow powder after being lyophilized.

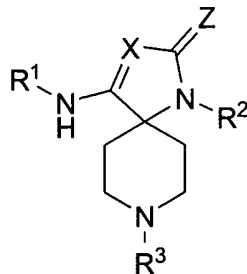
Boc removal of **E** (30mg, 0.43mmol) was carried out using 0.5 ml 25%TFA/DCM at rt for 10 min. The TFA amine salt was dried *in vacuo* and redissolved in 0.5mL tetrahydrofuran. Triethylamine (0.09mmol, 12.5μL) was added to the reaction solution, followed by acetyl chloride (~4.0μL,

0.052mmol), and the reaction was then stirred at rt for 15 min. The crude reaction was purified by preparative reverse phase HPLC and lyophilized to provide **15-45** (6.4mg, 23.6%) MS (MH+) 633.3, as a fine yellow powder.

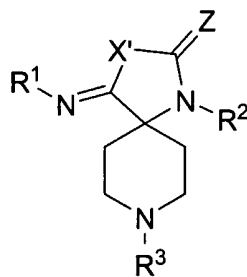
5 While the invention has been described and illustrated with reference to certain particular embodiments thereof, those skilled in the art will appreciate that various adaptations, changes, modifications, substitutions, deletions, or additions of procedures and protocols may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention. It is intended, therefore, that the invention be defined by the scope of the claims that follow and that such claims be interpreted as broadly as is reasonable.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A compound of formula (I):



- 5 or its tautomer (I')



(I')

wherein:

X is CR⁵ or N;

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X' is CR⁵H or NH;

Z is O or S;

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R¹ is selected from the group consisting of

(1) hydrogen,

(2) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,

(3) -C₀₋₆ alkyl-C₆₋₁₀ aryl,

(4) -C₀₋₆ alkyl-C₅₋₁₂ heteroaryl,

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(5) -C₀₋₆ alkyl-C₃₋₁₂ carbocyclic, wherein the carbocyclic group optionally has from one to three ring heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of S, N and O,

(6) -O-R⁶, and

(7) – C₀₋₆ alkyl-Q¹-R⁶,

wherein said R¹ alkyl moiety is optionally substituted with one or more

- (a) –OR⁴,
- (b) halogen,
- (c) cyano, and
- (d) –NR⁴R^{4'},

said R¹ carbocyclic moiety is optionally substituted with one or more

- (a) –OR⁴,
- (b) =O,
- (c) halogen,
- (d) cyano,
- (e) –C(=O)-NR⁴R^{4'},
- (f) –C₁₋₆ alkyl, wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more

- (I) halogen,
- (II) –OH, and
- (III) –C₆₋₁₀ aryl,

- (g) –NR⁴-SO₂-R^{4'},
- (h) –SO₂-R⁴,
- (i) –NR⁴-C(=O)-R^{4'},
- (j) –C(=O)-OR⁴,
- (k) –NR⁴R^{4'},
- (l) –C(=O)-R⁴, and
- (m) –SO₂-NR⁴R^{4'},

and said R¹ aryl and heteroaryl moieties are optionally substituted with one or more

- (a) halogen,
- (b) –C₁₋₆ alkyl,
- (c) –C₂₋₆ alkenyl,
- (d) –C₂₋₆ alkynyl,
- (e) –C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₆₋₁₀ aryl,
- (f) cyano,

- (g) $-O-C_{0-3}$ alkyl- C_{6-10} aryl,
 (h) $-O-R^4$,
 (i) $-C(=O)-NR^4R^{4'}$,
 (j) $-NR^4R^{4'}$,
 (k) $-Q^2-R^7$, and
 (l) $-C_{0-3}$ alkyl- C_{5-12} heteroaryl,

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Q^1 and Q^2 are selected from the group consisting of

- (a) $-C(=O)-$,
 (b) $-C(=O)-O-$,
 (c) $-C(=O)-NR^8-$,
 (d) $-NR^8-C(=O)-$,
 (e) $-S(=O)_n-$,
 (f) $-Si(R^8R^9)-$,
 (g) $-S(=O)_2-R^8-$,
 (h) $-R^8-S(=O)_2-$,
 (i) $-O-C(=O)-$,
 (j) $-NR^8-C(=O)-O-$,
 (k) $-SO_2-NR^4-$,
 (l) $-NR^4SO_2-$,
 (m) $-NR^4-$

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wherein n is 0, 1 or 2;

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R^2 is selected from the group consisting of

- (1) hydrogen,
 (2) $-C_{1-6}$ alkyl,
 (3) $-C_{0-6}$ alkyl- C_{3-12} carbocyclic, wherein the carbocyclic group optionally has
 from one to three ring heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of S,
 (4) $-C_{0-6}$ alkyl- C_{6-10} aryl,
 (5) $-C_{0-6}$ alkyl- Q^3-C_{1-6} alkyl,
 (6) $-C_{0-6}$ alkyl- C_{5-12} heteroaryl,

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wherein said R^2 alkyl moiety is optionally substituted with one or
 more

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- (a) halogen
 (b) cyano

(c) -C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl

(d) -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl,

(e) OH,

5 and said R² cycloalkyl moiety is optionally substituted with one or more -C₁₋₆ alkyl,

and said R² aryl or heteroaryl moiety is optionally substituted with one or more

10 (a) -OR¹⁰,

(b) halogen,

(c) -cyano,

(d) -NO₂,

(e) -Q⁴-C₁₋₆ alkyl,

15 (f) -C₁₋₆ alkyl, wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more

(I) halogen, and

(II) cyano,

(g) -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₆₋₁₀ aryl, wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or more

20 (I) halogen,

(II) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,

(III) -C₂₋₆ alkenyl,

(IV) -C₂₋₆ alkynyl,

25 (V) -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl,

(VI) -SO₂-C₁₋₆ alkyl,

(VII) cyano,

(VIII) -C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl,

(IX) -NO₂,

30 (X) -SO₂-NR⁴R^{4'}

(h) -SO₂-C₁₋₆ alkyl,

(i) -SO₂-NR⁴R^{4'},

(j) -NR⁴R^{4'},

(k) -C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl,

35 (l) -C₂₋₆ alkenyl,

(m) -NHC(=O)-C₁₋₆ alkyl, wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more

- (I) $-NR^4R^4'$
 (II) OH
 (III) $-SO_2R^4$, and
 (IV) $-NHSO_2R^4$,
- 5 (n) $-NHC(=O)-C_{0-3}$ alkyl- C_{6-10} aryl, wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or more
- (I) NR^4R^4' ,
 (II) OH,
 (III) $-SO_2R^4$, and
 (IV) $-NHSO_2R^4$,
- 10 (o) $-C_{0-3}$ alkyl- C_{5-12} heteroaryl, wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted with one or more
- (I) halogen,
 (II) $-C_{1-6}$ alkyl, and
 (III) =O,
- 15 (p) $-S(=O)_m-C_{0-6}$ alkyl- C_{6-10} aryl,
 (q) $-CO_2-R^4$,
 (r) $-C(=O)-NR^4R^4'$,
 (s) $-C_{0-6}$ alkyl- $NR^4SO_2-R^4$,
 (t) $-O-C_{2-6}$ alkenyl,
- 20 and m is 0, 1 or 2;

and Q^3 and Q^4 are selected from the same group as Q^1 and Q^2 ;

- 25 R^3 is selected from the group consisting of
- (1) hydrogen,
 (2) $-C_{0-3}$ alkyl- C_{6-10} aryl,
 (3) $-C_{0-3}$ alkyl- C_{5-12} heteroaryl,
 (4) $-C_{0-3}$ alkyl- C_{3-10} carbocyclic, wherein the carbocyclic group optionally has
- 30 from one to three ring heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of S, N and O,

wherein said R^3 alkyl moiety is optionally substituted with one or more

- (a) $-OR^{11}$,
 (b) halogen,
 (c) cyano,
 (d) $-C(=O)-NR^4R^4'$,
 (e) $-Q^5-C_{1-6}$ alkyl,
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(f) $-Q^5-H$;

and said R^3 cycloalkyl moiety is optionally substituted with one or more

(a) $-C_{1-6}$ alkyl,

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(b) $-C_{0-3}$ alkyl- C_{6-10} aryl,

and said R^3 aryl and heteroaryl moiety is optionally substituted with one or more

(a) $-OR^{12}$,

(b) $-NR^4R^{4'}$,

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(c) halogen,

(d) cyano,

(f) $-NO_2$,

(g) $-Q^6-R^4$, and

(h) $-C_{1-6}$ alkyl, wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more

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(I) halogen,

(II) cyano,

(III) $-C_{1-6}$ alkyl,

(IV) $-O-C_{1-6}$ alkyl,

(V) $-C_{3-8}$ cycloalkyl,

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(VI) $-C(=O)-C_{1-6}$ alkyl,

(i) $-C_{2-6}$ alkenyl,

(j) $-C_{2-6}$ alkynyl,

(k) $-C_{0-3}$ alkyl- C_{5-12} heteroaryl,

(l) $-O-C_{2-6}$ alkenyl,

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(m) $-C_{0-3}$ alkyl- C_{6-10} aryl, wherein said aryl moiety is

optionally substituted with one or more

(I) $-C_{1-6}$ alkyl,

(II) $-C_{2-6}$ alkenyl,

(III) $-C_{2-6}$ alkynyl,

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(IV) halogen,

(V) cyano,

(VI) $-C_{3-8}$ cycloalkyl, and

(VII) NO_2 ,

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and R^{12} is selected from the group consisting of

(I) hydrogen,

(II) $-C_{1-6}$ alkyl,

- (III) -C₂₋₆ alkenyl,
(IV) -C₂₋₆ alkynyl,
(V) -C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl, and
(VI) -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₆₋₁₀ aryl,

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and said R¹² alkyl, alkenyl and alkynyl moiety is optionally substituted with one or more

- (A) halogen,
(B) hydroxyl,
10 (C) cyano,
(D) -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more halogen,
(E) -NR⁴R^{4'},
(F) -NR⁴-S(=O)₂-R^{4'},
15 (G) -NR⁴-C(=O)-R^{4'},
(H) -NR⁴-C(=O)-OR^{4'},
(I) -S(=O)₂-NR⁴-,

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and said R¹⁰ cycloalkyl moiety is optionally substituted with one or more

- (A) halogen,
(B) hydroxyl,
(C) -cyano,
(D) -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, and
25 (E) -C₁₋₆ alkyl, wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted one or more halogen;

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and said R¹² aryl moiety is optionally substituted with one or more

- (A) halogen,
(B) cyano,
(C) -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, and
(D) -C₁₋₆ alkyl, wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted one or more halogen;

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Q⁵ and Q⁶ are selected from the same group as Q¹ and Q²;

R⁴ and R^{4'} are selected from the group consisting of

- (1) hydrogen,
- (2) -C₁₋₈ alkyl, wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted with
 - (a) halogen,
 - (b) -C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl
 - (c) -CO₂C₁₋₆ alkyl
 - (d) -OC₁₋₆ alkyl, wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more
 - (I) halogen, or
 - (II) cyano,
- (3) -C₂₋₈ alkenyl, and
- (4) -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₆₋₁₀aryl;

R⁵ is selected from the group consisting of

- (1) hydrogen,
- (2) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,
- (3) halogen, and
- (4) -CO₂-R⁴,

R⁶, R⁷, R⁸, R⁹, R¹⁰ and R¹¹ are independently selected from the group consisting of:

- (1) hydrogen,
- (2) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,
- (3) -C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl,
- (4) -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₆₋₁₀ aryl,

wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more

- (A) halogen,
- (B) hydroxyl,
- (C) cyano,
- (D) -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more halogen,

and said cycloalkyl and aryl are optionally substituted with one or more

- (A) halogen,
- (B) hydroxyl,
- (C) cyano,
- (D) -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, and

- (E) -C₁₋₆ alkyl, wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted one or more

halogen;

provided that when X is N; Z is O; R¹ is unsubstituted cyclohexyl; and R² is unsubstituted phenyl, then R³ is not unsubstituted benzyl; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, and individual enantiomers and diastereomers thereof.

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2. The compound of Claim 1 wherein X is N or X' is NH.

3. The compound of Claim 1 or 2 wherein Z is O.

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4. The compound of Claim 1 or 2 wherein R¹ is -C₁₋₆ alkyl or -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₃₋₁₂ carbocyclic, wherein said alkyl or carbocyclic is optionally substituted as in Claim 1.

5. The compound of Claim 1 or 2 wherein R¹ is -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₆₋₁₀ aryl, and said aryl moiety is optionally substituted with one or more

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- (a) halogen, or
- (b) -C₁₋₆ alkyl.

6. The compound of Claim 1 or 2 wherein R¹ is -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₅₋₁₂ heteroaryl, and said heteroaryl is optionally substituted with one or more

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- (a) halogen, or
- (b) -C₁₋₆ alkyl.

7. The compound of any of Claims 1 to 6 wherein R² is selected from the group consisting of

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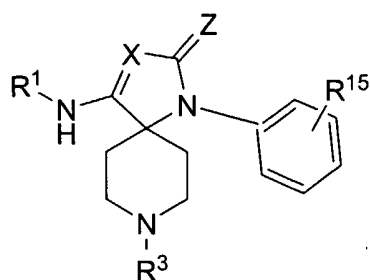
- (1) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,
- (2) -C₀₋₆ alkyl-C₃₋₈ carbocyclic, and
- (3) -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₆₋₁₀ aryl,

wherein said alkyl, carbocyclic or aryl moieties are optionally substituted as in claim 1.

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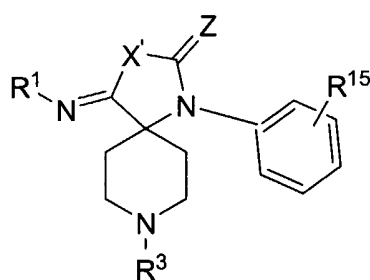
8. The compound of claim 7, wherein R² is phenyl or benzyl, and said phenyl or benzyl are optionally substituted as in claim 1.

9. The compound of Claim 1 which is a compound of formula (II)



(II)

or its tautomer (II')



(II')

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, and individual enantiomers and diastereomers thereof,
 5 wherein X, X', Z, R¹ and R³ are as defined in claim 1, and R¹⁵ is selected from the group consisting of

- (a) -OR¹⁰,
- (b) halogen,
- (c) -cyano,
- (d) -Q⁴-C₁₋₆ alkyl,
- 10 (e) -C₁₋₆ alkyl, wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more

- (I) halogen, and

- (II) cyano,

- (f) -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₆₋₁₀ aryl, wherein said aryl is optionally substituted

- 15 with one or more

- (I) halogen,

- (II) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,

- (V) -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl,

- (VI) -SO₂-C₁₋₆ alkyl,

- 20 (VII) cyano,

- (VIII) -C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl,

- (X) -SO₂-NR⁴R^{4'}

- (g) $-\text{SO}_2-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl,
 (h) $-\text{SO}_2-\text{NR}^4\text{R}^{4'}$,
 (i) $-\text{C}_{3-8}$ cycloalkyl,
 (j) $-\text{NHC}(=\text{O})-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl, wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted

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with one or more

- (I) $-\text{NR}^4\text{R}^{4'}$
 (II) OH
 (III) $-\text{SO}_2\text{R}^4$, and
 (IV) $-\text{NHSO}_2\text{R}^4$,

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(k) $-\text{C}_{0-3}$ alkyl- C_{5-12} heteroaryl, wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted with one or more

- (I) halogen,
 (II) $-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl, and
 (III) $=\text{O}$,

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- (l) $-\text{S}(=\text{O})_m-\text{C}_{0-6}$ alkyl- C_{6-10} aryl,
 (m) $-\text{CO}_2-\text{R}^4$,
 (n) $-\text{C}(=\text{O})-\text{NR}^4\text{R}^{4'}$,
 (o) $-\text{C}_{0-6}$ alkyl- $\text{NR}^4\text{SO}_2-\text{R}^4$.

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10. The compound of Claim 9 wherein X is N or X' is NH.

11. The compound of Claim 9 or 10 wherein Z is O.

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12. The compound of any of Claims 9, 10 and 11, wherein R^3 is selected from the group consisting of

- (1) $-\text{C}_{0-3}$ alkyl- C_{6-10} aryl, or
 (2) $-\text{C}_{0-3}$ alkyl- C_{5-12} heteroaryl,

and said aryl and heteroaryl are optionally substituted with one or more

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- (a) $-\text{OR}^{12}$,
 (b) $-\text{NR}^4\text{R}^{4'}$,
 (c) halogen,
 (d) cyano,
 (e) $-\text{NO}_2$,

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- (f) $-\text{Q}^6-\text{R}^4$, and
 (g) $-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl, wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more
 (I) halogen,

- 5 (II) cyano,
 (III) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,
 (IV) -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl,
 (V) -C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl,
 (VI) -C(=O) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,
- (h) -C₂₋₆ alkenyl,
 (i) -C₂₋₆ alkynyl,
 (j) -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₅₋₁₂ heteroaryl,
 (k) -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₆₋₁₀ aryl, and said aryl moiety is optionally substituted with
 10 one or more
 (I) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,
 (II) -C₂₋₆ alkenyl,
 (III) -C₂₋₆ alkynyl,
 (IV) halogen,
 15 (V) cyano,
 (VI) -C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl, and
 (VII) NO₂.
13. The compound of Claim 12 wherein R³ is benzyl, which is optionally substituted with
 20 one or more
 (a) -OR¹²,
 (b) NR⁴R^{4'},
 (c) halogen,
 (d) cyano,
 25 (f) -NO₂,
 (g) -Q⁶-R⁴, and
 (h) -C₁₋₆ alkyl, wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more
 (I) halogen,
 (II) cyano,
 30 (III) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,
 (IV) -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl,
 (V) -C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl,
 (VI) -C(=O) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,
 (i) -C₂₋₆ alkenyl,
 35 (j) -C₂₋₆ alkynyl,
 (k) -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₅₋₁₂ heteroaryl,

(l) -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₆₋₁₀ aryl, wherein p is 0 or 1, and said aryl moiety is optionally substituted with one or more

(I) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,

(II) -C₂₋₆ alkenyl,

(III) -C₂₋₆ alkynyl,

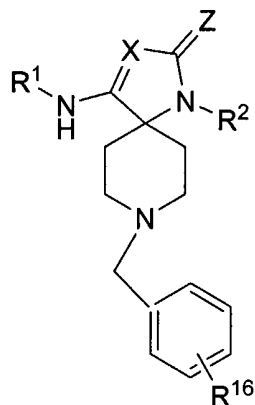
(IV) halogen,

(V) cyano,

(VI) -C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl, and

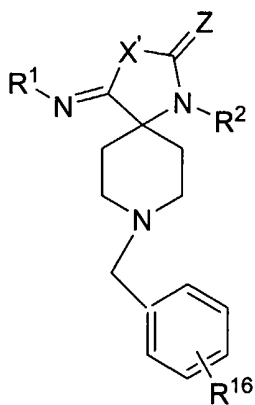
(VII) NO₂.

14. The compound of Claim 1 which is a compound of formula (III)



(III)

or its tautomer (III')



(III')

15 and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, and individual enantiomers and diastereomers thereof, wherein X, X', Z, R¹, and R² are as defined in claim 1, and R¹⁶ is selected from the group consisting of

- 5 (a) -OR¹²,
 (b) NR⁴R^{4'},
 (c) halogen,
 (d) cyano,
 (f) -NO₂,
 (g) -Q⁶-R⁴, and
 (h) -C₁₋₆ alkyl, wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more
- 10 (I) halogen,
 (II) cyano,
 (III) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,
 (IV) -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl,
 (V) -C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl,
 (VI) -C(=O)-C₁₋₆ alkyl,
- 15 (i) -C₂₋₆ alkenyl,
 (j) -C₂₋₆ alkynyl,
 (k) -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₅₋₁₂ heteroaryl,
 (l) -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₆₋₁₀ aryl, wherein said aryl moiety is optionally substituted with one or
 more
- 20 (I) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,
 (II) -C₂₋₆ alkenyl,
 (III) -C₂₋₆ alkynyl,
 (IV) halogen,
 (V) cyano,
 (VI) -C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl, and
 25 (VII) NO₂.

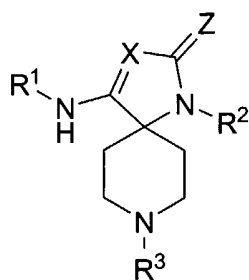
15. The compound of Claim 14 wherein X is N or X' is NH.

16. The compound selected from the group consisting of and tautomers thereof;
 30 and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

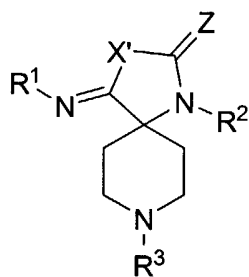
17. A method for the manufacture of a medicament or a composition for inhibiting β -
 secretase enzyme activity in humans and animals comprising combining a compound of claim 1, or a
 pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, with a pharmaceutical carrier or diluent.

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18. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a
 compound of formula (I)



or its tautomer (I')



(I')

wherein:

5 X is CR⁵ or N;

X' is CR⁵H or NH;

Z is O or S;

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R¹ is selected from the group consisting of

(1) hydrogen,

(2) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,

(3) -C₀₋₆ alkyl-C₆₋₁₀ aryl,

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(4) -C₀₋₆ alkyl-C₅₋₁₂ heteroaryl,

(5) -C₀₋₆ alkyl-C₃₋₁₂ carbocyclic, wherein the carbocyclic group optionally has

from one to three ring heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of S, N and O,

(6) -O-R⁶, and

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(7) -C₀₋₆ alkyl-Q¹-R⁶,

wherein said R¹ alkyl moiety is optionally substituted with one or more

- (a) -OR⁴,
- (b) halogen,
- (c) cyano, and
- (d) -NR⁴R^{4'},

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said R¹ carbocyclic moiety is optionally substituted with one or more

- (a) -OR⁴,
- (b) =O,
- (c) halogen,
- (d) cyano,
- (e) -C(=O)-NR⁴R^{4'},
- (f) -C₁₋₆ alkyl, wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted with one or

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more

- (I) halogen,
- (II) -OH, and
- (III) -C₆₋₁₀ aryl,

- (g) -NR⁴-SO₂-R^{4'},
- (h) -SO₂-R⁴,
- (i) -NR⁴-C(=O)-R^{4'},
- (j) -C(=O)-OR⁴,
- (k) -NR⁴R^{4'},
- (l) -C(=O)-R⁴, and
- (m) -SO₂-NR⁴R^{4'},

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and said R¹ aryl and heteroaryl moieties are optionally substituted with one or more

- (a) halogen,
- (b) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,
- (c) -C₂₋₆ alkenyl,
- (d) -C₂₋₆ alkynyl,
- (e) -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₆₋₁₀ aryl,
- (f) cyano,
- (g) -O-C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₆₋₁₀ aryl,
- (h) -O-R⁴,
- (i) -C(=O)-NR⁴R^{4'},

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- (j) $-NR^4R^4'$,
- (k) $-Q^2-R^7$, and
- (l) $-C_{0-3}$ alkyl- C_{5-12} heteroaryl,

5 Q¹ and Q² are selected from the group consisting of

- (a) $-C(=O)-$,
- (b) $-C(=O)-O-$,
- (c) $-C(=O)-NR^8-$,
- (d) $-NR^8-C(=O)-$,
- 10 (e) $-S(=O)_n-$,
- (f) $-Si(R^8R^9)-$,
- (g) $-S(=O)_2-R^8-$,
- (h) $-R^8-S(=O)_2-$,
- (i) $-O-C(=O)-$,
- 15 (j) $-NR^8-C(=O)-O-$,
- (k) $-SO_2-NR^4-$,
- (l) $-NR^4SO_2-$,
- (m) $-NR^4-$

20 wherein n is 0, 1 or 2;

R² is selected from the group consisting of

- (1) hydrogen,
 - (2) $-C_{1-6}$ alkyl,
 - 25 (3) $-C_{0-6}$ alkyl- C_{3-12} carbocyclic, wherein the carbocyclic group optionally has from one to three ring heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of S, N and O,
 - (4) $-C_{0-6}$ alkyl- C_{6-10} aryl,
 - (5) $-C_{0-6}$ alkyl- Q^3-C_{1-6} alkyl,
 - 30 (6) $-C_{0-6}$ alkyl- C_{5-12} heteroaryl,
- wherein said R² alkyl moiety is optionally substituted with one or more

- (a) halogen
- (b) cyano
- 35 (c) $-C_{3-8}$ cycloalkyl
- (d) $-O-C_{1-6}$ alkyl,
- (e) OH,

and said R² cycloalkyl moiety is optionally substituted with one or more -C₁₋₆ alkyl,

5 and said R² aryl or heteroaryl moiety is optionally substituted with one or more

(a) -OR¹⁰,

(b) halogen,

(c) -cyano,

10 (d) -NO₂,

(e) -Q⁴-C₁₋₆ alkyl,

(f) -C₁₋₆ alkyl, wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more

(I) halogen, and

15 (II) cyano,

(g) -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₆₋₁₀ aryl, wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or more

(I) halogen,

(II) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,

20 (III) -C₂₋₆ alkenyl,

(IV) -C₂₋₆ alkynyl,

(V) -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl,

(VI) -SO₂-C₁₋₆ alkyl,

(VII) cyano,

25 (VIII) -C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl,

(IX) -NO₂,

(X) -SO₂-NR⁴R^{4'}

(h) -SO₂-C₁₋₆ alkyl,

(i) -SO₂-NR⁴R^{4'},

30 (j) -NR⁴R^{4'},

(k) -C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl,

(l) -C₂₋₆ alkenyl,

(m) -NHC(=O)-C₁₋₆ alkyl, wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more

35 (I) -NR⁴R^{4'}

(II) OH

(III) -SO₂R⁴, and

(IV) -NHSO₂R⁴,

(n) -NHC(=O)-C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₆₋₁₀ aryl, wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or more

(I) NR⁴R^{4'},

(II) OH,

(III) -SO₂R⁴, and

(IV)-NHSO₂R⁴,

(o) -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₅₋₁₂ heteroaryl, wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted with one or more

(I) halogen,

(II) -C₁₋₆ alkyl, and

(III) =O,

(p) -S(=O)_m-C₀₋₆ alkyl-C₆₋₁₀ aryl,

(q) -CO₂-R⁴,

(r) -C(=O)-NR⁴R^{4'},

(s) -C₀₋₆ alkyl-NR⁴ SO₂-R⁴,

(t) -O-C₂₋₆ alkenyl,

and m is 0, 1 or 2;

and Q³ and Q⁴ are selected from the same group as Q¹ and Q²;

R³ is selected from the group consisting of

(1) hydrogen,

(2) -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₆₋₁₀ aryl,

(3) -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₅₋₁₂ heteroaryl,

(4) -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₃₋₁₀ carbocyclic, wherein the carbocyclic group optionally has from one to three ring heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of S, N and O,

wherein said R³ alkyl moiety is optionally substituted with one or more

(a) -OR¹¹,

(b) halogen,

(c) cyano,

(d) -C(=O)-NR⁴R^{4'},

(e) -Q⁵-C₁₋₆ alkyl,

(f) -Q⁵-H;

and said R³ cycloalkyl moiety is optionally substituted with one or more

- (a) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,
- (b) -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₆₋₁₀ aryl,

and said R³ aryl and heteroaryl moiety is optionally substituted with one or more

- 5 (a) -OR¹²,
- (b) -NR⁴R^{4'},
- (c) halogen,
- (d) cyano,
- (f) -NO₂,
- 10 (g) -Q⁶-R⁴, and
- (h) -C₁₋₆ alkyl, wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more
 - (I) halogen,
 - (II) cyano,
 - (III) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,
 - 15 (IV) -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl,
 - (V) -C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl,
 - (VI) -C(=O)-C₁₋₆ alkyl,
 - (i) -C₂₋₆ alkenyl,
 - (j) -C₂₋₆ alkynyl,
 - 20 (k) -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₅₋₁₂ heteroaryl,
 - (l) -O-C₂₋₆ alkenyl,
 - (m) -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₆₋₁₀ aryl, wherein said aryl moiety is
 - optionally substituted with one or more
 - (I) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,
 - 25 (II) -C₂₋₆ alkenyl,
 - (III) -C₂₋₆ alkynyl,
 - (IV) halogen,
 - (V) cyano,
 - (VI) -C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl, and
 - 30 (VII) NO₂,

and R¹² is selected from the group consisting of

- (I) hydrogen,
- (II) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,
- 35 (III) -C₂₋₆ alkenyl,
- (IV) -C₂₋₆ alkynyl,
- (V) -C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl, and

(VI)-C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₆₋₁₀ aryl,

and said R¹² alkyl, alkenyl and alkynyl moiety is optionally substituted with one or more

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(A) halogen,

(B) hydroxyl,

(C) cyano,

(D) -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more halogen,

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(E) -NR⁴R^{4'},

(F) -NR⁴-S(=O)₂-R^{4'},

(G) -NR⁴-C(=O)-R^{4'},

(H) -NR⁴-C(=O)-OR^{4'},

(I) -S(=O)₂-NR⁴-,

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and said R¹⁰ cycloalkyl moiety is optionally substituted with one or more

(A) halogen,

(B) hydroxyl,

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(C) -cyano,

(D) -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, and

(E) -C₁₋₆ alkyl, wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted one or more halogen;

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and said R¹² aryl moiety is optionally substituted with one or more

(A) halogen,

(B) cyano,

(C) -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, and

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(D) -C₁₋₆ alkyl, wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted one or more halogen;

Q⁵ and Q⁶ are selected from the same group as Q¹ and Q²;

35 R⁴ and R^{4'} are selected from the group consisting of

(1) hydrogen,

(2) -C₁₋₈ alkyl, wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted with

- (a) halogen,
- (b) -C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl
- (c) -CO₂C₁₋₆ alkyl
- (d) -OC₁₋₆ alkyl, wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more

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- (I) halogen, or
 - (II) cyano,
 - (3) -C₂₋₈ alkenyl, and
 - (4) -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₆₋₁₀aryl;

10 R⁵ is selected from the group consisting of

- (1) hydrogen,
- (2) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,
- (3) halogen, and
- (4) -CO₂-R⁴,

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R⁶, R⁷, R⁸, R⁹, R¹⁰ and R¹¹ are independently selected from the group consisting of:

- (1) hydrogen,
- (2) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,
- (3) -C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl,
- (4) -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₆₋₁₀ aryl,

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wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more

- (A) halogen,
- (B) hydroxyl,
- (C) cyano,
- (D) -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more halogen,

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and said cycloalkyl and aryl are optionally substituted with one or more

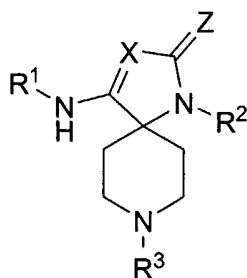
- (A) halogen,
- (B) hydroxyl,
- (C) cyano,
- (D) -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, and
- (E) -C₁₋₆ alkyl, wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted one or more halogen;

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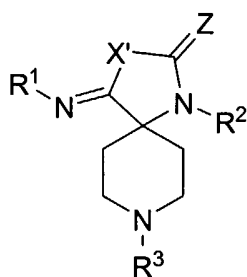
and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, and individual enantiomers and diastereomers thereof,

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19. A method of treating Alzheimer's disease in a patient in need thereof comprising administering to the patient a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula (I):



or its tautomer (I')



(I')

wherein:

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X is CR⁵ or N;

X' is CR⁵H or NH;

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Z is O or S;

R¹ is selected from the group consisting of

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(1) hydrogen,

(2) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,

(3) -C₀₋₆ alkyl-C₆₋₁₀ aryl,

(4) -C₀₋₆ alkyl-C₅₋₁₂ heteroaryl,

(5) -C₀₋₆ alkyl-C₃₋₁₂ carbocyclic, wherein the carbocyclic group optionally has

from one to three ring heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of S, N

and O,

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(6) -O-R⁶, and

(7) -C₀₋₆ alkyl-Q¹-R⁶,

wherein said R¹ alkyl moiety is optionally substituted with one or more

- (a) -OR⁴,
- (b) halogen,
- (c) cyano, and
- (d) -NR⁴R^{4'},

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said R¹ carbocyclic moiety is optionally substituted with one or more

- (a) -OR⁴,
- (b) =O,
- (c) halogen,
- (d) cyano,
- (e) -C(=O)-NR⁴R^{4'},
- (f) -C₁₋₆ alkyl, wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted with one or

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more

- (I) halogen,
- (II) -OH, and
- (III) -C₆₋₁₀ aryl,
- (g) -NR⁴-SO₂-R^{4'},
- (h) -SO₂-R⁴,
- (i) -NR⁴-C(=O)-R^{4'},
- (j) -C(=O)-OR⁴,
- (k) -NR⁴R^{4'},
- (l) -C(=O)-R⁴, and
- (m) -SO₂-NR⁴R^{4'},

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and said R¹ aryl and heteroaryl moieties are optionally substituted with one or more

- (a) halogen,
- (b) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,
- (c) -C₂₋₆ alkenyl,
- (d) -C₂₋₆ alkynyl,
- (e) -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₆₋₁₀ aryl,
- (f) cyano,
- (g) -O-C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₆₋₁₀ aryl,
- (h) -O-R⁴,
- (i) -C(=O)-NR⁴R^{4'},

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- (j) $-NR^4R^4$,
- (k) $-Q^2-R^7$, and
- (l) $-C_{0-3}$ alkyl- C_{5-12} heteroaryl,

5 Q¹ and Q² are selected from the group consisting of

- (a) $-C(=O)-$,
- (b) $-C(=O)-O-$,
- (c) $-C(=O)-NR^8-$,
- (d) $-NR^8-C(=O)-$,
- 10 (e) $-S(=O)_n-$,
- (f) $-Si(R^8R^9)-$,
- (g) $-S(=O)_2-R^8-$,
- (h) $-R^8-S(=O)_2-$,
- (i) $-O-C(=O)-$,
- 15 (j) $-NR^8-C(=O)-O-$,
- (k) $-SO_2-NR^4-$,
- (l) $-NR^4SO_2-$,
- (m) $-NR^4-$

20 wherein n is 0, 1 or 2;

R² is selected from the group consisting of

- (1) hydrogen,
 - (2) $-C_{1-6}$ alkyl,
 - 25 (3) $-C_{0-6}$ alkyl- C_{3-12} carbocyclic, wherein the carbocyclic group optionally has from one to three ring heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of S, N and O,
 - (4) $-C_{0-6}$ alkyl- C_{6-10} aryl,
 - (5) $-C_{0-6}$ alkyl- Q^3-C_{1-6} alkyl,
 - 30 (6) $-C_{0-6}$ alkyl- C_{5-12} heteroaryl,
- wherein said R² alkyl moiety is optionally substituted with one or more

- (a) halogen
- (b) cyano
- 35 (c) $-C_{3-8}$ cycloalkyl
- (d) $-O-C_{1-6}$ alkyl,
- (e) OH,

and said R² cycloalkyl moiety is optionally substituted with one or more -C₁₋₆ alkyl,

5 and said R² aryl or heteroaryl moiety is optionally substituted with one or more

- (a) -OR¹⁰,
- (b) halogen,
- (c) -cyano,
- 10 (d) -NO₂,
- (e) -Q⁴-C₁₋₆ alkyl,
- (f) -C₁₋₆ alkyl, wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more

- (I) halogen, and
- 15 (II) cyano,
- (g) -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₆₋₁₀ aryl, wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or more

- (I) halogen,
- (II) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,
- 20 (III) -C₂₋₆ alkenyl,
- (IV) -C₂₋₆ alkynyl,
- (V) -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl,
- (VI) -SO₂-C₁₋₆ alkyl,
- (VII) cyano,
- 25 (VIII) -C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl,
- (IX) -NO₂,
- (X) -SO₂-NR⁴R^{4'}

- (h) -SO₂-C₁₋₆ alkyl,
- (i) -SO₂-NR⁴R^{4'},
- 30 (j) -NR⁴R^{4'},
- (k) -C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl,
- (l) -C₂₋₆ alkenyl,
- (m) -NHC(=O)-C₁₋₆ alkyl, wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more

- 35 (I) -NR⁴R^{4'}
- (II) OH
- (III) -SO₂R⁴, and

(IV) -NHSO₂R⁴,

(n) -NHC(=O)-C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₆₋₁₀ aryl, wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or more

(I) NR⁴R^{4'},

(II) OH,

(III) -SO₂R⁴, and

(IV)-NHSO₂R⁴,

(o) -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₅₋₁₂ heteroaryl, wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted with one or more

(I) halogen,

(II) -C₁₋₆ alkyl, and

(III) =O,

(p) -S(=O)_m-C₀₋₆ alkyl-C₆₋₁₀ aryl,

(q) -CO₂-R⁴,

(r) -C(=O)-NR⁴R^{4'},

(s) -C₀₋₆ alkyl-NR⁴ SO₂-R⁴,

(t) -O-C₂₋₆ alkenyl,

and m is 0, 1 or 2;

and Q³ and Q⁴ are selected from the same group as Q¹ and Q²;

R³ is selected from the group consisting of

(1) hydrogen,

(2) -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₆₋₁₀ aryl,

(3) -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₅₋₁₂ heteroaryl,

(4) -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₃₋₁₀ carbocyclic, wherein the carbocyclic group optionally has from one to three ring heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of S, N and O,

wherein said R³ alkyl moiety is optionally substituted with one or more

(a) -OR¹¹,

(b) halogen,

(c) cyano,

(d) -C(=O)-NR⁴R^{4'},

(e) -Q⁵-C₁₋₆ alkyl,

(f) -Q⁵-H;

and said R³ cycloalkyl moiety is optionally substituted with one or more

- (a) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,
- (b) -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₆₋₁₀ aryl,

and said R³ aryl and heteroaryl moiety is optionally substituted with one or more

- 5 (a) -OR¹²,
- (b) -NR⁴R^{4'},
- (c) halogen,
- (d) cyano,
- (f) -NO₂,
- 10 (g) -Q⁶-R⁴, and
- (h) -C₁₋₆ alkyl, wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more
 - (I) halogen,
 - (II) cyano,
 - (III) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,
 - 15 (IV) -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl,
 - (V) -C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl,
 - (VI) -C(=O)-C₁₋₆ alkyl,
 - (i) -C₂₋₆ alkenyl,
 - (j) -C₂₋₆ alkynyl,
 - 20 (k) -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₅₋₁₂ heteroaryl,
 - (l) -O-C₂₋₆ alkenyl,
 - (m) -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₆₋₁₀ aryl, wherein said aryl moiety is optionally substituted with one or more
 - (I) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,
 - 25 (II) -C₂₋₆ alkenyl,
 - (III) -C₂₋₆ alkynyl,
 - (IV) halogen,
 - (V) cyano,
 - (VI) -C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl, and
 - 30 (VII) NO₂,

and R¹² is selected from the group consisting of

- (I) hydrogen,
- (II) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,
- 35 (III) -C₂₋₆ alkenyl,
- (IV) -C₂₋₆ alkynyl,
- (V) -C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl, and

(VI)-C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₆₋₁₀ aryl,

and said R¹² alkyl, alkenyl and alkynyl moiety is optionally substituted with one or more

- 5 (A) halogen,
(B) hydroxyl,
(C) cyano,
(D) -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more halogen,
10 (E) -NR⁴R^{4'},
(F) -NR⁴-S(=O)₂-R^{4'},
(G) -NR⁴-C(=O)-R^{4'},
(H) -NR⁴-C(=O)-OR^{4'},
(I) -S(=O)₂-NR⁴-,

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and said R¹⁰ cycloalkyl moiety is optionally substituted with one or more

- (A) halogen,
(B) hydroxyl,
20 (C) -cyano,
(D) -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, and
(E) -C₁₋₆ alkyl, wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted one or more halogen;

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and said R¹² aryl moiety is optionally substituted with one or more

- (A) halogen,
(B) cyano,
(C) -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, and
30 (D) -C₁₋₆ alkyl, wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted one or more halogen;

Q⁵ and Q⁶ are selected from the same group as Q¹ and Q²;

35 R⁴ and R^{4'} are selected from the group consisting of

- (1) hydrogen,
(2) -C₁₋₈ alkyl, wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted with

- (a) halogen,
- (b) -C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl
- (c) -CO₂C₁₋₆ alkyl
- (d) -OC₁₋₆ alkyl, wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more

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- (I) halogen, or
 - (II) cyano,
 - (3) -C₂₋₈ alkenyl, and
 - (4) -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₆₋₁₀aryl;

10 R⁵ is selected from the group consisting of

- (1) hydrogen,
- (2) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,
- (3) halogen, and
- (4) -CO₂-R⁴,

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R⁶, R⁷, R⁸, R⁹, R¹⁰ and R¹¹ are independently selected from the group consisting of:

- (1) hydrogen,
- (2) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,
- (3) -C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl,
- (4) -C₀₋₃ alkyl-C₆₋₁₀ aryl,

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wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more

- (A) halogen,
- (B) hydroxyl,
- (C) cyano,
- (D) -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more halogen,

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and said cycloalkyl and aryl are optionally substituted with one or more

- (A) halogen,
- (B) hydroxyl,
- (C) cyano,
- (D) -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, and
- (E) -C₁₋₆ alkyl, wherein said alkyl is optionally substituted one or more halogen;

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and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, and individual enantiomers and diastereomers thereof.

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