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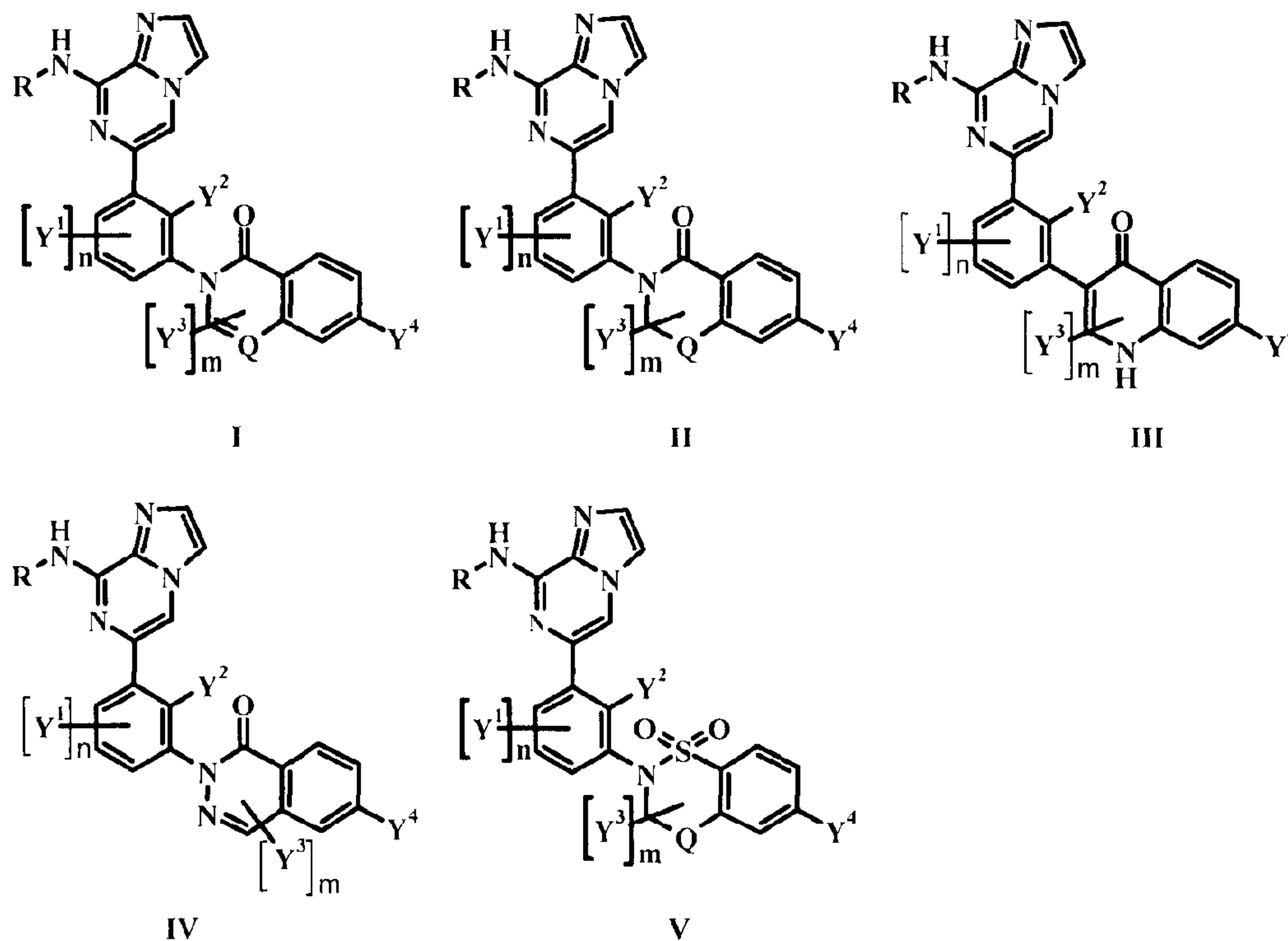
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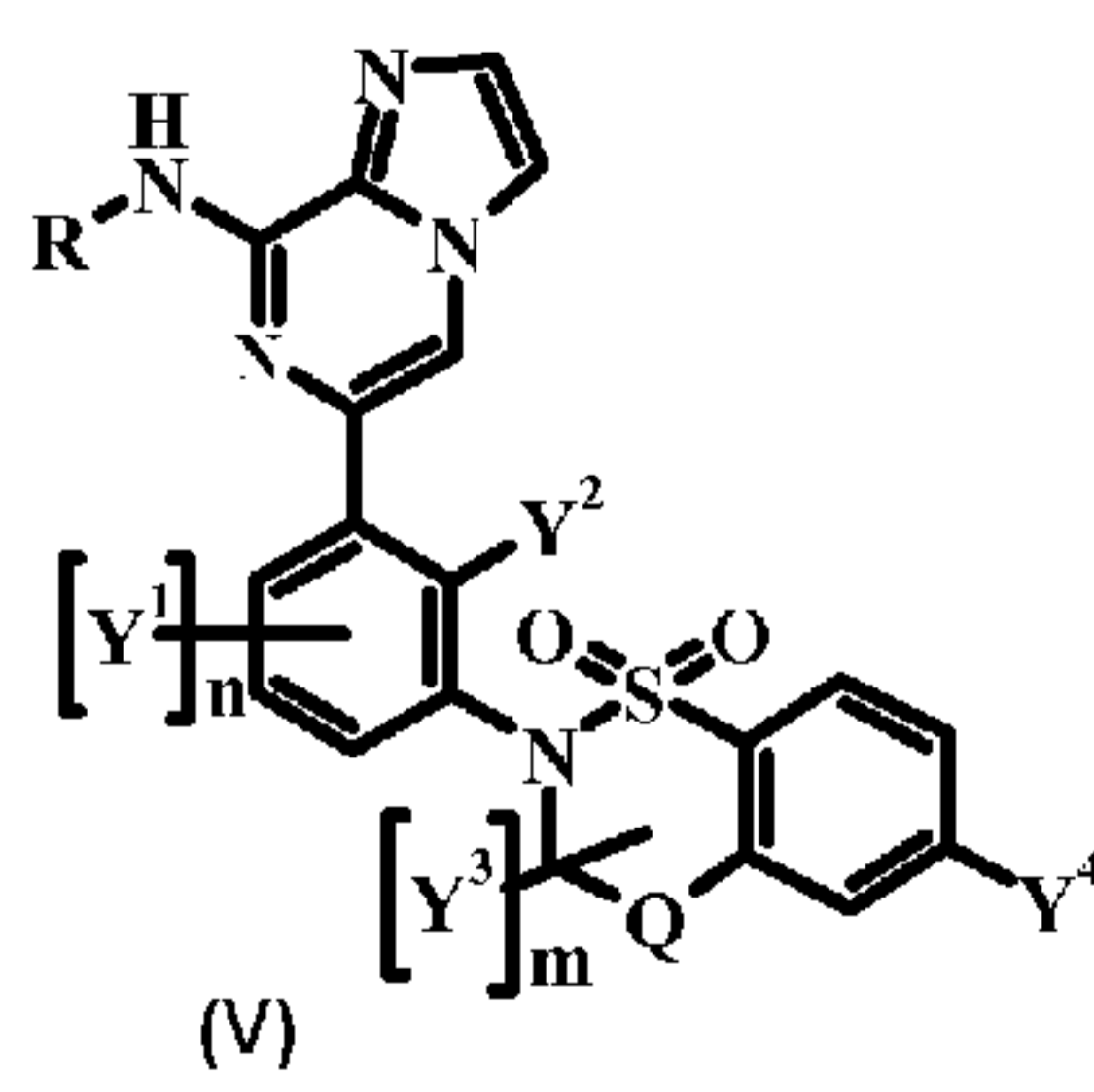
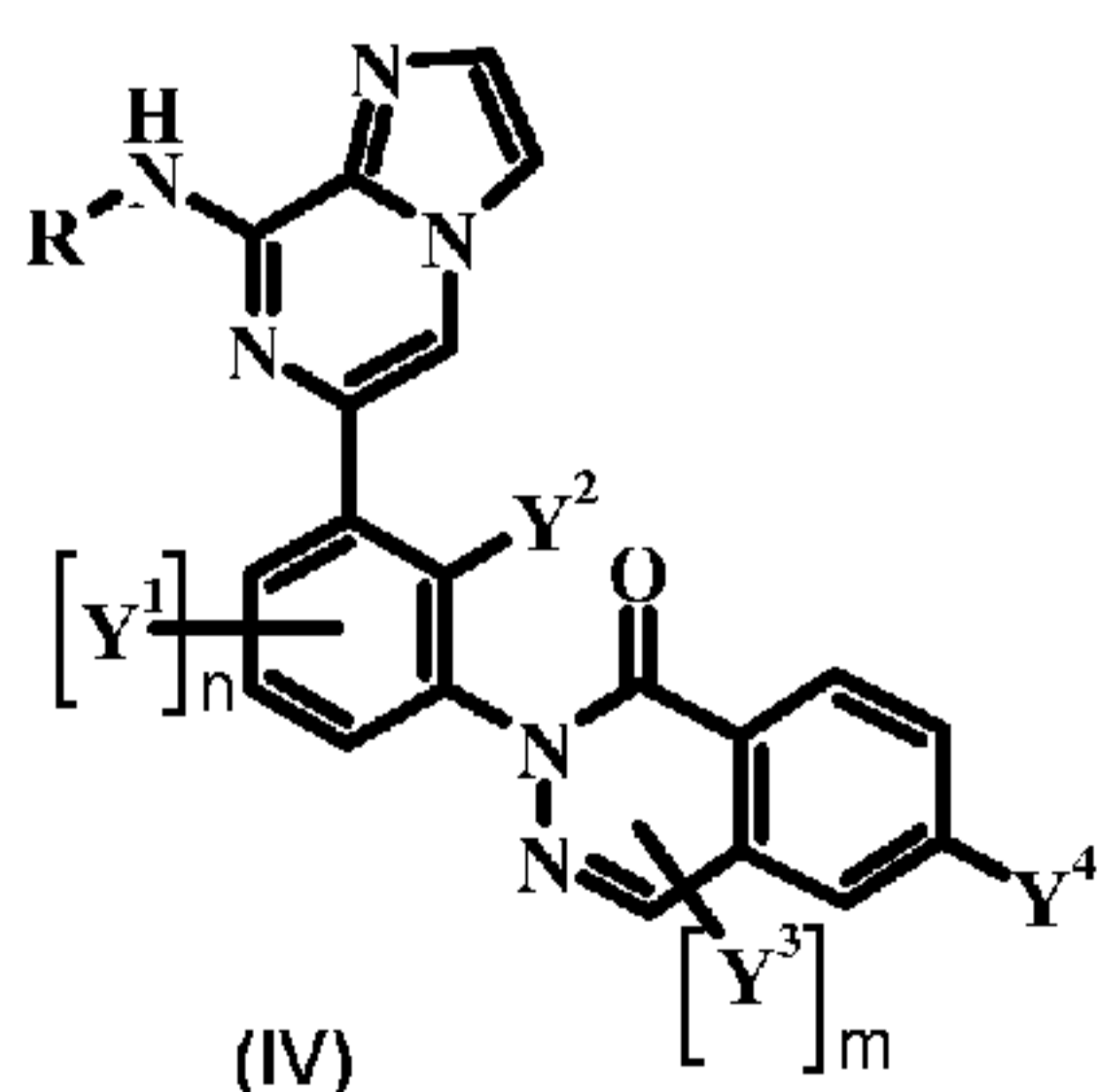
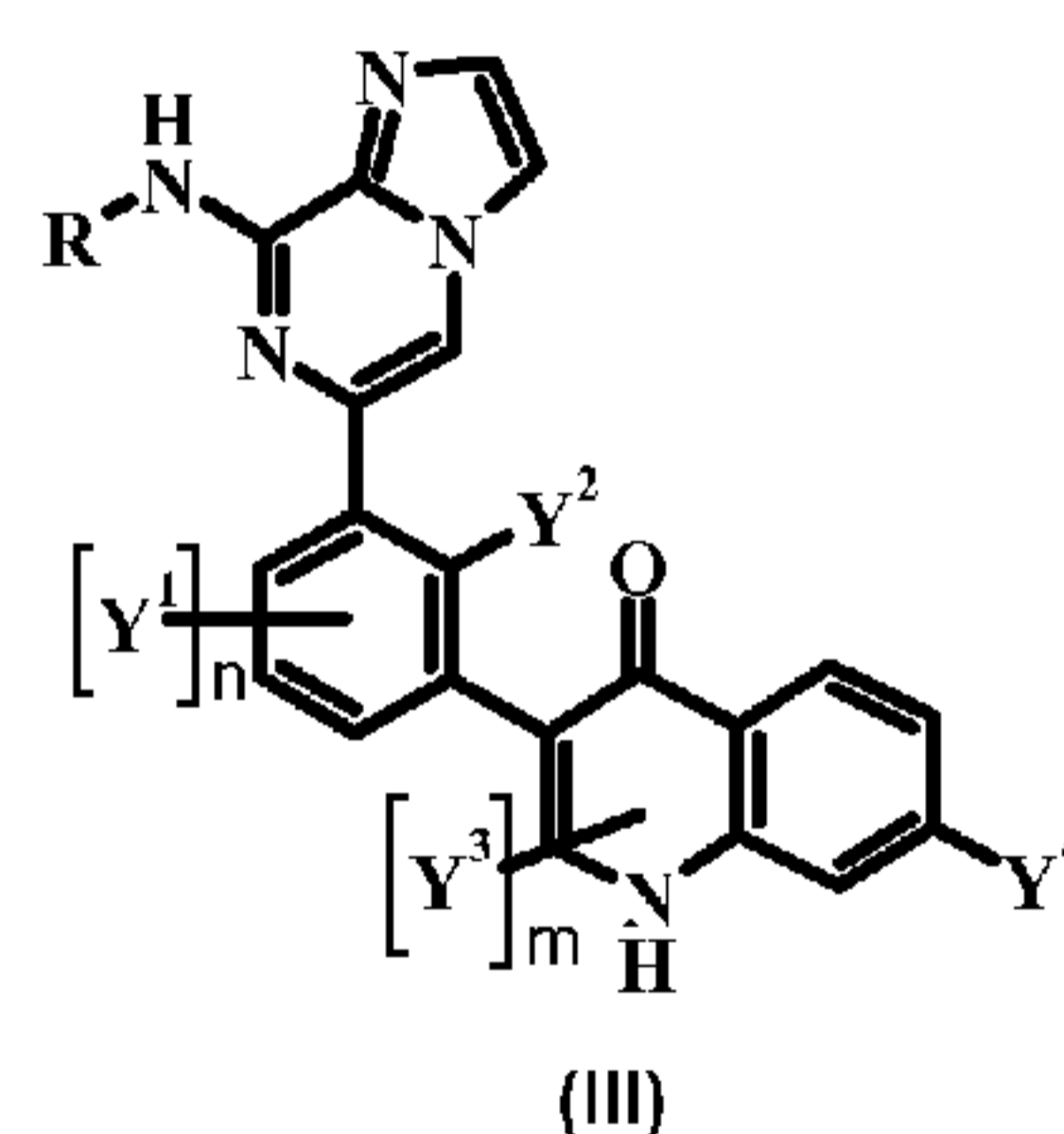
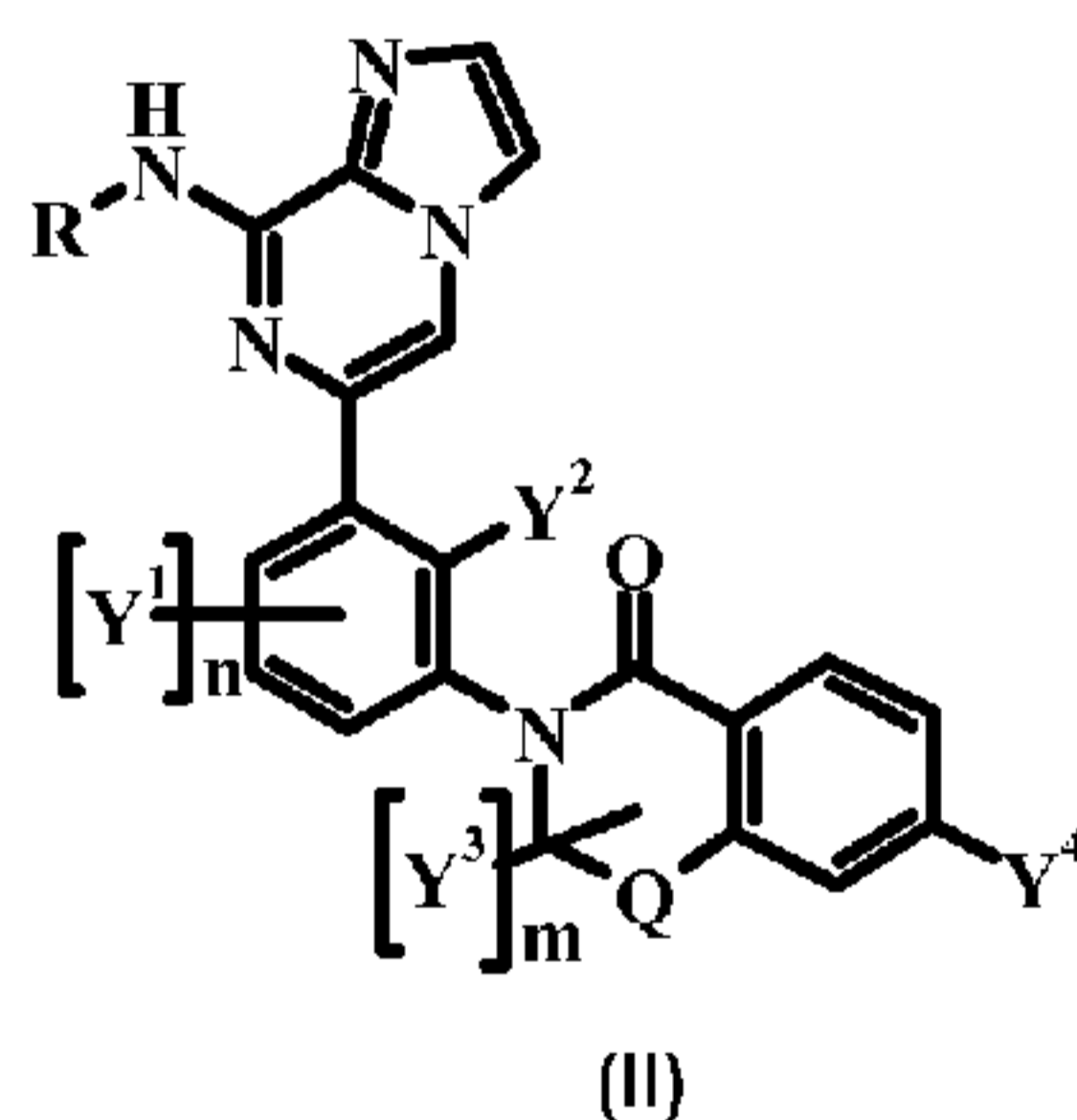
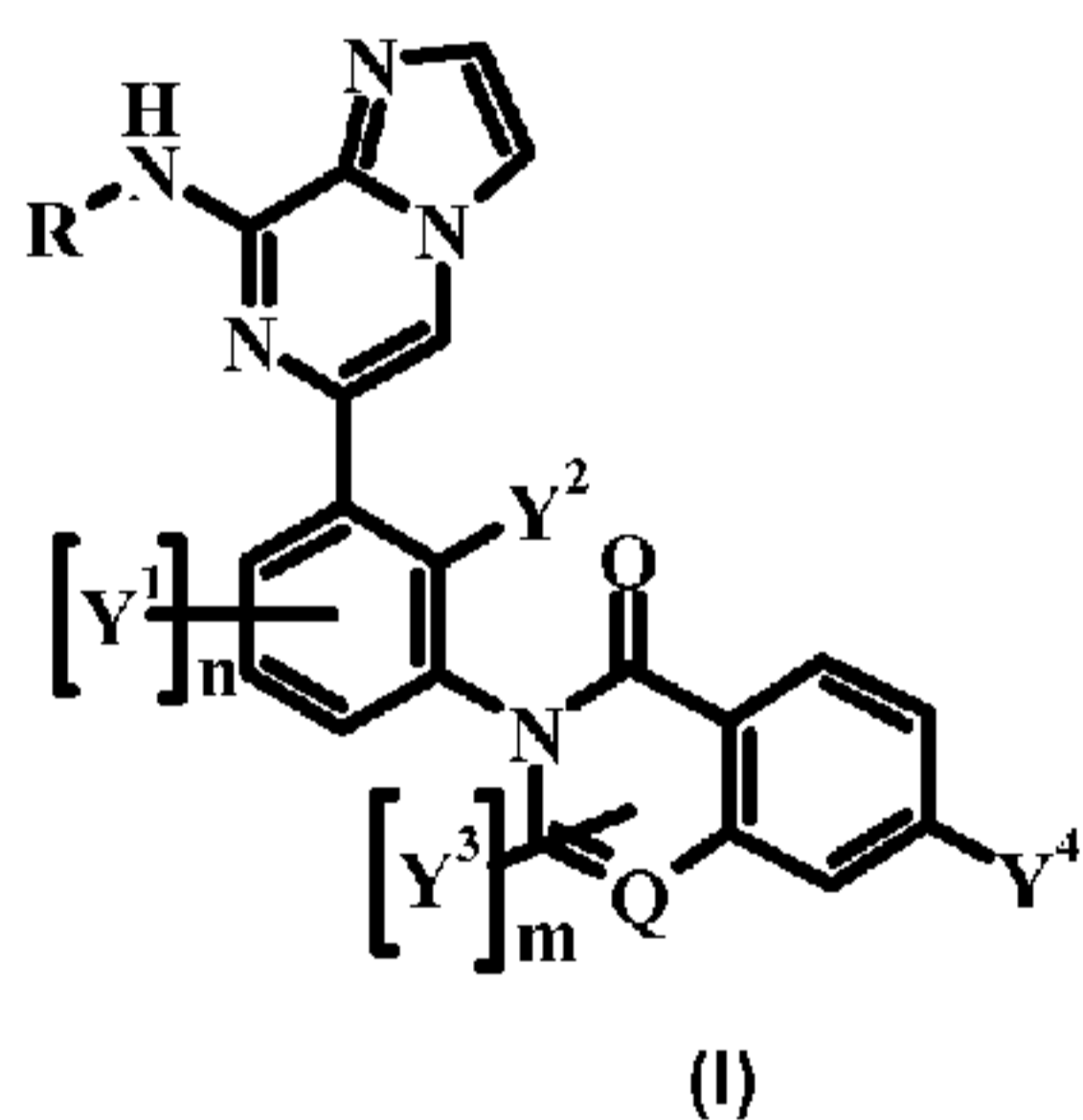
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NOVEL PHENYLIMIDAZOPYRAZINES

The present invention relates to the use of novel derivatives which inhibit Bruton's Tyrosine Kinase (Btk) and are useful for the treatment of auto-immune and inflammatory diseases caused by aberrant B-cell activation. The novel 6-phenyl-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazine derivatives described herein are useful for the treatment of arthritis.

5 Btk is a member of the Tec family of tyrosine kinases, and has been shown to be a critical regulator of early B-cell development and mature B-cell activation and survival (Khan *et al. Immunity* 1995 3:283; Ellmeier *et al. J. Exp. Med.* 2000 192:1611). Mutation of Btk in humans leads to the condition X-linked agammaglobulinemia (XLA) (reviewed in Rosen *et al. New Eng. J. Med.* 1995 333:431 and Lindvall *et al. Immunol. Rev.* 2005 203:200). These
10 patients are immunocompromised and show impaired maturation of B-cells, decreased immunoglobulin and peripheral B-cell levels, diminished T-cell independent immune responses as well as attenuated calcium mobilization following BCR stimulation.

Evidence for a role for Btk in autoimmune and inflammatory diseases has also been provided by Btk-deficient mouse models. In preclinical murine models of systemic lupus erythemato-
15 sus (SLE), Btk-deficient mice show marked amelioration of disease progression. In addition, Btk-deficient mice are resistant to collagen-induced arthritis (Jansson and Holmdahl *Clin. Exp. Immunol.* 1993 94:459). A selective Btk inhibitor has been demonstrated dose-dependent efficacy in a mouse arthritis model (Pan *et al., Chem. Med Chem.* 2007 2:58-61).

Btk is also expressed by cells other than B-cells that may be involved in disease processes.
20 For example, Btk is expressed by mast cells and Btk-deficient bone marrow derived mast cells demonstrate impaired antigen induced degranulation (Iwaki *et al. J. Biol. Chem.* 2005 280:40261). This shows Btk could be useful to treat pathological mast cells responses such as allergy and asthma. Also monocytes from XLA patients, in which Btk activity is absent, show decreased TNF alpha production following stimulation (Horwood *et al. J Exp Med* 197:1603,
25 2003). Therefore TNF alpha mediated inflammation could be modulated by small molecular Btk inhibitors. Also, Btk has been reported to play a role in apoptosis (Islam and Smith

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in formula II and V is CH_2 , $\text{CH}(\text{Y}')$ or NH ; wherein Y' is halogen, hydroxy, or lower alkyl, wherein the lower alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, lower alkoxy, amino, and halogen;

each Y^1 is independently Y^{1a} or Y^{1b} ; wherein Y^{1a} is halogen; and Y^{1b} is lower alkyl, optionally substituted with one or more $\text{Y}^{1b'}$; wherein $\text{Y}^{1b'}$ is hydroxy, lower alkoxy, or halogen;

n is 0, 1, 2, or 3;

Y^2 is Y^{2a} or Y^{2b} ; wherein Y^{2a} is H or halogen; and Y^{2b} is lower alkyl, optionally substituted with one or more $\text{Y}^{2b'}$; wherein $\text{Y}^{2b'}$ is hydroxy, lower alkoxy, or halogen;

Y^3 is halogen or lower alkyl, wherein the lower alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, lower alkoxy, amino, and halogen;

m is 0 or 1;

Y^4 is Y^{4a} , Y^{4b} , Y^{4c} , or Y^{4d} ; wherein

Y^{4a} is H or halogen;

Y^{4b} is lower alkyl, optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of lower haloalkyl, halogen, hydroxy, amino, and lower alkoxy;

Y^{4c} is lower cycloalkyl, optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of lower alkyl, lower haloalkyl, halogen, hydroxy, amino, and lower alkoxy; and

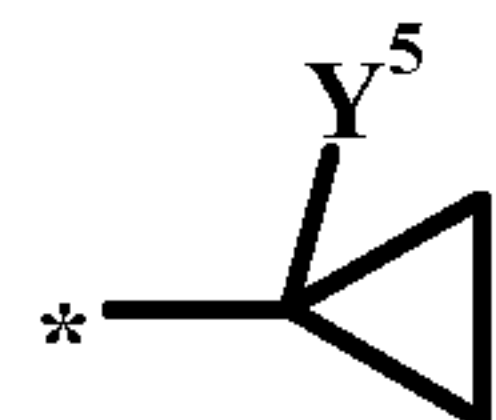
Y^{4d} is amino, optionally substituted with one or more lower alkyl;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

In one embodiment the invention provides a compound of Formula I.

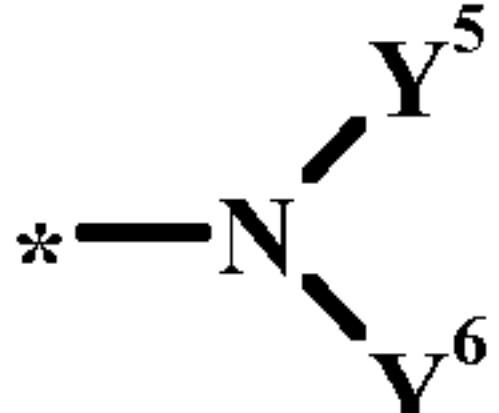
In certain embodiments of Formula I, Q is N, m is 0, n is 0, Y^2 is hydroxymethyl.

In certain embodiments of Formula I, Q is CH, m is 0, n is 0, Y^2 is hydroxymethyl.

In certain embodiments of Formula I, Y^4 is group (a)  wherein Y^5 is H, halogen, lower alkyl, or lower haloalkyl.

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In certain embodiments of Formula I, R is $-R^1-R^2-R^3$; R^1 is phenyl or pyridyl; R^2 is $-C(=O)$; R^3 is R^4 ; and R^4 is morpholine or piperazine, optionally substituted with one or more lower alkyl.

In certain embodiments of Formula I, Y^4 is group (b)  wherein Y^5 and Y^6 are in-

5 dependently H or lower alkyl.

In certain embodiments of Formula I, R is R^1 ; and R^1 is pyrazolyl, optionally substituted with $R^{1'}$.

In one embodiment of Formula I, n is 0 and m is 0.

In one embodiment of Formula I, and Q is N.

10 In one embodiment of Formula I, Q is N, n is 0 and m is 0.

In one embodiment of Formula I, Y^2 is hydroxymethyl.

In one embodiment of Formula I, Q is N, and Y^2 is hydroxymethyl.

In one embodiment of Formula I, Q is N, Y^2 is hydroxymethyl, n is 0 and m is 0.

In one embodiment of Formula I, Q is CH.

15 In one embodiment of Formula I, Q is CH, n is 0, and m is 0.

In one embodiment of Formula I, Q is CH, and Y^2 is hydroxymethyl.

In one embodiment of Formula I, Q is CH, Y^2 is hydroxymethyl, n is 0 and m is 0.

In one embodiment of Formula I, Y^2 is methyl.

In one embodiment of Formula I, Y^2 is hydroxyethyl.

20 In one embodiment of Formula I, Y^2 is halogen.

In one embodiment of Formula I, Q is CH, Y^2 is methyl, n is 0 and m is 0.

In one embodiment of Formula I, Q is CH, Y^2 is hydroxyethyl, n is 0 and m is 0.

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In one embodiment of Formula I, Q is CH, Y² is halogen, n is 0 and m is 0.

In one embodiment of Formula I, Q is CH, Y² is hydroxymethyl, n is 0, m is 0, and Y⁴ is group (a) wherein Y⁵ is H, halogen, lower alkyl, or lower haloalkyl.

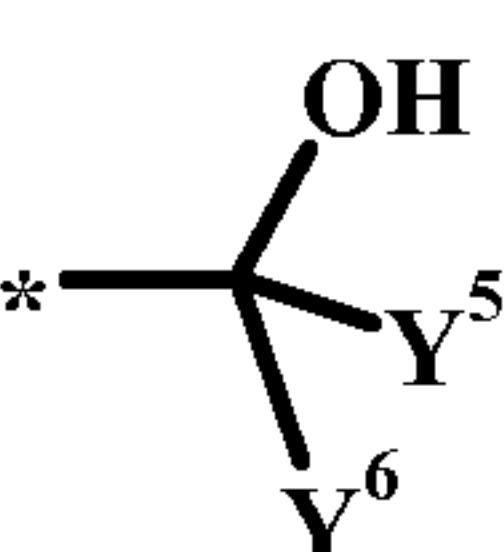
In another variation of the above embodiment of Formula I R is R¹; and R¹ is pyrazolyl,
5 optionally substituted with R^{1'}.

In one embodiment of Formula I, Y⁴ is lower alkyl.

In one embodiment of Formula I, Q is CH, Y² is hydroxymethyl, n is 0, m is 0, and Y⁴ is lower alkyl.

In one variation of the above embodiment of Formula I, R is -R¹-R²-R³; R¹ is phenyl or
10 pyridyl; R² is -C(=O); R³ is R⁴; and R⁴ is morpholine or piperazine, optionally substituted with one or more lower alkyl.

In another variation of the above embodiment of Formula I, R is -R²-R³; R² is -C(=O)NH;
R³ is H or R⁴; and R⁴ is lower alkyl.

In one embodiment of Formula I, Y⁴ is group (c)  wherein Y⁵ and Y⁶ are

15 independently H, lower alkyl, or lower haloalkyl.

In one embodiment of Formula I, Q is CH, Y² is hydroxymethyl, n is 0, m is 0, and Y⁴ is group (c) wherein Y⁵ and Y⁶ are independently H, lower alkyl, or lower haloalkyl.

In one variation of the above embodiment of Formula I, R is -R¹-R²-R³; R¹ is phenyl or
20 pyridyl; R² is -C(=O); R³ is R⁴; and R⁴ is morpholine or piperazine, optionally substituted with one or more lower alkyl.

In one embodiment of Formula I, Y⁴ is group (b) wherein Y⁵ and Y⁶ are independently H or lower alkyl.

In one embodiment of Formula I, Q is CH, Y² is hydroxymethyl, n is 0, m is 0, and Y⁴ is group (b) wherein Y⁵ and Y⁶ are independently H or lower alkyl.

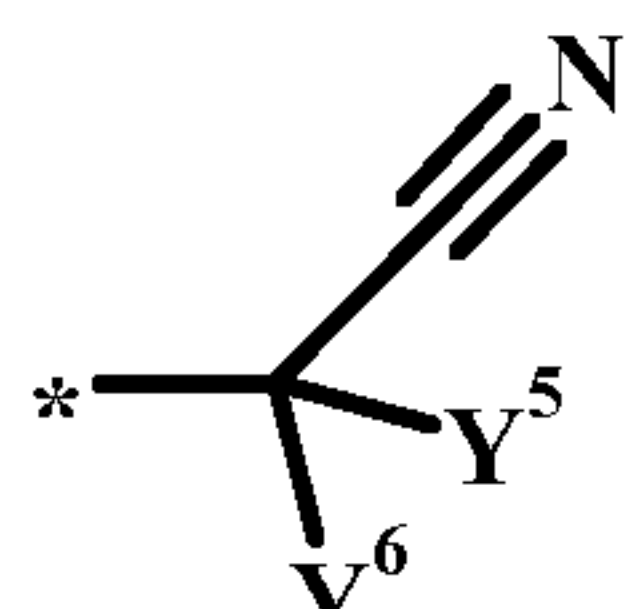
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In one variation of the above embodiment of Formula I, R is $-R^2-R^3$; R^2 is $-C(=O)NH$; R^3 is H or R^4 ; and R^4 is lower alkyl.

In another variation of the above embodiment of Formula I, R is $-R^1-R^2-R^3$; R^1 is phenyl or pyridyl; R^2 is $-C(=O)$; R^3 is R^4 ; and R^4 is morpholine or piperazine, optionally substituted
5 with one or more lower alkyl.

In one embodiment of Formula I, Q is N, Y^2 is hydroxymethyl, n is 0, m is 0, and Y^4 is group (b) wherein Y^5 and Y^6 are independently H or lower alkyl.

In one variation of the above embodiment of Formula I, R is $-R^1-R^2-R^3$; R^1 is phenyl or pyridyl; R^2 is $-C(=O)$; R^3 is R^4 ; and R^4 is morpholine or piperazine, optionally substituted
10 with one or more lower alkyl.

In one embodiment of Formula I, Y^4 is group (d)  wherein Y^5 and Y^6 are independently H, lower alkyl, or lower haloalkyl.

In one embodiment of Formula I, Q is CH, Y^2 is hydroxymethyl, n is 0, m is 0, and Y^4 is group (d) wherein Y^5 and Y^6 are independently H, lower alkyl, or lower haloalkyl.

15 In one variation of the above embodiment of Formula I, R is $-R^1-R^2-R^3$; R^1 is phenyl or pyridyl; R^2 is $-C(=O)$; R^3 is R^4 ; and R^4 is morpholine or piperazine, optionally substituted with one or more lower alkyl.

In another embodiment the present invention provides a compound of formula I wherein R is $-R^1-R^2-R^3$; wherein R^1 is aryl; R^2 is $-C(=O)$; and R^3 is heterocycloalkyl.

20 In another embodiment the present invention provides a compound of formula I wherein Q is N.

In another embodiment the present invention provides a compound of formula I wherein n is 0.

In another embodiment the present invention provides a compound of formula I wherein Y^2 is
25 Y^{2a} or Y^{2b} ; wherein Y^{2a} is H; and Y^{2b} is lower alkyl.

In another embodiment the present invention provides a compound of formula I wherein m is 0.

In another embodiment the present invention provides a compound of formula I wherein Y⁴ is Y^{4b}; wherein Y^{4b} is lower alkyl.

- 5 In another embodiment the present invention provides a compound of formula I wherein:
 R is -R¹-R²-R³; wherein R¹ is aryl; R² is -C(=O); and R³ is heterocycloalkyl;
 Q is N;
 n is 0;
 Y² is Y^{2a} or Y^{2b}; wherein Y^{2a} is H; and Y^{2b} is lower alkyl;
 10 m is 0; and
 Y⁴ is Y^{4b}; wherein Y^{4b} is lower alkyl.

In one embodiment the invention provides a compound of Formula II.

In certain embodiments of Formula II, Q is NH, n is 0, m is 0, and Y² is hydroxymethyl.

In certain embodiments of Formula II, Q is CH₂, n is 0, m is 0, and Y² is hydroxymethyl.

- 15 In certain embodiments of Formula II, Y⁴ is group (a) wherein Y⁵ is H, halogen, lower alkyl, or lower haloalkyl.

In certain embodiments of Formula II, R is -R¹-R²-R³; R¹ is phenyl or pyridyl; R² is -C(=O); R³ is R⁴; and R⁴ is morpholine or piperazine, optionally substituted with one or more lower alkyl.

- 20 In certain embodiments of Formula II, R is R¹; and R¹ is pyrazolyl, optionally substituted with R^{1'}.

In certain embodiments of Formula II, Y⁴ is group (b) wherein Y⁵ and Y⁶ are independently H or lower alkyl.

- In one embodiment the invention provides a compound of Formula II wherein R is -R¹-R²-
 25 R³, -R¹-R³, or -R²-R³; wherein R¹ is aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, or heterocycloalkyl, and is optionally substituted with R^{1'}; wherein R^{1'} is lower alkyl, hydroxy, lower hydroxyalkyl, lower alkoxy, halogen, nitro, amino, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, cyano, or lower haloalkyl; R² is -C(=O), -C(=O)O, -C(=O)N(R^{2'}), -(CH₂)_q, or -S(=O)₂; wherein R^{2'} is H or lower alkyl;

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and q is 1, 2, or 3; and R³ is H or R⁴; wherein R⁴ is lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, lower heteroalkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl, heteroaryl, alkyl heteroaryl, heteroaryl alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkyl cycloalkyl, cycloalkyl alkyl, heterocycloalkyl, alkyl heterocycloalkyl, or heterocycloalkyl alkyl, and is optionally substituted with one or more lower alkyl, hydroxy, oxo, lower hydroxyalkyl, lower alkoxy, halogen, nitro, amino, cyano, lower alkylsulfonyl, or lower haloalkyl.

In one embodiment of Formula II, n is 0 and m is 0.

In one embodiment of Formula II, and Q is NH.

In one embodiment of Formula II, Q is NH, n is 0 and m is 0.

10 In one embodiment of Formula II, Y² is hydroxymethyl.

In one embodiment of Formula II, Q is NH, and Y² is hydroxymethyl.

In one embodiment of Formula II, and Q is CH₂.

In one embodiment of Formula II, Q is CH₂, n is 0, and m is 0.

In one embodiment of Formula II, Q is CH₂, and Y² is hydroxymethyl.

15 In one embodiment of Formula II, Y² is methyl.

In one embodiment of Formula II, Y² is hydroxyethyl.

In one embodiment of Formula II, Y² is halogen.

In one embodiment of Formula II, Q is CH₂, Y² is methyl, n is 0 and m is 0.

In one embodiment of Formula II, Q is CH₂, Y² is hydroxyethyl, n is 0 and m is 0.

20 In one embodiment of Formula II, Q is CH₂, Y² is halogen, n is 0 and m is 0.

In one embodiment of Formula II, Y² is hydroxymethyl, Q is CH₂, n is 0 and m is 0, and Y⁴ is group (a) wherein Y⁵ is H, halogen, lower alkyl, or lower haloalkyl.

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In one variation of the above embodiment of Formula **II** R is $-R^1-R^2-R^3$; R^1 is phenyl or pyridyl; R^2 is $-C(=O)$; R^3 is R^4 ; and R^4 is morpholine or piperazine, optionally substituted with one or more lower alkyl.

In another variation of the above embodiment of Formula **II**, R is $-R^2-R^3$; R^2 is $-C(=O)NH$;
5 R^3 is H or R^4 ; and R^4 is lower alkyl.

In yet another variation of the above embodiment of Formula **II**, R is R^1 ; and R^1 is pyrazolyl, optionally substituted with $R^{1'}$.

In one embodiment of Formula **II**, Y^2 is hydroxymethyl, Q is NH, n is 0 and m is 0, and Y^4 is group (a) wherein Y^5 is H, halogen, lower alkyl, or lower haloalkyl.

10 In one embodiment of Formula **II**, Y^2 is hydroxymethyl, Q is CH_2 , n is 0 and m is 0, and Y^4 is group (a) wherein Y^5 is H, halogen, lower alkyl, or lower haloalkyl.

In one embodiment of Formula **II**, Y^4 is lower alkyl.

In one embodiment of Formula **II**, Y^2 is hydroxymethyl, Q is CH_2 , n is 0 and m is 0, and Y^4 is lower alkyl.

15 In one variation of the above embodiment of Formula **II** R is $-R^1-R^2-R^3$; R^1 is phenyl or pyridyl; R^2 is $-C(=O)$; R^3 is R^4 ; and R^4 is morpholine or piperazine, optionally substituted with one or more lower alkyl.

In another variation of the above embodiment of Formula **II**, R is $-R^2-R^3$; R^2 is $-C(=O)NH$;
 R^3 is H or R^4 ; and R^4 is lower alkyl.

20 In yet another variation of the above embodiment of Formula **II**, R is R^1 ; and R^1 is pyrazolyl, optionally substituted with $R^{1'}$.

In one embodiment of Formula **II**, Y^2 is hydroxymethyl, Q is NH, n is 0 and m is 0, and Y^4 is lower alkyl.

In one embodiment of Formula **II**, Y^2 is hydroxymethyl, Q is CH_2 , n is 0 and m is 0, and Y^4 is
25 lower alkyl.

In one embodiment of Formula **II**, Y^2 is hydroxymethyl, Q is NH, n is 0 and m is 0, and Y^4 is lower alkyl.

In one embodiment of Formula **II**, Y^4 is group (c) wherein Y^5 and Y^6 are independently H, lower alkyl, or lower haloalkyl.

- 5 In one embodiment of Formula **II**, Y^2 is hydroxymethyl, Q is CH_2 , n is 0 and m is 0, and Y^4 is group (c) wherein Y^5 and Y^6 are independently H, lower alkyl, or lower haloalkyl.

In one variation of the above embodiment of Formula **II**, R is $-R^1-R^2-R^3$; R^1 is phenyl or pyridyl; R^2 is $-C(=O)$; R^3 is R^4 ; and R^4 is morpholine or piperazine, optionally substituted with one or more lower alkyl.

- 10 In another variation of the above embodiment of Formula **II**, R is $-R^2-R^3$; R^2 is $-C(=O)NH$; R^3 is H or R^4 ; and R^4 is lower alkyl.

In yet another variation of the above embodiment of Formula **II**, R is R^1 ; and R^1 is pyrazolyl, optionally substituted with $R^{1'}$.

- 15 In one embodiment of Formula **II**, Y^2 is hydroxymethyl, Q is NH, n is 0 and m is 0, and Y^4 is group (c) wherein Y^5 and Y^6 are independently H, lower alkyl, or lower haloalkyl.

In one embodiment of Formula **II**, Y^4 is group (b) wherein Y^5 and Y^6 are independently H or lower alkyl.

In one embodiment of Formula **II**, Y^2 is hydroxymethyl, Q is CH_2 , n is 0 and m is 0, and Y^4 is group (b) wherein Y^5 and Y^6 are independently H or lower alkyl.

- 20 In one variation of the above embodiment of Formula **II**, R is $-R^1-R^2-R^3$; R^1 is phenyl or pyridyl; R^2 is $-C(=O)$; R^3 is R^4 ; and R^4 is morpholine or piperazine, optionally substituted with one or more lower alkyl.

In another variation of the above embodiment of Formula **II**, R is $-R^2-R^3$; R^2 is $-C(=O)NH$; R^3 is H or R^4 ; and R^4 is lower alkyl.

- 25 In yet another variation of the above embodiment of Formula **II**, R is R^1 ; and R^1 is pyrazolyl, optionally substituted with $R^{1'}$.

In one embodiment of Formula II, Y^2 is hydroxymethyl, Q is NH, n is 0 and m is 0, and Y^4 is group (b) wherein Y^5 and Y^6 are independently H or lower alkyl.

In one embodiment of Formula II, Y^4 is group (d) wherein Y^5 and Y^6 are independently H, lower alkyl, or lower haloalkyl.

- 5 In one embodiment of Formula II, Q is CH_2 , n is 0 and m is 0, and Y^4 is group (d) wherein Y^5 and Y^6 are independently H, lower alkyl, or lower haloalkyl.

In one variation of the above embodiment of Formula II, R is $-R^1-R^2-R^3$; R^1 is phenyl or pyridyl; R^2 is $-C(=O)$; R^3 is R^4 ; and R^4 is morpholine or piperazine, optionally substituted with one or more lower alkyl.

- 10 In another variation of the above embodiment of Formula II, R is $-R^2-R^3$; R^2 is $-C(=O)NH$; R^3 is H or R^4 ; and R^4 is lower alkyl.

In yet another variation of the above embodiment of Formula II, R is R^1 ; and R^1 is pyrazolyl, optionally substituted with $R^{1'}$.

- 15 In one embodiment of Formula II, Q is NH, n is 0 and m is 0, and Y^4 is group (d) wherein Y^5 and Y^6 are independently H, lower alkyl, or lower haloalkyl.

In another embodiment the present invention provides a compound of formula II wherein R is $-R^1-R^2-R^3$ or $-R^1-R^3$; wherein R^1 is aryl or heteroaryl; R^2 is $-C(=O)$ or $-(CH_2)_q$; wherein q is 1; and R^3 is R^4 ; wherein R^4 is amino or heterocycloalkyl, and is optionally substituted with one or more lower alkyl;

- 20 Q is CH_2 ;
 n is 0;
 Y^2 is Y^{2b} ; wherein Y^{2b} is lower alkyl, optionally substituted with one or more $Y^{2b'}$; wherein $Y^{2b'}$ is hydroxy;
 m is 0;
 25 Y^4 is Y^{4c} , wherein Y^{4c} is lower cycloalkyl.

In another embodiment the present invention provides a compound of formula II wherein R is $-R^1-R^2-R^3$ or $-R^1-R^3$; wherein R^1 is aryl or heteroaryl; R^2 is $-C(=O)$ or $-(CH_2)_q$; wherein q is 1; and R^3 is R^4 ; wherein R^4 is amino or heterocycloalkyl, and is optionally substituted with one or more lower alkyl.

In another embodiment the present invention provides a compound of formula II wherein Q is CH₂.

In another embodiment the present invention provides a compound of formula II wherein n is 0.

- 5 In another embodiment the present invention provides a compound of formula II wherein Y² is Y^{2b}; wherein Y^{2b} is lower alkyl, optionally substituted with one or more Y^{2b'}; wherein Y^{2b'} is hydroxy.

In another embodiment the present invention provides a compound of formula II wherein m is 0.

- 10 In another embodiment the present invention provides a compound of formula II wherein Y⁴ is Y^{4c}, wherein Y^{4c} is lower cycloalkyl.

In one embodiment the invention provides a compound of Formula III.

In certain embodiments of Formula III, n is 0, m is 0, and Y² is hydroxymethyl.

- 15 In certain embodiments of Formula III, Y⁴ is group (a) wherein Y⁵ is H, halogen, lower alkyl, or lower haloalkyl.

In certain embodiments of Formula III, Y⁴ is group (b) wherein Y⁵ and Y⁶ are independently H or lower alkyl.

- 20 In certain embodiments of Formula III, R is -R¹-R²-R³; R¹ is phenyl or pyridyl; R² is -C(=O); R³ is R⁴; and R⁴ is morpholine or piperazine, optionally substituted with one or more lower alkyl.

In certain embodiments of Formula III, R is R¹; and R¹ is pyrazolyl, optionally substituted with R^{1'}.

In one embodiment of Formula III, n is 0 and m is 0.

In one embodiment of Formula III, Y² is hydroxymethyl.

- 25 In one embodiment of Formula III, Y² is methyl.

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In one embodiment of Formula **III**, Y^2 is hydroxyethyl.

In one embodiment of Formula **III**, Y^2 is halogen.

In one embodiment of Formula **III**, Y^2 is hydroxymethyl, n is 0, m is 0, and Y^4 is group (a) wherein Y^5 is H, halogen, lower alkyl, or lower haloalkyl.

- 5 In one variation of the above embodiment of Formula **III**, R is $-R^1-R^2-R^3$; R^1 is phenyl or pyridyl; R^2 is $-C(=O)$; R^3 is R^4 ; and R^4 is morpholine or piperazine, optionally substituted with one or more lower alkyl.

In another variation of the above embodiment of Formula **III**, R is $-R^2-R^3$; R^2 is $-C(=O)NH$; R^3 is H or R^4 ; and R^4 is lower alkyl.

- 10 In yet another variation of the above embodiment of Formula **III**, R is R^1 ; and R^1 is pyrazolyl, optionally substituted with $R^{1'}$.

In one embodiment of Formula **III**, Y^4 is group (c) wherein, Y^5 and Y^6 are independently H, lower alkyl, or lower haloalkyl.

- 15 In one embodiment of Formula **III**, Y^2 is hydroxymethyl, n is 0, m is 0, and Y^4 is group (c) wherein Y^5 and Y^6 are independently H, lower alkyl, or lower haloalkyl.

In one variation of the above embodiment of Formula **III**, R is $-R^1-R^2-R^3$; R^1 is phenyl or pyridyl; R^2 is $-C(=O)$; R^3 is R^4 ; and R^4 is morpholine or piperazine, optionally substituted with one or more lower alkyl.

- 20 In another variation of the above embodiment of Formula **III**, R is $-R^2-R^3$; R^2 is $-C(=O)NH$; R^3 is H or R^4 ; and R^4 is lower alkyl.

In yet another variation of the above embodiment of Formula **III**, R is R^1 ; and R^1 is pyrazolyl, optionally substituted with $R^{1'}$.

In one embodiment of Formula **III**, Y^2 is hydroxymethyl, n is 0, m is 0, and Y^4 is group (b) wherein Y^5 and Y^6 are independently H or lower alkyl.

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In one variation of the above embodiment of Formula **III**, R is $-R^1-R^2-R^3$; R^1 is phenyl or pyridyl; R^2 is $-C(=O)$; R^3 is R^4 ; and R^4 is morpholine or piperazine, optionally substituted with one or more lower alkyl.

In another variation of the above embodiment of Formula **III**, R is $-R^2-R^3$; R^2 is $-C(=O)NH$;
5 R^3 is H or R^4 ; and R^4 is lower alkyl.

In yet another variation of the above embodiment of Formula **III**, R is R^1 ; and R^1 is pyrazolyl, optionally substituted with $R^{1'}$.

In one embodiment of Formula **III**, Y^4 is group (d) wherein Y^5 and Y^6 are independently H, lower alkyl, or lower haloalkyl.

10 In one embodiment of Formula **III**, Y^2 is hydroxymethyl, n is 0, m is 0, and Y^4 is group (d) wherein Y^5 and Y^6 are independently H, lower alkyl, or lower haloalkyl.

In one variation of the above embodiment of Formula **III**, R is $-R^1-R^2-R^3$; R^1 is phenyl or pyridyl; R^2 is $-C(=O)$; R^3 is R^4 ; and R^4 is morpholine or piperazine, optionally substituted with one or more lower alkyl.

15 In another variation of the above embodiment of Formula **III**, R is $-R^2-R^3$; R^2 is $-C(=O)NH$;
 R^3 is H or R^4 ; and R^4 is lower alkyl.

In yet another variation of the above embodiment of Formula **III**, R is R^1 ; and R^1 is pyrazolyl, optionally substituted with $R^{1'}$.

In one embodiment the invention provides a compound of Formula **IV**.

20 In certain embodiments of Formula **IV**, n is 0, m is 0, and Y^2 is hydroxymethyl.

In certain embodiments of Formula **IV**, Y^4 is group (a) wherein Y^5 is H, halogen, lower alkyl, or lower haloalkyl.

In certain embodiments of Formula **IV**, Y^4 is group (b) wherein Y^5 and Y^6 are independently H or lower alkyl.

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In certain embodiments of Formula IV, R is $-R^1-R^2-R^3$; R^1 is phenyl or pyridyl; R^2 is $-C(=O)$; R^3 is R^4 ; and R^4 is morpholine or piperazine, optionally substituted with one or more lower alkyl.

5 In certain embodiments of Formula IV, R is R^1 ; and R^1 is pyrazolyl, optionally substituted with $R^{1'}$.

In one embodiment of Formula IV, n is 0 and m is 0.

In one embodiment of Formula IV, Y^2 is hydroxymethyl.

In one embodiment of Formula IV, Y^2 is methyl.

In one embodiment of Formula IV, Y^2 is hydroxyethyl.

10 In one embodiment of Formula IV, Y^2 is halogen.

In one embodiment of Formula IV, Y^2 is hydroxymethyl, n is 0, m is 0, and Y^4 is group (a) wherein Y^5 is H, halogen, lower alkyl, or lower haloalkyl.

15 In one variation of the above embodiment of Formula IV, R is $-R^1-R^2-R^3$; R^1 is phenyl or pyridyl; R^2 is $-C(=O)$; R^3 is R^4 ; and R^4 is morpholine or piperazine, optionally substituted with one or more lower alkyl.

In another variation of the above embodiment of Formula IV, R is $-R^2-R^3$; R^2 is $-C(=O)NH$; R^3 is H or R^4 ; and R^4 is lower alkyl.

In yet another variation of the above embodiment of Formula IV, R is R^1 ; and R^1 is pyrazolyl, optionally substituted with $R^{1'}$.

20 In one embodiment of Formula IV, Y^4 is group (c) wherein Y^5 and Y^6 are independently H, lower alkyl, or lower haloalkyl.

In one embodiment of Formula IV, Y^2 is hydroxymethyl, n is 0, m is 0, and Y^4 is group (c) wherein Y^5 and Y^6 are independently H, lower alkyl, or lower haloalkyl.

25 In one variation of the above embodiment of Formula IV, R is $-R^1-R^2-R^3$; R^1 is phenyl or pyridyl; R^2 is $-C(=O)$; R^3 is R^4 ; and R^4 is morpholine or piperazine, optionally substituted with one or more lower alkyl.

In another variation of the above embodiment of Formula **IV**, R is $-R^2-R^3$; R^2 is $-C(=O)NH$; R^3 is H or R^4 ; and R^4 is lower alkyl.

In yet another variation of the above embodiment of Formula **IV**, R is R^1 ; and R^1 is pyrazolyl, optionally substituted with $R^{1'}$.

- 5 In one embodiment of Formula **IV**, Y^2 is hydroxymethyl, n is 0, m is 0, and Y^4 is group (b) wherein Y^5 and Y^6 are independently H or lower alkyl.

In one variation of the above embodiment of Formula **IV**, R is $-R^1-R^2-R^3$; R^1 is phenyl or pyridyl; R^2 is $-C(=O)$; R^3 is R^4 ; and R^4 is morpholine or piperazine, optionally substituted with one or more lower alkyl.

- 10 In another variation of the above embodiment of Formula **IV**, R is $-R^2-R^3$; R^2 is $-C(=O)NH$; R^3 is H or R^4 ; and R^4 is lower alkyl.

In yet another variation of the above embodiment of Formula **IV**, R is R^1 ; and R^1 is pyrazolyl, optionally substituted with $R^{1'}$.

- 15 In one embodiment of Formula **IV**, Y^4 is group (d) wherein Y^5 and Y^6 are independently H, lower alkyl, or lower haloalkyl.

In one embodiment of Formula **IV**, Y^2 is hydroxymethyl, n is 0, m is 0, and Y^4 is group (d) wherein Y^5 and Y^6 are independently H, lower alkyl, or lower haloalkyl.

- 20 In one variation of the above embodiment of Formula **IV**, R is $-R^1-R^2-R^3$; R^1 is phenyl or pyridyl; R^2 is $-C(=O)$; R^3 is R^4 ; and R^4 is morpholine or piperazine, optionally substituted with one or more lower alkyl.

In another variation of the above embodiment of Formula **IV**, R is $-R^2-R^3$; R^2 is $-C(=O)NH$; R^3 is H or R^4 ; and R^4 is lower alkyl.

In yet another variation of the above embodiment of Formula **IV**, R is R^1 ; and R^1 is pyrazolyl, optionally substituted with $R^{1'}$.

- 25 In one embodiment the invention provides a compound of Formula **V**.

In certain embodiments of Formula **V**, m is 0, n is 0, and Y^2 is hydroxymethyl.

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In certain embodiments of Formula V, Y^4 is group (a) wherein Y^5 is H, halogen, lower alkyl, or lower haloalkyl.

In certain embodiments of Formula V, R is $-R^1-R^2-R^3$; R^1 is phenyl or pyridyl; R^2 is $-C(=O)$; R^3 is R^4 ; and R^4 is morpholine or piperazine, optionally substituted with one or more lower
5 alkyl.

In certain embodiments of Formula V, R is R^1 ; and R^1 is pyrazolyl, optionally substituted with $R^{1'}$.

In certain embodiments of Formula V, Y^4 is group (b) wherein Y^5 and Y^6 are independently H or lower alkyl.

10 In one embodiment of Formula V, n is 0 and m is 0.

In one embodiment of Formula V, Q is CH_2 .

In one embodiment of Formula V, Y^2 is hydroxymethyl.

In one embodiment of Formula V, Y^2 is hydroxymethyl, Q is CH_2 , n is 0, and m is 0.

In one embodiment of Formula V, Y^2 is methyl.

15 In one embodiment of Formula V, Y^2 is hydroxyethyl.

In one embodiment of Formula V, Y^2 is halogen.

In one embodiment of Formula V, Y^2 is hydroxymethyl, Q is CH_2 , n is 0 and m is 0, and Y^4 is group (a) wherein Y^5 is H, halogen, lower alkyl, or lower haloalkyl.

In one variation of the above embodiment of Formula V R is $-R^1-R^2-R^3$; R^1 is phenyl or pyri-
20 dyl; R^2 is $-C(=O)$; R^3 is R^4 ; and R^4 is morpholine or piperazine, optionally substituted with one or more lower alkyl.

In another variation of the above embodiment of Formula V, R is $-R^2-R^3$; R^2 is $-C(=O)NH$; R^3 is H or R^4 ; and R^4 is lower alkyl.

In yet another variation of the above embodiment of Formula V, R is R^1 ; and R^1 is pyrazolyl,
25 optionally substituted with $R^{1'}$.

In one embodiment of Formula V, Y⁴ is lower alkyl.

In one embodiment of Formula V, Y² is hydroxymethyl, Q is CH₂, n is 0 and m is 0, and Y⁴ is lower alkyl.

In one variation of the above embodiment of Formula V R is -R¹-R²-R³; R¹ is phenyl or pyridyl; R² is -C(=O); R³ is R⁴; and R⁴ is morpholine or piperazine, optionally substituted with one or more lower alkyl.

In another variation of the above embodiment of Formula V, R is -R²-R³; R² is -C(=O)NH; R³ is H or R⁴; and R⁴ is lower alkyl.

In yet another variation of the above embodiment of Formula V, R is R¹; and R¹ is pyrazolyl, optionally substituted with R^{1'}.

In one embodiment of Formula V, Y⁴ is group (c) wherein Y⁵ and Y⁶ are independently H, lower alkyl, or lower haloalkyl.

In one embodiment of Formula V, Y² is hydroxymethyl, Q is CH₂, n is 0 and m is 0, and Y⁴ is group (c) wherein Y⁵ and Y⁶ are independently H, lower alkyl, or lower haloalkyl.

In one variation of the above embodiment of Formula V, R is -R¹-R²-R³; R¹ is phenyl or pyridyl; R² is -C(=O); R³ is R⁴; and R⁴ is morpholine or piperazine, optionally substituted with one or more lower alkyl.

In another variation of the above embodiment of Formula V, R is -R²-R³; R² is -C(=O)NH; R³ is H or R⁴; and R⁴ is lower alkyl.

In yet another variation of the above embodiment of Formula V, R is R¹; and R¹ is pyrazolyl, optionally substituted with R^{1'}.

In one embodiment of Formula V, Y⁴ is group (b) wherein Y⁵ and Y⁶ are independently H or lower alkyl.

In one embodiment of Formula V, Y² is hydroxymethyl, Q is CH₂, n is 0 and m is 0, and Y⁴ is group (b) wherein Y⁵ and Y⁶ are independently H or lower alkyl.

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In one variation of the above embodiment of Formula **V**, R is $-R^1-R^2-R^3$; R^1 is phenyl or pyridyl; R^2 is $-C(=O)$; R^3 is R^4 ; and R^4 is morpholine or piperazine, optionally substituted with one or more lower alkyl.

In another variation of the above embodiment of Formula **V**, R is $-R^2-R^3$; R^2 is $-C(=O)NH$; 5 R^3 is H or R^4 ; and R^4 is lower alkyl.

In yet another variation of the above embodiment of Formula **V**, R is R^1 ; and R^1 is pyrazolyl, optionally substituted with $R^{1'}$.

In one embodiment of Formula **V**, Y^4 is group (d) wherein Y^5 and Y^6 are independently H, lower alkyl, or lower haloalkyl.

10 In one embodiment of Formula **V**, Q is CH_2 , n is 0 and m is 0, and Y^4 is group (d) wherein Y^5 and Y^6 are independently H, lower alkyl, or lower haloalkyl.

In one variation of the above embodiment of Formula **V**, R is $-R^1-R^2-R^3$; R^1 is phenyl or pyridyl; R^2 is $-C(=O)$; R^3 is R^4 ; and R^4 is morpholine or piperazine, optionally substituted with one or more lower alkyl.

15 In another variation of the above embodiment of Formula **V**, R is $-R^2-R^3$; R^2 is $-C(=O)NH$; R^3 is H or R^4 ; and R^4 is lower alkyl.

In yet another variation of the above embodiment of Formula **V**, R is R^1 ; and R^1 is pyrazolyl, optionally substituted with $R^{1'}$.

The invention provides a compound selected from the group consisting of the compounds of 20 Table I. In another embodiment the invention provides a compound of Formula **II**, selected from compounds II-1, II-2, II-3 and II-4 of Table I.

The invention provides a method for treating an inflammatory and/or autoimmune condition comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of the Btk inhibitor compound of any one of Formulae I-V.

25 The invention provides a method for treating arthritis comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of the Btk inhibitor compound of any one of Formulae I-V.

The invention provides a method for treating rheumatoid arthritis comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of the Btk inhibitor compound of any one of Formulae I-V.

5 The invention provides a method for treating asthma comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of the Btk inhibitor compound of any one of Formulae I-V.

The invention provides a method for treating lupus comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of the Btk inhibitor compound of any one of Formulae I-V.

10 The invention provides a method of inhibiting B-cell proliferation comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of the Btk inhibitor compound of any one of the above Formulae **I'-V'** or variations thereof.

The invention provides a method for inhibiting Btk activity comprising administering the Btk inhibitor compound of any one of the above Formulae **I'-V'** or variations thereof, wherein the
15 Btk inhibitor compound exhibits an IC_{50} of 50 micromolar or less in an *in vitro* biochemical assay of Btk activity.

In one variation of the above method, the Btk inhibitor compound exhibits an IC_{50} of 100 nanomolar or less in an *in vitro* biochemical assay of Btk activity.

In one variation of the above method, the compound exhibits an IC_{50} of 10 nanomolar or less
20 in an *in vitro* biochemical assay of Btk activity.

The invention provides a method for treating an inflammatory condition comprising co-administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of an anti-inflammatory compound in combination with the Btk inhibitor compound of any one of the above Formulae **I'-V'** or variations thereof.

25 The invention provides a method for treating arthritis comprising co-administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of an anti-inflammatory compound in combination with the Btk inhibitor compound of any one of the above Formulae **I'-V'** or variations thereof.

The invention provides a method for treating a lymphoma or a BCR-ABL1⁺ leukemia cells by administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of the Btk inhibitor compound of any one of the above Formulae I'-V' or variations thereof.

5 The invention provides a pharmaceutical composition comprising the Btk inhibitor compound of any one of the above Formulae I'-V' or variations thereof, admixed with at least one pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, excipient or diluent.

The phrase "as defined herein above" refers to the broadest definition for each group as provided herein or the broadest claim. In all other aspects, variations and embodiments provided, substituents which can be present in each embodiment and which are not explicitly defined
10 retain the broadest definition provided herein.

The compounds of generic Formulae I-V inhibit Bruton's tyrosine kinase (Btk). Activation of Btk by upstream kinases results in activation of phospholipase-C γ which, in turn, stimulates release of pro-inflammatory mediators. The compounds of generic Formulae I-V, incorporating substituted bicyclic side chains of 3,4-dihydro-2H-isoquinolin-1-one, 2,3-dihydro-1H-quinazolin-4-one, 2H-isoquinolin-1-one, 3H-quinazolin-4-one, 1H-quinolin-4-one, 2H-phthalazin-1-one, 3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[e][1,2]thiazine 1,1-dioxide, or 3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide on the 6-phenyl-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazine ring systems, exhibit unexpectedly enhanced inhibitory activity compared to analogues without said bicyclic side chains. Furthermore, inhibitory activity is enhanced when Y² is lower alkyl optionally
15 substituted with hydroxy. Inhibitory activity is enhanced when Y² is hydroxymethyl. Compounds of Formulae I-V are useful in the treatment of arthritis and other anti-inflammatory and auto-immune diseases. Compounds according to Formulae I-V are, accordingly, useful for the treatment of arthritis. Compounds of Formulae I-V are useful for inhibiting Btk in cells and for modulating B-cell development. The present invention further comprises pharmaceutical compositions containing compounds of Formulae I-V admixed with pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, excipients or diluents.
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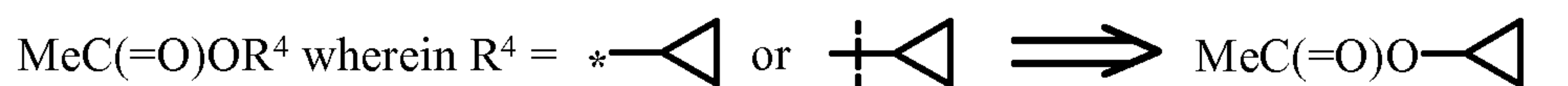
The phrase "a" or "an" entity as used herein refers to one or more of that entity; e.g., a compound refers to one or more compounds or at least one compound. As such, the terms "a" (or "an"), "one or more", and "at least one" can be used interchangeably herein.

The phrase "as defined herein above" refers to the broadest definition for each group as provided herein. In all other embodiments provided below, substituents which can be present in each embodiment and which are not explicitly defined retain the broadest definition provided herein.

- 5 As used in this specification, whether in a transitional phrase or in the body of the claim, the terms "comprise(s)" and "comprising" are to be interpreted as having an open-ended meaning. That is, the terms are to be interpreted synonymously with the phrases "having at least" or "including at least". When used in the context of a process, the term "comprising" means that the process includes at least the recited steps, but may include additional steps. When used in
 10 the context of a compound or composition, the term "comprising" means that the compound or composition includes at least the recited features or components, but may also include additional features or components.

As used herein, unless specifically indicated otherwise, the word "or" is used in the "inclusive" sense of "and/or" and not the "exclusive" sense of "either/or".

- 15 The term "independently" is used herein to indicate that a variable is applied in any one instance without regard to the presence or absence of a variable having that same or a different definition within the same compound. Thus, in a compound in which R" appears twice and is defined as "independently carbon or nitrogen", both R"s can be carbon, both R"s can be nitrogen, or one R" can be carbon and the other nitrogen.
- 20 When any variable occurs more than one time in any moiety or formula depicting and describing compounds employed or claimed in the present invention, its definition on each occurrence is independent of its definition at every other occurrence. Also, combinations of substituents and/or variables are permissible only if such compounds result in stable compounds.
- 25 The symbols "*" at the end of a bond or "-----" drawn through a bond each refer to the point of attachment of a functional group or other chemical moiety to the rest of the molecule of which it is a part. Thus, e.g.:



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A bond drawn into ring system (as opposed to connected at a distinct vertex) indicates that the bond may be attached to any of the suitable ring atoms.

The term "optional" or "optionally" as used herein means that a subsequently described event or circumstance may, but need not, occur, and that the description includes instances where
5 the event or circumstance occurs and instances in which it does not. For example, "optionally substituted" means that the optionally substituted moiety may incorporate a hydrogen or a substituent.

The phrase "optional bond" means that the bond may or may not be present, and that the description includes single, double, or triple bonds. If a substituent is designated to be a
10 "bond" or "absent", the atoms linked to the substituents are then directly connected.

The term "about" is used herein to mean approximately, in the region of, roughly, or around. When the term "about" is used in conjunction with a numerical range, it modifies that range by extending the boundaries above and below the numerical values set forth. In general, the term "about" is used herein to modify a numerical value above and below the stated value by
15 a variance of 20%.

Certain compounds of formulae **I-V** may exhibit tautomerism. Tautomeric compounds can exist as two or more interconvertible species. Prototropic tautomers result from the migration of a covalently bonded hydrogen atom between two atoms. Tautomers generally exist in equilibrium and attempts to isolate an individual tautomers usually produce a mixture whose
20 chemical and physical properties are consistent with a mixture of compounds. The position of the equilibrium is dependent on chemical features within the molecule. For example, in many aliphatic aldehydes and ketones, such as acetaldehyde, the keto form predominates while; in phenols, the enol form predominates. Common prototropic tautomers include keto/enol (-C(=O)-CH- Δ -C(-OH)=CH-), amide/imidic acid (-C(=O)-NH- Δ -C(-OH)=N-) and amidine (-
25 C(=NR)-NH- Δ -C(-NHR)=N-) tautomers. The latter two are particularly common in heteroaryl and heterocyclic rings and the present invention encompasses all tautomeric forms of the compounds.

Technical and scientific terms used herein have the meaning commonly understood by one of skill in the art to which the present invention pertains, unless otherwise defined. Reference is
30 made herein to various methodologies and materials known to those of skill in the art. Stan-

dard reference works setting forth the general principles of pharmacology include Goodman and Gilman's *The Pharmacological Basis of Therapeutics*, 10th Ed., McGraw Hill Companies Inc., New York (2001). Any suitable materials and/or methods known to those of skill can be utilized in carrying out the present invention. However, preferred materials and methods are
5 described. Materials, reagents and the like to which reference are made in the following description and examples are obtainable from commercial sources, unless otherwise noted.

The definitions described herein may be appended to form chemically-relevant combinations, such as "heteroalkylaryl," "haloalkylheteroaryl," "arylalkylheterocyclyl," "alkylcarbonyl," "alkoxyalkyl," and the like. When the term "alkyl" is used as a suffix following another term,
10 as in "phenylalkyl," or "hydroxyalkyl," this is intended to refer to an alkyl group, as defined above, being substituted with one to two substituents selected from the other specifically-named group. Thus, e.g., "phenylalkyl" refers to an alkyl group having one to two phenyl substituents, and thus includes benzyl, phenylethyl, and biphenyl. An "alkylaminoalkyl" is an alkyl group having one to two alkylamino substituents. "Hydroxyalkyl" includes 2-
15 hydroxyethyl, 2-hydroxypropyl, 1-(hydroxymethyl)-2-methylpropyl, 2-hydroxybutyl, 2,3-dihydroxybutyl, 2-(hydroxymethyl), 3-hydroxypropyl, and so forth. Accordingly, as used herein, the term "hydroxyalkyl" is used to define a subset of heteroalkyl groups defined below. The term -(ar)alkyl refers to either an unsubstituted alkyl or an aralkyl group. The term (hetero)aryl or (het)aryl refers to either an aryl or a heteroaryl group.

20 The term "acyl" as used herein denotes a group of formula $-C(=O)R$ wherein R is hydrogen or lower alkyl as defined herein. The term "alkylcarbonyl" as used herein denotes a group of formula $C(=O)R$ wherein R is alkyl as defined herein. The term C_{1-6} acyl refers to a group - $C(=O)R$ contain 6 carbon atoms. The term "arylcarbonyl" as used herein means a group of formula $C(=O)R$ wherein R is an aryl group; the term "benzoyl" as used herein an "aryl-
25 carbonyl" group wherein R is phenyl.

The term "alkyl" as used herein denotes an unbranched or branched chain, saturated, mono-valent hydrocarbon residue containing 1 to 10 carbon atoms. The term "lower alkyl" denotes a straight or branched chain hydrocarbon residue containing 1 to 6 carbon atoms. " C_{1-10} alkyl" as used herein refers to an alkyl composed of 1 to 10 carbons. Examples of alkyl
30 groups include, but are not limited to, lower alkyl groups include methyl, ethyl, propyl, *i*-propyl, *n*-butyl, *i*-butyl, *t*-butyl or pentyl, isopentyl, neopentyl, hexyl, heptyl, and octyl.

When the term "alkyl" is used as a suffix following another term, as in "phenylalkyl," or "hydroxyalkyl," this is intended to refer to an alkyl group, as defined above, being substituted with one to two substituents selected from the other specifically-named group. Thus, e.g., "phenylalkyl" denotes the radical R'R"-, wherein R' is a phenyl radical, and R" is an alkylene radical as defined herein with the understanding that the attachment point of the phenylalkyl moiety will be on the alkylene radical. Examples of arylalkyl radicals include, but are not limited to, benzyl, phenylethyl, 3-phenylpropyl. The terms "arylalkyl" or "aralkyl" are interpreted similarly except R' is an aryl radical. The terms "(het)arylalkyl" or "(het)aralkyl" are interpreted similarly except R' is optionally an aryl or a heteroaryl radical.

10 The term "alkylene" or "alkylenyl" as used herein denotes a divalent saturated linear hydrocarbon radical of 1 to 10 carbon atoms (*e.g.*, (CH₂)_n) or a branched saturated divalent hydrocarbon radical of 2 to 10 carbon atoms (*e.g.*, -CHMe- or -CH₂CH(*i*-Pr)CH₂-), unless otherwise indicated. Except in the case of methylene, the open valences of an alkylene group are not attached to the same atom. Examples of alkylene radicals include, but are not limited to, 15 methylene, ethylene, propylene, 2-methyl-propylene, 1,1-dimethyl-ethylene, butylene, 2-ethylbutylene.

The term "alkoxy" as used herein means an -O-alkyl group, wherein alkyl is as defined above such as methoxy, ethoxy, *n*-propyloxy, *i*-propyloxy, *n*-butyloxy, *i*-butyloxy, *t*-butyloxy, pentyloxy, hexyloxy, including their isomers. "Lower alkoxy" as used herein denotes an 20 alkoxy group with a "lower alkyl" group as previously defined. "C₁₋₁₀ alkoxy" as used herein refers to an-O-alkyl wherein alkyl is C₁₋₁₀.

The term "alkoxyalkyl" as used herein refers to the radical R'R"-, wherein R' is an alkoxy radical as defined herein, and R" is an alkylene radical as defined herein with the understanding that the attachment point of the alkoxyalkyl moiety will be on the alkylene radical.

25 C₁₋₆ alkoxyalkyl denotes a group wherein the alkyl portion is comprised of 1-6 carbon atoms exclusive of carbon atoms in the alkoxy portion of the group. C₁₋₃ alkoxy-C₁₋₆ alkyl denotes a group wherein the alkyl portion is comprised of 1-6 carbon atoms and the alkoxy group is 1-3 carbons. Examples are methoxymethyl, methoxyethyl, methoxypropyl, ethoxymethyl, ethoxyethyl, ethoxypropyl, propyloxypropyl, methoxybutyl, ethoxybutyl, propyloxybutyl, 30 butyloxybutyl, *t*-butyloxybutyl, methoxypentyl, ethoxypentyl, propyloxybutyl including their isomers.

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The term "hydroxyalkyl" as used herein denotes an alkyl radical as herein defined wherein one to three hydrogen atoms on different carbon atoms is/are replaced by hydroxyl groups.

The terms "alkylsulfonyl" and "arylsulfonyl" as used herein refers to a group of formula $-S(=O)_2R$ wherein R is alkyl or aryl respectively and alkyl and aryl are as defined herein. The term "heteroalkylsulfonyl" as used herein refers herein denotes a group of formula $-S(=O)_2R$ wherein R is "heteroalkyl" as defined herein.

The terms "alkylsulfonylamino" and "arylsulfonylamino" as used herein refers to a group of formula $-NR'S(=O)_2R$ wherein R is alkyl or aryl respectively, R' is hydrogen or C₁₋₃ alkyl, and alkyl and aryl are as defined herein.

The term "cycloalkyl" as used herein refers to a saturated carbocyclic ring containing 3 to 8 carbon atoms, i.e. cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cycloheptyl or cyclooctyl. "C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl" as used herein refers to an cycloalkyl composed of 3 to 7 carbons in the carbocyclic ring.

"Aryl" means a monovalent cyclic aromatic hydrocarbon moiety consisting of a mono-, bi- or tricyclic aromatic ring. The aryl group can be optionally substituted as defined herein.

Examples of aryl moieties include, but are not limited to, optionally substituted phenyl, naphthyl, phenanthryl, fluorenyl, indenyl, azulenyl, oxydiphenyl, biphenyl, methylenediphenyl, aminodiphenyl, diphenylsulfidyl, diphenylsulfonyl, diphenylisopropylidenyl, benzodioxanyl, benzodioxyl, benzoxazinyl, benzoxazinonyl, benzopiperadiny, benzopiperazinyl, benzopyrrolidinyl, benzomorpholinyl, methylenedioxyphenyl, ethylenedioxyphenyl, and the like.

The aryl group may optionally be fused to a cycloalkyl or heterocycloalkyl ring, as herein defined. Examples of an aryl group fused to a heterocycloalkyl group include 3,4-dihydro-1H-quinolin-2-one, 3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[1,4]oxazine, and 1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-isoquinoline. Preferred aryl include optionally substituted phenyl and optionally substituted naphthyl.

The term "heteroaryl" or "heteroaromatic" as used herein means a monocyclic or bicyclic radical of 5 to 12 ring atoms having at least one aromatic ring containing four to eight atoms per ring, incorporating one or more N, O, or S heteroatoms, the remaining ring atoms being carbon, with the understanding that the attachment point of the heteroaryl radical will be on an aromatic ring. As well known to those skilled in the art, heteroaryl rings have less aromatic character than their all-carbon counter parts. Thus, for the purposes of the invention, a

heteroaryl group need only have some degree of aromatic character. Examples of heteroaryl moieties include monocyclic aromatic heterocycles having 5 to 6 ring atoms and 1 to 3 heteroatoms include, but is not limited to, pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, pyrrolyl, pyrazolyl, imidazolyl, oxazol, isoxazole, thiazole, isothiazole, triazoline, thiadiazole and oxadiazole which can optionally be substituted with one or more, preferably one or two substituents selected from hydroxy, cyano, alkyl, alkoxy, thio, lower haloalkoxy, alkylthio, halogen, lower haloalkyl, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, halogen, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, aminoalkyl, alkylaminoalkyl, and dialkylaminoalkyl, nitro, alkoxy carbonyl and carbamoyl, alkylcarbamoyl, dialkylcarbamoyl, arylcarbamoyl, alkylcarbonylamino and arylcarbonylamino. Examples of bicyclic moieties include, but are not limited to, quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl, benzofuryl, benzothiophenyl, benzoxazole, benzisoxazole, benzothiazole and benzisothiazole. Bicyclic moieties can be optionally substituted on either ring; however the point of attachment is on a ring containing a heteroatom.

The term "heterocycloalkyl", "heterocyclyl", or "heterocycle" as used herein denotes a monovalent saturated cyclic radical, consisting of one or more fused or spirocyclic rings, preferably one to two rings, of three to eight atoms per ring, incorporating one or more ring heteroatoms (chosen from N, O or S(O)₀₋₂), and which can optionally be independently substituted with one or more, preferably one or two substituents selected from hydroxy, oxo, cyano, lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, lower haloalkoxy, alkylthio, halogen, lower haloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, nitro, alkoxy carbonyl, amino, alkylamino, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, alkylaminosulfonyl, arylaminosulfonyl, alkylsulfonylamino, arylsulfonylamino, alkylaminocarbonyl, arylaminocarbonyl, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, unless otherwise indicated. Examples of heterocyclic radicals include, but are not limited to, azetidiny, pyrrolidinyl, hexahydroazepinyl, oxetanyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, tetrahydrothiophenyl, oxazolidinyl, thiazolidinyl, isoxazolidinyl, morpholinyl, piperazinyl, piperidinyl, tetrahydropyranyl, thiomorpholinyl, quinuclidinyl and imidazoliny.

Commonly used abbreviations include: acetyl (Ac), azo-*bis*-isobutyrylnitrile (AIBN), atmospheres (Atm), 9-borabicyclo[3.3.1]nonane (9-BBN or BBN), *tert*-butoxycarbonyl (Boc), di-*tert*-butyl pyrocarbonate or boc anhydride (BOC₂O), benzyl (Bn), butyl (Bu), Chemical Abstracts Registration Number (CASRN), benzyloxycarbonyl (CBZ or Z), carbonyl diimidazole (CDI), 1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane (DABCO), diethylaminosulfur trifluoride (DAST), dibenzylideneacetone (dba), 1,5-diazabicyclo[4.3.0]non-5-ene (DBN), 1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]-

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undec-7-ene (DBU), N,N'-dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (DCC), 1,2-dichloroethane (DCE), dichloromethane (DCM), diethyl azodicarboxylate (DEAD), di-*iso*-propylazodicarboxylate (DIAD), di-*iso*-butylaluminumhydride (DIBAL or DIBAL-H), di-*iso*-propylethylamine (DIPEA), N,N-dimethyl acetamide (DMA), 4-N,N-dimethylaminopyridine (DMAP), N,N-dimethylformamide (DMF), dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO), 1,1'-*bis*-(diphenylphosphino)ethane (dppe), 1,1'-*bis*-(diphenylphosphino)ferrocene (dppf), 1-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-3-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride (EDCI), ethyl (Et), ethyl acetate (EtOAc), ethanol (EtOH), 2-ethoxy-2*H*-quinoline-1-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (EEDQ), diethyl ether (Et₂O), O-(7-azabenzotriazole-1-yl)-N,N,N',N'-tetramethyluronium hexafluorophosphate acetic acid (HATU), acetic acid (HOAc), 1-N-hydroxybenzotriazole (HOBT), high pressure liquid chromatography (HPLC), *iso*-propanol (IPA), lithium hexamethyl disilazane (LiHMDS), methanol (MeOH), melting point (mp), MeSO₂- (mesyl or Ms), methyl (Me), acetonitrile (MeCN), *m*-chloroperbenzoic acid (MCPBA), mass spectrum (ms), methyl *t*-butyl ether (MTBE), N-bromosuccinimide (NBS), N-carboxyanhydride (NCA), N-chlorosuccinimide (NCS), N-methylmorpholine (NMM), N-methylpyrrolidone (NMP), pyridinium chlorochromate (PCC), pyridinium dichromate (PDC), phenyl (Ph), propyl (Pr), *iso*-propyl (*i*-Pr), pounds per square inch (psi), pyridine (pyr), room temperature (rt or RT), *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl or *t*-BuMe₂Si (TBDMS), triethylamine (TEA or Et₃N), 2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine 1-oxyl (TEMPO), triflate or CF₃SO₂- (Tf), trifluoroacetic acid (TFA), 1,1'-*bis*-2,2,6,6-tetramethylheptane-2,6-dione (TMHD), O-benzotriazol-1-yl-N,N,N',N'-tetramethyluronium tetrafluoroborate (TBTU), thin layer chromatography (TLC), tetrahydrofuran (THF), trimethylsilyl or Me₃Si (TMS), *p*-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (TsOH or pTsOH), 4-Me-C₆H₄SO₂- or tosyl (Ts), N-urethane-N-carboxyanhydride (UNCA). Conventional nomenclature including the prefixes *normal* (*n*), *iso* (*i*-), *secondary* (*sec*-), *tertiary* (*tert*-) and *neo* have their customary meaning when used with an alkyl moiety. (Rigaudy and Klesney, *Nomenclature in Organic Chemistry*, IUPAC 1979 Pergamon Press, Oxford.).

The term "arthritis" as used herein means acute rheumatic arthritis, chronic rheumatoid arthritis, chlamydial arthritis, chronic absorptive arthritis, chylous arthritis, arthritis based on bowel disease, filarial arthritis, gonorrheal arthritis, gouty arthritis, hemophilic arthritis, hypertrophic arthritis, juvenile chronic arthritis, Lyme arthritis, neonatal foal arthritis, nodular arthritis, ochronotic arthritis, psoriatic arthritis or suppurative arthritis, or the related diseases which require the administration to a mammal in a therapeutic effective dose of a compound of Formulae I-V in a sufficient dose to inhibit BTK.

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The compounds of this invention can be used to treat subjects with autoimmune conditions or disorders. As used herein, the term "autoimmune condition" and like terms means a disease, disorder or condition caused by the immune system of an animal. Autoimmune disorders are those wherein the animal's own immune system mistakenly attacks itself, thereby targeting

5 the cells, tissues, and/or organs of the animal's own body. For example, the autoimmune reaction is directed against the nervous system in multiple sclerosis and the gut in Crohn's disease. In other autoimmune disorders such as systemic lupus erythematosus (lupus), affected tissues and organs may vary among individuals with the same disease. One person with lupus may have affected skin and joints whereas another may have affected skin, kidney,

10 and lungs. Ultimately, damage to certain tissues by the immune system may be permanent, as with destruction of insulin-producing cells of the pancreas in Type 1 diabetes mellitus. Specific autoimmune disorders that may be ameliorated using the compounds and methods of this invention include without limitation, autoimmune disorders of the nervous system (e.g., multiple sclerosis, myasthenia gravis, autoimmune neuropathies such as Guillain-Barre, and

15 autoimmune uveitis), autoimmune disorders of the blood (e.g., autoimmune hemolytic anemia, pernicious anemia, and autoimmune thrombocytopenia), autoimmune disorders of the blood vessels (e.g., temporal arteritis, anti-phospholipid syndrome, vasculitides such as Wegener's granulomatosis, and Behcet's disease), autoimmune disorders of the skin (e.g., psoriasis, dermatitis herpetiformis, pemphigus vulgaris, and vitiligo), autoimmune disorders of the

20 gastrointestinal system (e.g., Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, primary biliary cirrhosis, and autoimmune hepatitis), autoimmune disorders of the endocrine glands (e.g., Type 1 or immune-mediated diabetes mellitus, Grave's disease, Hashimoto's thyroiditis, autoimmune oophoritis and orchitis, and autoimmune disorder of the adrenal gland); and autoimmune disorders of multiple organs (including connective tissue and musculoskeletal system diseases)

25 (e.g., rheumatoid arthritis, systemic lupus erythematosus, scleroderma, polymyositis, dermatomyositis, spondyloarthropathies such as ankylosing spondylitis, and Sjogren's syndrome) or the related diseases which require the administration to a mammal in a therapeutic effective dose of a compound of Formulae I-V in a sufficient dose to inhibit BTK.

In addition, other immune system mediated diseases, such as graft-versus-host disease and

30 allergic disorders, are also included in the definition of immune disorders herein. Because a number of immune disorders are caused by inflammation, there is some overlap between disorders that are considered immune disorders and inflammatory disorders. For the purpose of this invention, in the case of such an overlapping disorder, it may be considered either an

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immune disorder or an inflammatory disorder. "Treatment of an immune disorder" herein refers to administering a compound or a composition of the invention to a subject, who has an immune disorder, a symptom of such a disease or a predisposition towards such a disease, with the purpose to cure, relieve, alter, affect, or prevent the autoimmune disorder, the
5 symptom of it, or the predisposition towards it.

As used herein, the term "asthma" means a pulmonary disease, disorder or condition characterized by reversible airway obstruction, airway inflammation, and increased airway responsiveness to a variety of stimuli.

The terms "treat," "treatment," or "treating" refer to both therapeutic treatment and prophylactic or preventative measures, wherein the object is to prevent or slow down (lessen) an
10 undesired physiological change or disorder, such as the development or spread of cancer. Beneficial or desired clinical results include, but are not limited to, alleviation of symptoms, diminishment of extent of disease, stabilized (i.e., not worsening) state of disease, delay or slowing of disease progression, amelioration or palliation of the disease state, and remission
15 (whether partial or total), whether detectable or undetectable. "Treatment" can also mean prolonging survival as compared to expected survival if not receiving treatment. Those in need of treatment include those already with the condition or disorder as well as those prone to have the condition or disorder or those in which the condition or disorder is to be prevented. For example, treating an inflammatory condition means reducing the extent or severity of the
20 inflammation. The reduction can mean but is not limited to the complete ablation of inflammation. For example, the reduction can comprise a 5%, 10%, 20%, 30%, 40%, 50%, 60%, 70%, 80%, 90%, or 100% reduction, or any point in between, compared to an untreated or control subject as determined by any suitable measurement technique or assay disclosed herein or known in the art.

25 Examples of representative compounds encompassed by the present invention and within the scope of the invention are provided in the following Table. These examples and preparations which follow are provided to enable those skilled in the art to more clearly understand and to practice the present invention. They should not be considered as limiting the scope of the invention, but merely as being illustrative and representative thereof.

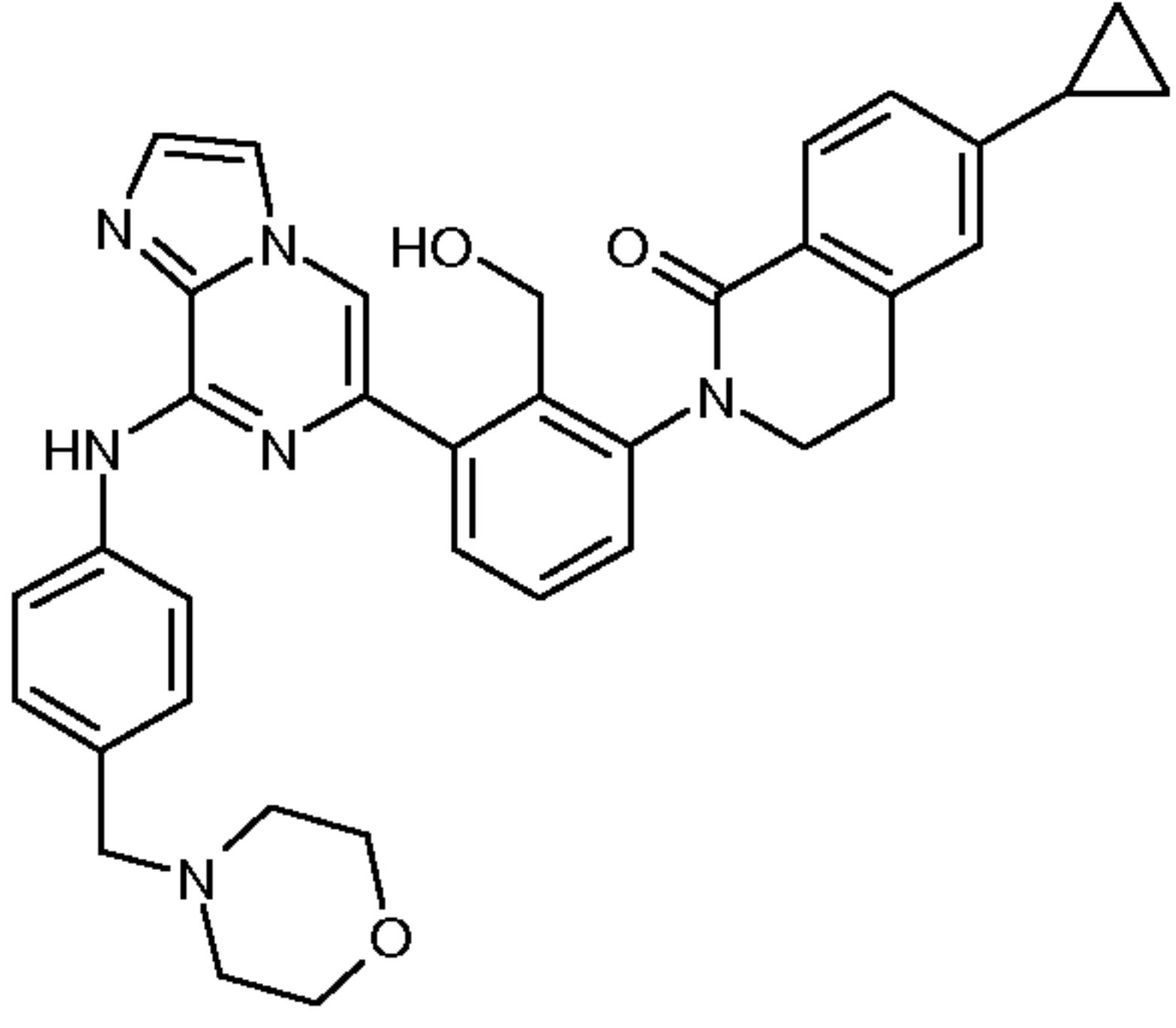
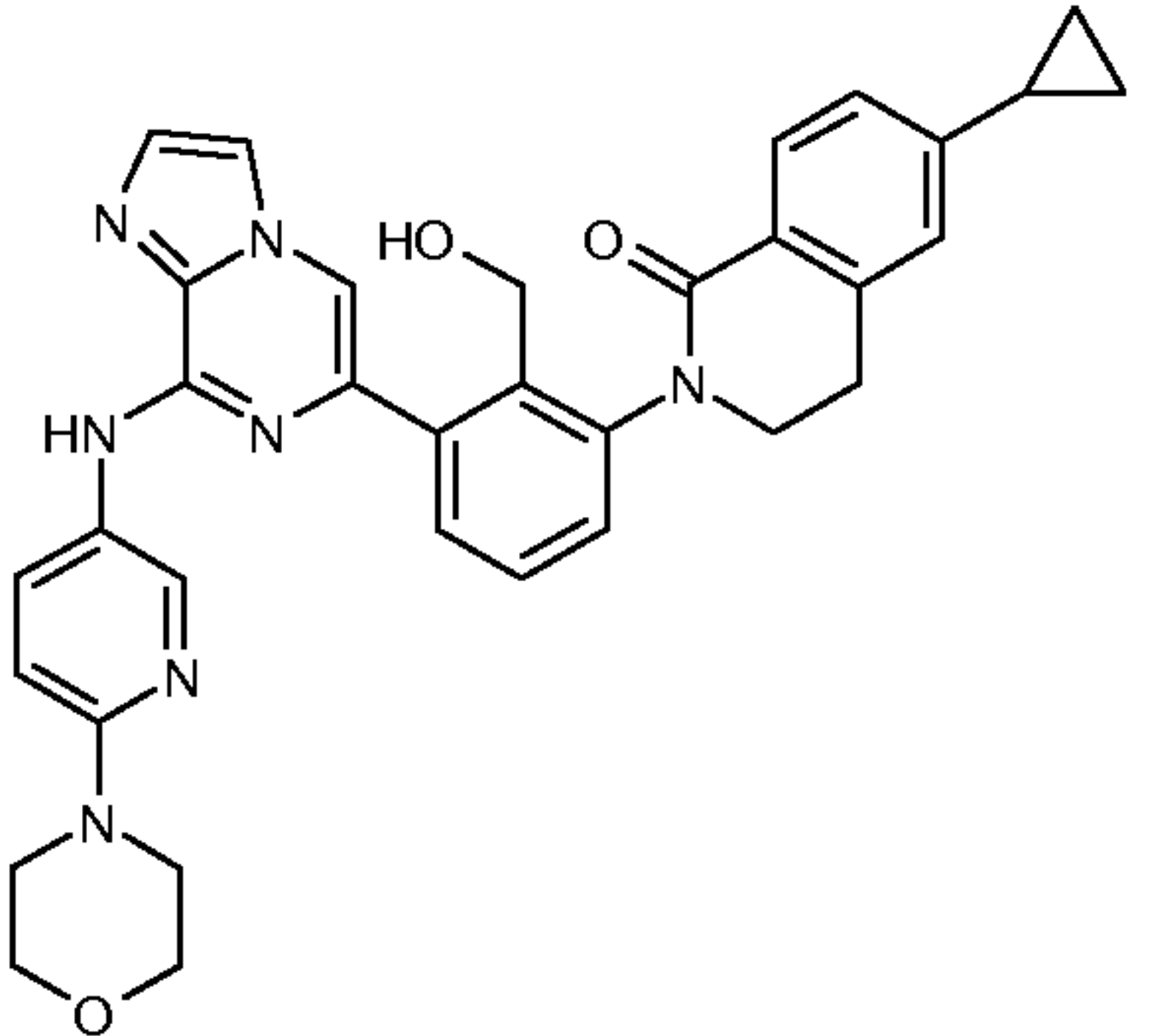
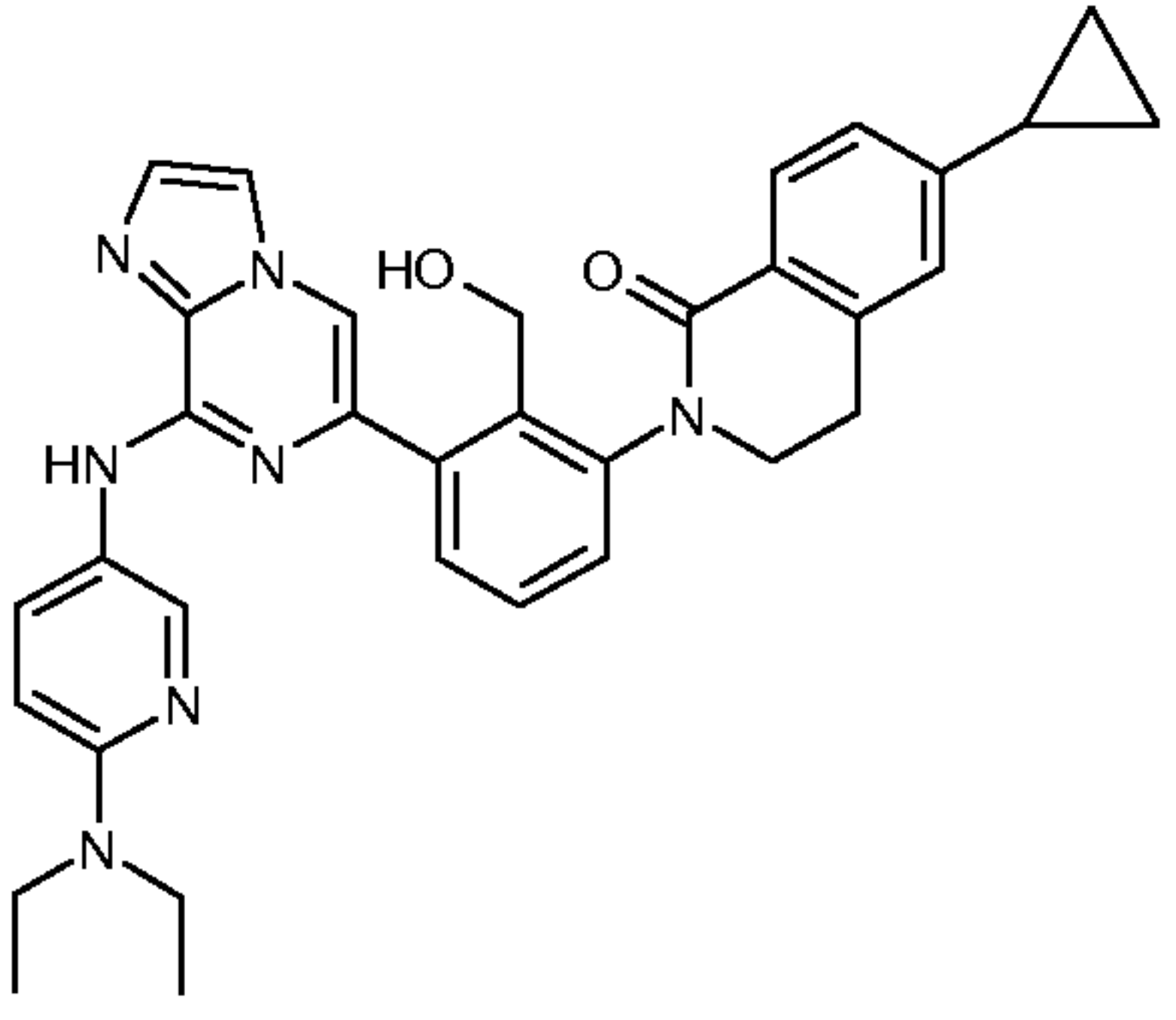
30 In general, the nomenclature used in herein is based on AUTONOMTM v.4.0, a Beilstein Institute computerized system for the generation of IUPAC systematic nomenclature. If there

is a discrepancy between a depicted structure and a name given that structure, the depicted structure is to be accorded more weight. In addition, if the stereochemistry of a structure or a portion of a structure is not indicated with, e.g., bold or dashed lines, the structure or portion of the structure is to be interpreted as encompassing all stereoisomers of it.

- 5 TABLE I depicts examples of 6-Phenyl-imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyrazine derivatives according to generic Formula II:

TABLE I.

Compound	Structure	Nomenclature
I-1		7- <i>tert</i> -Butyl-3-(3-{8-[4-(morpholine-4-carbonyl)-phenylamino]-imidazo[1,2- <i>a</i>]pyrazin-6-yl}-phenyl)-3 <i>H</i> -quinazolin-4-one
I-2		7- <i>tert</i> -Butyl-3-(2-methyl-3-{8-[4-(4-methyl-piperazine-1-carbonyl)-phenylamino]-imidazo[1,2- <i>a</i>]pyrazin-6-yl}-phenyl)-3 <i>H</i> -quinazolin-4-one
II-1		6-Cyclopropyl-2-(2-hydroxymethyl-3-{8-[4-(morpholine-4-carbonyl)-phenylamino]-imidazo[1,2- <i>a</i>]pyrazin-6-yl}-phenyl)-3,4-dihydro-2 <i>H</i> -isoquinolin-1-one

II-2		6-Cyclopropyl-2- {2-hydroxymethyl-3-[8-(4-morpholin-4-ylmethyl-phenylamino)-imidazo[1,2- <i>a</i>]pyrazin-6-yl]-phenyl}-3,4-dihydro-2 <i>H</i> -isoquinolin-1-one
II-3		6-Cyclopropyl-2- {2-hydroxymethyl-3-[8-(6-morpholin-4-yl-pyridin-3-ylamino)-imidazo[1,2- <i>a</i>]pyrazin-6-yl]-phenyl}-3,4-dihydro-2 <i>H</i> -isoquinolin-1-one
II-4		6-Cyclopropyl-2- {3-[8-(6-diethyl-amino-pyridin-3-ylamino)-imidazo[1,2- <i>a</i>]pyrazin-6-yl]-2-hydroxymethyl-phenyl}-3,4-dihydro-2 <i>H</i> -isoquinolin-1-one

The 6-Phenyl-imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyrazine derivatives described herein are kinase inhibitors, in particular Btk inhibitors. These inhibitors can be useful for treating one or more diseases responsive to kinase inhibition, including diseases responsive to Btk inhibition and/or inhibition of B-cell proliferation, in mammals. Without wishing to be bound to any particular theory, it is believed that the interaction of the compounds of the invention with Btk results in the inhibition of Btk activity and thus in the pharmaceutical utility of these compounds. Accordingly, the invention includes a method of treating a mammal, for instance a human, having a disease responsive to inhibition of Btk activity, and/or inhibiting B-cell proliferation, comprising administering to the mammal having such a disease, an effective amount of at least one chemical entity provided herein. An effective concentration may be ascertained experimentally, e.g. by assaying blood concentration of the compound, or theoretically, by calculating bioavail-

ability. Other kinases that may be affected in addition to Btk include, but are not limited to, other tyrosine kinases and serine/threonine kinases.

Kinases play notable roles in signaling pathways controlling fundamental cellular processes such as proliferation, differentiation, and death (apoptosis). Abnormal kinase activity has been
5 implicated in a wide range of diseases, including multiple cancers, autoimmune and/or inflammatory diseases, and acute inflammatory reactions. The multifaceted role of kinases in key cell signaling pathways provides a significant opportunity to identify novel drugs targeting kinases and signaling pathways.

An embodiment includes a method of treating a patient having an autoimmune and/or in-
10 flammatory disease, or an acute inflammatory reaction responsive to inhibition of Btk activity and/or B-cell proliferation.

Autoimmune and/or inflammatory diseases that can be affected using compounds and compositions according to the invention include, but are not limited to: psoriasis, allergy, Crohn's disease, irritable bowel syndrome, Sjogren's disease, tissue graft rejection, and hyperacute
15 rejection of transplanted organs, asthma, systemic lupus erythematosus (and associated glomerulonephritis), dermatomyositis, multiple sclerosis, scleroderma, vasculitis (ANCA-associated and other vasculitides), autoimmune hemolytic and thrombocytopenic states, Goodpasture's syndrome (and associated glomerulonephritis and pulmonary hemorrhage), atherosclerosis, rheumatoid arthritis, chronic Idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP),
20 Addison's disease, Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's disease, diabetes, septic shock, and myasthenia gravis,

Included herein are methods of treatment in which at least one chemical entity provided herein is administered in combination with an anti-inflammatory agent. Anti-inflammatory agents include but are not limited to NSAIDs, non-specific and COX-2 specific cyclo-
25 oxgenase enzyme inhibitors, gold compounds, corticosteroids, methotrexate, tumor necrosis factor receptor (TNF) receptors antagonists, immunosuppressants and methotrexate.

Examples of NSAIDs include, but are not limited to, ibuprofen, flurbiprofen, naproxen and naproxen sodium, diclofenac, combinations of diclofenac sodium and misoprostol, sulindac, oxaprozin, diflunisal, piroxicam, indomethacin, etodolac, fenoprofen calcium, ketoprofen,
30 sodium nabumetone, sulfasalazine, tolmetin sodium, and hydroxychloroquine. Examples of

NSAIDs also include COX-2 specific inhibitors such as celecoxib, valdecoxib, lumiracoxib and/or etoricoxib.

In some embodiments, the anti-inflammatory agent is a salicylate. Salicylates include by are not limited to acetylsalicylic acid or aspirin, sodium salicylate, and choline and magnesium
5 salicylates.

The anti-inflammatory agent may also be a corticosteroid. For example, the corticosteroid may be cortisone, dexamethasone, methylprednisolone, prednisolone, prednisolone sodium phosphate, or prednisone.

In additional embodiments the anti-inflammatory agent is a gold compound such as gold
10 sodium thiomalate or auranofin.

The invention also includes embodiments in which the anti-inflammatory agent is a metabolic inhibitor such as a dihydrofolate reductase inhibitor, such as methotrexate or a dihydroorotate dehydrogenase inhibitor, such as leflunomide.

Other embodiments of the invention pertain to combinations in which at least one anti-in-
15 flammatory compound is an anti-C5 monoclonal antibody (such as eculizumab or pexelizumab), a TNF antagonist, such as entanercept, or infliximab, which is an anti-TNF alpha monoclonal antibody.

Still other embodiments of the invention pertain to combinations in which at least one active agent is an immunosuppressant compound such as an immunosuppressant compound chosen
20 from methotrexate, leflunomide, cyclosporine, tacrolimus, azathioprine, and mycophenolate mofetil.

B-cells and B-cell precursors expressing BTK have been implicated in the pathology of B-cell malignancies, including, but not limited to, B-cell lymphoma, lymphoma (including Hodgkin's and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma), hairy cell lymphoma, multiple myeloma, chronic
25 and acute myelogenous leukemia and chronic and acute lymphocytic leukemia.

BTK has been shown to be an inhibitor of the Fas/APO-1 (CD-95) death inducing signaling complex (DISC) in B-lineage lymphoid cells. The fate of leukemia/lymphoma cells may reside in the balance between the opposing proapoptotic effects of caspases activated by DISC

and an upstream anti-apoptotic regulatory mechanism involving BTK and/or its substrates (Vassilev *et al.*, *J. Biol. Chem.* 1998, 274, 1646-1656).

It has also been discovered that BTK inhibitors are useful as chemosensitizing agents, and, thus, are useful in combination with other chemotherapeutic drugs, in particular, drugs that
5 induce apoptosis. Examples of other chemotherapeutic drugs that can be used in combination with chemosensitizing BTK inhibitors include topoisomerase I inhibitors (camptothecin or topotecan), topoisomerase II inhibitors (e.g. daunomycin and etoposide), alkylating agents (e.g. cyclophosphamide, melphalan and BCNU), tubulin directed agents (e.g. taxol and vinblastine), and biological agents (e.g. antibodies such as anti CD20 antibody, IDEC 8,
10 immunotoxins, and cytokines).

Btk activity has also be associated with some leukemias expressing the *bcr-abl* fusion gene resulting from translocation of parts of chromosome 9 and 22. This abnormality is commonly observed in chronic myelogenous leukemia. Btk is constitutively phosphorylated by the *bcr-abl* kinase which initiates downstream survival signals which circumvents apoptosis in *bcr-abl* cells. (Feldhahn *et al. J. Exp. Med.* 2005 201(11):1837-1852)
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The compounds of the present invention may be formulated in a wide variety of oral administration dosage forms and carriers. Oral administration can be in the form of tablets, coated tablets, dragées, hard and soft gelatine capsules, solutions, emulsions, syrups, or suspensions. Compounds of the present invention are efficacious when administered by other routes of ad-
20 ministration including continuous (intravenous drip) topical parenteral, intramuscular, intravenous, subcutaneous, transdermal (which may include a penetration enhancement agent), buccal, nasal, inhalation and suppository administration, among other routes of administration. The preferred manner of administration is generally oral using a convenient daily dosing regimen which can be adjusted according to the degree of affliction and the patient's response
25 to the active ingredient.

A compound or compounds of the present invention, as well as their pharmaceutically useable salts, together with one or more conventional excipients, carriers, or diluents, may be placed into the form of pharmaceutical compositions and unit dosages. The pharmaceutical compositions and unit dosage forms may be comprised of conventional ingredients in conven-
30 tional proportions, with or without additional active compounds or principles, and the unit dosage forms may contain any suitable effective amount of the active ingredient commensu-

rate with the intended daily dosage range to be employed. The pharmaceutical compositions may be employed as solids, such as tablets or filled capsules, semisolids, powders, sustained release formulations, or liquids such as solutions, suspensions, emulsions, elixirs, or filled capsules for oral use; or in the form of suppositories for rectal or vaginal administration; or in the form of sterile injectable solutions for parenteral use. A typical preparation will contain from about 5% to about 95% active compound or compounds (w/w). The term "preparation" or "dosage form" is intended to include both solid and liquid formulations of the active compound and one skilled in the art will appreciate that an active ingredient can exist in different preparations depending on the target organ or tissue and on the desired dose and pharmacokinetic parameters.

The term "excipient" as used herein refers to a compound that is useful in preparing a pharmaceutical composition, generally safe, non-toxic and neither biologically nor otherwise undesirable, and includes excipients that are acceptable for veterinary use as well as human pharmaceutical use. The compounds of this invention can be administered alone but will generally be administered in admixture with one or more suitable pharmaceutical excipients, diluents or carriers selected with regard to the intended route of administration and standard pharmaceutical practice.

"Pharmaceutically acceptable" means that which is useful in preparing a pharmaceutical composition that is generally safe, non-toxic, and neither biologically nor otherwise undesirable and includes that which is acceptable for veterinary as well as human pharmaceutical use.

A "pharmaceutically acceptable salt" form of an active ingredient may also initially confer a desirable pharmacokinetic property on the active ingredient which were absent in the non-salt form, and may even positively affect the pharmacodynamics of the active ingredient with respect to its therapeutic activity in the body. The phrase "pharmaceutically acceptable salt" of a compound means a salt that is pharmaceutically acceptable and that possesses the desired pharmacological activity of the parent compound. Such salts include: (1) acid addition salts, formed with inorganic acids such as hydrochloric acid, hydrobromic acid, sulfuric acid, nitric acid, phosphoric acid, and the like; or formed with organic acids such as acetic acid, propionic acid, hexanoic acid, cyclopentanepropionic acid, glycolic acid, pyruvic acid, lactic acid, malonic acid, succinic acid, malic acid, maleic acid, fumaric acid, tartaric acid, citric acid, benzoic acid, 3-(4-hydroxybenzoyl)benzoic acid, cinnamic acid, mandelic acid, methanesulfonic acid, ethanesulfonic acid, 1,2-ethane-disulfonic acid, 2-hydroxyethanesulfonic acid,

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benzenesulfonic acid, 4-chlorobenzenesulfonic acid, 2-naphthalenesulfonic acid, 4-toluene-sulfonic acid, camphorsulfonic acid, 4-methylbicyclo[2.2.2]-oct-2-ene-1-carboxylic acid, glucoheptonic acid, 3-phenylpropionic acid, trimethylacetic acid, tertiary butylacetic acid, lauryl sulfuric acid, gluconic acid, glutamic acid, hydroxynaphthoic acid, salicylic acid, 5 stearic acid, muconic acid, and the like; or (2) salts formed when an acidic proton present in the parent compound either is replaced by a metal ion, *e.g.*, an alkali metal ion, an alkaline earth ion, or an aluminum ion; or coordinates with an organic base such as ethanolamine, diethanolamine, triethanolamine, tromethamine, N-methylglucamine, and the like.

Solid form preparations include powders, tablets, pills, capsules, cachets, suppositories, and 10 dispersible granules. A solid carrier may be one or more substances which may also act as diluents, flavoring agents, solubilizers, lubricants, suspending agents, binders, preservatives, tablet disintegrating agents, or an encapsulating material. In powders, the carrier generally is a finely divided solid which is a mixture with the finely divided active component. In tablets, the active component generally is mixed with the carrier having the necessary binding capa- 15 city in suitable proportions and compacted in the shape and size desired. Suitable carriers include but are not limited to magnesium carbonate, magnesium stearate, talc, sugar, lactose, pectin, dextrin, starch, gelatin, tragacanth, methylcellulose, sodium carboxymethylcellulose, a low melting wax, cocoa butter, and the like. Solid form preparations may contain, in addition to the active component, colorants, flavors, stabilizers, buffers, artificial and natural 20 sweeteners, dispersants, thickeners, solubilizing agents, and the like.

Liquid formulations also are suitable for oral administration include liquid formulation in- cluding emulsions, syrups, elixirs, aqueous solutions, aqueous suspensions. These include solid form preparations which are intended to be converted to liquid form preparations shortly before use. Emulsions may be prepared in solutions, *e.g.*, in aqueous propylene glycol 25 solutions or may contain emulsifying agents such as lecithin, sorbitan monooleate, or acacia. Aqueous solutions can be prepared by dissolving the active component in water and adding suitable colorants, flavors, stabilizing, and thickening agents. Aqueous suspensions can be prepared by dispersing the finely divided active component in water with viscous material, such as natural or synthetic gums, resins, methylcellulose, sodium carboxymethylcellulose, 30 and other well known suspending agents.

The compounds of the present invention may be formulated for parenteral administration (*e.g.*, by injection, *e.g.* bolus injection or continuous infusion) and may be presented in unit dose

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form in ampoules, pre-filled syringes, small volume infusion or in multi-dose containers with an added preservative. The compositions may take such forms as suspensions, solutions, or emulsions in oily or aqueous vehicles, e.g. solutions in aqueous polyethylene glycol.

5 Examples of oily or nonaqueous carriers, diluents, solvents or vehicles include propylene glycol, polyethylene glycol, vegetable oils (*e.g.*, olive oil), and injectable organic esters (*e.g.*, ethyl oleate), and may contain formulatory agents such as preserving, wetting, emulsifying or suspending, stabilizing and/or dispersing agents. Alternatively, the active ingredient may be in powder form, obtained by aseptic isolation of sterile solid or by lyophilisation from solution for constitution before use with a suitable vehicle, *e.g.*, sterile, pyrogen-free water.

10 The compounds of the present invention may be formulated for topical administration to the epidermis as ointments, creams or lotions, or as a transdermal patch. Ointments and creams may, *e.g.*, be formulated with an aqueous or oily base with the addition of suitable thickening and/or gelling agents. Lotions may be formulated with an aqueous or oily base and will in general also containing one or more emulsifying agents, stabilizing agents, dispersing agents,
15 suspending agents, thickening agents, or coloring agents. Formulations suitable for topical administration in the mouth include lozenges comprising active agents in a flavored base, usually sucrose and acacia or tragacanth; pastilles comprising the active ingredient in an inert base such as gelatin and glycerin or sucrose and acacia; and mouthwashes comprising the active ingredient in a suitable liquid carrier.

20 The compounds of the present invention may be formulated for administration as suppositories. A low melting wax, such as a mixture of fatty acid glycerides or cocoa butter is first melted and the active component is dispersed homogeneously, *e.g.*, by stirring. The molten homogeneous mixture is then poured into convenient sized molds, allowed to cool, and to solidify.

25 The compounds of the present invention may be formulated for vaginal administration. Pessaries, tampons, creams, gels, pastes, foams or sprays containing in addition to the active ingredient such carriers as are known in the art to be appropriate.

The compounds of the present invention may be formulated for nasal administration. The solutions or suspensions are applied directly to the nasal cavity by conventional means, *e.g.*,
30 with a dropper, pipette or spray. The formulations may be provided in a single or multidose form. In the latter case of a dropper or pipette, this may be achieved by the patient admini-

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stering an appropriate, predetermined volume of the solution or suspension. In the case of a spray, this may be achieved e.g. by means of a metering atomizing spray pump.

The compounds of the present invention may be formulated for aerosol administration, particularly to the respiratory tract and including intranasal administration. The compound will generally have a small particle size e.g. of the order of five (5) microns or less. Such a particle size may be obtained by means known in the art, e.g. by micronization. The active ingredient is provided in a pressurized pack with a suitable propellant such as a chlorofluorocarbon (CFC), e.g., dichlorodifluoromethane, trichlorofluoromethane, or dichlorotetrafluoroethane, or carbon dioxide or other suitable gas. The aerosol may conveniently also contain a surfactant such as lecithin. The dose of drug may be controlled by a metered valve. Alternatively the active ingredients may be provided in a form of a dry powder, e.g. a powder mix of the compound in a suitable powder base such as lactose, starch, starch derivatives such as hydroxypropylmethyl cellulose and polyvinylpyrrolidone (PVP). The powder carrier will form a gel in the nasal cavity. The powder composition may be presented in unit dose form e.g. in capsules or cartridges of e.g., gelatin or blister packs from which the powder may be administered by means of an inhaler.

When desired, formulations can be prepared with enteric coatings adapted for sustained or controlled release administration of the active ingredient. For example, the compounds of the present invention can be formulated in transdermal or subcutaneous drug delivery devices. These delivery systems are advantageous when sustained release of the compound is necessary and when patient compliance with a treatment regimen is crucial. Compounds in transdermal delivery systems are frequently attached to an skin-adhesive solid support. The compound of interest can also be combined with a penetration enhancer, e.g., Azone (1-dodecyl-aza-cycloheptan-2-one). Sustained release delivery systems are inserted subcutaneously into the subdermal layer by surgery or injection. The subdermal implants encapsulate the compound in a lipid soluble membrane, e.g., silicone rubber, or a biodegradable polymer, e.g., polyactic acid.

Suitable formulations along with pharmaceutical carriers, diluents and excipients are described in *Remington: The Science and Practice of Pharmacy* 1995, edited by Martin, Mack Publishing Company, 19th edition, Easton, Pennsylvania. A skilled formulation scientist may modify the formulations within the teachings of the specification to provide numerous

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formulations for a particular route of administration without rendering the compositions of the present invention unstable or compromising their therapeutic activity.

The modification of the present compounds to render them more soluble in water or other vehicle, e.g., may be easily accomplished by minor modifications (salt formulation, esterification, etc.), which are well within the ordinary skill in the art. It is also well within the ordinary skill of the art to modify the route of administration and dosage regimen of a particular compound in order to manage the pharmacokinetics of the present compounds for maximum beneficial effect in patients.

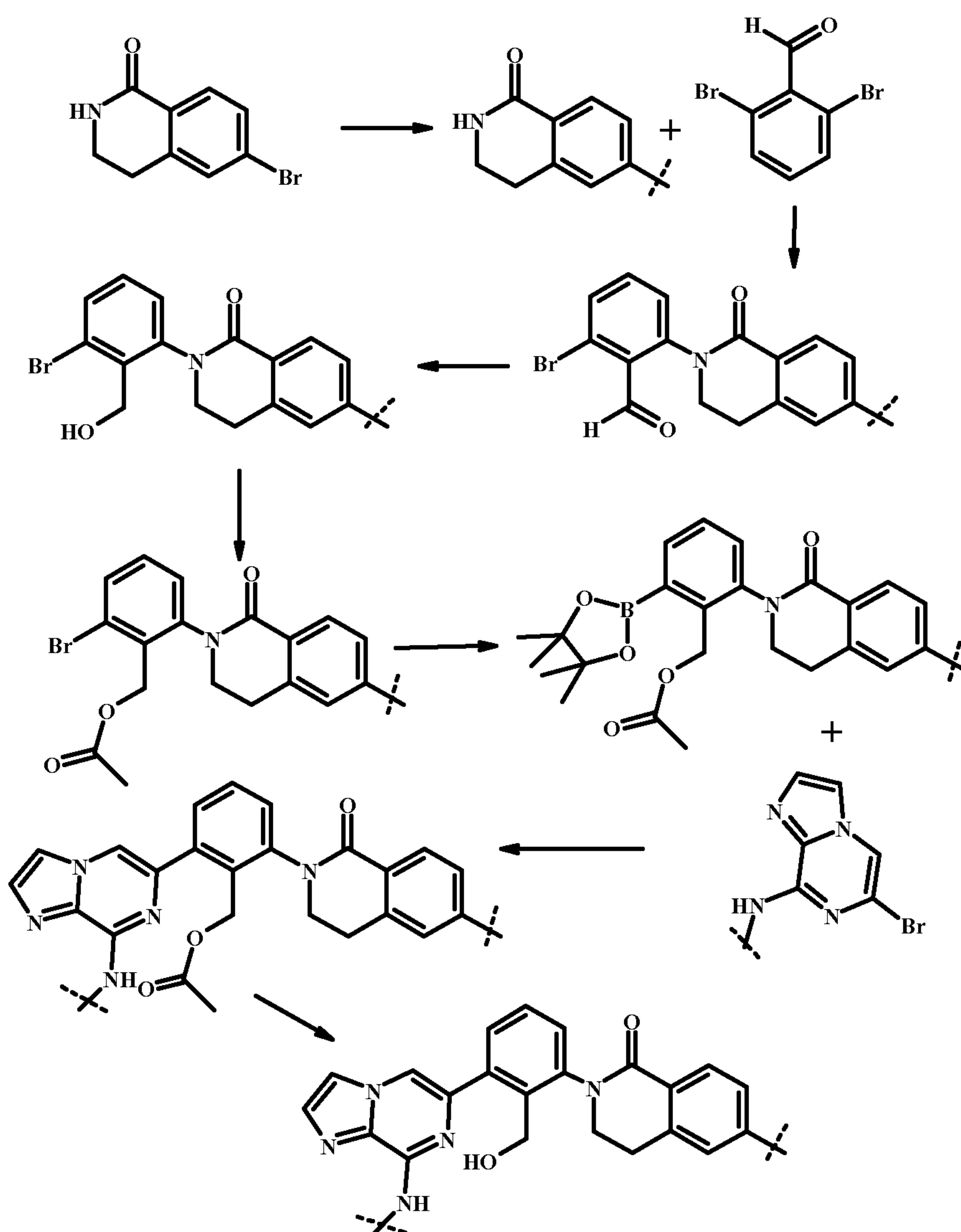
The term "therapeutically effective amount" as used herein means an amount required to reduce symptoms of the disease in an individual. The dose will be adjusted to the individual requirements in each particular case. That dosage can vary within wide limits depending upon numerous factors such as the severity of the disease to be treated, the age and general health condition of the patient, other medicaments with which the patient is being treated, the route and form of administration and the preferences and experience of the medical practitioner involved. For oral administration, a daily dosage of between about 0.01 and about 1000 mg/kg body weight per day should be appropriate in monotherapy and/or in combination therapy. A preferred daily dosage is between about 0.1 and about 500 mg/kg body weight, more preferred 0.1 and about 100 mg/kg body weight and most preferred 1.0 and about 10 mg/kg body weight per day. Thus, for administration to a 70 kg person, the dosage range would be about 7 mg to 0.7 g per day. The daily dosage can be administered as a single dosage or in divided dosages, typically between 1 and 5 dosages per day. Generally, treatment is initiated with smaller dosages which are less than the optimum dose of the compound. Thereafter, the dosage is increased by small increments until the optimum effect for the individual patient is reached. One of ordinary skill in treating diseases described herein will be able, without undue experimentation and in reliance on personal knowledge, experience and the present disclosures, to ascertain a therapeutically effective amount of the compounds of the present invention for a given disease and patient.

The pharmaceutical preparations are preferably in unit dosage forms. In such form, the preparation is subdivided into unit doses containing appropriate quantities of the active component. The unit dosage form can be a packaged preparation, the package containing discrete quantities of preparation, such as packeted tablets, capsules, and powders in vials or

ampoules. Also, the unit dosage form can be a capsule, tablet, cachet, or lozenge itself, or it can be the appropriate number of any of these in packaged form.

EXAMPLES

General Scheme 1.



Example 1: Diethyl-(5-nitro-pyridin-2-yl)-amine

A suspension of 2-bromo-5-nitropyridine (4.0 g, 19 mmol), diethylamine (1.5 g, 20 mmol), TBAI (0.33 g, 0.9 mmole) and potassium carbonate (2.7 g, 20 mmol) in DMSO (40 ml) was maintained at 50°C for 3 h and then at rt for 16 h. The suspension was partitioned between ethyl acetate and brine. The organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was recrystallized from methanol to provide 2.0 g (54% yield) of the desired product.

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Example 2: N,N-Diethyl-pyridine-2,5-diamine

Solid 10% Pd/C (0.1 g) was added rapidly to a solution of diethyl-(5-nitro-pyridin-2-yl)-amine (Example 1) (1 g, 5.1 mmol) in MeOH (50 mL) which had been thoroughly sparged with nitrogen. The mixture was placed under vacuum for 5 min, after which, it was fitted with a H₂ balloon and maintained at rt for 2 h. The Pd catalyst was filtered, the filtrate was concentrated in vacuo, and the residue was purified by chromatography to afford 0.8 g (97%) of the desired product.

Example 3: N⁵-(6-Bromo-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-8-yl)-N,N-diethyl-pyridine-2,5-diamine

A mixture of 6,8-dibromo-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazine (0.4 g, 1.44 mmol), N,N-diethyl-pyridine-2,5-diamine (Example 2) (0.239 g, 1.44 mmol), potassium carbonate (0.198, 1.44 mmol), and DMF (5 mL) was maintained at 100°C for 3 h under an argon atmosphere. The mixture was cooled and partitioned between ethyl acetate and brine. The organic layer dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated in vacuo. The residue purified by chromatography (30% ethyl acetate/hexane - 100% ethyl acetate) to afford 0.250 g (48% yield) of the desired product.

Example 4: 6-Cyclopropyl-2-{3-[8-(6-diethylamino-pyridin-3-ylamino)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-6-yl]-2-hydroxymethyl-phenyl}-3,4-dihydro-2H-isoquinolin-1-one (II-4)

N⁵-(6-Bromo-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-8-yl)-N,N-diethyl-pyridine-2,5-diamine (Example 3) (0.1 g, 0.27 mmol) and acetic acid 2-(6-cyclopropyl-1-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1H-isoquinolin-2-yl)-6-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-[1,3,2]dioxaborolan-2-yl)-benzyl ester (0.128 g, 0.27 mmol) were placed into DME (2 mL). To the above mixture was added sodium carbonate (0.085 g, 0.81 mmole) and water (2 mL), and the mixture was thoroughly sparged with argon. Then Pd(PPh₃)₄ (0.015, 0.014 mmole) was added in one portion, and the reaction mixture was maintained at 100 °C for 4 h. After cooling the mixture was partitioned between ethyl acetate and brine, the organic layer was dried over sodium acetate, and volatiles were removed in vacuo. The residue was purified by silica gel preparative TLC to afford 0.085 g (55% yield) of the desired product. (M+H)⁺ = 574.

Example 5: (6-Bromo-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-8-yl)-(6-morpholin-4-yl-pyridin-3-yl)-amine

The desired compound was synthesized following the method described in Example 3 and using 6-morpholin-4-yl-pyridin-3-ylamine to give the title compound as a yellow solid in 52%
5 yield.

Example 6: 6-Cyclopropyl-2-{2-hydroxymethyl-3-[8-(6-morpholin-4-yl-pyridin-3-ylamino)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-6-yl]-phenyl}-3,4-dihydro-2H-isoquinolin-1-one (II-3)

The desired compound was synthesized following the method described in Example 4 using
10 (6-bromo-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-8-yl)-(6-morpholin-4-yl-pyridin-3-yl)-amine (Example 5) to give the title compound as a yellow solid in 39% yield. $(M+H)^+ = 588.6$.

Example 7: (6-Bromo-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-8-yl)-(4-morpholin-4-ylmethyl-phenyl)-amine

The desired compound was synthesized following the method described in Example 3 using
15 4-morpholin-4-ylmethyl-phenylamine to give the title compound as a yellow solid in 27% yield.

Example 8: 6-Cyclopropyl-2-{2-hydroxymethyl-3-[8-(4-morpholin-4-ylmethyl-phenylamino)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-6-yl]-phenyl}-3,4-dihydro-2H-isoquinolin-1-one (II-2)

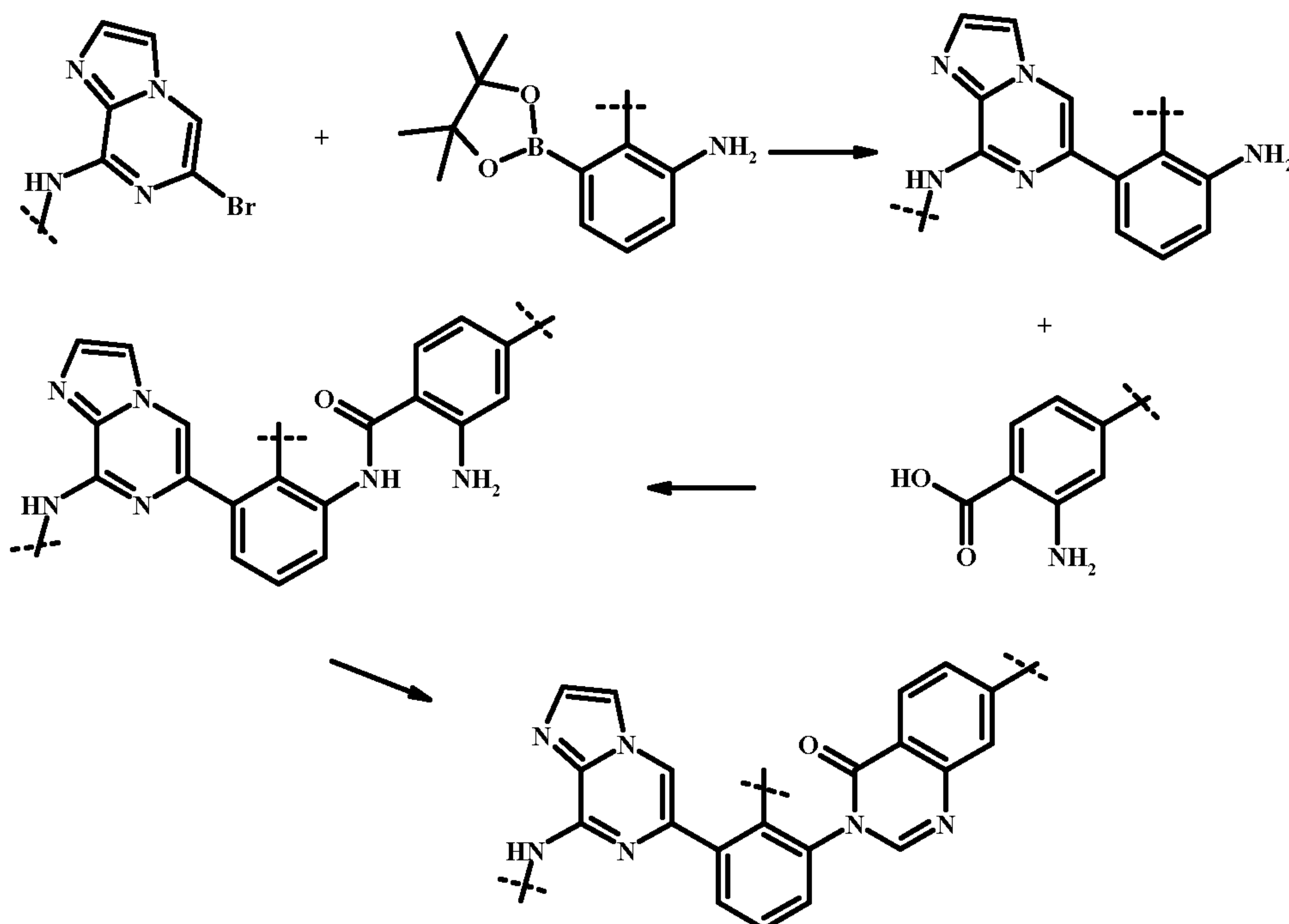
20 The desired compound was synthesized following the method described in Example 4 using (6-bromo-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-8-yl)-(4-morpholin-4-ylmethyl-phenyl)-amine (Example 7) to give the title compound as a yellow solid in 40% yield. $(M+H)^+ = 601.7$.

Example 9: 6-Cyclopropyl-2-(2-hydroxymethyl-3-{8-[4-(morpholine-4-carbonyl)-phenylamino]-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-6-yl}-phenyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-isoquinolin-1-one (II-1)

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The desired compound was synthesized following the method described in Example 4 using [4-(6-bromo-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-8-ylamino)-phenyl]-morpholin-4-yl-methanone to give the title compound as a yellow solid in 44% yield. $(M+H)^+ = 615.7$.

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General Scheme 2.**Example 10: 4-(6-Bromo-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-8-ylamino)-benzoic acid**

6,8-Dibromo-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazine (6.19 g, 22.4 mmol) and *p*-aminobenzoic acid (3.07 g, 22.4 mmol) in NMP (12 mL) was maintained at 100°C for 3 h. DCM (200 mL) was added, and the resulting solid was filtered, washed with DCM, and dried *in vacuo* to yield 6.33 g (85%) of the desired product.

Example 11: [4-(6-Bromo-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-8-ylamino)-phenyl]-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-methanone

To 4-(6-bromo-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-8-ylamino)-benzoic acid (Example 10) (6.29 g, 18.9 mmol) and (benzotriazol-1-yloxy)tris(dimethylamino)phosphonium hexafluorophosphate (9.18 g, 20.8 mmol) was added DMF (55 mL) and 1-methylpiperazine (7.56 g, 75.5 mmol). After stirring for 1 h at rt, the reaction was diluted with water (450 mL). The resulting solid was filtered, washed with water, and dried *in vacuo* to yield 6.23 g (79%) of the desired product.

Example 12: {4-[6-(3-Amino-2-methyl-phenyl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-8-ylamino]-phenyl}-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-methanone

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[4-(6-Bromo-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-8-ylamino)-phenyl]-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-methanone (Example 11) (1.62 g, 3.90 mmol), 2-methyl-3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-[1,3,2]dioxaborolan-2-yl)-phenylamine (1.00 g, 4.29 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (450 mg, 0.39 mmol), and sodium carbonate (1.24 g, 11.7 mmol) in DME (8 mL) and water (4 mL) was maintained at 170°C for 12.5 min in a microwave reactor. The reaction mixture was partitioned between ethyl acetate and water. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, concentrated *in vacuo*, and purified by flash chromatography (7% methanol/DCM) to yield 908 mg (53%) of the desired product.

Example 13: 2-Amino-4-tert-butyl-N-(2-methyl-3-{8-[4-(4-methyl-piperazine-1-carbonyl)-phenylamino]-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-6-yl}-phenyl)-benzamide

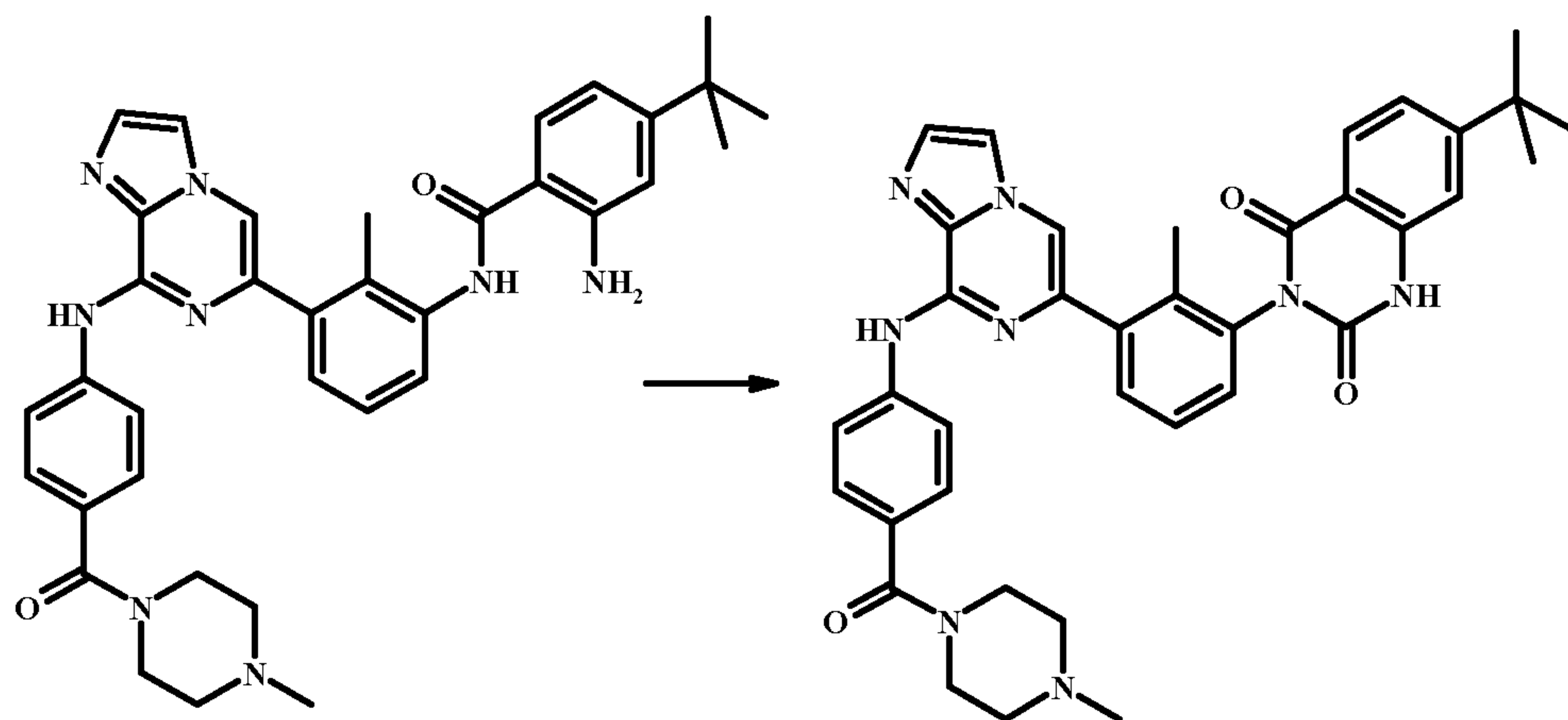
{4-[6-(3-Amino-2-methyl-phenyl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-8-ylamino]-phenyl}-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-methanone (Example 12) (200 mg, 0.45 mmol), 2-amino-4-*tert*-butylbenzoic acid (96 mg, 0.50 mmol), (benzotriazol-1-yloxy)tris(dimethylamino)phosphonium hexafluorophosphate (203 mg, 0.50 mmol), and triethylamine (156 mg, 1.54 mmol) in DMF (2 mL) was maintained at rt for 24 h and then at 60 °C for 24 h. Water (50 mL) was added, and the resulting solid was filtered, washed with water, and purified by flash chromatography (7% methanol/DCM) to yield 63mg (0.10 mmol) of the desired product.

Example 14: 7-tert-Butyl-3-(2-methyl-3-{8-[4-(4-methyl-piperazine-1-carbonyl)-phenylamino]-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-6-yl}-phenyl)-3H-quinazolin-4-one (I-2)

2-Amino-4-tert-butyl-N-(2-methyl-3-{8-[4-(4-methyl-piperazine-1-carbonyl)-phenylamino]-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-6-yl}-phenyl)-benzamide (Example 13) (21 mg, 0.034 mmol) in triethylorthoformate (2 mL) was maintained at reflux for 20 minutes. The solution was cooled and concentrated *in vacuo*. DCM (2 mL) and TFA (8 drops added via pipette) was added to the residue, and the solution was maintained at rt for 20 min. The resulting mixture was basified with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate, and the solution was partitioned between ethyl acetate and water. The organic layer was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, concentrated *in vacuo*, and purified by preparative TLC (10% methanol/DCM) to yield 3.8 mg (18%) of the desired product. (M+H)⁺ 627.2.

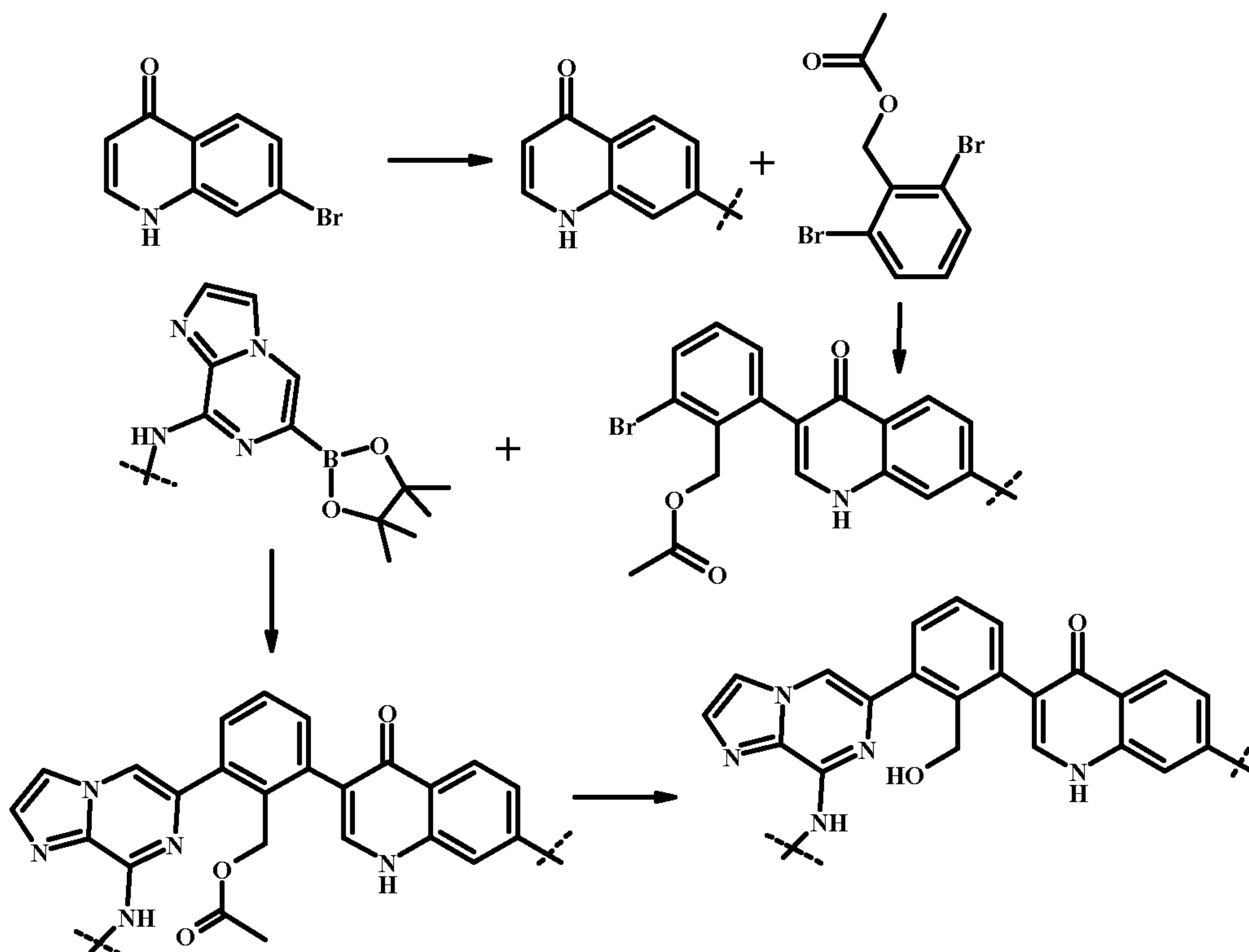
Example 15: 7-tert-Butyl-3-(2-methyl-3-{8-[4-(4-methyl-piperazine-1-carbonyl)-phenylamino]-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-6-yl}-phenyl)-1H-quinazoline-2,4-dione

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A solution of 2-amino-4-tert-butyl-N-(2-methyl-3-{8-[4-(4-methyl-piperazine-1-carbonyl)-phenylamino]-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-6-yl}-phenyl)-benzamide (Example 13) (23 mg, 0.037 mmol) in DCM (2 mL) was treated with 20% phosgene solution in toluene (0.02 mL 0.03 mmol) at rt. After stirring for 15 minutes, the solution was partitioned between ethylacetate and aqueous sodium bicarbonate. The organic layer was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, concentrated *in vacuo*, and purified by preparative TLC (10% methanol/DCM) to yield 5.6mg (43%) of the desired product. $(M+H)^+$ 643.3.

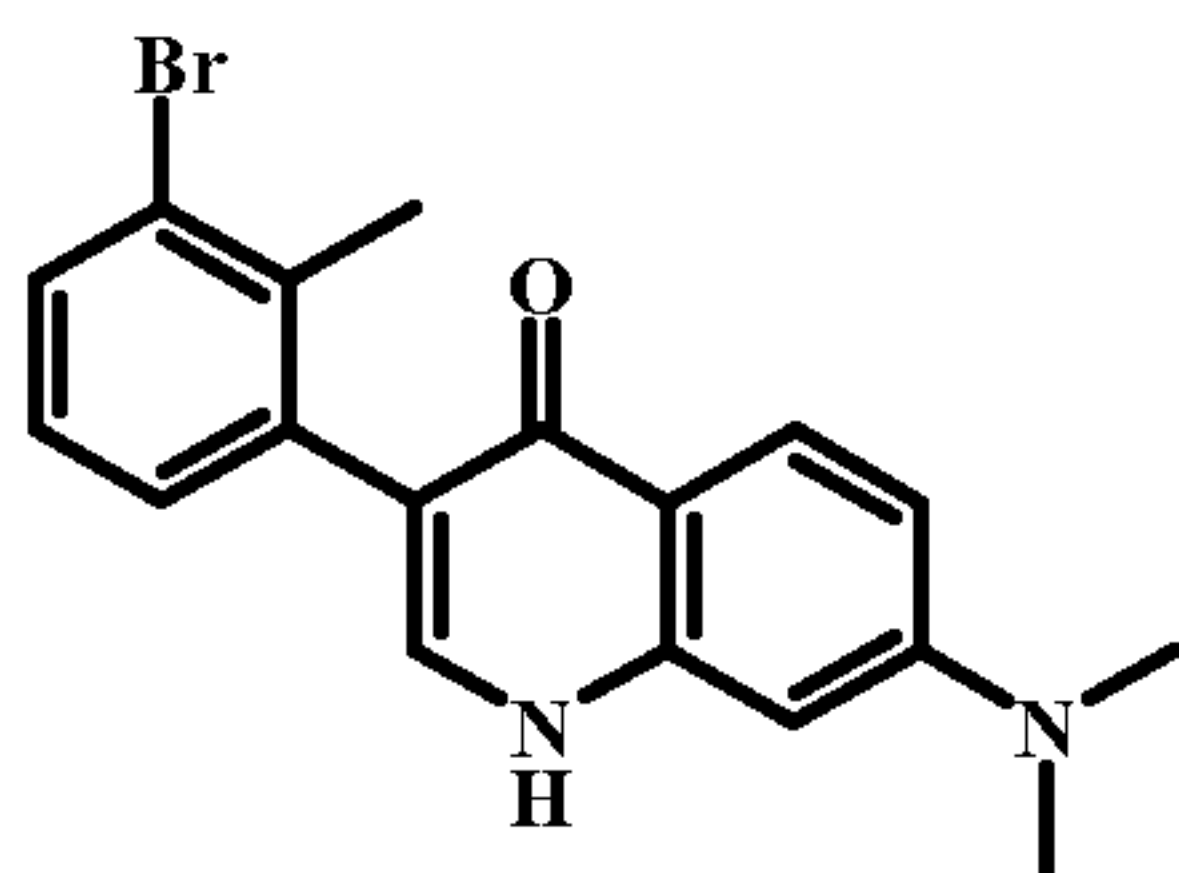
General Scheme 3.



Example 16: 2-(3-Bromo-2-methyl-phenyl)-3-(3-dimethylamino-phenylamino)-acrylic acid ethyl ester

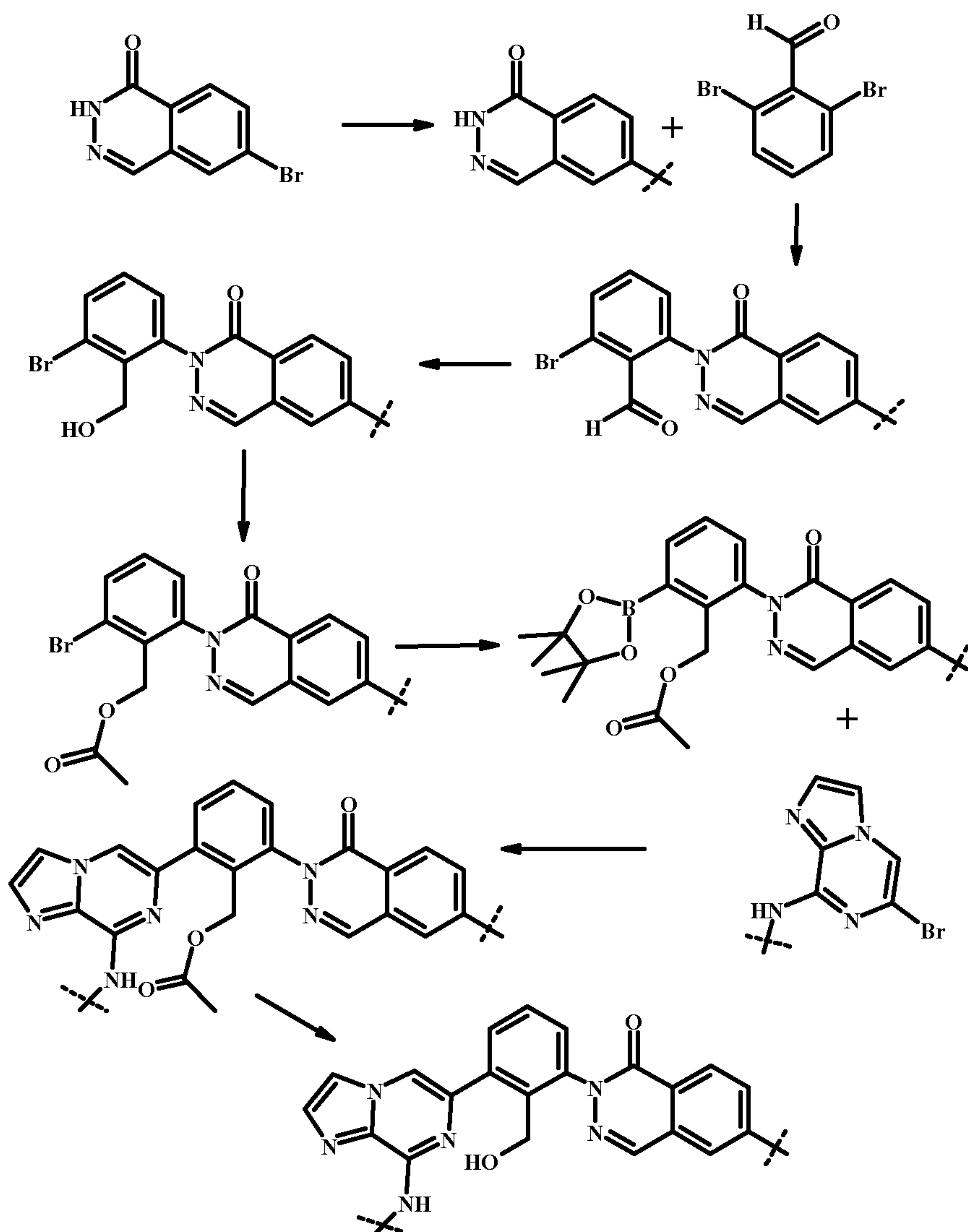
(3-Bromo-2-methyl-phenyl)-acetic acid benzyl ester (421mg, 1.32mmol) was dissolved in ethyl formate (2.5mL, 31mmol). Sodium hydride (95%, 67mg, 2.6mmol) was added. After stirring for 30 minutes, this was quenched with 1M aq. HCl. This was partitioned between ethyl acetate and water. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with water, washed with brine, dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, and concentrated *in vacuo*.

A portion of this material and N,N-Dimethyl-benzene-1,3-diamine (96mg, 0.70mmol) were stirred in 1mL ethanol for 18 hours. This was concentrated *in vacuo* and purified by flash chromatography (gradient elution 5 to 20% ethyl acetate/hexanes) to yield 2-(3-Bromo-2-methyl-phenyl)-3-(3-dimethylamino-phenylamino)-acrylic acid ethyl ester (164mg, 0.407mmol). MS (ESI) 405.0 (M+H)⁺.

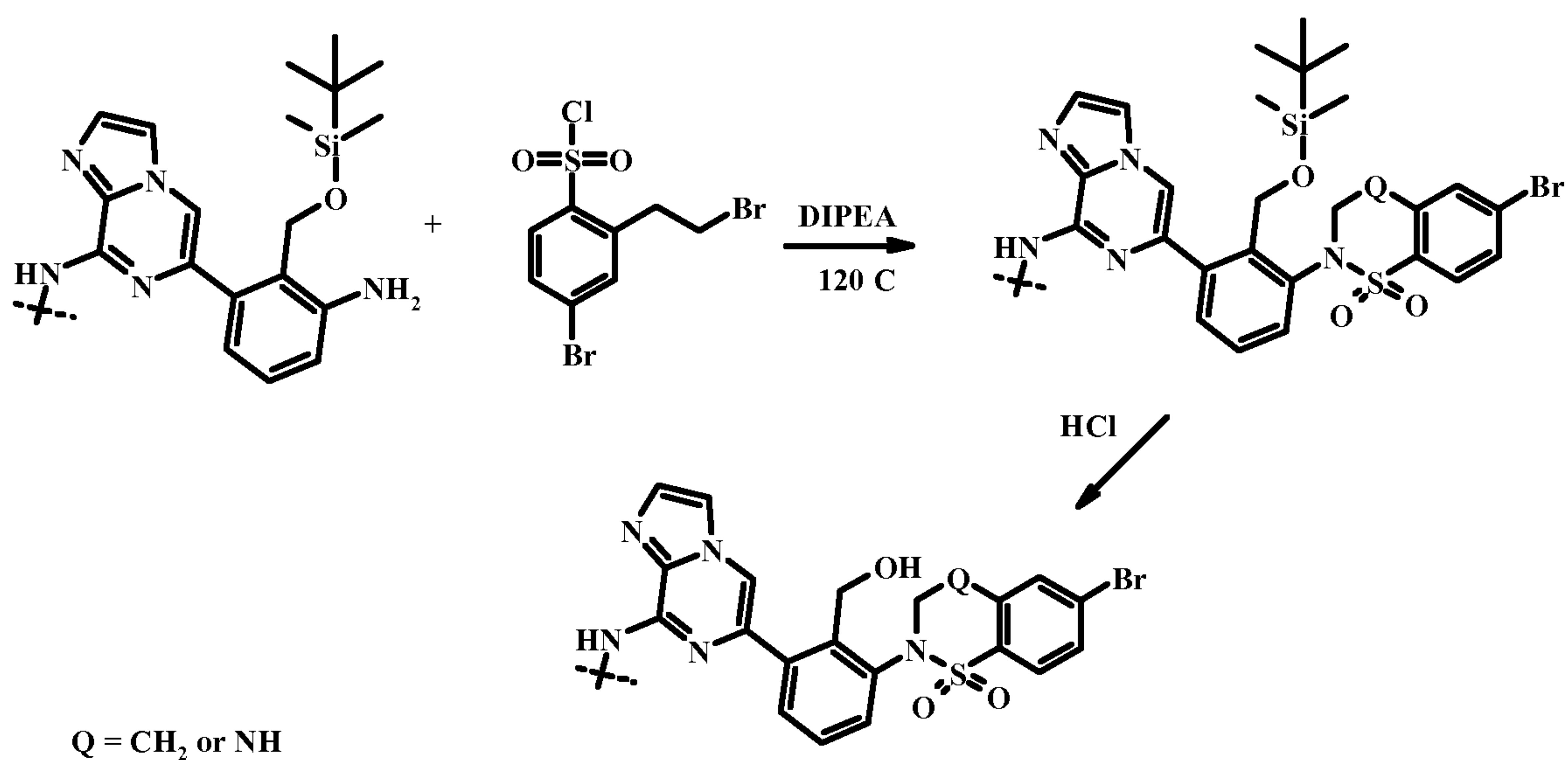
Example 17: 3-(3-Bromo-2-methyl-phenyl)-7-dimethylamino-1H-quinolin-4-one

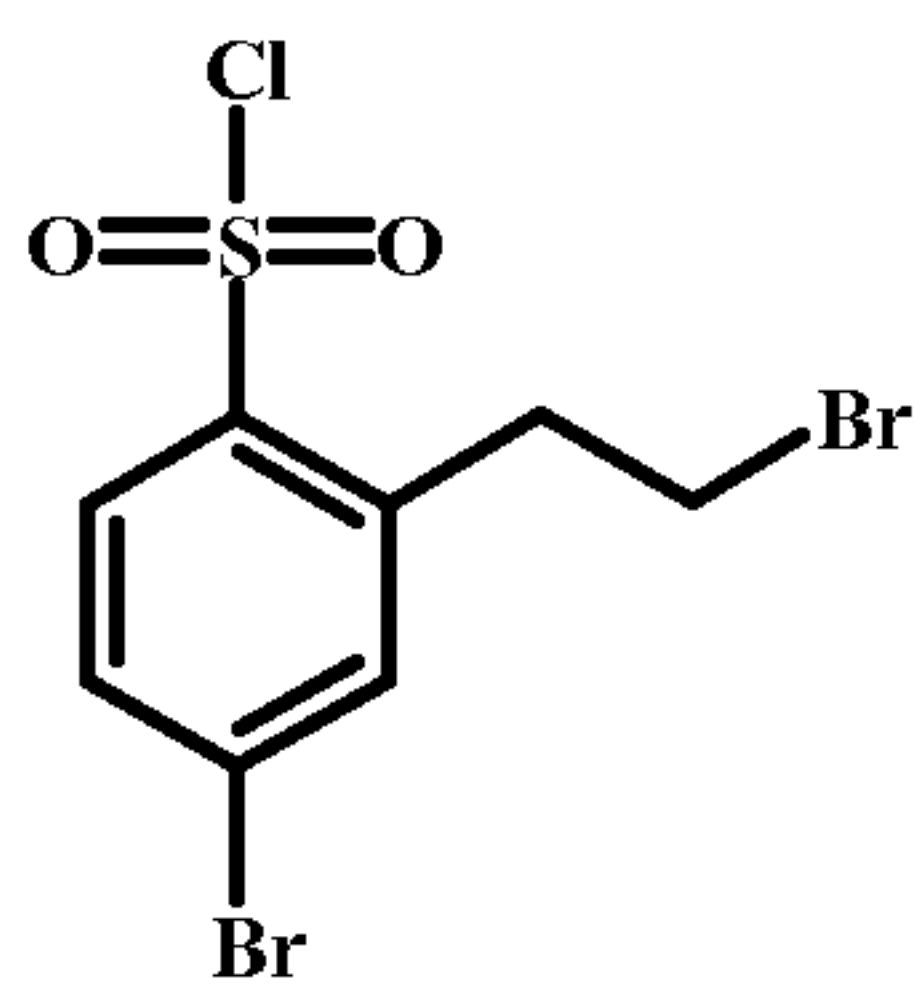
To 2-(3-bromo-2-methyl-phenyl)-3-(3-dimethylamino-phenylamino)-acrylic acid ethyl ester (Example 16) (100mg, 0.248mmol) was added 4g polyphosphoric acid. This stirred at 140°C for 10 minutes. 50 ml water was added and the mixture was stirred. The resulting precipitate was filtered and washed with water. The filtrate was extracted with 10% methanol/DCM solution. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was combined with the precipitate and purified by flash chromatography (gradient elution 2 to 5% methanol/DCM) to yield 3-(3-Bromo-2-methyl-phenyl)-7-dimethylamino-1H-quinolin-4-one (22mg, 0.062mmol). MS (ESI) 357.0 (M+H)⁺.

General Scheme 4.



General Scheme 5.



Example 18: 4-Bromo-2-(2-bromo-ethyl)-benzenesulfonyl chloride

Chlorosulfonic acid (17 mL) was added dropwise to 1-bromo-3-(2-bromo-ethyl)-benzene (5 g, 19 mmol) at 0°C. The mixture was stirred at 0°C for 1h then an additional 3h at rt. The mixture was poured into an ice-water slowly and extracted with methylene chloride, and the combined organic layers were evaporated under reduced pressure to give 4.3 g of crude 4-bromo-2-(2-bromo-ethyl)-benzenesulfonyl chloride which was used directly for next reaction. MS (ESI) 342.9 (M-Cl+OH)⁻.

Example 19: Bruton's tyrosine kinase (Btk) inhibition Assay

The assay is a capture of radioactive ³³P phosphorylated product through filtration. The interactions of Btk, biotinylated SH₂ peptide substrate (Src homology), and ATP lead to phosphorylation of the peptide substrate. Biotinylated product is bound streptavidin sepharose beads. All bound, radiolabeled products are detected by scintillation counter.

Plates assayed are 96-well polypropylene (Greiner) and 96-well 1.2 μm hydrophilic PVDF filter plates (Millipore). Concentrations reported here are final assay concentrations: 10- 100 μM compounds in DMSO (Burdick and Jackson), 5-10 nM Btk enzyme (His-tagged, full-length), 30 μM peptide substrate (Biotin-Aca-AAAEIYGEI-NH₂), 100 μM ATP (Sigma), 8 mM imidazole (Sigma, pH 7.2), 8 mM glycerol-2-phosphate (Sigma), 200 μM EGTA (Roche Diagnostics), 1 mM MnCl₂ (Sigma), 20 mM MgCl₂ (Sigma), 0.1 mg/ml BSA (Sigma), 2 mM DTT (Sigma), 1 μCi ³³P ATP (Amersham), 20% streptavidin sepharose beads (Amersham), 50 mM EDTA (Gibco), 2 M NaCl (Gibco), 2 M NaCl w/ 1% phosphoric acid (Gibco), microscint-20 (Perkin Elmer).

IC₅₀ determinations are calculated from 10 data points per compound utilizing data produced from a standard 96-well plate assay template. One control compound and seven unknown inhibitors were tested on each plate and each plate was run twice. Typically, compounds were diluted in half-log starting at 100 μM and ending at 3 nM. The control compound was staurosporine. Background was counted in the absence of peptide substrate. Total activity

was determined in the presence of peptide substrate. The following protocol was used to determine Btk inhibition.

- 1) Sample preparation: The test compounds were diluted at half-log increments in assay buffer (imidazole, glycerol-2-phosphate, EGTA, MnCl₂, MgCl₂, BSA).
- 5 2) Bead preparation
 - a.) rinse beads by centrifuging at 500 g
 - b.) reconstitute the beads with PBS and EDTA to produce a 20% bead slurry
- 3) Pre-incubate reaction mix without substrate (assay buffer, DTT, ATP, ³³P ATP) and mix with substrate (assay buffer, DTT, ATP, ³³P ATP, peptide substrate) 30°C for 15 min.
- 10 4) To start assay, pre-incubate 10 μL Btk in enzyme buffer (imidazole, glycerol-2-phosphate, BSA) and 10μL of test compounds for 10 min at RT.
- 5) Add 30 μL reaction mixture without or with substrate to Btk and compounds.
- 6) Incubate 50 μL total assay mix for 30 min at 30°C.
- 7) Transfer 40 μL of assay to 150 μL bead slurry in filter plate to stop reaction.
- 15 8) Wash filter plate after 30 min, with following steps
 - a. 3 x 250 μL NaCl
 - b. 3 x 250 μL NaCl containing 1% phosphoric acid
 - c. 1 x 250 μL H₂O
- 9) Dry plate for 1 h at 65°C or overnight at RT
- 20 10) Add 50 μL microscint-20 and count ³³P cpm on scintillation counter.

Calculate percent activity from raw data in cpm

$$\text{percent activity} = (\text{sample} - \text{bkg}) / (\text{total activity} - \text{bkg}) \times 100$$

Calculate IC₅₀ from percent activity, using one-site dose response sigmoidal model

$$y = A + ((B - A) / (1 + ((x / C)^D)))$$

- 25 x = cmpd conc, y = % activity, A = min, B = max, C = IC₅₀, D = 1 (hill slope)

Representative results are in Table II below:

TABLE II.

Compound	Btk inhibition IC ₅₀ (μM)
II-1	0.025
II-2	0.037

Example 20: Inhibition of B-cell Activation - B cell FLIPR assay in Ramos cells

Inhibition of B-cell activation by compounds of the present invention is demonstrated by determining the effect of the test compounds on anti-IgM stimulated B cell responses.

The B cell FLIPR assay is a cell based functional method of determining the effect of potential inhibitors of the intracellular calcium increase from stimulation by an anti-IgM antibody.

5 Ramos cells (human Burkitt's lymphoma cell line. ATCC-No. CRL-1596) were cultivated in Growth Media (described below). One day prior to assay, Ramos cells were resuspended in fresh growth media (same as above) and set at a concentration of 0.5×10^6 /mL in tissue culture flasks. On day of assay, cells are counted and set at a concentration of 1×10^6 /mL in
10 growth media supplemented with $1 \mu\text{M}$ FLUO-3AM (TefLabs Cat-No. 0116, prepared in anhydrous DMSO and 10% Pluronic acid) in a tissue culture flask, and incubated at 37°C (4% CO_2) for one h. To remove extracellular dye, cells were collected by centrifugation (5min, 1000 rpm), resuspended in FLIPR buffer (described below) at 1×10^6 cells/mL and then dispensed into 96-well poly-D-lysine coated black/clear plates (BD Cat-No. 356692) at 1×10^5 cells per well. Test compounds were added at various concentrations ranging from $100 \mu\text{M}$ to
15 $0.03 \mu\text{M}$ (7 concentrations, details below), and allowed to incubate with cells for 30 min at RT. Ramos cell Ca^{2+} signaling was stimulated by the addition of $10 \mu\text{g/mL}$ anti-IgM (Southern Biotech, Cat-No. 2020-01) and measured on a FLIPR (Molecular Devices, captures images of 96 well plates using a CCD camera with an argon laser at 480nm excitation).

Media/Buffers:

20 Growth Medium: RPMI 1640 medium with L-glutamine (Invitrogen, Cat-No. 61870-010), 10% Fetal Bovine Serum (FBS, Summit Biotechnology Cat-No. FP-100-05); 1mM Sodium Pyruvate (Invitrogen Cat. No. 11360-070).

FLIPR buffer: HBSS (Invitrogen, Cat-No. 141175-079), 2mM CaCl_2 (Sigma Cat-No. C-4901), HEPES (Invitrogen, Cat-No. 15630-080), 2.5mM Probenecid (Sigma, Cat-No. P-8761), 0.1%
25 BSA (Sigma, Cat-No.A-7906), 11mM Glucose (Sigma, Cat-No.G-7528)

Compound dilution details:

In order to achieve the highest final assay concentration of $100 \mu\text{M}$, $24 \mu\text{L}$ of 10 mM compound stock solution (made in DMSO) is added directly to $576 \mu\text{L}$ of FLIPR buffer. The test compounds are diluted in FLIPR Buffer (using Biomek 2000 robotic pipettor) resulting in
30 the following dilution scheme: vehicle, $1.00 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M}$, 1.00×10^{-5} , 3.16×10^{-6} , 1.00×10^{-6} , 3.16×10^{-7} , 1.00×10^{-7} , 3.16×10^{-8} .

Intracellular increases in calcium were reported using a max – min statistic (subtracting the resting baseline from the peak caused by addition of the stimulatory antibody using a

Molecular Devices FLIPR control and statistic exporting software. The IC₅₀ was determined using a non-linear curve fit (GraphPad Prism software).

Example 21: Mouse *In Vivo* Collagen-induced arthritis (mCIA)

On day 0 mice are injected at the base of the tail or several spots on the back with an emulsion
5 of Type II Collagen (i.d.) in Complete Freund's adjuvant (CFA). Following collagen
immunization, animals will develop arthritis at around 21 to 35 days. The onset of arthritis is
synchronized (boosted) by systemic administration of collagen in Incomplete Freund's ad-
juvant (IFA; i.d.) at day 21. Animals are examined daily after day 20 for any onset of mild
10 arthritis (score of 1 or 2; see score description below) which is the signal to boost. Following
boost, mice are scored and dosed with candidate therapeutic agents for the prescribed time
(typically 2—3 weeks) and dosing frequency, daily (QD) or twice-daily (BID).

Example 22: Rat *In Vivo* Collagen-induced arthritis (rCIA)

On day 0, rats are injected with an emulsion of Bovine Type II Collagen in Incomplete
Freund's adjuvant (IFA) is injected intradermally (i.d.) on several locations on the back. A
15 booster injection of collagen emulsion is given around day 7, (i.d.) at the base of the tail or
alternative sites on the back. Arthritis is generally observed 12-14 days after the initial colla-
gen injection. Animals may be evaluated for the development of arthritis as described below
(Evaluation of arthritis) from day 14 onwards. Animals are dosed with candidate therapeutic
agents in a preventive fashion starting at the time of secondary challenge and for the pre-
20 scribed time (typically 2—3 weeks) and dosing frequency, daily (QD) or twice-daily (BID).

Example 23: Evaluation of Arthritis:

In both models (Examples 38 and 39), developing inflammation of the paws and limb joints is
quantified using a scoring system that involves the assessment of the 4 paws following the
criteria described below:

- 25 Scoring: 1= swelling and/or redness of paw or one digit.
 2= swelling in two or more joints.
 3= gross swelling of the paw with more than two joints involved.
 4= severe arthritis of the entire paw and digits.

Evaluations are made on day 0 for baseline measurement and starting again at the first signs
30 or swelling for up to three times per week until the end of the experiment. The arthritic index

for each mouse is obtained by adding the four scores of the individual paws, giving a maximum score of 16 per animal.

Example 24: Rat *In Vivo* Asthma Model

Male Brown-Norway rats are sensitized i.p. with 100 µg of OA (ovalbumin) in 0.2 ml alum
 5 once every week for three weeks (day 0, 7, and 14). On day 21 (one week following last sensitization) , the rats are dosed q.d. with either vehicle or compound formulation subcutaneously 0.5 hour before OA aerosol challenge (1% OA for 45 minutes) and terminated 4 or 24
 10 hours after challenge. At time of sacrifice, serum and plasma are collected from all animals for serology and PK, respectively. A tracheal cannula is inserted and the lungs are lavaged 3X
 15 with PBS. The BAL fluid is analyzed for total leukocyte number and differential leukocyte counts. Total leukocyte number in an aliquot of the cells (20-100 µl) is determined by Coulter Counter. For differential leukocyte counts, 50-200 µl of the sample is centrifuged in a Cytospin and the slide stained with Diff-Quik. The proportions of monocytes, eosinophils, neutrophils and lymphocytes are counted under light microscopy using standard morphological
 20 criteria and expressed as a percentage. Representative inhibitors of Btk show decreased total leucocyte count in the BAL of OA sensitized and challenged rats as compared to control levels.

Pharmaceutical compositions of the subject Compounds for administration via several routes were prepared as described in this Example.

20 Example 25: Pharmaceutical compositions

Composition for Oral Administration (A)

Ingredient	% wt./wt.
Active ingredient	20.0%
Lactose	79.5%
Magnesium stearate	0.5%

The ingredients are mixed and dispensed into capsules containing about 100 mg each; one capsule would approximate a total daily dosage.

Composition for Oral Administration (B)

Ingredient	% wt./wt.
Active ingredient	20.0%

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Magnesium stearate	0.5%
Crosscarmellose sodium	2.0%
Lactose	76.5%
PVP (polyvinylpyrrolidone)	1.0%

The ingredients are combined and granulated using a solvent such as methanol. The formulation is then dried and formed into tablets (containing about 20 mg of active compound) with an appropriate tablet machine.

Composition for Oral Administration (C)

Ingredient	% wt./wt.
Active compound	1.0 g
Fumaric acid	0.5 g
Sodium chloride	2.0 g
Methyl paraben	0.15 g
Propyl paraben	0.05 g
Granulated sugar	25.5 g
Sorbitol (70% solution)	12.85 g
Veegum K (Vanderbilt Co.)	1.0 g
Flavoring	0.035 ml
Colorings	0.5 mg
Distilled water	q.s. to 100 ml

- 5 The ingredients are mixed to form a suspension for oral administration.

Parenteral Formulation (D)

Ingredient	% wt./wt.
Active ingredient	0.25 g
Sodium Chloride	qs to make isotonic
Water for injection to	100 ml

The active ingredient is dissolved in a portion of the water for injection. A sufficient quantity of sodium chloride is then added with stirring to make the solution isotonic. The solution is made up to weight with the remainder of the water for injection, filtered through a 0.2 micron

- 10 membrane filter and packaged under sterile conditions.

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Suppository Formulation (E)

Ingredient	% wt./wt.
Active ingredient	1.0%
Polyethylene glycol 1000	74.5%
Polyethylene glycol 4000	24.5%

The ingredients are melted together and mixed on a steam bath, and poured into molds containing 2.5 g total weight.

Topical Formulation (F)

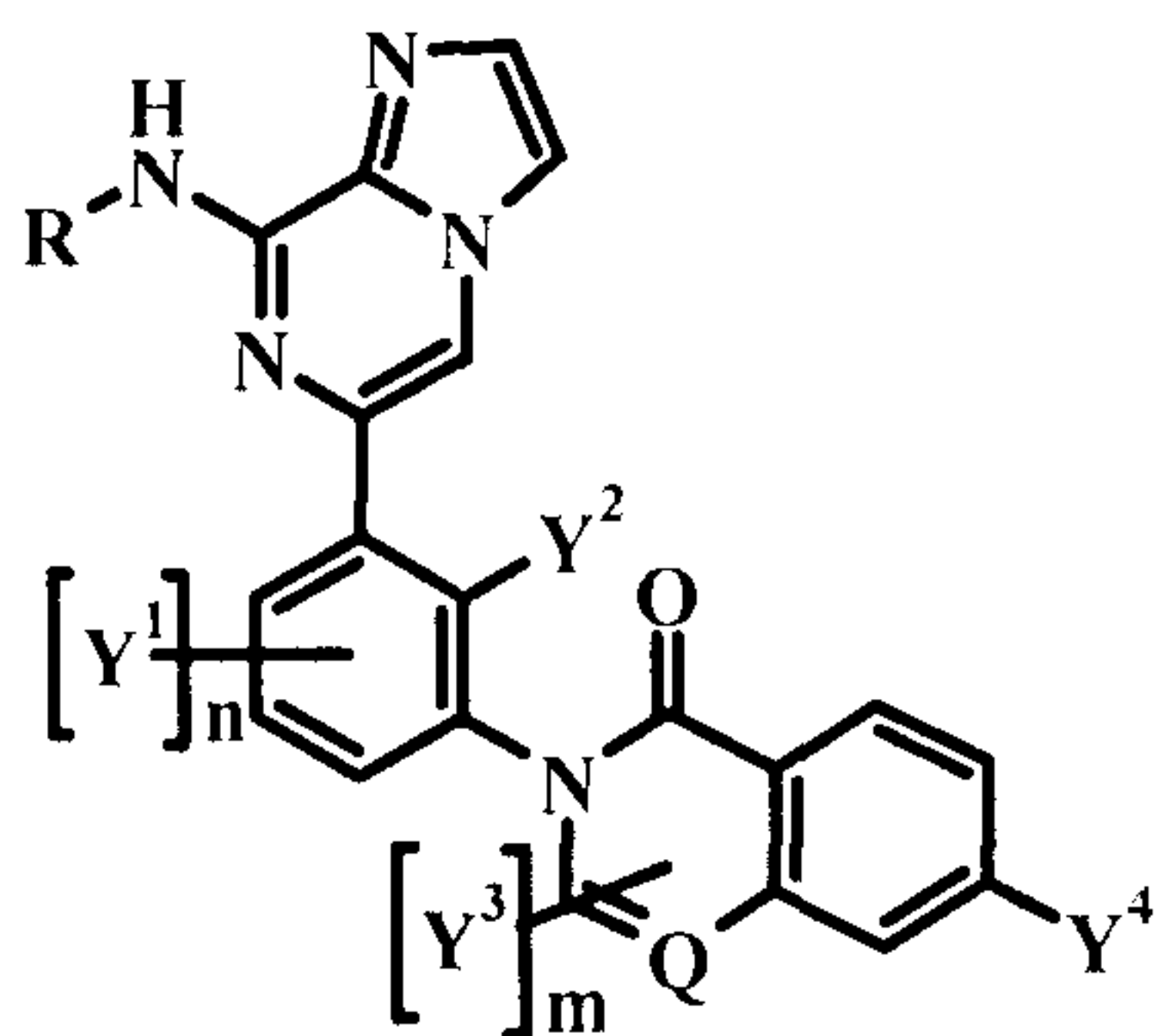
Ingredients	grams
Active compound	0.2-2
Span 60	2
Tween 60	2
Mineral oil	5
Petrolatum	10
Methyl paraben	0.15
Propyl paraben	0.05
BHA (butylated hydroxy anisole)	0.01
Water	q.s. 100

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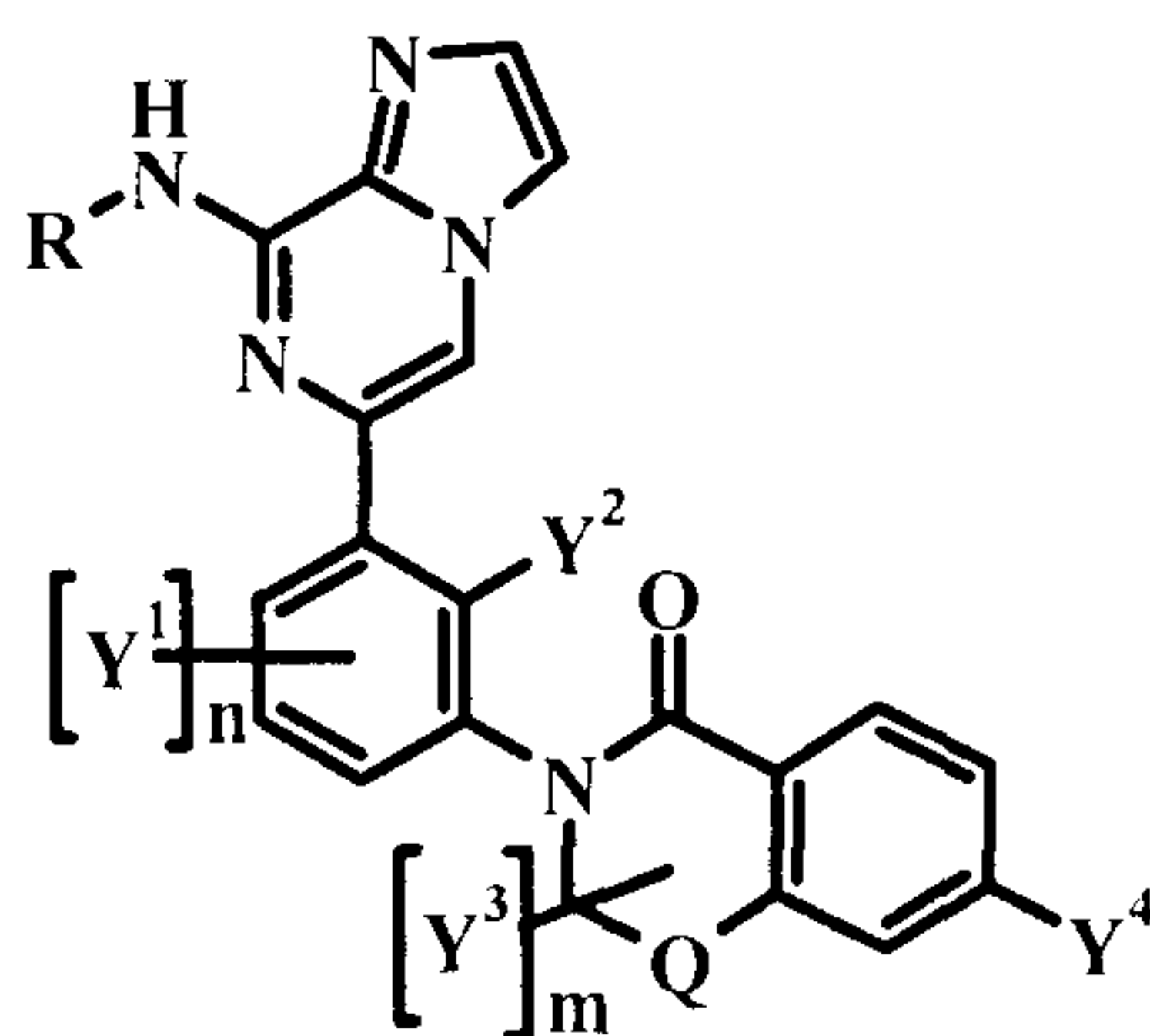
The foregoing invention has been described in some detail by way of illustration and example, for purposes of clarity and understanding. It will be obvious to one of skill in the art that changes and modifications may be practiced within the scope of the appended claims. Therefore, it is to be understood that the above description is intended to be illustrative and not restrictive. The scope of the invention should, therefore, be determined not with reference to
10 the above description, but should instead be determined with reference to the following appended claims, along with the full scope of equivalents to which such claims are entitled.

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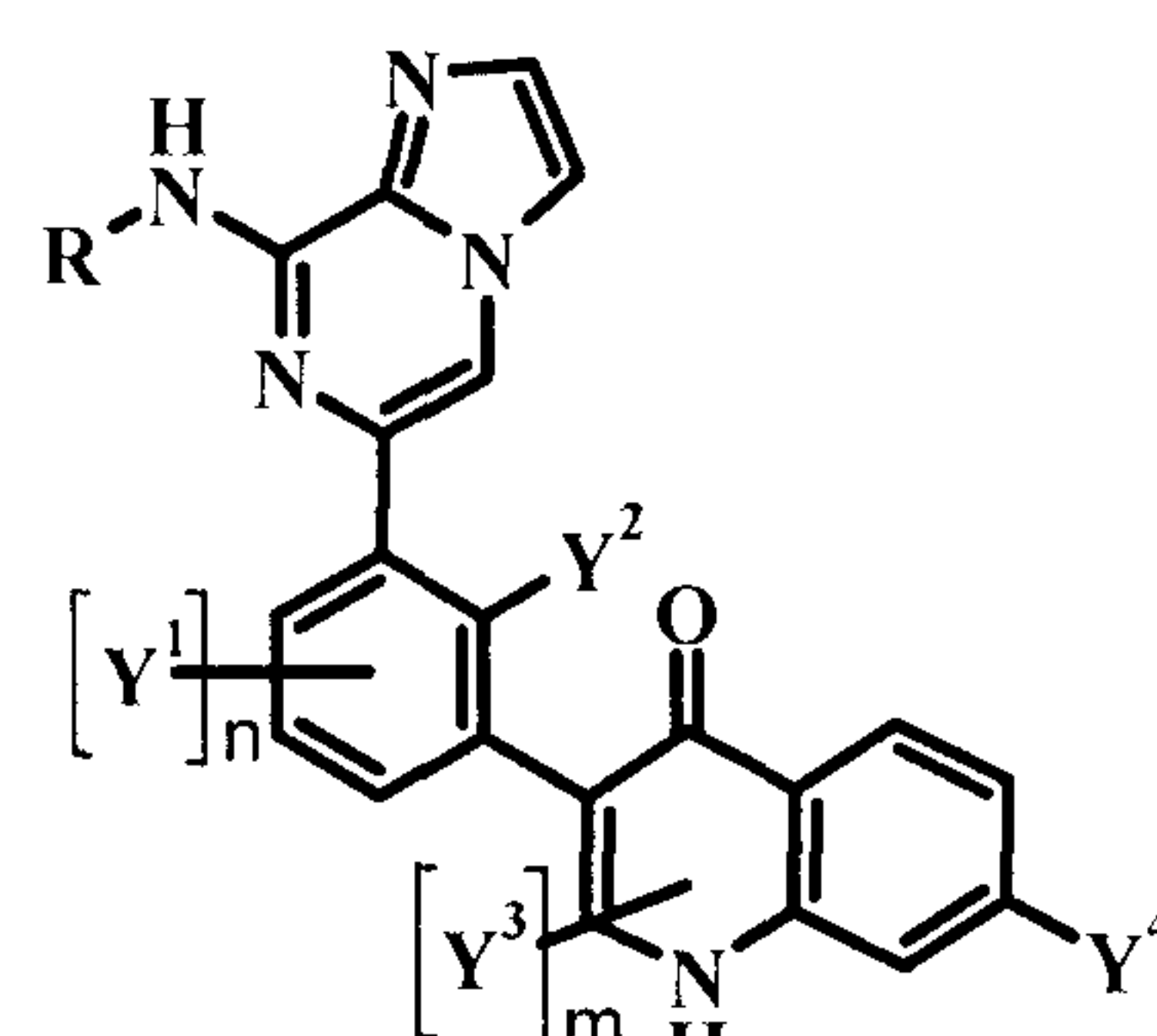
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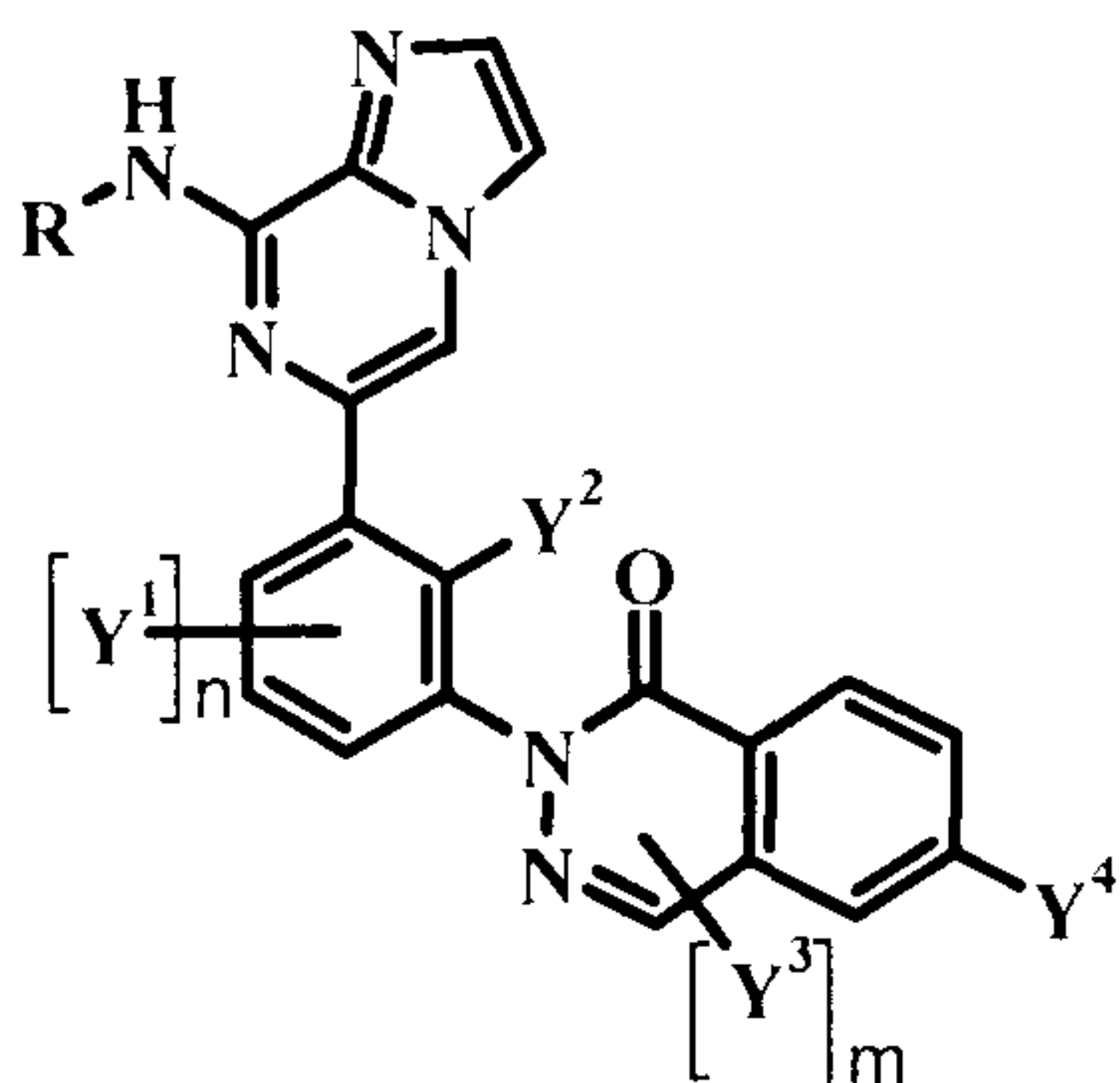
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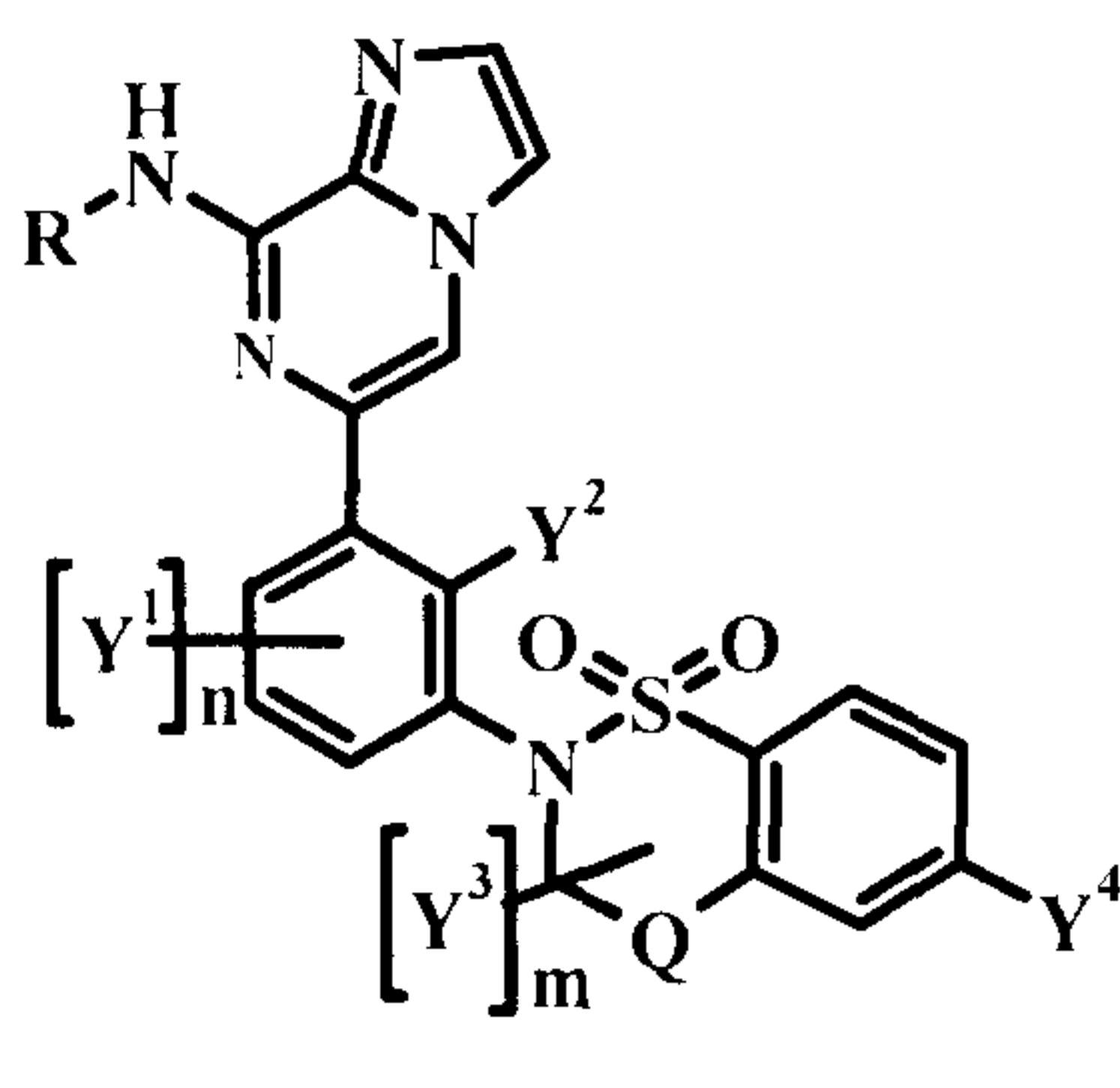
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wherein:

R is H, $-R^1$, $-R^1-R^2-R^3$, $-R^1-R^3$, or $-R^2-R^3$;

R^1 is aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, or heterocycloalkyl, and is optionally substituted with $R^{1'}$; wherein $R^{1'}$ is lower alkyl, hydroxy, lower hydroxyalkyl, lower alkoxy, halogen, nitro, amino, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, cyano, or lower haloalkyl;

R^2 is $-C(=O)$, $-C(=O)O$, $-C(=O)N(R^{2'})$, $-(CH_2)_q$, or $-S(=O)_2$; wherein $R^{2'}$ is H or lower alkyl; and q is 1, 2, or 3;

R^3 is H or R^4 ; wherein R^4 is lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, amino, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl, heteroaryl, alkyl heteroaryl, heteroaryl alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkyl

cycloalkyl, cycloalkyl alkyl, heterocycloalkyl, alkyl heterocycloalkyl, or heterocycloalkyl alkyl, and is optionally substituted with one or more lower alkyl, hydroxy, oxo, lower hydroxyalkyl, lower alkoxy, halogen, nitro, amino, cyano, lower alkylsulfonyl, or lower haloalkyl;

Q in formula I is CH or N;

in formula II and V is CH₂, CH(Y') or NH; wherein Y' is halogen, hydroxy, or lower alkyl, wherein the lower alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, lower alkoxy, amino, and halogen;

each Y¹ is independently Y^{1a} or Y^{1b}; wherein Y^{1a} is halogen; and Y^{1b} is lower alkyl, optionally substituted with one or more Y^{1b'}; wherein Y^{1b'} is hydroxy, lower alkoxy, or halogen;

n is 0, 1, 2, or 3;

Y² is Y^{2a} or Y^{2b}; wherein Y^{2a} is H or halogen; and Y^{2b} is lower alkyl, optionally substituted with one or more Y^{2b'}; wherein Y^{2b'} is hydroxy, lower alkoxy, or halogen;

Y³ is halogen or lower alkyl, wherein the lower alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, lower alkoxy, amino, and halogen;

m is 0 or 1;

Y⁴ is Y^{4a}, Y^{4b}, Y^{4c}, or Y^{4d}; wherein

Y^{4a} is H or halogen;

Y^{4b} is lower alkyl, optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of lower haloalkyl, halogen, hydroxy, amino, and lower alkoxy;

Y^{4c} is lower cycloalkyl, optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of lower alkyl, lower haloalkyl, halogen, hydroxy, amino, and lower alkoxy; and

Y^{4d} is amino, optionally substituted with one or more lower alkyl;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. The compound according to claim 1 which is a compound of formula I wherein:

R is $-R^1-R^2-R^3$; wherein R^1 is aryl; R^2 is $-C(=O)$; and R^3 is heterocycloalkyl;

Q is N;

n is 0;

Y^2 is Y^{2a} or Y^{2b} ; wherein Y^{2a} is H; and Y^{2b} is lower alkyl;

m is 0; and

Y^4 is Y^{4b} ; wherein Y^{4b} is lower alkyl.

3. The compound according to claim 1 which is a compound of formula II wherein

R is $-R^1-R^2-R^3$ or $-R^1-R^3$; wherein R^1 is aryl or heteroaryl; R^2 is $-C(=O)$ or $-(CH_2)_q$; wherein q is 1; and R^3 is R^4 ; wherein R^4 is amino or heterocycloalkyl, and is optionally substituted with one or more lower alkyl;

Q is CH_2 ;

n is 0;

Y^2 is Y^{2b} ; wherein Y^{2b} is lower alkyl, optionally substituted with one or more $Y^{2b'}$; wherein $Y^{2b'}$ is hydroxy;

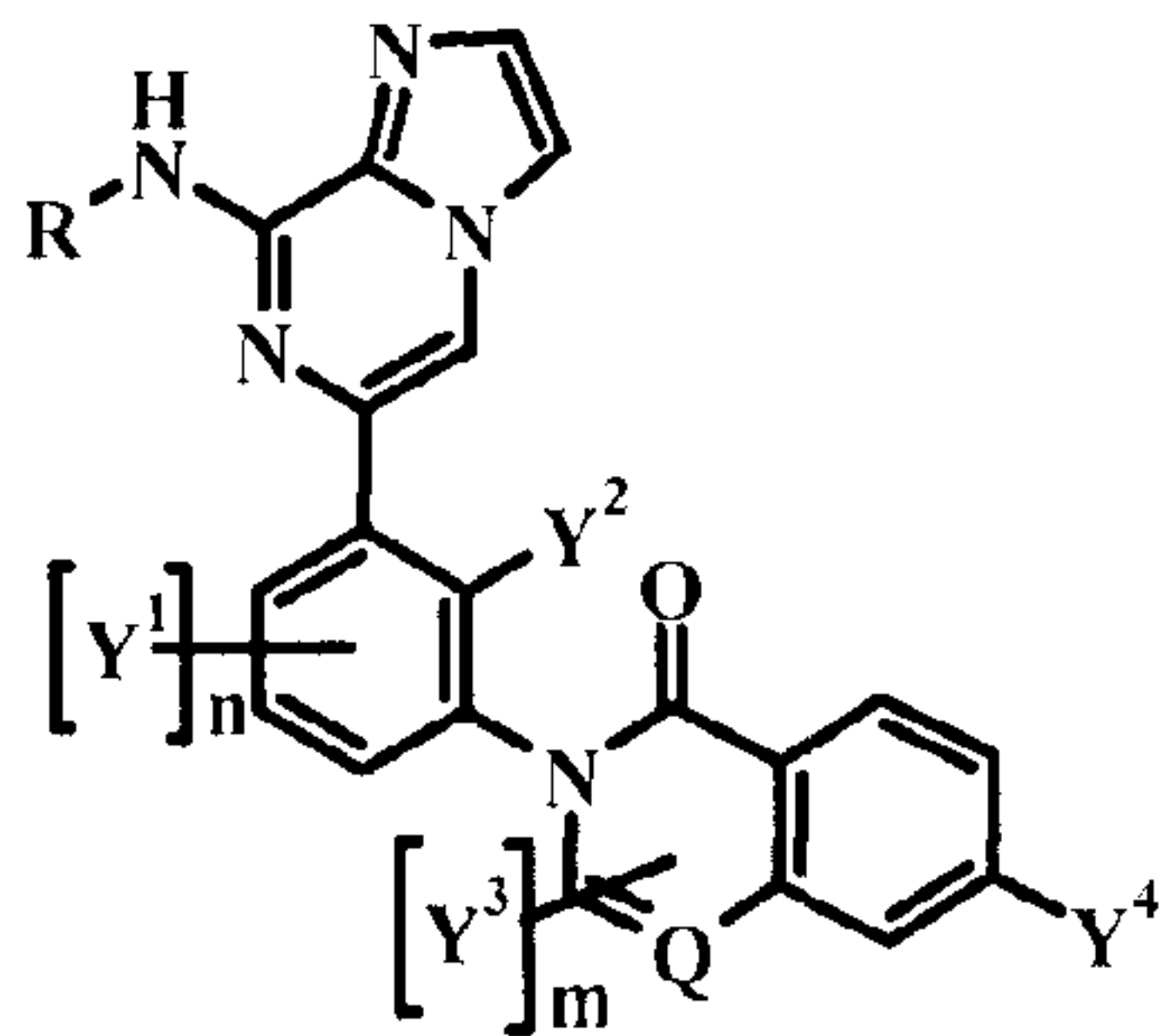
m is 0;

Y^4 is Y^{4c} , wherein Y^{4c} is lower cycloalkyl.

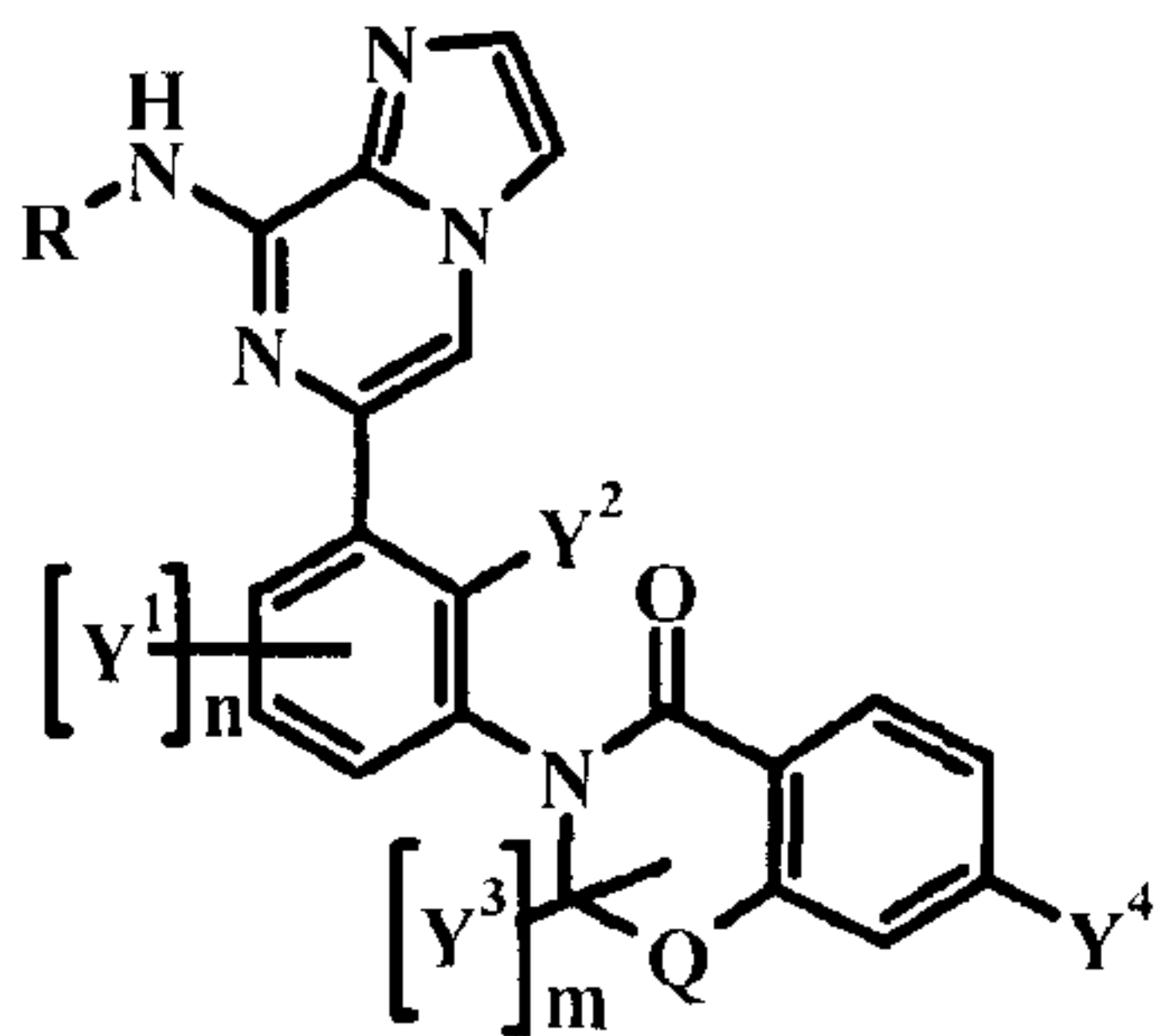
4. The compound according to claim 1 wherein R is $-R^1-R^2-R^3$ or $-R^1-R^3$; wherein

R^1 is aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, or heterocycloalkyl, and is optionally substituted with $R^{1'}$; wherein $R^{1'}$ is lower alkyl, hydroxy, lower hydroxyalkyl, lower alkoxy, halogen, nitro, amino, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, cyano, or lower haloalkyl; R^2 is $-C(=O)$, $-C(=O)O$, $-C(=O)N(R^{2'})$, $-(CH_2)_q$, or $-S(=O)_2$; wherein $R^{2'}$ is H or lower alkyl; and q is 1, 2, or 3; R^3 is H or R^4 ; wherein R^4 is lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, amino, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl, heteroaryl, alkyl heteroaryl, heteroaryl alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkyl cycloalkyl, cycloalkyl alkyl, heterocycloalkyl, alkyl heterocycloalkyl, or heterocycloalkyl alkyl, and is optionally substituted with one or more lower alkyl, hydroxy, oxo, lower hydroxyalkyl, lower alkoxy, halogen, nitro, amino, cyano, lower alkylsulfonyl, or lower haloalkyl.

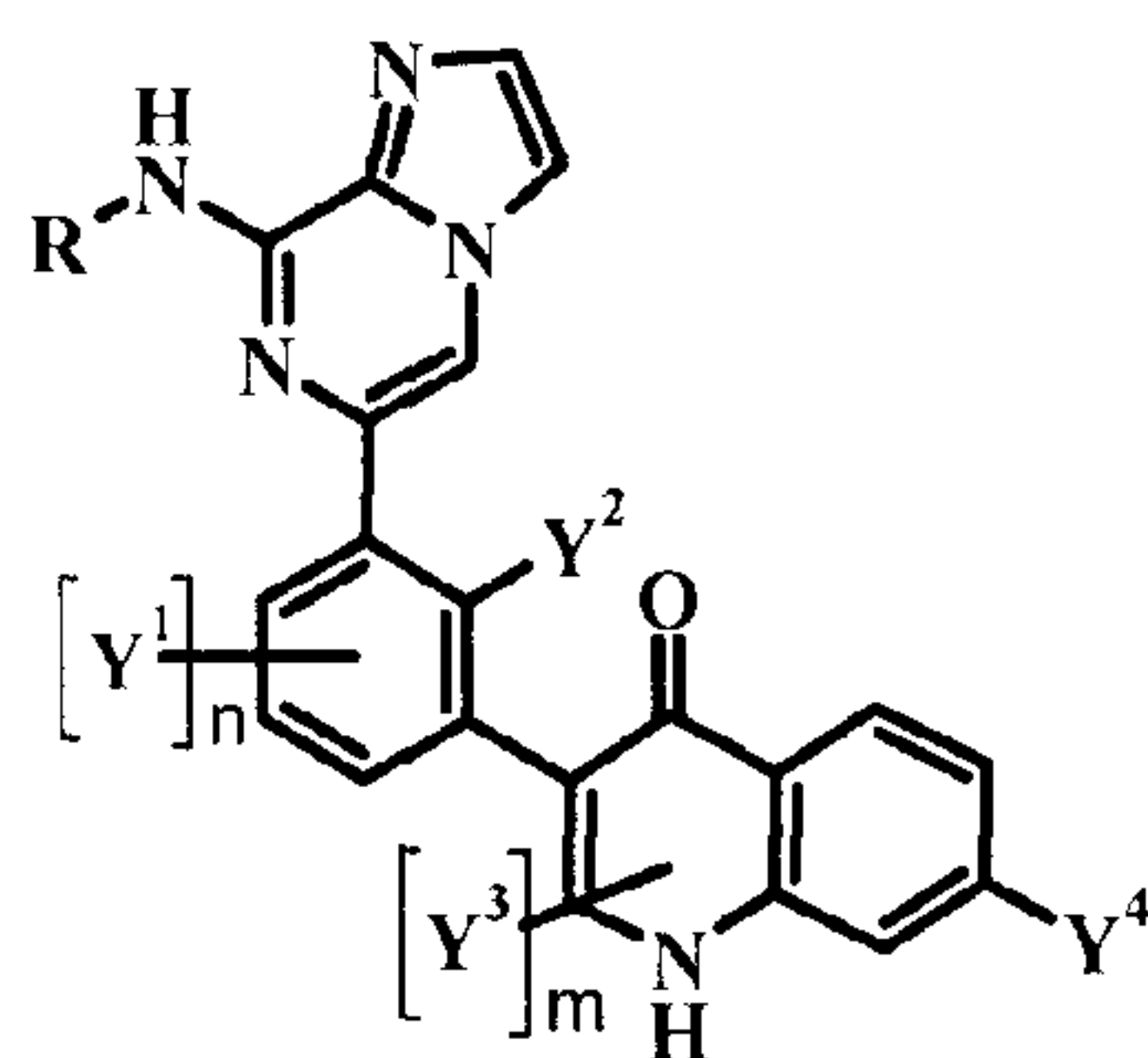
5. The compound according to claim 1 wherein R¹ is phenyl or pyridyl.
6. The compound according to claim 1 wherein Y⁴ is Y^{4b} or Y^{4c}; wherein Y^{4b} is lower alkyl, optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of lower haloalkyl, halogen, hydroxy, amino, and lower alkoxy; Y^{4c} is lower cycloalkyl, optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of lower alkyl, lower haloalkyl, halogen, hydroxy, amino, and lower alkoxy.
7. Use of a therapeutically effective amount of the compound as defined in any one of claims 1 to 6 for treating an inflammatory and/or autoimmune condition, or for inhibiting B-cell proliferation in a subject in need thereof.
8. Use of the compound as defined in any one of claims 1 to 6 for the preparation of a medicament for the treatment of an inflammatory and/or autoimmune condition.
9. The use of claim 7 or 8 wherein the inflammatory and/or autoimmune condition is arthritis.
10. A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound of any one of claims 1 to 6, admixed with at least one pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, excipient or diluent.
11. A commercial package comprising the compound of any one of claims 1 to 6, together with instructions for use in treating an inflammatory and/or autoimmune condition or for inhibiting B-cell proliferation.



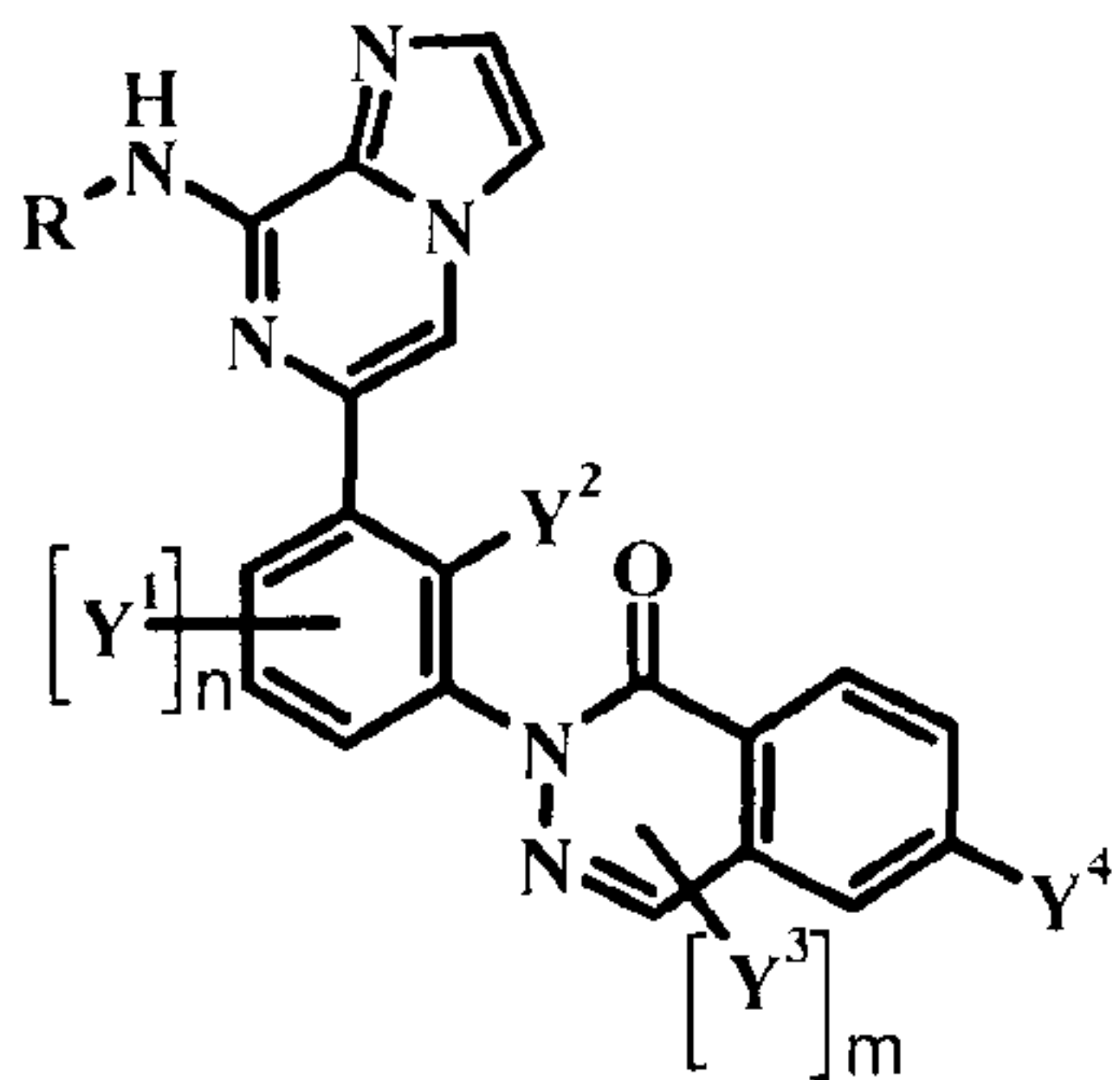
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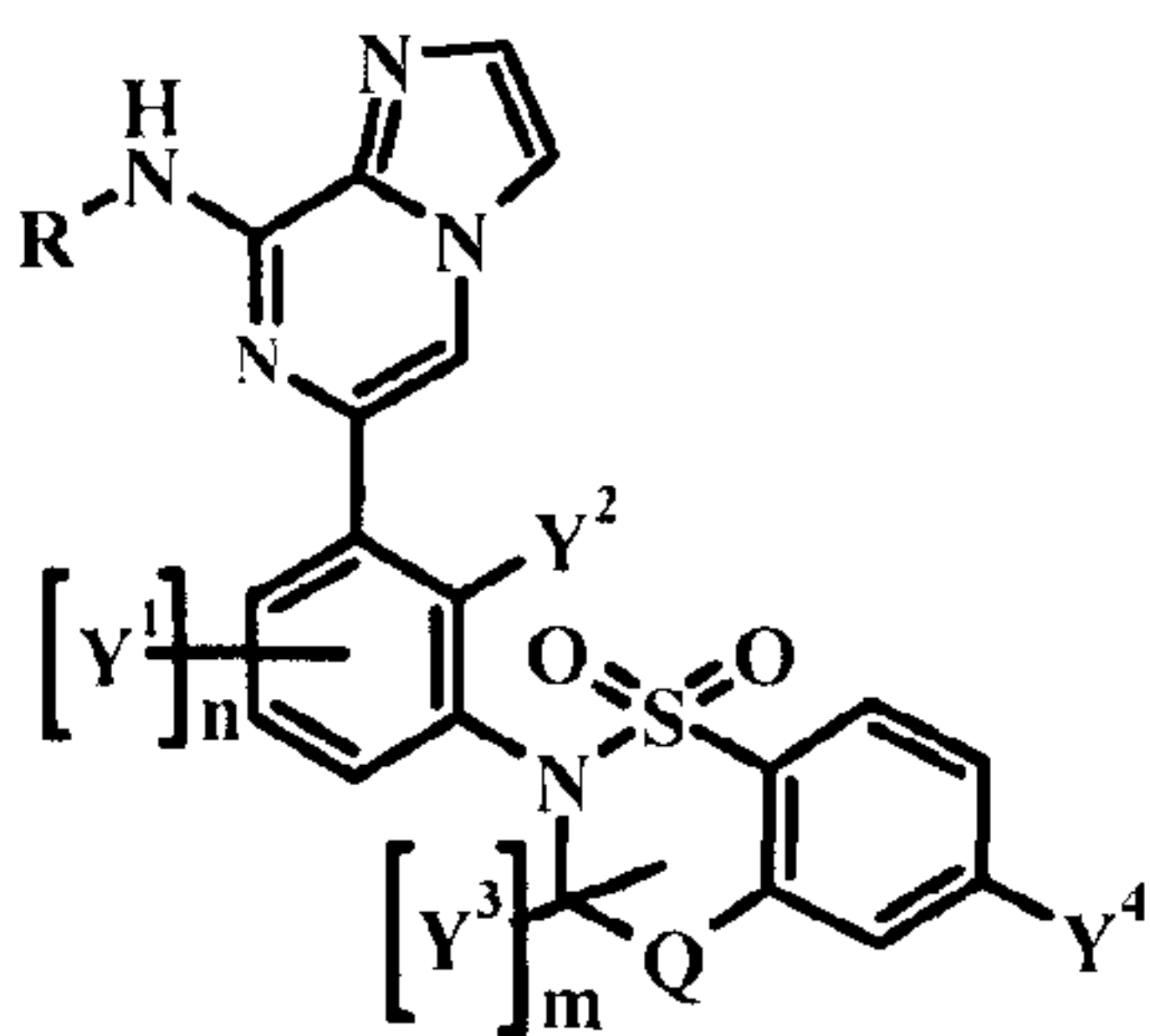
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