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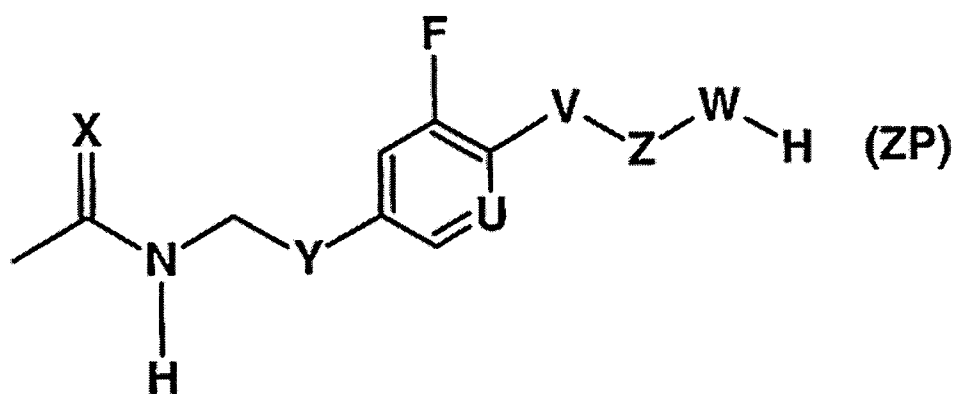
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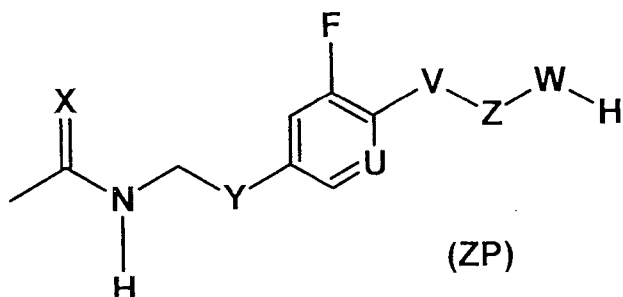
ABSTRACT

The invention relates to intermediate products (ZP) for a novel and efficient synthesis of compounds, wherein the pharmacophores of quinolone and oxazolidinone are linked together by means of a chemically stable linker.



The present invention describes intermediates (ZP) for a novel and efficient synthesis of end products in which the pharmacophores of quinolone and oxazolidinone are linked to one another by way of a chemically stable linker. End products of that kind are described in WO 03032962 and are distinguished by a high level of activity against human and animal bacteria. The present invention relates also to a novel and efficient synthesis of those intermediates as well as to the end products.

The present invention relates to compounds of formula (ZP)



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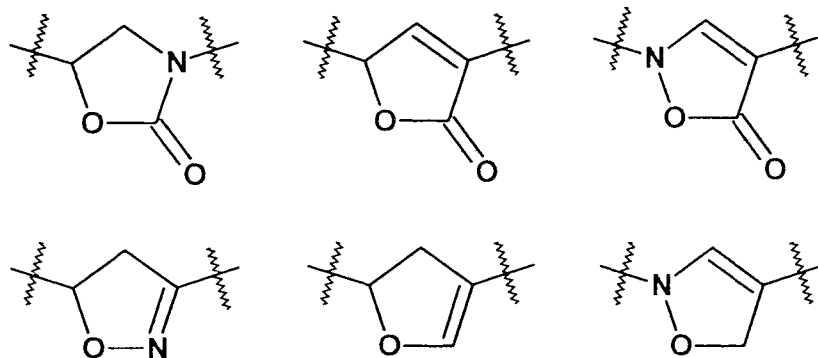
U is a nitrogen atom or a CH group;

V is an oxygen atom, a sulphur atom or a group of formula CR^6R^7 ;

W is a bond, an oxygen atom, a sulphur atom, a group of formula NR^8 , or an optionally substituted cycloalkylene, hetero-cycloalkylene, alkylcycloalkylene, heteroalkylcycloalkylene, arylene, heteroarylene, aralkylene or heteroaralkylene group;

X is an oxygen atom or a sulphur atom;

Y is selected from the following groups:



Z is an optionally substituted alkylene, alkenylene, alkynylene, heteroalkylene, cycloalkylene, heterocycloalkylene, alkylcycloalkylene, heteroalkylcycloalkylene, arylene, hetero-arylene, aralkylene or heteroaralkylene group;

the radicals R^6 and R^7 are each independently of the other a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a hydroxy, amino, nitro or thiol group, an optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, heteroalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, alkylcycloalkyl, heteroalkylcycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aralkyl or heteroaralkyl radical;

R^8 is a hydrogen atom, an optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, heteroalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, alkylcycloalkyl, heteroalkylcycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aralkyl or heteroaralkyl radical.

The term alkyl refers to a saturated, straight-chain or branched hydrocarbon group that contains from 1 to 20 carbon atoms, preferably from 1 to 12 carbon atoms, especially from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, for example a methyl, ethyl, propyl,

isopropyl, n-butyl, isobutyl, tert-butyl, n-pentyl, n-hexyl or 2,2-dimethylbutyl group.

The terms alkenyl and alkynyl refer to at least partially unsaturated, straight-chain or branched hydrocarbon groups that contain from 2 to 20 carbon atoms, preferably from 2 to 12 carbon atoms, especially from 2 to 6 carbon atoms, for example an ethenyl, allyl, acetylenyl, propargyl, isoprenyl or hex-2-enyl group. Preferably, alkenyl groups have one or two (especially one) double bond(s) and alkynyl groups have one or two (especially one) triple bond(s).

Furthermore, the terms alkyl, alkenyl and alkynyl refer to groups in which one or more hydrogen atoms, each independently of any other(s), have been replaced by a halogen atom (preferably F or Cl), such as, for example, a 2,2,2-trichloroethyl or a trifluoromethyl group.

The term heteroalkyl refers to an alkyl, an alkenyl or an alkynyl group (for example heteroalkenyl, heteroalkynyl), in which one or more (preferably 1, 2 or 3) carbon atoms, each independently of any other(s), have been replaced by an oxygen, nitrogen, phosphorus, boron, selenium, silicon or sulphur atom (preferably oxygen, sulphur or nitrogen). The term heteroalkyl furthermore refers to a carboxylic acid or to a group derived from a carboxylic acid such as, for example, acyl, acylalkyl, alkoxy carbonyl, acyloxy, acyloxyalkyl, carboxyalkylamide or alkoxy carbonyloxy.

Examples of heteroalkyl groups are groups of formulae R^a-O-Y^a- , R^a-S-Y^a- , $R^a-N(R^b)-Y^a-$, R^a-CO-Y^a- , $R^a-O-CO-Y^a-$, $R^a-CO-O-Y^a-$, $R^a-CO-N(R^b)-Y^a-$, $R^a-N(R^b)-CO-Y^a-$, $R^a-O-CO-N(R^b)-Y^a-$, $R^a-N(R^b)-CO-O-Y^a-$, $R^a-N(R^b)-CO-N(R^c)-Y^a-$, $R^a-O-CO-O-Y^a-$,

$R^a-N(R^b)-C(=NR^d)-N(R^c)-Y^a-$, R^a-CS-Y^a- , $R^a-O-CS-Y^a-$, $R^a-CS-O-Y^a-$,
 $R^a-CS-N(R^b)-Y^a-$, $R^a-N(R^b)-CS-Y^a-$, $R^a-O-CS-N(R^b)-Y^a-$,
 $R^a-N(R^b)-CS-O-Y^a-$, $R^a-N(R^b)-CS-N(R^c)-Y^a-$, $R^a-O-CS-O-Y^a-$,
 $R^a-S-CO-Y^a-$, $R^a-CO-S-Y^a-$, $R^a-S-CO-N(R^b)-Y^a-$, $R^a-N(R^b)-CO-S-Y^a-$,
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 $R^a-O-CS-S-Y^a-$, R^a being a hydrogen atom, a C_1 - C_6 alkyl, a C_2 - C_6 -alkenyl or a C_2 - C_6 alkynyl group; R^b being a hydrogen atom, a C_1 - C_6 alkyl, a C_2 - C_6 alkenyl or a C_2 - C_6 alkynyl group; R^c being a hydrogen atom, a C_1 - C_6 alkyl, a C_2 - C_6 alkenyl or a C_2 - C_6 alkynyl group; R^d being a hydrogen atom, a C_1 - C_6 alkyl, a C_2 - C_6 alkenyl or a C_2 - C_6 alkynyl group and Y^a being a direct bond, a C_1 - C_6 alkylene, a C_2 - C_6 alkenylene or a C_2 - C_6 alkynylene group, each heteroalkyl group containing at least one carbon atom and it being possible for one or more hydrogen atoms to have been replaced by fluorine or chlorine atoms. Specific examples of heteroalkyl groups are methoxy, trifluoromethoxy, ethoxy, n-propoxy, isopropoxy, *tert*-butoxy, methoxymethyl, ethoxymethyl, methoxyethyl, methylamino, ethylamino, dimethylamino, diethylamino, isopropylethylamino, methylaminomethyl, ethylaminomethyl, diisopropylaminoethyl, enol ether, dimethylaminomethyl, dimethylaminoethyl, acetyl, propionyl, butyryloxy, acetoxymethyl, methoxycarbonyl, ethoxycarbonyl, N-ethyl-N-methylcarbamoyl and N-methylcarbamoyl. Further examples of heteroalkyl groups are nitrile, isonitrile, cyanate, thiocyanate, isocyanate, isothiocyanate and alkyl nitrile groups. An example of a heteroalkylene group is a group of formula $-CH_2CH(OH)-$.

The term cycloalkyl refers to a saturated or partially unsaturated cyclic group (e.g. a cyclic group that contains one, two or more double bonds, such as a cycloalkenyl group), containing one or more rings (preferably 1 or 2) that have from 3 to 14 ring carbon atoms, preferably from 3 to 10 (especially

3, 4, 5, 6 or 7) ring carbon atoms. The term cycloalkyl refers furthermore to corresponding groups in which one or more hydrogen atoms, each independently of any other(s), have been replaced by fluorine, chlorine, bromine or iodine atoms or by OH, =O, SH, =S, NH₂, =NH or NO₂ groups, thus, for example, cyclic ketones such as, for example, cyclohexanone, 2-cyclohexenone or cyclopentanone. Further specific examples of cycloalkyl groups are a cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, spiro[4,5]decanyl, norbornyl, cyclohexyl, cyclopentenyl, cyclohexadienyl, decaliny, bicyclo[4.3.0]nonyl, tetralin, cyclopentylcyclohexyl, fluorocyclohexyl or cyclohex-2-enyl group.

The term heterocycloalkyl refers to a cycloalkyl group as defined above in which one or more (preferably 1, 2 or 3) ring carbon atoms, each independently of any other(s), have been replaced by an oxygen, nitrogen, silicon, selenium, phosphorus or sulphur atom (preferably oxygen, sulphur or nitrogen). A heterocycloalkyl group has preferably 1 or 2 ring(s) containing from 3 to 10 (especially 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7) ring atoms. The term heterocycloalkyl refers furthermore to groups in which one or more hydrogen atoms, each independently of any other(s), have been replaced by fluorine, chlorine, bromine or iodine atoms or by OH, =O, SH, =S, NH₂, =NH or NO₂ groups. Examples are a piperidyl, piperazinyl, morpholinyl, urotropinyl, pyrrolidinyl, tetrahydrothiophenyl, tetrahydropyranyl, tetrahydrofuryl or 2-pyrazolinyl group and also lactams, lactones, cyclic imides and cyclic anhydrides.

The term alkylcycloalkyl refers to groups containing both cycloalkyl and alkyl, alkenyl or alkynyl groups in accordance with the above definitions, for example alkylcycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, alkylcycloalkenyl, alkenylcycloalkyl and alkynylcycloalkyl groups. An alkylcycloalkyl group preferably

contains a cycloalkyl group containing one or two rings systems that have from 3 to 10 (especially 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7) carbon atoms, and one or two alkyl, alkenyl or alkynyl groups having 1 or 2 to 6 carbon atoms.

The term heteroalkylcycloalkyl refers to alkylcycloalkyl groups as defined above in which one or more (preferably 1, 2 or 3) carbon atoms, each independently of any other(s), have been replaced by an oxygen, nitrogen, silicon, selenium, phosphorus or sulphur atom (preferably oxygen, sulphur or nitrogen). A heteroalkylcycloalkyl group preferably contains 1 or 2 ring systems having from 3 to 10 (especially 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7) ring atoms, and one or two alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl or heteroalkyl groups having 1 or 2 to 6 carbon atoms. Examples of such groups are alkylheterocycloalkyl, alkylheterocycloalkenyl, alkenylheterocycloalkyl, alkynylheterocycloalkyl, heteroalkylcycloalkyl, heteroalkylheterocycloalkyl and heteroalkylheterocycloalkenyl, the cyclic groups being saturated or mono-, di- or tri-unsaturated.

The term aryl or Ar refers to an aromatic group that has one or more rings and contains from 6 to 14 ring carbon atoms, preferably from 6 to 10 (especially 6) ring carbon atoms. The term aryl (or Ar) refers furthermore to groups in which one or more hydrogen atoms, each independently of any other(s), have been replaced by fluorine, chlorine, bromine or iodine atoms or by OH, SH, NH₂ or NO₂ groups. Examples are a phenyl, naphthyl, biphenyl, 2-fluorophenyl, anilinyll, 3-nitrophenyl or 4-hydroxyphenyl group.

The term heteroaryl refers to an aromatic group that has one or more rings and contains from 5 to 14 ring atoms, preferably from 5 to 10 (especially 5 or 6) ring atoms, and contains one

or more (preferably 1, 2, 3 or 4) oxygen, nitrogen, phosphorus or sulphur ring atoms (preferably O, S or N). The term heteroaryl refers furthermore to groups in which one or more hydrogen atoms, each independently of any other(s), have been replaced by fluorine, chlorine, bromine or iodine atoms or by OH, SH, NH₂ or NO₂ groups. Examples are 4-pyridyl, 2-imidazolyl, 3-phenylpyrrolyl, thiazolyl, oxazolyl, triazolyl, tetrazolyl, isoxazolyl, indazolyl, indolyl, benzimidazolyl, pyridazinyl, quinolinyl, purinyl, carbazolyl, acridinyl, pyrimidyl, 2,3'-bifuryl, 3-pyrazolyl and isoquinolinyl groups.

The term aralkyl refers to groups containing both aryl and alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl and/or cycloalkyl groups in accordance with the above definitions, such as, for example, arylalkyl, arylalkenyl, arylalkynyl, arylcycloalkyl, arylcycloalkenyl, alkylarylcycloalkyl and alkylarylcycloalkenyl groups. Specific examples of aralkyls are toluene, xylene, mesitylene, styrene, benzyl chloride, o-fluorotoluene, 1H-indene, tetralin, dihydronaphthalene, indanone, phenylcyclopentyl, cumene, cyclohexylphenyl, fluorene and indan. An aralkyl group preferably contains one or two aromatic ring systems (1 or 2 rings) containing from 6 to 10 carbon atoms and one or two alkyl, alkenyl and/or alkynyl groups containing 1 or 2 to 6 carbon atoms and/or a cycloalkyl group containing 5 or 6 ring carbon atoms.

The term heteroaralkyl refers to an aralkyl group as defined above in which one or more (preferably 1, 2, 3 or 4) carbon atoms, each independently of any other(s), have been replaced by an oxygen, nitrogen, silicon, selenium, phosphorus, boron or sulphur atom (preferably oxygen, sulphur or nitrogen), that is to say to groups containing both aryl or heteroaryl and alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl and/or heteroalkyl and/or cycloalkyl and/or

heterocycloalkyl groups in accordance with the above definitions. A heteroaralkyl group preferably contains one or two aromatic ring systems (1 or 2 rings) containing 5 or 6 to 10 ring carbon atoms and one or two alkyl, alkenyl and/or alkynyl groups containing 1 or 2 to 6 carbon atoms and/or one cycloalkyl group containing 5 or 6 ring carbon atoms, 1, 2, 3 or 4 or those carbon atoms, each independently of any other(s), having been replaced by oxygen, sulphur or nitrogen atoms.

Examples are arylheteroalkyl, arylheterocycloalkyl, arylheterocycloalkenyl, arylalkylheterocycloalkyl, arylalkenylheterocycloalkyl, arylalkynylheterocycloalkyl, arylalkylheterocycloalkenyl, heteroarylalkyl, heteroarylalkenyl, heteroarylalkynyl, heteroarylheteroalkyl, heteroarylcycloalkyl, heteroarylcycloalkenyl, heteroarylheterocycloalkyl, heteroarylheterocycloalkenyl, heteroarylalkylcycloalkyl, heteroarylalkylheterocycloalkenyl, heteroarylheteroalkylcycloalkyl, heteroarylheteroalkylcycloalkenyl and heteroarylheteroalkylheterocycloalkyl groups, the cyclic groups being saturated or mono-, di- or tri-unsaturated. Specific examples are a tetrahydroisoquinolyl-, benzoyl-, 2- or 3-ethylindolyl-, 4-methylpyridino-, 2-, 3- or 4-methoxyphenyl-, 4-ethoxyphenyl-, 2-, 3- or 4-carboxyphenyl-alkyl group.

The terms alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, heteroalkyl, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, alkylcycloalkyl, heteroalkylcycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, aralkyl and heteroaralkyl refer to groups in which one or more hydrogen atoms of such groups, each independently of any other(s), have been replaced by fluorine, chlorine, bromine or iodine atoms or by OH, =O, SH, =S, NH₂, =NH or NO₂ groups.

The expression "optionally substituted" refers to groups in which one or more hydrogen atoms, each independently of any other(s), have been replaced by fluorine, chlorine, bromine or iodine atoms or by OH, =O, SH, =S, NH₂, =NH or NO₂ groups. The expression refers furthermore to groups that are substituted by unsubstituted C₁-C₆alkyl, C₂-C₆alkenyl, C₂-C₆alkynyl, C₁-C₆heteroalkyl, C₃-C₁₀cycloalkyl, C₂-C₉heterocycloalkyl, C₆-C₁₀aryl, C₁-C₉-heteroaryl, C₇-C₁₂aralkyl or C₂-C₁₁heteroaralkyl groups.

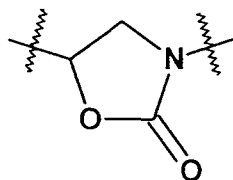
Owing to their substitution, the compounds described in the present Application may contain one or more centres of chirality. The present invention therefore includes both all pure enantiomers and all pure diastereoisomers and also mixtures thereof in any mixing ratio. The present invention moreover also includes all *cis/trans*-isomers of the compounds of the general formula (I) and also mixtures thereof. The present invention moreover includes all tautomeric forms of the described compounds.

U is preferably a CH group.

In turn, R⁶ and R⁷ are preferably hydrogen atoms.

Furthermore, V is preferably an oxygen atom.

In addition, Y has preferably the following formula:



Furthermore, W is preferably an oxygen atom, a sulphur atom, a group of formula NR⁸, or an optionally substituted heterocyclo-

alkylene, heteroalkylcycloalkylene, heteroarylene or heteroaralkylene group, the H atom bonded to the group W preferably being bonded to an oxygen atom, a sulphur atom or a nitrogen atom.

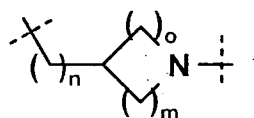
Furthermore, W is preferably an optionally substituted heterocycloalkylene group containing a ring having 4, 5, 6 or 7 ring atoms; W is especially substituted by an OH group.

In turn, Z is preferably an optionally substituted C₁₋₄alkylene group.

Z is especially preferably a CH₂ or a CH₂CH₂ group.

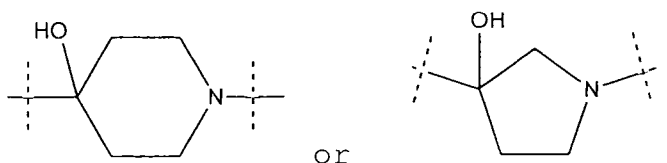
Furthermore, W is preferably a piperidyl or a pyrrolidinyl group, wherein those groups may optionally be substituted by an OH, OPO₃H₂, OSO₃H or a heteroalkyl group carrying at least one OH, NH₂, SO₃H, PO₃H₂ or COOH group (especially an OH group).

Especially preferably, Z-W together are a group of formula:

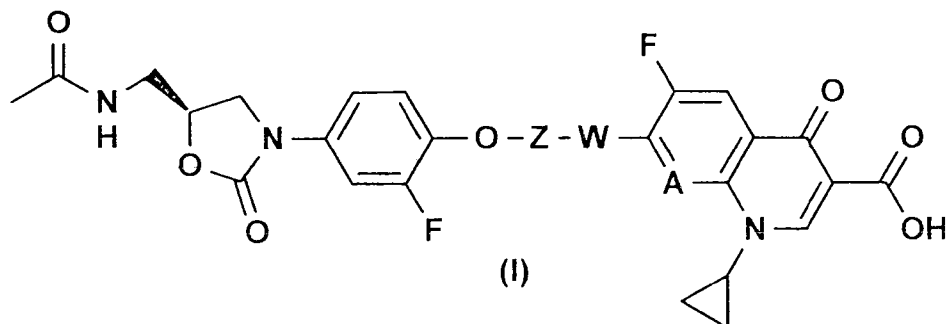


wherein n is 1 or 2, m is 1 or 2 and o is 1 or 2, wherein that group may optionally be substituted by an OH, OPO₃H₂, OSO₃H or a heteroalkyl group carrying at least one OH, NH₂, SO₃H, PO₃H₂ or COOH group.

Especially preferably, W has the following structure:

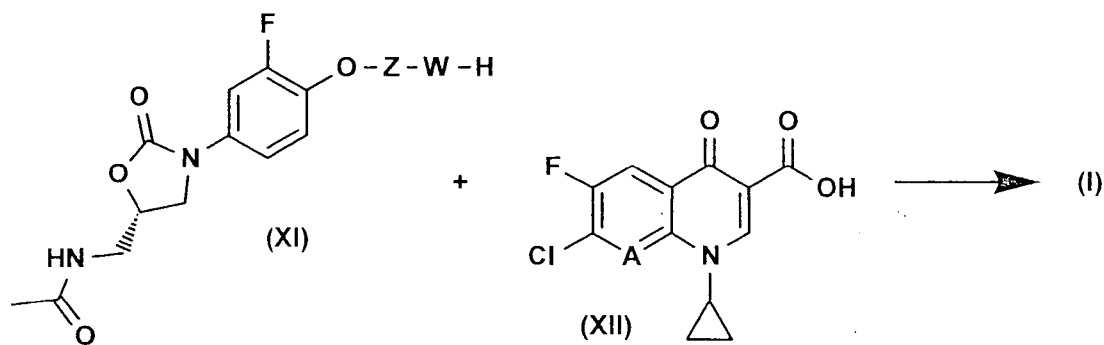


Compounds of formula (ZP) can be used in the synthesis of compounds of formula (I)



wherein Z is an optionally substituted C₁₋₄alkylene group, A is a nitrogen atom or a CH group and W is an optionally substituted heterocycloalkylene group that contains at least one nitrogen atom and wherein the quinoline radical is bonded to that nitrogen atom.

Compounds of formula (I) can be prepared as follows:

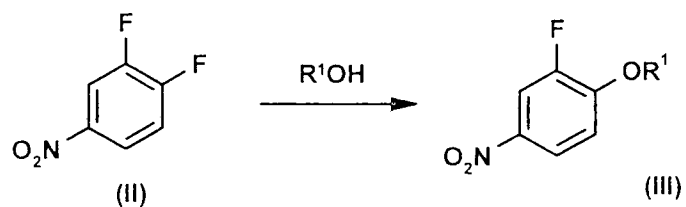


wherein compound (XI) is a compound according to the present invention and compound (XII) is preferably used in the form of a boron complex (for example in the form of a boron diacetate complex).

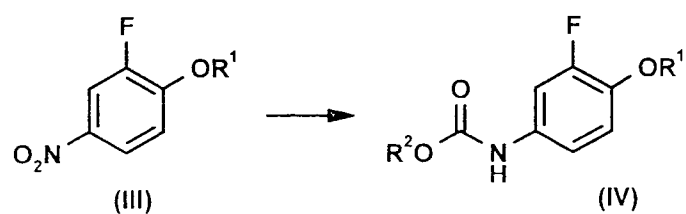
Reaction conditions preferred for that Step are: N-methylpyrrolidone, trimethylsilyl chloride, Hünig Base or K_2CO_3 , 80°C.

Compounds according to the invention can be prepared, for example, by the following synthesis route:

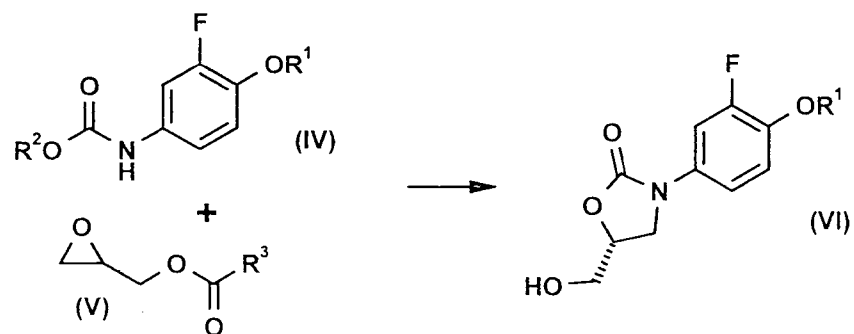
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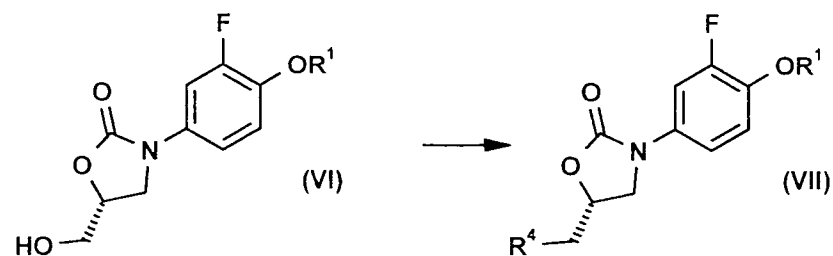
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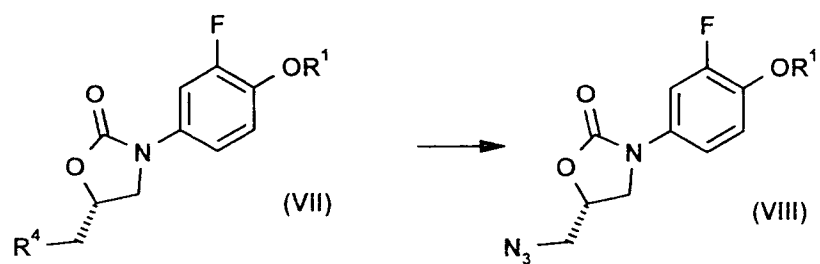
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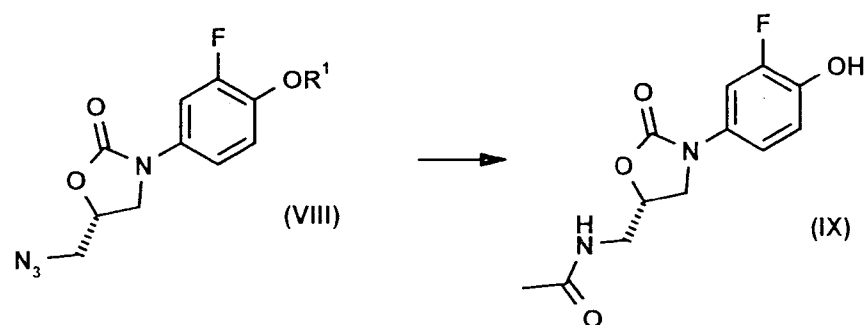
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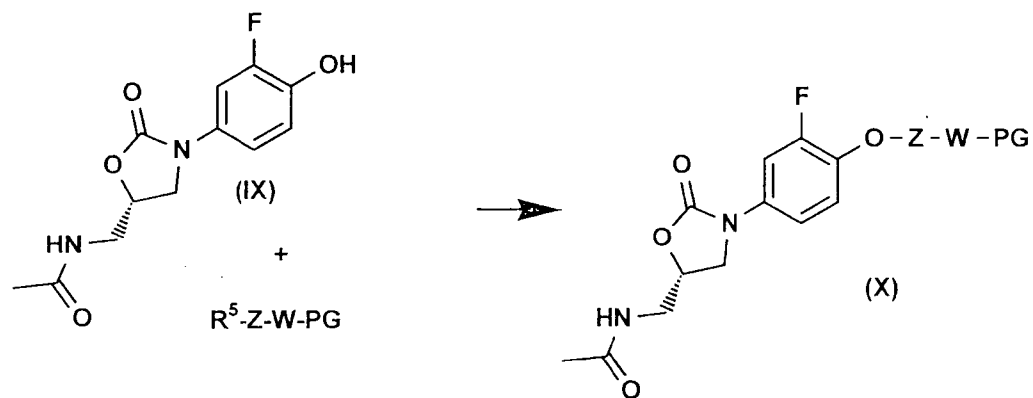
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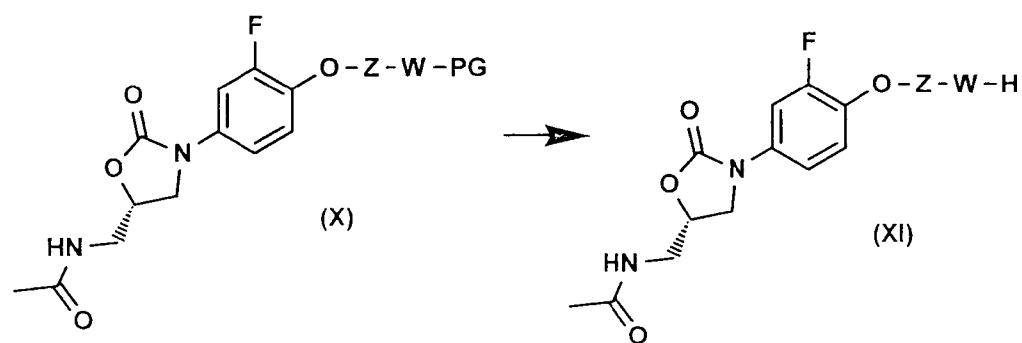
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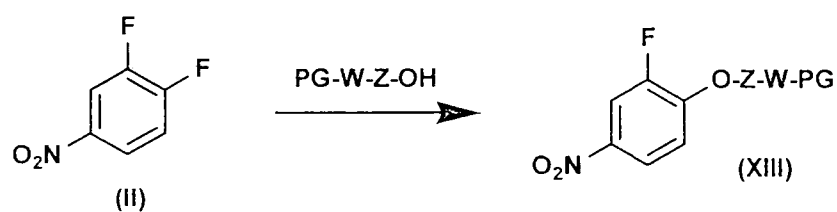


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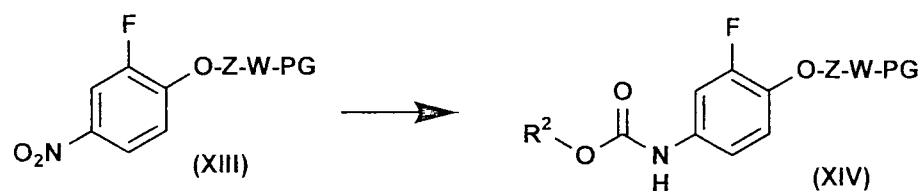


Alternatively, compounds of formula (ZP), or (XI), can be prepared by the following synthesis route:

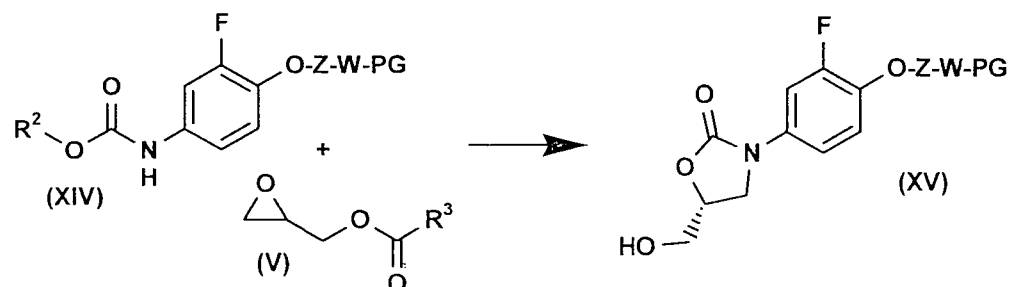
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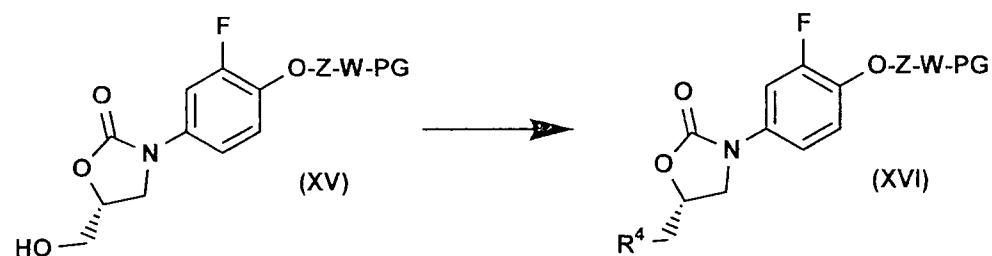
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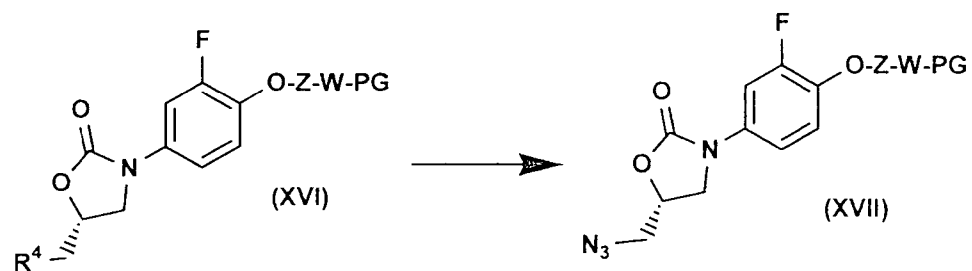
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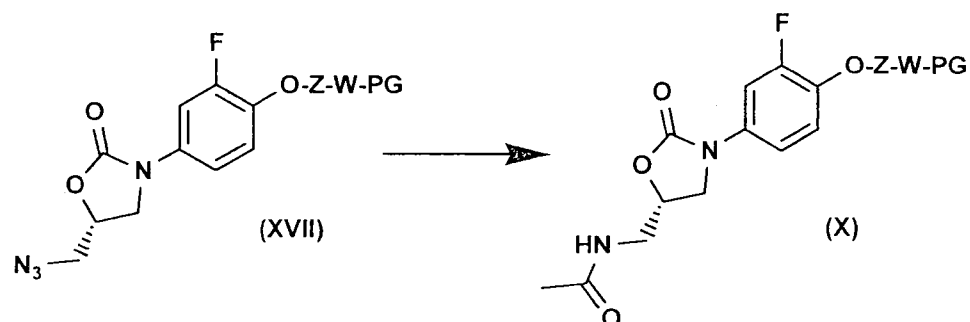
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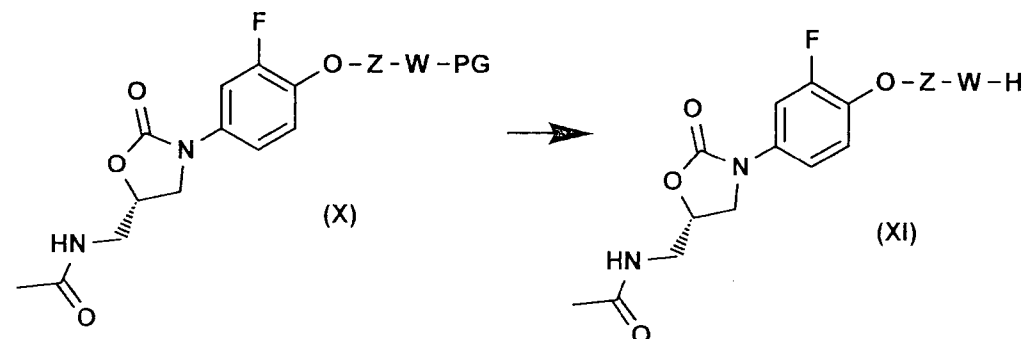
Step 5:



Step 6:



Step 7:



When, in that synthesis route, the protecting group PG chosen is the Cbz protecting group, Step 7 is not required, since compound (XI) is obtained directly in Step 6.

In the above formulae:

PG is a protecting group customary *per se* for amines;

especially a benzyloxycarbonyl (Cbz) group;

R¹ is an optionally substituted benzyl (for example p-methoxybenzyl) or allyl group;

R^2 is a C_{1-4} alkyl, an allyl or a benzyl group;

R^3 is a C_{1-4} alkyl group;

R^4 is a mesyloxy, tosyloxy, triflyloxy or tetsyloxy group or a chlorine, bromine or iodine atom and

R^5 is a mesyloxy, tosyloxy, triflyloxy or tetsyloxy group or a chlorine, bromine or iodine atom.

Protecting groups are known to the person skilled in the art and are described, for example, in P. J. Kocienski, *Protecting Groups*, Georg Thieme Verlag, Stuttgart, 1994 and also in T. W. Greene, P. G. M. Wuts, *Protective Groups in Organic Synthesis*, John Wiley & Sons, New York, 1999. Common amino-protecting groups are, for example, *tert*-butoxycarbonyl (Boc), benzyl-oxy carbonyl (Cbz, Z), benzyl (Bn), benzoyl (Bz), fluorenyl-methoxycarbonyl (Fmoc), allyloxycarbonyl (Alloc), trichloro-ethoxycarbonyl (Troc), acetyl or trifluoroacetyl groups.

In turn, R^1 is preferably a benzyl group.

In addition, R^2 is preferably a benzyl group.

Furthermore, R^3 is preferably an *n*-propyl group.

In turn, R^4 is preferably a mesyloxy group.

In addition, R^5 is preferably a mesyloxy group.

Preferred reactions conditions for the first synthesis route are:

For Step 1: CH_2Cl_2 , potassium hydroxide, room temperature;

For Step 2: hydrogen/Pt/C; then Cbz-Cl, $NaHCO_3$, acetone/water;
both at room temperature;

For Step 3: (R)-glycidyl butyrate (V), n-BuLi, -60°C or LDA, -15°C;

For Step 4: methylsulphonyl chloride, triethylamine, CH₂Cl₂;

For Step 5: NaN₃ in DMF, catalytic amounts of Bu₄NI, 90°C;

For Step 6: hydrogen/Pd(OH)₂, THF, MeOH; then AcOH, Ac₂O; both at room temperature;

For Step 7: dimethylformamide (DMF), sodium hydride, 70°C;

For Step 8: H₂/Pd (OH)₂, THF, methanol, room temperature;

Preferred reaction conditions for the second synthesis route are:

For Step 1: Mitsunobu reaction or base (for example NaH), DMF, tosylate of PG-W-Z-OH;

For Step 2: hydrogen/Pt/C; then Cbz-Cl, NaHCO₃, acetone/water; both at room temperature or Sn, HCl;

For Step 3: (R)-glycidyl butyrate (V), n-BuLi, -60°C or LDA, -15°C;

For Step 4: methylsulphonyl chloride, triethylamine, CH₂Cl₂;

For Step 5: NaN₃ in DMF, catalytic amounts of Bu₄NI, 90°C;

For Step 6: hydrogen/Pd(OH)₂, THF, MeOH; then AcOH, Ac₂O; both at room temperature;

There are described in the following Examples the synthesis of compounds of formula (ZP) and the use thereof in the synthesis of compounds of formula (I).

Examples

Example 1:

7-(4-{4-[(5S)-5-(Acetylaminomethyl)-2-oxo-oxazolidin-3-yl]-2-fluorophenoxy-methyl}-4-hydroxypiperidin-1-yl)-1-cyclopropyl-6-fluoro-4-oxo-1,4-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylic acid:

Step 1: (4-Benzyloxy-3-fluorophenyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester:

A mixture of 34.9 g of 1-benzyloxy-2-fluoro-4-nitrobenzene (WO 03 064413) (MW:247.28, 141 mmol) and 340 mg of platinum (5% on activated carbon) in 350 ml of ethyl acetate was stirred at RT and normal pressure under a hydrogen atmosphere. The course of the reaction was monitored by HPLC and the reaction was terminated after 20h. The catalyst was filtered off and the filtrate was concentrated to dryness under reduced pressure using a rotary evaporator. The oily residue was dissolved in 500 ml of acetone and 250 ml of a saturated sodium hydrogen carbonate solution and 17.5 g of sodium hydrogen carbonate (MW: 84.01, 208 mmol) were added. The mixture was cooled to 5°C and 26.08 g of benzyl chloroformate (MW:170.59, 152 mmol) were added dropwise. The mixture was then stirred for 2h at RT and the course of the reaction was monitored by TLC (hexane/ethyl acetate 3:1). The acetone was removed under reduced pressure, 500 ml of water were added to the residue, and the solid material was filtered off. The crystals were washed with 500 ml of water and dried.

Yield: 48.05 g, 95.8%. MS: 352.5 (M+H)⁺, 350.8, (M-H)⁻. Method: ESI⁺, ESI⁻.

Step 2: (5R)-3-(4-Benzyloxy-3-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxymethyl-oxazolidin-2-one:

A stirred solution of 17.5 g of (4-benzyloxy-3-fluorophenyl)-carbamic acid benzyl ester (MW: 351.38, 50 mmol) in 30 ml of dry tetrahydrofuran was cooled to -78°C using a dry ice/acetone bath. 22.8 ml of a 2.3M n-butyllithium solution in n-hexane (52.5 mmol) were added dropwise and the reaction mixture was stirred at -78°C for 15 min.. 7.92 g of R(-)-glycidyl butyrate (MW: 144.17, 60 mmol) were added and the reaction mixture was heated to RT. The reaction was monitored by HPLC, then quenched with a saturated ammonium chloride solution and diluted with 100 ml of ethyl acetate. The organic phase was washed with 200 ml of water and 200 ml of saturated sodium chloride solution. The organic phase was dried over magnesium sulphate, filtered, and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was crystallised from 200 ml of ethyl acetate/hexane (1/1). The solid material obtained was recrystallised from 150 ml of ethyl acetate/dichloromethane (9/1). The colourless crystals were collected and dried. Yield: 10.4 g, 65.5%. MS: 318.1 (M+H)⁺. Method: ESI⁺.

Step 3: (5S)-5-Azidomethyl-3-(4-benzyloxy-3-fluorophenyl)-oxazolidin-2-one:

4.32 g of methanesulphonyl chloride (MW: 114.55, 37.82 mmol) were added at 10°C , with stirring, to a mixture of 10 g of (5R)-3-(4-benzyloxy-3-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxymethyloxazolidin-2-one (MW: 317.32, 31.51 mmol) and 4.78 g of triethylamine (MW: 101.19, 47.26 mmol) in 300 ml of dichloromethane. The reaction mixture was stirred at RT for 1h and the course of the reaction was monitored by TLC (ethyl acetate/hexane 1/1). The reaction was quenched with 100 ml of water and the organic phase was

washed with 100 ml of saturated sodium chloride solution. The organic phase was dried over magnesium sulphate and filtered, and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in 100 ml of dimethylformamide and 5.12 g of sodium azide (MW: 65.01, 78.7 mmol) and a catalytic amount of tetrabutylammonium iodide was added. The suspension was stirred overnight at 90°C. The course of the reaction was monitored by HPLC. The dimethylformamide was removed under reduced pressure using a rotary evaporator, the residue was dissolved in 200 ml of dichloromethane and the organic phase was washed in succession with 100 ml of water and 100 ml of saturated sodium chloride solution. The dichloromethane solution was dried over magnesium sulphate and filtered, and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was crystallised from 150 ml of ethyl acetate/hexane 1/1. Yield: 10.4 g, 97%. MS: 343.1 (M+H)⁺. Method: ESI⁺.

Step 4: N-[(5S)-{3-(3-Fluoro-4-hydroxyphenyl)}-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl]-acetamide:

A suspension of 10.4 g of (5S)-5-azidomethyl-3-(4-benzyloxy-3-fluorophenyl)oxazolidin-2-one (MW: 342.33, 30.38 mmol) and 1.5 g of palladium (10% on activated carbon) in 400 ml of a 1:1 methanol:ethyl acetate mixture was stirred for two days at room temperature under a hydrogen atmosphere. The catalyst was filtered off and the filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in 100 ml of acetic acid and 3.72 g of acetic anhydride (MW: 102.09, 36.45 mmol) were added. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was recrystallised from a 1:1 ethyl acetate:hexane mixture. Yield: 6.76 g, 83%. MS: 269.4 (M+H)⁺, 267.3, (M-H)⁻. Method: ESI⁺, ESI⁻.

Step 5: 4-{4-[(5S)-5-(Acetylaminomethyl)-2-oxo-oxazolidin-3-yl]-2-fluorophenoxy-methyl}-4-hydroxypiperidine-1-carboxylic acid benzyl ester:

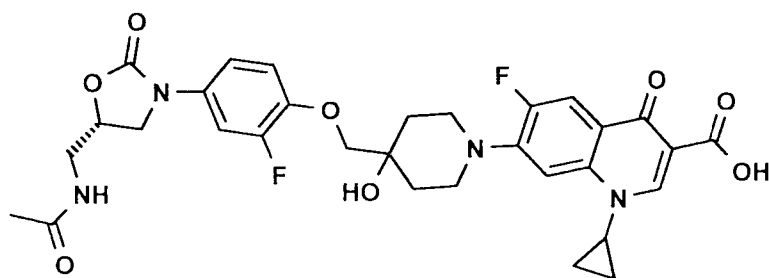
A suspension of 22.72 g of 1-oxa-6-aza-spiro[2.5]octane-6-carboxylic acid benzyl ester (WO 98 03507) (MW: 247.29, 92 mmol), 21.45 g of N-[(5S)-{3-(3-fluoro-4-hydroxyphenyl)}-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl]-acetamide (MW: 268.246, 80 mmol) and 16.58 g of potassium carbonate (MW: 138.20, 120 mmol) in 150 ml of dimethylformamide was stirred at 100°C for 7h. The course of the reaction was monitored by TLC (dichloromethane/methanol 9:1). The dimethylformamide was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was dissolved in 600 ml of a 9:1 mixture of dichloromethane:methanol. The organic phase was washed with 400 ml of water and 400 ml of saturated sodium chloride solution, dried with magnesium sulphate and filtered and the filtrate was diluted with 250 ml of ethyl acetate. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure to a final volume of 400 ml. The mixture was stirred overnight at RT. The crystals were then filtered off and washed in succession with 150 ml of ethyl acetate and 100 ml of pentane. Yield: 31.65 g, 76.7%. MS: 516.8 (M+H)⁺, Method: ESI⁺.

Step 6: N-[(5S)-3-[3-Fluoro-4-(4-hydroxypiperidin-4-yl-methoxy)-phenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl]-acetamide:

A suspension of 31 g of 4-{4-[(5S)-5-(acetylaminomethyl)-2-oxo-oxazolidin-3-yl]-2-fluorophenoxy-methyl}-4-hydroxypiperidine-1-carboxylic acid benzyl ester (MW: 515.54, 60.13 mmol) and 2.5 g of palladium (10% on activated carbon) in 310 ml of methanol and 150 ml of ethyl acetate was stirred for 4h under a hydrogen atmosphere. The course of the reaction was monitored by TLC (ethyl acetate). The suspension was diluted with 300 ml of methanol, heated to 40°C, and the catalyst was filtered off through a fibreglass filter paper. The filtrate was

concentrated to 150 ml, diluted with 300 ml of ethyl acetate and concentrated again to 200 ml. 200 ml of diethyl ether were added and the suspension was cooled, with stirring, to 0°C. The solid material was collected and dried. Yield: 21.6 g, 94.3%. MS: 382.6 (M+H)⁺, Method: ESI⁺.

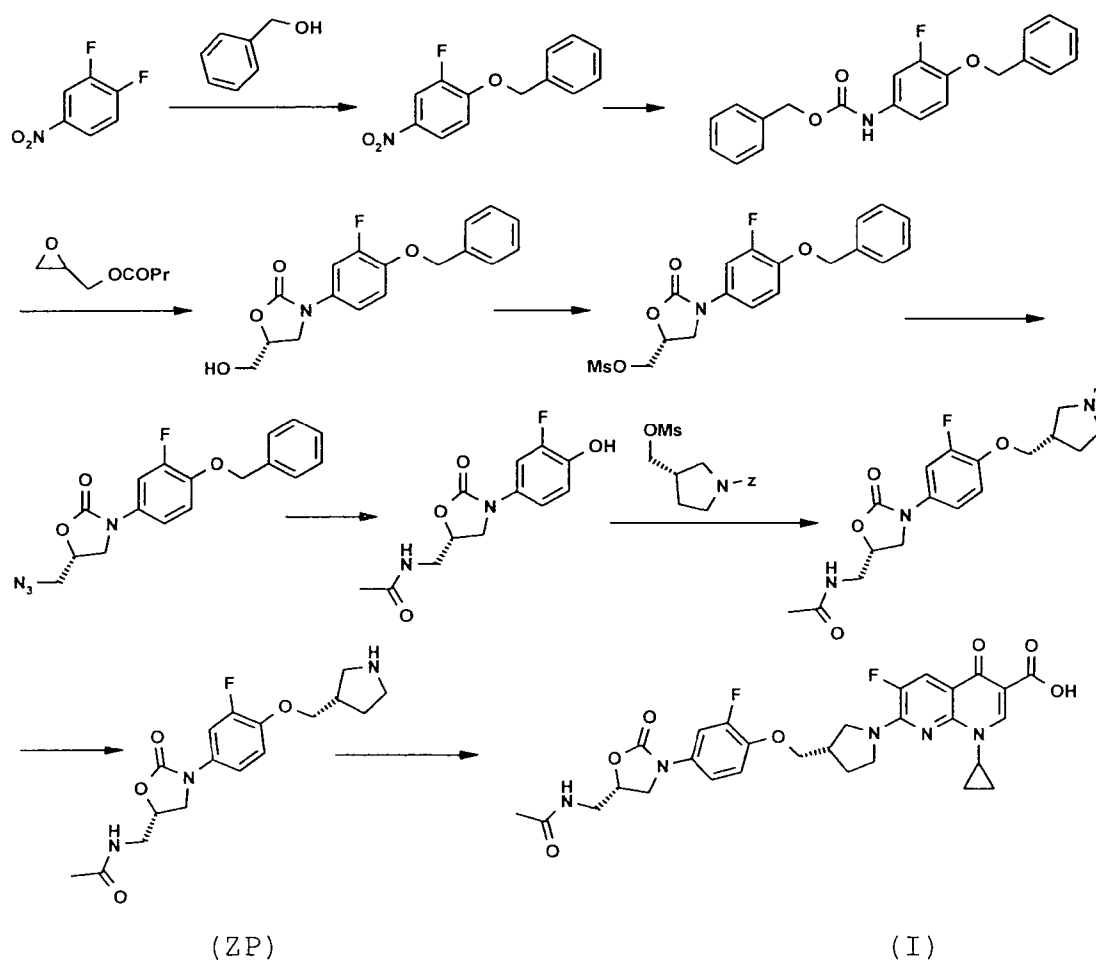
Step 7: 7-(4-{4-[(5S)-5-(Acetylaminomethyl)-2-oxo-oxazolidin-3-yl]-2-fluorophenoxy-methyl}-4-hydroxypiperidin-1-yl)-1-cyclopropyl-6-fluoro-4-oxo-1,4-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylic acid



67.81 g of 7-chloro-1-cyclopropyl-6-fluoro-1,4-dihydro-4-oxo-3-quinolinecarboxylic acid/boron diacetate/complex (MW:410.57, 0.165 mol) were added to a solution of 60 g of N-[(5S)-3-[3-fluoro-4-(4-hydroxypiperidin-4-ylmethoxy)-phenyl]-2-oxo-oxazolidin-5-ylmethyl]-acetamide (C₁₈H₂₄FN₃O₅, MW: 381.40, 0.157 mol) and 26.87 ml of ethyldiisopropylamine (MW: 129.25, 0.157 mol) in 300 ml of N-methylpyrrolidin-2-one and the mixture was stirred for 5h at 80°C. The N-methylpyrrolidin-2-one was concentrated under reduced pressure using a rotary evaporator and the residue was dissolved in 300 ml of methanol. Drying agent hydrogen chloride was conveyed through the solution for 30 min. at 10°C. The solution was stirred at RT, a yellow solid being precipitated. The conversion of the boron complex into the free acid was monitored by HPLC. The mixture was diluted with 300 ml of ethyl acetate. The solid material was filtered off and washed with 100 ml of ethyl acetate/methanol (8/2) and 100 ml of ethyl acetate. The yellow

solid material was dried, leaving behind 86.4 g of a yellow solid. The solid was dissolved in 200 ml of dimethyl sulphoxide at 40°C and, with stirring, the yellow solution was poured into 1000 ml of water. The yellow solid was collected, washed with water and dried. Yield: 73 g, 74.5%. MS: 627.8 (M+H)⁺, 625.8 (M+H)⁻, Method: ESI⁺, ESI⁻.

Example 2:



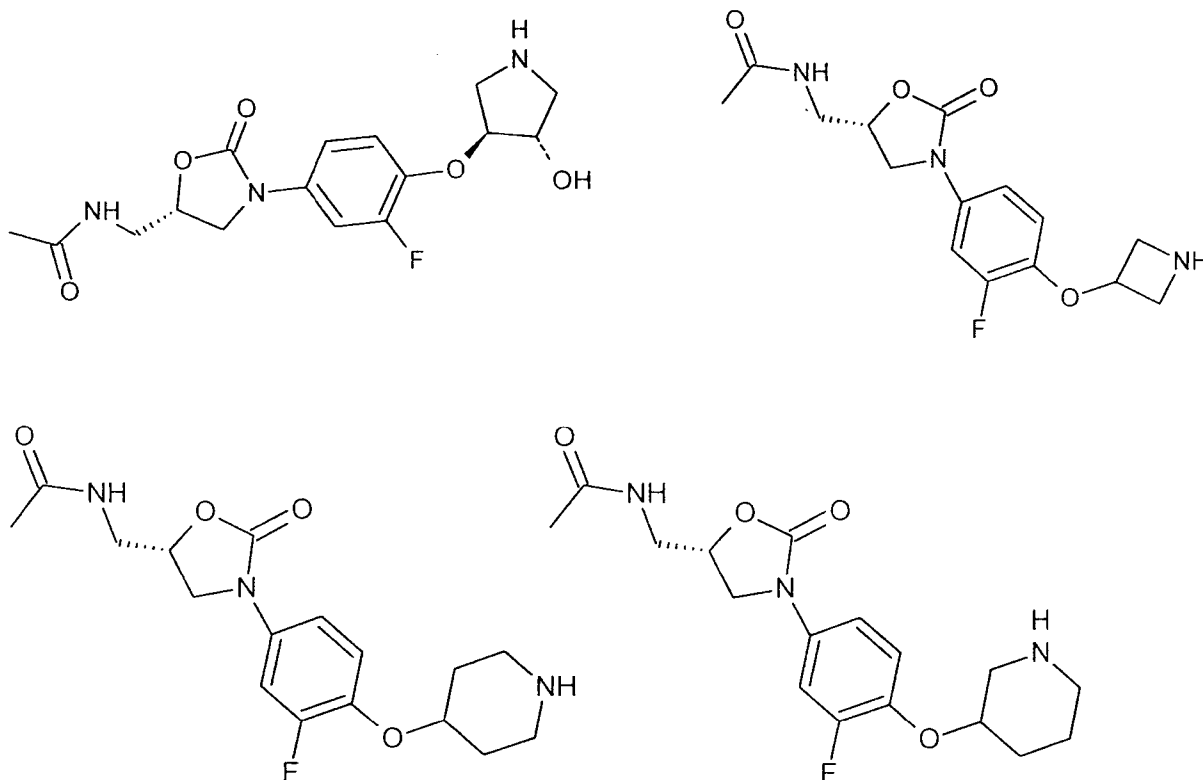
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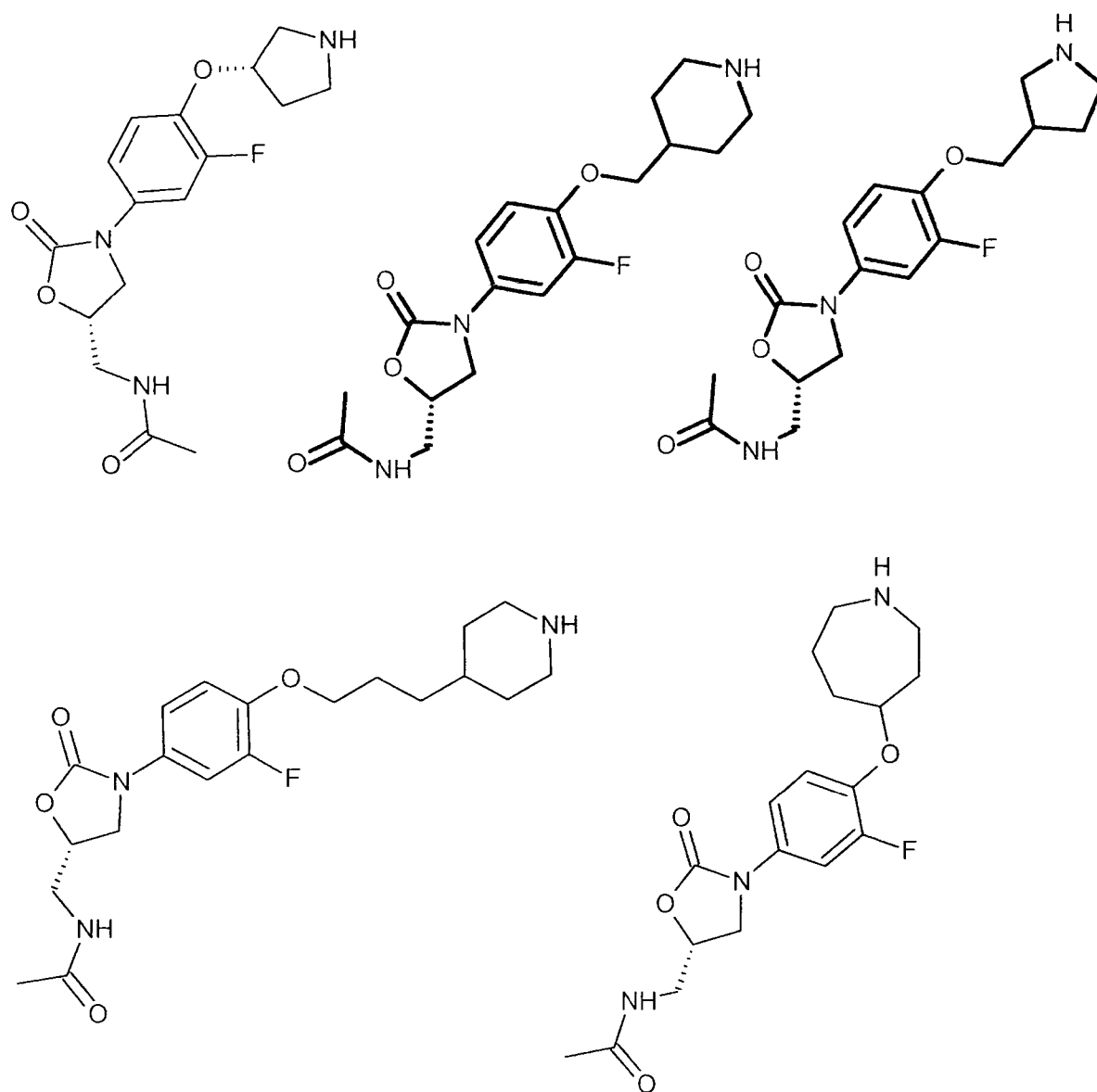
Step 1: CH₂Cl₂, KOH (50%), 3h, RT; 97%. Step 2: H₂, Pt/C, 20h, RT; then Cbz-Cl, acetone/water, NaHCO₃, 12h, RT, 98%. Step 3: n-BuLi, -60°C, 24h, 80%. Step 4: MsCl, TEA, CH₂Cl₂; 100%. Step 5: NaN₃ in DMF, 90°C, cat. Bu₄NI, 5h, 90%. Step 6: H₂,

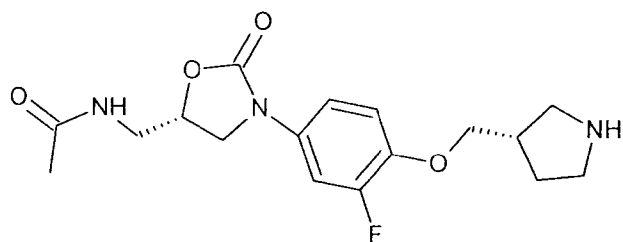
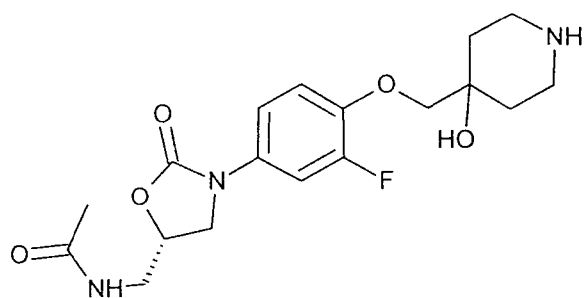
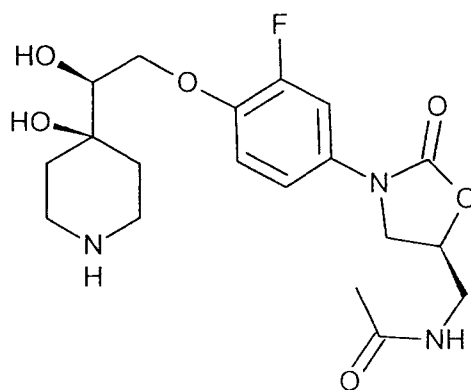
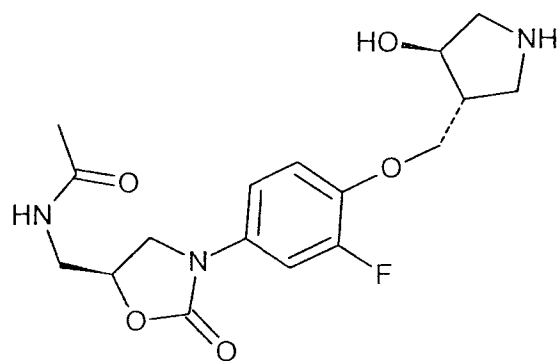
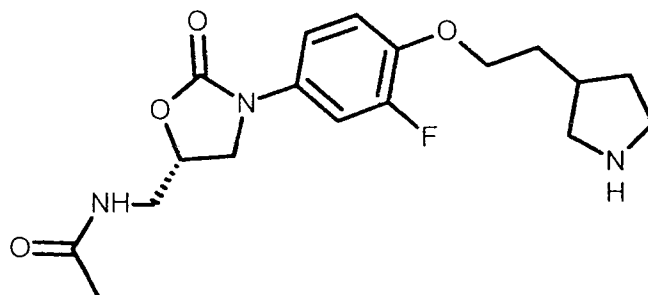
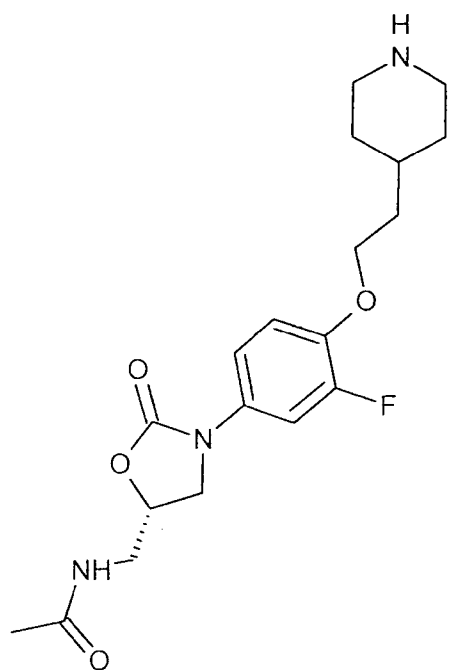
$\text{Pd}(\text{OH})_2$, THF, MeOH, 24h, then AcOH, Ac_2O , RT, 2h, 70%. Step 7: DMF, NaH, 70°C , 12h, 75%. Step 8: H_2 , $\text{Pd}(\text{OH})_2$, MeOH, THF, 24h, RT, 100%. Step 9: N-methylpyrrolidinone, 1-cyclopropyl-7-chloro-6-fluoro-1,4-dihydro-4-oxo-1,8-naphthydrin-3-carboxylic acid (commercially available), TMSCl, Hünig base or K_2CO_3 , 80°C , 5h, 80%.

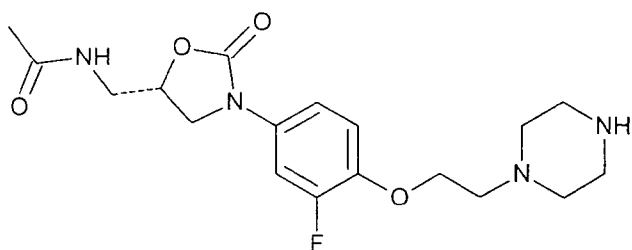
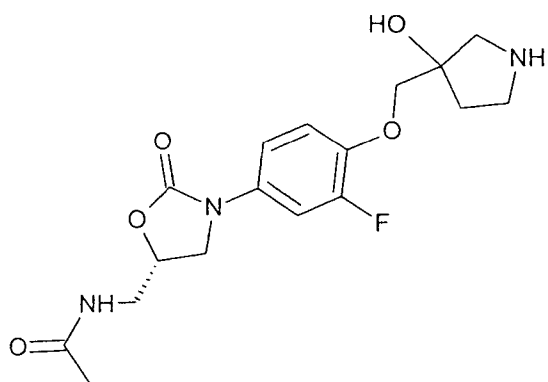
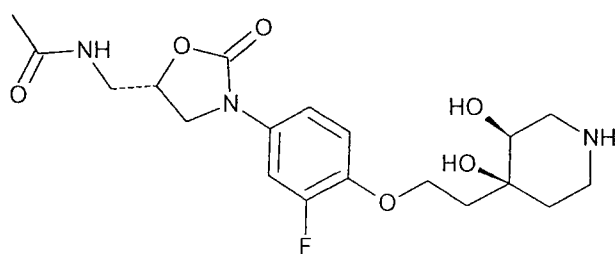
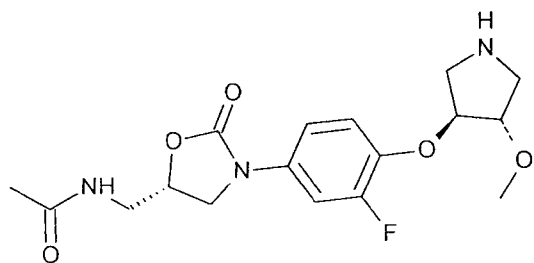
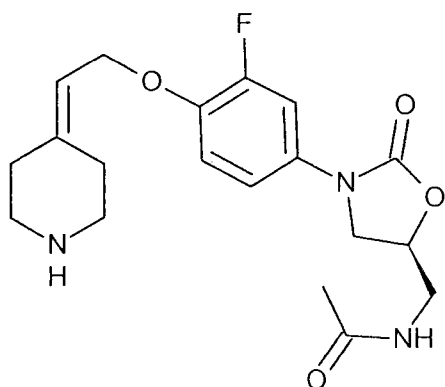
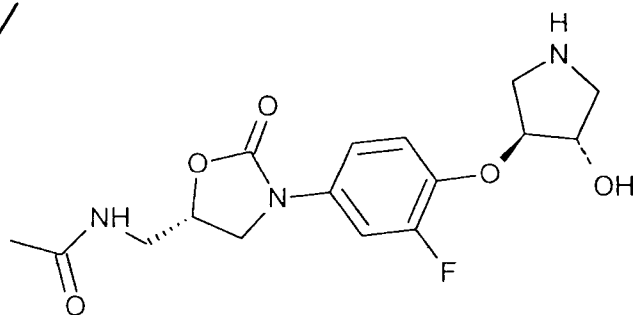
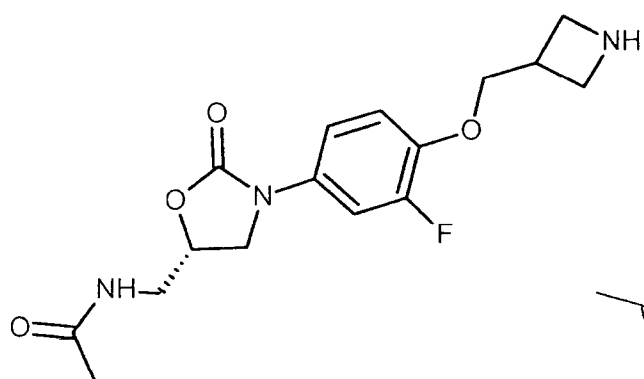
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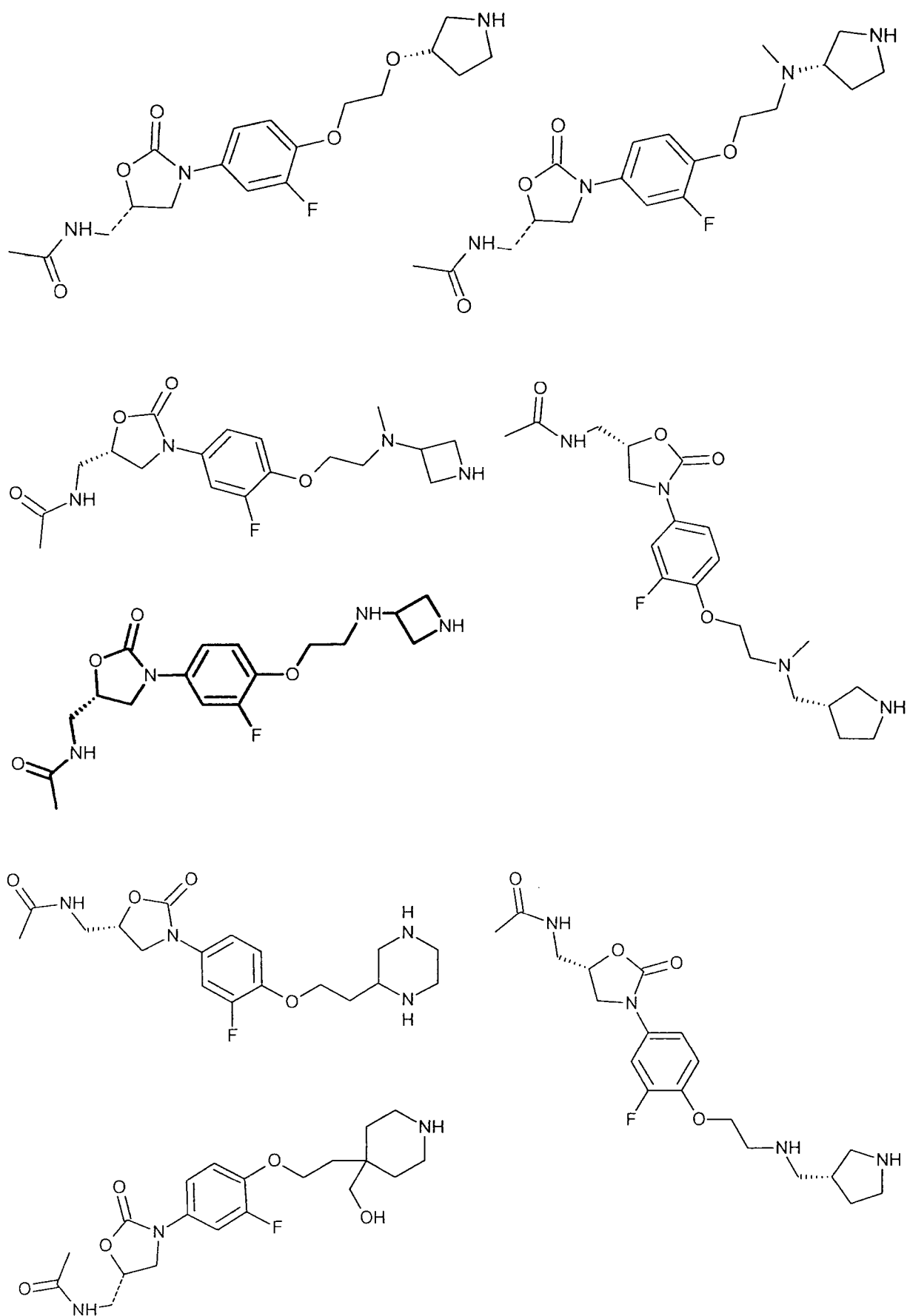
The following compounds (ZP), or (X), were prepared analogously to the above-described process using suitable starting materials. In the case of compounds containing free OH groups, there were also prepared compounds in which those OH groups are provided with protecting groups (for example acetate, benzoate, MOM ether or isopropylidene).

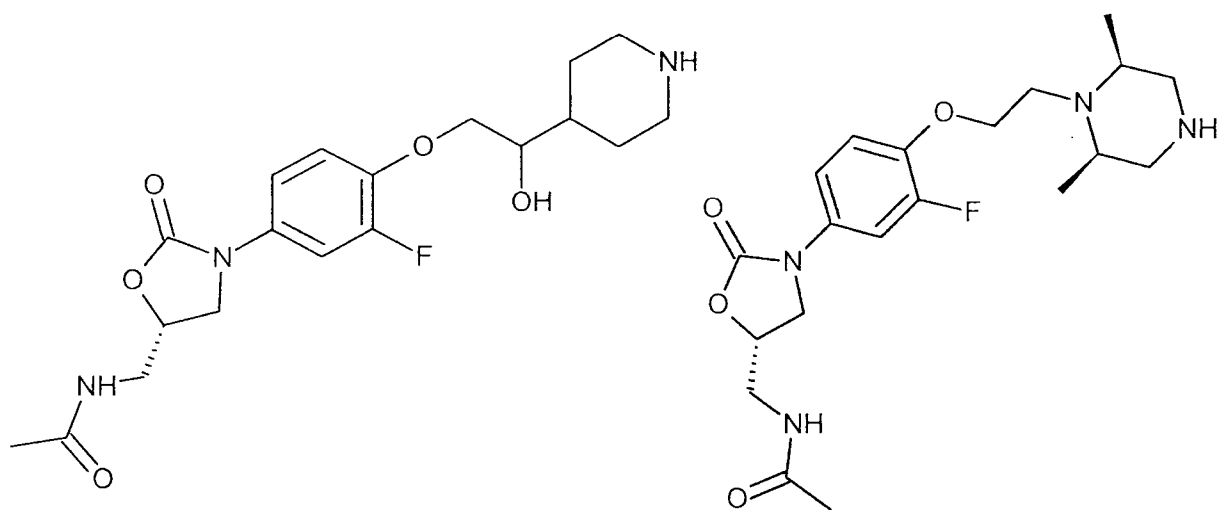
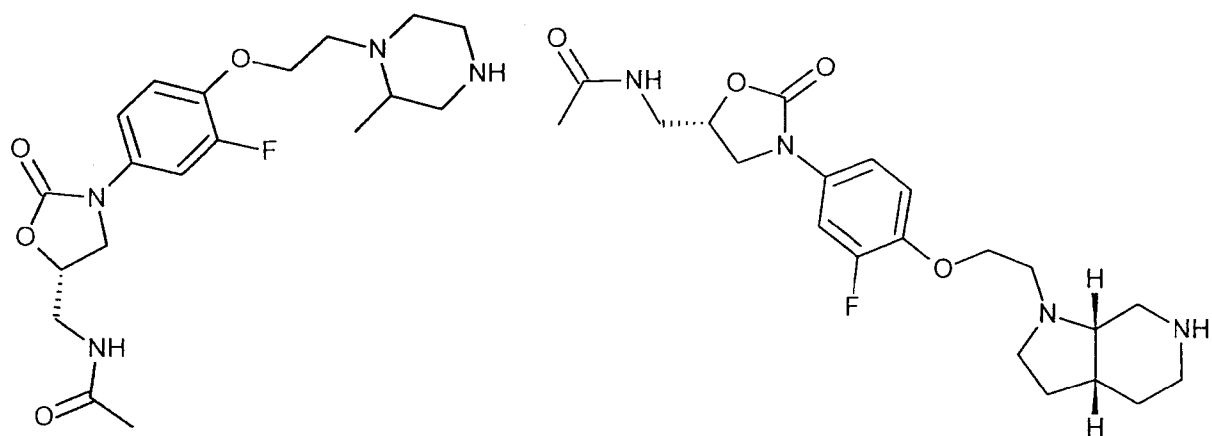
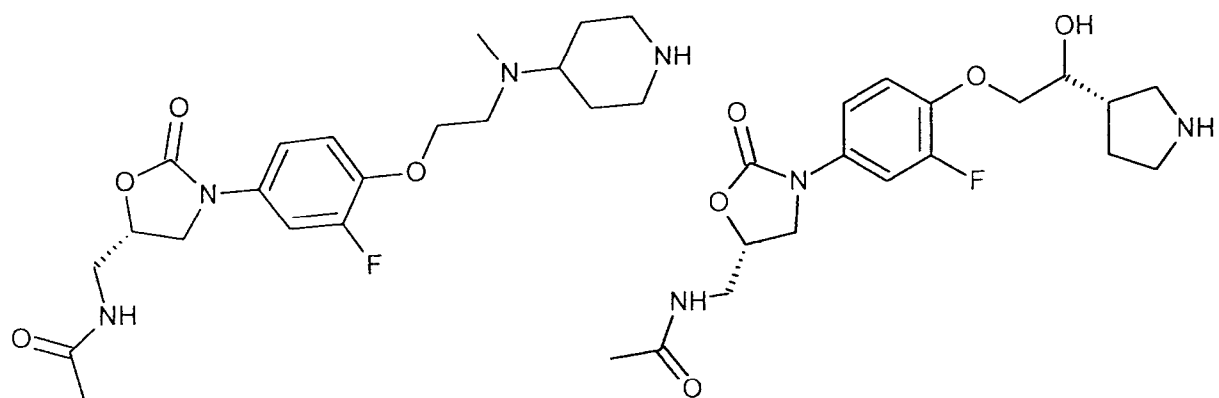


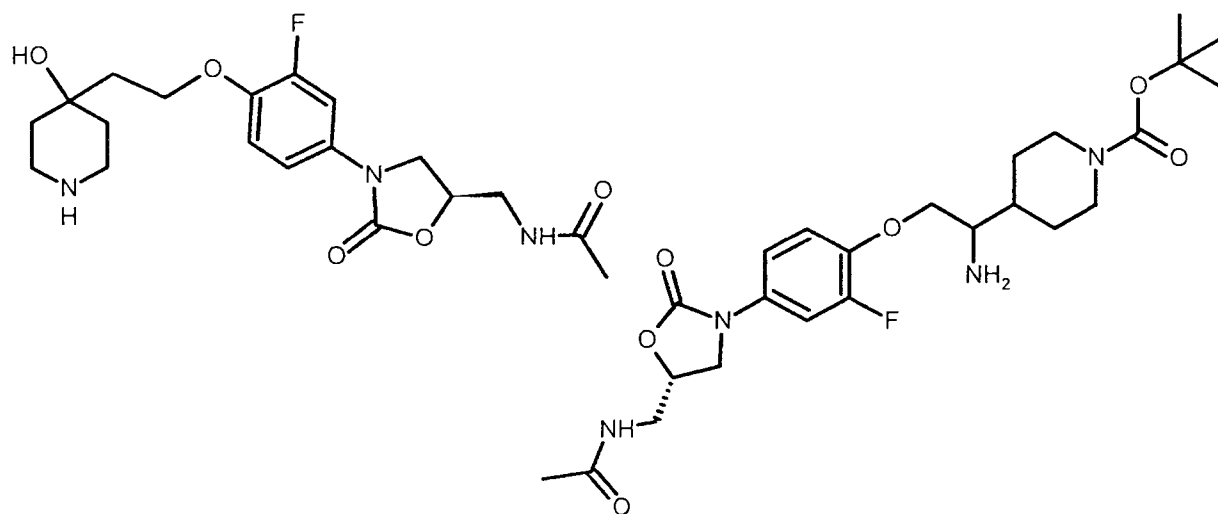
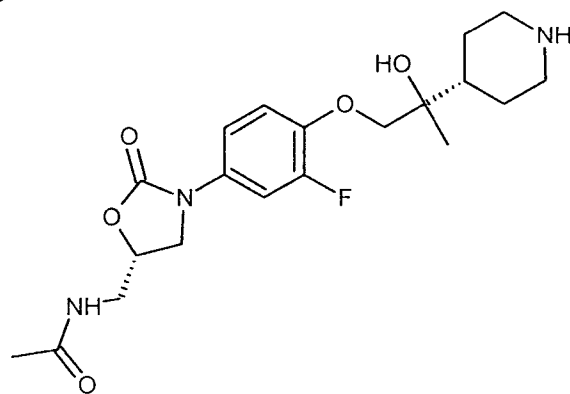
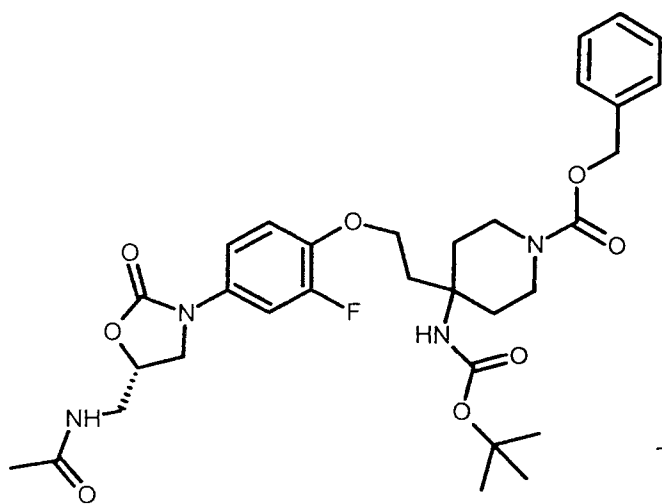
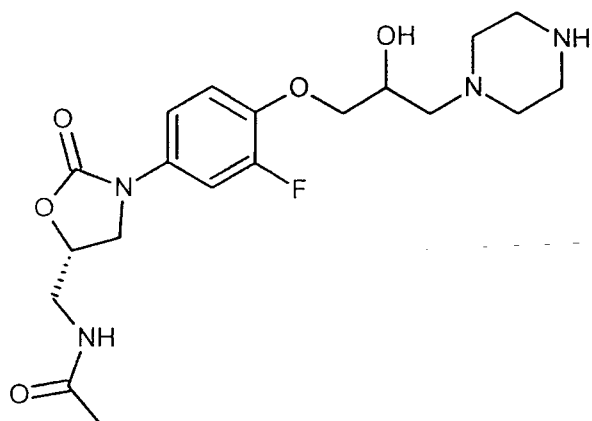
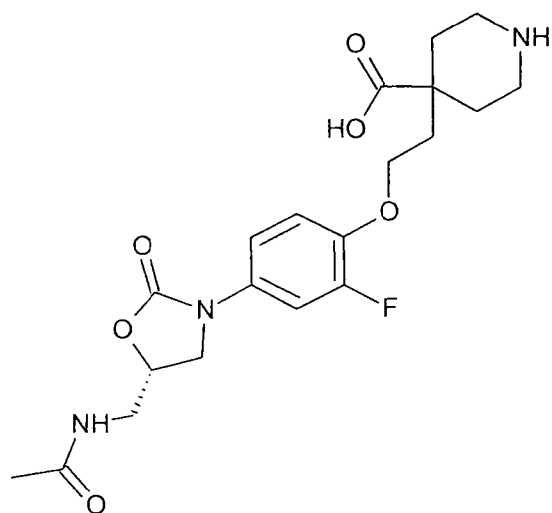


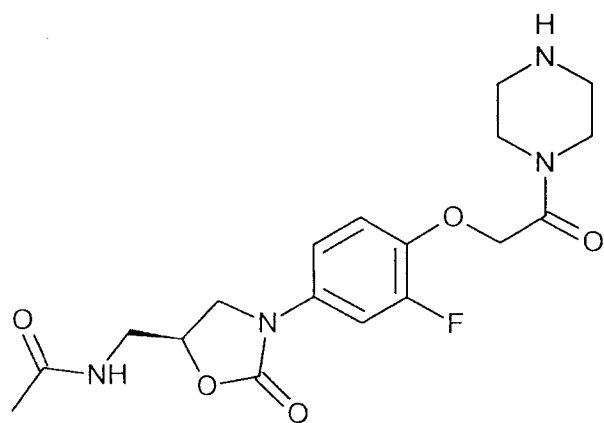
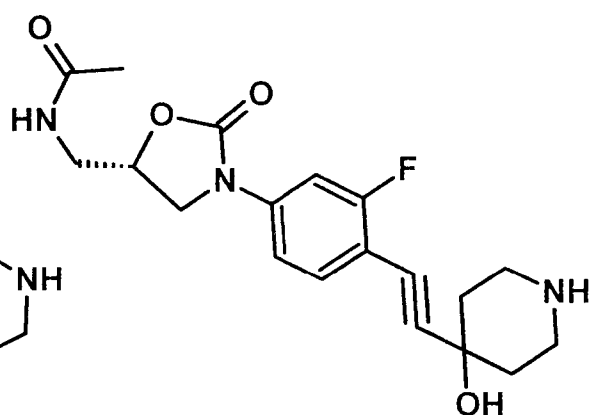
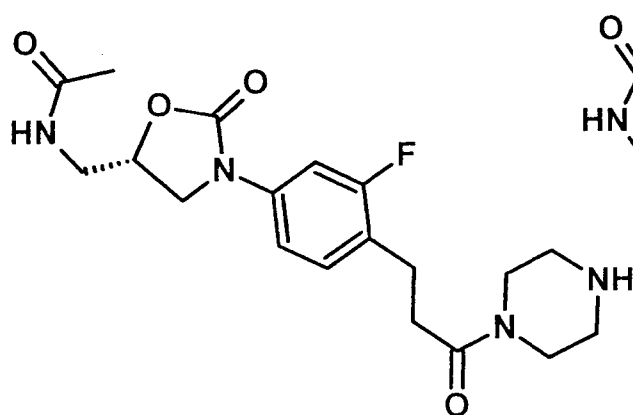
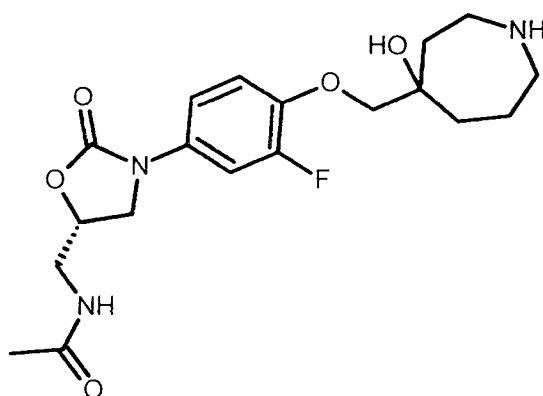
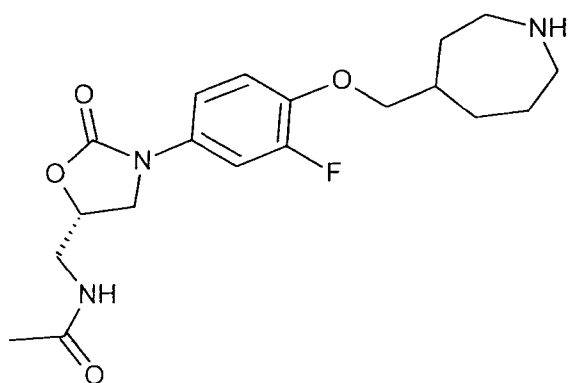






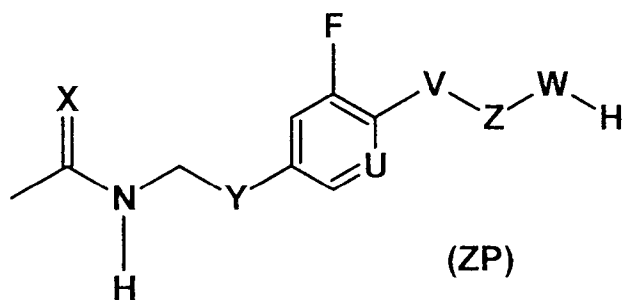






Patent Claims

1. Compounds of formula (ZP)



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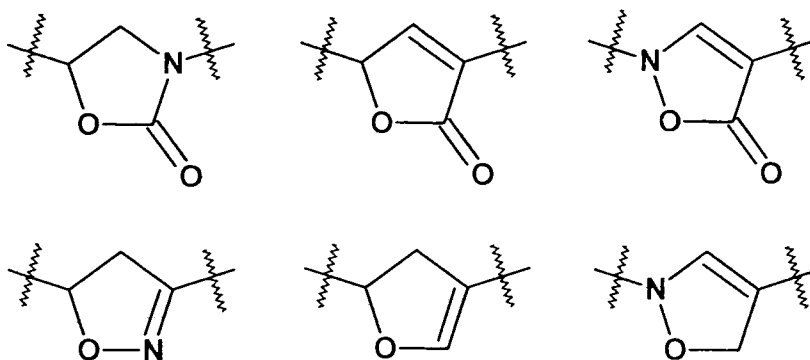
U is a nitrogen atom or a CH group;

V is an oxygen atom, a sulphur atom or a group of formula CR^6R^7 ;

W is a bond, an oxygen atom, a sulphur atom, a group of formula NR^8 , or an optionally substituted cycloalkylene, heterocycloalkylene, alkylcycloalkylene, heteroalkylcycloalkylene, arylene, heteroarylene, aralkylene or heteroaralkylene group;

X is an oxygen atom or a sulphur atom;

Y is selected from the following groups:



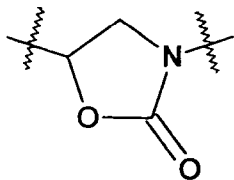
Z is an optionally substituted alkylene, alkenylene, alkynylene, heteroalkylene, cycloalkylene, heterocycloalkylene, alkylcycloalkylene, heteroalkylcycloalkylene, arylene, heteroarylene, aralkylene or heteroaralkylene group;

the radicals R^6 and R^7 are each independently of the other a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a hydroxy, amino, nitro or thiol group, an optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, heteroalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, alkylcycloalkyl, heteroalkylcycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aralkyl or heteroaralkyl radical;

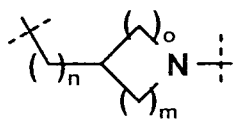
R^8 is a hydrogen atom, an optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, heteroalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, alkylcycloalkyl, heteroalkylcycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aralkyl or heteroaralkyl radical.

2. Compounds according to claim 1, wherein U is a CH group.
3. Compounds according to claim 1 or 2, wherein R^6 and R^7 are hydrogen atoms.
4. Compounds according to claim 1 or 2, wherein V is an oxygen atom.

5. Compounds according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein Y has the following formula:

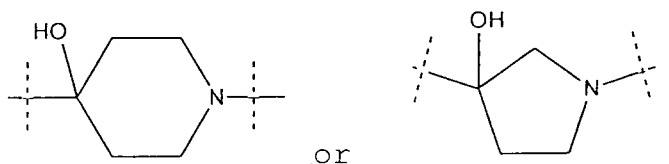


6. Compounds according to any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein W is an optionally substituted heterocycloalkylene group containing a ring having 4, 5, 6 or 7 ring atoms.
7. Compounds according to any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein Z is a C_{1-4} alkylene group.
8. Compounds according to any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein Z is a CH_2 or a CH_2CH_2 group.
9. Compounds according to any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein Z-W together are a group of formula:

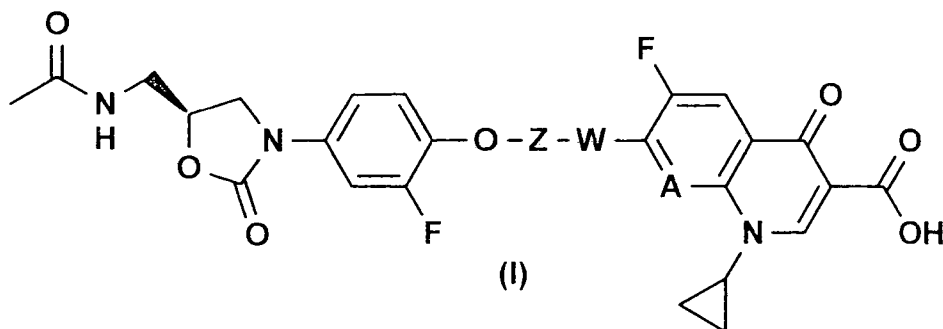


wherein n is 1 or 2, m is 1 or 2 and o is 1 or 2, wherein that group may optionally be substituted by an OH, OPO_3H_2 , OSO_3H or a heteroalkyl group carrying at least one OH, NH_2 , SO_3H , PO_3H_2 or $COOH$ group.

10. Compounds according to any one of claims 1 to 5, 7 or 8, wherein W has the following structure:



11. Use of a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 10 in the preparation of a compound of formula (I):



wherein the radicals are as defined in any one of claims 1 to 10 and A is a nitrogen atom or a CH group.